

Extend Gas Contract As Fire Department Charges Collapse

Safety Board Decides In Associated Service Favor on Fuel Quality

Agreement to Continue Until Jan. 15; Accuse Complainant of 'Loud Adoo About Nothing'

By LOUIS ARMSTRONG

The Safety Board, deciding the Fire Department had failed to prove any of its charges against Associated Service Corp. gasoline, today extended the company's contract until Jan. 15.

The board's action followed charges by the Fire Department that the fuel had high gum content and was deficient in quality.

Rudolph Stempel, vice president of Associated, answered all charges of the department at a meeting of the Safety Board yesterday. The board ruled in his favor by extending his contract which had been on a month to month basis.

Based on Report
The department's charges of high gum content yesterday were based on a chemist's report which Fire Chief Roscoe McKinney said he had paid "out of my own pocket."

However, the report never was presented to the board and an attempt by Mr. Stempel to look at it drew haughty stares from Chief Frank Braun, head of the department's maintenance, who read from the report. It was later reported the gum content of Associated gasoline was two milligrams higher than other fuels tested.

Mr. Stempel asked Chief Braun if all gasolines analyzed included a lubricant the department adds to its gas. Chief Braun said only Associated had the lubricant included when tested.

Mr. Stempel then said he had been told by chemists that the lubricant could not be extracted entirely in the tests and that it would show up as gum in the results.

Report 2 Failures
Charges by the department were first made two weeks ago when Chief McKinney and Chief Braun reported they had experienced two failures in vehicles which they attributed to Associated gasoline.

One failure, they later reported, was due to a flooded carburetor. The other failure was never fully explained.

An operational test was run last week. Mr. Stempel charged,

however, that the test was not conducted fairly by department personnel. He said the truck was driven in overdrive and gears were not shifted properly when his gasoline was used, thus showing lack of power.

The department began using Associated Aug. 1. Prior to that time it had had a contract of long standing with Campbell Oil Co.

Submits Competitive Bid
Associated procured the City gasoline contract several months ago when it submitted the first competitive bid in many years. In the past, gasoline companies have made the practice of submitting virtually identical bids for City contracts.

When the department's contract with its former supplier expired it was agreed among Safety Board members to give a month-to-month contract to Associated because of the company's low bid.

At that time Chief McKinney voiced objections to making any change in gasoline and declared it would cost \$75 per vehicle to make carburetor changes and adjustments if a different gas was used. He later admitted that the changes had not been necessary.

In awarding the extension to Associated yesterday, Safety Board members voiced the opinion the department had made a "loud adoo about nothing." They said they were convinced there is little difference in present day brands of gasoline.

METAL TYPE IN 1892
Type was cast from metal in Korea in 1392.



CAST MEMBERS—These Speedway High School students are part of the cast of "Spring Fever," junior class play, to be presented at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the school. Left to right are Ronald Bland, Margie McDaniels, Sandra Long and Richard Kaufman. Other members of the cast include Robert Coughlin, David Thomas, Ray Stewart, Charles Martin, Jane Kennedy, Marilyn Smith, Doris White and Phyllis Brown.

Truman to Answer Dewey Tonight on A-Bomb Control

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too" convert to bipartisan foreign policy.
President Truman abandoned his hands-off tactics at St. Paul, Minn., in a speech angrily reprimanding Gov. Dewey for saying he "founded" the bipartisan policy.

"I had hoped that foreign policy would not become an issue in this campaign," the President said. "But I serve notice here and now that I shall feel at liberty to correct distortions and keep the record straight."

The Record Shows
Mr. Dewey had claimed credit for the bipartisan foreign policy in Louisville, Ky., on Tuesday when he assailed the Truman administration's "clumsiness."

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Schricker Raps Creighton On Legislature Record

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Henry F. Schricker, Democratic nominee for Governor, blasted away at his opponent's record in the state legislature in a radio speech at Warsaw yesterday.

Meanwhile, the GOP nominee, Hobart Creighton, turned to praise of the State Conservation Department under Republican administration.

Mr. Schricker, speaking in Mr. Creighton's home county, criticized his opponent for his part in passing and upholding the "ripper legislation" of 1941.

"Overrode Veto"
"Mr. Creighton was a member of that Legislature and he voted for those measures and also overrode my veto," the former Governor declared.

He pointed out that the Republican Legislature at that time passed legislation over his veto which would have stripped him of many powers. The legislation, however, was later declared unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court.

He contended it was through his, Mr. Schricker's, efforts "that the governor's office could now exercise all of its rights."

Praises Conservation
Mr. Creighton, stumping through portions of Indiana which President Truman toured earlier this week, told audiences in Greensburg and Richmond that the Conservation Department during the last four Republican legislatures has been made "the

finest ever devised for the purpose."
"Indiana has a state park system second to none in the nation," he declared. "It is written indelibly in history that civilizations have flourished or decayed in proportion to the degree of their attention to conservation of natural resources."

He argued the financial position of the department had been strengthened by the 1947 General Assembly which "passed some 25 progressive bills dealing with various phases of conservation."

Gov. Gates continued to snipe at the Democratic candidate for Governor by challenging Mr. Schricker to "point to" his legislative accomplishments.

Honor Dale Brown
The Governor again branded Mr. Schricker as a part of the New Deal and declared "as far as constructive legislation for the welfare of the state of Indiana is concerned, it is impossible for them (New Dealers) to point to such a record of accomplishment as shall always be credited to Hobart Creighton."

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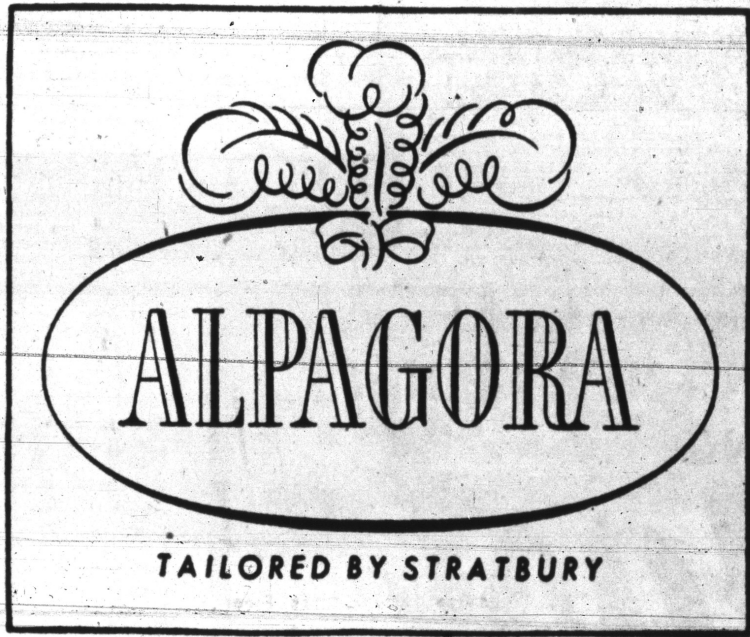
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