

Representative Holtzman, 2d Time Around in Election,

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Following Representative Elizabeth Holtzman around these days is a bit like trailing after Mary Tyler Moore. Everywhere she goes, people exclaim, "I saw you on television!"

Representative Holtzman is one of six Democrats who in all likelihood will win their Congressional races in Brooklyn on Tuesday. Only she and Representative Shirley Chisholm are incumbents.

Two years ago, Representative Holtzman was that most vulnerable of political creatures, a newly elected reformer from a Democratic organization stronghold. She had no real name, no firm political base and no record in Congress. She faced the dual threat of having her district chopped up as part of reapportionment or of having a strong primary fight.

Now, thanks in large measure to the exposure she got on the House Judiciary Committee, as well as to a highly visible neighborhood service office in Flatbush, she has

one calls her, is a name to be reckoned with.

The lines of her 16th district, which include parts of Flatbush, East Flatbush, Crown Heights, Brownsville and Sheepshead Bay, were hardly touched in reapportionment. She turned out to be the only reform Congressional candidate in Brooklyn who was not challenged in the primary. National magazines have begun to chronicle her activity, and high-school students ask for her autograph.

A Hard Adjustment

"It's hard to adjust," she said with a tired smile early this week in her imitation wood-paneled Flatbush office. She had spent part of the day speaking, first before students at Tilden High School, then at a center for the elderly, despite a persistent case of bronchitis.

"Who could have expected impeachment . . . being in a position to question the new President . . . sitting on hearings of two Vice Presidents," she continued, cataloging the events that brought her to the

attention of a nationwide television audience.

To many of her constituents, it was her tough questioning of President Ford two weeks ago about his pardon of President Nixon that really made them sit up and take notice.

Everywhere she went during the day, chewing Cepacol lozenges to save her throat, strangers brought the subject up. At the Vanderveer Senior Center, an elderly woman jumped up and said "thank you." At a supermarket, one shopper praised her for being "the only one with guts." Another man said admiringly, "boy, you really chopped up what's his name — Chrysler? Pinto?"

Representative Holtzman, a serious woman of 33 who mingles comfortably but not effusively on the campaign trail, bristled when it was mentioned that some observers took her encounter with President Ford to be a play for publicity.

"It's rather disturbing that when you speak your your conscience you should be the only one doing it," she said. She ex-

plained that she asked the President to turn over any tapes of conversations with former President Nixon only after the Judiciary subcommittee itself failed to request them. She questioned President Ford, she said, because "the committee wasn't doing its job."

Many district residents have told Representative Holtzman they think she's doing her job well. Asked if they had urged her to run for city or statewide office, she answered with a laugh, "mostly they suggest I run for President." She insisted she had no time yet to think about higher office, but she has begun to accept speaking engagements in upstate New York, a possible hint about her future goals.

She has been admittedly less successful so far in getting other young independent Democrats to run for local posts in Brooklyn, which she still regards as being in Meade H. Esposito's grip. To a query about her relationship with the county leadership, she replied, "we don't have a relationship."

She noted that Councilman at

Is a 'TV Personality,' After Questioning of Ford

Large Robert S. Steingut, son of one of Brooklyn's powerful regular Democrats, Assemblyman Stanley Steingut, had once been mentioned as a possible primary opponent. But even though she was not challenged in September, she added, "practically the only time I see Bobby is when we both go to the same place for lox Sunday mornings."

Her Opposition

Representative Holtzman will be officially opposed on Tuesday's ballot by Joseph L. Gentili, running on the Republican and Conservative lines. But he, like most other non-Democratic Congressional candidates in Brooklyn, has been inactive.

The one Republican waging a full-scale battle is Austen D. Canade, who is running against Leo C. Zeferetti in the 15th District, currently represented by Hugh L. Carey, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

Mr. Zeferetti, the president of the Correction Officers Benevolent Association, barely won the Democratic nomination over a reformer, Arthur Paone,

even though Mr. Zeferetti had the support of the county Democratic organization.

However, most experts feel that he will have an easier time Tuesday, first, because the top name on the Democratic line, Mr. Carey, is expected to take the Bay Ridge-Sunset Park district by a wide margin, and second, because Mr. Zeferetti also has the Conservative party nomination in a conservatively minded area.

The Conservative designation does not sit well with several liberal Democratic leaders in Brooklyn, and Mr. Zeferetti, a 47-year-old Brooklyn native, acknowledges it probably was a major factor in his close Democratic primary contest.

'Political Expediency'

"The Conservative nomination was a matter of political expediency," Mr. Zeferetti declared recently. "The conservative line is a very important factor in this area."

Mr. Zeferetti, a big man with pomaded hair, insisted he was a Democrat first, and described his philosophy as "moderate."

One political observer has de-

scribed Mr. Zeferetti as "a Biaggi (Representative Mario Biaggi) without charisma." And Mr. Canade, a lawyer who worked with State Senator William T. Conklin, has attacked Mr. Zeferetti as a one-issue candidate whose law-and-order background is not wide enough for a Congressman.

Mr. Canade has also charged that Mr. Zeferetti originally concealed contributions from the longshoreman's union. Republicans in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn's most Republican area, believe Mr. Canade's fortunes Tuesday depend heavily on how well Governor Wilson does in the normally Republican parts of the 15th District. The third candidate in the race is Herbert M. Feinsod, a Liberal.

The other Congressional races in the heavily Democratic borough are believed to be sure victories for the Democrats, even though three of them will be newcomers to the Brooklyn delegation in Washington.

In the 11th District, which straddles the Queens border, James H. Scheuer, a former Bronx Congressman, is opposed by Edward G. Desborough, Re-

publican; Christopher T. Acer, Conservative, and Tibby Blum, Liberal. The district had been that of Frank J. Brasco, who was convicted of conspiring to accept bribes.

In the 12th, in Central Brooklyn, Representative Chisholm is running against Francis J. Voyticky, Republican; Martin Shephard Jr., Conservative, and two minor party candidates.

In the 13th, which includes Flatbush, Brighton Beach and Coney Island, Stephen J. Solarz, who defeated Representative Bertram Podell in the primary just before Mr. Podell pleaded guilty to charge of conflict of interest, is opposed by Jack H. dox Dobosh, Republican-Conservative.

In the 14th, which runs from Greenpoint through Williamsburgh, For Greene, Brooklyn Heights and South Brooklyn, Frederick W. Richmond has four opponents: Donald H. Elliott, defeated in the Democratic primary and now on the Liberal line; Michael Carbajal Jr., Republican; Alexander W. Nojovits, Conservative, and a minor party candidate.