

Candidates Shy Away From Taking Stand On Two State Issues

Quiz on Direct Primary and Reapportionment Unanswered by Two-thirds of Office Seekers

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By ROBERT BLOOM

Nearly two-thirds of all the candidates for legislature in both parties have declined to take a stand on two of the hottest questions the General Assembly will tackle in 1949.

Of the third who did vote in three-weeks survey by The Times, nearly all candidates said they would vote for legislative reapportionment and for statewide direct primary elections.

Several told The Times flatly, off the record, that they would rather be counted among the missing than to stick their necks out ahead of time on these two questions.

Marion County Favors Bills

Expressions by Marion County legislative candidates indicated strong sentiment in favor of enacting both reapportionment and direct primary laws. Because its population has grown more in proportion than that of the state as a whole since the last reapportionment and direct primary laws. Because its population has grown more in proportion than that of the state as a whole since the last reapportionment in 1921, it would stand to gain several seats in the legislature by a new apportionment.

While it was obvious from the results of the survey that most of those opposed to legislation on the two issues preferred not to say so, the small opposition that was expressed came generally from small counties which would stand to lose in a shifting of legislative strength.

Democrats Urge Both

While Democrat candidates favored reapportionment two-to-one compared to Republicans, and three-to-one for the direct primary, there was an easy explanation.

Democrats have taken platform stands in favor of both. Many Republicans, noting the absence of this plank in their party's platform, apparently feared they might be treading on the toes of GOP policy makers.

Here is how the voting, by postcard to The Times, broke down.

Twenty-three Republicans said they would vote for a "reasonable" bill to provide legislative reapportionment in the state. One Republican said he would not vote for it. Nine replied but took no stand on the issue.

Fifty Democrats said they would vote for reapportionment but four others, even in the face of the platform promise and the fact that such action is mandated by the state constitution, said they would oppose it. Nine Democrats declined to answer this question on their cards.

GOP Resists Direct Primary

Republican resistance to the direct primary was stiffer. Five GOP candidates said they would oppose it while 18 voted "yes." Ten replied without committing themselves.

Democrats stayed with their platform promise of a direct primary by a vote of 56 to 8. Seven Democratic candidates for legislative seats, however, took no stand in their replies.

There were no replies from 113 Republicans and 62 Democrats. Only six holdover Senators of the 25 whose seats are not at stake in this election replied — three from each party.

Of the floor leaders of the two parties in each house, only Senate Democratic Leader Walter Vermillion of Anderson took a stand. He voted "yes" for both reapportionment and the direct primary.

Leaders Fail to Reply

Republican Senate Leader John Van Ness of Valparaiso and Democratic House Leader Robert Heller of Decatur did not reply. House Floor Leader George Henry of Bloomington replied to the questionnaire but took no stand on the grounds that anything he might say might be interpreted as Republican policy.

But despite majority reluctance to be counted on the issues, sentiment appeared to be strong enough in both parties to insure that both reapportionment and the statewide primary will receive serious attention in the 1949 legislature which opens Jan. 6.

Marion County's Vote

Here is how Marion County candidates voted:

Harry O. Chamberlain was the only Republican senate candidate who replied. He voted straight



TEEN HALLOWEEN—Entertainment will highlight the official Halloween proclaimed tomorrow by Mayor Feeney when Teen Productions (an organization of local Teen Canteens) presents Orrin Tucker and his orchestra and their own stage show at the Indiana Roof from 7:30 p.m. until 11:30. Getting ready for the show here are (left to right) Barbara Willoughby, Jane Feeze and Walter Miller, vice president of Teen Productions.

Vandalism Hits Halloween Peak

Police Get Reports Of Property Damage

Vandalism was reaching its height last night. The police switchboard was flooded with complaints.

Earl Harmon of 2567 S. California St. reported a small house on his lot was overturned damaging a fence.

At 2425 Bluff Rd. the steps of Mrs. Muriel Yeager's store were torn off. Youngsters threatened to burn down her place of business.

Sewer Lids Removed

Meanwhile, throughout the city streetlights winked out from thrown stones. Elsewhere, sewer lids were removed leaving dangerous holes in the streets.

Paul Rizzo of 3739 S. State Ave. reported the wiring of his automobile cut. At 217 E. Morris St. pranksters threw dirt and leaves on the front porch and stretched a rubber hose across the street.

Boys threw a stone through a trolley car window in the 900 block of W. 29th St. and police ordered a 16-year-old boy to appear in Juvenile Aid Department tomorrow to answer for the act.

