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DAYTON, Ohio, January 17, 1968 --- John J. Gilligan of Cincinnati, who announced his candidacy against Senator Frank Lausche in the May 7 Democratic primary, will speak at the University of Dayton this Monday evening, January 22, at 8:30 p.m. in the Boll Theatre. His talk, "The Democratic Challenge of '68," is sponsored by the University of Dayton Young Democrats. Admission is free.

Mr. Gilligan, who was elected to his sixth term as Cincinnati Councilman last fall, will hold a press conference in UD's Kennedy Union, room 222, at 7:30 p.m.

The 47-year-old councilman, who graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1943, entered politics in 1953 when he was first elected to the Cincinnati city council. He served five successive terms before winning election to the House of Representatives from Cincinnati's First District in 1964. He was only the third Democrat to represent that district in a century. He was defeated by Robert Taft Jr. in 1966.

Mr. Gilligan, who won the silver star for gallantry in action on Okinawa in World War II, has his master's degree in literature from the University of Cincinnati. He taught at Xavier University before his political career. He has two sons and two daughters.