

# 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 Schricker challenged the Governor to tell the unpublished, inside story of the Workman case.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 useless 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?"

"If Gov. Gates wants to give the people something to really get excited about, he ought to release a copy of the 'statement of explanation' made by the public defender in connection with the Workman scandal."

**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 G.I.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 annum 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 828 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, 394 Leclaire 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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**CAMPAIGN STRETCH**—President Truman takes his morning walk beside his special train as it paused this morning at Union Station on its way across Indiana. It was the President's only appearance in Indianapolis today. Friday he will return for a full campaign stop.

## Expectant Actress Collapses As Mother Sues for Support

Parent of Veronica Lake Says She Lives Off Charity Because High-Paid Star Won't Aid

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 12—Veronica Lake, who expects her third baby any minute, collapsed in tears today after her mother charged that she had to live off charity because the \$4500-a-week actress wouldn't support her.

Andre de Toth, Miss Lake's director-husband, said "She's in there sobbing and crying and all on account of this terrible thing." The "thing" was the suit filed yesterday by Mrs. Constance Keane, 47-year-old mother of the tiny movie queen. Mrs. Keane charged the actress owes her \$500 a month and \$17,416 in a lump sum according to an agreement they signed in 1943.

Mrs. Keane said she was "destitute, indigent, dependent upon the charity of others," and faces three major operations because of her daughter's treatment.

**Don't Know the Woman**  
"This is the first I've heard about it," Miss Lake said. The suit also named De Toth for "aiding Miss Lake in evading her responsibility."

"I don't even know the woman," he said. "Veronica and I have been married since 1944 and I've never met Mrs. Keane. She never calls us. We don't know anything about this 'charity' business."

Mr. De Toth said relations between his wife and Mrs. Keane had been unfriendly "for years," but he wished his mother-in-law had picked some other time to air her troubles.

"This is a fine thing to confront a woman who's about to have a baby," he said. "Also a fine way for a grandmother to act."

According to the suit, the pint-sized star agreed to pay her mother and stepfather, Hugh Anthony Keane, \$200 a week for life. Mrs. Keane said Miss Lake never would have become an actress if it hadn't been for her. And now it's her daughter's turn to help out, she said.

"I spent my life savings of \$10,000 to send Veronica to drama school," Mrs. Keane added. "Now she earns \$4500 a week. And she hasn't sent me anything since last May."

## Guard Planes To Be in Air Show

The Indiana Air National Guard's F-51 fighter planes, based here at Stout Field, will participate in the Richmond Air Show next Sunday.

The show also will feature Bill Sweet, of National Air Shows, as director, and displays of F-80 jets, the German FW 191, V-1 and V-2 rockets, a Hinkel 162 and a Japanese Vagabond plane.

Led by Lt. Col. David W. Aldridge, commanding officer of the 113th Fighter Squadron here, the Hoosier Guardsmen will land at the Richmond air field after staging their air demonstration for participation in elaborate ground ceremonies.

## Renew Re-employment Rights for Servicemen

ST. PAUL, Oct. 12 (UP)—Men who began serving in the armed forces before the present Selective Service law went into effect will be entitled to the re-employment benefits of the old statutes, a government official said today.

Robert K. Salyers, director of the Bureau of Veterans' Re-employment Rights, said only veterans who began service after June 24—when the new law went into effect—will be affected by re-employment provisions of the new law.

## Political Talks Today

LOCAL  
WFBM—9:30 to 9:35, George Denny.  
WFBM—10:15 to 10:20, Indiana State Democratic Committee.  
WIBC—9:55 to 10:00, Sen. William Jenner.  
WIRE—6:30 to 6:35, Sen. William Jenner.  
WIGH—7:10 to 7:15, Marion County Democratic Committee.

## 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. TWO: 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—"I support the merit system without qualifications; (2) I think all state departments would benefit."

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

Mr. Creighton—"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 shown inability or who is not a proper person to hold office. Mr. Frisbie—"I support the merit system in some manner which will be conducive of better government. I certainly am for it."

