"The Director of Juvenile Services and the Commissioners of Mental Hygiene and Correction have indicated that other types of treatment and training programs would be more desirable than farming," Governor Agnew said.

"The various dietary departments will also benefit in that quality and quantity of foodstuffs used can be better controlled, and private farmers will benefit from increased food purchases," he added.

The move was recommended by the Governor's Task Force on Modern Management which is conducting a department-by-department survey for economies and improved efficiency of operation by State agencies.

The farms operated by the Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Mental Hygiene will be eliminated at the end of the current fiscal year, June 30. Those operated by the Department of Correction will be discontinued as of December 31, 1968.

The Governor said an effort will be made to place supervisory and management personnel from the farm systems into other State agencies.

"The State Planning Department is currently evaluating the best method of utilization of the farm land and will report as soon as its studies are complete," he said.

NEWS RELEASE ON LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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Governor Agnew discussed with legislative leaders today a comprehensive program of legislation which the administration will present to the Maryland General Assembly session convening January 17th.

In making public the list of topics discussed, the Governor noted that specific provisions for many of the bills are still being developed. These will be announced during the next two weeks as final details become available.

The following proposals will be included in the administration program, with possibly others to be added later:

Community Mental Health - A crash program for development of Community Mental Health centers throughout Maryland, with par-