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Four Assistants Appointed by Coroner Rabin

Dr. Carl H. Rabin, Orleans Parish Coroner, has appointed assistants to fill vacancies created by the resignations of four other assistants.

Named as assistants were Dr. Thomas Conklin, an assistant director of Charity Hospital; Dr. Alvin M. Cotlar, surgeon; Dr. James E. Brown, surgeon; and Dr. Waldo Bernard, internal medicine specialist.

DR. ROBIN SAID all appointments are final. He said the assistants were selected "purely on their qualifications."

Dr. Conklin, a former basketball letterman and student leader at Louisiana State University, is a 1966 graduate of the LSU school of medicine. He is a member of both the American and Louisiana Hospital Associations and is on the visiting staff of Charity.

At LSU he was named to Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary leadership fraternity, and to Who's Who Among Students in 1962-63.

Dr. Brown, a Phi Beta Kappa key holder, graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine in 1960.

FROM 1965-67 Dr. Brown was chief of surgery at Ship Rock Indian Hospital in Ship Rock, N. M. He is currently a clinical assistant professor in the Tulane School of Medicine.

A certified surgeon, Dr. Cot-

lar served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1967, attaining the rank of major. He was chief of surgery at U.S. Army Hospital, Ft. Riley, Kan., and later held the same position in Wurzburg, Germany.

Dr. Cotlar is scheduled to be the first assistant coroner on duty after midnight.

Dr. Bernard, probably the first Negro ever to hold the post, interned at Veterans Hospital here and has done residency work at City Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

THE FOUR APPOINTEES will take the positions vacated this month by Drs. Ignacio Medina Jr., S. K. Kepner, Lloyd LoCascio and Gerald D. Martin.

The men resigned over Dr. Rabin's selection by Gov. John J. McKeithen.

"I feel these are the most excellent men anyone could obtain," Dr. Rabin said. "They are well qualified and each is eager to do this type of work."