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Richard S. Aldrich is winner of the New York County Republican organization's designation to be Councilman at Large from Manhattan despite the handicap that he has lived out of this country during most of the last decade. Thus his opportunity has presumably been curtailed for close acquaintance with party workers on the precinct level and for intimate knowledge of the problems of city government.

He has surmounted these obstacles. A character reference offered a few days ago may have been helpful. "He is my cousin and I think very highly of him," said Governor Rockefeller. The Governor was careful to point out that he was "not promoting Mr. Aldrich's candidacy." But something turned the tide.

Governor Rockefeller's interest in Republican candidates for New York City office has lacked constancy. If he has any candidates in the other four counties for Councilman at Large, he has kept it a dark secret from the public.

Disappointed in his expectation that Manhattan Republicans would have a "free and open" unbossed convention, Mr. Aldrich's nearest rival, Richard Lewisohn, threatens a primary contest. He is "strongly favored" by Representative John V. Lindsay. Some would see in such a primary race a kind of popularity test between Rockefeller and Lindsay. Mr. Lewisohn, a business man, has been trying to overcome the disadvantage of being a non-cousin of the Governor by attending City Council meetings, working in civic agencies and otherwise preparing to be a councilman. The Republican county committee apparently took a dim view of this naive, businesslike approach to public office.

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