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For Release Sunday, July 5:

53-118

Notre Dame, Ind., July 5 -- The high school student who does not go to college will be the subject of discussion at the annual meeting of the History Teachers' Club at the University of Notre Dame July 10, 11, and 12, Rev. Thomas McAvoy, C.S.C., head of the department of History at Notre Dame said today. High school teachers must concentrate on the sixty to eighty-five per cent of their students who do not go to college, Father McAvoy pointed out, and it has been charged that as a result the quality of teaching has been lowered to fit the lowered standards. At the meetings, the ability of these students to cope with a higher curriculum will be discussed and the curriculum changes made in recent years will be examined.

Among the chief speakers on the program will be: John McNamara, principal of Washington Senior High School in South Bend, who will treat the problem of the non-collegiate high school student; Sister Eudocia, S.S.N.D., of Chicago will discuss the "Relation of History to the Social Studies Program;" Sister Helen Angela, C.S.J., of St. Paul, Minnesota will discuss "An Ex-History Teacher and the Sixty Per Cent." Sister Francis de Sales, C.S.C., of Bishop Noll High School, Hammond, Ind., and Brother Casper Molchan, C.S.C., of Cathedral High School, Indianapolis, Ind., will take up the problem of remedial reading. Visual aids in education will be discussed by Rev. Kenneth Mayer, O.S.B.

At a tea Friday afternoon which will open the meeting, Rev. Rollins E. Lambert, of Chicago, Ill., will speak on "African History and Culture."

Although the meetings are intended primarily for high school teachers, they are open to the public and other teachers who are interested are invited to attend.

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For release Sunday, July 12th:

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Notre Dame, Ind., July -- Thirty supervisory personnel representing a cross-section of the outdoor advertising industry will attend The 1953 School of Outdoor Advertising which opens at the University of Notre Dame tomorrow (Monday). They will participate in a week-long series of workshops on basic economics, human and labor relations, and communications skills to be conducted by faculty members of the University's College of Commerce.

The program, which is sponsored jointly by the University's Outdoor Advertising Foundation and the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, is under the supervision of Dean James E. McCarthy. Participating faculty members include Professors John R. Malone, Wayne G. Anderson and G. Herbert True.

The sessions devoted to basic economics have been designed to give the trainees an over-all picture of the American economy, considering the flow of income, its origin and distribution. Other workshop periods will include a study of the history and principles of the labor movement and collective bargaining as well as provide techniques for further improving employee relationships and morale. Sessions devoted to the improvement of the trainees' oral expression and the sharpening of their written communications will round out the week's program.

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For immediate release:

53-150

Notre Dame, Ind., July -- Ten young men who will enter the University of Notre Dame as freshmen in September have been awarded \$500 scholarships for the 1953-54 school-year, according to the Reverend Alfred F. Mendez, C.S.C., chairman of the University's Committee on Scholarships and Prizes.

The Reverend James A. Burns Memorial Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis each year to incoming freshmen, Father Mendez said.

Recipients for the coming year include Jefferson Davis Diggs, III, Columbus, Ohio; Bernard M. Dunne, Burlington, Iowa; James Patrick Irving, North Arlington, New Jersey; Francis Gerard Lunden, Bellmore, New York; and Frank V. Manning, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Also James F. Morris, Jeffersonville, Indiana; Richard J. Novak, Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Thomas J. Nowak, Chicago, Illinois; George H. Rotterman, Dayton, Ohio; and Paul J. Schierl, Menasha, Wisconsin.

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For release Friday, July 17th:

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Notre Dame, Ind., July -- A symposium commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Orestes A. Brownson, distinguished nineteenth century American philosopher and essayist, will be held at the University of Notre Dame on October 7th according to an announcement today by the Rev. Thomas T. McAvoy, C.S.C., University archivist.

Brownson's books and papers are housed in the Notre Dame archives. A convert to Catholicism, Brownson was regarded in his day as a radical and social reformer. He was singled out by Van Buren as the cause of his defeat in his bid for a second term as President in 1840. Brownson was the founder and editor of the Boston Quarterly Review, later re-named the Brownson Quarterly Review. He was a regular contributor to The Ave Maria, published weekly at Notre Dame for more than eighty-eight years.

The Rev. Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C., first president of Notre Dame, invited Brownson to teach at the University. However, Brownson went to live with his son in Detroit where he died in 1876. In 1886 his remains were transferred to the crypt of Sacred Heart Church on the campus.

