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Gov. Carey's close aides are keeping him informed of local contests and one they're calling close—surprise, surprise—is the battle between Allard Lowenstein and Carter Burden.

Burden has all the district leaders wrapped up, or most of them, but Lowenstein is piling up popularity on the streets. A dogged campaigner, Lowenstein is everywhere in the district. Like at the Democratic State Committee dinner. That night Lowenstein dropped into six affairs, walking around tables and shaking hands with everyone. Somebody said that it might improve conditions at the UN if all the ambassadors walked around shaking hands.