

# Ike Captures Texas, Georgia Forges Ahead of Senator Taft

By JACK BELL  
 CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower surged into the lead Thursday in his slim battle with Sen. Robert A. Taft for the Republican presidential nomination.

Helped by other presidential aspirants, Eisenhower bowled over Taft in two vital preliminary victories Wednesday night in the seating of contested delegations from Georgia and Texas.

By the strength his forces displayed, the five-star General of the Army appeared to have pulled within striking distance of the first presidential nomination for a professional military man since Ulysses S. Grant won the prize and the presidency in 1868.

Taft fought a valiant rear guard action against the seating of pro-Eisenhower delegations from the two states.

But he lost Georgia by a 607 to 531 vote. It was the first time a GOP convention had overruled its credentials committee.

That Taft-dominated group had recommended, 29 to 22, the seating of a delegation heavily weighted for the Ohioan.

The Eisenhower allies developed such power that Taft's supporters elected not to oppose the seating of a Texas delegation favoring the general, and it went on in an overwhelming voice vote. Previously the committee had approved a pro-Taft group.

This made the new lineup in the Associated Press tabulation of delegates:

Eisenhower 514, Taft 486, others 110, uncommitted 96.

This picture could shift quickly on any such showdown until Friday, when the uncommitted must join the ranks of those publicly tabbed for one candidate or another.

But this slow-moving convention seemed unlikely to get around to any such showdown until Friday. Delegates faced action Thursday on the party platform, followed by the tedious business of nominating candidates.

Gov. John S. Fine of Pennsylvania cut down the uncommitted list sharply by a belated and widely forecast announcement that he is supporting Eisenhower.

The 32 to 18 poll of his delegation in favor of seating the Georgia Eisenhower group seemed to reflect equal support there for the general in the nomination battle.

A Pennsylvania caucus showed 52 votes for the general, 16 for Taft, and three for Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Although Taft's strategists conceded he had suffered a setback, they promised grimly to continue the fight.

There was no suggestion they might give way for another candidate, although there was growing talk on the fringes about general MacArthur as a possible runner.

Herbert Hoover came out for Taft Wednesday. The former president, whose speech Tuesday night drew a tremendous convention ovation, issued a statement pleading for party unity and urged the nomination of Taft.

Taft himself reiterated he expects to be nominated "on an early ballot."

He said that "a number" of delegates who voted Eisenhower's way on the delegate contests "have assured me they will vote for me on the roll call."

Eisenhower, who slept through the convention's midnight vote on the Georgia test, earlier had declared he would win the nomination.

In the Georgia contest, the convention's action seated a delegation listed as 14 for Eisenhower, two for Taft and one undecided.

The credentials committee-approved group would have given Taft all 17 votes.

Eisenhower's Texas victory gave him 33 votes, Taft five. The Credentials Committee had voted for 22 Taft and 16 Eisenhower delegates from the Lone Star state.

Taft contended he had made a main of 35 votes over a previous rules change test, when backers of all the other candidates went against him.

On that test, the margin of his loss was 110 votes. Wednesday night it was 76.

In the Georgia contest, Taft showed he has rock bottom support of about 531 delegates toward the 604 votes needed for the nomination.

Eisenhower's strength was more difficult to pinpoint. Although his side polled 607 votes on Georgia, these included 101 publicly committed to Gov. Earl Warren of California and former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota.

Sen. William Knowland told a

reporter California will keep its 70 votes behind Warren through as many ballots as it seems likely that the Californian might emerge as a compromise candidate.

It was evident that Stassen and Warren could provide the winning margin to Eisenhower if they chose.

The California delegation may have tipped its leanings by voting 62 to 8 for Eisenhower's Georgia delegation. Minnesota put all of its 28 votes in the Eisenhower column on that test.

Michigan, which National Committeeman Arthur Summerfield has kept publicly neutral, listed 32 for the Eisenhower side, 14 for the Taft men.

Eisenhower's backers were wary of predicting any first ballot victory.

