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For release in AM's, Friday, Jan. 14:

Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. 13--- Ivan Mestrovic, the celebrated Croatian sculptor, will join the faculty of the University of Notre Dame in September, according to an announcement today by Rev. Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., vice president for academic affairs. The 71-year-old artist, regarded as the outstanding living sculptor of religious subjects, is one of several internationally recognized figures who have accepted faculty appointments at Notre Dame under the University's Distinguished Professors Program.

Mestrovic, who recently became an American citizen, has been a professor and sculptor in residence at Syracuse University in New York since 1947. For many years prior to World War II, he was rector of the Academy of Art in Zagreb. A patriot whose works of art have often portrayed the aspirations and traditions of the Croatian people, Mestrovic was imprisoned during the early part of the war. He was released as a result of Vatican intervention and spent the latter part of the war as a refugee in Switzerland.

Mestrovic's sculpture is contemporary, but it bears an unmistakable preclassical and classical influence. His works in stone, wood and clay can be found in museums, private collections, churches and parks from Belgrade to Chicago. A bronze sculpture of the crucified Christ by Mestrovic can be viewed in the foyer of the O'Shaughnessy Hall of Liberal and Fine Arts at Notre Dame. One of the artist's more recent projects consisted of twenty-nine panels on the Life of Christ which he sent to Yugoslavia as his gift to the Croatian people.

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Born in Vrpolje on August 15, 1883, Mestrovic often tended his family's flocks as a youth. Mestrovic's parents provided the first encouragement for his long and productive career as a sculptor. As a boy, he watched his father carving and soon was carving his own figures in wood or limestone. Critics attribute much of the religious character of Mestrovic's work to his mother who was a deeply religious woman.

At the age of fifteen Mestrovic became apprenticed to a stone cutter and his virtuosity soon became apparent. A year later he commenced formal studies at the art academy in Vienna. The first exhibition of his early works in Vienna attracted considerable attention and Mestrovic came to be regarded as a revolutionary in art. Succeeding exhibitions marked Mestrovic as a leading Croatian nationalist since his works served to inspire his people in their fight for emancipation from the Austro-Hungarian empire.

Despite his emergence as a political figure, Mestrovic shunned public office and even resigned from Parliament soon after his election. When Croatian and Serbian nationalists were threatened with imminent arrest at the outbreak of World War I, Mestrovic fled to Italy. During the war years he was instrumental in forming the Yugoslav Committee whose objectives were achieved at the close of that conflict with the creation of the new nation of Yugoslavia.

Mestrovic's works have been included in international exhibitions for nearly fifty years. Among them are many sculptures of Christ, His Mother and the saints as well as more recent portraits of Pope Pius XII, Cardinal Stepinac, former President Herbert Hoover and the late President Jan Masaryk of Czechoslovakia.

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For release after 2:30 p.m., EST, Wednesday, January 12th:

Washington, D.C., Jan. 12 -- Liberal education and its impact on the world today could be strengthened greatly if educators were "much more critical and less complacent," Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, declared here today.

"We should begin spending less time assuming and asserting the superiority of liberal education," Father Hesburgh said, "and apply ourselves to the very difficult task of making our liberal programs in fact superior and more effective, as education."

Notre Dame's president gave his views on "Liberal Education in the World Today" at the forty-first annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges. "Liberal Education and America's Future" is the theme of the sessions which will continue through Thursday at the Statler Hotel. President Eisenhower is scheduled to greet Association members at the Thursday luncheon.

The meaning of liberal education has undergone "tremendous changes" through the centuries, Father Hesburgh pointed out. At various stages of history, he said, liberal education has been confined to free men, as contrasted to slaves, or to professional men and, still later, to the leisure class. Today, Father Hesburgh observed, all men in our country are free, most occupations claim to be professional, and everyone has more leisure. "What then was formerly conceived as the prerogative of the few must now attempt to be meaningful to the many," he said.

Over and above this changing clientele, modern liberal education today embraces natural and social sciences that were "largely undeveloped" and even "absolutely unknown" in earlier years, Father Hesburgh said. The classical tradition, once considered the very core of liberal education, has been "largely submerged and lost," he said.