During the symposium, Notre Dame's departments of philosophy, political science, history and English will join in a study of the various phases of Brownson's activities. Professor A. R. Caponigri will discuss Brownson's conversion in a paper entitled "Brownson's Spiritual Journey". Other speakers and their subjects include Professor M. A. Fitzsimons, "Brownson's Association with the Early Social Reforms"; Rev. Chester A. Soleta, C.S.C., "Brownson as a Literary Critic"; and Rev. Stanley J. Parry, C.S.C., "Brownson's Political Theory."

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For immediate release:

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Notre Dame, Ind., July 7 -- The First Marine Division in Korea has dedicated a battalion camp to Second Lieutenant Wallace Stafford Butler, Jr., Grand Forks, N. D., a heroic platoon leader and Notre Dame graduate, who was killed in action on April 19th.

Butler was graduated from Notre Dame's College of Commerce in June, 1952. He had prepared for his career in combat as a member of the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps on the campus. A delayed dispatch from Korea describes the simple dedication ceremony conducted on June 29th by Major-General Randolph McPate, commander of the First Marine Division.

"Lieutenant Butler proved beyond doubt that his generation still contains that hard core of high courage upon which the United States is founded," General McPate declared. "And he proved himself a good Marine."

Lieutenant Butler died in combat in a fire fight in front of Outpost Hedy, General McPate recounted. He had led his men against an entrenched enemy and accomplished his mission. He was mortally wounded as he attempted to disengage his patrol. Eleven days earlier, on April 8, Butler's heroism during a rescue mission earned a recommendation for the Navy Cross, second highest honor his country can bestow. On that occasion he led his rescue party through darkness and enemy fire to a group of Marine casualties. But two men, both wounded, were still on the hill objective.

"Without hesitation," General McPate noted, "Lt. Butler went up the hill and brought them down. He then left his weapon with the defenseless and sprinted 300 yards, alone and unarmed to a friendly outpost. There he organized stretcher parties.... It was chiefly due to Lt. Butler that the casualties were evacuated so successfully after that action. He was in truth an inspiration to all who observed him," the General declared.

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For release Sunday, July 19 or thereafter;

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Notre Dame, Ind., July -- A Japanese nun who survived the atomic bomb blast at Nagasaki is among the 690 Sisters attending the University of Notre Dame summer session.

Sister Clara was just one mile from "ground zero" when the A-bomb exploded, leveling large sections of the city and killing thousands of its inhabitants. The petite nun was trapped for two hours in a demolished convent. Just a few feet away, 210 of her students and friends perished in a school building.

In September, Sister Clara and her companion, Sister Agatha, will return to the bomb-scarred city to resume their teaching duties in a school conducted by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sister Clara grimly recalls August 9, 1945. The blinding flash of the atomic bomb and its deafening roar were followed almost instantly by the collapse of the convent building and Sister Clara was buried beneath tons of debris from the upper floors.

"I was able to work my rosary free," Sister Clara recalls, "and for two hours I prayed for deliverance and for the safety of the other Sisters and students." She used parts of her religious habit to bandage several wounds caused by flying glass and steel.

The atomic explosion had not been entirely without warning. An air-raid siren sounded while the Sisters were attending Mass that fateful morning. But when no planes appeared, the Sisters thought there was no danger and so they proceeded about their customary tasks.

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At the time of the atomic attack on Nagasaki, Sister Agatha was teaching in nearby Kagoshima. When news came of the destruction of the Mother House in Nagasaki, she was sent with a number of other Sisters to aid the blast victims. They guided the injured Sisters and children to the mountains where they would be safe from the atomic radiation lingering in the ravaged city.

One of the Sisters' first projects was to construct a temporary shelter which was used as a hospital and as a convent for the nuns who were to rebuild the school. It was largely through this crude shelter, which the Sisters built with their own hands, that Sisters Clara and Agatha came to the United States.

