

Sought Support Of Garrison, Alcock Says

Judge James L. Alcock said today he "very definitely" sought support of District Attorney Jim Garrison in his campaign for reseating in the Criminal District Court.

Addressing the New Orleans Jaycees at the Andrew Jackson Restaurant at noon, Alcock said that seeking the DAs support was "like going to an old boss" for a reference.

Alcock served in the DA's office most of his legal career and was Garrison's chief assistant before being appointed to fill the unexpired term of former Judge Edward A. Haggerty, who was ousted from the bench after his arrest at a stag party in December, 1969.

ALCOCK'S OPPONENT in Saturday's second primary, attorney Jerome M. Winsberg also spoke to the Jaycees, promising reform on the bench that would involve an active role in the rehabilitation of criminals.

"Not one judge in my eight years (of practice in criminal courts) has ever asked me why a man committed a crime," Winsberg declared.

He proposes to make extensive use of presentence investigations and introduce new procedures whereby a judge would take a personal responsibility in reducing the crime rate and improving conditions at Parish Prison.

WINSBERG HAS received the support of Mayor Moon Landrieu. He is the law partner of City Councilman Eddie Sapir with whom he said he will sever business relations if

Alcock said he is against a judge becoming personally involved in criminal cases although he advocates better rehabilitation programs and improvement of the prison.

"I don't think a judge should be a social engineer," Alcock stated. "I think a judge should be a judge." He added that he has made use of the pre-sentence investigation but that he does not advocate a personal involvement by a judge in the post-sentence period.

REFERRING TO his endorsement by Garrison, Alcock said, "I am happy to have his endorsement. If anyone knows someone is competent, it is the person for whom he has worked." Alcock noted that six criminal judges who are considered to be a Garrison-backed have been confirmed by voters in subsequent elections.

Winsberg, who lost to Alcock in prior bar-related polls, claimed the poll results "might be very different today."

He said polls favored Alcock early in the campaign because a lack of his own exposure at the time.

The candidates agreed they would like to see a greater involvement by more attorneys in the criminal courts. Most local attorneys, they said, stay away from criminal courts because the money is not there.

Jackson Ferry Will Be Closed

The Gretna-Jackson Avenue ferry will be out of operation for about three hours tomorrow.

Ferry service is expected to be suspended from about 9 a.m. until noon during a routine annual inspection by the Coast Guard.