

CHARLES THOMPSON FOR DIST. JUDGE

Charles Thompson, candidate for District Judge in Department One, has called for renewed efforts on the part of the judiciary and the law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime.

Citing the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, Thompson said that crime was now reaching epidemic proportions declaring "all of those involved in the system of criminal justice must realize that when aggravated assaults double in one year the time has come to pledge a war against crime."

In the first six months of 1974 Las Vegas suffered an increase in the overall crime rate and in all categories of crime; murder, rape, robbery and burglary all showed dramatic increases.

Thompson said that the statistics supplied by the FBI demonstrate conclusively that the problem of crime in Clark County deserves greater attention. "During the past few months my campaign appearances have per-



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mitted me to discuss issues with Southern Nevadans. Time after time, the item on people's minds is safety on the street and in the home," he said.

"Crime is deterred by punishment, and I believe that Judges in District Court must realize that they represent the community when they hand down sentences," explained Thompson. "The only way that we can stem the increase in crime is to sentence offenders with public safety in mind," he concluded.

POLITICAL HOPEFULS

CATHY POST FIELD FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE

As candidate for Justice of the Peace, I am constantly on the receiving end of stories about police making irresponsible arrests or being guilty of brutality. There is no doubt that instances of both these accusations are true. But -- we operate on a quota system here and as long as we do, our officers are expected to "prove" they are on the job by issuing a required number of traffic citations. This is unfair not only to the public but to them.

I'm also sure our police would be in a happier frame of mind had they received a larger raise. They were given only 5.5 percent, their first salary increase in two years, hardly matching the rise in the cost of living.

Naturally there are some police who are psychologically unfit for their jobs. These are the ones guilty of inflicting physical harm. They should be removed from the force forever. But there are good and bad in every profession. We have only to remember Watergate with its corrupt lawyers. And hardly a week goes by that some industrialist isn't convicted of tax evasion, or a doctor found guilty of bilking the public through Medicare, or a politician accused of graft. No group in any field can be 99 per cent pure. What I hope if elected



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to the JP bench is to help heal relations between the public and the police by not only fighting the quota system, but by carefully hearing each case that comes before me. Both the defendant and the accuser will have the opportunity to tell their full stories and then be judged impartially. They will not be herded rapidly through the courts as they are now. In Justice Court it's almost as important for a litigant to leave the court knowing he got a fair trial as it is for him to actually win.

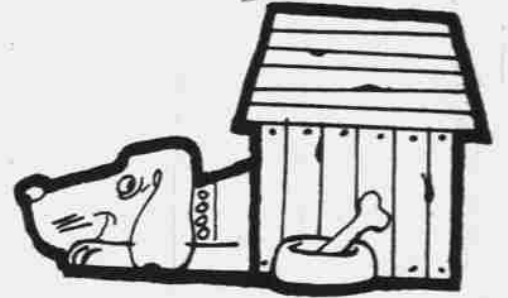
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