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Opposition In Illinois Comptroller Race

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 19 — As a member of the state ticket endorsed by Illinois Democratic leaders will face a primary challenge, Charles L. Harris, Richard N. Loft of Peoria.

Loft, announced yesterday that he would run against Richard W. Harris for the comptroller's post.

Harris, a Black Chicagoan and former Illinois general services director, was named last month by the Democratic State Central Committee. Loft had an exceedingly tough the party's endorsement.

After the hearing, many Democratic leaders urged Loft to run anyway, saying that Harris has little

strength outside of Chicago. "My dependency is not going to be on Chicago and Peoria," Loft said. "I am not going to be a party of one."

Loft, 39, served eight years as the elected auditor of Tarrant County before his election to the House in 1974. Since then, he has represented Harris in the House and Harris in the Senate. Harris designated to succeed the state comptroller.

Harris was director of the Illinois Department of General Services under former Gov. Dan Rostenkowski. Harris later was executive director of People United to Save Democracy, a Chicago-based organization working for minority groups.

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FREESTYLE BACK RUB: Duff Hower of Florissant, a student of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, receiving a back rub on campus this week. Hers was administered freestyle — and barefoot — by Joel Kelloff, a student nurse. The campus Student Nurses Association offers back rubs once each quarter to raise funds for its activities. (UPI Photo)

All Star Officer Held In Springfield, Mo.

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One of the highest ranking members of what police say is the biggest pornography ring in the nation has been arrested in Greene County, Mo., on charges stemming from raids made on 197 and 198 in St. Louis stores supplied by All Star News Agency Inc.

Mr. Froedman, 41, of Souda City, Mo., the vice president of record of All Star and of Gateway Books Inc., was arrested yesterday by Greene County

sheriff's deputies on four misdemeanor warrants charging him with distributing obscene materials. The warrants were issued several months ago by the St. Louis circuit attorney's office.

Froedman was arrested after he visited Michael G. Theriault in the medical center for federal prisoners at Springfield, Mo.

Theriault, who is serving an eight-year sentence for conspiracy to transport of obscene materials, is head of an international pornography syndicate based in Atlanta, which, police say, controls at least a third of the pornography trade in the United States.

St. Louis as well as the All Star agency, 415 St. Louis, at 221 Washington Blvd., served more than 300 dealers in the West when it was created by St. Louis police this year. Earlier this month, a circuit court jury decided that more than 80 percent of the materials seized in one raid were obscene.

Froedman was released on \$4,000 bond yesterday after a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Thomas H. Boudreau. He will be required to appear in St. Louis for trial, police said.

Det. James Smith, commander of the

St. Louis Police Department's morality squad said that Froedman was in command of the pornography ring while Theriault was in prison. Smith said that Froedman was involved in the production of pornography movies in studios in California, and what his wife was a business associate of another pornography manufacturing company there.

Froedman served some months in prison for a federal court conviction stemmed from his role in the distribution of the movie "Deep Throat" in Memphis, Tenn.

"He is the highest person in Theriault's organization that we've ever been able to identify," said Smith.

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