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PRESIDENT DIEM,
VIET-NAM CHIEF,
VISITING M.S.U.

EAST LANSING -- President Ngo Dinh Diem of the Republic of Viet-Nam will be honored at a Michigan State University convocation Wednesday (May 15).

The Far Eastern head of state is to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in a 3:30 p.m. program in the University Auditorium, marking the first time the head of a foreign state has visited the M.S.U. campus.

Students will be dismissed from late afternoon classes to attend the convocation, and the public is invited to attend.

Accompanying President Diem to the M.S.U. campus will be high-ranking Vietnamese and American officials including Tran Van Chuong, Ambassador from Viet-Nam to the United States, and Eldridge Durdrow, American Ambassador to Viet-Nam.

President Diem, making his first visit to the United States as head of the young Viet-Nam Republic, was to be a guest of President Eisenhower in Washington for several days before his trip to East Lansing.

President Diem became previously acquainted with Michigan State while he was in the United States in 1951-53. He then served as a special consultant on Asian affairs to the university's governmental research bureau. He was elected president of his homeland in October 1955.

One of the foremost anti-Communist leaders in Southeast Asia, President Diem in 1954 requested the present assistance program to strengthen Viet-Nam civil operations in which M.S.U. participates.

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PUBLIC ROTC
COMMISSIONING
SET AT MSU

EAST LANSING -- A public ceremony and parade will mark the commissioning of nearly 200 Army and Air Force ROTC cadets June 8 at Michigan State University.

Lt. Gen. Emmett (Rosy) O'Donnell Jr., distinguished airman who is Air Force Chief of Staff for Personnel, will award the commissions and speak briefly at the 10 a.m. ceremony at Old College Field. The commissioning will move inside the field house in the event of rain.

The ceremony and parade are a return to the Commencement Week tradition of other years.

"We feel we lost something as an institution when we abandoned the public ceremony and parade," commented Dr. John A. Hannah, M.S.U. president. "By reviving the tradition we hope to testify again to the importance of this phase of education at Michigan State University."

An estimated 135 Army ROTC cadets will receive commissions with 62 Air Force cadets.

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NEW BACTERIA
TEST AT MSU

EAST LANSING -- A new and more accurate process for determining bacterial infections in man and animals has been announced by Dr. I. Forest Huddleson, Michigan State University microbiologist.

The process uses a granular resin to grow bacteria directly in a blood sample, eliminating the usual liquid culture medium which is time-consuming and uncertain.

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M.S.U. News Briefs:

EAST LANSING -- Dr. William A. Sullivan, assistant professor of history at Michigan State University, will be a visiting professor for a year in Sweden, supported by a State Department grant.

Dr. Sullivan will spend a semester at University of Lund, one at University of Stockholm and also will deliver a series of lectures at University of Uppsala. A specialist in American labor history, he is a research associate with the Labor and Industrial Relations Center at M.S.U.

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EAST LANSING -- Applications for graduate study abroad under the Fulbright Act for the year 1958-59 may be made until Oct. 25, according to Dr. Thomas H. Osgood, dean of the School for Advanced Graduate Studies at Michigan State University.

Eligibility requirements include U.S. citizenship, college degree or its equivalent, knowledge of the necessary foreign language and good health. Information may be obtained from the Institute of International Education, One East 67th St., New York 21, N.Y.

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EAST LANSING -- Michigan State University forestry students placed second in the fourth annual Midwest Foresters Conclave at Purdue. A team of 19 M.S.U. foresters competed.

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CIRCULATION
MANAGERS TO
CONFER AT MSU

EAST LANSING -- Circulation managers of Michigan newspapers will meet at Michigan State University May 21 to consider such questions as "Do rural correspondents help build circulation?"

Among the many other questions slated for the one-day session are these: "Are telephone campaigns successful?" "Can fringe motor routes be handled at a profit?" "How can newspapers counteract the summer slump?"

The Michigan Press Association and the M.S.U. School of Journalism are cooperating for this conference. Speakers will include Prof. Melvin Lostutter of M.S.U.

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COMMAND POLICE
OFFICERS SCHOOL
SLATED AT MSU

EAST LANSING -- Police officers with supervisory duties are invited to attend the annual spring "Command Officers Training Course" at Michigan State University May 20-24.

The course is offered in response to numerous requests from heads of law-enforcement agencies, reports Harold Haun, coordinator of the M.S.U. in-service police-training program. Command officers are expected not only from municipalities but also from sheriff's departments and from both village and township police units.

The course is sponsored by the various state and national law-enforcement agencies and associations along with the M.S.U. School of Police Administration and Public Safety and the Michigan Police Academy.

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