

DEWEY CHALLENGES TRUMAN

The battle for the Presidency of the United States nears its climax. Starting on a nationwide tour, candidate Harry S. Truman makes his last bid to rally the wavering supporters of his democratic party. Now a familiar world figure, Truman rechecked from semi-obscurity as Vice-President, to succeed the late President, Franklin Roosevelt.

As his special train carries him from State to State, meeting the crowds who want to hear both sides, Democratic confidence ebbs. The party fears that many previous supporters will not record their votes at all. So Truman exhorts.

In sharp contrast, candidate Thomas E. Dewey moves forward on a sweeping tide of Republican optimism. Stamping the country on the heels of Truman, he promises to carry to the White House, all the efficiency and energy which make him the first figure in a state of fourteen million people - New York. For it was in New York, in 1931, when crime was a national scandal, that Dewey started his career. As public prosecutor, he faced the almost hopeless job of clearing out the racketeers who battened on the city.

Of 73 indictments against key criminals, Dewey convicted all but one. The gang overlords went to jail. Rackets which had flourished with complete immunity broke up. On this brilliant record, Dewey became Governor of New York state. By lowering taxes and yet increasing public services, he was returned again to office with the largest majority in State history. His nationwide reception seems to assure a Republican victory and Dewey himself, to judge by his speeches, is in no doubt of it.

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X The ~~open~~ open season on voters gets under way as the Presidential candidates start cross-country vote-hunting tours. Candidate Truman, accompanied by his daughter Margarte, gets a sendoff from running mate Barkley. A sixteen-day coast-to-coast tour lies ahead as the Truman special pulls out of Washington. The President sets himself a stiff pace, with thirteen speeches on his first day -- climaxed at Dexter, Iowa. Eighty thousand farmers here for the ~~national~~ national plowing contest hear Mr. Truman attack again the Republican eightieth congress. Charging that the Republican campaign is being financed by Wall Street reactionaries and "gluttons of privilege," he says:

X Candidate Dewey, hot on the heels of Candidate Truman starts from Albany on his own nationwide vote-hunting tour. With control of the Senate a vital question, both candidates will visit ~~the~~ ^{the} states with ~~the~~ ^{the closest} senate races. And with both candidates simultaneously on the road, voters across the country will hear both sides of the key issues at first hand.

PEOPLE

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X President Truman swings through Camden, New Jersey, and Philadelphia on the third of what he calls his "crusades" for democratic victory.

X Culmination of his strenuous day of campaigning comes at the site of his nomination this summer -- Philadelphia's huge convention hall. Twelve thousand hear him summarize the election issues as high prices, the Taft-Hartley Act, and what he termed the "unholy alliance between the Republicans and big business."

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CANDIDATES

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The Presidential battle is on! Candidate Thomas E. Dewey reaches Rock Island, Illinois on his thirteen-state swing through the West, hot on the heels of Harry Truman. A crowd of twelve thousand hails the Republican nominee as his train heads for Davenport, Iowa - and another reception. Dewey, who pledged a foreign policy based on the belief that we can have peace, has twenty-five major stops on his busy September schedule. At Des Moines, his fifteen-car "Victory Special" is surrounded by more cheering thousands.

That night, in the Drake University fieldhouse, New York's Governor appears before a capacity crowd to fire his opening gun in the campaign for the Presidency.....

Meanwhile, candidate Harry S. Truman has cheering crowds of his own as he appears in Denver on his cross-country tour. Twenty-thousand before the State Capitol hear him charge a Republican underbover plan to sabotage the West. In this key city, Mr. Truman makes four speeches in one day.

Still westward hurries the President to speak in Salt Lake City, then dash to San Francisco. Here, in two more major addresses, he blasts away at the Eightieth Congress. Truman and Dewey battle to out-