

**Courier-Journal Survey****State Candidates View Abortion And Marijuana**

Abortion and marijuana are both unpopular with the majority of the candidates for state executive offices who responded to a special Courier-Journal election survey.

The seven candidates of the major political parties for the offices of governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general were surveyed by this newspaper. Five answered, two declined to do so. Of the five, four would support ratification of a constitutional amendment guaranteeing legal protection for all human beings regardless of development. One candidate took an opposing stance.

The candidates also were asked if they would favor removing all criminal penalties for possession and use of marijuana. Four stated they are opposed to this concept and the fifth commented without taking a yes or no position.

The candidates of the four major parties—Democratic, Republican, Conservative and Liberal—were asked two

questions:

\*Would you support ratification of a constitutional amendment guaranteeing legal protection for all human beings regardless of development?

\*Do you favor removing all criminal penalties for possession and use of marijuana?

The candidates queried are:

For governor, Malcolm Wilson, Republican-Conservative; Hugh Carey, Democrat-Liberal.

For lieutenant governor, Ralph G. Caso, Republican-Conservative; Mary Anne Krupsak, Democrat-Liberal.

For attorney general, Louis J. Lefkowitz, Republican-Liberal; Robert Abrams, Democrat; Edward F. Campbell, Conservative.

Wilson, Caso, Krupsak, Lefkowitz and Campbell replied to the survey; Carey and Abrams did not.

**Abortion**

Of the five candidates who answered the question, "Would you support ratification of a constitutional amendment guaranteeing legal protection for all human beings regardless of development?", three answered yes, one no. The other, Louis Lefkowitz, commented but said he couldn't give a direct yes or no answer because of his legal position as the incumbent attorney general.

Gov. Malcolm Wilson, a Republican endorsed by the Conservative party, simply answered yes without further comment. His opponent, Hugh Carey, Democrat-Liberal, did not reply.

**Marijuana**

Four of the five candidates who answered the question, "Do you favor removing all criminal penalties for possession and use of marijuana?" answered no. The fifth commented without stating a yes or no answer.

Gov. Wilson checked the no box but did not elaborate on his position. His opponent, Hugh Carey, did not answer.

The Republican-Conservative candidate for lieutenant governor, Ralph G. Caso, replied no and explained his position.

Most of the arguments for legalization of marijuana are based on the assumption that

marijuana is no more harmful than alcohol," Caso said. "However, recent scientific findings make that assumption at least questionable, if not yet wholly invalid. So long as the available evidence continues to point to potentially damaging long-range physical and mental effects, possession and use of marijuana should continue to be against the law and subject to criminal penalties."

His opponent, Democrat-Liberal Mary Anne Krupsak, commented that the "entire drug law should be revamped" without making a direct yes or no answer.

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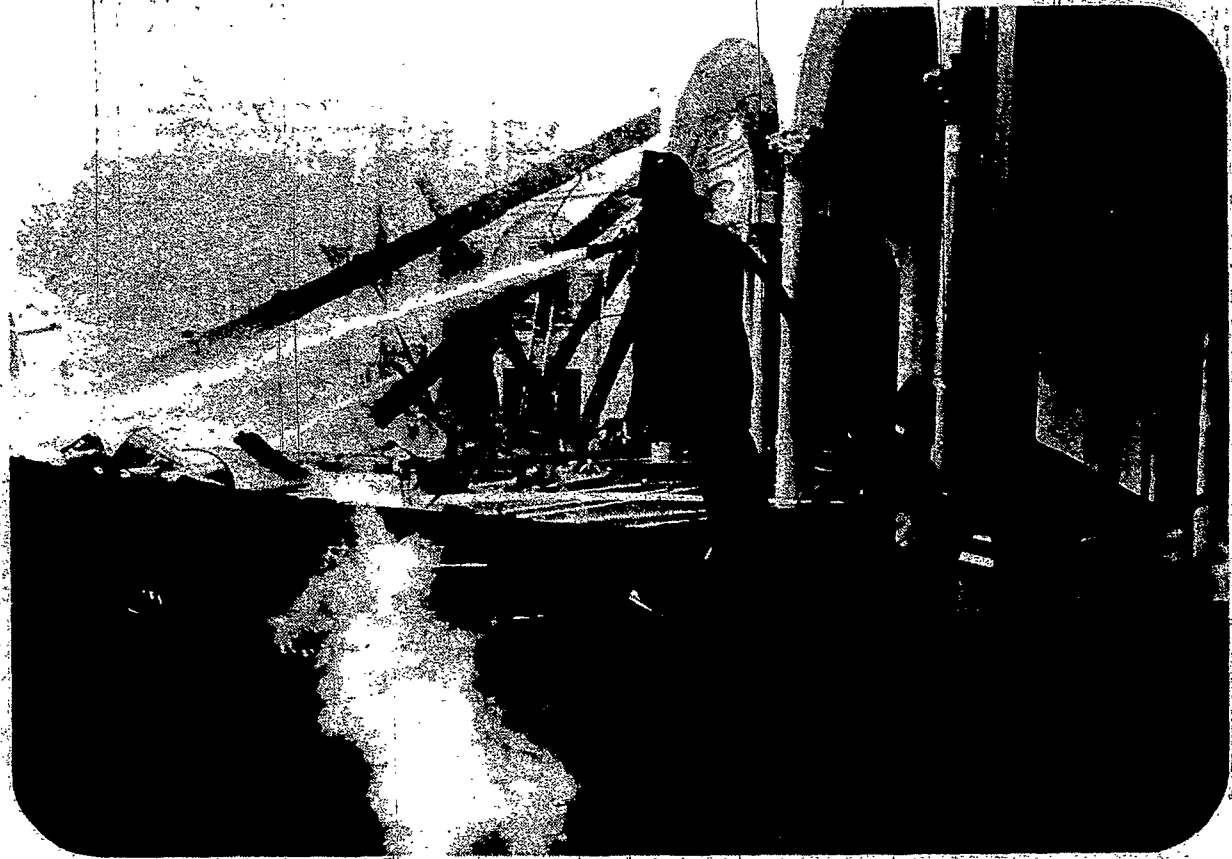


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**Long Associations Recalled****Fire Ruins St. Joseph's**

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By JOHN DASH

When she woke that morning at seven she heard the news of the fire. A few moments later as she watched the local news coverage, she saw the films of firemen rescuing two statues from the blaze, the statues of St. Gerard and St. Joseph. Her family had given the church the statue of St. Gerard. Her religious community, the statue of Joseph.

