

Phil Trice Pulls Out of Race for D.A.

District Attorney Jim Garrison has been assured of another term in office. His lone opponent for reelection, Republican Phil Trice, has withdrawn from the race.

Trice, reached by phone this morning, refused comment. He said he would make an announcement next week.

Trice's withdrawal leaves only four Republicans to oppose a Democratic slate in the April 7 general election. Ben C. Toledano will face mayor candidate Moon Landrieu; Warren P. Balovich will oppose Democratic nominee for councilman for District A Pete Beer, Dr. J. Brown Larose Jr. will face Dr. Carl H. Rabin for coroner and James R. Satterfield will oppose Theodore J. Marchand for state representative in District 26.

Haggerty Probers Calling Ex-Jurors

More than 1,000 persons called the past several years as prospective jurors in the court of Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. may be questioned in the Judiciary Commission's continuing probe into the judge's behavior.

The names of each member of the petit jury venire from Jan. 1, 1967, through Jan. 31, 1968, having served in Judge Haggerty's section of court were obtained by the Judiciary Commission this week.

The lists were turned over to Walter Blumstein, an investigator for the commission, by the Orleans Parish Jury Commission.

IT WAS HINTED the jurors

may be questioned regarding Judge Haggerty's conduct on the bench during the times they served in his section of court.

However, an employe in the Jury Commission office admitted the names have been sought by the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana and were being provided.

The investigation by the commission could result in a recommendation to the state Supreme Court that Haggerty be removed or voluntarily retired from the bench or give the judge a clean bill of health regarding the recent police charges against him.

JUDGE HAGGERTY was

acquitted by fellow Judge Matthew S. Braniff on the charges of soliciting for prostitution, obscenity and resisting arrest.

The charges had resulted from an incident Dec. 17 at the DeVille Motel where po-

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lice raided what Haggerty termed a "stag party."

The judiciary commission executive officer said in Baton Rouge this week the commission is not confining itself merely to an investigation of Judge Haggerty's attendance at the stag party.

LeCorgne told the state Board of Liquidation "it's more than that. It's not being confined to one night."

LeCorgne met before the board seeking an emergency appropriation of \$7,500 with which to finance the Haggerty investigation.

LeCorgne said he could not divulge details because of the confidential nature of the proceedings.