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"What is most important," the Notre Dame president continued, "the cultural unity of the Western world, formerly achieved by philosophy and theology, has been almost entirely disintegrated in the practices of current liberal education. In the place of this former unity of view and presentation, our modern liberal education is a melange of disaggregate parts, concocted by piling course on diverse course, without internal unity of the subject matter itself, and with even less external integration contributed by the various teachers who are prepared by highly specialized graduate schools and presently compartmentalized into the equally specialized structure of isolated academic departments. The result is comparable to a tossed salad. . ."

Father Hesburgh conceded that there will be "little argument" about including literature, languages, history, social science, mathematics and natural science in the liberal arts curriculum. "There will be considerable discussion," he said, "about the inclusion of philosophy and theology, surprisingly enough even in institutions that began long ago as church-related colleges."

"It has become fashionable to equate philosophy with confusion instead of integration," Father Hesburgh observed. "Absolute values have abdicated to relative values, truth to opinion, and certitude to agnosticism. Here perhaps is the place to take a stand, as a philosophy of education presupposes a philosophy of life, of man and man's knowledge, values and goals. All this is even more true of theology. . ."

The Notre Dame educator declared that the task of facing liberal education in the world today is "to give meaning and direction to all the new knowledges and skills that confront us." Only liberal education, he said, "proposes to teach a man what he is and can be, what he has been and why. Only liberal education can give a unified over-view of the world and man, of values, ultimate goals and the broad truths that apply to every kind of human activity and guide every human aspiration."

Father Hesburgh warned that unless liberal education today lives up to its promise, "it will be hard put to survive in the face of the strong competitive pressures of pragmatic vocational education." He underscored the need for unity of knowledge in our day "so that humanists and scientists, philosophers and theologians can begin to talk to each other instead of only to themselves."

"Liberal education, true to its best traditions, flexible in assimilating all that is humanly valuable in education, can be a great directive and inspirational force in the world today," Father Hesburgh asserted. "But liberal education still has to find itself, despite the great changes, within and without, if it is to survive, much less light a beacon in the darkness."

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For release after 3 p.m., EST, Tuesday, January 11th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. 11 -- Israel's ambassador to the United States today described his country's resurgence as "an event to be conceived in the highest dimensions of history" and "a matter of moment and concern to the Christian world."

Ambassador Abba Eban told a University of Notre Dame audience that "the great issue in this generation is drawn, not between Christianity and Judaism, or between Israel and the Christian nations. The frontier lies rather between those who assert and those who deny the supremacy of faith and freedom," he said.

Eban, who is also Israel's chief delegate to the United Nations, conceded that his country and the Christian nations occupy different areas of tradition, experience and outlook, "but we occupy them on the same side of that fateful demarcation," he stressed.

"If the rise of Israel is a victory of the human spirit, a triumph of international integrity, a burden removed from the universal conscience, the addition of a new voice to the symphony of human freedom, then this is a victory for the Christian cause as well as a direct salvation for the Jewish people," Eban declared.

The Israeli envoy expressed his country's appreciation to the great Catholic countries of the world who "most ardently sustained Israel's struggle for independence and recognition." He also acknowledged the Christian world's special interest in the Holy Land.

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"We are fully aware," Ambassador Eban declared, "that many causes and assets sacred to Christianity lie within our control, and demand our most vigilant reverence. This consideration has led us constantly in recent years to proclaim our readiness to place under international influence the Holy places in Jerusalem which are the cradle and inspiration of the Christian faith."

Ambassador Eban suggested that if modern Israel is to have any elements of greatness, then this quality must be vindicated in the spiritual rather than the material realm. "There is nothing global, or even massive, about the State of Israel in political terms," he said. "The territory in which our independence has been fulfilled is great in history, but pathetically meager in geography...The population directly affected falls short of two million..."

As a military power, a political force or an economic unit, Israel's horizons are restricted by deficiencies of material power," Ambassador Eban asserted. "Much remains to be achieved in political organization, in the strengthening of security, and in economic consolidation. But in these realms Israel will never compete with the might and influence of the continental or imperial powers. The only domain in which we are free to soar to the highest peaks available to any nation are those of scientific, cultural and spiritual progress. However, pressing are Israel's preoccupations with physical security and economic welfare, the challenge of cultural achievement cannot be set aside. Would we not be an extraordinary people if we were to devote all our efforts to those material fields in which, after all, our limitations are inexorable, and stand aside from the only areas in which, at least, the potentialities of greatness lie open before us."

