Lehman Booms L. K. Garrison
As Candidate for Governor

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Former Gov. Herbert H. Leh-
man, one of the state’s most
powerful Democrats, today
boomed Lloyd K. Garrison for
the Democratic gubernatorial
nomination.

Mr. Lehman told the World-
Telegram that Mr. Garrison,
a member of the Board of Edu-
cation, would be “a very strong
candidate” and added that he
would be “an outstanding go-
vernor.” The Democratic elder
statesman declared that he was
not committed to any candi-
date but that Mr. Garrison
“should be very carefully con-
sidered.”

The boomlet for Mr. Garri-
son ran head on into reports
that Mayor Robert F. Wagner
had suggested former Post-
master James A. Farley, City
Council President Paul R. Sere-
vane and Deputy Mayor Ed-
ward F. Cavanagh Jr. as pos-
sible candidates at a White
House meeting with President
Kennedy last night.

Backs Bunche.
The Mayor reportedly
plumped for Dr. Ralph J.
Bunche, a United Nations un-
dersecretary, and Edward R.
Murrow, director of the United
States Information Agency, for
the Democratic Senate nomina-
tion. However, White House
aides refused to comment on
the Kennedy-Wagner meeting.

Strong Voice Expected.
Mr. Bunche issued a state-
ment saying he had not been
approached by anyone in an
official position about the
senatorial nomination, that he
had no political ambitions and
that, as a U.N. official, he had
“scrupulously avoided all par-
tisan political activity.”

In Atlantic City today
Mayor Wagner said he will not
announce his choices for Gov.
ernor or Senator for several
weeks. In his talk with the
President, he said, he did not
express any preference for
“one person or another.” “We
had a discussion of a lot of
names,” he said.

Mr. Lehman, who played a
key role in the Mayor’s re-
-election last year, is expected
to have a strong voice in the
selection of a state Democratic
ticket. He and Mr. Garrison
have been mainstays of the re-
form Democratic movement.

Mr. Lehman also visited
President Kennedy on Monday
but he denied that New York
politics was discussed. The for-
mer governor said that he and
the President had conferred on
“American Jewish Congress
matters.”

However, Mr. Lehman said
that he accepted “at face val-
ue” the Mayor’s refusal to be
a gubernatorial candidate.

Mr. Garrison, who is 64, is
a former chairman of the Na-
tional Labor Relations Board.
Among the partners in his law
firm are three top Democrats,
UN Ambassador Adlai E. Ste-
venson, Tammy Leader Ed-
ward N. Costikyan and former
Federal Judge Simon Rifkind.

Mr. Garrison, a great-great-
grandson of the anti-slavery
leader, could not be reached
for comment. He is on a for-
ign trip and will not return
until May 28.

Mr. Murrow also removed
himself as a possible Sena-
torial candidate. “I’m too busy
running the United States
Information Agency to run for
another position,” Mr. Murrow
said in Washington.