



## President Makes Announcement

# IKE SAYS HE WILL RUN AGAIN

### Republicans Jubilant At News Of Decision

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower announced today he is available for a second term. He will make an informal talk on all major radio and television networks at 10 p.m. (EST) to tell the people about his big decision which he said was reached only yesterday.

Eisenhower's announcement — ending a long period of uncertainty and speculation — came at a news conference held just five months and five days after his Sept. 24 heart attack. "My answer will be positive — affirmative," Eisenhower said.

In Congress, there was jubilation among Republican legislators. GOP national chairman Leonard Hall called it "the best possible news for Americans." But Democratic chairman Paul M. Butler predicted: "The American people will never elect a President who, at 65, has had a serious heart attack and who is unable to be a full time chief executive."

Adlai Stevenson, who lost to Eisenhower in 1952 and is bidding for this year's Democratic nomination, commented: "It is fitting that President Eisenhower be the candidate." He said the "main issue will be the policies and record of the Eisenhower administration."

In the business and financial world, repercussions were sharp and immediate. Stock prices bounced up on the New York exchange. Buying orders poured in so that the ticker was about 19 minutes behind an hour after Eisenhower's announcement.

The President declined to say at this time whether

he favors Vice President Nixon as his running mate again.

However, he again had warm praise for Nixon and called him a dedicated public servant.

Eisenhower's second term announcement had been expected at today's news conference, on the basis of his own earlier remarks, but up to the moment he walked into the conference room there was no certainty it would come.

For the first eight minutes of the session, the President, calm and collected, tantalized the newsmen by talking first about various other matters — such things as the Red Cross drive for funds, the pending farm bill, and a water resources measure which is before Congress.

With the tension mounting, Eisenhower finally turned to the subject everyone had been waiting for him to discuss — his attitude regarding a second term.

He said he had an announcement which was something more personal in nature, and recalled that he had

promised the newsmen that he would disclose his second term plans to them first if it could be worked out that way.

Eisenhower then said he had reached a decision whether to bid for another four years in the White House.

#### MANY FACTORS INVOLVED

He went on to say that his decision involves so many factors that it was impossible for him to express it in terms of a simple yes or no.

For that reason, he added, he was asking the TV-radio networks for time tonight to speak to the American people.

Eisenhower said he did not know for sure whether either the Republican party or the people generally want him to serve another four years, but that he was going directly to the people and tell them the facts.

#### POSITIVE ANSWER

At that point, the President ended the months of speculation and announced:

"My answer will be positive — that is, affirmative."

That statement came just five months and five days after Eisenhower's Sept. 24 heart attack.

Eisenhower's announcement presages his nomination by acclamation at the party's Aug. 20 convention in San Francisco — unless some development meantime should alter the situation.

Republicans from top leaders down through the rank and file have been hoping and praying that Eisenhower would consent to run again.

#### PARTY DIVISION

In the absence of a definite nod from Eisenhower in behalf of Nixon, there remains some division in the party, however, about a vice presidential nominee.

But it is generally accepted that Eisenhower, as the nominee, can have anyone he wants as his running mate. And many party members believe he would want Nixon since the President has repeatedly spoke his high regard for the vice president.

Just before Eisenhower ended his 23-minute meeting with reporters, he said he never would have decided to seek re-election unless he thought he would live out the next five years.

That recalled his doctors' report on Feb. 15 saying the President appeared physically fit to serve "another 5 to 10 years" in a job like the Presidency.

In the course of the conference, the newsmen fired many questions at Eisenhower regarding his decision. To several, he replied that he would withhold the answer until his TV-radio talk tonight.

But, responding to one question, Eisenhower said his decision to run should not have the effect of excluding any other candidates if they want to get into the race.

#### ONLY ONE RACE

So far there has been only one announced conditional candidate for the GOP nomination, Sen. William F. Knowland of California.

And Knowland has said he would withdraw if Eisenhower decided to seek re-election.

Asked when he reached his decision, Eisenhower touched off a laugh by saying he was still arguing with himself about it yesterday morning.

At another point he said that maybe a half dozen persons were informed of the decision last evening after he had reached it. He did not name any of them.

#### HIS SECRET

Another question was whether he had made a decision regarding a second term before his September heart attack. With a chuckle, Eisenhower replied that a secret he thinks he never will disclose, except possibly in his official papers.

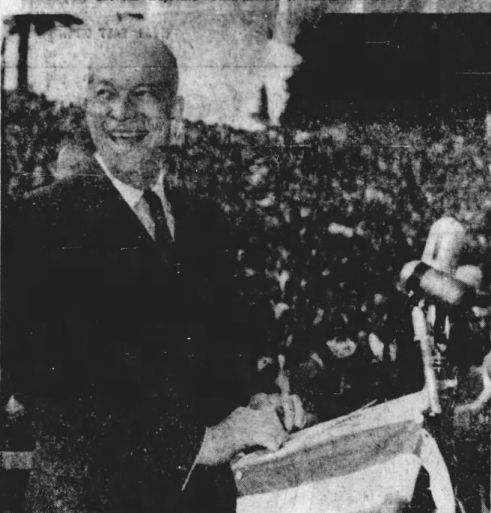
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### Newsmen Tense, Impatient

## Ike Took His Own Good Time

By ED CREAUGH

WASHINGTON — The earnest man in the brown suit acted as if he had plenty of time. He praised the Red Cross. He spoke well of Italian President Gronchi. He said he wished Congress would get busy and pass the farm and upper Colorado basin legislation he wants.

