

Medina Sees New Pattern Of Voting

Dr. Ignacio Medina Jr. told a gathering at the Press Club of New Orleans today his showing in the coroner's race in the Nov. 8 Democratic primary "demonstrates a fresh new voting pattern in this city."

Dr. Medina, who received no endorsements from mayoral candidates, will be in a runoff Dec. 13 with Dr. Carl H. Rabin, the incumbent, who was on the ticket of James E. Fitzmorris Jr.

"It is reassuring and gratifying that the voters have recognized my independence," said Dr. Medina. If he wins in the second primary, he added, the coroner's office "will be run in the same efficient, progressive and scientific manner as before, when I was acting coroner."

DR. MEDINA was an assistant to former Coroner Nicholas Chetta, who died in office in May last year. He served as acting coroner from that time until July, 1968, when Dr. Rabin was appointed by Gov. John J. McKeithen on the recommendation of Mayor Victor H. Schiro.

Answering criticism by Dr. Rabin that he is making "devious use" of an Orleans Parish Medical Society poll on the coroner election, Dr. Medina said the poll "was authorized and supervised by the medical society's board of directors, made up of doctors from all of the city's principal hospitals."

In the poll, Dr. Medina led with 334 votes, or 49 per cent of the returned ballots from about half of the Medical Society's membership. Dr. Rabin was second with 29 per cent.

In his Press Club talk today, Dr. Medina said the merits of the coroner's office "are none without the support of the medical profession of the city."

HIS 18 YEARS of experience as an assistant in that office, said the candidate, also makes him the more qualified contender.

Dr. Medina said he "certainly would" be willing to serve on lunacy commissions with psychiatrists. (Dr. Rabin is reported to have stated he would not, since only psychiatrists are qualified to serve on such a board.)

Dr. Medina said he believes it is "a very good idea" to appoint a psychiatrist and also a non-psychiatric physician to the commission.

The candidate made his remarks at the Press Club's Newsmaker luncheon, sponsored by Sigma Delta Chi, a professional journalistic fraternity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Surprise! Surprise!

Editor, States-Item:

Surprise! Surprise! Surprise! All your criticism of the top man Jim Garrison didn't do any good. The people showed your paper just who was a better man for the DA's office.

Aren't you red-faced? I don't live in Orleans Parish, but if I did, my vote was for Garrison all the way. You did your best but it goes to show you—money can't buy everything. Connick is a good man, but Jim Garrison is No. 1. Hooray for Garrison!

No matter what a man did, he didn't deserve what your paper did to him. You did him more good than harm. The people picked him anyway. You endorsed the wrong man.

Better luck next time. He ought to run for governor. I'd vote for him all the way.

Lois Robeaux

Garrison Fan

Editor, States-Item

I am a great believer in our district attorney Jim Garrison. I favor him or anyone who tries to uncover a mysterious death.

I still think as others do . . . continue to uncover this mysterious crime . . . I do believe the district attorneys en masse should make Ted Kennedy come out in the open and let the public hear his case . . .

I am so happy that Jim Garrison won the election. He has been criticized so much but as you can see, the majority wins. All mysterious deaths should be brought to light.

E.B.

Fireman's Argument

Editor, States-Item:

This is in regard to of Nov. 6 from ic student me"

al house work to keep the fire house (their second home) clean. . . .

Each and every day in every engine house there is school. . . . Subjects such as fire hydrolysis, salvage, rescue, first aid, pump operation, fire-fighting tactics, and the uses of various types of hose streams.

I firmly hope that when our student finishes school he will not be upset to find the world such a hectic place and not the bed of roses he thinks it to be.

Mrs. Donald Needom,
A Firefighter's Wife.

'Noble Issue'

Editor, States-Item:

If It's Good For New Orleans, etc., etc., etc.

You awake with burning eyes, sore throat and a sickly achy feeling. It's true grit, brought all together, by the Sev-



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