

Succeeds Usry

New IRS Director Close-Mouthed Man

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A new director of internal revenue for Louisiana took over today, but he's just as close-mouthed as his predecessor, Chester A. Usry.

Carl R. Gromatzky wasn't talking about the Jim Garrison case—or any other matter being investigated by his IRS agents.

Asked about the mysterious \$75,000 said to be held in a Texas bank box by one of the policeman-defendants in the Garrison case, Gromatzky said merely, "no comment."

SEVERAL OTHER "no comments" were made by the new revenue chief before the interview turned to the less controversial subject of his background.

He's been district director of Internal Revenue for 16 months in Wilmington, Del., before being assigned here by the commissioner of Internal Revenue, succeeding Usry, who retired last week.

Gromatzky is a native of Eden, Tex., and a former sergeant-major in the Marine Corps, having served in the Pacific area for three years during World War II.

He received a Presidential citation for activity in the Solomon Islands, but asked that we refer to "as little of that stuff as possible." He said he didn't like news media discussion of heroics, "especially if they involve me."

AFTER THE WAR it was back to the University of Tex-



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CARL R. GROMATZKY

as for four years, during which he worked his way through. The handsome, nattily-dressed federal executive said he once ran grain combines in the summertime.

"I would buy a combine at the beginning of summer, operate it until the fall, then sell it and return to school," he said.

Gromatzky earned his bachelor of business administration and master of business administration degrees in 1952.

His wife, Ruby; a son, Carl E. Gromatzky, 10, and a daughter, Kay Lynn, 11, still are in Delaware while Gromatzky seeks housing accommodations here.