During 1946, the Most Reverend John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., then Bishop of Buffalo and now Archbishop of Philadelphia, visited Nagasaki while on a Vatican mission in the Far East. Upon seeing the shelter, the former Notre Dame president expressed admiration for the nuns' courage and blessed the building. Later Archbishop O'Hara offered to sponsor the two nuns while they studied for advanced degrees at Marywood College, Scranton, Pennsylvania. At Notre Dame, Sister Clara is taking several courses in Church liturgy while Sister Agatha is studying painting and sculpture.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary were spared imprisonment in Japan during World War II "only by the Grace of God and the wisdom of our Mother Superior", according to Sister Agatha. She attributes their relative freedom to the fact that the order is composed entirely of Japanese women. "Members of other communities, whose Mother Houses were in foreign countries, were regarded by the Japanese secret police as potential spies," she explained. "Nevertheless, the police regularly inspected our schools and convents and constantly threatened the Sisters with imprisonment," she added.

After nearly four years in America, Sisters Clara and Agatha will sail in a few weeks for their native Japan. Notre Dame and Nagasaki, in a sense, symbolize the divergent cultures of the West and the Far East. These two nuns, who have come to understand both, will do much to bridge the gap.

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For release Monday, July 20:

53-154

Notre Dame, Ind., July -- Twelve nuns attending the Notre Dame summer session will step in front of the footlights this week (July 23-24) to present a play specially written for them by Michael Casey, assistant director of the University Theater.

"A Soul in Fine Array" dramatizes the story of a young nun, only recently professed, who learns she is suffering from an incurable disease. The cast and production crew is made up entirely of Sisters enrolled in Casey's class in Dramatic Form. Most of them teach speech and dramatics in Catholic high schools across the country.

"Because the Sisters are really playing their own lives in a sense, they have added to the script dialogue and stage business which is remarkably authentic," writer-director Casey said.

"The Sisters have been quick to learn their lines, take direction well and, of course, we have had none of the usual problems with temperamental actresses," Casey pointed out. "We did have one problem though," he conceded. "Some of the Sisters' veils were such that their faces were hidden if they played profile. As a result, some members of the cast have been directed to play full-front."

"This is the Sisters' own production," Casey emphasized. "They have designed and painted the sets, arranged the lighting and gathered the props. They have been wonderful to work with," he added.

Performances will not be open to the public, but will be given for other Sisters, priests and Brothers attending the University's summer session.

Next month, Casey, who served as assistant director for the 1951-52 productions of London's famed Old Vic Theatre, will lecture on "Creative Process in the Arts" at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina.

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For release Thursday, July 23rd:

Notre Dame, Ind., July -- Nearly 1,800 men from twenty-two states will take inventory of their spiritual lives during the 31st Annual Laymen's Retreat on the University of Notre Dame campus; August 13-16.

"These will be days of prayer and recollection," the Reverend Michael Foran, C.S.C., director of the retreat, declared. "For 365 days each year a man has to busy himself with making a living, raising and educating his family. He needs to withdraw from these endeavors occasionally to give fuller and quiet thought to life's deepest matters," Father Foran said.

The retreatants' day begins at 6:30 a.m. with Mass and Holy Communion and closes shortly after 10:00 p.m. The hours in between are occupied with religious exercises, conferences and private meditation --- all enhancing the spiritual development of the participants.

The Reverend Richard Kennedy, C.S.C., will deliver the sermons at this year's retreat. These conferences will be held out-of-doors at the beautiful Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, a year-round center of campus devotion. The Grotto will be the setting for the impressive candlelight procession on Saturday evening (Aug. 15).

On Friday and Saturday afternoons, the retreatants will join in making "The Way of the Cross," pausing to sing the traditional "Stabat Mater" at each station commemorating an episode in Christ's Passion. The stations are spotted along the shores of St. Joseph's Lake on the campus and reach their climax atop a nearby hill where three crosses recall the scene of Calvary.

The men will maintain virtual silence throughout the three-day retreat except when consulting with priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross who will be available at all times. They will live in the various Notre Dame residence halls and take their meals in the University Dining Hall.

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For immediate release:

53-156

Notre Dame, Ind., July -- Two sculptures by the Rev. Anthony Lauck, C.S.C., of the University of Notre Dame fine arts faculty, are included in the 39th annual summer colony exhibition of the Provincetown (Mass.) Art Association on Cape Cod.

The exhibition includes works by such distinguished artists as Jerry Farnsworth, Ross Moffett, Xavier Gonzalez, Hans Hoffman and Chaim Gross.

Both of Father Lauck's works are carved in wood. One, a 20-inch hemlock figure of a man, is entitled "F. B. I.". The other, carved in poplar, is named "Finned Form".

Earlier this year, Father Lauck was awarded the George D. Widener Memorial Gold Medal by the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. He was the first priest to be elected to membership in the Audubon Artists, a national society of leading contemporary artists.

