

# President Rests 'Very Comfortably'

## 'Government to Go on as Usual' Cabinet Assures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Nixon and three Cabinet members assured the nation Sunday that government operations will continue as usual despite President Eisenhower's illness. They said the President has organized a team that will carry on his policies and principles.

Secretary of State Dulles, Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey and Secretary of Agriculture Benson gave their views at Washington National Airport before taking off for Ottawa, Canada.

The 42-year-old vice president, who would succeed Eisenhower if the President's heart attack should prove fatal, talked to reporters at his home.

Neither Nixon nor any of the Cabinet members would discuss the political implications of Eisenhower's illness.

### Business Continues

The vice president said "The business of the government will go on as usual without any delay" during Eisenhower's absence.

"Under the president's administration," he said, "a team has been set up in Washington which will carry out his well defined foreign and domestic policies..."

"I emphasize that both Cabinet meetings and National Security Council meetings will go ahead in the same way as if the President had not had his illness."

Dulles, Humphrey and Benson talked with reporters before leaving for economic and trade talks with Canadian officials in Ottawa.

### Statements Ready

The Cabinet officers obviously were prepared for questions about the effect of the President's illness on the work and policies of the administration. Dulles had prepared notes.

Here are their respective views as they gave them:

**Dulles** — "President Eisenhower has forged a team and the principles and policies under which that team operates are well known to all of its members."

"Thus there can be ample time for the President to make a full recovery without any jeopardy to the welfare of the nation or to the steady prosecution of our national and international policies for peace and human welfare."

**Benson** — "We'll move right ahead, of course, with our agricultural programs, without any change."

**Humphrey** — "Our policies are expressed in well defined and definite programs. We're trained to operate as a team in the Cabinet and in the National Security Council."

"You can count on the functions of the government continuing in the absence of the President due to illness the same as they would continue in any other temporary absence... The same policies will be carried out in the same way."

Humphrey was asked whether he thought there would be political repercussions within the Republican Party from the illness even if the President fully recovered.

"I don't know anything about that," he replied.

Humphrey said of the President's condition: "All of the reports are encouraging and the later the reports, the more encouraging they are."

## Ike Visit Here Remembered



CAMPAIGN SMILE IN '52 was given to Eugene residents when Eisenhower and Mamie appeared here in a whistle-stop appearance. There were approximately 5,000 in the train-station audience at that time, and one member of the group, a 60-year-old Springfield man, died of a heart attack during Ike's address.

## Top Physicians At Ike's Bedside

DENVER (AP) — President Eisenhower rested "very comfortably" Sunday night after a team of eminent physicians had described his heart attack as "moderate" — neither mild nor serious.

A bulletin issued by the chief executive's doctors at Fitzsimons Army Hospital at 9:10 p.m. (MST) said:

"The President is resting very comfortably. There is no change in his condition."

The bulletin was signed by Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, Eisenhower's personal physician, and Col. George M. Powell, chief of the Fitzsimons medical department.

An earlier one issued during the afternoon had characterized the chief executive's condition as "satisfactory," and added that no complications had developed.

### "Moderate" Attack

The top-flight panel of physicians who issued that report also characterized the heart attack which Eisenhower suffered early Saturday as a "moderate" one.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said in response to newsmen's questions that the attack therefore was somewhere in between the medical yardstick's "mild" and "serious."

Meanwhile, Hagerty disclosed Sunday night that he has asked Justice Department officials in Washington for a legal opinion on whether presidential authority to sign official documents could be delegated to other federal officials if Eisenhower's condition should make that necessary.

## Nixon Seen as Next Logical Man

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Nixon appears to command the greatest party organization of any potential Republican presidential candidate if President Eisenhower does not run again.

Within hours of the news of the President's heart attack, Republican leaders were beginning to accept the strong probability that Eisenhower will not consent to seek a second term.

They found themselves suddenly bereft of the only candidate with whom they felt certain of winning in 1956. They conceded privately they faced a tough, uncertain battle next year with suddenly revived Democrats.

### Demos Scramble

These same Democrats gave every sign of a free-for-all scramble for a nomination most of them had regarded a few hours earlier as offering only a long chance for election.

Some of the ablest Republican strategists said that, as of today, Nixon is second only to Eisenhower in popularity with the GOP state chairmen, governors and others who will play a major role in the selection of delegates to the San Francisco nominating convention next year.

### Ike Support Needed

However, these same strategists do not believe Nixon would be able to make a major bid for the nomination without the active support of Eisenhower himself.

Neither are they sure that Nixon could win top place on the ticket even with Eisenhower's help.

While the vice-president would have strong support within the party organization, the GOP strategists recalled that even greater organization strength failed to win the nomination for the late Sen. Robert A. Taft in 1952 when Eisenhower took the prize.

### Logical Choice

At this point, many of the GOP leaders regard the 42-year-old vice president as the most logical choice by Eisenhower for a successor. The President has repeatedly stressed the Republican Party's need to enlist and

appeal to the youth of the country.

Some Republican lieutenants expect the President will deputize Nixon to take over some of his burdens while he is recuperating.

Despite all the political breaks Eisenhower has tossed to Nixon, GOP leaders do not rule out the

possibility that the President eventually might choose a more mature colleague to receive his support for the nomination.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, who tried to take himself out of consideration for the nomination last April, and Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey are mentioned in that connection.

## Next GOP Candidate?



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