

# EISENHOWER DENIES 'DEAL' WITH TRUMAN

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PARIS, March 17.—General of the Army Eisenhower took the unusual step Saturday of authorizing a public denial that President Truman ever mentioned to him the possibility of arranging a political deal for Eisenhower's presidential nomination in 1952.

The general's views did not emanate directly from him but comprised an authorized statement from Big. Gen. Charles T. Lanham, chief public information

officer of Supreme Headquarters of Atlantic Powers in Europe.

General Lanham's approved statement was made in reply to persistent inquiry after reports quoted in a news agency to the effect that General Eisenhower would quit his job as North Atlantic treaty organization commander in 1952 in order to go home and run for president.

The rumors were attributed in an Associated Press dispatch to an article by Merrill Mueller, National Broadcasting Company commentator, in the magazine Quill, published by Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity.

When General Lanham was asked whether these reports had any foundation he replied:

"General Eisenhower habitually declines to authorize any comment on a press story that attempts, in spite of his emphatic and repeated denials, to link his name with possible political aspirations.

"However, in this case the general is quoted as repeating statements attributed to the president of the United States. The general therefore authorizes me to make sufficient exception to this policy to say that the president has never mentioned to him any political possibilities of 1952 whatsoever."

## Texans Flying To Bedside Of Injured Man

The 77-year-old father and a Fort Worth brother of an Air Force sergeant critically hurt in an accident left here by plane Saturday for San Francisco to reach the Letterman Hospital bedside of the injured man.

The victim of the accident is Sgt. Homer A. Willis, 44, son of W. L. Willis of Sulphur Springs, and brother of S. T. Willis of 625 Hughes. Sergeant Willis, a career man in military service,