



GERALD GALLINGHOUSE

Gallinghouse Nixon Pick for U.S. Attorney

Gerald Gallinghouse, 49-year-old New Orleans attorney and a former Democrat, will be nominated as United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

President Nixon said yesterday he will nominate Gallinghouse to replace Louis C. LaCour, a Democrat. The nomination must have Senate approval.

The Rev. Avery C. Alexander, executive director of the New Orleans Advancement Association, said, "We are prepared to fight the nomination in the Senate, both before the appropriate com-

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mittee and, if necessary, on the floor."

In June, the Rev. Alexander said Gallinghouse's appointment "would disrupt the relationship between the black and white communities and alienate the black citizens and the good thinking whites from the Republican Party—perhaps forever."

Gallinghouse has denied the charge, saying, "As God is my witness, I have never said or done anything that would indicate there is any racism in me."

Gallinghouse said, "No law-abiding citizen or group of citizens have anything to be concerned about as far as I am concerned."

"I will enforce all the laws, without regard to race, color or creed."

He said he hopes there will be no further opposition.

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Gallinghouse 'Sorry' About Opposition

Gerald Gallinghouse, whom President Nixon will nominate as U.S. attorney for eastern Louisiana, says he is "very sorry that any citizen would oppose the President's nomination of me to this important position of public trust."

Gallinghouse, a New Orleans attorney, former City Court judge and onetime president of the Orleans Levee Board, replied yesterday to charges by the Rev. Avery C. Alexander, executive director of the New Orleans Advancement Association, that the nominee "would disrupt the relationship between the black and white communities."

The 49-year-old nominee said, "I recognize the right of every person to express his own opinion on any public matter. But there is nothing in my personal or public life that would indicate to any fair-minded person that I would ever discriminate against anyone because of race, color or creed."

President Nixon this week said he would nominate Gallinghouse to replace Louis C. LaCour, a Democrat.

A former Democrat turned Republican, Gallinghouse said, "The only ones who should worry about my appointment are the criminal elements because I would be very affirmative in crime prevention and law enforcement."

He said, "If I am named to this important position, I would endeavor to work with other local, state and federal officials and agencies to protect the rights of all citizens, to prevent crime and to enforce all laws without fear or favor."

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