

NKRTL V-PRES. FRED H. SUMME CALLED “BIGOT” BY COMMUNITY RECORDER COLUMNIST KEVIN MURPHY

Community Recorder columnist Kevin Murphy continues his never-ending diatribe against NKRTL, with his most recent attack on NKRTL V-P Fred H. Summe, whom he accuses of bigotry.

This is the same Kevin Murphy who in 1993(?) failed to obtain NKRTL-PAC's endorsement for County Attorney, because he supported abortion for rape and incest, thereby vising capital punishment upon the innocent, killing the child for the crime of the father. We endorsed his Pro-Life opponent, **Garry Edmondson (D)**, who won the race. Murphy has since criticized NKRTL at every turn, and opposed every one of its endorsed candidates, as pointed out by former Republican Chairman Edward L. Smith, Jr., who described Murphy as “the GOP moderates’ ‘lunatic fringe.’”

We publish herewith **the response of Mr. Summe**, for the reflection of the reader:

“Indeed this is an honor to be inducted into the Kevin Murphy’s every growing ‘religious right, a threat to our democracy ... bigoted’ Hall of Fame. (Editorial of July 30, 1998 — “Summe’s ‘Christian’ Comment Offends”)

“This *Recorder* columnist, while avoiding the issue, simply labels as such those with whom he disagrees. An old adage reads: ‘When they start calling you names, you’ve won the argument.’

“What is the argument that Murphy cannot face head on?

“
Abortion: Disqualifying Issue

“Can those who hold the Judeo-Christian principles of morality, elect and support for public office those who will preserve the status quo of abortion on demand, keeping the killing machine in place?

“Those who make abortion possible by law — such as legislators and those who promote, defend and elect these same lawmakers — cannot separate themselves totally from that guilt which accompanies this horrendous crime and deadly sin.’ *Cardinal Archbishop Humberto Medeiros of Boston*

“Religious Jews can no longer in good conscience vote for representatives to Congress and elsewhere whose records on abortion and other moral issues are open, brazen attacks upon everything that traditional Judaism stands for.’ *Chief Rabbi Dr. Jacob Kassir*

“I have determined that for the rest of my life, I will never cast one vote for any man or woman who would kill one innocent baby.’ *Dr. James Dobson, Founder of Focus on the Family*

“Abortion is the disqualifying issue. If a candidate for public office espoused positions favorable to you on every issue, except he favors the legalization of child abuse, would he not disqualify himself from your vote and support? *Abortion is the ultimate child abuse.*

“This basic moral principle has eluded Mr. Murphy. When he ran unsuccessfully five years ago for Kenton County Attorney his expressed views were that he favored the killing of innocent children for the crimes of their father (rape and incest). Murphy was angered when Northern Kentucky Right to Life-Political Action Committee endorsed Garry Edmondson (D), who gave all pro-life answers to NKRTL’s questionnaire and who, in addition, had a previous pro-life record.

“
The Ultimate Test

“In his column, Murphy refers to the issue of abortion as a ‘few issues.’

“On behalf of over 4,400 American children who each day suffer the painful death of abortion, by being pulled apart by a suction tube, cut to pieces by a curettage, or poisoned with a salt solution, or by having their brains sucked out when their skulls are still in the birth canal, what are the other issues?

“To this question, Pope John Paul II responded in his farewell address to the United States of September 19, 1987:

“All the great causes that are yours today will have meaning only to the extent that you guarantee the right to life and protect the human person.

“-Feeding the poor and welcoming refugees;

“-Reinforcing the social fabric of this nation;

“-Promoting the true advancement of women;

“-Securing the rights of minorities;

“-Pursuing disarmament, while guaranteeing legitimate defense.

“All this will succeed only if respect for life and its protection by the law is granted to every human being *from conception until natural death.*

“This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival - yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn.’

“In his column, Murphy refers to NKRTL as ‘a very large and politically influential organization.’ Why does NKRTL have such political influence?

“Unlike the Republican and Democratic parties, NKRTL has no jobs, contracts, money positions, favors, etc. to exchange for financial support and votes.

"The reason why NKRTL has influence is because it has consistently given witness to the moral truth of the sanctity of each and every human life and to the moral truth that abortion, the intentional taking of an innocent human life, is never morally justified under any circumstances, with no exceptions. It is moral truth that influences the electorate in Northern Kentucky. Those who follow Judeo-Christian principles have come to rely on NKRTL for accurate information on the ultimate issue.

"Why have the newspapers and the secular media lost influence? They espouse no fundamental principles, all the while avoiding the true issues by belittling those who disagree with their political agenda."

