

## DA CANDIDATES BACK UP POLICE

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Political Slap Taken at  
Each Other

District attorney candidates argued, took political slaps at each other, and pledged to stand tall behind New Orleans policemen Friday night as they spoke to the Patrolman's Association at the Police and Firemen's Hall, 410 Basin.

Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock campaigned for incumbent Jim Garrison in the latter's absence.

He said Garrison "just physically could not be here tonight."

Later, candidates Charles R. Ward charged that Garrison is not suitable for office because of many physical ills.

### 'ARITHMETIC HIT'

Alcock centered his comments to the candidacy of Harry Connick, whom he accused of distorting facts and figures about cases the district attorney's office prosecuted and won. He referred to Connick's figuring as "funny arithmetic" and "half truths."

Alcock also accused Connick of giving misleading information about his background in his list of qualifications.

Connick directed his comments to operation of the district attorney's office. He said he would stop the practice of having unqualified persons working at the desk in the district

attorney's office where policemen bring their charges.

Connick also criticized the district attorney's office for not having its cases ready when they come up in court, which he said, causes everyone to wait.

Connick criticized the office for not prosecuting bail bond jumpers.

Scaccia asked for policemen to support him on his record as a former U.S. attorney and as a former assistant district attorney.

He said he is opposing Garrison because "he and I just don't agree." Scaccia said he judges a criminal case on the character of witnesses and for that reason had not faith in Garrison's case against Clay L. Shaw.

Scaccia also said he differs with Garrison on organized crime, but he did not elaborate.

### 'ILLS' LISTED

Ward got laughs in his attack on Garrison.

"I consider it a privilege to address you tonight," he said, "but obviously Jim Garrison does not because he is not here." Ward then listed "Garrison's ills."

Ward said the financial problem of the city must first be solved before the crime problem can be attacked adequately.

He said policemen need more pay and a pay system based on longevity. Policemen, he said, are "bogged down with too many frivolities. They have to spend too much time to find out who is playing bingo."