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JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT

Q. Is President Ford trying to name a conservative judge now to the D. C. Court of Appeals in order to beat the home rule deadline?

A. There has been a vacancy on that bench since last March. Several candidates were under consideration at the time of the former President's resignation. Subsequently the situation was reviewed and additional candidates are now under consideration, but it is not our policy to say who is being considered.

Q. Is the President aware of this?

A. The matter has not come to the President's attention yet. It is being staffed out by the White House staff and there has been no recommendation made to the President as to whom the President should nominate for the position.

Q. How soon do you expect the nomination to be made?

A. I can't give you an exact date. That all depends on how soon the staff work is done and the matter is sent to the President.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - Attorney General Saxbe has recommended that Frank Riefsnyder, a local attorney, be appointed to preserve the conservative flavor of the D. C. Court of Appeals. A black Superior Court judge, Theodore Newman, is also being pushed for the job. There has been no resolution of this matter as yet, and Bill Walker in personnel thinks that a lot of the public interest in this judicial nomination will disappear after the election.