

Louis Stokes Unprocessed Collection.

"Cleveland Plain Dealer Article February 2, 1968" Louis Stokes's career is highlighted in his Congressional papers. Part of the collection is a series of scrapbooks. The scrapbooks range from Louis's graduation from law school through his thirty years of service in Congress.

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Brother of Mayor Stokes Mulls 21st District Bid

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Louis Stokes, brother of Cleveland Mayor Carl B. Stokes, is seriously considering making a bid for Congress in the new 21st District.

At the same time, Stokes supporters are hoping to clear the crowded Democratic primary field to give him a better shot at the nomination.

Stokes confirmed last night that he had been urged to run by a group headed by Arnold R. Pinkney, a member of the Cleveland Board of Education.

THE MAYOR'S brother, one of Cleveland's foremost defense lawyers, said he wanted to discuss the situation with his family before making any announcement.

Pinkney has scheduled a news conference for 11 a.m. today. He is expected to announce a Stokes draft in the congressional district.

"If a draft represents persons in the community for whom I have respect and a high regard, such as Arnold, I would certainly give it serious consideration," said Stokes.

THE NEW 21ST District emerged from congressional remapping last week with a population about 65% Negro.

The incumbent, U.S. Rep. Charles A. Vanik, D-21, has shifted into the neighboring 22d District to challenge U.S.

Rep. Frances P. Bolton, a Republican.

A flood of Negro candidates has emerged to seek Vanik's spot. Several ethnic politicians also have nominating petitions.

AT ANOTHER 11 a.m. meeting today, in the Lancer Steak House, 7707 Carnegie Avenue S.E., the Cleveland chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality will seek to unite Negro politicians behind a single candidate.

One source in the Stokes draft movement said an effort will be made to focus the campaign on the mayor's brother.