Lowenstein, Citing Wellington, Formally Enters the

By MAURICE CARROLL

Saying "It's like coming home," Allard K. Lowenstein formally announced his candidacy yesterday for the Manhattan seat in the House of Representatives that Mayor Koch quit to move into Ctiy Hall.

Mr. Lowenstein, who has run for Congress five times from Nassau County and Brooklyn and who briefly considered a couple of Manhattan races, said that he had real roots in the 18th Congressional District, the so-called "Silk-Stocking" district, which runs along the eastern edge of Manhattan.

"It's filled with people I've worked with on causes over the years," said Mr. Lowenstein, a 48-year-old veteran of the civil rights and anti-Vietnam war movements. His candidacy announcement noted that he was once No. 7 on President Nixon's "enemies list" and that he was on leave as United States Ambassa-dor for Special Political Affairs to the United Nations, while running for Congress.

He has an apartment in the district at 305 East 24th Street.

He announced the effort to win support from the 970 Democratic county committee members who will meet next Sunday to pick the party nominee in the special election by promising, if elected, to "catalyze" a national effort to support fiscally troubled New York.

"The city does not want charity—it wants equity," Mr. Lowenstein said as he stood teetering precariously on a swivel chair at the behest of photographers who wanted to show him above a crowd of workers.

They only had a week for the round of kaffeeklatches and telephone appeals that could bring victory, he said. "But Wellington had only 10 days to beat Bo-naparte." He smiled. "Don't ask me who Bonaparte is."

Most politicians would give that designation to Bella S. Abzug, who has lined up both celebrity support and the help of a host of district leaders. Other Democratic candidates include Martin S. Begun, who was endorsed the other day by former Mayors Robert F. Wagner Sr. and Abraham D. Beame, Carter Burden, Assemblyman Alexander B. Grannis, Russel Hemenway, Robin Duke, Roger Waldman and George Spitz.

Mr. Lowenstein has the support of former Mayor John V. Lindsay (who represented the district when he was a Republican) and the office that was used by Mr. Koch in his successful mayoral primary.

"A spiritual aura hovers over this headquarters", Mr. Lowenstein joked. But he noted that whatever good-luck charm the site might confer, the Mayor had said

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he would not involve himself in the race for his old seat.

Mr. Lowenstein said that telephone calls to committeemen had cheered him as a new candidate on a crowded list. "A good half haven't made up their minds yet," he said, "and those who had were uncertain and wobbly in their support."

He said he would support the candidate the committee members picked in the special election but would not necessarily promise to avoid running against that candidate—then presumably the Congress member;—the district is 3-to-1 Democratic in the primary election later in the year.

Another of the candidates, Mr. Grannis, put out a study yesterday showing, he said, "that the race is still wide open." It showed Mrs. Abzug ahead with 36 percent, Mr. Grannis second with 28.2 percent, on the first ballot, and him ahead on the second after others had dropped off.

Six potential Republican candidates for the special election on Feb. 14 will be screened this afternoon, according to Vincent F. Albano Jr., the party's Manhattan chairman.

Politicians say that one of the six, S. William Green, a former Assemblyman, is the favorite. The others are Henry L. Diamond, Sonia Landau, Shirley McClintock, Rosemary McGrath and Sheila Mosler.

The Liberals are likely to go along with the Democrats' choice.

Baby Born in Antarctica

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 8 (AP)—A boy was born yesterday at an Argentine Army base in Antarctica, and officials here say it was the first birth on the continent.

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Allard K. Lowenstein declaring his intention to run for Congressional seat vacated by Mayor Koch.