

IKE WINS

In Chicago's Convention Hall, the most frantic Republican convention in years heads toward its climax, as candidates' names are placed in nomination. Senator Dirksen of Illinois offers Senator Robert Taft's name:

"I place before you for your prayerful consideration Mr. Integrity, Mr. Republican, Mr. American, my friend Bob Taft."

Then Eisenhower is nominated by Maryland's Governor McKeldin:

"I am proud to place before this convention the name of Dwight Eisenhower."

Then comes the most dramatic part of the long and bitter convention, as the balloting on nominees begins, state by state.

As balloting ends, Ike lacks nine votes - but Minnesota changes its vote!

This wins a first-ballot victory for Ike! At the suggestion of Taft and Warren leaders, Chairman Martin proposes:

"...that the nomination of Dwight Eisenhower be signified. All those in favour say "Aye" — it's a vote — therefore, General Eisenhower is hereby nominated to be the Republican Party's official candidate for the Presidential elections."

Right after his nomination, General Eisenhower crosses the street to meet his recent political rival, Senator Taft, whom he's seeing face-to-face for the first time since the convention's start. Taft congratulates the General, promises his full support and predicts certain victory at the Presidential election in November.