

# Top Men Would Play Big Part in Ike's Decision to Run

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Washington —(U.P.)—The sudden sunburst of confidence that President Eisenhower may run again should be attributed largely to a recent exchange of views among top drawer Ike men.

As many as a dozen persons engaged in the informal back and forth mail, telephone and face-to-face conversations. The round robin developed several substantially-held opin-



Lyle C. Wilson is given Richard Tenneson by mother, Mrs. Portia Howe, when he arrives at Minneapolis after staying two years in Communist China rather than return with other Americans captured by Reds in Korea. (International)

ions, such as:

1. Mr. Eisenhower has about converted to the idea that the Democrats will sweep 1956 if he withdraws.
2. The President would not require more than a reasonable chance of survival to take on a second term. He would balk, however, if he felt that another four White House years might invite lingering incapacity.
3. Neither Mrs. Eisenhower nor the President's esteemed younger brother, Milton, is likely to determine the issue. The decision must be, finally, by the one most concerned.
4. Mr. Eisenhower feels that his administration has developed an overall domestic program,

but especially in the areas of spending and taxation, which must be completed to avert national disaster.

5. As a West Point graduate and a senior American military figure, Mr. Eisenhower has been trained to respond instinctively to such as might be regarded a duty.

**Group Did Most**  
These are some of the substantially-held opinions of some of the men who did the most to put Mr. Eisenhower in the White House and are most eager that he may be willing and able to seek another term.

Among those who exchanged views on the 1956 Republican prospects were Gen. Lucius Clay,

board chairman of Continental Can Co.; presidential chief of staff Sherman Adams; Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr.; former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York; and Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Dr. Paul D. White's optimistic report last week end on Mr. Eisenhower's present and probable future vigor gains added significance when measured against the judgment of the top Ike-men as to the factors likely to govern the President's 1956 decision.

These men and the powerful political and moneyed interests they represent are wholly committed to Mr. Eisenhower for 1956, if he will go. Privately,

most or all of them say the party must have him. They would not want to be in the position, however, of dragging an ailing man.

The tie binding these men together would break with a snap heard coast-to-coast if the President pulled out. Two of the group are possible Republican presidential nominees if Mr. Eisenhower withdraws. The two are Dewey and the Vice-President.

Dewey withdrew from politics when he left the governor's chair in 1954. It is no reflection on his integrity to recall that he withdrew with equal emphasis toward the end of his second term as governor in 1950. He

was trapped by events in 1950 and ran again, not merely to regain the governor's office, but to launch and to help support the Eisenhower-for-president boom. He is counted the party's ablest administrator.

It is no reflection on Dewey, either, to report that he definitely figures now in speculation for 1956 if Mr. Eisenhower is not a candidate. Nixon's availability, if his chief takes a walk, is well known — and there is much evidence that he would be Mr. Eisenhower's choice in that event.

But Nixon and the other top drawer Ike-men are becoming increasingly confident that the President finally will say: Yes!

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### Final Estimate Made On Corn, Wheat Crops

Washington —(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department's final production report of the year yesterday fixed the 1955 corn crop at 3,184,836,000 bushels and the wheat crop at 938,159,000.

The final corn crop estimate compares with last month's forecast of 3,182,870,000 bushels, last year's revised production figures of 3,010,248,000 bushels, and 1944-53 average production of 3,080,115,000 bushels.

The final wheat estimate, made up of 705,372,000 bushels of winter wheat and 232,787,000 bushels of spring wheat, compares with November estimates of a 195,528,000 bushel crop, 689,403,000 bushels of winter

### Brownell Renews Cain Probe Demand

Washington —(U.P.)—Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. demanded anew yesterday that the Subversive Activities Control Board look into a charge of bias and prejudice against one of its members, former Sen. Harry P. Cain, (R-Wash.).

Brownell filed with SABC a motion calling upon the agency to reopen the case and decide whether Cain is qualified to preside at a current Communist front case against the Washington Pension union.

Cain described Brownell's action as "almost unbelievable."

Brownell said his demand was based on new evidence consisting of statements made by Cain before a Senate committee in 1949, while he was a senator, and an article Cain wrote about the Union in the November, 1955 issue of Coronet magazine.

### Travel Within US Jumps 4 1/2 Per Cent in Past Year

Washington —(U.P.)—The National Association of Travel Organizations has reported that travel within the United States jumped about 4 1/2 per cent during 1955. People may travel even more next year, it added.

The organization said Americans will have spent more than 13 billion dollars in out of state travel in this country during 1955.

### Quotes From the News

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Milwaukee, Wis.—Nicholas Suvaka on being charged with burglary after admitting he took clothing from a store to give to homeless bums:  
"I wanted to see the boys have the clothes they need for winter."

Birmingham, England—Bernard Payne, secretary of the Birmingham Psychic Research society, on the hunt for "Charlie," a 300-year-old, eccentric ghost:  
"Our team will have some very modern electronic devices to catch him if he appears."

London—Shirley Crawford, a voluptuous, 20-year-old blonde, on a dance she performed in nothing but a coat of silver paint before postal workers in a government building:  
"I decided clothes spoiled the effect, so I just wore my paint."

Washington—House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr., on whether President Eisenhower will run again in 1956:  
"I believe he is going to run because I know the man. I know the conditions that have been formed, not only in America but in the world, and I think he will not fail his country when they call upon him."

Berlin—Pvt. Willie J. Holden, 19, of Poplarville, Miss., on his acquittal at a court martial on charges of striking an East Berlin comedian who called him "an American swine":  
"I could have hit him harder."

New York—Basketball coach Frank McGuire of North Carolina, who has nine New York players on his team, commenting on the wide use of "Yankee" players on Southern college teams:  
"We at North Carolina are known as the 'Flatbush Tarheels.' Duke is known as the 'Pennsylvania Tarheels,' and North Carolina State as the 'All-American Tarheels.'"

### Republicans Start Fund-Raising Effort

Washington —(U.P.)—Republicans will start fund-raising efforts for 1956 campaign on Jan. 20 with dinners in 51 major cities.

The GOP National Finance Committee has announced the coast to coast dinners will be linked together by a one-hour closed telecast featuring ranking members of the Republican party as speakers.

The dinners also will observe the third anniversary of President Eisenhower's inauguration.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon will speak at the dinner in Chicago. Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey will speak in New York, and Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams will speak in Hartford, Conn.

Flaxseed: 40,638,000 bushels, compared to the 1954 crop of 40,808,000 bushels and the 10-year-average of 35,898,000 bushels.

Potatoes: 381,631,000 bushels, compared to the 1954 crop of 356,031,000 bushels and the 10-year average of 401,146,000.

Sugar beets: 12,498,000 tons, compared to the 1954 crop of 14,082,000 tons and the 10-year average of 10,431,000 tons.

Apples: 105,293,000 bushels, compared to the 1954 crop of 109,854,000 bushels and the 10-year average of 106,402,000 bushels.

### Washington Prisoners Playing Santa Claus

Walla Walla —(U.P.)—Some Washington state prison inmates are playing Santa Claus this year to several boys and girls who might otherwise lose faith in St. Nicholas.

They are the children who addressed letters to Santa Claus in care of the North Pole. Ordinarily, these letters are sent to the dead letter office in Spokane by Walla Walla postal authorities.

This year, however, several prison inmates are giving their time and talent to make small gifts for each youngster who wrote Santa at his North Pole headquarters. The cost of materials is being covered by an anonymous Walla Walla resident, prison officials said.

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