Story on election results

Another story on signature add

Fred do story on Celebration insert

ABORTION MALPRACTICE EQUALS LIVE BIRTH

In the abortion business, a failure equates with good results. An abortionist in Arizona was in the process of performing a partial birth abortion, delivering the baby feet first and then intending to puncture the skull to suck out the brains, but ended up with a live delivery of a 6 lb. 2 oz. girl - although with a fractured skull and cuts on the face. The child is now in the process of adoption and, we assume, the "physician" returned to his killing business.

When will we actually look into the face of barbarism?

THE WAGES OF COMPROMISE IS DEFEAT

Cincinnati Right to Life, in its July 1998 Newsletter, commented upon the passage by the Kentucky General Assembly of 3 Pro-Life Bills and specifically extended its "congratulations to **Kentucky Right to Life**, to **Margie Montgomery**, their Executive Director ..."

Because of the serious risk of misleading scandal to the faithful, we are compelled to point out the dramatic differences between the compromising organization of Kentucky Right to Life, which has direct responsibility for many of our legislative defeats over the past many years, and on the other hand **Kentucky Coalition for Life**, which consists of **Northern Kentucky Right to Life**, **Friends for Life of Ashland**, **Action Life League of Western Kentucky** and **Capital Right to Life of Frankfort, Ky.**, which latter organizations have direct responsibility for passage of these Pro-Life Bills.

A review of the endorsements of KRLA over the past several years is quite instructive.

In 1990, for example, KRLA endorsed incumbent **State Repr. William McBee of Boone County**, who had at best a mixed voting record on Pro-Life issues, over 100% Pro-Life activist **Gex Williams**. Williams, with the help of NKRTL-PAC, won a narrow victory, and has, for the past 8 years been the prime Pro-Life leader in the General Assembly, first in the House, and then later in the Senate. He would not have been there, if KRLA had its way.

In 1994 KRLA jointly endorsed for the vacant seat from the **2nd Congressional District** in Western Ky. both **Ron Lewis (R)** and **Joe Prather (D)**. Prather had just chaired, unsuccessfully, thank God, the gubernatorial candidacy of **Steven Beshear**, former state legislator with a pro-abortion record, and former atty. gen. of Ky. who refused even to perform the constitutional duty of that office in defending a Pro-Life Bill challenged in court. Fortunately, Lewis won, and has had a 100% Pro-Life voting record in Congress since.

In that same year, KRLA endorsed both **Tom Wiethorn (D)** and **Katie Stine (R)** for a vacant House of Representative seat from Campbell County, Ky. NKRTL-PAC endorsed Stine, whose answers to our Pro-Life questionnaire were 100%. We furnished to KRLA before their endorsement a photocopy of Wiethorn's pro-abortion answers to the questionnaire of the **Kentucky Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers**, wherein he indicated to that pro-abortion organization that he would not actively oppose the "woman's right to abortion," and also

told them that he favored “the right of females from puberty onward to have access to comprehensive reproductive information on the right to possess the technology or equipment (i.e., condoms, diaphragms, etc.)” We also reported to them that the *Courier Journal* stated that Wiethorn indicated in an interview to them that he opposed any constitutional ban on abortion. In addition, Wiethorn had supported pro-abortionists for public office.

Fortunately, Stine won, with NKRTL-PAC’s endorsement, and has become a prime leader in the Kentucky House of Representatives for the Pro-Life issues, being the prime sponsor of the Woman’s Right to Know Bill, which just successfully passed the General Assembly earlier this year.

Also in 1994, KRLA endorsed **Sen. Bob Leeper (D)**, the incumbent, over a Pro-Life Republican even though Leeper had voted to kill the Pro-Life legislation in the Ky. Senate Judiciary Committee in 1992. It also endorsed **Sen. David Boswell (D)** over a Pro-Life Republican, and **Sen. Dan Seum (D)**, an incumbent, over a Pro-Life Republican, both of which latter candidates also voted to kill Pro-Life legislation in the Judiciary Committee.

All 3 of these Senators were re-elected and all subsequently voted in 1997, to keep as President of the Senate the stridently pro-abortion **Sen. Eck Rose**, when there was a takeover effort of the Senate by a Coalition of Republicans and Democrats committed to freeing up these Bills for Floor debate and vote. That takeover, led by Sen. Gex Williams (previously endorsed by NKRTL-PAC and opposed by KRLA), was successful with the result that 3 Pro-Life Bills passed in 1998, for the first time in years.

Ironically, the major reason for Rose’s ouster in the Senate was the defeat in November of 1996 of **State Sen. Joe Meyer (D) of Covington**, who consistently proclaimed his Pro-Life beliefs, but consistently voted with the leadership of his Party in the Senate, stridently pro-abortion, to tie up Pro-Life Bills in committee. One of his votes in 1992 was cast even against a Pro-Life Bill upon which he was the prime sponsor! When Meyer was defeated in 1996, this brought the balance between the Republicans and Democrats to but one vote separating them, and resulted in the negotiations for a bipartisan group to take over leadership of the Senate, resulting in a commitment that Bills would be heard in committee, and voted upon on the Floor of the Senate, with the direct result of the passage of these Pro-Life Bills.

