

IKE v. TAFT

At Chicago, the battle for the Republican Candidature is under way as Senator Taft is noisily championed by his supporters for the Presidential Election in November. In his Hotel, Mr. Eisenhower goes into conference with Stassen of Minnesota, who, together with California's Governor Warren, is willing to sacrifice his own chance of election to back Ike.

Then in the Convention Hall, events take a dramatic turn as our American commentator reports:

"In the Convention Hall where the Republican Presidential nominee will be chosen, it's a scene of confusion, noise and uproar as the convention opens. On the crowded floor, state delegations are grouped together like troops drawn up for battle. Governor Saltonstall heads the Massachusetts forces. New York's delegation is led by Governor Dewey, an Eisenhower supporter, while Pennsylvania's important delegation is headed by Governor Fine and Senator Duff.

Then the crowd falls suddenly silent as Party Chairman Gabrielson officially opens the convention.

The Taft-Ike battle breaks out at once, Washington's Governor Langlie proposing a rule change that would tend to favour Eisenhower's chances.

Taft supporter Clarence Brown suggests a compromise on delegates. Defeat of Brown's amendment would be a crucial Ike victory. The result's announced - the Ike men win!

Then General Douglas MacArthur, who has been a supporter of the candidacy of Senator Taft, is welcomed to the rostrum to make the keynote speech of the convention. MacArthur delivers a vigorous indictment of Democratic policy."

"Perhaps it is unnecessary here to indict the present administration for all its tragic blunders, for that indictment has already found full expression in the resentment which has poured from the hearts of the American people from north to south, from east to west, with no distinction of race, creed, colour of political affiliation."

Though MacArthur failed to save Taft, it's just possible he himself might be elected, but as we go to press, experts say that Ike has again crossed the Rhine in strength and victory lies ahead.

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Chicago becomes the focal point for the nation's eyes as the hottest, bitterest Republican convention in forty years gets under way. Candidates, including General Eisenhower, reach the city where their fate is to be decided. Ike's team faces a do-or-die struggle-- keyed to the question of seating disputed convention delegates-- with the forces of Ohio Senator Robert Taft, the other leading aspirant for the G.O.P. nomination. Mr. Republican leads in pledged delegates up to convention time, but anything can happen.

Lesser candidates are on hand too - Warren of California and Stassen of Minnesota -- for the battle to come. And a carnival atmosphere takes over in the Windy City, jammed with delegates, families, political strategists and thousands of others who come just to watch -- or to take part in -- the flamboyant sideshow which almost obscures the main event.

Conferences, like this one between Ike and Stassen, go on day and night. The general also sees Governor Warren. Warren's chance of nomination may appear slim, but he controls California's seventy delegates -- which could be a powerful aid for Ike.

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