Grass Fires Increase

The Fire Department reported an increase in the number of grass fires yesterday was due to vandalism.

George Paetz, 5102 Broadway, reported the aerial was torn from his car and the interior of the vehicle damaged.

Early yesterday, the guard at the World War Memorial found a stray tombstone on the front steps. The stone read, "To My Sister Mary R. Holt, died Aug. 8, 1849." It was turned over to City police.

Reports Purse Missing

Mrs. Fred Frather of 1404 Montcalm St. reported her billfold missing after a group of boys had been in her house on "trick or treat." She was unable to determine the exact amount of money in her purse immediately.

Plane Crash Kills 2 Hoosier Youths

Times State Service

BLUFFTON, Oct. 30 — Two youths were killed near here today when their light airplane crashed into the left bank of Rock Creek.

State police said the dead were Wade Furnas, Bluffton, the pilot, and Willard Ballard, Uniondale. Both were 20 years old.

Witnesses said the craft took off from the Bluffton-Wells County Airport shortly before the crash. As the plane tried to gain altitude, the motor died and it plunged earthward.

The impact of the crash, drove the plane's motor back to the tail assembly. The plane sank in about four feet of water.

Police Roll a Seven

A sidewalk crap game at 1300 E. 19th St. ended abruptly yesterday when police yelled "no dice" and arrested seven of the players. Seven open-air sportsmen were charged with congregating and disorderly conduct.

Police said they failed to see any money change hands. They confiscated the dice.

Club to Give Comedy

"Too Many Relatives," a comedy, will highlight the program for the Olive Branch Dramatic Club Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. in the church Dramatic Arts Hall.

Midnight tonight is the deadline for the \$100 Civic Pride Slogans Contest.

All you have to do is enter is write a slogan in 15 words or less on some subject that would stimulate civic pride. Bring your entry to The Times by midnight tonight or have it postmarked by that time. Mail entries to: Civic Pride Contest, Indianapolis Times, 214 W. Maryland St.

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SEASON SKIPPER

—W. O. PEAKE OF LONDON

—KENMOOR

—LONDONDERRY

—FRANK GALLANT

—JAMES ROXTON

—GARDE

Wallace Attacks Truman's Tactics

Charges 'Two-Timing' And Double-Talk

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30 (UPI)

Henry A. Wallace said tonight that President Truman's campaign set a new record for "two-timing, double-talk" that is a "libel" on the American people.

The Progressive Party presidential candidate accused Mr. Truman of "two-timing, double talk" that is a "libel" on the American people.

Making his final major cam-

aign address before election day

next Tuesday, Mr. Wallace said

the President now "loves" the

labor he threatened with bayonets

and condemns the "Taft-Hartley

slave law—the law he enforces

so savagely."

Mr. Wallace said Mr. Truman's

speeches were not the result of

malice but of a "frantic effort to

please the people while he is a

candidate, to please Wall Street

while he is president."

"It should be clear to everyone

now that a wasted vote is a vote

for Truman," he said. "If you

want reaction vote for Dewey."

Appealing strongly for a large

progressive vote for peace and

abundance, Mr. Wallace said his

rivals campaigned on double-talk

"home and mother" and the glo-

ries of the Grand Canyon and

Niagara Falls.

ELECTION BELLS TO RING

CHICAGO, Oct. 30 (UPI)

Ernest F. Tittle, Methodist min-

ister at Evanston, Ill., said today

that church bells will ring

throughout Illinois Tuesday to re-

mind persons to vote.

The Times Straw Vote is of-

fered as a public service feature

a Times prediction of the outcome

and is NOT to be interpreted as of next Tuesday's election.

Dewey and Schricker Lead in Times Poll

New York Governor Has 59 Per Cent of Votes, Schricker 53.2%; Denny Tops Congress Race

By ART WRIGHT

THE FINAL tabulation of The Times Straw Vote today showed these complete results:

Republicans gained in all three offices polled on the last day.

Leaders held these margins over opponents:

President—Republican Thomas E. Dewey, 19.8 per cent.

Governor—Democrat Henry F. Schricker, 8 per cent.

Constituent (11th District)—Republican George L. Dunn, 11.1 per cent.

Following is the complete tabulation—in percentages—of all votes counted for the 15 days of the straw poll:

PRESIDENT

Final

Tally

59.0%

59.2%

53.2%

53.3%

52.2%

51.3%

50.9%

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50.5%

50.3%

50.1%

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