Currently Father Lauck is teaching during Notre Dame's summer session. The University's art department recently occupied commodious quarters in the new I. A. O'Shaughnessy Hall of Liberal and Fine Arts on the campus.

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For release Friday, July 24:

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Notre Dame, Ind., July 24 -- More than two-hundred priests, Brothers and Sisters representing 30 dioceses and 70 religious communities are attending the Seventh Annual Convocation of the Vocation Institute being held under the auspices of the Holy Cross Fathers on the Notre Dame campus this weekend. (July 23-26). Several hundred religious who are enrolled in the University's summer school also are participating in the sessions.

Sacred Heart Church on the campus was filled to capacity last night (Thursday, July 23) for the opening Holy Hour which included a sermon by the Reverend Charles E. Coughlin, pastor of the Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, Michigan.

The Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, was scheduled to deliver the keynote address at the first general session of the Institute today. The Most Rev. William T. Mulloy, Bishop of Covington, Kentucky, will speak at the closing session on Sunday.

Among topics to be discussed are "A Report on Five Years of Quincy College (Ill.) Vocation Institutes", Rev. Pacific Hug, O.F.M.; "Presenting the Brother's Vocation", Brother Eymard Salzman, C.S.C., Notre Dame, Ind.; "Spiritual Awareness in Youth: Condition for Vocations", Rev. Albert J. Nimeth, O.F.M., Chicago, Ill.; "Mortality in Houses of Formation: What to Do about It"; Rev. Jude Senieur, O.F.M., Cap., St. Fidelis Seminary, Herman, Pennsylvania.

The Reverend John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., former president of Notre Dame, will discuss changes that may be needed in the training of candidates to reduce the number of those who drop out of seminaries and novitiates. He will also tell how religious can better be prepared for meeting people and conditions which they will encounter in the modern world.

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At a special meeting for priests and Brothers, the Rev. Gerald A. Kelly, S.J. St. Mary's College, St. Mary's Kansas, will speak on "Moral Questions Before and After Entry". At a similar meeting for Sisters, the Rev. Gilbert J. Graham, O.P., Chicago, Illinois, will discuss "The Recognition and Encouragement of Religious Vocations."

A unique feature of the Vocation Institute will be a demonstration of an actual Good Counsel Club meeting with Sister M. Francis Borgia, O.S.F., serving as moderator. Sister M. Hyacinth, O.S.F., principal of Alvernia High School, Chicago, will outline principles for the formation and programming of a Good Counsel Club.

"The Psychology of Vocation" will be the subject of one Institute session with the Rev. James P. Smyth of the Notre Dame faculty discussing some of the personality aspects involved and Dr. John J. Kane, head of the University's sociology department looking at vocations from the sociologists' standpoint.

Serving as discussion leaders at the various sessions will be Rev. James A. McCormick, M.M., Chicago; Rev. Bernard McGarty, LaCross, Wisconsin; Rev. Norman Werling, O.Carm., Carmelite Director of Vocations; Rev. Hugh Calkins, C.S.M., Servite Director of Vocations, Chicago; Rev. Godfrey Poage, C.P., national moderator of St. John Bosco Vocational Clubs; and Rev. Kevin Gray, S.D.S., Director of Vocations for the Salvatorian Fathers, St. Nazianz, Wisconsin.

The Rev. John A. O'Brien, noted author and lecturer of the University of Notre Dame, will be moderator of an "Information Please" panel on vocations Sunday afternoon. Answering queries from the audience and a "Question Box" will be Father Graham, O.P., Brother Alan Neaf, C.F.A., Alexian Brothers Vocational Director, Chicago; and Sister Mary Madonna, S.N.D., Toledo, Ohio.

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53-158

Notre Dame, Ind., July -- What! Me a Convert Maker?, a pamphlet by the Reverend John A. O'Brien of the University of Notre Dame showing how every lay person can win one or two converts a year, has just been published by the Radio Replies Press of St. Paul, Minnesota.

The pamphlet presents the case histories of about a dozen lay convert makers and shows the technique which each worked out to interest a non-Catholic in the Faith and to bring him ultimately to a systematic course of instruction. Included are the stories of Ladislaus Zaucha, a Marine who was instrumental in converting fifty persons and Louis Corona, an Oakland, California barber, who won three converts.

