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The President today announced his intention to nominate J. Smith Henley of Little Rock, Arkansas to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. He will succeed Pat Mehaffy who retired.

Since 1958 he has been District Judge for the Eastern and Western District and Chief Judge for the Eastern District. From 1956 to 1958 he was Director, Office of Administration Procedure, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice. In 1941 he was associated with the firm of Moore, Henley and Harrison, prior to his appointment to the Federal Communications Commission in 1956.

He was born on May 18, 1917, in St. Joe, Arkansas, and received his B. A. degree from the University of Arkansas in 1933 and his LL. B. degree from the University of Arkansas in 1941.

Mr. Henley is married and has two children. They reside in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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