

Md. Loser Blames 'Hate Campaign'

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ANNAPOLIS—Democrat Werner Fornos, loser of the U.S. House race in Maryland's new Fourth Congressional District, this week bitterly accused Republican Marjorie S. Holt, the winner, of having run "a hate campaign."

Fornos, former state manpower administrator, said he "does not rule out" running against Mrs. Holt if she seeks re-election in 1974.

"If he should be able to muster any backing, I'll beat him again," responded Mrs. Holt in a separate interview in which she flatly denied Fornos' charges.

Mrs. Holt was the only new member of Maryland's congressional delegation elected last week and will be the first Maryland woman to serve in Congress since 1943. The unofficial total in southern Prince George's and Anne Arundel counties was 83,342 votes for Mrs. Holt (59 per cent) and 57,461 votes for Fornos.

The race between Mrs. Holt and Fornos was marked by complaints from both sides of alleged smears and threats. Mrs. Holt complained of alleged threats against her campaign workers.

Fornos, who was born in

Germany and obtained his American citizenship by an Act of Congress after several attempts to enter the country as a young war refugee, said he has a collection of smear literature that was circulated against him.

Fornos mentioned, for example, that copies of a newspaper article reporting a black group's endorsement of him were distributed in a white area with the heading, "Black Power for Fornos—Is This Our Best for Congress?"

"A job was done on me," Fornos said in an interview, putting part of the blame for his defeat on what he said was "designed from the beginning to be an anti-campaign," by Mrs. Holt.

Mrs. Holt, now Anne Arundel County Circuit Court clerk, said "from the very beginning I said that I wanted the voters to look at our records. That's what they did. He (Fornos) seems to consider that an unwarranted attack."

Fornos, 39, of Davidsonville, has declined to congratulate Mrs. Holt, saying it would be hypocritical for him to do so because he feels she ran as "a negative."