Situation In Nearly All States Foreshadows Extremely Close Vote

By The Associated Press

Democratic and Republican leaders across the nation crossed their fingers today, spoke hopefully of victory tomorrow for their candidates, and waited for the voters to settle the big questions of 1952:

Will the next president be Republican candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower, or will he be Democratic nominee Adlai E. Stevenson?

And will the next Congress be Democratic or Republican?

Over the final week end of the campaign, leaders of both parties in every state, with few exceptions, predicted victories in their states for their candidates.

But the week end reports, reflected a feeling of uncertainty.

This was the state-by-state picture:

Alabama — Democrats expect to win. Anti-administration Democrats, Republicans trying hard for first victory since 1872.

Arizona — Republicans making down-to-the-wire drive to hold onto governorship and capture at least a U. S. Senate seat in usually Democratic Arizona.

Arkansas — Republican National Committeeman Wallace Townsend admits only "a faint outside hope" Eisenhower will carry state.

California — State in doubtful column with its 32 electoral votes. Republicans intensified campaign in the past week with indications of strong October swing to Stevenson.

Colorado — Record turnout of 600,000 voters forecast by secretary of state's office.

Connecticut — Doubtful Nutmeg State, with voting machines being used everywhere for first time, is expected to be first state to report results.

Delaware — Both Republican, Democratic leaders forecast sweeps.

Florida — Democratic leaders appear more confident as hard campaign approaches climax.

Georgia — GOP National Committeeman Roscoe Tucker, making no victory prediction, says Eisenhower will more than double the best previous Republican vote 90,000 for Hoover.

Idaho — Hot congressional race shares top billing with presidential contest.

Illinois — In Stevenson's home state, with 27 electoral votes, leaders of both parties predict victory.

Indiana — Hoosier political scene featured by bitter race between Republican Sen. William E. Jenner, and opponent, Democratic Gov. Henry F. Schricker.

Iowa—Both parties fighting hard to win this important farm state. Traditionally Republican, it went for Truman in 1948.

Kansas—Republican leaders expect to win with ease. Democrats make no serious victory claims.

Kentucky—Bluegrass State, Republican in only three elections, appears heading for unusually close decision.

Louisiana — Democratic Gov. Robert Kennon, avoiding flat victory prediction for his candidate, Eisenhower, says if he wins "it will be going away; if Stevenson wins it will be by skin of his teeth."

Maine — Democratic Nation Committeeman Edmund S. Muskie grants Eisenhower victory.

Maryland—Neither side seriously claiming clean sweep.

Massachusetts—This state, Democratic in presidential elections since 1928, having one of closest campaigns in its history.

Michigan— Publicly, spokesmen for both parties claim victories: but off-the-record they are by no means as confident.

Minnesota — Latest indications point to heavy vote with result in doubt.

Mississippi — Democratic Eisenhower supporters predict he will carry this traditionally Democratic state. But Gov. Hugh White sees overwhelming Stevenson majority.

Missouri — President Truman's home state normally is Democratic, but the party's officials recently shaved earlier estimates.

Montana—Tight battle in the reelection bit by U. S. Sen. Zales N. Ecton, only Republican Montana senator since 1912.

Nebraska—Contests for governor and two U. S. Senate seats, headline campaign. Nebraska went Republican in last three presidential elections.

Nevada — Rough fight between Republican U. S. Sen. George Malone, seeking re-election, and Tom Mechling expected to bring record 75,000 vote.

New Hampshire—Polls, surveys, political writers see Eisenhower winning by 10,000-to-20,000.

New Jersey—Major party spokesmen both predict victory.

New Mexico — Interest high in Republican Patrick Hurley's third try to win a U. S. Senate seat. His opponent: Sen. Dennis Chavez.

New York—It's anybody's guess who will get New York's 45 electoral votes. Unlike 1948, when Progressive candidate Henry A. Wallace drew 509,000 votes, it is virtually two-way contest with Progressives showing little strength.

North Carolina — North Carolina Democratic leaders confident of victory but Republicans say Stevenson-Eisenhower contest is close.

North Dakota — Democrats believe farmers do not like GOP platform and don't want a military man for president. Republicans believe Eisenhower stronger candidate than Dewey, who won the state in 1948.

Ohio—Record 3,950,000 vote predicted with interest high in races for governor and U. S. senator as well as president.

Oklahoma—The record 1940 state vote of 826,212 may be broken in one of the hottest presidential elections in Oklahoma history. Oklahoma in Republican presidential column only in 1920 and 1928.

Oregon — State's six electoral votes considered by observers to be safe for Eisenhower.

Pennsylvania—State-wide vote of 4,250,000 expected. Registered Republicans outnumber Democrats by about 900,000.

Rhode Island—Republicans sense best chance for presidential election campaign victory since the GOP last won in 1924. Many political observers feel state will remain Democratic.

South Carolina—Gov. James F. Byrnes heading group called independent South Carolinians for Eisenhower, which predicts victory claim they will win.

South Dakota—Republicans predict more than 12,000 majority Dewey attained in 1948. Democrats see a 1,200 - vote victory.

Tennessee—Close race with both sides predicting victory.

Texas—Traditionally Democratic, Lone Star State is doubtful for the first time since 1928, when the GOP carried it.

Utah—Rival party leaders have different predictions to the election outcome, but both sides agree vote may set record of 290,000 to 300,000.

Vermont — Traditionally Republican Vermont expects to give its three electoral votes to Eisenhower.

Virginia — Outcome in traditionally Democratic Virginia is regarded as a tossup, largely because of Sen. Harry F. Byrd's cold shoulder of Stevenson.

Washington — Republican state chairman says his personal opinion is that "it's just a horse race." State Democratic chairman forecasts victory for Stevenson.

West Virginia — Democratic in the past three elections, state is winding up hottest campaign in its history.

Wisconsin — Furious senatorial race pitting Republican Sen. Joseph McCarthy against Democrat Thomas E. Fairchild may bring out a record 1½ million voters.

Wyoming — Claims of victory by both sides.

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