

Schricker, Gates Swap Verbal Blows On Party Records

Democrat Raps GOP Parole Case

Governor Challenges Foe's Tax Policy

By ROBERT BLOEM
Indiana's political battle of governors struck the first real sparks of the campaign last night.

At Richmond, former Gov. Henry Schricker, Democratic nominee for a second term, counter-punched at Gov. Gates who has undertaken for the GOP the job of tearing down his record in office.

Gov. Gates swung another blow at the former Democrat chief executive in a speech at Ft. Wayne.

Mr. Schricker brought back the specter of the Ott Workman parole scandal to haunt his Republican opponents. Replying to Gov. Gates' charges that he had paroled too many convicts during his administration, Mr. Schricker challenged the Governor to tell the unpublished, inside story of the Workman case.

Paroled in 1945

Ott Workman, reportedly well-to-do Loogootee farmer, was paroled in 1945 after serving only seven years of a life term in prison. He was returned to prison within a month when political heat was turned on the parole and two years later Public Defender Frank Greenwald of Gary was fired, partly at least for accepting a fee from Mr. Workman for legal services in trying to get him a parole.

"I have no apologies to make with respect to my clemency record," Mr. Schricker said in his Richmond speech. "It is a record that will compare favorably with the best in the country."

"And the nice thing about it is that nobody had to pay anybody so much as a nickel to receive some of its humane consideration. Some governors that I have heard about can't say that much for their own record."

On the Workman case, Mr. Schricker added that "people who live in glass houses should not throw stones."

"A Useless Job"

The public defender, a userless and high-salaried job created at the very beginning of the Gates administration, admitted that he accepted money from Workman in connection with his release from prison." Mr. Schricker said. "The Supreme Court had to remove this so-called defender from his job. Why is it that he escaped punishment for betraying a public trust?"

Cites Tax Stand
Meanwhile, Gov. Gates was challenging Mr. Schricker to explain to the public how he intended to cut taxes and yet spend more money.

"Would the Democrats cut our teachers back to starvation wages?" Gov. Gates asked. "Would they refuse educational facilities to our GI's, or do away with the retirement fund for merit system employees of the state?"

"Or would they continue to hide more than \$60 million per biennium by falsifying their budgets with their infamous escalator clauses which we have done away with?"

Train Backs Into Cab, Driver Escapes Injury

A United Cab driven by Grant Cline, 28, of 282 N. New Jersey St., was struck by a New York Central locomotive last night at a crossing near 200 S. Harding St.

Engineer Ralph Fisher, 60, of Leclerc St., said he was backing the engine slowly down the track and hit the taxi when Cline failed to stop after being signalled by the crossing watchman.

There were no injuries and damage to the cab was slight.

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Gubernatorial Hopefuls Reply On Key Issues

Answers Released By Women's League

The League of Women Voters today released the answers made by candidates for governor to four questions of major political importance. Here are the questions and the candidates' replies in brief:

ONE: Would you support a constitutional amendment which permits local units of government to choose their own form of government?

Hobart Creighton, Republican—"All of the questions under consideration will be first faced by the 150 members of the General Assembly. . . . On such matters as optional city manager form of government, I am sure this matter can best be left to the General Assembly. I will abide by their decision."

Henry F. Schricker, Democrat—"Yes, with a great deal of enthusiasm."

Walter Frisbie, Progressive—"I am for home rule. I would support a constitutional amendment bringing this about."

William Rabe, Socialist—"Yes. Will you support in the legislature recommendations which, in your opinion, will improve the penal system in Indiana?"

Mr. Schricker—"Yes." **Mr. Frisbie**—"Yes." **Mr. Rabe**—"Yes."

Mr. Creighton—"Anything we can do to improve the penal system of our state should be done."

THREE: (1) Do you believe in the principle of the merit system? (2) What other departments of the state than those now operating under it do you think could do so with benefit?

