

# Fort Worth Paper Out for Eisenhower

## Backs Him as 'Above Party and Politics'

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 10 (UP).—“The Fort Worth Star-Telegram,” an independent Democratic newspaper and one of Texas' largest, today announced its support of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, a “man above politics and above party,” for the Presidency.

It followed into the Eisenhower camp two other major Texas newspapers. “The Dallas Times-Herald” was the first to announce outright support of the General. “The Dallas Morning News” indicated it would favor Gen. Eisenhower when it asked Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, in an open letter to withdraw in favor of the NATO supreme commander.

“The Star - Telegram,” in a lengthy editorial, expressed the belief nomination of Taft and of President Truman by the Republicans and Democrats would result in a “bitter, rancorous, disruptive campaign which would divide the country sharply at a time when unity is urgent . . .

“What the country needs at such a time is not an aggravation of old differences and the creation of new ones,” the newspaper said, “but a healing of differences and a closing of ranks under a leader who is not the head of any faction or party but who is capable of appealing to and representing all the people. What the times call for is a man who is above politics and above party. . . .

“Without reflection upon any who are now or who may become active aspirants for the Presidency, we believe the man who best fits these specifications is Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.” . . .