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LEAD (This bc. not given due to Eisenhower  
acceptance speech)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Here at the Convention, of course, we're all set for - the acceptance speech. Not that we haven't already had enuf oratory. Looking back on it three peaks standing high above all of this year's G.O.P. ocean of oratory: MacArthur's keynote speech - which sounded a lofty tone, but did not stampede the Convention, as many thought it would. Then there was former President Hoover's address, high-minded, and stately in wisdom. And now, in about an hour, General Eisenhower's acceptance of the Republican nomination for President. All the nation is waiting for that.

SUBSTITUTE LEAD

*About* The Vice Presidential candidate ~~is~~ ~~definitely~~ -- Senator Richard Nixon, of California, ~~of course he will not be chosen by the convention until a few hours from now. But,~~ he's as good as the candidate already.

*that* decision was made this afternoon by a conference ~~of~~ of top ranking Republican leaders, Senators and Governors, gathered in a hotel suite. They seem to have had not much difficulty in making a choice. There appears to have been no great amount of debate. The verdict was *first* announced when Senator ~~Henry Cabot~~ Lodge, manager for General Eisenhower told the news men that Senator Nixon had been selected as the unanimous choice of the top ranking leaders. General Eisenhower, himself, was not there. He left the matter up to the conference. His only qualification was -- that the Vice Presidential candidate should be a young man.

Senator Nixon is that. He had been mentioned all along ~~as~~ *as* a possibility -- although <sup>lial</sup> earlier today the Vice President ~~was~~ limelight ~~was~~ focused on Harold Stassen. There was even talk that Senator Taft might take second place on the

Eisenhower ticket. But, *as you know it's Richard Nixon of Calif.* ~~not at all. It's~~

SUSPENSE

*Now,*  
*W about* Ike on ~~the~~<sup>*That*</sup> first ballot, ~~it~~<sup>*^*</sup> might seem to indicate there wasn't much suspense in the Convention Hall.

Especially - as all ~~official~~ indications pointed to an Eisenhower triumph. But I, for one, knew how angrily, desperately, the Taft people were striving for some sort of combination to stop the General.

My own feeling, this morning, stemmed from the bitterness I found at the Convention last night. ~~During~~<sup>*in*</sup> the hullabaloo of placing names in nomination, ~~the~~<sup>*FR*</sup> circulating around, talking to delegates, ~~there was~~  
*^* I had plenty of occasion to notice the wrath among the backers of Senator Taft.

The degree of ugly feeling was illustrated by a thing that happened to an Eisenhower family party - the General's brother Earl, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Milton Eisenhower, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. S. Dowd. They had balcony seats, and were wearing Eisenhower buttons - as why wouldn't they? What happened was told by General Eisenhower today: "People rushed down from behind them," said he, "and tore the flowers off the ladies. ~~They~~<sup>*And*</sup> snarled at them, apparently because they

delegates, they told me that, in their group, there were Eisenhower voters - at heart for Taft. ( If those delegates had been consulting their own feelings, they ~~sure~~ <sup>have voted</sup> would ~~be voting~~ for Mr. Republican. ~~BUT~~

What restrained them? Well, they were local politicians - convinced. ~~I was told~~, that they could not win their own local state and county elections, if Taft were the candidate. ~~In their neighborhoods, the sentiment was for the General. So,~~ <sup>That</sup> with Ike as ~~the nominee, they could win locally, and not otherwise. Powerful persuasion for politicians.~~

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~~Just one of these politicians, aware of the hard fact - that it would help him in his own home town election, if Ike were nominated.~~

weren't wearing the right kind of button," added Ike. Hardly the kind of thing to happen to the family of the five star general who today is G.O.P. candidate for president.

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Well, in that atmosphere, it seemed possible a revolt might be organized. Which the Taft leaders were trying desperately to do. The news wires were carrying intimations that a scheme was on for the Taft forces to launch a MacArthur stampede. And suddenly shouting boosters for MacArthur appeared in hotel lobbies where delegates were concentrated. When the General was placed

in nomination, then came that snake-dance ovation at the Convention, in the wee hours of the morning.

But, - as everybody now knows, the last minute moves to stop Eisenhower fizzled out. One top ranking political figure on the Taft side told me that the "Stop-Eisenhower" efforts were started - too late. Senator Taft himself apparently not realizing, in time, that his own cause was lost.

DE. EY

( The bitterness on the Taft side was, <sup>as you no doubt have</sup> ~~of course,~~ heard was concentrated on Governor Dewey of New York - who became a target for booing and jeering. I thought, at the time, they were going too far - bad strategy. <sup>Illinois Senator Dirksen,</sup> a Taft leader, pointing his finger at Dewey, and singling him out for the bitter charge that Dewey had led the Republican Party to defeat, twice.) Moreover, hand-bills were passed around, signed by the official Taft leader, <sup>2</sup> ~~David~~ Ingalls, with a diatribe full of such virulent adjectives as these: "Tom Dewey is the most cold blooded, ruthless, selfish political boss in the United States today." That kind of envenom verbiage, and the slogan "sink Dewey."

