

### Eisenhower Faces Tough Task If He Plans To Run For Presidency

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Friends of President Truman say he views Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as an active bidder for the presidency in 1952. They do not say so, but presumably he sees the general as a candidate for the Republican nomination. Certainly Eisenhower's public utterances are not in a vein that can be easily recon-

ced with Democratic Fair Deal philosophy. Eisenhower himself is of course denying his candidacy with almost as much regularity as he



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The whereabouts of Thelma Martin, above, is being sought by her husband, George Martin, 124 S. E. 28th, Portland, and her sister, Mrs. R. H. Gee, Roseburg.

Chief of Police Calvin H. Baird related the story as told to him at the police station by Mr. Martin and Mrs. Gee. Mrs. Martin has been missing since Nov. 29 from the Woodville labor camp at Porterville, Calif. Mr. Martin said that on that day his wife was baking a cake, and left the house to go to the store three blocks away for eggs. She never arrived at the store nor returned home. Her husband fears foul play, but is diligently searching for some trace of her. He has searched up and down the coast and spent considerable money, but to no avail. He has told his story to officers in other cities, and he was assisted for a time by a detective.

Mrs. Martin is described as 38, five-foot four-inches tall, and weighing 145 pounds. She has blue eyes, brown hair, and her right eye droops slightly. She was last seen wearing a yellow, ull-over sweater, a gray skirt, red shoes, a brown coat, and carrying a red purse. Her name prior to marrying Martin was McCormack.

Anyone knowing of her whereabouts is advised to report to the local police department, said Baird.

did in the campaign year 1948. But it is true he is speaking out more and more on the chief issues of the day.

Moreover, a clear pattern of thinking is emerging from his statements. He is resolutely opposed to the welfare state, to bigness in government, to emphasis upon security at the expense of self-reliance, all the things the Republicans say the Democrats stand for.

Ike's recent "hot dogs and beer" speech, in which he advised the average man to scale down his dreams from the champagne level, is said to have con-

### Grandpa's Reappearance After 30 Years Brings Joy

PORTLAND. — (AP) — A grandfather from Kansas, with a bright red ribbon for identification, was welcomed here by four of his nine grandchildren. "We've never known a grandparent," sobbed Mrs. Herman Kern, Albert Riggs, 79, Wellington, Kan., patted his granddaughter and beamed on the others at the union station. Then they drove to near-by Oregon City where the Kansan was a pre-Christmas present for his

four children from whom he had been separated for 30 years. He left Oregon City in 1918 after the death of his wife, leaving his children in the care of the eldest daughter. Soon deaths and address changes broke the contact. Last month he wrote to an Oregon City newspaper. His letter was published, a daughter saw it and the reunion was arranged. "We want him to make his home with us now," said Mrs. Earl Emme, one of the grandchildren.

vinced Mr. Truman the general is trying to build up strength for entry into the political arena.

The President's intimates add that despite his great admiration for the general as a soldier he regards him as strictly an amateur in politics.

An old political axiom has it that no one ever wins a party presidential nomination without working like a Trojan for it. If Mr. Truman is right and Eisenhower really wants to run, then he has a lot of work ahead of him.

Assuming that ambition, we'll soon see how much of an am-

tear he is. His present heavy round of speech-making may indeed be the first step along the road. Many candidates in the past have begun their determined since World War II ended.

But there is much more to it than keeping in the public eye and outlining one's views. In the very process of telling where he stands, Eisenhower is bound to lose some of that huge reservoir of popular esteem he has enjoyed since World War II ended.

So long as he was silent, any citizen could imagine the general stood with him. Now many must know he does not. Inevitably that will impair his vote-

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getting appeal. Thus the general's task is somehow to hold as much as he can of his magnetic strength while still forthrightly declaring his principles. A neat trick.

Furthermore, Eisenhower is a political outsider. Though the general hunch is that he is a Republican, he has never said so. The professional leaders in the GOP will not be after him so long as they believe they can win without him. Outsiders are too hard to manage. Other things being equal, a party faithful will always get the nod.

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