

# 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 BLOEM

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 a 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 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 0. 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 Hensley 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. Chamberlin was the only Republican senate candidate who replied. He voted straight

## Political Talks Today

NATIONAL

WISH—11:15 to 1:30, Walter Reuther, President of the U.A.W. Union; 6:00 to 6:30, Henry Wallace.

LOCAL

WISH—11:10 to 11:15 a. m., Indiana State Democratic Committee; 2:15 to 2:20, League of Women Voters, Mrs. Beasley; 9:45 to 9:50, League of Women Voters, Mrs. Beasley.

WFBM—11:45 to 12:00, Walter Frisbie, Progressive candidate for Governor; 4:15 to 4:30, Indiana State Democratic Committee; 10:15 to 10:20, Indiana State Republican Committee, Frank P. Mills, speaker.

WIBC—9:30 to 9:45, Indiana State Republican Committee, Larry Richardson, speaker.

"Yes." Incumbents Mrs. Arcada Balz and Robert Lee Brokenburr, and GOP candidate Donald M. Ream did not reply.

All four Democratic candidates—Mrs. Mary Garrett, Walter F. Kelley, Cecil McConahay and Judson H. West—voted straight "yes." Of the candidates for joint senator for Johnson and Marion Counties, Democrat Greble L. McFarland, Jr., voted "yes" but no reply was received from Harold O. Burnett, Republican.

All Democratic candidates for representative except Judson F. Haggerty and Herbert C. Wadsworth voted straight "yes" on both issues. Republicans Harry W. Claffey, William L. Fortune, Edwin Haeble, A. Ross Manly and J. Russell Townsend, Jr., also voted straight "yes."

In a letter, Republican John Tindler said he favored reapportionment of the legislature but reserved judgment on the primary election question.

Republican Harry E. Bason, Mrs. Nellie E. Downey, Rufus Kuykendall and Mrs. Joyce Loomis made no reply to the questionnaire. Dr. Clark W. Day, another Republican candidate, returned his card with the comment that "after election is the time to answer questions."

Neither the Republican nor the Democratic candidate for joint representative from Johnson and Marion counties voted.

## Plane Crash Kills 2 Hoosier Youths

Times Staff 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.

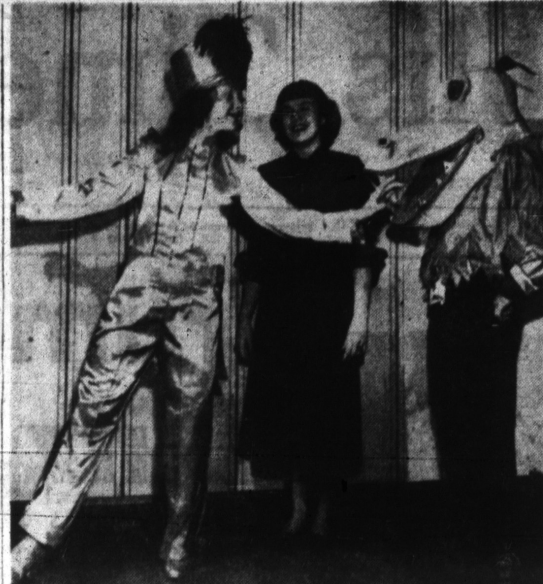
The impact of the crash, drove the plane's motor back to the tail assembly. The plane sank in about four feet of water.

## 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 bill for the Olive Branch Dramatic Club Thursday and Friday at 8 p. m. in the church Dramatic Arts Hall.



TEEN HALLOWEEN—Entertainment will highlight the official Halloween proclaimed tomorrow by Mayor Faenee when Teen Productions (an organization of local Teen Canteens) presents Orin 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 Feezle 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. pranks were thrown dirt and leaves on the front porch and stretched a rubber hose across the steps.

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 Prather of 1404 Montclair 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.

## Civic Pride Contest Ends Tonight

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

All you have to do to 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.

