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Council Receives King Nomination Of Negro As Judge In Colebrook

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CONCORD, N. H. (Globe)—The Executive Council today considered whether to appoint a 32-year-old retired Army major as New Hampshire's first Negro judge.

Gov. John W. King Monday nominated attorney Ivory Cobb of Colebrook as a special judge of the Colebrook Municipal Court. Cobb moved to New Hampshire two years ago.

King also appointed attorney James S. Davis, a Republican, to replace the late Arthur Olson as judge in Keefe Municipal Court.

Davis, 45, is city solicitor. He will become district court judge when the municipal court system ends in Keefe in July.

The Council is expected to act on the nomination at its regular meeting next month.

Born in Andalusia, Ala., Cobb

was raised in Pittsburgh and attended Duquesne University.

He served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He completed his undergraduate work while in the Army by attending classes at the University of Maryland, Northeastern University and Rutgers.

He received a law degree from Suffolk University in Boston.

Asked to comment on his nomination, Cobb, a father of three daughters, said he "had not anticipated this publicity."

N.H. Council Confirms State's First Negro Judge

New Hampshire's Executive Council Friday confirmed the appointments Friday of two new municipal judges—including the state's first Negro judge.

Ivory Cobb of Colebrook, nominated by Gov. John W. King two weeks ago, becomes the first member of his race to serve on the New Hampshire bench.

The council also confirmed the nomination of Atty. James S. Davis as justice of the Keefe Municipal Court.

Cobb, who studied law at Suffolk University in Boston, will serve as a special justice in Colebrook.

Cobb retired from the Army

as a major in July, 1962, and opened a law practice in the northern New Hampshire town.

The Pittsburgh native entered the Army as a private and worked his way up. He served overseas during the war and was recalled for duty during the Korean conflict.

After the unanimous confirmation of the pair, Governor King then nominated Atty. Robert A. Dana as Manchester Municipal Court judge. He will take over the state's largest municipal court post, left vacant when Judge Alfred Christian resigned after three decades.

Council Confirms 1st Negro Judge

CONCORD — New Hampshire has its first Negro judge as a result of a unanimous vote yesterday by the Governor and Council.

Atty. Ivory Cobb of Colebrook, a 52-year-old retired Army major, was confirmed as special judge of the Colebrook Municipal Court.

The Governor and Council also gave unanimous backing to Gov. John W. King's nomination of Atty. James S. Davis as the new judge of the Keene municipal court. He replaces the late Judge Arthur Olson.

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