

5 G.O.P. County Leaders Study Fusion Mayoral Bid

By THOMAS P. RONAN

The five Republican county leaders in New York City began yesterday to explore the possibility of nominating a Democrat as a fusion candidate for Mayor next year.

They said in a joint statement that the nomination of a fusion candidate "quite possibly" might be the only feasible way to achieve their goals for the city.

They described these goals as making the city governable and a place where people could live free from fear. They said they also wanted "to insure a respect for majority rule as well as minority rights."

They said they were interested in any man, regardless of party, "who can accomplish this goal." State Senator John D. Calandra, the Bronx leader, said they were ready to interview any candidate who wished their endorsement.

Announcement Delayed
Mr. Calandra, who was re-elected last week with the endorsement of the Republican, Democratic and Conservative parties, was designated chairman of what he called the mayoralty committee, which consists of the five leaders.

In response to questions, he said that the committee had been set up before the election last Tuesday, but that it was agreed to postpone an announcement until after the vote.

The Senator, a long-time critic of Mayor Lindsay, referred to the Mayor as "an idiot" and emphatically ruled out any possibility of a Republican endorsement for Mr. Lindsay, who was first elected Mayor as a Republican, but has since re-enrolled as a Democrat.

Mr. Calandra said that the leaders had not yet decided whether they would back a Democrat, but that the "main thing" for them was to defeat Mr. Lindsay and that a fusion candidate "might be the only way to win."

The chances of a candidate's winning on the Republican line alone are remote, since the Democratic enrollment in the city is 2,084,606 to 563,374 for the Republicans.

At City Hall, Thomas B. Morgan, the Mayor's press secretary, said that it "boggles the mind and insults history that of all people, Senator Calandra would dare represent himself as a spokesman for the great fusion tradition of this town."

He said the Senator had "probably the worst anti-city voting record of any New York City legislator in Albany."

Mr. Calandra told a questioner that the Republican leaders had not yet consulted with Governor Rockefeller or Democratic leaders about a fusion ticket, but that the Governor had indicated a desire for a change at City Hall.

Governor a Key Figure
Last June in an interview, Mr. Rockefeller said Republican and Democratic leaders should consider backing a one-term fusion candidate for Mayor. Mr. Rockefeller undoubtedly would have the final voice in any move of this kind.

Asked about the Republican leaders' move, Meade H. Esposito, the Brooklyn Democratic leader, said that it was the first time he had heard about it and that he would "want to do a little research on it" before commenting.

Mr. Esposito said again that he wanted a candidate who would take the mayoralty for only one term. This, he said, is the only way the Mayor could do a good job and would mean that he would have "no political obligations to anyone."

Frank G. Rossetti, the Manhattan Democratic leader, said that if the Republicans were "sincere" about a fusion candidate, they would talk to the Democratic leaders, but that they had not done so.

For the two major parties to agree on a single candidate could be a highly complicated business. The Republican executive committees, which consist of district leaders from the five counties, could name a Democrat, but he might be challenged in their primary next June. The primary winner would be the party nominee.

A number of Democrats have already indicated a strong interest in their party's nomination. Mr. Calandra predicted that four of five candidates, including Mayor Lindsay, would enter the Democratic primary.

A race of that kind would almost certainly involve a runoff under a new state law requiring a runoff if no candidate receives 40 per cent of the primary vote.

These difficulties might be overcome if the leaders of both parties united behind a single candidate and backed him in their party primaries.

Senator John J. Marchi, the Republican candidate for Mayor or in 1969, said yesterday that he thought he would make a good fusion candidate. He suggested that the two parties throw their primaries open so that the more "promising" candidate from each party could run in both primaries.

Metropolitan Briefs

2 Youths Rob West Side Church of \$35
Two youths who forced the pastor of a West Side church to open a safe at gunpoint yesterday afternoon escaped with \$35 and some jewelry donated by parishioners. Shortly afterward, two radio-car patrolmen cruising the neighborhood captured two youths and charged them with the robbery.

The police said that Ronald Sayers, 18 years old, of 605 East 168th Street, the Bronx, and a 15-year-old boy whose name was withheld had entered the rectory of St. Columba's Roman Catholic Church on 25th Street near Eighth Avenue on the pretext of seeking a baptismal certificate from the pastor, the Rev. Vincent Resta.

The police were investigating the possibility of a link between yesterday's robbery and one on Sunday in which another Roman Catholic Church, St. Malachy's, on 49th Street near Ninth Avenue, was robbed of \$860 in a similar manner.

Duck Falls Limited to Hunt Club
Unless the seven members of the Nacomac Hunting Club prove themselves so expert in duck-shooting that they can bring the fowl down within a 60-foot ribbon of club property in the Brookhaven, L. I. area, they will be subject to criminal prosecution.

As the members prepared blinds for the duck-hunting season beginning next Monday on Long Island, Robert A. Morse, United States Attorney for the Eastern District, cautioned that the ducks they shoot must not fall within the bordering 500-acre Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge.

