

## White House Counters Blast By Truman

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AUGUSTA, Ga., (AP) — A White House official slapped back at former President Truman Thursday for calling President Eisenhower a "do-nothing" chief executive guilty of "political betrayal."

The official, Press Secretary James C. Hagerty, also announced that Eisenhower will launch his re-election campaign with a speech to 800 Republican leaders at a Washington dinner next Tuesday evening.

"It will be a political speech," Hagerty said with a smile. He added that he did not know whether it would be carried nationwide on television and radio. Hagerty's rejoinder to Truman's characterization of Eisenhower as a "do-nothing" President was this: "I don't believe that Mr. Truman, by his own standards, can recognize accomplishment when he sees it."

In a speech last night at a Democratic dinner in Des Moines, Iowa, Truman cut loose with his sharpest criticism of Eisenhower to date. He said the President "deserves to be rejected by the people just as the (Republican-controlled) 80th Congress was, because he is a do-nothing President just as the 80th Congress was a do-nothing Congress."

Truman also contended Eisenhower "has been doing all he could to keep Congress from raising the support prices farmers get."

Truman's blast at Eisenhower on the farm issue came as the President pondered whether to sign or veto an omnibus farm bill on which Congress completed action last night.

Hagerty said today Eisenhower still feels the measure does not measure up to the standards of a good bill, but the press secretary again declined to speculate regarding the possibility of a veto.

He said the President probably won't act on the bill until he returns to Washington early next week.

## Former Pal Of Gangsters Shot to Death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who police say once was a pal of the (Bugsy) Siegel and gambler Tony Corcoran, was found shot to death in a woman friend's car Wednesday.

Elmer Perry, 61, died with two .38 caliber bullet holes through the head and one through the neck as he sat in the front seat of a parked car registered to Miss Anita Whitaker, 45. Officers said he had been shot from behind.

Detectives sought an associate, Ted Lewin, 46, for questioning. They said Lewin has been charged in New Mexico with kidnapping a grandchild of a former vice president of the Philippines. He is accused of aiding Mrs. Yolanda Lopez Puckett in kidnapping the woman's child, Robert, 2, from the home of her divorced husband's mother Jan. 13, 1950, in Lowell.

Lewin went to the Philippines where, officers said, he was considered something of a hero for his exploit, and in 1952 was arrested in San Francisco on the New Mexico charge. However, the then Gov. Earl Warren refused to extradite him on the grounds the mother was legally entitled to the child.

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