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The Phillipines have elected 46-year-old Ramon Magsaysay to be President. He displaces the former President Quirino, the 62-year-old head of the Liberal Party, in whose Government Magsaysay served as Defence Secretary.

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Previous elections having caused fighting and some deaths every precaution was taken this time to protect the 5-million voters. When the result was proclaimed everybody seemed happy.

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PHILLIPINES U.S. GAINS ALLY IN ELECTION OF MAGSAYSAY

Pro-American, 46-year-old Ramon Magsaysay, newly elected President of the Phillipines, after a grueling six-months campaign. The Nationalist-Democratic coalition candidate was a wartime guerrilla leader, against the Japanese occupation forces. As former Defense Secretary in the Liberal cabinet, he crushed Communist rebellion, and now campaigns against graft and corruption.

Defeated is incumbent President, Elpidio Quirino, 62 year-old head of the Liberal party, whose appointment of Magsaysay, as defense Secretary, helped establish his reputation.

Election day and voting, usually accompanied by bloodshed, is mostly orderly, as more than five-million go to the polls.

In Bacoor, Cavite Province, less than ten miles from Manila, (where trouble is reported), a detachment from the Filipino Army! Plus thorough police searching for firearms -- to remove any danger of violence.

To eliminate fraudulent voting, fingerprint registration. As the votes are totalled, it's a landslide for the Nationalist-Democratic ticket. At latest tabulation, more than one million plurality, for our new ally in the Far East ... President Ramon Magsaysay!