The convert makers, whose stories are featured, come from all walks of life. Their experiences show that practically every Catholic, with a little tact, courtesy, kindness and zeal, can share his Faith with one or two churchless persons each year.

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For release in P.M.'s, Friday, July 24:

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Notre Dame, Ind., July 24 — The shortage of religious vocations which hampers the ever-expanding work of the Church throughout the world will not be alleviated "until the sense of vocation is restored to the practical philosophy of our civilization," the Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, declared here today (Friday).

"The old idea of a call from God, a "vocation" in this spiritual, profound and holy sense, has been lost in the shuffle of our materialistic, competitive civilization," Archbishop Cushing asserted. "Everyone is looking for a "chance", or a "break" or a "job"; few are on their knees listening for a "vocation," a call from God Himself," he said.

Archbishop Cushing delivered the keynote address at Notre Dame's Seventh Annual Vocation Institute. He spoke to more than 800 priests, Brothers and Sisters, representing dioceses and religious communities from coast-to-coast, who are engaged in religious vocational work.

"We must not suppose that we have a monopoly on this problem and are the only ones suffering from shortages," Archbishop Cushing declared. He cited the shortage of teachers and the nationwide need for more doctors and other professional specialists. He attributed these shortages to the "demands of an enormous population, a population which has grown in unpredictable spurts and starts during the last few generations."

Archbishop Cushing recommended a "new perspective" if the problem of a lack of vocations is to be solved. "Priests, Brothers and nuns suffer from the professional disease of supposing that they are the only ones who can foster vocations," he chided. "They talk a good deal about the role of devout parents in nurturing the dispositions for a religious vocation, but most of them honestly think, at least as a practical matter, that it is only the trained religious who can guide young men or women to the priesthood or religious life," he said.

Archbishop Cushing cited examples of laymen who have been instrumental in bringing a number of young people to the door of the seminary or novitiate.

The familiar cynical question, "What's his racket?", Archbishop Cushing said, "reflects a lamentably widespread feeling that we work only to live; that there is no point in work itself except what you get out of it in the way of financial returns, prestige, satisfactions or access to power."

"We who are teachers, spiritual advisors and preachers to the young must correct this sad degeneration of values," the Archbishop declared. "We can do this best if we restore to all life and to all occupations the sense of vocation. This is another way of saying that we must make clear the reality of purpose in life, of purposes appointed by God and of the tremendous spiritual dignity of persons who try to achieve the purposes God had in mind when He created them."

This is especially difficult, Archbishop Cushing pointed out, "because the political and moral climate of our times is not consistent with the idea of purpose or the idea of vocation."

"In an age of Socialism, the emphasis is on the impersonal, the collective, the blindly operating forces of social history," the Archbishop emphasized. "In an age of regimentation it is very difficult to talk about individual responsibility and the significance of one, single personal life," he conceded. "Here lies the challenge to us. We must offset the effects of Socialism, whether it be creeping Socialism or Socialism at full speed, by continually hammering at the importance of each person, the love of God for each individual soul, the fact of vocation in each lonely life."

"We must reawaken our young people to an awareness that God made each of them to do a particular work; to glorify Him in a particular way; to make a particular contribution to the attainment of His purposes."

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For release Sunday, July 26 or thereafter:

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Notre Dame, Ind., July -- A former Grand Rabbi of Rome and director of the rabbinical college in the Eternal City is now teaching a Christian liturgy course to priests, Brothers and Sisters attending Notre Dame's summer session.

Professor Eugenio Zolli, who became a convert to Catholicism at the end of World War II, is on summer leave from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome where he was appointed a faculty member by Pope Pius XII.

"A full understanding of the customs and language of the Hebrew culture in which Christ lived is necessary for an accurate interpretation of the Gospels," Professor Zolli contends. It is this understanding of the Hebraic background to the Christian Faith which Zolli presents to his students.

Internationally recognized as an authority in the study of Semitic philology Zolli was forced to discontinue teaching classes in that field by Benito Mussolini. The Italian dictator charged that to study the language of a foreign people who had been hostile to Italy was unpatriotic. It was only with great effort and determination that Zolli was able to continue to serve the Jewish people during the Nazi occupation of Italy.

The short, graying professor, who punctuates his conversation with vigorous gestures, tells of a strange experience a short time after his conversion. While teaching at the Gregorian University in Rome, Zolli recalls, he met an elderly woman who said she had been his former student in Trieste thirty-five years earlier. She told how she had heard a voice one day in her Trieste home which urged her to go to Rabbi Zolli and tell him that he must have faith, that is conversion was near at hand.