The goal of Israel's spiritual adventure, Ambassador Eban said, is "to live a national life consecrated to the universal vision of fraternity and peace. If we serve this ideal, within the limits of our human imperfection, the new era of Israel's freedom will be not unworthy of the inheritance of the fathers.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. --- Leading members of the hierarchy and distinguished laymen are contributors to Bringing Souls to Christ, a symposium on methods of recruiting and winning converts to Catholicism. The new volume has been edited by Rev. John A. O'Brien, a leader in the convert movement in America and author-in-residence at the University of Notre Dame. It has just been published by Hanover House, Garden City, New York.

Francis Cardinal Spellman in the introduction recommends the book as one which "shows how every Catholic can do something by his example, by his words and works to bring Christ into the minds and hearts of those who know Him not, the noble and Christlike objective of the lay apostolate."

Chicago's Cardinal Stritch heads the list of eleven contributors to the volume with a chapter stressing the necessity of an inquiry class in every parish. Among others who have contributed to the volume are Clare Boothe Luce, U. S. ambassador to Italy; Boston's Archbishop Cushing; Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester; Bishop William O. Brady of Sioux Falls; Monsignor Thomas J. McCarthy; Rev. Thomas Lahey, C.S.C.; Rev. Edward F. Garesche, S.J.; Anne Haverty; and Edmond LeBreton. In addition to editing the book, Father O'Brien has contributed a section on the crusades for souls that have been conducted in many dioceses. He also summarizes all the significant developments in convert work in recent years.

According to Father O'Brien, the volume covers every important phase of the convert apostolate and is designed especially to show how every Catholic lay person can interest a churchless neighbor in his faith, bring him to an inquiry class and help him enter the Church. While pointers are given for priests and religious, the work seeks primarily to enlist the layman and to show him how he can win at least one convert a year, Father O'Brien said.

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For release in AM's, Wednesday, January 19th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. --- The appointment of George B. Smith as chief engineer of WNDU-TV, the University of Notre Dame's commercial television station, was announced here today by Bernard C. Barth, vice president and general manager. The station will begin operations in mid-summer, Barth said.

Smith is a veteran of seventeen years in radio and television and has supervised the construction of several radio and TV transmitters and the installation of a great variety of studio equipment. Since May, 1953, he had been associated with television station KEDD, Wichita, Kansas, as its chief engineer. Smith has held key engineering posts at KGUL-TV, Galveston, Texas and WSB-TV and WAGA-TV in Atlanta. He also served briefly as an engineering consultant at XELD-TV, Matamoros, Mexico.

Prior to his entry into television engineering, Smith owned and operated radio station WGAP, Maryville, Tennessee. During World War II he was an electronics engineer at the Oak Ridge atomic energy plant. A native of Morristown, Tennessee, Smith attended the University of Tennessee. He is a member of the Institute of Radio Engineers and the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers and has been a licensed amateur radio operator since 1938. He is married and has two sons and four daughters.

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For release in PM's, Thursday, January 20th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. 20 --- Two attorneys, an engineering executive and a hotel official have been elected directors of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, according to an announcement today by James E. Armstrong, executive secretary.

Elected to three-year terms on Notre Dame's alumni board are Patrick J. Fisher, Indianapolis, Ind., attorney; J. P. Canny, general attorney of the Erie Railroad Co., Cleveland, Ohio; John W. Brennan, vice president for engineering of The American Blower Co., Detroit, Mich.; and Joseph E. Whalen, treasurer and general manager of Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa.

The new directors will attend the January meeting of the alumni board Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Morris Inn on the Notre Dame campus. Highlighting the sessions will be an address by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C. president of Notre Dame, at the Sunday luncheon. Board members will also confer with the deans of the various colleges, officials of the University's athletic department and student leaders.

A new president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association will be elected from among the directors at the Friday afternoon session. James G. McGoldrick, New York City attorney, is the retiring president. Other retiring board members are J. Ralph Coryn, Moline, Ill.; John W. Courtney, Dearborn, Mich.; and Karl Martersteck, Cleveland, Ohio.

