# NEW HEALTH CHIEF

### Dr. Merlin Kearfott DuVal, Jr. New Assistant Secretary For Health and Scientific Affairs

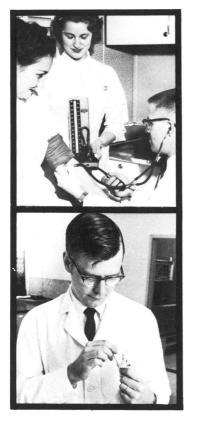
Dr. Merlin K. DuVal, Jr., former dean of the University of Arizona College of Medicine, is the new Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He succeeds Dr. Roger O. Egeberg who remains as a consultant to the President and an assistant to HEW Secretary Elliot L. Richardson.

Dr. DuVal had been dean at the Arizona college since 1964. From 1957 to 1964 he was associate professor and then professor of surgery at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center. He was instructor and then assistant professor of surgery at the State University of New York College of Medicine, Brooklyn, from 1954 to 1956. He has been a consultant to the Veterans Administration and the Public Health Service.

After graduating from Dartmouth College in 1943, Dr. DuVal went on to Cornell University Medical College where he took his M.D. in 1946. He interned at New York Hospital and Roosevelt Hospital in New York City, and in 1954 he completed his residency in surgery at the Veterans Hospital in the Bronx.

Dr. DuVal served with the U.S. Naval Reserves in 1943–45 and 1947–49. He is a native of Montclair, N.J., married, and the father of three children. Cover—Many rural people lack adequate health care. Efforts to improve care are described in two papers in this issue (health screening of rural adolescents, page 609, and a demonstration in organizing rural community health resources, page 659.) Photo by Paul Conklin.





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