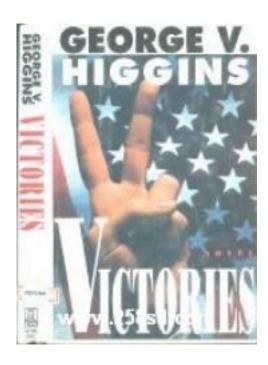
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In the winter of 1947, Joseph W.

Martin??? Jr.??? a portly man of Republican affiliations??? dour appearance??? and publicly phlegmatic disposition from southeastern Massachusetts??? at the age of sixty-two commenced his eleventh term of membership in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States. He ascended notably in rank as he did so??? succeeding

Sam Rayburn??? sixty-five??? a Texan as well as a man of formidable bulk??? magnetic personality??? and entering his eighteenth term; the previous three he had spent majestically--some said tyrannically--as Speaker elected by the Houses controlled by his fellow Democrats. President Harry S Truman was reported little soothed by reminders that his fellow Americans had proven no more ungrateful for their successful wartime leadership than had the British voters who had seemed to repudiate the party coalition under Churchill that had inspired their nation to persevere to victory over Germany; the President??? rumored to express himself privately in language even stronger than the blunt words he favored in his public utterances (he had not yet issued public reactions to newspaper music critics displeased by his daughter Margaret s art at the piano)??? was reported plainly unappeased. Speaker Martin seemed to move as cautiously in his new position as he had argued??? as a minority member??? in his unsuccessful efforts to urge fiscal restraint upon preceding Democratic majorities.

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