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## Nine Judges To Rotate in Haggerty Post

Nine judges of the Criminal District Court will take turns daily in handling the docket of Section "C" of the court following the dismissal of Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. by the state Supreme Court.

The decision to rotate the duties of their dismissed colleague was made at an en banc session of the nine judges of the court today.

Senior Judge Bernard J. Bagert reported the action and said the rotation would continue daily "until further notice."

**JUDGE BAGERT** declined to make further comment.

There were reports at the Criminal Court Building this morning that First Assistant District Attorney James L. Alcock was to receive an interim appointment to the judgeship from Gov. John McKeithen.

Alcock was out of his office this morning and could not be reached for comment.

However, the governor's office in Baton Rouge said no appointment has been made.

**YESTERDAY**, Robert E. t LeCorgne Jr., chief executive 2 officer of the Louisiana Judi- i

ciary Commission, sent certified copies of the order declaring Judge Haggerty's office vacant to Gov. McKeithen, Secretary of State Wade O. Martin and state Comptroller Roy H. Theriot.

Enclosed were copies of the Nov. 23 decree of the Louisiana Supreme Court removing Judge Haggerty from the bench of Criminal District Court.

On Monday the court refused Haggerty a rehearing and declined to review a ruling in which Haggerty's fellow Criminal District Court judges turned down his application for a pension.

Yesterday the Supreme Court denied the judge an order staying its mandate to allow an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. This also was refused on the ground the case presented "no substantial federal question."