

CHEERING CROWDS WELCOME GENERAL

He Makes the Famed V Sign
From His Car in Triumphant
Tour of the Capital

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The nation's capital cheered and shouted its welcome this afternoon to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as the President-elect toured the downtown government and business district for thirty minutes on his way to his appointment at the White House.

The smiling, hallooing, waving General was seen by an estimated total of 300,000 persons as his motorcade passed on a roundabout route from National Airport to 1400 Pennsylvania Avenue—his address after Jan. 20. The crowd outside was that of Police Chief Robert W. Murray; unofficial estimates put the figure somewhat lower.

General Eisenhower made his victorious reappearance in the capital in an open-topped red-brown Cadillac convertible. Sometimes seated on the folded top, as often standing in the rear of the car, the General pumped his arms in greeting throughout the route. To large concentrations of the crowd he frequently raised both arms above his head in a "V" gesture.

In his three hours and twenty-eight minutes in the capital before reboarding his chartered plane to continue his trip to New York.

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York General Eisenhower was met by the local citizenry, met with President Truman and some Cabinet members at the White House and had a thorough military briefing at the Pentagon by the nation's highest ranking military leaders.

General Eisenhower arrived from Augusta, Ga., where he had been vacationing, at 1:10 P. M. after a two-hour and thirty-two minute trip. His chartered Constellation departed at 4:35 P. M.

General in Berlin
Except as he greeted crowds when he flashed his famed broad grin, General Eisenhower's mission struck most observers as a serious one. This was especially noticeable when he left the White House conference to deal with one of the most chaotic informal press sessions ever held on the steps of the White House.

The future First Lady played only a small part in the welcoming ceremonies. Soon after the motorcade left the airport at the Pentagon it traveled the Lincoln Memorial. Mrs. Eisenhower's car was detached from the column and sped to Walter Reed Hospital, where the General's wife underwent a check-up.

Mrs. Eisenhower was first out of the plane when it rolled to a stop. She wore a blue suit, the skirt a deep blue, a small blue hat, blue pumps, and a grayish-blue turtleneck. Over her shoulders she wore a silver fox scarf. On the lapel of her suit were pinned two large gold clips.

The General looked casually at the crowd in a down-breasted brown suit under which he wore a vest. He wore a brown figured tie and a white shirt with a black pinched in the center.

Crowd at Airport
The welcoming party at the airport, where several thousand persons had gathered, was headed by Joseph C. McGowan, Republican leader in the District of Columbia and Chairman of the Inaugural Committee. Among the greeters were Senator Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. of Massachusetts and Representative Joseph W. Martin Jr. of Massachusetts, prospective Speaker of the new House of Representatives.

While the Army Band, garbed in golden blues used for state occasions, played softly, General Eisenhower announced to the airport greeting party that he and his greeters were "astounded" by the welcome. He said that he would be in town only a few hours but would be back, he declared with a smile, "sometime about Jan. 20."

Senator Lodge, who has been the President-elect's chief liaison man with the outgoing Administration, took a seat in the car with the General and the party left the airport ten minutes after arrival of the plane.

As the motorcade passed along Memorial Drive several thousand persons gathered on an extended lunch hour at the Pentagon lined the drive. Many officers of the armed services were in the crowd. The crowds picked up in size from Lincoln Memorial as the motorcade passed into the area of large Government buildings. The fifteen-car motorcade was preceded by a wedge of motorcycle police. More than a dozen cars were spotted along the parade route, some with drum major and teenage contingents who led football stadium cheer-leading acrobatics as the cars rolled past.

A Holiday Scene

Government workers were also out by the hundreds on vintage bikes of Washington's well-known and decorated buildings. Many took rooftop seats.

Street lamp posts were decked with bunting. On Constitution Avenue and the Phillips leading up to the south portico of the White House the District Vice Department had erected a bunting-decked arch by bringing together two aerial ladders. Suspended beneath was a "Welcome Ike" banner.

Bursts of improvised confetti started to pepper the cavalcade as it moved northward up thirteenth Street, and turned into Pennsylvania Avenue. Ticker tape appeared from some of the brokerage windows along Pennsylvania Avenue and Fifteenth Street. The demonstrativeness of the crowds appeared to pick up in the business sections.