Mr. Schricker—"I agree. (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 reappointment is made as soon as possible? Do you think a better method than the present one could be proposed?

Mr. Rabe—"I let's uphold the constitution. (2) No answer."

Mr. Creighton—"I think this should be done. (2) No answer."

Mr. Schricker—"I have no doubt the present method could be greatly improved by legislative enactment."

Mr. Frisbie—"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."

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.

## Await Ruling on Union Fund Jurisdiction

CAMDEN, N. J., Oct. 12 (UP)—A bank holding \$186,000 of a local shipyard workers union funds asked the state superior court today to decide whether the money belongs to the national union or to the local members.

The Camden Local of 3300 members voted last Sept. 28 to disaffiliate from the Industrial Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America (CIO), in a dispute over the funds.

The parent organization charged the bolt was illegal and requested the First National Bank to freeze the Local's bank account. Bank officials said they wanted a ruling which destroyed a house owned by J. B. Smallwood Sunday. Mr. Branam was treated for burns.

## Fireman Hurt at Blaze

BLOOMINGTON, Oct. 12—City Fireman Ray Branam was injured in a fire of unknown origin which destroyed a house owned by J. B. Smallwood Sunday. Mr. Branam was treated for burns.

## Schedule Health Officers Meeting

The annual conference of Indiana health officers with the Indiana State Board of Health will be held Oct. 25 and 26 in the Board of Health building.

Dr. L. E. Burney, state health commissioner, will preside at the opening session.

Speakers for the two-day program will include Dr. F. R. N. Carter, South Bend health officer; Murray Auerbach, executive secretary of the Indiana Tuberculosis Association; and Robert Yoho, director of health education, records and statistics.

Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, president of the Chicago Board of Health, will speak at the conference banquet. Dr. W. R. Taylor, Richmond, president of the Indiana Health Officers Association, will preside at the banquet and sessions on the second conference day.

## Refuses Liquor License Renewal

The Marion County Liquor Board today had refused to renew Patrick McNulty's license to sell liquor at his E. 10th St. tavern after charging that he had sold beer to teen-agers.

Thomas J. Blackwell, Mr. McNulty's attorney, told the board it acted on "hearsay evidence only" in denying a renewal of the license. He said his client was not convicted of the charge at a hearing two weeks ago in Juvenile Court.

During the hearing three of five Technical High School students, charged with beating a semi-invalid youth while on a drinking spree last May, testified they had obtained beer at Mr. McNulty's tavern.

## Insurance Group To Meet Monday

Officers and managers representing 250,000 members of Hoosier legal reserve fraternal insurance societies will open the two-day golden anniversary session of the Indiana Fraternal Congress at 10 a. m. Monday in the Travertine Room of the Lincoln Hotel.

C. F. Webster, Marion, president of the congress, will officially open the session. He will be assisted by Paul Stump, vice president, Crawfordsville; Frank Liebold, Indianapolis; State Senator John S. Gonas, South Bend; W. F. Held, Peru; E. H. Wilson, Indianapolis; Mrs. Dorothy Adang, Ft. Wayne, past president, and Mrs. Ann Wells, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer.

## Suspect in Reuther Case To Be Arraigned Today

DETROIT, Oct. 12 (UP)—Carl Bolton, 39, once a minor official of the CIO United Auto Workers union, faces arraignment today on a charge of attempting to kill Walter Reuther, UAW president.

Bolton, who has been under arrest at Pontiac, was accused in a warrant filed last week by James N. McNally, prosecutor. He will be arraigned here before Recorder's Judge Christopher E. Stein.

It will be Bolton's second court appearance in two days. He, Frank Skrada, 23, and Clifford Thonen, 28, stood mute when arraigned yesterday before Circuit Judge H. Russell Holland at Pontiac on robbery charges.

## 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 Krasek, 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 3½ miles from the shaft mouth. He said operations would cease until the mine has been inspected and placed in "first class condition" again.

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