Violators could be fined \$500 or be sentenced to six months in prison. The club property, purchased from an estate last August, measures 60 by 1,000 feet, or about an acre and a half. It lies between Carman's River, which feeds into South Bay, and Big Fish Creek. Experts said that the challenge that even sharpshooters faced seemed insurmountable.

Seizure of Park Backer's Land Put Off
The Suffolk County Legislature agreed to postpone for two weeks the seizure of the home and land of Mrs. Hilda Lindley in the middle of a proposed 900-acre county park in Montauk.

Mrs. Lindley, a New York City publishing executive, had been instrumental in establishing the park and was to have had her property seized under a blanket condemnation Nov. 20 in State Supreme Court. But after dozens of her neighbors showed up at the County Legislature's bimonthly meeting to protest, the body agreed to conduct "further discussions" of her situation.

Coed's Body Found in Closet
The body of a 19-year-old college girl from Hackensack has been found in a closet, nailed shut, in an abandoned house in the Roxbury section of Boston.

The police said yesterday that the girl, Ellen Ann Reich, 19 years old, an Emerson College sophomore who was last seen Thursday morning, had been strangled and stabbed several times.

The police theorized that the girl, who lived off campus in the Back Bay section and normally hitchhiked to classes, had been killed by someone who had given her a ride. Miss Reich, whose father, Joseph, is a druggist in River Edge, was reported missing Sunday by her brother, Dr. Paul Reich, a physician on the staff of Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

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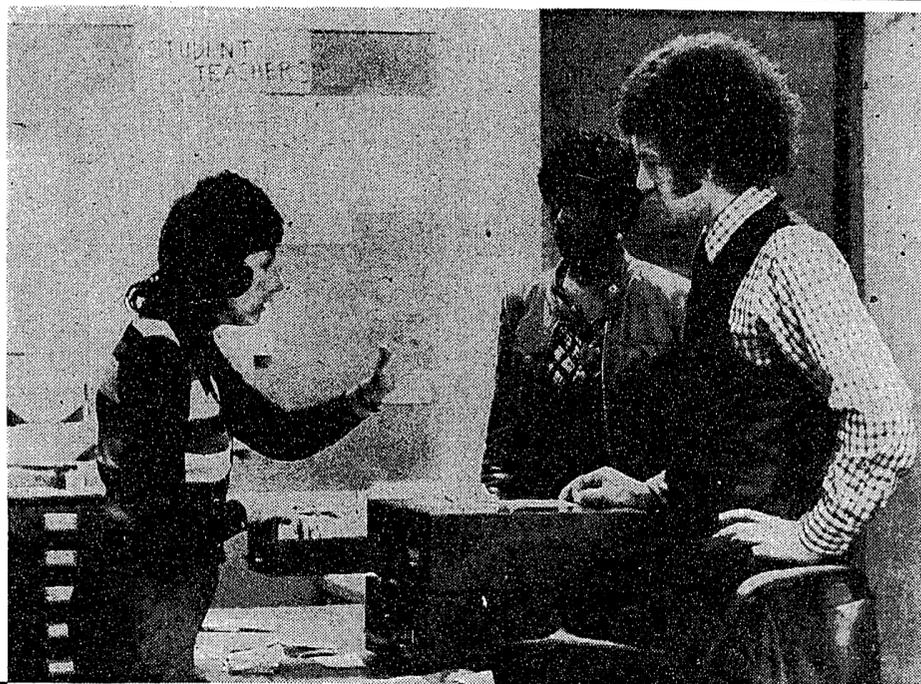
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Concern for Neighborhood
However, artists who have moved into the lofts of formerly deteriorating industrial buildings and now live and work there contend that the "uplift" will serve only to raise rents, lure tourists, spur commercialism and ultimately destroy the SoHo colony that has developed within recent years.

SoHo, bounded on the north and south by Houston and Canal Streets, and on the east and west by LaFayette Street and West Broadway, consists mostly of five and six-story lofts, some of which have lacy ironwork facades. Most were built before 1900.

Many artists had moved into the loft buildings surreptitiously over the years, because of the spacious area available for studios. Despite laws forbidding residency, the artists were scattered among the light industries, managing to work and bring up families with makeshift kitchen and plumbing facilities.

Artist studio-living was legalized in the lofts, with certain restrictions, in January, 1970, and real-estate values began to rise, pushed up by the advent of art galleries, boutiques and owner-entrepreneurs, some of whom were artists.

"Three and a half years ago there was a 14 per cent vacancy rate in SoHo," Mr. Liebman said yesterday. "Now the buildings are filled, and we have 2,000 artists and 900 to 1,000 studios."

Construction of the center will probably begin next February or March, Mr. Lindenbaum said. It will contain a major ice rink for figure skating and hockey matches and three satellite ice rinks for instruction and practice.

A 6,000-square-foot gymnasium and a 25-meter (about 75 feet) Olympic swimming pool are also planned, along with a jogging track, six courts for squash, two for handball and 15 for tennis.

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