Other Notre Dame alumni directors include Daniel Culhane, Chevy Chase, Md.; Dr. Leo D. O'Donnell, Pittsburgh, Pa.; John F. Saunders, Boston, Mass.; Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. B. Toomey, Syracuse, N.Y.; James L. Ferstel, Wilmette, Ill.; Robert H. Gore, Jr., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; John E. McIntyre, South Bend, Ind.; and Joseph I. O'Neill, Jr., Midland, Texas.

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For release in AM's, Friday, January 21st:

Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. 20 --- Seven workshops in writing will be conducted jointly by Notre Dame's English and Journalism departments during the summer session, the University announced today.

The first series of workshops, June 20 through July 8, will include Writing Short Fiction, Teaching Students to Write for School Papers and Yearbooks, Writing Radio and Television Scripts and School Public Relations.

The second series, July 11 through July 29, will include Layout for School Papers and Yearbooks, Writing Magazine Articles and Writing Poetry.

Academic credit will be given to students enrolled in the workshops, according to Thomas J. Stritch, head of the department of journalism, who has been appointed director of the workshop series. Other faculty members who will conduct the various sessions include Professors Edward Fischer, John Nims, Richard Sullivan and James Withey.

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For release in PM's, Friday, January 21st:

Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. 21 --- Eighteen paintings, two lithographs and an etching are among the recent acquisitions of the University of Notre Dame galleries, according to an announcement today by curator Paul Byrne. The works of art have been presented to the University by eight donors, Byrne said.

Mrs. Consuelo Cuneo Bowes, Libertyville, Ill., is the donor of "Jesus Leaves for Jerusalem," a painting by Lelio Orsi (1511-87).

Three paintings have been presented to the Notre Dame galleries by Dr. M. L. Busch of Huntington Park, California. They are "The Holy Family" by Garofalo (1481-1559); "St. Jerome" by Cornelius Massys (1508-80); and "Marriage of St. Catherine" by Giuseppe Maria Crespi (1665-1747).

A Rouault etching, "The Crucifixion," is among six works given to the galleries by Joseph Shapiro, Chicago, Ill. His other gifts include "Still Life" and "The Circus," two colored lithographs by Max Ratin. Also Wanno's "Study in Line and Color"; "The Watcher" by Adolph Gottlieb; and "Figure and Flowers" by Frank Kleinholz.

Lewis J. Ruskin, Chicago, Ill., recently donated four paintings to the University. They are "The Vision of St. Bernard" by Juan de Valde-Leal (1631-91); "Madonna and Child in a Garland of Flowers," the work of Peter P. Rubens (1577-1640) and Daniel Segher (1590-1661); "Hagar and the Angel," by Domenico Feti (1589-1624); and "Portrait of a Lady" by Benjamin Foullon (1559-1612).

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Schatz, Chicago, Ill., are the donors of Domenichino's (1581-1641) "Portrait of Cardinal Guido Bentivoglio" and "Rachel and Jacob" by Giacinto Gimignani (1611-81).

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Another Chicago donor, Robert B. Mayer, has presented to the galleries Giannicola Manni's (1470-1554) "Madonna and Child" and "The Holy Family with Saint Francis" by Innocenza da Imola (1494-1550).

Morris I. Kaplan, also of Chicago, is the donor of "Portrait of a Bishop" by Girolamo da Santa Croce (1520-49) and Andrea del Sarto's "Madonna and Child with Saint John."

"A Sermon Before a Bishop" by Louis Boullongne has been presented to the University galleries as the gift of Dr. Hans Rosenwald, New York City.

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For release in AM's, Tuesday, January 25th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. 24 -- Assistant Secretary of Defense Carter L. Burgess today headed a group of twenty-five armed forces officials who inspected Reserve Officer Training Corps facilities at the University of Notre Dame. The inspection party was welcomed to the campus by the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., university president, at a luncheon in The Morris Inn.

Included in the official party were Lt. Gen. Hobart Gay, commanding general of the Fifth Army; Major-General Joseph C. Berger, U.S.M.C.; Major-General William E. Hall, U.S.A.F.; Rear Admiral Kenmoren McManes, U.S.N.; Major-General Bryan L. Milburn, U.S.A.; and Rear Admiral Irving L. McQuiston of the Reserve Forces Planning Board.

