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## Eisenhower Rebuts Khrushchev On Role of Moscow in '60 Vote

WASHINGTON, July 30 (UPI)—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower dismissed as "silly" today Nikita Khrushchev's claim that the Soviet Union assured Richard M. Nixon's defeat in the 1960 Presidential election.

"I think he made up some-  
things," the general said of the  
former premier.

In a televised interview July  
11, Mr. Khrushchev said Mos-  
cow had "made" John F. Ken-  
nedy President when it ignored  
an appeal by Mr. Nixon for the  
release of Francis Gary Powers,  
the captured U-2 pilot.

He said this had deprived Mr.  
Nixon of the 200,000 votes he  
needed to defeat Mr. Kennedy.

On the television show Is-  
sues and Answers, carried by  
the American Broadcasting  
Company, General Eisenhower  
said, Mr. Khrushchev had be-  
come angry in Paris when he  
told him: "If you think I'm go-  
ing to apologize for something  
that I thought was for the good  
of my country, I'm just not  
going to do it, so you might as  
well go home."

General Eisenhower was re-  
ferring to the U-2 incident.

"And of course he got very  
sore at that," the general said.  
"Up to that time he'd thought I  
was quite a guy, apparently."

But he said after that, we will  
just wait until there is a new  
President, that's all he said.

"But his claim that he elected  
somebody is to my mind just  
about as silly as anything else  
he's ever said," General Eisen-  
hower said.

As for the former premier's  
picture of General Eisenhower  
as a rather weak President, un-  
duly swayed by advisers, the  
general said he won a "contest  
of wills" with Mr. Khrushchev  
at Camp David, Md., in 1959.

The Soviet leader, General  
Eisenhower said, was deter-  
mined to have a summit meet-  
ing. "I said, never, as long as  
there's a Soviet ultimatum  
hanging over Berlin, I won't  
go. That's all there is to it.  
Well, he finally surrendered,"  
the general said.

"Sure he didn't like anyone  
that he couldn't run over and  
that was that," he added.