

Stevenson Blames Nixon Policies for Unemployment Rise

Adlai Stevenson III, Democratic candidate for the Senate, accused the Nixon Administration yesterday of failing to halt rising unemployment and bring inflation under control.

Stevenson also said he was surprised that delegates to the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce Convention failed to inquire about the state of the economy during Friday night's debate between Stevenson and Sen. Smith, his opponent.

"I am sure my opponent was delighted to avoid this issue," Stevenson said in campaign appearances in Chicago and Crete.

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"If I were in his position, I wouldn't want to defend the administration's policies which have resulted in a .4 per cent jump in unemployment in September, bringing unemployment to the highest point in seven years."

Stevenson said that means 75,000 more persons are unemployed. He said there are 200,000 persons unemployed in Illinois.

"The latest cost of living figures show a .6 per cent rise in the cost of living in Chicago," he said.

Stevenson said inflation does not have to be fought by throwing people out of work.

Given Own Plan

Instead, he suggested it be fought by cutting waste and unnecessary and inflationary spending such as the proposed supersonic transport jet.

Stevenson said he still does not know where Smith stands, "not only on the SST, but on the economy, unemployment, or inflation. His latest proposition that we can't have prosperity with peace has to be rejected emphatically by the people of Illinois."