More than 1,500 Notre Dame students are members of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine ROTC units on the campus. Notre Dame is one of the few colleges and universities in the country providing ROTC training in each branch of the armed forces.

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For release in PM's, Friday, January 28th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. 28 -- Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, will be the speaker on Columbia's "Church of the Air" Sunday (Jan. 30) at 10:30 a.m. EST over the CBS Radio Network. Father Hesburgh will speak on the subject, "Notre Dame Men -- Father and Son."

Music for the program will be provided by the Moreau Seminary Choir of the University of Notre Dame under the direction of Rev. William McAuliffe, C.S.C. The choir will sing Palestrina's "Sicut Cervus," "Full of Glory, Full of Wonders" by Montani, Croce's "Cantate Domino," "Notre Dame Our Mother" by Casasanta, and Gregorian chant selections.

The program will originate in the studios of WSBT, South Bend, Indiana. Free time is made available by CBS and its affiliated stations for the "Church of the Air" program so that clergymen of many faiths may speak to a nationwide audience.

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For release in AM's, Friday, January 28th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. 27 -- Thirty students from the University of Notre Dame and nearby St. Mary's College left the campus today for a between semesters tour of Washington, D.C. Guided by Dr. Paul Bartholomew of Notre Dame's political science department, the students will see their government in action and visit many historical landmarks during their five-and-a-half days in the nation's capital and vicinity.

Among the highlights of the fourteenth annual trip will be a visit to the White House and attendance at sessions of the Senate, House and Supreme Court. It is also expected that the group will attend a Congressional committee hearing. Other points of interest on the students' itinerary include the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, FBI Headquarters, Arlington National Cemetery, the Pentagon, Washington Monument, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, Smithsonian Institute, Georgetown University and the Catholic University of America.

An overnight trip by steamer will take Dr. Bartholomew and the students to Norfolk, Va. for side trips to Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg. They also will visit Mount Vernon and Alexandria.

During one evening of their Washington visit the students will be guests at the home of Walter Trohan, chief of the Chicago Tribune's Washington bureau. Trohan is a Notre Dame alumnus and a member of the advisory council for the University's College of Arts and Letters. He will introduce the students to a number of government officials and members of the Washington press corps.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, January 30th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. 29 -- Four foreign affairs specialists will participate in a symposium on "The Fate of East Central Europe: Hopes and Failures of American Foreign Policy" at the University of Notre Dame (Law Auditorium) February 11th.

Speaking on various phases of the problem will be Representative Alvin M. Bentley of Michigan, a member of the House foreign affairs committee; Professor Philip E. Mosely, director of the Russian Institute at Columbia University; Robert F. Byrnes, director of research at the Mid-European Studies Center, New York; Nicholas Spulber, lecturer in economics at Indiana University.

The symposium will be sponsored by Notre Dame's Center for Soviet and East European Studies and the University's Committee on International Relations. Dr. Stephen Kertesz, professor of political science at Notre Dame and former Hungarian minister to Italy, will preside at the sessions.

Congressman Bentley, a member of the U. S. Foreign Service from 1941 to 1950, will speak on "American Ideas and Concepts for a Free East Central Europe." He was the most seriously wounded of the five Congressmen shot by Puerto Rican terrorists in their attack on the House of Representatives last March 1st.

"American Policy toward East Central Europe, 1941-47" will be the subject of Professor Mosely who served as a State Department officer and adviser from 1942 to 1946. He advised the American delegations at Moscow in 1943 and Potsdam in 1945 as well as the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in London and Paris.

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Byrnes will discuss "Containment, Liberation or Coexistence?". He formerly taught history at Rutgers and Swarthmore and is the author of numerous articles on foreign affairs.

Spulber's topic will be "The Problems of East-West Trade and Economic Trends in the Enslaved Countries." Formerly associated with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he holds a doctorate from the New School for Social Research.

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For release in AM's, Friday, February 4th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Feb. 3 -- The tenth biennial convention of the Catholic Theatre Conference will be held at the University of Notre Dame June 12-15, the University announced today.

More than 1,500 teachers, directors and students of the drama from Catholic high schools and colleges throughout the country are expected to attend the sessions. Community theatres and children's dramatic groups with Catholic affiliations also will be represented at the campus meeting.

