When you have a good thing going for you, keep it going. Don't do anything to slow it down or stop it. In Mayor Robert F. Wagner 8 million New Yorkers have somebody real good going for them. This is particularly true insofar as the town's more than a million Negro citizens are concerned.

He has done more for them, not as Negroes but as citizens, than any other Mayor in the city's long history. He has made them feel that they belong, that they were not people apart.

When he appointed Arthur Ford Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas & Electricity, the first Negro ever appointed to a full commissionership in the city, he said that if you look for qualified men for top positions in the city, you will find them among all groups. Later, he appointed James Dumpson Commissioner of Welfare.

Indeed, Mayor Wagner has named more Negroes to more high posts with great responsibility and power than all his predecessors combined. When State Controller Arthur Levitt, his opponent in the Democratic primary, was asked why he had not appointed any Negroes to high positions in his department, he replied that he would, if he could find any qualified ones. Obviously Mr. Levitt did not look very far. If Mayor Wagner could find them why couldn't he?

Even more important than the appointment of any man to any position is the kind of policy an elected head of a government institutes. It, more than anything else, will determine how the people come out. No Mayor has shown brighter than Bob Wagner in regard to his broad-based policy of looking out for the city's great masses of citizens.

As a result, its Negro citizens have benefitted in many ways. He has built more schools in Harlem and other Negro sections of the city than all other Mayors.

Simultaneously he has had thousands of Negro pupils bussed out of their neighborhoods to schools in other areas which were not overcrowded. This he has done over the dead bodies of the opponents of school integration.

He has built more housing in Negro sections than any other Mayor. He has greatly enlarged the child-care program, and has made a new Harlem Hospital possible.

He is a humanitarian, always considering the have-nots first. He has constantly fought against racial and all other kinds of discrimination. Without his courageous and unstinted support of my bill to outlaw discrimination in privately owned housing, it could not have been passed by the City Council. I carried the message to him and he spelled it out to the bosses and made them take and like it.

Bob Wagner is not perfect. But neither is anybody else, except the good Lord. Besides, the more a man, such as he, does for the people, the bigger the bricks their enemies toss at him. His battle with the political bosses is a fight for the people.

Most primary campaigns are noted for the mud slingers and the amount of it slung by them. This one is a beaut in this regard. In spite of it, there is only one great issue involved: will the voters keep the bosses, entrenched in power by voting for their candidate, Arthur Levitt, or will they liberate themselves and the city by voting for Bob Wagner?

It seems to me there is no problem here, especially for the Negro. All he has gotten in the past was a boot from the bosses, and they "beefed" when they gave him that. The nature of a political boss demands that he spend all his time getting and not giving. Of course, he will kid or "con" you, but you'll always come out on the short end. Can you think of anything we as Negroes have ever gotten from Tammany Hall? Try it as a brain-busting exercise.

The Issue

In the City Council Majority Leader Joseph Sharkey, who is also Democratic boss of Brooklyn and Mr. Levitt's prime backer for Mayor, has opposed every important piece of legislation I have introduced, including my law which prohibits discrimination in private housing.

So he, Tammany boss Carmine DeSapio and Bronx boss Charlie Buckley are bucking the Mayor in the primary, not for the welfare of the city, but only for themselves.

A vote for Bob Wagner will help rid the city of boss rule. It will be a vote for your well-being. Don't do anything to get rid of a good thing when it's going for you.