

# More Poll Cheating Detailed

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More Democrats who acted as Republican election judges in the March primary testified yesterday before an Illinois legislative subcommittee that Democratic precinct bosses read the final vote tallies from election machines unchecked by the official judges.

They were among nine witnesses who testified during the second day of hearings before the Illinois House Elections subcommittee investigating Tribune disclosures of voting irregularities and fraud during the March primary.

Chairman Philip W. Collins (R., Calumet City) ended yesterday's hearings with the promise that subpoenas would be issued to 27 election judges and precinct bosses who have failed to respond to invitations to testify.

## Ask Downstate Probe

Three Democratic members of the seven-man committee asked Collins to hold hearings downstate to investigate recent charges of Republican controlled vote fraud in several counties, including Vermilion.

"If we have vote fraud in other places in Illinois and we have specific allegations to investigate, I will take the committee there," Collins said. "But first we will finish investigating the charges here."

Anna L. Cannon, 431 N. Central Av., testified she served as



Witnesses who testified at vote fraud hearing yesterday included (from left) Mrs. Maxine

Morrison, Miss Regina Hardman, Miss Anna L. Cannon, and Clyde Tomkins.

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a certified Republican election judge outside her home precinct at the request of William Peppers, Democratic precinct captain, for whom she had served as a Democratic judge in the past. She said Peppers told her "it didn't make any difference," if she was actually a Democrat.

## Serves in 37th Ward

Miss Cannon served in the 55th Precinct of the 37th Ward in which one other judge, Alex Williams, was indicted in connection with charges that blank

ballot applications were used to cast illegal votes.

Miss Cannon testified that several ballot applications were missing at the end of the day and when she called this to Peppers' attention, "He said it was okay. He'd find them."

More than 60 such blank ballot applications were found in that precinct's voting records by Tribune reporter William Mullen who worked undercover in the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners office for more than three months.

Miss Cannon said Peppers and a Democratic judge read the final tallies from behind the voting machines after the polling place closed, while another judge recorded them without checking Peppers' account.

She said Peppers had promised to get her a job with the city following the election.

Regina Hardman, 1525 S. Komensky Av., another Democrat serving as a Republican judge in the 39th Precinct of the 24th Ward, testified that

William Ray, Democratic precinct captain, stood alone behind the machines reading the final tallies to other election judges he had recruited.

"What were the rest of you doing?" Rep. Edward Bluthardt (R., Schiller Park) asked Miss Hardman.

"Just sitting there," she replied.

Julian Williams, of 5330 S. Woodlawn Av., testified that a Democratic precinct captain

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in the 17th Precinct of the 5th Ward also read the final votes from the back of the machine that day.

"Was he back there by himself," Bluthardt asked.

"As far as I know he was the only one back there," Williams said.

Williams testified that it was the second time his Democratic

precinct captain, Maury Kolin-sky, had asked him to serve as a Republican judge and that he voted as a Democrat both times.

In earlier testimony, Clyde V. Tomkins, 2616 S. King Drive, an 81-year-old law student, related his experiences during the last 10 years as a bona fide Republican election judge and official canvasser on the near South Side.

Tomkins, a judge in the 20th

Precinct of the 2d Ward, charged that clerks in the election commissioners' office, despite his objections as an official canvasser before the election, certified voters on the precinct poll sheets whose residence he had been unable to verify.

In one instance, Tomkins said, he refused to certify that at least 35 per cent of the 700 persons on the list lived at the addresses given because he had

not been able to personally verify this.

Tomkins pleaded with the committee members: "We shouldn't let them do that with those youths. They are so idealistic, and they are the cream of the crop. We are letting them ruin the integrity of their vote."

One Republican judge, Wessi Hawthorne, testified that she had originally been refused certification by the board be-

cause she had a Democratic voting record. Later, she said, she was certified as a Republican for no apparent reason and worked as a judge in the primary.

Collins scheduled the next hearing for Oct. 5. He said that Stanley Kusper Jr., chairman of the election board, would be invited to testify at a later hearing and that Kusper has indicated his willingness to appear before the subcommittee.