It sounded to me as if they <sup>shrank from making</sup> ~~did not~~ make savage personal attacks on a popular General, a victorious commander in war. So they focused their anger on the New York Governor, making Tom Dewey the whipping boy.

In the Chicago Sun-Times today, there's a sharply worded estimate of Dewey by Newspaperman Ray

Brennan, who begins his article in the following words:  
"The day has passed when New York's Governor Thomas E. Dewey could be laughed away as the 'little man on the wedding cake.' He is," the article goes on, "the ~~power~~ power-house of national Republican politics these days, because of the job he did for Dwight D.

Eisenhower. (~~Dewey's appearance," comments the newsman, "was once compared to the neat, precise, somewhat prissy little figure of the groom on wedding cakes.~~)

Politicians said - Dewey is washed up nationally. But now," adds Brennan, "they are taking back those words."

All that anti-Dewey hostility here in Chicago gave me a strange feeling. - You know how you'd feel, if you ran into a chorus of rancor and animosity against

a neighbor of yours, <sup>whom you know to be a fine</sup> ~~the fellow next door whom you've~~ person in every way, and one of the ablest governors always found pleasant, a good citizen, ~~okay in every~~ in the history of New York, one of our top flight national ~~respects.~~ So that was the background of feeling, as I

leaders.  
listened to the roll call of states at the Convention today. The states giving their votes, on down the



alphabet, <sup>until</sup> ~~and~~ they came to the "N's."

Then There was a sense of anticipation, because it was known that New York would give Ike a big boost. So, pretty soon, the lady who was calling out the states, announced - "New York." And (the Chairman of the New York delegation arose to announce the vote. Tom Dewey - the focus of dramatic interest.) I thought he'd be <sup>again</sup> booed and jeered by the wrathful partisans of Taft - and, maybe there were some hostile calls. But the great Convention Hall rang with cheers - an ovation for Dewey. <sup>P</sup> He couldn't announce the New York vote. He had to acknowledge the long burst of acclaim - turning, smiling, waving a hand. The applause continued, until the Chairman had to bang his gavel, demanding order and silence. <sup>P</sup> Then, <sup>the</sup> Governor ~~Thomas E. Dewey~~ of New York was able to speak, and (what he said <sup>was plenty</sup> ~~sure was~~ impressive: - ~~Announcing~~ "New York gives ninety-two votes for Eisenhower, four for Taft!") The biggest block of votes in the whole convention - Dewey delivering them to Eisenhower.

L T PERSONAL --MINNESOTA

I was on the floor, right in the middle of the delegates, when the biggest moment of all came today.

As I turned away from the New York delegation where I had been chatting with Tom Dewey, the first roll call was almost over, and right then I found myself standing in the aisle beside the Minnesota standard. Suddenly there was pandemonium. The Minnesota delegates jumped on their chairs and started shouting, calling to Joe Martin to recognize them. In the crush I was almost knocked down by a Congressman, Walter Judd of Minnesota. Red in the face, he was yelling to his fellow delegates to shout louder. Finally the convention quieted down. The Chairman recognized Minnesota; and Senator Thy, who was rubbing elbows with me - or rather I was rubbing shoulders with him - Sen. Thy spoke into the hand microphone and said: "Minnesota goes for Eisenhower!"

And then came a hubbub such as you never heard. In a flash everybody knew it was all over. That switch meant that Eisenhower was going to have it on the first ballot. I found myself standing on a chair in the Ohio delegation. I could see Governor Dewey upon his chair. And what a look of joy there was on his face! For at that moment he was realizing almost the greatest political triumph of his long public career. He had failed to reach the White House -----

himself, but he had played a dominant role in swinging this convention to General Ike.

When ~~the~~ the uproar died down, I noticed near me, ~~the~~ and not standing on his chair, a round-faced grey haired gentleman whom I have often met in Cincinnati. None other than John Hollister, law partner of Senator Taft.

( Did you notice the warm cordiality with which ~~was~~ Senator Taft greeted Eisenhower when the General dashed over to Taft headquarters ) the moment Minnesota swung to him -- ( Senator Taft's perfect poise, friendly manner, how genial he was? ) Well, what his law partner said to me helps explain that. I asked him how long he and Taft and their associates had known ~~that~~ this was likely ~~was~~ to happen, that the Senator ~~was~~ would never realize his dream of being the presidential candidate? John Hollister replied that they had all known it for some days now.

