

**Clear Mandate Seen****Unified City Landrieu Aim**

By GENE BOURG

Basking in victory, Moon Landrieu said there is "no question" that he received a clear mandate from New Orleans voters in Saturday's Democratic runoff for the mayor's job.

"As far as I'm concerned," said Landrieu, "we have only one community. Our primary objective is going to be to unify it."

In an interview yesterday at his home, Landrieu noted that he carried 13 of the city's 17 wards, "which represents a very broad base of support."

HE SAID THAT with his campaign for the office, "I would like to think that we inspired the people to have confidence in themselves and to want something better in the way of a city than what we've had."

Asked about prospective appointments he will make, Landrieu said, "I have not firmed up any ideas on any position as of this moment."

He added that he hopes to persuade Police Supt. Joseph I. Giarrusso "to stay throughout the four-year period," even though Giarrusso has announced he is retiring in May.

The police chief "did not close the door entirely" to his request, said Landrieu, "and I told him if I were successful (in the election) I'd be back at him."

ALTHOUGH A MAJORITY of the City Council members who will be in office for the next four years did not actively support Landrieu's candidacy, he says he anticipates working effectively with that body.

He also anticipates a "very orderly and cooperative change of administration," said the Democratic nominee, who is now serving as a councilman-at-large.

"I hope to continue giving Mayor (Victor H.) Schiro every bit of assistance that I can," he remarked.

LANDRIEU SAID he has spoken with his Saturday's op-

ponent, James E. Fitzmorris Jr. "He wired me his congratulations, and I personally expressed to him my appreciation," he said.

He added that he believes New Orleans "has been very fortunate to have had a man of Mr. Fitzmorris' caliber seek the office. He has been a credit to this city, and I know that he'll continue to serve in every way possible."

At least two classic patterns were broken in Saturday's election, said Landrieu.

"For the first time," he said, "major candidates endorsed Negroes for public office and ran side by side, and we saw a thorough discussion of racial issues."

IN ADDITION, Landrieu said, the election marked the first time in two decades that New Orleans' major political

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organizations did not promote a successful candidate.

Asked if the events of the campaign's last week affected his chances either way, Landrieu offered that they could not be measured at this point.

"We felt our campaign was picking up momentum from the first day after the first (Nov. 8) primary," he said. Person-to-person contact with voters and a hard-working volunteer corps of 7,000 were of critical importance, Landrieu commented.

On the subject of the Metropolitan Crime Commission's allegations against him at the campaign's close, Landrieu said: "I truly wish it had never happened."

LAST WEDNESDAY, the Crime Commission renewed its charges of conflict of interest against Landrieu, in that he is serving on the council while an attorney for TAC Amusement Co., a pinball machine distributor. On Thursday night, an MCC statement was published stating Landrieu had reportedly threatened the life of the private organization's managing

director, Aaron Kohn. (Landrieu strongly denied both accusations.)

A poll which gave him 52.8 per cent Tuesday night, said Landrieu, indicates that the MCC's involvement and Monday night's television debate with Fitzmorris had no "appreciable" effect on the election's outcome. (Landrieu's majority percentage in the runoff was 54.)

Landrieu, who has said several times during the campaign that he hopes to appoint "at least one" Negro as a City Hall department head, said this "is not a question of personality or position, but a philosophy."

FINGERING A FISTFUL of congratulatory telegrams, the mayoral nominee had to interrupt the interview several times for telephone calls and visitors.

The nine Landrieu children scurried around the living room as their mother, Verna Satterlee Landrieu, tried to put the finishing touches to a fried-chicken buffet in the dining room.

Mrs. Loretta Landrieu, Moon's mother, said she was finally beginning to relax yesterday. "Saturday night," she recalled, "was one of the two most exciting times of my life. The other was the day Moon was born."

AFTER THE INTERVIEW, Landrieu sat outside on the porch railing of his newly renovated double bungalow at 4301 S. Prieur St., where the Landrieus' have resided for several years.

He looked around the racially mixed neighborhood, near Napoleon Avenue, with its frame cottages sitting quiet on a Sunday afternoon.

"This should show you that I can be mayor of all the people," said Landrieu.

One of the Landrieus' four boys was "editing" with paint and brush a campaign yard sign. With a swoop he blackened the word "for."

Now it reads, "Landrieu Mayor."



**THE LANDRIEU CLAN** flashes a set of 11 winning smiles with the head of the household. Gathered in the living room of their home at 4301 S. Prieur St. are, front row, from left, ME-LINDA, 5; MAURICE ("RECY") JR., 3; MRS. VERNA SAT-

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**TERLEE LANDRIEU;** Democratic mayoral victor **MOON LAN-**  
**DRIEU;** **MICHELLE,** 10; **MARTIN,** 6; **MADLEINE,** 7; and back  
 row, front left, **MITCHELL,** 9; **MARK,** 13; **MELANIE,** 12,  
 and **MARY,** 14.