

Democratic Party Leaders Are Still Aiming

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Democratic party leaders and top aides of Howard J. Samuels, the leading contender for the gubernatorial nomination, are still trying to thin out the ranks of

Democratic primary contestants, with the ultimate aim of coming out of the primary with a balanced ticket.

The prime targets of the pressure to step aside are State Senator Mary Anne Krupsak, the contender for Lieutenant Governor and the only woman seeking a major-party state nomination; Allard K. Lowenstein, the Senate hopeful and Supreme Court Justice Bertram Harnett of Nassau, who is seeking a Court of Appeals nomination. They have until Saturday to withdraw, although all are insisting that they are in the race to stay.

The party leaders want Senator Krupsak to withdraw because they prefer Mario M. Cuomo, the Queens lawyer, for the designation and fear that, in a three-way primary for Lieutenant Governor, either Senator Krupsak or Assemblyman Antonio G. Olivieri would win. Both are considered too liberal—both supported abortion legislation, for example—for the Italian-American Catholics whom they are supposed to attract to the ticket.

As for Mr. Lowenstein, party leaders, in what they admit is a long shot, would like him to run for the House, possibly in his home District, the 14th District in Brooklyn. Otherwise, they fear that in a three-way race for the Senate nomination with Mayor Lee Alexander of Syracuse and Ramsey Clark, the former United States Attorney General, either Mr. Clark or Mr. Lowenstein would win.

Mr. Lowenstein, who is Jewish, would further unbalance the ticket, while Mr. Clark is perceived by party leaders as so liberal and even radical that he might sink the entire Democratic state ticket if he were on it.

As for Justice Harnett, party leaders want him out because he, too, is Jewish and because they want to insure that the only black on the

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for a Balanced Ticket

state's highest court, Judge Harold A. Stevens of the Court of Appeals, is nominated. At the moment, Judges Harnett and Stevens and Appellate Division Justice Lawrence H. Cooke of Monticello are vying for only two nominations.

Meanwhile, warning that "people choose a candidate they can relate to," the Queens Democratic leader, Matthew J. Troy Jr. declared in a television-interview program yesterday that to go into the fall election with a top state "slate that is primarily Jewish would be a disaster."

Appearing on WCBS-TV's "Newsmakers," Mr. Troy, chairman of the City Council Finance Committee, observed that the "balance" on the Republican statewide

slate "is pretty strong," and he urged that Democratic voters in the September primary support the "balanced" ticket that was selected at the party's recent convention.

"If you lock out the Polish, the Irish, the blacks or Italians on a ticket, they might go somewhere else," he warned.

Speaking of the Democratic state ticket, Mr. Samuels's first preferences as running mates were Westchester County Executive Alfred DelBello for Lieutenant Governor, Representative Ogden R. Reid, also of Westchester, for the Senate, and Senator Krupsak of Canajoharie for Attorney General. However,

all the preferences were sidetracked in the maneuverings, back-stabbings and other goings-on during the exhausting all-night session with party and labor leaders after Mr. Samuels had won the state committee designation.

Representative Hugh L. Carey, who got enough votes to qualify for another shot at Mr. Samuels in the primary, stayed clear of the Machiavellian machinations. He had enough problems with his own candidacy and had assured party leaders that he would not bargain over running mates for himself.

For the second year in a row, the founders and leaders of the Conservative party are confronted with a major

insurrection in their own ranks.

Last year, J. Daniel Mahoney and Kieran O'Doherty — who are brothers-in-law as well as state chairman and a vice chairman, respectively, of the Conservative party — were rebuffed by New York City Conservative leaders, who endorsed Democratic Representative Mario Biaggi for Mayor despite the opposition of the party founders.

This year, the two leaders would suffer a serious and possibly fatal setback if they were unable to put across the Conservative endorsement of Governor Wilson, who had maintained his ties with the Conservatives even during the years when then Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller was

lambasting them.

Mr. Wilson won the support of a majority of the Conservative state committee, but T. David Bullard, an upstate fruit farmer, won about 40 per cent of the vote and an automatic place on the primary ballot, unless he declines by Saturday. If he does remain on the ballot, many Republican leaders believe that Governor Wilson would decline the Conservative state committee designation rather than get into a primary fight in which he would have to demonstrate how conservative he is—just before the general election when he would be trying to demonstrate that he was not that conservative.

Henry Paolucci, a Con-

servative vice chairman and a professor at St. John's University, is Mr. Bullard's running mate for Lieutenant Governor. Last year, the professor led the charge for Mr. Biaggi. All of which makes some Conservatives suspect that Professor Paolucci would like to be the party leader.

Speaking of the Conservatives, the party's candidate for the United States Senate, Mrs. Barbara A. Keating of Mamaroneck, a 35-year-old war widow and mother of five, came up with one of the better one-liners of the various state-committee meetings when she declared that "it is time for Jacob K. Javits to give up his seat to a lady."