As we stood there in the aisle as the convention continued its voting toward that now forego<sup>ne</sup> conclusion, I asked Congressman Judd of Minnesota, why his state delegation had not turned to Eisenhower ~~even~~ sooner, which obviously would

have put Minnesota in a ~~ix~~ stronger position, ~~putting~~ General Eisenhower even more deeply in their debt. He replied that Harold Stassen had held out right up until a few minutes before, didn't want to ~~xa~~ give way. Stassen had met with the Minnesota delegates early this morning. They told him in no uncertain terms that he could hold them no longer, and when he emerged from that meeting there were tears in his eyes.

morning - breakfast. But she talked about that, as what she wouldn't - as her husband wins the nomination for the presidency. Then, General Ike did a thing that may have a lot of political meaning in the coming presidential campaign. He started out immediately, left his hotel, the Biscayne, and walked across the street, to the Conrad Hilton, where he took an elevator to the headquarters of Senator Taft. There, as he walked in, a few die-hards still chanted - "We want Taft!"

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IKE - TAFT

General Eisenhower sat at a television set - as the screen pictured the vote, state by state, that brought him the nomination. The veteran soldier was in a state of tension and emotion - and, when the final result came, tears welled in his eyes.

The first thing he did was to go ~~over~~ to his wife Mamie, who had ~~had~~ not been feeling too well this morning - headache. But she forgot about that, as what wife wouldn't - as her husband wins the nomination for the presidency. <sup>P</sup>Then, General Ike did a thing that may have a lot of political meaning in the coming presidential campaign. He started out immediately, left his hotel, the Blackstone, and walked across the street, to the Conrad Hilton, where he took an elevator to the headquarters of Senator Taft. There, as he walked in, a few die-hards still chanted - "We want Taft!"

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the Senator announced: "I want to congratulate General Eisenhower. I shall do everything possible in the campaign to secure his election, and in his administration." The General expressed his appreciation, saying to the crowds, <sup>that</sup> he had come to pay, in his words: "a call of friendship on a very great American."

In an aside, Taft said to him: "You'll be elected."

The downcast workers for Taft broke into a cheer - for the General and the Senator.

All this was highly unusual - for a winner to call immediately upon the loser, in a visit of cordial friendship. An eloquent ~~sign~~ <sup>(sign)</sup> of how keenly General Eisenhower understands - that the rancorous feud in the Republican Party must be healed, if he is to have the best chance for election. Eisenhower taking the lead to sweeten embittered feelings. Taft - responding in handsome style.

~~Here are a few sidelights.~~

^ National Committeeman Bob Furrroughs from Manchester, New Hampshire, was in the aisle beside me when the Minnesota break came. <sup>pounding meals</sup> He kept shouting: "That's it! That does it! It's all over!" <sup>TP As I chatted with</sup> ~~As I walked with him to~~ the New Hampshire delegation, <sup>on the floor today, with</sup> ~~and chatted with~~ Governor Blood and others, one of the ladies in the group, Mrs. John McLean, said: "Don't you let these Eisenhower people forget that we in New Hampshire started all this! Remember it was New Hampshire that gave Ike's campaign its first big impetus last November."

<sup>TP During the balloting,</sup>  
^ ~~As I fought my way through the pandemonium in the~~

main aisle I came to the Colorado delegation, where a couple of burly mountaineers hauled me up onto a chair again. From them I heard a story that is one of the interesting sidelights on ~~in~~ what occurred today. These Colorado delegates said that months ~~xx~~ ago they held a meeting and decided they were going for Eisenhower, and at the same time, they agreed to include in their delegation, for sentimental reasons, a Coloradoan who has long been a number one supporter of Bob Taft -- meaning Colorado Senator Milliken.

This morning when Colorado voted, ~~so~~ they wanted to cast all ~~xxxx~~ eighteen of their votes for Ike. But one delegate

held out, shook his head, said he couldn't do it under any circumstances -- Senator ~~Milliken~~ Milliken. I looked around for ~~him,~~ ~~the Senator~~. He wasn't there. And then I found out that just a couple of minutes before, when Minnesota went for Ike, when it was all over, Senator Milliken left his delegation, hurried outside the convention hall, got in his car and left. He ~~didn't~~ wouldn't stay any longer. Just another illustration of the bitterness. Ike is faced with a formidable task indeed, to get harmony in the Republican party. But there is one good sign -- that <sup>2</sup>genial friendly forthright way in which Senator Taft said that he would do everything ~~his~~ in his power to help Ike ~~win~~ win the campaign and then ~~help him~~ with his

administration. ~~in Washington. So, if there is to be harmony~~

~~The National Committeeman Bob Burrows of~~  
~~in the C O P it looks as though it will be due in large part~~  
Manchester, N.H., was in the crowded aisle  
~~to the great Senator from Ohio, who has taken his own~~  
beside me when the Minnesota break came.  
~~personal defeat so magnanimously.~~

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"That's it! That does it! It's all over!"

Yes, this convention is all over -  
and I'll resume my vacation until  
the next one - ~~a~~ so, so long until a  
week from now.