Then, as calmly as though he were discussing the weather, Dwight D. Eisenhower gave the news the world had been waiting for. He is willing to run for a second term.

The atmosphere in the jam-packed, stonemasonry hot ceiling room was electric with tension. The biggest crowd of newsmen ever to attend an Eisenhower news conference—311—listened with almost painful intensity as the President — still calm, still cool — told in a conversational tone that he had made up his mind and would run if the Republicans party and the American people wanted him.

#### HESTIANCY GONE

Then, the decision announced, a change seemed to come over Eisenhower.

Gone was the air of apparent hesitancy that often has characterized him in the months since his Sept. 24 heart attack. He spoke more briskly, with greater assurance. He said there were some things he didn't want to talk about in advance of his radio-television appearance tonight.

And by golly, as he himself might, well have put it, he refused to talk about those things until he was good and ready.

Standing behind his usual desk with its twin microphones and yellow blotter, the President was face to face with 207 reporters at about his own eye level. Upstairs, packed behind a wrought-iron balcony, were 104 others. About 75 who turned up late—a queue began forming nearly three hours before—were turned away for lack of space.

#### OTHER TOPICS

Eisenhower strode in through a side door at 10:29 a.m. EST, immediately asked everyone to be seated and then — to the barely concealed annoyance of reporters who wanted the second term answer and nothing else — began chatting about the Red Cross fund drive.

He wore a light brown suit with a vest. The middle of three buttons on the jacket was buttoned. His shirt was white and his tie dark brown. His glasses projected from the breast pocket of the jacket.

On the blotter in front of him, and sometimes fiddled with, a letter-sized sheet of white paper with inch-high letters printed on it.

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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

### All Radio, TV Networks

## President To Talk To Nation Tonight

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower will tell the people about his decision to run for a second term in an informal talk on all television and radio networks at 10 p.m. EST, tonight.

The White House announced the definite hour for the President's talk after the President, at a news conference, had said he would speak on the networks but left the time uncertain.

White House officials asked and obtained a half-hour of time, but Press Secretary James Hagerty said he "wouldn't guarantee" the speech would last that long.

Hagerty said the President will speak from notes. He may be accompanied by Mrs. Eisenhower but she will not be in camera range.

#### NOT POLITICAL?

Questioned whether it would be regarded as a "political broadcast," Hagerty replied: "Not by me." He added: "I believe the networks are pro-

#### Adlai Says Ike's Candidacy 'Fitting'

NEW YORK — Adlai Stevenson said today, "It is fitting that President Eisenhower be the candidate." He said the "main issue will be the policies and record of the Eisenhower administration."

#### Hoover Is 'Glad'; Dewey: 'Wonderful'

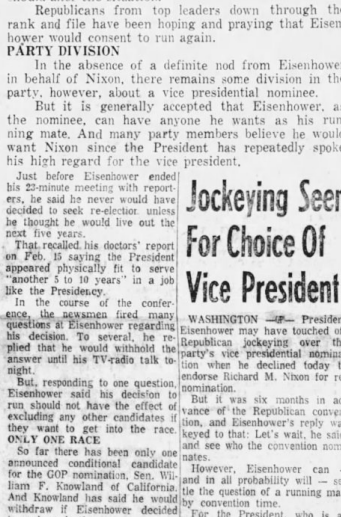
NEW YORK — Republican former President Herbert Hoover said today he was "glad" President Eisenhower is available for another term.

"I am certainly glad that the President is willing to become the Republican candidate in the next election. And I am sure the majority of American people are grateful for his declaration."

Former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, twice the unsuccessful Republican presidential candidate, said in a statement issued here: "This is wonderful news for the American people and the cause of freedom everywhere."

The story was the same in Charlotte, Raleigh, Washington, Trenton, N. C., and Monroe.

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### Jockeying Seen For Choice Of Vice President

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower may have touched off Republican jockeying over the party's vice presidential nomination when he declined today to endorse Richard M. Nixon for re-nomination.

But it was six months in advance of the Republican convention, and Eisenhower's reply was keyed to that: Let's wait, he said, and see who the convention nominates.

For the President, who is assured of renomination by acclamation if his health permits, told a news conference May 31 that unless a vice presidential nominee were acceptable to the head of the ticket "the presidential nominee should immediately step aside."

Nixon himself hinted immediate comment to Eisenhower's decision to run again. He predicted Eisenhower's re-election and added:

"Only a man completely consecrated to the service of his country could have reached the decision President Eisenhower re-elected today."

Eisenhower told reporters Nixon had been a loyal and dedicated associate, and successful in the broad field of work assigned to him as vice president. The President said he was very fond of Nixon.

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Republican incumbent Jonas, who won the 10th seat in 1952

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From Democratic hopeful Ben E. Douglas, "It (the decision of the President to run) will have no effect on my campaign plans."

From David McConnell, chairman of the Mecklenburg County Democratic Executive Committee, "We Democrats propose an active and vigorous national and congressional campaign fully presenting the issues, both foreign and domestic, to all the people."

From Washington, Rep. Charles Raper-Jonas was "thankful that the President feels his health is such that he can run."

From Raleigh, Gov. Luther Hodges, who predicted that the President would not run, was "surprised."

From Mayor Phil Van Every's

office here, he said, "President Eisenhower has made us a great president."

From Trenton, State Democratic Party chairman John Larbins Jr. said, "We'll win the 10th."