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Polls Indicate Garrison Can't Win--Ward

District Attorney candidate Charles Ray Ward said today "Jim Garrison can't win — period."

Ward, addressing the Press Club of New Orleans, said that public opinion polls show Garrison with less than 50 per cent of registered voters for him.

Asked why he thought Garrison could be beaten, Ward said, "The people of New Orleans are tired of hearing about the mistakes in the (Clay) Shaw conspiracy case and they're sick and tired of rising crime in the streets and a DA's office that can't do anything about it."

WARD SAID HE worked for Garrison for seven years and finally quit as first assistant DA to run against his former boss because he lost faith in Garrison in the course of the Clay Shaw investigation.

Ward said he made three trips for Garrison during the investigation of the Shaw case. He said he went to Dallas to see Texas millionaire H. L. Hunt for an exchange of views, to Denver to see a witness, and to talk to another witness from Vancouver, B.C.

Ward said he told Garrison none of the witnesses was credible and Ward believed Garri-

son's main witness, Perry Raymond Russo, could not stand up under cross-examination.

"I WAS PROVED correct when I refused Garrison's offer for me to try the Shaw case. Garrison and my substitute lost 12-0," Ward said.

Ward said he believes there will be a second primary in the DA's race and he believes he will win.

"I believe the citizens of New Orleans are ready to listen to my positive program of curfews for juveniles under 16 to cut into juvenile crime, an attack on pornography which is out of hand in New Orleans and half-way houses to rehabilitate criminals rather than sending them to chop cane at Angola where they learn to be better criminals," he said.