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This was my final appeal to the voters to decide between the principles of the party for the people and the party for the special interests. I warned the nation that thaeir votes would not be just for one man or another, but would affect every person and his family for years to come.

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With this, I was through. There was nothing to do but wait for the results. I had had a strenuous summer and fall and was tired. So at 4:30 P.M. on election day Jim Rowley and Henry Nicholson, first and second in command of the White House detail of the Secret Service drove me to the Elms Hotel at Excelsior Springs. I took a turkish bath and went upstairs at 6:30, had a late sandwich and a glass of milk and listened to some eastern returns and went to bed. I was some thousands ahead.

I awoke at midnight and again listened to the radio broadcast of Mr. Kaltenborn and I was about 1,000,000 ahead on the count but according to the broadcaster still undoubtedly beaten.

About four o'clock Mr. Rowley came in to say

room and advised me to listen again to Mr. Katterhorn's broadcast. At that time I was over 7,000,000 ahead but the broadcaster couldn't see how I could be elected.

I told Jim and Nick we had better go back to the Muehlbach Hotel in Kansas City because it looked very much as if we were in trouble for another four years.

We arrived at the hotel in KC about six o'clock A.M. Wednesday morning and at 10:30 we received a telegram from Gov. Dewey congratulating me on the election. I was very glad I'd had a good night's sleep.

We had not been accompanied to Excelsior Springs by any reporters or news men. They were all preparing to celebrate with Dewey.

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