

Three Ford Nominees Confirmed

Washington

The Senate confirmed yesterday the controversial nomination of Nathaniel Davis as assistant secretary of state for African affairs.

Also approved were Harry W. Shlaudeman as ambassador to Venezuela and William G. Bowdler as ambassador to South Africa.

The congressional Black Caucus had opposed Davis' appointment, citing his tenure as ambassador in Chile during the events leading to the overthrow and death of Chilean President Salvador Allende in 1973.

Democratic Congressman Michael Harrington of Massachusetts had also opposed Shlaudeman's appointment. Harrington charged that Shlaudeman had lied to congressional committees about alleged U.S. involvement in the death of Allende.

At the time of Allende's death, Shlaudeman was deputy chief of the U.S. mission in Santiago.

Bowdler, who has been unopposed, has served as deputy assistant secretary of state for Inter-American affairs.

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