



LONELY SPITFIRES—These tiger cubs, parted from their mother for the first time at Copenhagen, Denmark, Zoo, had to be returned to her because of fright and homesickness.

7,000 Watch Final Act In Ike-Nixon Drama

By DON WHITEHEAD

WHEELING, W. Va.—The people sat in a cold stadium, chilled by a camp wind, knowing how this story would end. They knew that in the final act Ike Eisenhower would stand with Dick Nixon as his running mate on the GOP ticket.

But this was the drama of political history. It had to be played to its last emotional scene. The audience wanted to see it acted out.

The final act began when Eisenhower left his special train here last night to drive to the Wheeling Airport on the top of Cherry Mountain near the city.

He was going to meet Sen. Richard M. Nixon of California who had been under fire because he accepted an \$18,000 expense fund donated by wealthy Californians. Some said it was "morally wrong." Others defended it.

A few hours earlier, Eisenhower had told a train-side crowd at a whistle stop in West Virginia that Nixon was the victim of a "smear." He left no doubt among those with him that he had made

up his mind to keep Nixon as his running mate.

A motorcade followed Eisenhower out of Wheeling up the winding mountain road to the airport. As the general's automobile came to a halt, he suddenly leaned over and laid his head on the shoulder of his wife Mamie.

Only those in the car behind saw him. They saw Mamie put her arm around him. She drew him to her. And for a brief few moments she held him close.

Then a crowd started toward their car. Eisenhower straightened up.

When Nixon's plane landed, the general stepped out of his car and strode between guards to the ship.

He said to an aide: "Put Mamie in another car. I want to ride into town with Dick."

He walked up the ramp into Nixon's plane and there was a tearful greeting between the two men—a brief moment of emotion in the strain of a grinding campaign.

They came from the plane together. The crowd cheered its approval of Nixon. They posed,

grinning at each other, for the photographers. Then they hurried into an automobile and started for the stadium. Mamie sat in another car with Nixon's wife Pat.

When the cars rolled into Municipal Stadium, Nixon knew the general's decision—that he was to stay on the ticket. But he said he didn't care to say anything—he wanted it to come from Eisenhower.

The crowd sat impatiently through Eisenhower's speech. The applause was weak and scattered. The people were waiting for the final act.

Nixon sat on the speaker's platform intently watching the general. Mrs. Eisenhower sat near him with a smile on her face. And beside her Mrs. Nixon listened with intense concentration.

Eisenhower said: "Ladies and gentlemen, my colleague in this political campaign has been subjected to a very unfair and vicious attack. So far as I am concerned, he has not only vindicated himself, but I feel he has acted as a man of courage and honor."

And he told them that the GOP National Committee—those members who could be reached—had voted 107 to 0 to keep Nixon on the ticket as the GOP vice presidential candidate.

That was it. That was the decision the people had been waiting to hear.

Then Nixon spoke. He said: "I want you to know that this is probably the greatest moment of my life. The man whom I think will make the greatest president we have had in many, many years has stood before this audience and has said we are going to stand together in this fight for the principles in which all Americans believe."

The final act was ended.

TV May Cover Fight Rematch

NEW YORK—Home television fans may get a look at the return fight between newly crowned heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano and "unretired" Jersey Joe Walcott.

While nothing regarding this major point has been settled by

the interested parties, it was learned from a good source that the chances were better than 2 to 1 that there will be a general telecast of the second bout. The fight may take place in late January in either Chicago or Miami.

The first scrap between the two on Tuesday was beamed only to theaters in 31 cities via a closed circuit.

Tuesday's thrilling scrap, in which Marciano won the title by knocking out Walcott in the 13th round, drew a gross gate of \$564,645. Another \$125,000 or so will come from the theater-TV and the movies are expected to bring in a small fortune.

The announcement of Walcott's decision to fight once more came as no great surprise to anyone. Walcott is contracted to get 30 percent of the return and that could add up to over \$200,000 counting all the extras.

Immediately after the Philadelphia fight, Walcott's manager announced that Jersey Joe was all through. Later he said he had given in to Walcott's plea for a chance to "make boxing history by recapturing the championship."

Casualties Top 118 Thousand

WASHINGTON—Announced U. S. battle casualties in Korea reached 118,569 Wednesday, an increase of 566 since last week.

The Defense Department's weekly summary based on notifications to families through last Friday reported a total of 18,876 killed in action, an increase of 102 for the week; 87,239 wounded, up 483; and 12,654 missing, up 11.

A breakdown of casualties by services showed: Army 94,168, an increase of 324; Navy 1,599, an increase of 30; Air Force 1,280, an increase of 16; and Marine Corps 21,532, an increase of 226.

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