In a simple ceremony lasting only thirty minutes, 43-year-old former state senator Anthony J. Celebrezze (left), an Independent Democrat, was sworn in as Cleveland's 40th mayor by Appellate Judge Joy Seth Hurd (right), on Monday, November 9, 1953. Celebrezze won the election by 46,643 votes over challenger William McDermott. (Far right) Campaign workers celebrate Celebrezze's primary victory on Tuesday, September 29, 1953. (Below) The Celebrezze family on inauguration day.





with Mayor

Anthony J. Celebrezze



(Right) OCTOBER 30, 1953: Mayor Thomas A. Burke (left), and Ohio governor Frank J. Lausche join candidate Celebrezze for breakfast at Hotel Statler during his mayoral campaign on October 30, 1953.

(Far right) MARCH 2, 1954: Mayor Celebrezze surveys the area around E. 65th and Woodland with Service Director Louis Dresler (right), after a freak storm on

Monday, March 2, 1954 blanketed the city with fourteen inches of snow.









(Above right) WITH AL LOPEZ, April 12, 1955: As the Cleveland Indians began their bid on Tuesday, April 12, 1955 to become the city's first two-time champion in 55 years of American League play, mayor Celebrezze warmed up to throw out the Opening Day pitch under the watchful eye of Tribe manager Al Lopez (right). 50,230 saw Cleveland win, 5-1.

(Right) WITH STEVE ALLEN, May 4, 1955: Mayor Celebrezze presents the key to the city on Wednesday, May 4, 1955 to TV talk show host Steve Allen, who was in town for a live broadcast of the "Tonight" show from Music Hall. The show aired on WNBK-Channel 3 at 11:30 P.M..



