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# Reserve Judgment in Vaughan

### President Wants Aide's Side Heard

### Senate Probe 'Leaks' Criticized

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today asked the country to "suspend judgment" on J. Edgar Hoover's aide, Harry H. Vaughan, until after his Army aide testifies before the Senate five per cent inquiry.

Mr. Truman, at news conference, directed his request particularly to reporters and editors.

He was sharply critical of what he called leaks from the committee and what he described as a "tendency to build up the most critical and unfavorable picture of Vaughan at open hearings."

**SPURNS QUESTIONS**

Mr. Truman made it clear at the outset that he did not intend to answer any questions concerning the inquiry.

Reporters thus were unable to ask him about a Republican demand that he ask Vaughan as co-ordinator of the "sterile" affair.

Sen. McCarthy (R-Ill.) would demand that Mr. Truman fire Vaughan from the Senate staff.

McCarthy added that as a Republican he does not feel he has the right to suggest that Vaughan be ousted, but he would do so if he were the president.

The president's reply today was: "I would not want to answer any questions pertaining to the treatment of Vaughan, but I am sure that the Senate (D-N.C.) committee will do so."

Gen. Vaughan has already said that he will go before the committee and make a full statement on all matters with which his name has been connected.

It is expected that the chairman of the committee has done that to you gentlemen and your editors, in common fairness, and I am confident that you will do the same for me.

Mr. Truman said he would permit to quote his remarks.

He added during the hearing yesterday that Senators withhold statements denouncing Vaughan.

He spoke out after Sen. McNair (R-D.) had called Vaughan, among other things, a "finagling bargainer."

The President made it abundantly clear that he does not approve of the way the hearings have been handled.

Vaughan's name has come up repeatedly at hearings of the committee which is looking into activities of so-called "five per cent" persons who help in seeking out Government contracts for a fee usually five per cent.

His name has come up in connection with the so-called "five per cent" persons, activities in behalf of a "five per cent" person who is seeking to build a building permit which is very scarce, and efforts made by a "five per cent" person to get a permit for additional sugar, after the company had been refused a building permit.

Mr. Truman said "I am not a favorable listener" concerning "five per cent" persons.

Vaughan has been held open by the Senate and the House. It has been produced at open hearings. He went on, but he has been held closed doors "particular" to the way they were friendly to Vaughan.

He went on to say that much of the information that has been published from "leaks" from within the committee is "leakage" from the source of the newsmen took from the source.

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### Two Face Death For Murder

### Lonely Hearts Slayers Guilty

NEW YORK (AP)—Plump Marjorie Beck and her lover Raymond Fernandez were convicted of first degree murder today in the lonely hearts slaying. The verdict carries a mandatory death sentence.

Both defendants retained the verdict. Fernandez took great pleasure in flaunting his emotion, Mrs. Beck retorted her taunts with a defense counsel's table.

The verdict was announced by a jury that had been kept in session all night on orders of the court. The court set Monday for sentencing and defense motions.

Near dawn, the jurors, on duty Monday morning, asked permission to go to bed. However, the court said it would not be convenient to grant the request, and sent them back to their deliberations.

**GLARE AT LAWYERS**

After the verdict was announced both defendants glared at the lawyers.

Mrs. Beck stared at the court, Herbert E. Rosenberg, and Fernandez glared at the attorney.

The jury was polled by the court. Mrs. Beck, who had been in the courtroom since the trial began, said she was sure of her verdict.

Few spectators were in the courtroom when the verdict was announced. The men and women had been in almost continuous "solitaire" except for three trips to the courtroom during the trial.

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### Truck, Two Cars Involved

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HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Six women died in a flaming death today when their automobile and a truck were involved in a head-on crash between here and Camp Springs.

The crash occurred on the highway between here and Camp Springs.

The truck, a 1947 Buick, was driven by a woman named Mrs. Mary Ann Pryor, a student nurse of Memphis, Tenn.

The truck driver, Otis W. Merriman, of Evansville, Ind., escaped injury.

Mrs. Mary Ann Pryor, 17, of Keokuk, Ia., was killed.

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A Federal Reserve Board report showing an \$80,000,000 increase in business loans in the week ending August 14, 1949.

All districts shared in the expansion of the Cleveland office.

The big gains were \$38,000,000 in New York City and \$20,000,000 in the Kansas City district.

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