J. Raymond Jones bowed to the wishes of Mayor Wagner today—or rather, he said, he had bowed to the wishes of Mayor Wagner some time ago.

"As far as the Mayor ordering that the sales office of the Clayton Apartment Inc. be moved from the Carver Democratic Club, that order is unnecessary," Jones told The Post.

"The sales office was never located there."

What was there, Jones explained, was an office used to process applications by persons wanting to buy into the cooperative apartment.

Jones returned from a Virgin Islands vacation last night just in time to be engulfed by the uproar caused by the fact that the business address of the Clayton Apartments had the same address as his political headquarters.

Seemed to Defy Wagner

At first, Jones issued a statement in which he appeared to be defying the Mayor's order to move the project sales office from the Carver Democratic Club.

"I'm secretary-treasurer of the corporation known as the Clayton Apartments Inc. and I'm going to keep its affairs where I can control them and protect them in the interest of the people of Harlem," Jones said.

"I worked for two years to bring Harlem the first Mitchell-Lama housing project, and if anyone can show me anything which is morally wrong with me keeping it where I can watch it I will change it," Jones said.

But that was before Jones learned of the Mayor's statement. Today Jones explained that he merely meant he would keep the records of Clayton Apartments in his office, which connects with the political clubhouse through a doorway torn through a building wall.

Jones was outraged at the implication that, if applicants didn't belong to his political club, then they couldn't get apartments in the Clayton project, a limited-profit housing company that he launched with Rep. Powell.

Denies Politics

"We certainly don't inquire as to religion, politics or color, at least in this part of New York, and I emphasize this," Jones said.

"If any politics were injected in this, it was not done by us, but by those who seek political capital of it."

Jones said that his office was not really used as a sales office, but merely as a place to process applications. He said the bulk of the processing was completed three months ago and only the pressure of the election campaign prevented the office from being moved.

Yesterday, when Wagner learned that Daniel L. Burrows, a real estate agent for Clayton Apartments and president of the Carver Democratic Club, was renting middle-income apartments in the project from an office in the club, he said:

"I have just directed the Housing and Redevelopment Board to make certain that Clayton Apartments... moves its sales office from 1723 Amsterdam Av. to another location."

Later, J. Clarance Davies, chairman of the housing board, said that there was no violation of the law involved and that Jones could not legally make a profit from his connection with the project. "We believe, however, that the sales office of this housing company should be relocated," he added.