

Nach Hired by the G.O.P. After Becoming Candidate for an Assembly Seat

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The Liberal party's candidate for the Assembly in Westchester County's 87th Assembly District last year was hired as a consultant to the Republican Assembly majority after he became the Liberal candidate, he disclosed yesterday.

Irving P. Nach, a Yonkers marketing consultant, said in an interview that he worked for the Republicans from June through last December when he resigned. "I was so busy I didn't have time to go near Duryea," he said, referring to the Assembly majority leader, Perry B. Duryea Jr., Republican of Montauk, L. I.

Mr. Nach's disclosure came as the New York and Albany District Attorneys began their own inquiries into possible schemes under which Republicans allegedly supported Liberal candidates, to siphon off voters from Democratic candidates. State politicians noted the rarity of prosecutions under the state's vague, and what they call heavily loopholed, election laws.

The focus of Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz's investigation into campaign literature during last year's Assembly contests has been on the office of Mr. Duryea. The treasurer of the Republican Assembly campaign committee was Henry Mund, Mr. Duryea's executive assistant. The chairman was Assemblyman John E. Kingston, Republican of

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Westbury, L. I., who is the floor majority leader for Mr. Duryea.

Mr. Nach said he was questioned about the race in the 87th A.D. by Mr. Lefkowitz "under oath" several months ago. He said he was questioned about a piece of campaign literature signed by Harold J. Reikin, chairman of the Action Committee for the Liberal party, and which bore Mr. Nach's name.

"I told him I never saw it. Mr. Lefkowitz told me it had not been distributed in the campaign in my district, but that they wanted to know about it," he said.

The inquiry into Republican campaign activities was begun by Mr. Lefkowitz, a Republican.

Yesterday Governor Rockefeller said; "I think it's essential that if there is any smoke or anything to do with the political life of our parties in the state that it be immediately investigated thoroughly and turned over to the appropriate authorities. That's what Louie has done. I think this is the only way we keep our parties in a posture in which the public has confidence."

Earlier, Mr. Duryea said, "We remain confident that no violation of the law will be found on the part of the Assembly campaign committee."

A Frequent Candidate

Mr. Nach, who has run twice for Mayor of Yonkers and several times for the Assembly, always as a Liberal, said that he decided to run in last year's elections after he was informed that the Liberal leaders in Westchester intended to leave the line blank in the general election.

"I didn't believe it," he said. He said he urged his party to run a candidate, but the lead-

ers "expressed no interest so I decided to run. I organized my own committee. I got my own petitions."

He said that following his designation as the official Liberal party candidate, he refused offers to have him bow out in favor of a Democrat. It was during this time, he said, while he was on a business trip to Hudson, N. Y., that "I thought I'd go up to Albany to see some of the boys, it's only 30 miles."

"While I was there I got to talking about community problems," he said. "It's something I've always been interested in. Next thing I find myself on Duryea's staff. Duryea's always had gubernatorial aspirations. So I gave him some socio-economic ideas. Things that can be done using public money."

He worked from June 29, he said through December, and drew up recommendations for luring small businesses to Yonkers, for the education of illiterate members of minority groups in their homes and a plan for enticing General Motors to subsidize minority employment.

Other Jobs Cited

Mr. Nach had worked for Mr. Duryea before, he said, as well as for the former Assembly majority leader, Anthony J. Travia, Democrat of Brooklyn and for the Joint Legislative Committee for Economic Development.

Late yesterday, a spokesman for Mr. Duryea confirmed that Mr. Nach was on the majority leader's payroll and was paid \$2,500 for his six months of consulting work.

Mr. Nach was asked if he believed there was a conflict of interest involved in running on one party line while working for another.

"Of course not," he said. "I was instructed just the other day, for example, to write a letter to some big Republican

who might need my consulting services. Why should I be averse to making money from the Republicans? It's good solid work."

Mr. Nach, who is 67 years old, works out of his home and consults with business firms as well as with state governments.

Did he think his entry into the race hurt the Democratic candidate, Paris V. Mastroddi?

"No, not at all, I pulled a straight Liberal vote. If I hadn't run, 75 per cent of my votes would have gone to Caputo." He was referring to Bruce Caputo, the Republican-Conservative, who won in the 87th District.

Did he regard his job with Mr. Duryea's office as a payment for being in the race?

"No, no, I've been around long enough," he said. "If I'd have wanted to get a payoff, do you think I'd have been so crazy as to wait until June. I was the candidate in April, you remember."