According to Sister M. Angelita, B.V.M. of Davenport, Ia., convention chairman, the convention will devote special attention to the art and morality of the theatre, dance drama, arena theatre, choral speaking, and teacher training. Television techniques, new trends in the theatre, and a variety of technical problems also will be studied.

William J. Elsen, head of Notre Dame's speech department, will be host to the convention. Delegates will be housed in the University's residence halls and meals will be available at the Notre Dame dining hall. In addition to the formal convention sessions, there will be a number of exhibits and demonstrations plus the presentation of several plays and film, Elsen said.

Additional information about the convention may be obtained by writing Therese Marie Cuny, CTC president, Academy of Our Lady, Providence High School, Chicago, Ill., or Sister M. Angelita, B.V.M., CTC vice president, Immaculate Conception Academy, Davenport, Ia.

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For release after 10:30 am EST, Sunday, January 30th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Jan. 30 -- "Our final day on earth will probably reflect the values we hold today, the strength of our character today and the closeness of our union with God today," the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, declared in a nationwide radio sermon this morning. "In reflecting these, our last day will indicate to God and to ourselves the kind of eternity that awaits us," Father Hesburgh said.

Father Hesburgh's sermon entitled "Notre Dame Men --- Father and Son" was heard on Columbia's "Church of the Air" over the CBS Radio Network. It was a tribute to the lives and deaths of the late Frederick C. Miller and his son, Fred, Jr. of Milwaukee who lost their lives in a plane crash shortly before Christmas. Music on the program was provided by the Moreau Seminary Choir of the University of Notre Dame.

The university president traced the phenomenal career of the elder Miller, a millionaire sportsman and one of Notre Dame's more prominent alumni. He also described the promising future that awaited Fred Miller, Jr., an honors student at Notre Dame and a fine athlete. Each of them had received Holy Communion the morning of their deaths, the father at his parish church, the son in his hall chapel on the campus, Father Hesburgh said.

"You may not be wealthy, or even healthy, you may not be handsome, or beautiful, or brilliant, you may not have a high position in this world or a fascinating future before you," Father Hesburgh declared. "From an eternal point of view, none of these things are really important when your life is finished and your last day on earth begins. All that matters then is how you stand with God, how well you have used whatever talents or position in life that God did give you...If you live every day close to God, it does not matter how or when or where you die--for the person who lives with God has nothing to fear in time or in eternity."

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For release in AM's, Sunday, February 6th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Feb. 5 -- The University of Notre Dame received a total of \$2,289,113.94 in gifts and grants during 1954, it was reported here today by Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., director of the Notre Dame Foundation. This figure represents an increase of approximately ~~35~~⁵⁵% over the 1953 total of \$1,470,851.13, Father Cavanaugh said.

More than half of Notre Dame's lay alumni contributed a total of \$503,352.54 to their alma mater during the past year. These 10,135 alumni donors represented 50.1% of the University's lay graduates as compared with 47.7% who participated in the 1953 alumni fund. The average alumni gift was \$49.64. The contributions of honorary alumni accounted for an additional \$400,000.

Notre Dame received \$675,171.83 from non-alumni friends during 1954, according to Father Cavanaugh's report. Included in this category, he said, were the contributions of 179 American corporations and foundations, many of whom earmarked their gifts for the University's Distinguished Professors Program. Government, and industrial research grants during 1954 amounted to \$710,589.57, a ~~18~~^{18.7}% increase over the previous year's total of \$602,734.18.

All unrestricted gifts to Notre Dame during 1954 were assigned to the University's Faculty Development Fund, Father Cavanaugh noted. These unrestricted gifts, coupled with corporation contributions to the Distinguished Professors Program, totalled \$456,215.21. Under this program, corporations from coast-to-coast are being invited to underwrite the addition of forty-five eminent scholars to the Notre Dame faculty.

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Among those who already have been added to the Notre Dame faculty are Ivan Mestrovic, the celebrated Croatian sculptor; Rev. Philip Hughes, the noted British Church historian; Dr. G. F. D'Alelio, former vice president of the Koppers Co., recently appointed head of Notre Dame's chemistry department; Rev. Martin D'Arcy, S.J., renowned British philosopher and theologian; and Dr. Charles Brambel, internationally recognized biologist and biochemist, who will head the University's biology department beginning in September.

