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Rabin Tells Press Club Of Plans

A candidate for Orleans Parish Coroner, Dr. Carl H. Rabin, said yesterday, "It is now and will continue to be my policy that the office of coroner be conducted with dignity and compassion."

Dr. Rabin, who was appointed 14 months ago by Gov. John J. McKeithen to fill the remaining term of the late Dr. Nicholas J. Chetta, told the Press Club of New Orleans at a luncheon yesterday, "There are no hard hearts in the coroner's office — no indifferent, callous or rude people."

"We do not forget that a death victim was a human being with loved ones," he said.

Dr. Rabin outlined improvements he said he began on taking office.

"First," he said, "the medical records of the Orleans Parish Coroner's Office are now available on a 24-hour basis.

"Second, I have increased the speed in which we reach the scene of a fatality," he said.

Thirdly, he outlined the part the coroner's office plays in seeking direct action toward the solution of death due to narcotism.

A fourth improvement he cited was the relaying of death reports to news media as quickly as possible through an improved system of press communication. "A well-informed public is a deterrent to crime," Dr. Rabin said.

A fifth point he explained is the close cooperation between the coroner's office and the department of police.

A sixth improvement Dr. Rabin cited was the fact that he uses his own car and does not charge his office for its upkeep.

Dr. Rabin promised, "If elected coroner on Nov. 8, it will be my intention to become the first full-time coroner in the history of New Orleans."