

Haggerty Seat

Alcock Gets Judgeship



James L. Alcock

James L. Alcock, chief assistant district attorney, today was appointed a Criminal District Court judge.

Gov. John J. McKeithen announced his appointment in Baton Rouge.

Alcock fills the vacancy created in the criminal court when Edward A. Haggerty was ordered to step down by the Louisiana Supreme Court for misconduct.

THE GOVERNOR telephoned Alcock shortly after noon today to inform him of the appointment. A member of the DA's staff was sent to Baton Rouge immediately to pick up the official papers.

Alcock said that as soon as the papers are returned to New Orleans later today, he will be sworn in by Judge Alvin V. Oser. Alcock said he plans to take the bench tomorrow and begin presiding over cases.

Formal induction ceremonies will be held sometime after the holiday season, Alcock said.

After talking to the governor, Alcock told a reporter that he was "very happy and pleased" with the appointment and that he was "grateful" for the confidence the governor has shown in him. He promised to serve the community "well and faithfully."

AS FIRST assistant DA, Alcock has been involved in some of the most controversial court cases in recent city history.

He handled the bulk of the prosecution in the trial of businessman Clay L. Shaw, who was charged with conspiring to kill President John F. Kennedy. Shaw was found innocent.

Lately, Alcock has been involved in much of the legal matters surrounding

the police actions against black militants in the Desire Housing project. He has appeared both in court and on the scene of a raid in behalf of the police case against members of the National Committee to Combat Fascism, a Black Panther-related group.

Alcock will serve on the bench until an election for the judgeship can be called.