

Lundine Interview On Conference Call

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From opposite reaches of the uncompleted Southern Tier Expressway, five newsmen gathered on the line yesterday afternoon for a long-distance press conference a la Ma Bell and Midstate Tel.

As the five editors and reporters from Elmira, Hornell and Jamestown engaged in the usual time-passing chatter while waiting for the star of the show, Rep. Stanley N. Lundine, they had to wonder about this latest brainchild of a congressman already known for his flair for the innovative.

At about 2:05 p.m., Lundine and his reassuring, folksy voice came on the line. And before anyone had a chance to ask why the conference call had been set up, he explained.

"I am going to try from time to time to make myself available for these conference calls," Lundine said. "I thought it would be more interesting to have more

than one editor on at a time so that you get a little feeling for what's been asked from different parts of my district."

For the next 38 minutes, Lundine touched on a variety of topics brought up by the five newsmen, including the present coal strike, his upcoming campaign, the present social security problems, the CETA program and his own Human Resources Development Act.

In that brief time, he packed plenty of observations and insights into what makes Washington and Congress tick, with especially candid comments about Jimmy Carter's handling of the coal strike and the political problems of a locally controlled CETA program.

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