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CONNICK BLASTS GARRISON ANEW

Cites Large Number of Bond Forfeitures

Harry Connick, candidate for Orleans Parish district attorney in the Nov. 8 Democratic primary election, Monday night renewed his attack on incumbent DA Jim Garrison.

He pointed to the more than \$1 million in bail bond forfeitures which have "accumulated during the last three years" in Garrison's office.

Maryland National Insurance Co. alone owes more than \$700,000 in forfeited bonds and has filed suit in federal court seeking to prevent the DA's office from seizing its assets.

Connick said he has asked Garrison on two occasions why the forfeited bonds were not collected and how they accumulated.

"Mr. Garrison's answer was that the case is now in federal court and that is why the DA's office cannot collect the money," Connick told his predominantly female audience.

The former U. S. attorney addressed members of the

League of Saint Jude at St. Jude Church.

"These answers are completely unsatisfactory," Connick said. "They are misleading."

There are 880 persons walking the streets who jumped bonds, he said, because the DA "wasn't paying attention to what he was doing" in 1966, 1967 and 1968.

"Criminal District Court records show that some of the bond jumpers peddle dope, some are child molesters, some are prostitutes . . . One person jumped bond three times," Connick said.

None has been prosecuted, he added.

Garrison, Connick said, has assured him that the bail bond money will be collected eventually. Two Juvenile Court judges, however, have refused to accept bonds written by Maryland National.

"I say we have (in city government) and they should begin in the DA's office," Connick told the group. "When you vote for a man for DA, you are hiring a lawyer. Ask yourself who you want to represent you in Criminal Court for the next four years."

Connick said if he is elected he will try to prosecute most quickly those who do the most harm to the city and will pay particular attention to Juvenile Court. Most criminals, he said, begin as juvenile delinquents.