Interestingly enough, in 1992 when NKRTL-PAC was attempting to defeat Meyer for his pro-abortion votes earlier that year, KRLA voted to endorse Meyer. KRLA rescinded that vote after they received an uproar from the rest of the state, including a letter from one of the strong Pro-Life leaders in the Senate, **Tim Philpot of Lexington**, who told them that Meyer and the pro-aborts were laughing at KRLA and concluded: “Margie, Kentucky Right to Life needs to wake up!”

Nevertheless, although KRLA withdrew its endorsement of Meyer, it refused to endorse his Pro-Life opponent, **Dick Murgatroyd**, who had been endorsed by NKRTL-PAC, leading to some misleading deception in the local press in Northern Kentucky, and resulting in a very narrow Meyer re-election victory. Murgatroyd was subsequently elected to the Ky. House of Representatives, and has had a 100% Pro-Life voting record there. Meyer has gone on to be defeated in 1996, resulting in the 1997 takeover of the Senate, and the 1998 passage of the Pro-Life legislation.

NKRTL-PAC has on several occasions endeavored to persuade KRLA not to endorse in races in No. Ky., or at minimum to consult with us concerning the information we have on the candidates, but KRLA has consistently declined to do so.

In fact, at open meetings among legislators in Frankfort, KRLA leadership has openly stated that it does not expect its legislators to oppose their Party leadership for the sake of supporting Pro-Life legislation. And the result has been that its legislators have not, and continue to get KRLA endorsements, which is why there is such a strong cadre of pro-abortion votes coming in the General Assembly coming from Louisville, Ky., the base of KRLA.

Typical of the type of Louisville representation in the Kentucky General Assembly is **David K. Karem (D), Majority Floor Leader of the Ky. State Senate**, whose recent Letter to the Editor in the 5/17/98 *Louisville Courier Journal* discusses his Catholicism, while simultaneously attacking the exclusion of our pro-abortion governor, **Paul Patton**, by **Covington Bishop Robert Muench** as an invited guest speaker at the **Covington Diocesan Catholic Children’s Home** fundraiser. Karem decries that the Covington Diocese “has publicly insulted our governor because they disagree with some of his politics,” and deplores the fact that “some corner of that world now subsist joylessly in the darkness of rigidity, intolerance and a stale dogma of exclusivity,” and recommends that “it’s time to rethink the morality of some of the things we do in service of supposedly higher truth.”

If the condemnation of the destruction of 4000 innocent unborn babies per day in the U.S. is not a “higher truth,” one wonders what is. I think we can be certain that if the Diocese invited in as a guest speaker a leader of the Ku Klux Klan, or an environmental polluter, that Mr. Karem would not be speaking of “rigidity, intolerance and a stale dogma of exclusivity” in the disinviting of such a person. It is rather obvious while Mr. Karem would recognize the validity of some “disqualifying issues,” the destruction of the most innocent members of the human family do not rise to that level of importance in his opinion — all too typical of the Louisville delegation to the Ky. General Assembly, including people endorsed by KRLA.

For example, KRLA has endorsed **Sen. Dan Seum**, who refused to support our Discharge Petition to compel Pro-Life legislation to be brought to the Floor, even though he supported a Discharge Petition against his own Party leadership on a motorcycle helmet bill! And even for his confused priorities, KRLA endorses Sen. Seum.

The confusing message sent by KRLA has been directly responsible for many Pro-Life defeats in the legislature.

Companions in Compromise

But it is not surprising to see KRLA praised by Cincinnati RTL — both members and disciples of the compromising National Right to Life Committee.

Both KRLA and CRTL endorsed for President last year, **Sen. Bob Dole**, telling us that he was “Pro-Life,” in spite of his strong pro-abortion record as shown above (page 2).

This is the same Bob Dole who earlier this year in Illinois opposed a Pro-Life Republican and supported a strong pro-abortion Republican, and who then when interviewed in Cincinnati stated: “There must be no litmus test in the Republican Party. You can be pro-choice and be a Republican.” Maybe **Vice Pres. Al Gore** was (half) right in his most recent gaffe when he said “Leopards can’t change their stripes”!

Some years ago, CRTL opposed the candidacy for Cincinnati City Council of long-time activist Pro-Lifer **Jim Condit**, and endorsed instead **Jerry Springer** - yes, the Jerry Springer, former mayor who even at the time of that election had been convicted of soliciting services of a prostitute and who, when elected, then (predictably) broke his promise and appointed pro-aborts to the Cincinnati Health Board.

To adopt the words of the well-known song “When will they ever learn, when will they ever learn?”