

● Campaign: Hold That Line!

The close and bitter Presidential race headed for its climax. Eisenhower fought to hold his lead, bore down on Korea (with a pledge to go there in an effort to end the war), and on communism (with a charge that Stevenson favored appeasement). The Democrats cried "smear," begged voters to safeguard their prosperity.

Background (*Report from the campaign caravans*): "Ike's managers are confident, although shaken by Gallup Poll reports that 7 million voters still are undecided. Their strategy now is, in the lines of the Democratic song, 'Don't Let 'em Take it Away.' Ike is pointing himself for a sweep.

"Stevenson managers aren't sure. They get conflicting reports from day to day. They admit Ike has a head start and are counting on a money-in-the-pocket vote to elect Adlai. Ike's pledge to visit Korea shook the Democrats, although they'd expected some answer to Truman's taunt for Ike to come forward with any plan he had for peace in Korea. Most observers on Stevenson's train think Truman's speeches have hurt Stevenson's chances."

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