

# Lundine Beats Maguire By Margin Of 3-2

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Rep. Stanley Lundine rode his record to a re-election victory yesterday by a 3-2 margin over the Rev. Crispin Maguire.

In the closest of the Jamestown Democrat's three congressional races, Lundine collected 58 percent of the vote districtwide (77,685) to Maguire's 42 percent (55,795). Lundine previously captured 63 percent of the vote in his two 1976 elections.

The winner called Maguire his "most formidable opponent," and said the vote was a referendum on the job he has done as the Southern Tier's representative in Congress.

Maguire, who sought to become the first Franciscan priest to serve in Congress, said a lack of funds and a poor showing by Perry Duryea in the gubernatorial race hurt him. The Republican-Conservative candidate said his 42 percent of the vote is a message to Congress and to Lundine to cut government spending.

Maguire managed to carry Allegany County by a slim margin and put dents in other strongholds of Lundine support.

Lundine's margin of victory in his home

county, Chautauqua, was cut from 70 percent in 1976 to 60 percent. In Cattaraugus County, the drop was from 70 to 55 percent.

The former mayor of Jamestown saw his city support erode from an 11-3 margin in 1976 to a 7-3 margin yesterday.

While holding onto smaller majorities in the western counties, however, Lundine maintained his 1976 hold on Steuben County (58 percent) and Chemung County (63 percent).

Relaxing with a comfortable lead last night, Lundine said. "It's always more difficult to campaign with the incumbency and have a challenger who can criticize your record and focus attention on the negative parts.

"But it's also more gratifying to win re-election based on what I've done during a full two-year term."

Lundine said Maguire didn't get the financial support that was expected from Republicans. He added that the GOP was better organized this time out and ran a campaign that did not dwell on personal criticisms.

Lundine said the message he heard from people during the campaign is that they are concerned about the erosion of their purchasing power and how government may not be working for them.

When asked what his top priority would be upon his return to Washington, Lundine said, "In one word — inflation. We have to make a real commitment in Congress to take a stand against inflation without throwing us into a recession."

He sees the national economy as being in more trouble than the Southern Tier's economy, which he said is "really on the upbeat."

Other priorities, he said, will depend upon his committee assignments. He said there is a 50-50 chance that he will be named to fill a vacancy on the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

As for Maguire, the former official at St. Bonaventure University said he has "plenty of things to do," and has no immediate plans for a political comeback.