The woman explained she had been afraid to see Zolli since at that time he was Grand Rabbi of Rome and she feared what his reaction to her message might be. About six months later she learned that Zolli had embraced the Catholic Faith.

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For release Monday, July 27th:

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For release Monday, July 27th:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 27 -- Nuns aren't often thought of as purchasing agents or accountants, but more than 120 nuns who hold these jobs and other top administrative posts convened on the Notre Dame campus today (Monday) for The Second Institute on Practical Business Problems for Religious Sisterhoods.

During the next four days they will take a series of intensive courses in Purchasing Procedure, Public Relations, Institutional Accounting Systems and other subjects conducted by faculty members of Notre Dame's College of Commerce. Special attention will be given to the problems facing non-profit institutions in their business dealings with commercial organizations.

"Many of the Sisters attending this year's Institute have come up the administrative ladder in their religious communities and have years of business experience which is very valuable," according to Professor Richard E. Ball, director of the Institute. "Sisters whose institutions have a particular business problem will have the opportunity to seek advice from consultation panels made up of members of the Institute staff," Ball said.

The courses to be offered include Appraisal of Institutional Accounting Systems, Coordination of Accounting Data to Budgetary Control, Analyzing Business Data, Purchasing Procedure for Non-Profit Institutions, Planning Public Relations for Religious Institutions, Techniques of Public Relations and Business Concepts of Organization applied to Non-Profit Institutions.

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For release Friday, July 31st:

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Notre Dame, Ind., July -- The University of Notre Dame will confer an honorary degree on one of its former presidents at the summer exercises of the 108th annual commencement on August 4th (Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.).

The Reverend Matthew J. Walsh, C.S.C., who served as Notre Dame's eleventh president from 1922 to 1928, will receive an honorary doctorate from the Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., who has just completed his first year as president of the University.

Father Hesburgh also will award graduate and undergraduate degrees to more than 175 students who have been attending the summer session. About half of those receiving graduate degrees are priests, Brothers and Sisters representing dioceses and religious communities from coast-to-coast.

The commencement address will be delivered by the Reverend Thomas T. McAvoy, C.S.C., head of the University's history department. The Reverend Chester A. Soleta, C.S.C., who heads the English department, will give the baccalaureate sermon during a Solemn High Mass to be celebrated by Father Hesburgh in Sacred Heart Church (9:00 a.m.).

Father Walsh's six years as president of Notre Dame were marked by great physical expansion and academic development at the University. The University Dining Hall and three residence halls were among a number of buildings constructed during his administration. The size of the faculty and student body doubled during the same period. Since the end of his term as president, Father Walsh has taught history at Notre Dame. Last December he observed the 45th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

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For immediate release:

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Notre Dame, Ind., July 24 -- Peter E. Dietz, Labor Priest, the biography of a pioneer in the American Catholic social movement during the first quarter of the twentieth century, was published today (Friday) by the University of Notre Dame Press.

Mary Harrita Fox, who teaches history at Mundelein College in Chicago, is the author of the book which attributes to Father Dietz and a few of his contemporaries the influence which the Church has in the field of labor.

"Father Dietz was not the first American priest to take an interest in the working man," the author writes, "but he was the first to take literally the exhortation of the Holy Father to devote 'all the energy of his mind and all the strength of his endurance' to implementing the papal program." In Pope Leo XIII's encyclical, Rerum Novarum, the author says, "Dietz found the blueprint for the solution of the social problem in the United States."

Father Dietz, who was a native of New York's East Side, attended the national conventions of the American Federation of Labor from 1909 to 1922 and helped to keep the AF of L conservative in its fight against Socialism. He served as Social Service Commission Secretary for the American Federation of Catholic Societies, forerunner of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, from 1911 to 1918. He agitated for Catholic industrial conferences, worked out contracts for the building trades in Cincinnati, and set up the first Catholic labor college in the nation.

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For immediate release:

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Notre Dame, Ind., July 24 -- The creation of a Vocations Section in the Minor Seminary Department of the National Catholic Educational Association has been approved, according to a letter from Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, secretary-general of the NCEA, it was announced today by the Rev. Ferris Guay, chairman of the new section.

