

# Lundine Promotes County In Conference Address

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Speaking to a group of 100 business, government, labor and planning leaders Saturday in Elmira, Rep. Stanley N. Lundine (D-Jamestown) stressed that the Southern Tier can compete with other regions for new levels of economic development.

Lundine spoke at the close of a two-day economic development conference which he co-sponsored with Rep. Matthew F. McHugh of the adjoining 27th Congressional District.

"The Chautauqua County success in bootstrap revitalization is a prime example of the results of community commitment," Lundine said.

Among the speakers at the conference were James Boise, executive vice president of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of New York and Dr. Sidney Harman, undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce. They both indicated that government alone cannot make economic development happen. "Economic development isn't grants and giveaways," said Boise. "It's dirt under the fingernails and hard work that leads to the retention of

jobs and the creation of new jobs."

George Karras, deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, told confereesthat "the initiative for development must come from the local level. There aren't that many government dollars around that they alone can do the job. You can't drown your problems in dollars."

Representing the Appalachian Regional Commission was Leonard Schwartz. He lauded Chautauqua County development efforts as exemplary of a community "which learned that it had to give before it received, an expensive but valuable lesson. When it secured the desired level of technical competence, things started to happen which continue now."

David Dawson, Chautauqua County's development director, described the effort to keep 2,200 jobs in Dunkirk by purchasing the AlTech Specialty Steel Corp. from the Allegany-Ludlum Steel Corporation in 1976.

Representing the Chemung County AFL-CIO Labor Assembly, Fritz Clark said labor is "an equal partner in the economic health of this community. We share the fruits of the success and the misery of the failure."

Other speakers emphasized the need to find long-term solutions and a cohesive policy combining local, state and federal efforts to develop the Southern Tier's economy.