

FRENCH ACCLAIM NEW PRESIDENT

Inside the great Palace of Versailles the ~~French~~ Congress of Parliament elected M. Coty President *of France.*

M. René Coty becomes the first citizen of France at the ripe age of 71. Through cheering crowds he was driven

from Versailles to Paris. Enthusiasm was less, ~~than wild~~ *but it might be* as the election dragged on till the 13th ballot ~~as the new President was named from the list of candidates~~

the previous 12 having exhausted the list of other possible candidates.

At the Elysee Palace M. Coty was presented to President Auriol, who is retiring, though he narrowly escaped having to serve another term of 7 years

~~while~~ ^{as} the politicians seemed unable to make up their minds at Versailles. Very few people outside France ~~had~~ ^{had} much of M. Coty. Madame Auriol seemed as pleased as her husband.

~~that man had been elected.~~ Perhaps the Premier,

M. Laniel, was disappointed at ~~not being President,~~ *being leader.*

but ~~he and others~~ ^{all} wish M. Coty and France 7 prosperous years.