

LOWENSTEIN ENDS RACE FOR SENATE

Decries 'Unseemly Wrangle'
Over Ticket-Balancing

Citing the costs of a campaign, the need for party unity, and an "unseemly wrangle" over ethnic ticket-balancing, former Representative Allard K. Lowenstein withdrew yesterday from the Democratic primary for the United States Senate nomination.

"I just couldn't see anything useful in a campaign in which the great issue was which of the Jewish candidates is most expendable," said Mr. Lowenstein, who is Jewish.

He was referring to outspoken concern among county leaders and others that primary challenges in September could



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Allard K. Lowenstein at the Democratic state convention in Niagara Falls.

upset the carefully balanced Democratic ticket that emerged from the Democratic State Committee convention two weeks ago.

At the convention, Mr. Lowenstein, a liberal Democrat, received 39.9 per cent of the vote, well above the 25 per cent that entitled him to an automatic place on the primary ballot against the committee-designated candidate, Mayor Lee Alexander of Syracuse.

Two other hopefuls, Ramsey Clark, the former United States Attorney General, and Abraham Hirschfeld, a businessman, who

each received less than 1 per cent, are circulating petitions against a July 15 deadline in an effort to get onto the ballot.

Mr. Lowenstein's decision, announced over the WNBC "Sunday" show and elaborated upon at a news conference at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, was not entirely unexpected. However, he said he had reached the decision literally only minutes before the deadline for withdrawing, midnight the night before.

Was Under Pressure

Mr. Lowenstein had been under considerable pressure to pull out. The pressure came from county leaders and persons in the campaign of Howard J. Samuels, the party's designated gubernatorial candidate. They feared a three-way primary that might be won by either Mr. Clark, whose views they regard as too liberal for the electorate, or by Mr. Lowenstein, whose religious affiliation is the same as Mr. Samuels' and who would thus unbalance the ticket.

Dressed in a seersucker suit, Mr. Lowenstein leaned against a podium before an audience of several dozen young campaign workers and newsmen and said that his reasons for withdrawing were "complicated and mixed."

First, he said, there is the "inordinate cost" of running a statewide campaign without public financing. He said later that he had raised close to \$10,000, whereas a "bare minimum" of \$500,000 was needed for the primary and general election.

Then, he said, the party unity that would be required to unseat such a formidable opponent as Jacob K. Javits, the incumbent Republican, was undermined by what he termed the "dangerous dialogue" among party officials about "ethnic and religious affiliations."

In hopes of playing a "unifying" role, Mr. Lowenstein, endorsed by the New Democratic Coalition and the Americans for Democratic Action, did not support any of the other candidates. He did not rule out the possibility of running for Congress.

Mr. Alexander praised Mr. Lowenstein's withdrawal as "an intelligent decision from a courageous man dedicated to unifying the Democratic party."

Mr. Clark said he was sorry to see Mr. Lowenstein withdraw from the race. "I feel it is particularly regrettable," he said, "that people who have such energy and commitment are unable to seek any office they choose because they don't have personal wealth or powerful special interests behind them."