

Samuels Weighs Whether to Run Alone or

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Howard J. Samuels is currently mulling whether he will do a solo in the Sept. 10 primary or run with one or more Democratic aspirants for other statewide offices.

No matter what his decision, he will make enemies. His problem is to keep the enemies to a minimum.

Many Democratic leaders want Mr. Samuels to run with the slate endorsed by the Democratic State Committee—Mayor Lee Alexander of Syracuse for United States Senate, Mario M. Cuomo for Lieutenant Governor and District Attorney Robert Meehan of Rockland County for Attorney General. But leaders of the New Democratic Coalition who endorsed

Mr. Samuels want him either to remain neutral or endorse their slate — Assemblyman Antonio G. Olivieri for Lieutenant Governor and the Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams, for Attorney General. Their Senate candidate, Allard K. Lowenstein, withdrew from the race yesterday.

Mr. Samuels himself has felt that he should at least endorse a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, on the theory that he would be the heir apparent to the governor. But that would particularly irritate feminist supporters of State Senator Mary Anne Krupsak, the third Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, because she is not likely to be Mr. Samuels' choice.

The decision is due this week. Meanwhile, Mr. Samuels is consulting with mod-

ern-day Solomons.

Now that the ball is over, the bills are coming in. Representative Ogden R. Reid and the Queens Borough President, Donald R. Manes, whose gubernatorial candidacies never even got as far as the Democratic State Committee meeting two weeks ago, have outstanding debts of at least \$200,000 each.

Mr. Reid, who spent \$250,000 of his own money, owes \$200,000 to Meshulam Riklis, chairman of the Rapid American Corporation and the McCrory Corporation. Reid aides say that he intends to repay the Riklis loan.

Mr. Manes owes \$200,000 to 20 Queens Democrats, including his brother, Morton, who co-signed bank notes for that amount.

The candidates hope to repay the debts by means of

fund-raising dinners and cocktail parties.

Leó C. Zeferetti, president of the New York City Correction Officers Benevolent Association, is the Democratic organization designee to succeed Representative Hugh L. Carey in Brooklyn's 15th Congressional District. Mr. Zeferetti also has Conservative party endorsement, which makes him a strong favorite—if he survives the primary—in the usually marginal district. Mr. Carey, of course, is throwing the dice—giving up his Congressional seat and staking his political future on the outcome of his bid for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Although the overwhelming majority of Democratic leaders are supporting Mr. Samuels as the party's official

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designee for the gubernatorial nomination, the Democratic state chairman, Joseph F. Crangle, says he will remain officially neutral so that he can referee what many Democrats believe will be the inevitable disputes between Mr. Samuels and Representative Carey, who is challenging Mr. Samuels in the primary.

Mr. Crangle, who privately backed Mr. Samuels in the maneuvering before the State Committee endorsement meeting, said that the Democratic peace pact he had engineered still held and that Democratic candidates should not speak ill of each other. If they do not, it will be the first time in recent primaries.

Robert Price, the onetime Deputy Mayor and chief strategist for John V. Lindsay, emerged briefly as a behind-

the-scenes political adviser for Representative Reid as Mr. Reid debated whether to negotiate with Democratic party leaders on either the United States Senate or Lieutenant Governor designation.

Mr. Price, now a financier, is a friend of Mr. Reid, but his role shocked some Reid advisers since Mr. Price has been identified with the Republican party. One of Mr. Reid's major problems as a Democratic candidate was the fact that he had switched from the G. O. P. only two years ago.

Joseph D. Policano, a candidate for the Democratic Congressional nomination in the Brooklyn-Queens 11th district, is doing his bit to ease the summer job shortage for college students. Mr. Policano advertised in the Brooklyn and Queens College

newspapers for petition gatherers at \$2 an hour. "Put your Poli-Sci courses into practice and pick up some bread doing it," was the Policano pitch. He says he got 40 students to work for him.

Mr. Policano is the third man in the primary, which features the indicted incumbent, Representative Frank Brasco, and former Representative James H. Scheuer, who has moved his political ambitions from Manhattan to the Bronx to the Brooklyn-Queens 11th District.

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FRESNO, Calif. (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Dick Graham of Fresno have no trouble remembering the birthdates of their three children. All have the same birthdate of Nov. 4. Pamela is 16; Randall 20 and Byron 29.