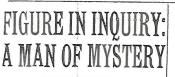
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Liberal Hopeful in 1970 Now on G.O.P. Albany Payroll

By ALFONSO A. NARVAEZ

Harold J. Relkin, the key fig-ure in the Attorney General's inquiry into possible illicit cam-paign practices by Republicans in the state, continues to mys-ify investigators who have been looking into the case for almost four months almost four months.

While he currently appears While he currently appears on the Republican Assembly payroll as a research assistant or "special projects" at a sal-ary of \$146 every two weeks and has worked in that capac-ty as a session employe since 1971, Republican leaders say that they do not know him and are unwilling to disclose who hired him.

And, although Mr. Relkin says he has been a Liberal party county committeeman from Queens, party leaders there deny this and say they do not know who he is and how he came to be working for the

activities and expressed sur-prise that he had any connec-tion with politics. **Maintains Silence** An investigator for the At-torney General's office said yes terday that the 46-year-old Mr. Relkin, had refused to answer any questions about his back-ground or about the alleged plot to siphon off liberal votes in marginal Assembly districts so that Republican candidates twould win. Mr. Relkin would not even acknowledge his iden-tity, the investigator said. Neighbors in the vicinity of his small, modest, one-family home in Scotch Plains, N. J., know little of him or his activi-ties. They report that he stays pretty much to himself and that he is not seen during reg-ular commuter hours. Where the works also con-tinues to be a mystery. An in-vestigator for the Attorney Gen-eral's office said yesterday that Mr. Relkin was employed by the New Jersey State Tax Com-mission as an accountant. But a check with Jersey officials

the New Jersey State 1ax Com-mission as an accountant. But a check with Jersey officials disclosed that an H. L. Relkin had been employed at the Divi-sion of Taxation and had left "more than a year ago."

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Road. On Thursday, Mr. Relkin ap-peared at the Attorney Gen-eral's office at 80 Centre Street accompanied by Charles S. Webb, legislative counsel to As-

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Multiple Sclerosis is a chronic disease of the cen-tral nervous system. Iit dis-torts or blocks

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nerve impulses from activating muscles vital to such functions as

speech, movement and vision. Victims are usually struck and disabled between 20 and 40 years of age, the vital years of family and career building.

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sembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Henry A. Mund Jr., Mr. Duryea's executive assistant, and Philip J. Bisceglia, the Speaker's executive counsel.

Republicans. His uncle, Charles D. Breitel, that he did not know Mr. Rel-associate judge of the State kin. He added, however, that he Court of Appeals, says that he had heard that the Attorney knows little about his recent General's office was looking for activities and expressed sur-prise that he had any connec-tion with politics. Mr. Duryca said yesterday Mr. Duryca said yesterday

bly is in session—to the annual payroll, where they become eligible for admission to the legislative pension system.

legislative pension system. Robert Spearman, press sec-retary to Mr. Duryea, said he did not know why Mr. Relkin was hired in New York, even though he lived in New Jersey. But he added that this was done occasionally when a person's talents as a consultant were needed. needed.

needed. Although he was reported yesterday to have refused to answer questions put to him by the investigators, Mr. Relkin did acknowledge to a reporter late Thursday that he had signed the letters attacking Democratic candidates and ex-tolling Liberal party candidates tolling Liberal party candidates and ex-tolling Liberal party candidates in what Democrats said was an apparent attempt to siphon off votes so the Republican candi-date would win date would win.

He denied, however, that there was any wrongdoing in the preparation and mailing of the campaign literature, which he called a "political ploy."

"This was a legal act," he said. "What I did was legal. That's my signature, I author-ized that."

ized that." Mr. Relkin said that Mr. Duryea, Assembly Majority Leader John E. Kingston and Judge Breitel had nothing to do with the letters and were un-aware of his activities. He de-scribed his uncle as being "beyond reproach—a man who walks on water" and added that he felt very upset that Judge Breitel's name was be-ing dragged into the case. Judge Breitel is the Bepub.

Judge Breitel is the Repub-lican and Liberal candidate for chief judge of the state in the November election.

Mr. Relkin said that he would "rather not comment" on the size of the mailings, the districts they were used in or the nature of his "special proj-ects" job.

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