

IKE LEAVES

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Washington's Walter Reed Hospital signs out its number one patient.

Three weeks to the day after his intestinal operation, President

Eisenhower walks slowly from the hospital with Mamie on his arm.

Ike is pale and has lost six pounds during his illness ... still he

manages a smile for photographers and well-wishers. But the President

ignores questions about his second-term intentions. And he leaves

quickly for his Gettysburg farm.

At Gettysburg, Ike must recuperate for at least two weeks as he

ponders his fateful second-term decision.