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## Notes on People

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# Friedheim, Penta

A principal spokesman for the Department of Defense during much of the war in Vietnam, **Jerry W. Friedheim**, is resigning to become spokesman and Congressional lobbyist for Amtrak, the public corporation that runs the country's passenger rail lines.

Mr. Friedheim, whose present title is Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, went to work in the Pentagon in 1969, following five years as an aide to Senator John G. Tower, the Texas Republican. Previously, he had worked for United Press International and The Associated Press.

In the first Nixon Administration, Mr. Friedheim gamely defended some of the most controversial military decisions of the war in Indochina.

His resignation has not been formally accepted by the White House, and there was no indication yesterday who would succeed him.

A back injury suffered by **Bette Davis** during a rehearsal Aug. 27 has delayed from Sept. 23 to Oct. 4 the Philadelphia opening of the new Broadway-bound musical "Miss Moffatt." Miss Davis's injury, diagnosed as lower

back strain, caused cancellation of the show's stand in Baltimore, scheduled for Sept. 9-21.

Although Miss Davis is in traction in Harkness Pavilion, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, hsi has not prevented her from working with her director, **Joshua Logan**, and members of the cast of "Miss Moffatt," which is based on "The Corn Is Green," a Davis screen vehicle in 1949. Her therapy is expected to extend through Friday.

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A Federal judge in Los Angeles turned down a bid by **Howard R. Hughes** to set aside a verdict in which his former chief aide won a slander suit. **Robert Maheu**, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, had sought \$17-million in damages from the millionaire industrialist, but a jury on July 1 deferred until Oct. 1 the second stage of the case, in which the exact amount of damages will be set.

United States District Court Judge **Harry Pregerson** has now rejected five motions to have the verdict set aside.

Thousands of City College alumni will no doubt be

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