

## School Board Candidate

# Hastings Resigns Post As U.S. Commissioner

U.S. Commissioner George C. Hastings resigned his federal post Wednesday to accept endorsement as the Democratic candidate for the Board of Education in West Hartford.

In a letter of resignation to Chief U.S. District Judge William H. Timbers, Hastings said that his resignation was the result of the fact that he was accepting a political endorsement and the expenditure of time necessary for campaigning.

The commissioner, who was recently re-appointed to another five year term in his court post, is not actually bound by the political restrictions of the Hatch Act for federal employees. As a matter of practice in Connecticut, however, commissioners have refrained from political activity while serving in their post.

### Appointed in 1960

Hastings, who is a partner in the Hartford law firm of Robinson, Robinson & Cole, was appointed commissioner in 1960 succeeding Benedict M. Holden Jr., who was appointed to the Circuit Court of Connecticut that year.

As commissioner, Hastings served as an arm of the court, holding hearings following the arrest of federal criminal suspects, to determine if there was cause to bind the suspects over for trial before the federal court.

Hastings is a graduate of

Yale University, 1948 and Yale Law School, 1956. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He is married to the former Ada Harcourt of Indiana, Pa. and New York City. They live with their family at 33 Linwood Dr., West Hartford.