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Rep. George Collins [D., 6th] speaks at a Democratic organizational meeting in his bid for reelection. Reapportionment moved him from the 6th to the 7th District.

Mrs. Rhea Mojica Hammer talks to voters. She is challenging incumbent Rep. George Collins for the Democratic nomination for congressman from the 7th District.

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BY STEPHEN CREWS

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A hard - campaigning independent Democrat has the regularly slated candidate "concerned about victory," in the 4th Congressional District Democratic primary battle.

Jerome A. [Jerry] Cosentino, owner of a large trucking firm and a political novice, has been meeting with voters since early this year, and despite the area's Republican history, is "running to win."

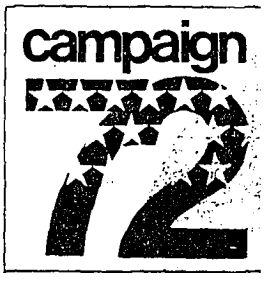
C. F. [Bob] Dore, an attorney with the law firm of Arvey, Hodes & Mantynband, and the pick of the Democratic slatemakers, admitted that his opponent's efforts "have me a little apprehensive."

Gets Reports

"I have the endorsement, and thought I was the overwhelming favorite, but I'm getting reports he's working hard, and spending plenty of money," said Dore.

Dore also said that Cosentino may be getting indirect benefit from voter support in the area of State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan. Dore, who identified Hanrahan as a friend, nevertheless is supporting Judge Raymond Berg for the state's attorney's post. "I can only say I'm an organization Democrat," he said.

Dore of Flossmoor, a former assistant attorney general, said that few issue differences have developed thus far in the campaign, and added that he is stressing the need for strong antipollution laws and for an immediate end to the war in Viet Nam.



Local Issues Seen

Cosentino, who said he is endorsed by the United Auto Workers and Teamster Union locals, said his speeches concentrate on local issues such as the need for better mass transportation in the district.

Both agreed that the goal is to replace the Republican incumbent, U. S. Rep. Edward J. Derwinski. "The Republicans have taken this area for granted too long," said Dore.

With the area's history of voting Republican by margins of 55 to 45 per cent, however, Derwinski is expected to prove tough competition to the eventual winner of the Dore-Cosentino battle.

Three other south area districts feature primary battles with most interest being directed to the 3d Congressional District where Robert Hanrahan, the Republican slatemaker's choice, is facing an enthusiastic challenge from Edward Roche, a businessman.

Busing an Issue

That race has school busing as its major issue.

Another primary race pits U. S. Rep. John C. Kluczynski, 76, against a novice politician, Donald Lazo, in the 5th Congressional District Democrati primary race.

Lazo, 30, a research technician at a chemical company, says he is running because after Kluczynski's 20 or more years in office, "it is time for new blood."

Lazo, who says he would hold monthly meetings in the district if elected representative, lacks organization and financial support in his campaign. He believes that the busing controversy can be ended by lifting the level of education in inner city schools.

He also advocates a revision of Social Security benefits for senior citizens.

Runs on Record

Kluczynski, who is running on his record, said his seniority in the House is one of his main assets.

The unopposed Republican in the primary is Leonard Jarzab, 6200 W. 64th St.

In a final race, U. S. Rep. George Collins is being challenged by Mrs. Rhea Mojica Hammer in the 7th Congressional District Democratic primary.

Collins, a freshman congressman from the 6th District, was moved into the 7th District thru congressional reapportionment last year and emerged victorious in an interparty battle between U. S. Rep. Frank Annunzio and himself for the right to run for reelection there.

Admitting that she is running against great odds, Mrs. Hammer, the associate producer and coordinator of Ayuda, a Spanish language television program on Channel 26, said her main goals in facing "the machine" are "to make a good showing and to make waves."

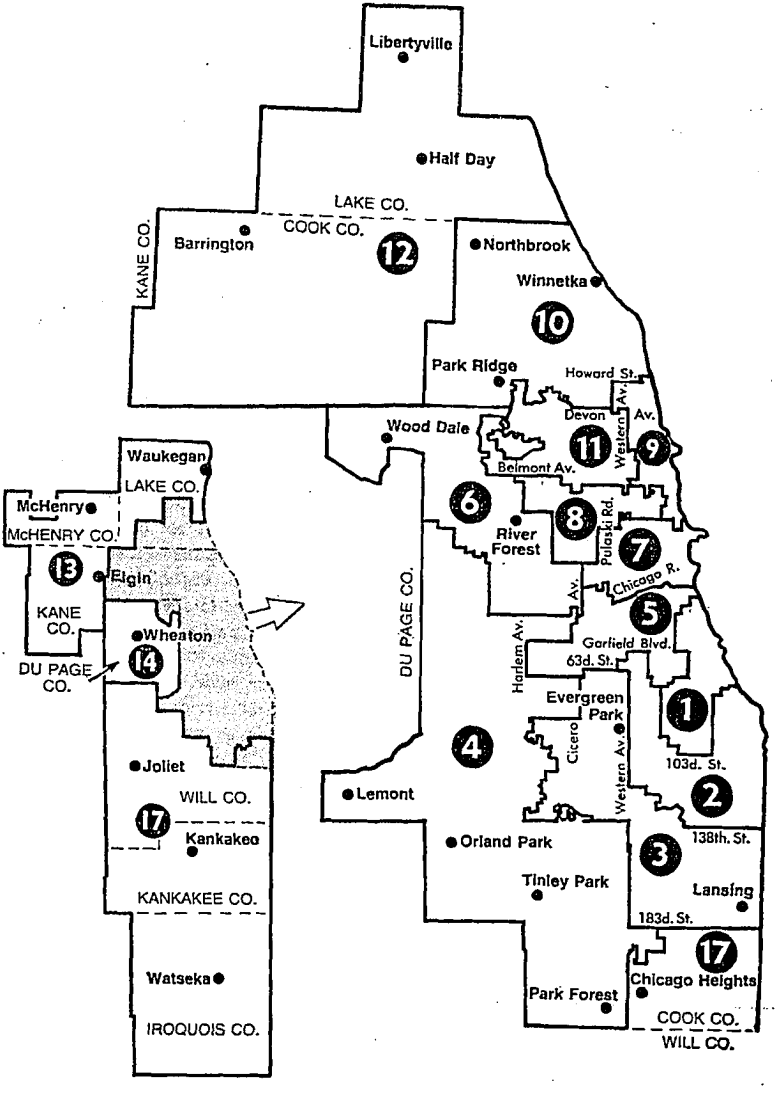
Interests Unheard

Mrs. Hammer of Mexican descent, said, "There is no one in Congress speaking for our interests—minorities always are thought of as blacks."

The winner of the March primary in the heavily Democratic district will be running against Thomas J. Lento, 747 S. Western Av., who is unopposed in the Republican race.

In other south area congressional races, both Republican and Democratic candidates are running unopposed in the primary. They are: Ralph H. Metcalf, Democrat, running in the 1st District; and James E. Doyle, Republican and Morgan F. Murphy, Democrat, both running in the 2d District; and George M. O'Brien, Republican, and John J. Houlihan, Democrat, running in the 17th District.

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Map shows location of congressional districts in Chicago area.

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