

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

The battle for the presidency of the United States nears its climax, and tension grows in the rival camps. At his headquarters, Dwight Eisenhower, the Republican candidate, makes his way onto the platform to the acclaim of his supporters as the news comes in from the forty-eight states that he's in the lead.

Earlier in the day President Truman recorded his vote for Governor Stevenson, the Democrat candidate. He's been pulling no punches in his attacks on Eisenhower, but Ike looks pretty confident of victory. Over in Illinois (Stevenson's own state) Ike's opponent looks far from gloomy himself as he goes to the polls.

But at the Stevenson headquarters, they aren't so happy. Eisenhower is steadily forging ahead - and it looks like the end for Stevenson.

Electric signs flash the news, "Ike's In!" Bedlam breaks out amongst Republican supporters as they hear of their landslide victory.

It's a very different picture at Stevenson's H.Q.

Now the governor, still composed and self-controlled, speaks of his defeat:

"I have sent the following telegram to General Eisenhower at the Comnaught Hotel in New York: "The people have made their choice and I congratulate you."

Asked about running for presidency in 1956, Stevenson echoes with good-natured surprise:

"1956! Examine that man's head."

Republican celebrations reach their peak when the President-elect, with his wife Mamie (soon to become America's first lady), tells his supporters of Stevenson's telegram conceding defeat:

"Just as I came down to the ballroom I replied to that telegram as follows: "I thank you for your courteous and generous message recognizing the intensity of the difficulties that lie ahead. It is clearly necessary that men and women of goodwill of both parties forget the political strife through which we have passed and devote themselves to the single

purpose of a better future. This I believe they will do."

Dwight Eisenhower became a President by the greatest popular vote ever given a White House candidate. As the shouting dies, his and his family leave for a holiday in Georgia. There he will prepare for his new post. America has shown her confidence in Eisenhower - and Britain, too, believes he will not fail in the tremendous task ahead.