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**Naming of Davis to Africa Post  
Should Be Dropped, Diggs Says**

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 25—Controversy over the nomination of Nathaniel Davis to be Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs continued today as Representative Charles C. Diggs Jr. called for withdrawal of the appointment.

Mr. Davis has been criticized repeatedly by Mr. Diggs and other Congressmen because he was Ambassador to Chile in 1973 at a time when the Central Intelligence Agency was seeking to "destablize" the presidency of the late Salvador Allende Gossens.

At a news conference, Mr. Diggs, the Michigan Democrat, disclosed that he had cabled President Ford yesterday reiterating a demand for withdrawal of the Davis nomination and pointing out that it had been denounced by the 43-nation Organization for African Unity. The telegram said in part:

"Your advisers display an incredible combination of ignorance and arrogance to insist on

this nomination under these circumstances."

Mr. Diggs was unaware this morning that Secretary of State Kissinger had sent a letter early yesterday to the O.A.U. sharply rebuking of the African group for condemning the Davis nomination in a ministerial council statement on Feb. 20 in Addis Ababa.

The Kissinger letter declared that the Davis appointment was "a purely internal, domestic concern" of the United States, and added:

"Under commonly accepted principles of international decency it has the right to expect the same of other governments, particularly those whom it has regarded as friends. You will understand the depth of my dismay in learning from the press of this unprecedented and harmful act of the council."

Mr. Kissinger went on to praise Mr. Davis as "a brilliant career officer" with a distinguished record in the civil rights field.