Mr. Frisbie—"(1) I support the merit system without qualifications; (2) I think all state departments would benefit."

Mr. Rabe—"(1) Yes. (2) I believe all technical and clerical employees should come under Civil Service and taken out of politics."

Mr. Creighton—"(1) The merit system of government has worked very well in some of our state departments. (2) Nothing should be done to prevent the governor from choosing department heads whom he can trust and who will assume the responsibility for seeing that his department is efficiently operating."

"There should be no law which prevents a governor from removing any person who has an inability or who is incompetent."

Mr. Frisbie—"(1) Yes. (2) Further study of present operations would be necessary before making a commitment on extension."

FOUR: (1) Do you believe it is the responsibility of the legislature to see that reapportionment is made as soon as possible? Do you think a better method than the present one could be proposed?

Mr. Rabe—"(1) Let's uphold the constitution." (2) No answer.

Mr. Creighton—"(1) This should be done." (2) No answer.

Mr. Schricker—"(1) Emphatically yes. (2) I have no doubt the present method could be greatly improved by legislative enactment."

Mr. Frisbie—"(1) The legislature should have done this long ago. (2) I think the regular national census should be the basis of apportionment."

Charles Ginsburg, Socialist—Labor candidate for governor, and Clinton W. Speicher, Prohibitionist candidate, submitted no reply to the questionnaire.

Machine Charges Thrown at GOP

George S. Dailey, Democratic candidate for prosecutor, charged in a speech last night that the same Republican machine that was "repudiated at the polls in the city election last year is now trying to get control of the prosecutor's office."

"The leadership in the Republican Party has not changed," he said. "My Republican opponent (Frank Fairchild) was a ward chairman in that machine when he was selected by its leaders, Tom and Ed McNulty and J. G. Zaza to run for prosecutor."

Mr. Dailey said that he has never been a part of any political machine and has worked only through the "constituted leadership of the Democratic Central Committee."

"There has been no attempt on the part of any Democratic leader to extract any promise from me," he said. "My hands will not be tied in any way by undue influence from special privilege pressure groups."

Ford Urges Support In Chest Fund Drive

CHICAGO, Oct. 12 (UP)—Henry Ford II, president of the Ford Motor Co. and chairman of the Community Chests of America, last night called upon the nation's businessmen to support the Community Chest drive because "it serves the best interests of their employees, their customers and their stockholders."

Mr. Ford spoke at the "kick-off" meeting of the Chicago Community Chest drive. He termed the Community Chest idea "the finest man has ever created."



TRANSPORT TRUCKS BURN—Canned tomato juice and cartons of empty whisky bottles littered the highway after two transport trucks burned following a crash on U. S. 31 two miles south of Franklin yesterday. Fire followed when a truck owned by the Overland Freight Lines of Indianapolis and driven by John Smith, 21, of 807 N. Pennsylvania St., collided with a parked semi-trailer in charge of J. A. Thompson, Watseka, Ill. Loss in vehicles and cargoes was put at \$23,300.

court today to decide whether the over membership policies money belongs to the national The parent organization charged union or to the local members. The bolt was illegal and requested

The Camden Local of 3300 the First National Bank to freeze members voted last Sept. 28 to the Local's bank account. Banked in a fire of unknown origin

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Terre Haute Mine Explosion Probed

Two Workers Burned In Mystery Blast

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 12 (UP)—The Dresser coal mine suspended operations today while officials investigated an explosion which burned two miners and endangered 35 others.

A. K. Hert, manager of operations, said he had no idea what caused the blast. He said the fact that the mine was "rock dusted" helped prevent the explosion from spreading.

William Davidson, 53, and George Kraske, 41, both of Clinton, were taken to the Union Hospital at Terre Haute with second degree burns.

Mr. Hert said none of the miners was trapped by the blast, which occurred about 3 1/2 miles from the shaft mouth. He said operations would cease until the mine has been inspected and placed in "first class condition again."

Fireman Hurt at Blaze

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