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**Lefkowitz Likely to Give
G.O.P. Data to the D.A.'s**

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Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz reportedly has decided to turn over to local prosecutors his investigation of a suspected Republican scheme to siphon off Democratic votes for Assembly candidates.

Sources familiar with the investigation said Mr. Lefkowitz was likely to announce the step within the next 24 hours when he reports on his inquiry into the 1972 Assembly campaign, which has been focusing in part on the office of Assembly Speaker Perry B. Duryea, Republican of Montauk, L.I.

The Nassau County Republican Committee, meantime, acknowledged providing to the Liberal party the postage mailing labels used to send out some of the anti-Democrat campaign literature under investigation by Mr. Lefkowitz.

Both Republican and Liberal officials in Nassau disclaimed any knowledge of how the labels apparently came to be used by Harold J. Relkin, a former Queens Liberal who sent out the literature and who holds a patronage job on the Assembly Republican staff.

The basic question in the inquiry is whether Republican As-

sembly campaign funds were improperly channeled to help the Liberal party in certain marginal districts last year to cut the Democratic vote and preserve the Republican majority in the Assembly.

A Queens printer who has talked to state investigators said in an interview on Saturday that he had printed "Liberal" literature and was paid with a check from the Republican campaign fund.

The literature, printed over Mr. Relkin's signature in the name of the Action Committee for the Liberal Party, has been denounced by Liberal party officials as unauthorized, Mr. Relkin insists it was legitimate.

Duryea in Charge

Mr. Duryea, who nominally, at least, was in charge of the 1972 Republican Assembly campaign and Assembly patronage jobs, has said he did not know how Mr. Relkin was hired by the Assembly.

A spokesman for Mr. Duryea denied a report that the Assembly Republicans' director of communication, James C. Threatte, delivered copies of the

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cratic omissions, which Democrats attributed to a party official's illness.

The fourth verified instance of a campaign mailing sent out by Mr. Relkin was disclosed yesterday by Vincent F. Nicolosi, a freshman Democratic Assemblyman from Queens who said his 1972 campaign had apparently been "ripe" for the mailing.

The letter, signed by Mr. Relkin—as were the other versions reportedly investigated in 11 Assembly races—urged voters to support Mr. Nicolosi's Liberal party opponent, Kenneth A. Newman.

Mr. Nicolosi said that his district, the 25th A.D. in northeastern Queens, had been the scene of pre-election battles between his forces, which he said were conservatively oriented, and those of reform Democrats and Liberals in his area. "I guess I was ripe for an effort," he said.

In the election, Mr. Nicolosi received 23,973 votes; his Republican - Conservative opponent, W. G. Meier, received 22,705, and Mr. Newman, the Liberal, received 3,305.

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suspect literature to the Queens printer. The spokesman said one of Mr. Threatte's duties was to deal with various printers in the state, but not for placing orders for Liberal brochures.

Mr. Threatte was not available for comment. His office said he was on vacation, although Mr. Duryea's office said he had been at his office in the Capitol in Albany earlier in the day.

Mr. Duryea met yesterday in Albany with the Republican majority leader, Assemblyman John E. Kingston of Westbury, L. I., who was the chairman of the Republican Assembly campaign last year. Earlier, Mr. Kingston said in an interview that he had had very little to do with the campaign committee's activities and knew nothing about the Attorney General's inquiry.

Neither man was available for comment after the meeting.

While some Republicans contend privately that the inquiry involves little more than pos-

sibly minor infractions of the state's campaign filing laws, the Democrats see it as an issue for next year's governorship and legislative elections.

The state Democratic chairman, Joseph F. Crangle, again urged election law reform, seeing hints of a Watergate-style scandal for New York Republicans and questioning Mr. Lefkowitz's dedication in looking into possible wrongdoing in his own party.

Privately, some associates of Mr. Duryea grumbled that the Attorney General's office permitted the inquiry to become exaggerated in the press, to the detriment of Republicans. They say that the Assembly Democrats never filed 1972 campaign statements, as required by law.

Mr. Duryea himself has said that he is anxious to see the inquiry concluded speedily and that he is confident that the Attorney General will conduct a fair inquiry.

Investigators in the Lefkowitz office insist they are dealing fairly with the inquiry and will attend to any suspected violations, including the Demo-