

## Samuels and Coalition Clash Sharply

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Howard J. Samuels, the Democratic State Committee's designee for Governor, clashed sharply yesterday with the New Democratic Coalition, the reform-liberal wing of the party, when it gave him advice and warnings on how to conduct his primary campaign.

"The N.D.C. statement is an example of the kind of old-fashioned Democratic backbiting that has denied us victory in November year after year," Mr. Samuels said.

The coalition, which backed Mr. Samuels for the designation, warned him in a statement adopted by its executive council against endorsing other aspirants for statewide office, "particularly those designated for cynical ethnic, religious and geographical reasons by the State Committee."

It also called on him to support a free and open primary election, to give weight to this support by announcing that he would wage an independent campaign and to denounce the injection of ethnic and religious factors into the primary.

The coalition told Mr. Samuels, who is opposed in the primary by Representative Hugh L. Carey, that only by following the course it had outlined could he "motivate those rank-and-file workers, idealists, liberals, members of the N.D.C. without whose dedicated efforts his election would be seriously jeopardized."

Mr. Samuels replied that he supported an open, democratic primary and had condemned the injection of racial and religious issues, but that it was not helpful to the goal of Democratic unity "to have charges, countercharges, bickering and suspicion."

"As the standard bearer of

the Democratic party," he declared, "I will in due course and with reasoned judgment make a decision as to how best to achieve a Democratic victory. In making this decision, I want to make it clear that I will not be dictated to by any leaders or any group, reform or regular."

Mr. Carey went to Brooklyn yesterday in his effort to bring his campaign to the city's neighborhoods and went on a walking, handshaking tour of the Flatbush, Park Slope and Bay Ridge sections.

In another development, for-

mer Representative Allard K. Lowenstein, who was backed by the coalition for the State Committee designation for United States Senator but lost it to Mayor Lee Alexander of Syracuse, consulted yesterday with his supporters on whether to stay in the race.

He said he did not expect to make up his mind until shortly before the midnight deadline for declining, and would announce his intentions today.

Mr. Lowenstein received more than the 25 per cent of the State Committee vote needed to put him on the primary ballot.