

Campbell Rips GOP 'Fifth Column' Charges; Capehart Calls His Opponent Irresponsible

Refutes Accusation, Saying Democrats Prosecuted Judy Coplon and Other Reds

By LEON W. RUSSELL, Times Staff Writer

NEW CASTLE, Oct. 27—Republican "fifth column" charges were ripped by Democratic Senatorial Candidate Alex Campbell before an enthusiastic audience in the Henry County Courthouse here last night.

Mr. Campbell tore into "that pygmy among giants, Sen. William Jenner," who "had the audacity to say that if you elect Democrats you'll have a fifth column in the Senate."

"My, my, what a lie," Mr. Campbell said contemptuously. "Who," he demanded, "prosecuted the Communists? It wasn't Bill Jenner."

"It was a Democratic President and a Democratic attorney general who prosecuted and convicted Judy Coplon, Alger Hiss,"

to Wake Island for a conference with the general, they said, that's a cheap political trick."

He hammered at his opponent, Sen. Capehart, as a "rubber stamp" who "always votes no, no, no."

Democratic spirit had been whetted by a torchlight parade of 40 cars which wound through two miles of New Castle streets to the courthouse.

More than 300 persons climbed the steep, cast-iron stairway to the Circuit courtroom where Mr. Campbell spoke.

Another speaker was Vernon Dwyer, Muncie, candidate for 6th District Congressman. He attacked the Republican record in Congress on foreign affairs.

Mr. Campbell came to New Castle from Richmond, where he gave

a nonpolitical talk to the Kiwanis Club and filled a few idle hours with old-fashioned handshake-to-handshake campaigning.

He went to the gateway of the Crosley refrigerator plant, where he spent an hour meeting home-going day shift employees and incoming night workers.

There was some good-natured kidding with employees known to be Republicans. Some passed by with indifference. A lot of others sounded that sweetest of all political music: "I'm going to vote for you."

Probably the most sincere compliment came from an elderly janitor. He looked at scattered leaflets which awaited his broom and told Mr. Campbell: "For you, I don't mind cleaning up this mess."

Assails Statement That Nation Is Far Away From Dangers of Communism

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ, Times Staff Writer

FT. WAYNE, Oct. 27—Republican Sen. Homer E. Capehart came out slugging today for the first time in his campaign for reelection as he invaded the home town of his Democratic opponent, Alex Campbell.

He called Mr. Campbell "irresponsible" and "confused" for making "silly" statements about communism in America.

The Senator referred to published reports quoting Mr. Campbell as saying "we are further away from communism today than we were in 1932."

Senator Capehart warmed up for his tirade against Mr. Campbell last night in a radio address in Warsaw when he accused the Democratic candidate of "deliberately misrepresenting facts."

his opponent for "being a stooge for the party that allowed 800 Communists to infiltrate into high government positions."

During the broadcast he also blasted the Brannan farm plan. He said that the farm plan's 15 pages of "criminal violations" is a new "criminal code for the American farmer."

Earlier Sen. Capehart toured Warsaw and Columbia City industrial plants on a handshaking tour.

He stopped in bowling alleys, factories, taverns and even Democratic headquarters to see if he could handshake some votes away from his opponent.

In a Columbia City bowling alley, the woman owner offered Sen. Capehart a job as pin boy "if you don't get elected."

The Senator has been taking the kidding good naturedly. He was the object of several jokes in a clothing plant but he managed to turn the humor to his favor when he told workers:

"I'm in favor of declaring a holiday for you with full pay every couple of weeks."

The Senator's folksy approach has stood him in good stead with hundreds of factory workers in Whitley County who "don't want any union here."

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