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CRIME CONDITIONS, JEFFERSON PARISH

The run-off election for the candidates of the Democratic Party will occur 1/11/64. In Jefferson Parish both the parish president and parish sheriff are candidates for election. The two candidates for the office of sheriff are ALWYNN J. CRONVICH, a member of the THOMPSON P. DONELSON - ALWYNN J. CRONVICH ticket, and LAWRENCE A. CHEHARDY, a candidate with the incumbent Parish President M. DAN HOGAN.

These two men defeated incumbent Sheriff JOHN JACK FITZGERALD. Both men claim to be good government candidates and both claim that they will suppress gambling in Jefferson Parish. Various rumors have been circulated indicating that candidate LAWRENCE A. CHEHARDY has received political and financial assistance from New Orleans top hoodlum CARLOS MARCELLO. Rumor has not been substantiated by any responsible source. Both New Orleans PD Deputy Superintendent of Police ALFRED TERIOT and PCI AL DARGIS, an active supporter of CRONVICH, had reported this rumor but both are unable to substantiate it.

NO 1205-C advised that the Old Southport Club is operating a dice table and roulette, and ALTON and HENRY MILLS have opened a keno game at Pat and Jerry's Club on Jefferson Highway.

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The New Garden Club continues to operate gambling games at Gretna, La., and NO 1205-C reported that 21 tables have operated in many of the clubs throughout Jefferson Parish. NO 1205-C advised that an individual recently attempted to operate a roulette game at the Cotton Club on Jefferson Highway, and after one day's operation it was closed by Major EARL ROLLING of the Jefferson Parish SO. The next day Capt. SAM LE BLANC, Jefferson Parish SO, rechecked to be sure that the club had closed down. NO 1205-C advised the only explanation he can offer is that the son of the owner of the Cotton Club was actively backing another candidate in the first Democratic primary, and the club was closed by Sheriff FITZGERALD because of this reason.

Sheriff JOHN JACK FITZGERALD was defeated in his effort to be re-elected as sheriff in the first Democratic primary, however, he will hold office until the first week in May, 1964. Capt. CY DI LIBERTO on 1/8/64 advised that it is a well-regarded fact that either of the two candidates in the second primary will probably dismiss most of the current employees of the Jefferson Parish SO, and he anticipates that most of the current deputies of the Jefferson Parish staff will be hunting jobs between now and the first week in May. DI LIBERTO indicated that Sheriff JOHN JACK FITZGERALD has disregarded the operation of the Jefferson Parish SO and for the time being the office is "running itself".

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