 Ike May Resign Before The End Of His Term

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Although the latest report on President Eisenhower's condition indicated no complications, the alarm fell over the recent setback in his recovery from a heart attack. He recovered from another attack similar to one given him seven years before. The chief executive may undergo a second operation within a few days to provide further stimulation. His term of office expires in January 1957. Constitutionally it is extremely difficult for a President to delay his action. The powers of executive action and continue in office. According to the point of view of some who know the President well, Eisenhower will not cling to office, like President Woodrow Wilson in 1919, if he feels that he cannot adequately perform his duties. There is no precedent in United States history for a President resigning the office before the end of his term, but the Constitution provides for the Vice-President to succeed him immediately and automatically.

In terms of practical politics this means not only that the current Vice-President, Mr. Richard Nixon, would become President but that he would almost necessarily be nominated as the Republican presidential candidate in the party convention next August. It is very rare for a party in the United States to give him without giving him another chance after one term of office. Mr. Nixon is already, according to the public opinion polls made before the President's illness, the leading candidate for the Republican nomination. If President Eisenhower does not resign and if, as is generally assumed, he decides on grounds of health not to stand for re-election, the role for the Republican nomination will be wide open. There is bound to be a revival of the historic struggle between the Liberals and the Conservative, between the internationalists and the isolationists within the Republican party. That struggle was temporarily resolved during the 1952 presidential campaign

BAO DAI REFERENDUM ON OCTOBER 23

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