The best entry in the opinion of the judges will earn \$50 for the writer, second, \$35 and third, \$15. The contest is sponsored by The Times, the Indianapolis Civic Pride Committee and other Indianapolis newspapers.

## Wallace Attacks Truman's Tactics

Charges 'Two-Timing' And Double-Talk

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30 (UP)—Henry A. Wallace said tonight that President Truman's campaign set a new record for "transparent hypocrisy" in the "long and shoddy annals of politics."

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 campaign 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 glories of the Grand Canyon and Niagara Falls.

## ELECTION BELLS TO RING

CHICAGO, Oct. 30 (UP)—Dr. Ernest P. Tittle, Methodist minister at Evanston, Ill., said today that church bells will ring throughout Illinois Tuesday to remind persons to vote.

## Dewey and Schriker Lead in Times Poll

New York Governor Has 59 Per Cent of Votes, Schriker 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. Schriker, 8 per cent.

Congressman (11th District)—Republican George L. Denny, 11.1 per cent.

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

### PRESIDENT

For Thomas E. Dewey, Republican..... 59.0%

For Harry S. Truman, Democrat..... 39.3%

For Henry Wallace, Progressive..... 1.3%

Incomplete Ballots..... 0.5%

### GOVERNOR

For Henry F. Schriker, Democrat..... 53.2%

For Hobart Creighton, Republican..... 45.3%

For Walter Frisbie, Progressive..... 0.9%

Incomplete Ballots..... 0.7%

### CONGRESS

For George L. Denny, Republican..... 53.3%

For Andrew Jacobs, Democrat..... 43.2%

For Willard B. Ransom, Progressive..... 1.7%

Incomplete Ballots..... 2.3%

### PARTY TRENDS

Straight Republican Votes..... 41.1%

Straight Democrat Votes..... 33.3%

No Party Preference..... 16.9%

Democrats for Republican Dewey..... 11.0%

Republicans for Democrat Truman..... 7.5%

Republicans for Progressive Wallace..... 5.2%

Democrats for Progressive Wallace..... 0.6%

Democrats for Democrat Schriker..... 0.4%

Democrats for Republican Creighton..... 12.1%

Republicans for Progressive Frisbie..... 2.9%

Democrats for Progressive Frisbie..... 0.4%

Republicans for Democrat Jacobs..... 0.3%

Democrats for Republican Denny..... 5.9%

Democrats for Progressive Ransom..... 0.8%

Republicans for Progressive Ransom..... 0.7%

The Times Straw Vote is offered as a public service feature a Times prediction of the outcome and is NOT to be interpreted as of next Tuesday's election.

## Battle to Rule Congress in Doubt

Democrat Chance for Senate Gains Good

By SANDOR K. KLEIN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—The toughest battle in 13 years for the absolute control of Congress neared an end tonight with the outcome still in doubt.

The big prize is the Senate. Democrats appeared to have a 50-50 chance to wrest control of the Senate from the Republicans in Tuesday's voting. The House, however, appeared to be safely Republican if Thomas E. Dewey wins the presidency.

Battle for the Senate was concentrated in 10 doubtful states. And the Senatorial contestants were fighting it out to the finish. The shift of a comparative handful of votes might mean the difference between victory and defeat—and control of the Senate.

At stake in the crucial states are six Republican seats in Kentucky, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Iowa and West Virginia. Democratic seats are involved in the races in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico and Tennessee.

All told, 32 seats in the Senate will be filled. But only 10 of these appeared to be close contests. The Democrats need to pick up only three seats to tie and one more to control.

There are 432 House seats up for decision. Three other seats—those from Maine—are already in GOP hands.

Rep. Leonard A. Hall, head of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, predicted the Republicans would pick up strength in the House. They now hold 243 seats.

"I think enough of the going to be picked up by the usual campaign."

Assaults Truman

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ANNE JOHNSON

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JAMES WILLIAM

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