Ranked smartly on both sides of Pennsylvania Avenue before the White House gates were Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps honor guards, General Eisenhower.

He successfully put the salute aside, waved several times to the guard.

Truman in Background

Arriving at the White House Executive Office entrance at 1:50 P. M., the General posed briefly for photographers and then was greeted at the steps by William D. Simmons, White House receptionist.

President Truman made no public appearance with his successor but did agree to a single photograph, taking a picture of the General and himself at his desk.

Boarding his car with Senator Lodge on the side and Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett on the other the motorcade took off at a fast clip for the Pentagon, stop not previously scheduled. The Pentagon had offered the General a briefing if he wished one.

The Eisenhower car dipped into a subterranean chute at the Pentagon river entrance and the General then went directly on a private elevator to Mr. Lovett's office. There General of the Army Omar N. Bradley met him on floor below and escorted him one floor below to the guarded precincts of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Pentagon sources said that for about forty minutes General Eisenhower received a complete rundown of the world situation, area by area. On hand were Mr. Lovett, Gen. 2. Lawson Collins, Army Chief of Staff; Admiral William M. Fechteler, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd. The Marine Corps Commandant is now considered a consultant to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, council.

Note
Nathan F.
Twining

Lone Photographer Tells How He Made Two Smile

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—One photographer, winner of a drawing of a hat, got the privilege of making a photograph on a pool table of the conference between President Truman and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today.

The photographer was Harry George of The Associated Press. Here is what Mr. George said:

"Shortly after the pool President in his office, not more than a couple of minutes later I was taken in. Mr. Truman was seated behind his desk and I was seated about four or five feet to his left.

"The two were talking when I walked in. Immediately they shifted their chairs closer together, still talking to each other with very grim and determined looks on their faces. They were talking slowly and deliberately.

"I made a shot. Then I asked the President and Ike not to lean their heads toward me as I was getting the top of their heads. Immediately Ike and I. H. S. T. moved in such a way that I could see more of their faces. I made a second shot and then he smiled and asked them.

"Mr. Presidents—I put it in the plural—may I have a handshake?"

"They promptly did what I asked, each giving a big smile. As soon as I saw the President's teeth in my finder I let it go. That seemed to break the tension. I had sensed between them."

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Truman-Eisenhower Statements

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—Following are the texts of President-elect Eisenhower's informal remarks after his conference with President Truman and of a joint statement issued later by the two conferees:

General's Informal Remarks

This meeting today was expected to be completely business. It was turned into a dual purpose meeting: One, a very warm reception here from the citizens of Washington, for which I thank them sincerely. It was an inspiring experience to come up the streets from the airfield here to the White House.

The other part of the meeting was that kind that has been reported in the papers for making certain arrangements for the orderly transition of the functions of government from the outgoing Administration to the incoming.

For this, our associates and I have been very appreciative, and it has been very informative and instructive. There is going to be very shortly, within a matter of several minutes, a short joint statement issued, and it will be issued from the White House press section. You will get it in written form.

In general it is my purpose to translate from one Administration to another in orderly business-like fashion.

Thank you very much.

The Joint Statement

President Truman and General Eisenhower met today at the White House. After conferring together by themselves, they met with the Secretaries of State, Defense and Treasury, the Director of Mutual Security, and General Eisenhower's associates, Senator Lodge and Mr. Dodge.

At the end of the talks, the President and General Eisenhower issued the following statement:

"We have discussed some of the most important problems affecting our country in the sphere of international relations. Information with respect to these problems has been made available to General Eisenhower.

Under our Constitution, the President must exercise his functions until he leaves office, and his successor cannot be asked to share or assume the responsibilities of the Presidency until he takes office.

We have worked out a framework of liaison and exchange of information between the present Administration and the incoming Administration, but we have made no arrangements which are inconsistent with the full spirit of our Constitution. General Eisenhower has not been asked to assume any of the responsibilities of the Presidency until he takes the oath of office.

We believe, however, that the arrangements we have made for cooperation will be of great value to the stability of our country and to the favorable progress of international affairs.

We are confident that this meeting and that the arrangements we have made today for liaison and cooperation between the present Administration and the new Administration furnish additional proof of the ability of the people of this country to manage their affairs with a sense of continuity and with responsibility.