

Watergate, Carpetbagging

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Top Issues in Illinois Vote

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CHICAGO—Watergate and carpetbagging are the top issues in several key Illinois congressional primary races Tuesday, including some where once prominent politicians are seeking to regain public office.

The once Republican 6th District in west suburban Chicago has become the scene of a pitched Democratic battle between former Cook County State's attorney Edward V. Hanrahan and Robert Miller, a schoolteacher. Both believe Watergate will give the predominantly blue-collar district to the Democrats in November and both see considerable voter apathy in the primary.

Hanrahan, the colorful prosecutor acquitted of charges of obstructing justice in connection with a fatal 1969 raid he ordered on Black Panther Party headquarters, has been labeled a carpetbagger by Miller because he lives a few blocks outside the district.

Hanrahan charges "the issue isn't residence but integrity and confidence in government. I offer my clean 17-year record."

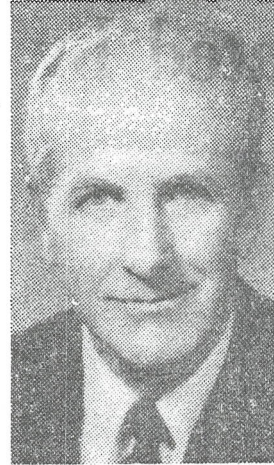
On the Republican side, six candidates are vying for the nomination to succeed retiring Rep. Harold Collier. State Rep. Henry Hyde and Roy C. Pechous, a Berwyn attorney, are favorites in the race where all candidates are sidestepping the issue of impeachment, each contending in varying degrees that more evidence is required for a decision. Hyde has the endorsement of most Republican leaders.

In the north suburban 13th District, which abuts the Wisconsin line, Watergate is the key issue, as veteran Rep. Robert McClory, a ranking Republican member of the House Judiciary Committee, fends off attacks inside and outside his party.

Edward Vass, a former aide in the Illinois attorney gener-



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... see voter apathy



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al's office, is McClory's GOP primary opponent. Vass says: "Watergate has made it imperative for all incumbents to defend their records and I call on McClory to defend his."

In addition to blaming McClory for the Judiciary Committee's "foot-dragging in facing the impeachment issue, Vass has attacked his poor attendance record in Washington and failure to spend enough time in his home district. McClory answers that he has returned home 27 times this term and has been present for 90 per cent of all key votes in Washington.

On the Democratic side, Stanley Deetham, an articulate economist, who won 40 per cent of the vote against McClory in 1972, is a heavy favorite to defeat Jimmy H. Martin, who has been selling "shares of himself for \$1" to raise money in his campaign.

Far down state, in the 24th District, which abuts Missouri, former Lt. Gov. Paul Simon, who lost to Dan Walker in the Democratic gubernatorial primary in 1972, is seeking the seat of retiring Democratic Rep. Kenneth Gray. Simon's primary oppo-

nent is Joe R. Browning, a local radio announcer.

The district also has a Republican contest where Val Oshel, who ran a strong race against Gray in 1972, is a heavy favorite in a three-man field.

The retirement of House Whip Leslie Arends, after 40 years on Capitol Hill, has resulted in a plethora of candidates in the sprawling 15th Congressional District in north-central Illinois. Three candidates are seeking the Democratic nomination and six Republicans are campaigning for the GOP nomination.

Italian Kidnapers Free Landowner

SARULE, Sardinia, March 17 (AP) — Kidnapers today freed wealthy landowner Gavino Forma, and sources said as much as \$30,000 may have been paid for his release.

Doctors said Gavino, 52, was tired but in good condition. Three masked gunmen kidnaped him Friday. Forma was the 25th person kidnaped in Italy in the last 10 months.