

BETHESDA

Thurs. Nov. 17-66,

Former President Eisenhower - a surprise visitor today to Bethesda naval hospital. ~~There~~ to pay his respects to fast-recovering President Johnson. And as a result - he may find himself with a new federal assignment - in come spring.

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L B J suggesting what a wonderful thing it would be - if Ike could find it possible to make a goodwill tour of Asia and the rest of the world - in behalf of American interests abroad. The President Asserting that no one - with the possible exception of former President Truman - has as much experience - or is as much esteemed throughout the world - as Ike.

Nothing definite as yet. But Ike is said to look favorably on the idea - and the President is expected to present him with a specific proposal - as soon as Ike returns from his annual winter vacation.

WASHINGTON

*Starting with the Nineteen Sixty-Eight model year - all new cars sold in the United States must be equipped with anti-pollutant exhaust systems. This by government decree - announced today by Secretary John Gardner of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. With automakers subject to a fine of a thousand dollars a car - for any vehicles offered for sale that fail to conform with the new standards.*

*In making the announcement - Gardner pointing out that about half of all air pollutants come from cars. Adding that the ~~new~~ new requirement will not appreciably improve the situation immediately - because of older cars still on the road. But saying - in effect - "you've got to start somewhere."*

*The next big job -- said he - developing effective controls for two other major sources of exhaust pollution; diesel trucks and b<sup>u</sup>ses.*

VIET NAM

On the other side of the globe - in Viet Nam -  
a steadily mounting campaign of Viet Cong terrorism.

With today's most flagrant example - a brazen attempt to  
assassinate Major General Nguyen Duc Thang - South Viet  
Nam's hard-working commissioner for rural reconstruction.

A band of guerrillas waiting for the general's  
plane - at the end of an airport runway in northern Quan  
Tin Province. Opening up with a hail of machine gun  
bullets - as the plane came in for a landing. Wounding  
fifteen officers aboard the aircraft -- leaving at least  
four in ~~critical~~ critical condition.

However, General Thang himself - unharmed.  
Having switched to another plane - at the last minute.

## ITALY

More rain -- more flooding -- more tragedy today -- in the Po Delta of Northern Italy. A twenty-four hour downpour -- accompanied by gale winds -- and crumbling dikes on the Adriatic, releasing tons of water in a deadly cascade -- on the delta towns of Scardovari and Bonelli.

Army troops quickly evacuating some five thousand residents -- from the flood stricken area. Many of whom had just returned to their homes -- following the flood disaster of two weeks ago.

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome -- Pope Paul today accepted the resignation of his three Senior Cardinals -- from administrative duties in their various dioceses. Cardinal Tisserant -- eighty-two; -- Cardinal Pizzardo -- seventy-nine -- Cardinal Masella -- seventy-seven.

The Vatican praising the three Cardinals -- for their "noble and exemplary decisions;" in keeping with the Pope's recent recommendation -- that Bishops over seventy-five should give way to younger men.

## COLUMBUS-CLEMSON

*Here's a switch. Farmers and cattlemen alike - up in arms today over rising food prices. Particularly the fact that so many of the price increases - seems to end up in somebody else's pocket.*

*First up - in Columbus, Ohio -- Jerry Voorhis, a top official of one of the nation's biggest farmers cooperatives, ~~urging~~ <sup>urging</sup> that ~~pe~~ farmers themselves - must get into the supermarket business.*

*Voorhis observing that a farmer's income - is only about sixty percent of the national ~~ag~~ average. Citing this as clear evidence that the farmer "must have a means of making sure - ~~that~~ he receives <sup>\$</sup> a fair and just return - for his abundant production and increased efficiency."*

*Spokesman for the cattlemen - C. W. McMillan of the American cattlemen's association -- in a convention speech at Clemson, South Carolina. McMillan asserting that stockmen "by the thousands" - are cutting back their*

*operations; because of rock-bottom meat prices -- now threatened still further by supermarket boycotts.*

*McMillan warning that the "future supply of beef - is thus seriously endangered." To the point - said he -- where "every penny saved" by the protesting housewife of today - "may mean another dime spent next year - and the next."*



## HAVANA

Cuban Dictator Fidel Castro - apparently the victim of something akin to "rabbit fever" -- off the evidence of this latest - from Radio Havana.

Fidel is said to have launched a giant rabbit-breeding program -- as the answer to Cuba's chronic food and ~~money~~ money problems. Plans calling for construction of breeding pens - for two million female rabbits; expected to produce for market - another thirty million rabbits per year.

Predicted ~~yield~~ yield from such a "crop" - said Radio Havana: "Some seventy-five million pounds of meat per year - and twenty-eight million pounds of rabbit skins."

~~A tall order even for rabbits worldwide~~



# RETAKE

*From the little town of Jasper, Missouri - the story today of a man who must surely rank - as one of the meanest ~~do~~ swindlers in all America.*

*The story begins with a public campaign - to get a doctor to take up residence in Jasper. The man who answered the call - identifying himself as Dr. M. L. Langford - a graduate of the University of Tennessee Medical School; and, the town welcomed him - with open arms.*

*Two banks lending him nearly five thousand dollars - on faith alone - for office furniture and equipment. Patients flocking to his door - to the point where he had to hire two office girls and a part-time bookkeeper. As Mayor Sterling Bemis put it - the new doctor "took well" - everybody liked him.*

*They did, that is, until ~~the~~ last week - when the bubble suddenly burst. The man who called himself*

*Dr. Langford - disappearing in the middle of the night.*

*Leaving behind a bundle of debts -- and a lot of red faces.*

*Now it turns out he wasn't even a doctor.*

*~~No such man~~ - says the American Medical Association, <sup>Warren</sup>*

*~~End of masquerade and time for police to take over.~~*

LONDON

From London, news of a move in the House of Commons -- to ban or regulate the sale of highly flammable hair sprays.

Labor M.P., Tony Gardiner -- the man behind this; because a number of women have been burned of late -- from spraying their hair while smoking cigarettes. Also says Tony Gardiner, M.P. -- because hair sprays have become lethal weapons in the hands of teenaged London toughs. With a little ingenuity -- hair sprays make excellent flame-throwers -- said he.