For generations, St. Joseph's Church had been the center of faith for her family.

Sister Dorothy Marie Schantz, pastoral assistant at St. Philip Neri Church, whose grandmother, as a school child, carried stone from the quarries to build the stately edifice, whose brother had celebrated his first Mass at the high altar, cautiously stepped through the water and debris in the foyer. She fell silent as she saw the charred timbers and the once magnificent ceiling laid open to the sky.

Later, she recounted the names and the ties of blood that brought her to view the smoking ruins that bitter cold Friday morning: Bernard Kelm, Elizabeth Klem, Blessed John Neumann (who served the area's German community at the church), Father Joseph Schantz, Agnes Oberlies, Father Hall . . . all significant names in the history of the faith in Rochester, all knitted in the history of St. Joseph's Church.

With her, a cousin, Mrs. Helen Klee. Her father, Joseph H.

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**Rebuilding Plans are Uncertain**

A dollar estimate of the damage done in the three-alarm fire which ripped through St. Joseph's Church early last Friday morning was still undetermined at our press-time Monday. Insurance adjusters were expected to arrive later that day to view the scene, according to Father Albert J. Riesner, CSSR, pastor of the downtown church.

Plans for rebuilding, Father Riesner said this week, were uncertain.

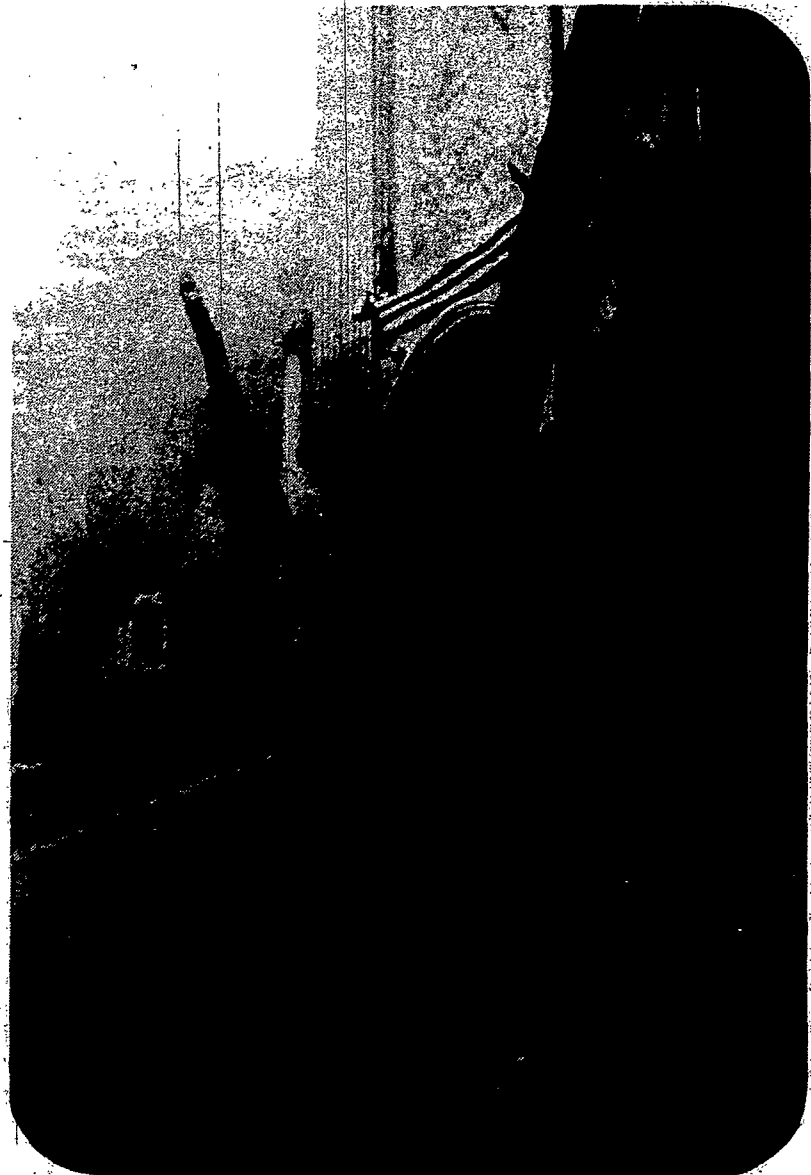


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John Ritzenthaler, diocesan treasurer, who was apprised of the situation while on vacation, expressed his sorrow and offered the services of his office to the Redemptorist priests who run the church. He also noted the church was insured by a company other than that which carries the usual diocesan policies.

The 128-year-old edifice was the scene of a raging inferno in the early morning hours on Friday, Oct. 18. The first firemen

were called to the scene at 1:22 by Phil McGuire, the church caretaker, who discovered the blaze and then awakened the Redemptorist priests residing in the attached rectory.

Father Riesner described the damage as "total."

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan was called to the scene as the fire raged out of control for nearly six hours.