

Garrison Career Apparently Ended

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16 (AP)—Voting machines were under police guard today pending official count but apparently Jim Garrison's tempestuous career as New Orleans district attorney is over.

After a night of confusion and recounts, the police-managed election center said Harry Connick, a handsome and well-heeled challenger, drew 64,454 votes to Garrison's 62,620, a margin of 1,834.

Though one of the precincts was uncounted and errors made some figures suspect, Police Supt. Clarence Giarrusso said all candidates accepted the unofficial total pending the official canvass Tuesday.

"There is a margin of error when police gather their figures for the press and public and we recognize that they might not agree with the figures in the machines," said Giarrusso.

A raw and rainy Saturday

helped reduce the turnout in the election, which saw the triumph of a carefully organized and computerized campaign over Garrison's ruffled and casual style.

In addition, the 52-year-old district attorney carried political handicaps from by his bribery trial in U.S. District Court three months ago, even though he was acquitted, and by a lingering backlash from his 1967-69 investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

He attacked the federal bribery charge as government retaliation for his efforts to prove a federal conspiracy in the president's death.

Connick called the hulking district attorney a "moral midget" and said he ran an inefficient office. Garrison referred to Connick as "Chicken Little."

The victor faces a Republican, William Mora, in the March 5 general election, plus

Democratic City Councilman Eddie Sapir, who is running as an independent.

The election returns also gave a black, Edwin A. Lombard, a 64,109-to-58,810 victory in a race marked by allegations of racism.

Backed by Mayor Moon Landrieu, Lombard unseated Daniel A. Haggerty, clerk of Criminal Courts. During the campaign, Haggerty said blacks, through Lombard, were trying to establish a base to "take over the city." Lombard denied the accusation and pitched his campaign toward blacks and whites.