But Thomas E. Coleman of Wisconsin, Taft's floor manager, told reporters he thinks the "grass roots" states will swing the nomination for Taft.

"The Dewey control over the New York delegation alone prevented a Taft victory," Coleman declared. "Before the balloting is over the delegates from the grass roots states will turn the fortunes of the party to new hands."

"They will not give the next campaign to the same man that lost the last two."

Coleman's allusion to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey seemed to be part of an apparent Taft move to make the New York governor the prime object of their attack.

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## GOP Platform Scores Controls, Corruption

CHICAGO (AP)—The proposed 1952 Republican platform at a glance:

**Foreign Policy**—Promises to win peace through collective security measures on a global basis and to "restore" U. S. prestige abroad. Charges Truman policy swings between "timid appeasement" and "reckless bluster."

**National Defense**—Promises to remedy "disgracefully lagging" defense program with utmost speed—particularly air power.

**Communism**—Charges Democratic administration has appeased communism at home and abroad, promises to rid government of disloyal.

**Small Business**—Claims Truman administration seeks destruction of private enterprise. GOP would let "injurious" controls and end "tax abuses."

**Taxation**—Would cut government spending, balance budget and reduce taxes.

**Agriculture**—Promises farm program free of "socialistic controls. Favors parity prices at the market place.

**Labor**—Favors retention of Taft-Hartley Labor Act, with modifications.

**Natural Resources**—Advocates "full and orderly" program for development and conservation of natural resources.

**Public Works and Water Policy**—Favors "economically justifiable" public works and eventual local ownership of federally sponsored water projects.

**Veterans**—Would extend present benefits to veterans of Korean war.

**Social Security**—Promises to stop the inflation which is reducing buying power of those getting social security benefits.

**Health**—Opposes federal "bureaucratic dictation" of health programs.

**Education**—Subscribes to principle that education is local and state responsibility.

**Civil Rights**—Favors federal action—which was not defined—to end discrimination against Negroes and other minority groups in hiring and firing of workers. Such action would be limited to states which did nothing.

**Corruption**—Charges Truman administration has written "sordid" record of fraud, bribery, graft, favoritism and influence-peddling.

**Public Land**—Would end "arbitrary bureaucratic practices" in the management of public lands.

**Censorship**—Pledges party not to infringe by censorship or gag on right of people to know what their government is doing.

**Equal Rights**—Favors constitutional amendment providing equal rights for men and women.

**Civil Service**—Condemns "flagrant violations" of civil service merit system.

**Government Reorganization**—Pledges reorganization of government in line with Hoover Commission recommendations.

## Young NW Man New GOP Star

CHICAGO (AP)—It was a Washingtonian who again Wednesday night—for the second time in this embattled Republican convention—carried the ball for the forces of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in a victorious test of strength against Sen. Robert A. Taft.

State Sen. Donald W. Eastvold of Tacoma, delegate-at-large, led the floor fight for approval of the minority report of the convention Credentials Committee to seat a contested delegation from Georgia favorable to Eisenhower.

The result, second and possibly conclusive test of Taft-Eisenhower strength before nominee balloting, was a smashing 607-531 vote for Eastvold's position and seating of the Georgia Eisenhower group.

Eastvold, a youthful appearing speaker, was cheered repeatedly as he hammered home his appeal to the convention as "the Supreme Court of the Republican party."

In the earlier and initial convention test it was Gov. Arthur B. Langlie who led a successful fight for adoption of the "fair play" rules change fought by the Taft forces. It, too, was an Eisenhower victory.

The Washington delegation divided 19-5 on the question of seating the rival Georgia group—the majority voting with Eastvold and Eisenhower.

The vote appeared to represent a one-vote swing to Taft from the previously stated 29-4 division.

Eastvold, 32, represented the 29th Legislative District in the last legislature and has announced he will file for reelection.

A Tacoma attorney, he is the son of Dr. S. C. Eastvold, president of Pacific Lutheran College, where the senator conducts courses in business and labor law.

Eastvold was selected as Tacoma's "Young Man of the Year" in 1951 for his contributions to church and community activities.

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