

Editorials

We Endorse Nasser For Corning Mayor

THERE is a marked similarity between the mayoral contests in the cities of Corning and Elmira. Each of the races is a low-keyed affair, with only a few issues being raised and then not being debated at all vociferously.

The Corning contest is between incumbent Republican Joseph J. Nasser and Democratic challenger Alexander Kosty.

Nasser is running quietly and confidently on his record of 14 years in office. The mayor's supporters point to the great recovery the community has made since the 1972 flood as evidence of Nasser's capability as the leader of the Corning administration.

Kosty is trying again for the office after making an unsuccessful run for mayor in 1962. Earlier, he had served 11 years as a Second Ward alderman. He also has been an unsuccessful State Senate candidate twice.

The Star-Gazette endorses Mayor Nasser for re-election.

He keeps a firm hand on the operations of City Hall — which Corning needs during this period of great changes.

The city administration moved with remarkable dispatch following the Agnes disaster to

obtain federal and state help in rebuilding. Vast urban renewal programs are under way, which will change the character of the community on both sides of the Chemung River.

We believe it would be for the good of the community to keep Nasser at the helm while these great programs are developing.

The only question in the minds of many Corning voters regarding the mayoral contest is the attitude of the two candidates toward the controversial proposal of the State Department of Transportation to run the Southern Tier Expressway (Rt. 17) through the city's Northside.

There is a feeling that Nasser may favor that corridor because he chose not to vote to break a tie vote by Common Council to rescind an earlier endorsement of the plan, thus defeating the motion.

Kosty has seized on the issue and has put up some "Save Your Homes!" posters to elicit support of through-city corridor opponents.

Still, this issue should not be enough to swing the balance in the Corning mayoral election.

We favor keeping Joseph J. Nasser in office.

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