Also, Dr. Robert C. Turner, former presidential economic advisor, who has been serving as a visiting professor in the College of Commerce; Dr. Joseph Becker, research physicist at the Bell Laboratories, also a visiting professor; Dr. Vladimir Seidel, noted mathematician; and Dr. Fritz Fischer, German historian.

Celebrated figures who have lectured at Notre Dame since the Distinguished Professors Program was established include Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, historian Arnold Toynbee, Sir Richard Livingstone and Dr. A. P. d'Entreves.

The Notre Dame Foundation was established in 1947. Since that time, the University has received more than \$14,700,000 in gifts and grants. During the same period seven major buildings were erected on the campus and the student body has grown from approximately 4,700 to 5,400.

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For release in PM's, Tuesday, February 1st:

Notre Dame, Ind., Feb. 1 -- Notre Dame's third annual Union-Management Conference will be held in Washington Hall on the campus February 25th, it was announced today by Rev. Mark J. Fitzgerald, C.S.C., chairman. More than 650 Midwest industrial executives and union officials are expected to attend the sessions which are sponsored by the University's Department of Economics in cooperation with the Notre Dame Law School and the American Arbitration Association.

"Constructive Industrial Relations" has been selected as the theme of this year's conference. Highlighting the sessions will be addresses by two nationally prominent figures in the industrial relations field as well as three panel discussions with labor and management equally represented on the various panels.

"What's Ahead in Collective Bargaining" is the subject of a discussion to be led by Robert H. Moore, regional director of the Federal Mediation Service in Chicago. J. Noble Braden, executive vice president of the American Arbitration Association, New York City, will be moderator of another panel which will consider "Arbitration of Discharge and Disciplinary Cases." The third panel will explore "Some Recent Decisions of the National Labor Relations Board" with Nathan P. Feinsinger, permanent umpire of the General Motors-United Auto Workers contract in Detroit, serving as chairman.

Since it was established, the Union-Management Conference has become one of the most notable annual meetings of its kind in the country. Representatives of both industry and unions have been enthusiastic in their support of the conference which has experienced a greater registration each year.

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For release in AM's, Thursday, February 3rd:

Notre Dame, Ind., Feb. 2 -- University of Notre Dame students who show a particular interest and exceptional promise in research will be eligible for full four-year scholarships provided by the Union Carbide Educational Fund beginning next September, the University announced today. Two members of the current freshman class will receive scholarships as well as two freshmen enrolling in September. A pair of scholarships will be awarded each year thereafter so that a total of eight Union Carbide Scholarships will be in effect at Notre Dame eventually.

The selection of the students and administration of the scholarships will be the responsibility of Notre Dame's Committee on Scholarships and Prizes. Each scholarship will cover the full four-year undergraduate tuition plus an allowance, set by university officials, for necessary books and fees. In addition, each scholarship carries an annual grant-in-aid of \$500 to the University, plus a \$100 allowance toward the expenses of a faculty advisor.

According to officials of the Union Carbide and Carbon Company, the purpose of the scholarship program is "to help make a college education financially possible for students who need or deserve such support and who are interested in future careers in business and industry." The company also wishes "to encourage and give limited financial aid to a cross section of American colleges, technological institutes and universities of traditionally high standing."

Since the Union Carbide Educational Fund was established in 1953, 376 scholarships have been assigned to forty-five educational institutions. Other institutions selected along with Notre Dame for the most recent grants include Cornell, Duke, Earlham, Haverford, Kenyon, Princeton, Randolph-Macon, Southwestern, Stanford and Pennsylvania.

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For immediate release:

Dallas, Tex., Jan. -- The Crusade for Souls, recently launched throughout the diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth by Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, has been hailed as "the most significant development in the convert movement in America" by a noted leader in the convert apostolate.

Rev. John A. O'Brien, author-in-residence at the University of Notre Dame, told a mammoth rally here that the Crusade for Souls will reclaim hundreds of fallen-away Catholics and double the number of converts in this Texas diocese.

"This is the eighth diocese," Father O'Brien pointed out, "to mobilize its priests, religious and laity in a concerted effort to bring the saving truths of Christ to their churchless friends and neighbors. It summons the laity to take a house to house census of Catholics and to invite churchless people to Mass and especially to the Religious Information Forum to be held in each parish," Father O'Brien said.

