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Garrison Is Rapped By Other DA Hopefuls

District Attorney Jim Garrison was again on the receiving end of a one-two-three punch last night as his opponents in the Nov. 8 Democratic primary told why they think they should replace him in the office.

And again Garrison was not present, at a meeting of the Citizens Action League at the Fontainebleau Motor Hotel. He was represented by his chief assistant, James L. Alcock, who said his boss was home because of a back ailment.

Harry Connick said that if voters want four more years of the type service Garrison has given them during the past eight, they should vote accordingly. But he said he is the man who can do something about such things as organized crime and other areas in which he said Garrison has failed.

CONNICK SAID he would make a better DA than anyone else in the race because of his experience in both criminal defense (as a legal aid lawyer) and prosecutor (as chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S.

Alcock cited a figure of 84.4 per cent in victories for the DA's office in the 979 jury trials held during the Garrison years. He said Garrison is responsible for the lack of organized prostitution here and said Garrison's office was the first to prosecute lottery companies and get convictions.

Ross T. Scaccia, a former assistant DA, said he announced his candidacy for the post before the Clay Shaw case was over because he believed then there was "a crisis at Tulane and Broad."

Scaccia called the Shaw trial Garrison's "notorious case" and accused the district attorney of abusing the power of the DA's office.

REFERRING TO Alcock's presence for Garrison, Ward, also a former Garrison assistant, said he was in the same position when he was in the office. When the "going gets rough," he said, Garrison makes excuses. "When I represented Jim Garrison," he said, "he had the flu. . . ."

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