

Liberal Mailing Was G.O.P.-Assisted

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The mailing labels affixed to campaign literature that is under investigation by Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz followed a circuitous route that apparently began with the Nassau County Republican Committee.

Robert McDonald, executive director of the county committee under Assemblyman Joseph Margiotta, acknowledged yesterday in an interview that the Republicans had provided the labels to the Liberal party.

Herbert Carr, Liberal chairman in Nassau, confirmed it with the explanation that his small party traditionally relied on one of the major parties for a voter list for campaign mailings. In the last few years, he said, the Republicans have been more accommodating than the Democrats.

Use Is Unexplained

Both Mr. McDonald and Mr. Carr said they had no idea how the Republican-controlled mailing labels apparently came to be used by Herbert J. Relkin, the Assembly Republican aide who operated a mysterious Action Committee for the Liberal Party in what has been called a scheme to siphon off votes from Democrats to the benefit of Republican candidates.

As related yesterday by the party officials and others, the travels of the mailing labels began when the Democrats and Republicans each bought from the County Board of Elections for \$550 a computer tape of the registered voters with their addresses.

Both parties turned the tape over to an addressing concern, Creative Mailing Service at 1100 Stewart Avenue in Garden City. The company then prepared voter printouts that, when cut up, served as mailing labels.

Bernard Fixler, the company

president, declined to disclose any details involving his clients, but he acknowledged being questioned in the current inquiry by Mr. Lefkowitz.

Action Called 'Routine'

Mr. McDonald of the Nassau Republicans said his party routinely gave its voters list to the smaller parties because "they just can't afford it." But, when pressed, he said he could not cite any instances in which the Republicans had so assisted a Conservative party candidate.

Mr. McDonald said the Republicans charged the Liberals the cost of running off the names for them, but Mr. Carr indicated the Republicans provided the list and labels without charge.

Somehow apparently the same mailing labels also reached Mr. Relkin. A compari-

son of two envelopes mailed by the Liberal party on behalf of William R. Baird, its candidate in the 19th Assembly District in Nassau and by Mr. Relkin's outfit bear what appear to be identical labels.

Mr. Baird, who lost to the Democrat, expressed surprise when informed that his mailing labels had been provided by the Republicans.

From Creative Mailing Service, the labels for at least one mailing were then delivered to the Franconi Mailing List Corporation of 15 West 17th Street. It, according to the postage meter number on the envelopes, then mailed the material back to Nassau.

A man who identified himself as "the office manager" at Franconi said in response to questions: "We will not answer anything, except in writing."