Father Guay made the announcement at the University of Notre Dame on the occasion of the Seventh Annual Convocation of the Vocation Institute. The first meeting of the newly-named officers of the Vocations Sections was held in conjunction with the Institute. These officers, in addition to Father Guay, Pittsburgh diocesan director of vocations, are the Rev. John H. Wilson, C.S.C., director of vocations, Holy Cross Fathers, Notre Dame, Indiana; and the Rev. Thomas J. Culhane, Kansas City, Kansas, director of vocations.

The formation of an advisory committee of priests, Brothers and Sisters representing every section of the country was one of the chief matters discussed at this meeting.

Among the purposes and functions of the new Vocations Section will be to arrange programs at the annual conventions of the NCEA and to explore the ways and means by which vocations to the priesthood and religious life may be fostered within the scope and objectives of the national organization. Membership in the section will be open to all priests, Brothers and Sisters interested in vocational work.

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For release in AM's, Wednesday, August 3rd:

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Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 2 -- The nationwide Catholic educational system is threatened by "an extreme nationalism born of war and fear which would try to mold all our people into a single pattern dominated by the State," the Reverend Thomas T. McAvoy, C.S.C., declared today (Tuesday afternoon) at commencement exercises marking the close of the Notre Dame summer session.

Recalling charges that private and parochial education is "divisive," the head of Notre Dame's history department asserted that "at no time must the intelligent man believe that he must submit spiritual dignity and destiny to the welfare of any State. This is good American wisdom," Father McAvoy said. "It is Catholic doctrine, too," he added.

The Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame, conferred graduate and undergraduate degrees on 178 students, including 42 nuns.

An honorary doctorate was awarded to the Reverend Matthew J. Walsh, C.S.C., who served as Notre Dame's eleventh president from 1922-28. Father Walsh was cited for nearly a half-century of distinguished service as a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, a World War I army chaplain, a gifted professor of history, and an outstanding university president. During Father Walsh's administration Notre Dame's faculty and student body doubled in size and the university plant was greatly expanded.

In the commencement address, Father McAvoy declared that "Catholics are obliged by their religious faith and obedience to be loyal to their country and to reject any subversive effort. But Catholics should never be prosecutors or persecutors in the interests of the State," he said. "On the contrary," Father McAvoy continued, "Catholics must be constantly vigilant that the spiritual dignity of man and the spiritual freedom so necessary to that dignity be retained not only in public life but especially in our schools where the life of future Catholicism is nurtured. Catholic education as we understand it today will be the chief sufferer if the absolute State replaces our present freedom and toleration," he said.

NEWS RELEASES FOR JULY, 1953

NO.	DATE	TOPIC
53-148	7/1/53	Annual meeting of History Teachers' Club
53-149	7/9/53	1953 School of Outdoor Advertising opening Monday, July 13
53-150	7/9/53	Ten scholarships for the 1953-54 school-year.
53-151	7/9/53	150 Anniversary of Orestes A. Brownson
53-152	7/9/53	2nd Lt. Wallace Stafford Butler, Jr. wins award for Navy Cross
53-153	7/16/53	A Japanese Nun Survives the Atomic Bomb at Nagasaki
53-154	7/16/53	Twelve Nuns in Play - "A Soul in Fine Array"
53-155	7/16/53	31st Annual Laymen's Retreat - August 13-16
53-156	7/16/53	2 Sculptures by Rev. A. Lauck, C.S.C. included in Provincetown Art Assn.
53-157	7/17/53	Vocation Institute - 7th Annual Convocation
53-158	7/16/53	What! Me a Convert Maker? pamphlet by Rev. John A. O'Brien
53-159	7/23/53	Archbishop Cushing's address at N.D.'s 7th Annual Vocation Institute
53-160	7/24/53	Professor Eugenio Zolli - Christian Liturgy Course
53-161	7/24/53	Nuns- 2nd Institute on Practical Business Problems for Sisterhoods
53-162	7/24/53	Rev. Mathew J. Walsh, C.S.C. receives honorary doctorate degree
53-163	7/24/53	Peter E. Dietz, Labor Priest - biography
53-164	7/24/53	Vocations Section - NCEA - - Minor Seminary Department
53-165	7/31/53	The Most Reverend John F. O'Hara addresses Institute of Spirituality
53-166	7/31/53	ROTC Air Force officers two-week workshop - new AFROTC curriculum
53-167	7/31/53	Rev. Thomas T. McAvoy addresses commencement exercises Summer, 1953