

DA MISLEADING PUBLIC, CHARGE

Hasn't Handled Problems,
10/15/69 Says Connick

District Attorney candidate Harry Connick Tuesday charged that incumbent District Attorney Jim Garrison "has failed to deal with criminal problems in a frank and honest way."

"The present District Attorney has continued to mislead the public in leading them to believe that all is well in our city," Connick told the Exchange Club of New Orleans at the Rault Center.

"Mr. Garrison, don't tell us that you have been a good administrator when you allowed over 1,100 criminals to jump bail bond. You allowed nearly \$1 million in forfeited bonds to go uncollected.

"Don't tell us that you have investigated Louisiana Loan and Thrift Company. We know you haven't.

"Don't tell us that you have cleaned up Bourbon St. when all we have to do is read the newspaper to see what is going on there.

"Don't tell us that you have ended fraud in city government when you have prosecuted only two or three cases in this area," said Connick.

The candidate also criticized Garrison for what he called "a lack of positive leadership."

Connick said that Garrison should have used his powers as DA to speed up the process of constructing a new prison.

"When the present DA came into office there was a great need for a new prison. Now his term of office is expiring. And that need for a new prison exists in an even greater way," he said.