Washington News Letter

- Illinois Comes Through for Taft
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The Taft victory in Illinois, though chusetts primary will be held. Of expected, puts Senator Robert Taft these four key-state primaries, Eisenin a stronger position than at any time since the New Hampshire and Minnesota primaries. But there are indications that the Ohio Senator's four of them, he will have regained steamroller will be thoroughly tested the offensive. Senator Taft, how steamroller will be thoroughly tested this week and next, when results of the New York and Pennsylvania primaries will then become known. Then, on the 29th of this month, the Massa-



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these four key-state primaries, Eisen-hower is favored in three.

If forecasts come true and the Genever, took over the offensive with Wisconsin, Nebraska and Illinois victhe Eisenhower wagon, which had carried the day in the first two primaries. Now, it seems that Eisenhower's forces will have their turn, boosted somewhat by Ike's resigna-

There is a chance that by the end of April delegate votes for the two pretty closely matched. Eisenhower humor the President entered this forces claim delegate victories in dramatic conference. On that very Iowa and Michigan. Taft forces have day he had learned of Newbold Morwon in Tennessee and several other ris' dismissal in the newspaper, and conventions. These convention battles, though less publicized, are just Howard McGrath, who had fired as important as the primary battles Morris. In addition to that, he was in the one sense—that they produce delegates just like primary votes. However, they do not show the popular appeal of the candidates as ac-

General count. The major primaries this month, coming off this week, the next, and the last, will constitute the third round. Eisenhower is favored to win this one, and if he does not, it will seriously affect his chanses for the nomination. Likewise, if Senator Taft wins as many as two of the operations of the country of the country

The President's first news conference with the Washington press corps after his announcement that he wouldn't run again in 1952 was a major Republican candidates will be strange one. Beaming and in a good had fired his Attorney General, J. entertaining Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard in the White House. plus trying to stave off a steel strike.

In addition to a few, other items, this was all the President had on his mind. Yet at four p.m., he crossed the street from the White House to the old State Department Building and took the elevator up to the fourth floor. He stepped into a side room and then walked into the room where reporters were standing on top of each other. This was the first conference he had had with these veteran newsment since he had announced his

The conference lasted only about fifteen minutes. Questions were continuing fast and furious when a wire reporter cut the session short by giving the "Thank You, Mr. President" too soon. It seemed that it was done purposely. Anyhow, when the dust had cleared, and the President left, a number of people in the room were puzzled. Not one word had been said about the President's impending retirement. Not a word of regret had been expressed. No one had said a friendly word for the President. -It was as if nothing had happened. President Truman must have won-

The Army is taking combat-trained Korean veterans and sending them to the States to conduct troop training. This is not a new policy but an Army official said recently that it has paid off handsomely since begun

eastern states his fortune will rise upon us and more seriously consider-appreciably. If Ike wins all four of ed than ever. But even before that the major primary tests, he will have newsmen had been tipped off that the taken a long step forward.

Air Force was beginning to take the reports of strange flying objects seriously. Incidents reported have become so numerous that they cannot Calcutta.—A rural voter of Bengal

This much can be said with cer-sinty: The top brass in the Air force cannot explain many of the lightings, or objects. They are con-cerned. They are not laughing. The investigation of this problem is

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eral election candidates in his district.

He was puzzled, when he came up to vote, when only one ballot paper was given to him. So tearing it into twelve equal bits, he distributed them among all the boxes. When savised that he had spoiled his ballot, the voter said he was satisfied he had them."

done his duty.

MOSCOW CONFERENCE

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