

LOWENSTEIN LOSES SEAT IN CONGRESS

Lent Tops Antiwar Liberal on L.I.—Mrs. Abzug Wins Close Manhattan Race

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Representative Allard K. Lowenstein, a liberal antiwar Democrat who led the movement to "dump" President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968, conceded defeat shortly before midnight last night to State Senator Norman F. Lent, a Republican-Conservative, in Nassau County's Fifth Congressional District.

Although returns were still incomplete, workers at Mr. Lowenstein's headquarters said that their tallies indicated that he was losing by about 6,000 votes in his bid for a second term in the House.

The 41-year-old Mr. Lowenstein, whose opposition to the war in Vietnam started a national antiwar movement, sought to depict himself in the campaign as "a man of the mainstream."

Mrs. Abzug Victor

In other Congressional races in New York State, Mrs. Bella S. Abzug, a Democrat and peace activist, defeated Barry Farber, the Republican-Liberal candidate by 8,690 votes, according to final but unofficial returns in the traditionally Democratic 19th Congressional District in Manhattan.

However, Robert Leder, campaign manager for Mr. Farber, a radio interviewer, said at 1 A.M.:

"Mr. Farber does not concede the election tonight. Our incomplete figures indicate several thousand votes separate the candidates. As a result of the closeness of the race and the reported irregularities in the polling places, we have requested that the voting machines and the absentee ballots be impounded."

Former Representative John G. Dow, Democrat-Liberal, won

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back the House seat he lost two years ago in the generally conservative 27th Congressional District in the Hudson Valley area by defeating the Republican-Conservative incumbent, Martin B. McKneally.

Mr. Dow, an antiwar Democrat who served two terms before his defeat in 1968, claimed victory shortly after midnight. Mr. McKneally, a former national commander of the American Legion was hampered in his campaign by disclosures by the Internal Revenue Service that it had no record that he had filed Federal income-tax returns for a 10-year period.

In Westchester County's 25th Congressional District, in a race for the seat held for six years by Representative Richard L. Ottinger, the Democratic candidate for the Senate, Peter A. Peyser, the Republican candidate and Mayor of Irvington, claimed victory in a four-way contest.

Jack Kemp, former quarterback of the Buffalo Bills, who ran with the Republican-Conservative nominations and the campaign support of White House aides, defeated Thomas P. Flaherty, a Democrat-Liberal and Buffalo lawyer.

In the only House race in the country in which two incumbents were the contestants, Representative Samuel S. Stratton, a veteran Democrat and backer of President Nixon's policies in Vietnam, defeated Representative Daniel E. Button, a Republican-Liberal, in the 29th Congressional District in the Albany-Schenectady area.

Mr. Button, a former Albany newspaper editor who had served two terms in the House, conceded defeat at 9:50 P.M. on the basis of early returns.

Immediately after the polls

closed at 9 P.M., The Associated Press declared Herman Badillo, a Democrat-Liberal, the winner in the newly drawn 21st Congressional District, which takes in parts of Manhattan, the Bronx and Queens. Mr. Badillo, the 41-year-old former Bronx Borough President, would be the first Puerto Rican elected as a voting member of the House. There was no Republican candidate, and Mr. Badillo had only a Conservative opponent, 30-year-old George B. Smaragdas.

Also declared an immediate winner by the wire service was Assemblyman Charles B. Rangel, in Manhattan's 18th Congressional District for the House seat held for 12 terms by Representative Adam Clayton Powell.

In the 17th Congressional District on Manhattan's East Side, Peter J. Sprague, the Republican candidate and 31-year-old businessman, conceded defeat to Representative Edward I. Koch, a Democrat-Liberal, shortly before 11 P.M.

The Abzug-Farber race in the normally Democratic stronghold of the West Village, Lower East Side, Chelsea and the West Side was sparked by bitter confrontations between the two political newcomers.

Mrs. Abzug, a liberal, 50-year-old lawyer, upset the incumbent, Representative Leonard Farbstein, in the June primary. The 40-year-old Mr. Farber, a former Democrat who speaks 16 languages, campaigned on the theme that he occupied the middle ground "between the extremes of Agnew and Abzug."

Before the polls closed yesterday, the Farber campaign organization accused the Abzug supporters of resorting to "violence and harassment" at the polls and an attempt to "steal" the election.