

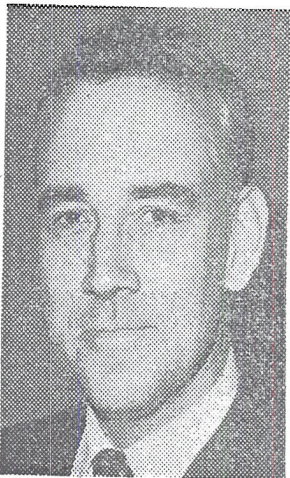
## 2 IN HOUSE OPPOSE EX-ENVOY TO CHILE

Young and Harrington Act to  
Keep Davis Out of State  
Department Africa Post

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 — Two Congressmen urged the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today to reject the nomination of Nathaniel Davis to a high State Department post, alleging that he had been involved in covert political operations as Ambassador to Chile. Representatives Andrew Young, Democrat of Georgia, and Michael J. Harrington, Democrat of Massachusetts, were joined in allegations against Mr. Davis by four pub-



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lic witnesses in the Senate confirmation hearing.

But the support by Senators John J. Sparkman and Claiborne Pell of Mr. Davis for the post of Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs indicated that he would be confirmed.

### Link to C.I.A. Charged

The critics of Mr. Davis, who is now director general of the Foreign Service, attempted to link him to Central Intelligence Agency operations against the Chilean Government of the late Salvador Allende Gossens.

Mr. Davis was Ambassador to Chile when the military overthrew President Allende in September, 1973. Last year it was revealed that the C.I.A., acting on White House instructions, had financed political forces in Chile opposed to Mr. Allende's Marxist program.

Representative Young called the nomination of Mr. Davis "an insult to the African people."

Representative Harrington declared: "Mr. Davis has been tainted by his participation in a questionable intervention policy in Chile."

### Qualification Questioned

The public witnesses echoed this opposition. They also charged that Mr. Davis was not qualified to supervise African policy because some African leaders had recently criticized his nomination and because he lacked experience in African affairs.

The witnesses included Peter Weiss of the American Committee on Africa; Edgar Lockwood of the Washington Office on Africa; Sister Janice McLaughlin of the Maryknoll Sisters of New York, and the Rev. Robert Powell of the National Council of Churches.

Testifying in his own defense, Mr. Davis said: "I have done my best to serve my country with truthfulness, integrity and honor." He said the attacks of his critics were "based on not a great deal of information—the only fact they know is that I was Ambassador to Chile."

He added that he had had opportunities to familiarize himself with African countries while serving as deputy associate director of the Peace Corps for three years, and with the National Security Council for two years.

### Praise From Senators

Senator Sparkman, the Alabama Democrat, recalled meeting Mr. Davis in Moscow in 1955 and lauded him for his private involvement in civil rights causes. Senator Pell, the Rhode Island Democrat, remembers serving as a young Foreign Service officer in Prague with Mr. Davis after World War II and called him "outstanding."

Before concluding his testimony against Mr. Davis Congressman Harrington said he opposed the appointment of Harry W. Shlaudeman to Ambassador to Venezuela for identical reasons. Mr. Shlaudeman was the deputy chief of mission in Chile during the Allende era.

Mr. Shlaudeman's hearing was held over until next week. The confirmation vote on Mr. Davis is also scheduled for next week.

Meanwhile, the Senate as a whole approved the following State Department appointments by voice vote:

Elliot L. Richardson, former Attorney General, as Ambassador to Britain; Peter H. Dominick, former Republican Senator from Colorado, as Ambassador to Switzerland; Ambassador Robert J. McCloskey as Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations; Arthur W. Humel Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, as Ambassador to Ethiopia; Wells Stabler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, as Ambassador to Spain; Holsey G. Handyside, a career diplomat, as Ambassador to Mauritania; and Mark E. Austad, vice president of Mefromedia Broadcasting, as Ambassador to Finland.

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