

MONDAY

Landrieu Sweeps 13 of 17 Wards To Gather 54 Pct. of Orleans Vote

In a sweep of 13 of the city's 17 wards, Councilman-at-Large Moon Landrieu gathered a 54 per cent majority over James E. Fitzmorris Jr. to become the Democratic nominee for mayor.

Although he may face Republican opposition in the April 7 general election next year, Landrieu's 12,000-vote lead over Fitzmorris in Saturday's second Democratic primary is equivalent to election.

Of a total 166,266 votes cast in the mayoral race, Landrieu unofficially received 89,514 and Fitzmorris, a 12-year veteran of the City Council, got 76,712.

FITZMORRIS led Landrieu by some 28,000 votes in the first primary Nov. 8, in which 12 candidates had sought the mayoralty. In Saturday's runoff, however, Landrieu collected a more-than-substantial majority of the votes cast for unsuccessful first-primary candidates.

Landrieu carried all but Wards Three, Four, Five and Eight in the runoff, with Negro precincts giving him overwhelming support.

EARLY IN THE first primary campaign, Fitzmorris received the backing of all of the city's major political organizations. He also received the second-primary endorsement of Councilman-at-Large John J. Petre, who ran fourth in the first primary, and former police Maj. John J. Spann Jr., who ran seventh.

Landrieu's backers among first-primary candidates were Lloyd J. Rittiner, who had run sixth, and Maurice Charles Sciortino, who placed eleventh.

In the Nov. 8 primary, the Negro vote had been shared mostly by Landrieu, Guste and Gertler. In the ward count of the first primary,

Fitzmorris received a plurality in 15 of the 17 wards, while Landrieu led in none of them.

SATURDAY'S ELECTION marked Fitzmorris' second unsuccessful bid for the mayor's office. He lost the 1965 election to Mayor Victor H. Schiro by 514 votes.

A vice president of Kansas City Southern Lines, Fitzmorris was a chief political ally of the late former Mayor Chep Morrison.

He conceded the election to Landrieu Saturday night about an hour and 45 minutes after the 8 p.m. closing of the polls.

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Ben C. Toledano, Republican nominee for mayor, says he won't oppose Democratic nominee Moon Landrieu unless his supporters can come up with the money and the manpower for him to mount a major campaign.

The chairman of the state Republican Party, Charles DeGravelles, said in Lafayette today that the state GOP would "do everything we can in helping him."

Toledano, who said he needs a minimum of \$150,000 to finance a major campaign in the April 7 general election, indicated he believes Landrieu could be vulnerable.

"There are a lot of things going for the Republicans if they would get behind a candidate," he said. "For example, Landrieu has to run on the Democratic ticket with Jim Garrison and we have a Republican candidate for DA, Phil Trice.

"SINCE LANDRIEU didn't back Garrison in the primary, he's going to be put in the position of backing him or repudiating him. I consider Garrison to be a big issue.

"Another thing is that with a national Republican administration I can do more in Washington for New Orleans than Landrieu can."

Toledano said that if he runs he'll tell voters Democratic national administrations have taken New Orleans for granted and Republicans have ignored the city because there was no Republican party here.

THE REPUBLICAN nominee, who was a high school athlete with Landrieu, said he won't make a token race.

"The reason is that I think building a two-party system is too important to simply allow a candidate's name to appear on the ballot without waging a full-fledged campaign," he said.