

# *Eisenhower to Be Called Back for Presidential Race, Says Commentator*

MIAMI, Fla., March 17 (AP).—An NBC radio commentator reported Saturday that General Eisenhower will be recalled from Europe in mid-summer of 1952 to be "available" for nomination for president.

"President Truman made a deal with General Eisenhower to make Ike available for the presidential campaign of 1952," the radio man, Merrill Mueller, wrote in *The Quill*, magazine published by Sigma Delta Chi, national annual progressive journalism fraternity.

He wrote that Eisenhower himself told him of the arrangement. "The chief executive told Ike

that one Harry Truman did not want to be accused of exiling a potential powerful contender for the honors of the White House.

"Ike told me this during a private meeting in Denver last December. None of our talk was off the record, but some of it must still be restricted at this time because of the general's foreign commitments.

"Ike also told me—in contradiction to his written reply to my letters over the past five years—that he would run in 1952 if drafted by one of the political parties," Mueller continued.

"About the same time, President Truman told friends around

him in Washington—several of whom I have talked with since—that Ike could have the presidency if he wanted it."

Mueller, a former foreign correspondent now stationed by NBC in San Francisco, declared that, "Republicans are staking most of their hopes on the general . . . but they are overlooking an obvious threat, that Ike could just as easily become the Democratic candidate!"

Now, Mueller concluded, "the organizers of 'Eisenhower-for-president' groups can actively campaign for a draft-call by one or the other of the national committees without being sabotaged by Eisenhower himself."