

THE CONVENTIONS

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The bitterness of the Democratic National Convention gives way to a show of harmony at the closing session. Joining forces behind the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket are Governor Harriman and Senator Johnson -- defeated Presidential hopefuls -- and former President Truman, who fought to the end against the Stevenson nomination.

The delegates, too, close ranks in a colorful windup salute to the team that will carry Democratic hopes in November.

Stevenson -- making his second try for the White House -- pledges a fighting campaign and "new America" as he leads his party into battle.

Meanwhile, the convention spotlight switches to San Francisco where the Republican delegates are all agreed on their choice -- President Eisenhower for four more years. Gable cars -- traditional in the "Bay City" -- share the streets with a parade of "We Like Ike" jalopies.

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There are parades here, there, and everywhere -- out to the International Airport where a big crowd is on hand to greet native son Richard Nixon and wife, Pat. The Vice President -- target of a "Dump Nixon" drive -- seemed certain of renomination as these films were made.

While everybody, it seems, is behind Nixon, the leader of the anti-Nixon drive -- Harold Stassen -- arrives; ready, he insists, to carry his fight to the floor of the convention.

Also flying in is the convention keynoter, Governor Arthur Langlie of Washington.

As the delegations arrive, their states are filled in on a giant cardboard jigsaw map of the United States.

East ... West ... North ... and South state after state gets on the Eisenhower bandwagon -- to the surprise of no one.

Ready to make up in showmanship what it might lack in excitement, the Republican convention goes about the business of nominating President Eisenhower for a second term.