Reapportionment in 17th Is Key Factor for Kupferman

By THOMAS BUCKLEY

b! It is dusk in a 12th-floor apartment on Sutton Place. Lights twinkle on the Queensboro Bridge. Candlelight burnishes old silver. There is the tinkle of ice in crystal glasses, the ripple and purl of pouring scotch.

Twenty men and women are

shaking hands, a perpetual look of worried amiability on his iface. One of the ladies from down the street is talking about Yietnam. "I'm not a hawk," Mr. 'Kupferman tells her. "I'm not a dove I'm a wise old owl." dove. I'm a wise old owl.

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Thirty-rive blocks uptown and
To floors down, State Senator
Jerome L. Wilson sits in the
hattered living room of his
floor-through apartment in an
old brownstone, drinking coffee
out of a thick blue mug.
He is the Democratic nominee, a round-faced, low-keyed
man of 35 who is best known as
the sponsor and prime mover of
the state's liberalized divorce
Taw, which goes into effect next
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The 17th, the Silk Stocking District, has not elected a Democrat since 1936. John V. Lindsay won the seat in 1958 and held it with steadily increasing Republican majorities until he resigned to take office as Mayor.

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But reapportionment, which reduced Manhattan's Congressional delegation from six seats to four, has added thousands of tenements, the red brick enclave of Stuyvesant Town, most of Greenwich Village and even a sliver of Central Park West to the cloud-canned towers of Sutthe cloud-capped towers of Sut-ton Place and Park and Fifth Avenues.

Close Race Foreseen

Thus, Mr. Wilson believes, the district can no longer be regarded as safely Republican. Indeed, in February's special election to replace Mr. Lindsay, Mr. Kupferman defeated the Democratic nominee, Orin Lehman, by only 919 votes out of 45,000.

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Mr. Wilson draws additional hope from the fact that he also has the Liberal party designation, which is usually good for 10,000 votes and may be worth

The challenger says that matters of major concern to the voters of the district are Vietnam, the Police Department's Civilian Complaint Review







Richard J. Callahan Conservative

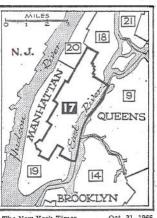
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Mr. Kupferman also rode a horse from his apartment on East 72d Street to his office on 44th Street to dramatize the fact that the mail moved faster by pony express than it does now.



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"A lot of people laughed at me," he said, "but there was a speed-up in the construction of the new post office at 54th Street and Third Avenue, and the service got better in a lot of ways."

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tionment. He married the former Frances Roberts of Hamden, Conn. They have four daughters, the oldest 8.

There is a third candidate in the race. He is Richard J. Callahan, who has the Conservative party designation. However, he is regarded as unlikely to poll more than 10,000 votes.

Mr. Callahan, who is 38, is the editor of "33," a metal-producing trade journal. A native of Brooklyn, he now lives in Greenwich Village with his wife,

Kupferman re-elected Nov. 8, 1966

the former Rita Allen, and their three children. He takes the position that Mr.

He takes the position that Mr. Kupferman is a Republican "in name only"; that an all-out assault will carry the day in Vietnam, and that the police review board ought to be abolished.