



Fletcher (l), former assistant labor secretary, and Bush adviser Garrett were named to Civil Rights Commission and UN respectively.

Garrett, Fletcher Named To Key Positions By Bush

President Bush has selected two senior Black personal advisers, the Rev. Thaddeus Garrett and Arthur Fletcher, to key slots in crucial domestic and foreign arenas.

Longtime adviser Garrett will become the deputy ambassador to the United Nations (UN), America's No. 2 man at the UN as aide to UN Ambassador Thomas Pickering.

Former Assistant Labor Secretary Arthur Fletcher, who authored the Philadelphia Plan, which upgraded minority workers in the construction industry, will become the next chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

In the United Nations position, Garrett is expected to play a major role in international affairs, especially with leaders of the Third

World. His base in New York will allow him access to the UN leadership and the opportunity to play a role in developing American policy. With a direct link to the president, Garrett could become "a force" on the diplomatic team.

On the other hand, Fletcher, who was considered for the labor secretary slot in the Cabinet and recently announced that he is considering campaigning against Mayor Marion Barry in the nation's capital, is expected to spearhead the revamping of the GOP's civil rights stance. In the part-time post which pays about \$50,000, Fletcher still could be a D.C. mayoral candidate.

Once the important federal agency credited with passage of the Civil Rights Act in Congress, the commission has fallen on hard times since the appointment of conservatives to chair it. In addition, a majority of its members

were appointed by former President Reagan. Congress has fought against its budget increases, and civil rights leaders have denounced its agenda.

Controversy soon torpedoed the commission after the chairmanship of former Urban Leaguer Clarence Pendleton and the present chair, William B. Allen. Allen has been under criticism for weeks after becoming involved in a child custody case on the White Mountain Apache Reservation in Arizona. He was arrested at gun-

point after attempting to take custody of the 14-year-old Indian child involved. Administration officials reportedly have asked Allen to resign his commission post.

To save the commission and possibly make his first major civil rights move, President Bush has asked Fletcher to take over the commission and begin to "put it on a more central path." The president asked that the commission's appropriation be increased to \$7.8 million for the next year.

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