



## Gates Challenges Charges of Foes

### Governor Tees Off On Democrat Chief

Indiana's gubernatorial campaign got into the question and answer stage last night as Gov. Gates ripped into Henry Schricker, Democratic candidate, in a speech at South Bend.

The Governor charged in the most direct attack of the campaign on Mr. Schricker that the former Democratic governor either was deliberately misrepresenting facts about the Gates administration or was "grossly misinformed."

He asked six questions, designed to summarize a seventh question was Gov. Gates' own answer denying Democratic charges that he had destroyed the bi-partisan nature of the Alcoholic Beverages Commission and the Conservation Commission.

The questions sought:

ONE: An explanation of the contracts let by Democratic administrations by which private individuals reaped the benefits from operation of state park hotels and concessions.

TWO: An explanation of oil leases to Democrats on a 40-mile strip of the Wabash River which never was developed by the lessee and brought no oil royalties to the state.

THREE: An accounting of Mr. Schricker's own appointment of legislators to other state jobs although he now chides the GOP for doing the same thing.

FOUR: An explanation of what he intends to do to protect the public against utility strikes if his

party repeals the Utilities Compulsory Arbitration Act as they advocate.

FIVE: A stand on whether the office of attorney general should be merged with the state attorney as it was under the Schricker administration.

SIX: A public statement of his reasons for permitting the state merit system law to become effective without his signature or approval.

Ira Haymaker, State Democratic chairman, fired a blast at Mr. Creighton's stand on labor today. In a statement the party leader declared:

"Upon the basis of his own record, it is difficult to see how in the world Mr. Creighton ever hoped to get the support of any well informed labor group."

Speech Prompts Blast

The blast, Mr. Haymaker said, was prompted by Mr. Creighton's speech recently in which he charged salaried leaders of labor unions were trying to dictate to the ranks and file that they must oppose the Republican Party.

The Democratic chairman declared:

"At the state CIO convention at South Bend recently, 700 delegates representing 250,000 other workers voted unanimously to support Mr. Schricker in the race for Governor. Mr. Creighton consistently has been against measures which would benefit working men."

At Anderson last night, Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts, speaker of the House of Representatives, declared, "The only hope for a united America which can meet and conquer the domestic and foreign problems which confront us is the election of Thomas E. Dewey and Earl Warren."

Congress Is Upheld

He upheld the actions of the 80th Congress and characterized it as "a Congress that did its own thinking, an independent Congress that had a job to do and the courage to do it."

Forest A. Harness of Kokomo, Congressman from the 5th District, and Mrs. Mabel S. Fraser, state GOP vice chairman, also spoke.

The 80th Congress blazed the trail for a new era of expansion and abundance for the people of America," he declared.

Meanwhile, Sen. William E. Jenner, in a statement issued today through the GOP state committee, called passage of the Alken Farm Bill one of the "real successes" of the 80th Republican Congress.

The bill calls for reduction of Federal farm support to 60 per cent, except over a long range period.

Wage Earners Unit Scored

Of the bill, he said, "This replaces the year-to-year, subject-to-change-without-notice program of the New Deal. Farmers will be able to plan their production intelligently."

Andrew Jacobs, Democratic candidate for 11th District Congress last night condemned the Wage Earners League as "really the Republican Party's Company Union."

Schricker Touts On

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