Father O'Brien, who has edited the new book, Bringing Souls to Christ, explained the organization and techniques of the Crusade for Souls to all priests and Sisters of the Dallas-Fort Worth diocese. He showed how every parish and school can be pressed into service in this unprecedented convert-making effort.

In addresses both in Dallas and Fort Worth, Father O'Brien stressed the key role of the layman in the Crusade for Souls. He urged Catholics to attend Inquiry Classes with their prospective converts if at all possible. Often these convert-minded Catholics become the god-parents when the person they have introduced to Catholicism is received into the Church, he said.

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For release in PM's, Friday, February 4th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Feb. 4 -- "The Family and Religious Vocations" will be the theme of the ninth annual Vocation Institute to be held at the University of Notre Dame July 14-17, it was announced today by the Institute's newly appointed director, Rev. John J. Doherty, C.S.C. Father Doherty is also vocation director for the Holy Cross Fathers' Indiana Province.

Several sessions of the Institute will treat methods of educating and inspiring parents so that they may desire and prudently encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life in their children, Father Doherty said. Other meetings will study practical ways and means which parents may use to foster religious vocations within the family, he explained.

The theme for this year's Vocation Institute was chosen by a newly-formed advisory committee which met recently on the Notre Dame campus. Committee members noted that the family, in the words of Pope Pius XI, is "the first and most natural place" where vocations should bloom. The committee concluded that the family's role in developing future priests, Brothers and Sisters was a fundamental and important subject for diocesan and religious vocation directors.

Members of the Vocation Institute advisory committee in addition to Father Doherty include Rev. John J. Egan, director of the Cana Conference, Chicago; Rev. Gilbert Graham, O.P., vocation director for the Dominican's St. Albert the Great Province; Rev. Edward A. Buenger, C.S.C., associate director of vocations for the Holy Cross Fathers' Indiana Province; Brother Eymard Salzman, C.S.C., vocation director of the Holy Cross Brothers; Brother Frederick, F.S.C., director of vocations for the Christian Brothers, Glencoe, Missouri; and Sister Marie Assunta, C.S.C., St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana.

NEWS RELEASES FOR JANUARY 1955

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| 55/1 | 1/7/55 | Ivan Mestrovic, noted sculptor, joins Notre Dame faculty. |
| 55/2 | 1/7/55 | Father Hesburgh addresses Association of American Colleges. |
| 55/3 | 1/10/55 | Abba Eban, Israeli ambassador, speaks at Notre Dame. |
| 55/4 | 1/14/55 | Rev. John A. O'Brien edits <u>Bringing Souls to Christ</u> . |
| 55/5 | 1/14/55 | George B. Smith appointed chief engineer of WNDU-TV. |
| 55/6 | 1/14/55 | Directors of N. D. Alumni Association elected. |
| 55/7 | 1/14/55 | Seven workshops in writing to be conducted this summer by English and Journalism departments. |
| 55/8 | 1/14/55 | 18 paintings, 2 lithographs and one etching acquired by Notre Dame facilities. |
| 55/9 | 1/21/55 | Group of 25 Armed Forces officials inspected Reserve Officer Training |
| 55/10 | 1/21/55 | Rev. Theo. M. Hesburgh, C.S.S. speaker on "Church of the Air" Jan. 30. |
| 55/11 | 1/21/55 | Dr. Paul Bartholomew and 30 students leave for Washington, D.C. tour. |
| 55/12 | 1/21/55 | Symposium: "The Fate of East Central Europe: Hopes and Failures etc." |
| 55/13 | 1/28/55 | Catholic Theatre Conference to be held at N.D. June 12-15. |
| 55/14 | 1/28/55 | Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C. speaks on CBS' "Church of the Air." |
| 55/15 | 1/28/55 | Foundation report for 1954. |
| 55/16 | 1/28/55 | Third Union-Management Conference to be held Feb. 25 in Washington Hall. |
| 55/17 | 1/28/55 | Union Carbide Education Fund giving scholarships to eligible N.D. students. |
| 55/18 | 1/28/55 | Rev. John A. O'Brien addresses rally in Dallas re "Crusade for Souls." |
| 55/19 | 1/28/55 | Ninth Vocation Institute to be held at N.D. July 14-17. |