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THE REPUBLICANS HAVE NAMED A WINNER

ON JAN. 8 of this year, THE NEWS announced its support of General Dwight D. Eisenhower in the campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. Since that time, we have iterated and reiterated our conviction that he was the best candidate in the field.

General Eisenhower won a splendid victory. It came at the close of a long, uphill fight against the most formidable opposition and in the face of unfavorable odds. It was more than a victory for General Eisenhower; it was also a reflection of a vast upsurging of public opinion in favor of the man who led U. S. forces to victory in Europe and who has since become the world's No. 1 apostle of international peace and understanding.

REPUBLICANS CHANGE A BAD RULE

A LITTLE NOTICED rule change adopted by the Republican convention Thursday will restore some balance to representation on the national committee, but another change in the rules for delegate selection falls far short of solving a problem that afflicts one convention after another.

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FROM THE SHELLY DAILY STAR

COMMISSIONERS AND LATIN

WE'VE NEVER HEARD of Latin being essential equipment for county officials. Enough can be said to them in English to keep them worrying.

A letter from Mrs. Harvey B. Hunter of the Charlotte Woman's Club, discussing use of the industrial home as a girls' shelter was read by Chairman Sid V. McAllen and had this closing line: "We believe girls are important."

ing and hindsight signaling that flowed from the speakers' platform day after day, and they hoped, until the last, that the challenge of the more progressive Republicans would be turned back.

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voice in party affairs to states that help the party win elections. The convention also decided to award a delegate only to those Congressional districts that polled as many as 2,000 votes for GOP presidential or congressional candidates in the preceding election.

The unbalance of the past produced such anomalies as this: In 1948, Connecticut cast 437,754 GOP votes, enough to carry the state for Governor Dewey; North Carolina cast only 250,672 GOP votes, but carried the state, yet North Carolina had 26 delegates to the convention, four more than Connecticut.

The unequal representation at Republican conventions is largely the cause of the serious split this year and in other recent sessions. An even fairer system of representation is needed if areas of heavy Republican votes are to swing their proper weight, and if the loss of GOP votes is not to be encouraged to build up the party.

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There was humor in the wonderfully candid shots of delegates—the poker-faced old girl who swayed and clapped for Robert Taft, the dozers, the hamburger munchers, Senator Romney, an ex-bid Senator, Romney—he was worth a million dollars in good money.

There was drama as millions of Americans nervously awaited the outcome of the vote on the Brown amendment, which gave the first tie case to the voting strength of the convention. And the voters counted with the teller as the Eisenhower votes rolled up—590, 591, 594, 595—then with a roaring crescendo of cheers crashed over and did a job.

And Now A Little Close Harmony



Reaction To GOP's Nominee

The Press Views Eisenhower

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's nomination yesterday as a Republican candidate for President brought these editorial comments from the nation's newspapers:

Providence (R.I.) Journal—The selection... was for a certain type of American, for a man who is strong and modern, with strength and basic soundness of moral judgment.

Boston Herald—Eisenhower will be the man to lead the American people toward a greater goal than the ignominious victory to a proprietary bureaucracy.

Boston Record—Dwight D. Eisenhower has the qualifications to make a strong GOP President... He can win if he has the support of a united Republican Party.

New York Daily Mirror—The General's candidacy... in our opinion, opens doors to the Republic which have long been shut to it because of ingrained habit or regional tradition.

New York Daily News—We are sorry to see that the nomination of General Eisenhower... is one thing that would make us still sorer.

Los Angeles Mirror—We're mighty happy that's like we think the Republican Party and the entire American people are fortunate to have him as a nominee.

Portland Oregonian—General Eisenhower's victory was convincing evidence of the support which exists for him in the rank and file of the American people.

Baltimore Sun—The nomination of General Eisenhower... means that from this time forth we shall have true two-party government in the United States.

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(the election) because they don't know how. If he does win, it will be because of his own virtues as a candidate.

Dallas Morning News—Even in a state traditionally Democratic there is surely only a reasonably small hard core of die-hard who put party loyalty above the nation's good.

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The Bitter Old Guard Has No Strings On Eisenhower

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALEPH

EVEN IN the jubilant atmosphere of General Eisenhower's triumph, the bitterness still filled the Republican convention. It was a case of the Old Guard—those who are against the new—being as good as dead.

The first time, a Republican candidate has been nominated without any compromise or deal with the Old Guard. It is a great victory; and that, basically, is why the bitterness is so great. These voters would venture an opinion that this very fact is one of the greatest advantages that General Eisenhower carries into his campaign for the presidency.

Most people think the unevenness of the fight here has hurt the Republican Party by dividing it. These reporters would argue, rather, that a General Eisenhower's victory is a public spectacle of the whole of the Republican Old Guard angrily fighting Eisenhower, and so it is, and so it will be, and so it should be.

The reasons for this bitter rivalry are contained in the story of the past, and in the picture of the national Republican Party that this year has been offered. From 1940 onwards the Republicans have offered the country moderate, progressive and liberal candidates. It was the "me too" men and "letists" in the league of the Old Guard.

Every day in 1944 and 1948, moderate, progressive Republican candidates were invariably forced, for many reasons, to compromise, to bow, to mumble and to grovel, because of the surviving Old Guard power in the party.

Portland Oregon Journal—Instead of committing suicide at the hands of the Republican Party, the party's strongest possible candidate... they have repudiated the party bosses who stood firm for honest defeat.

Chicago Tribune—General Eisenhower is still the most extraordinary candidate who has ever received a Republican nomination. He is Mr. Truman's candidate. He is Mr. Dewey's candidate.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

THE Republican convention set records for several Firsts. It lasted longer than most recent conventions. Second, it set a record for snafus. Third, it was more like a Democratic convention than any other.

Highly Battle

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Chicago Merry-Go-Round

TIPTON-HAIRED Mrs. Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania came to Chicago to hold the hand of Gov. Fine at the suggestion of another Pennsylvanian, Sen. Jim Duff, who has not been in the news since he was elected in 1948.

Plans Misfired

SENATOR Taft was planning to get into General MacArthur's car after the keynote speech and ride with him to the airport. He was not in the car when it went instead. Taft wanted to talk about teaming up with MacArthur but after the MacArthur speech fell so flat his plan was abandoned.

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wanted to come down to the convention floor to meet some Kansas delegates as did Sen. Henry Dworshak of Idaho but were barred. Finally they convinced an usher that a U. S. Senator deserves some privileges.

Commissioner E. A. Bealy, who is also

For the rich it's beer, woman and song. For the poor it's wine, mamma and television.—Greenleaf (Tenn.) Sun.

A single man can be a fool and not know it, but it's different with a married man.—Carlobud (N. M.) Current-Args.

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