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For release in AM's, Sunday, March 11th:

Notre Dame, Ind., March 10 --- General Alfred M. Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, tonight was named recipient of the University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal for 1956. He is the fourth military figure to receive the award which has been presented annually since 1883 to an outstanding American Catholic layman.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame, in announcing the selection of NATO's commanding general, said:

"General Gruenther exemplifies to a superlative degree the devotion, integrity and resourceful leadership that the United States expects of its military men. His brilliance, evident even in his student days at West Point, has long been recognized throughout our defense establishment. In Europe, where he commands forces representing fifteen nations, he is respected as a statesman as well as a soldier. The University of Notre Dame, in conferring its Laetare Medal on General Gruenther, honors him for all these things but especially for his virile spiritual life. He personifies the military power and the spiritual strength which are the western world's bulwark against the Communist tyranny."

The Laetare Medal winner is named each year on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent and an occasion of joy in the liturgy of the Church. Formal presentation of the medal is arranged for a time and place convenient to the recipient. AFL-CIO president George Meany received the award last year. Other recent Laetare Medalists are diplomat Jefferson Caffery, Thomas E. Murray of the Atomic Energy Commission, actress Irene Dunne, philanthropist I. A. O'Shaughnessy, and General J. Lawton Collins. Other military figures who received the Laetare Medal are General Hugh A. Drum in 1940 and General William Starke Rosecrans in 1896.

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General Gruenther was appointed Supreme Commander of all NATO forces in Europe as well as Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. European Command in July, 1953. For the previous two-and-a-half years he had served as Chief of Staff at SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe), first under General Eisenhower and later under General Matthew Ridgway. The land, sea and air forces under Gruenther's command have been described as the most powerful peacetime alliance of free powers in the world's history.

Decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star for his World War II service, General Gruenther is credited with planning the North African invasion, the amphibious assault on Italy and the campaign up the peninsula which resulted in the surrender of all German forces in Italy and western Austria on May 2, 1945. During most of this period he was Chief of Staff of the Fifth Army and the Fifteenth Army Group commanded by General Mark Clark. From July to November, 1945, Gruenther was deputy commanding general of the U. S. Force in Austria and led the U. S. Mission in Vienna to arrange for the establishment of the first American troops in that city.

General Gruenther's post-war assignments have included service as deputy commandant of the National War College; Director of the Joint Staff, a planning group assisting the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans at Army Headquarters.

Born in Platte Center, Nebraska, Gruenther was graduated fourth in his class at the U. S. Military Academy on Nov. 1, 1918. Between 1919 and 1941 Gruenther served eight years as an instructor at the U. S. Military Academy. He also was graduated from the Field Artillery School, the Chemical Warfare School, the Command and General Staff School, and the Army War College. In 1922 he married the former Grace Elizabeth Crum. They have two sons: Richard and Donald, an Army major.

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For release in AM's, Thursday, March 8th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Mar. 7 --- Church Building and Furnishing:

The Church's Way, a new book designed primarily for pastors and architects, has been published here by the University of Notre Dame Press (\$5.50).

Rev. J. B. O'Connell, a Welsh pastor and scholar, is the author of the volume which interprets the liturgical law governing the building, decoration and furnishing of a Catholic Church. The book is the second in a series of Liturgical Studies being published at Notre Dame under the editorship of Rev. Michael Mathis, C.S.C.

"The disregard of liturgical prescriptions, of sound tradition and of the norms of sacred art by architects and artists, and their patrons, has resulted in some churches and oratories which are defective in plan, poor in design, tawdry in decoration and incorrect in furnishing," Father O'Connell contends in that book's Foreword. Only a faithful compliance with the Church's law, he says, will insure the holiness, dignity and beauty befitting the house of God.

In Church Building and Furnishing Father O'Connell deals with each part of the church and with every furnishing or object found within its walls. For each item of church furniture the author gives a brief account of its liturgical history as well as the canon law and rubrics governing its use.

What color should the sanctuary carpet be? Where and how should confessionals be installed? What is the liturgically correct location for the organ and choir? What about the use of so-called modern art in our churches? These are typical of the practical matters Father O'Connell discusses in his new book.

"A serious responsibility rests upon those who are entrusted with the task of building a church," Father O'Connell says. Upon them, to a large extent, he says, will depend whether succeeding generations of the faithful come "joyfully or reluctantly" to their parish church.

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For release in PM's, Friday, March 9th:

Notre Dame. Ind., Mar. 9 --- Notre Dame students will hold a mock Democratic national convention on the campus April 16-18, the University announced today.

Nationally prominent speakers as well as student leaders will address the three-day sessions which will culminate in the nomination of a Democratic presidential candidate. Mock conventions, alternating between the two major parties, are staged every four years at Notre Dame. President Eisenhower was the students' choice for the Republican nomination in 1952.

The student political conclave will follow the rules of the Democratic national convention in every respect. Two thousand student delegates and alternates have already been elected in campus balloting. Because of Notre Dame's truly national enrollment virtually all of them will be in their home state delegation. Included among the delegates will be students from nearby St. Mary's College.

Campus campaigns are already underway in behalf of Governor Harriman of New York, Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, Governor Lausche of Ohio and former Governor Stevenson of Illinois, the 1952 Democratic candidate. Fifty-four campus caucuses also are being held to elect chairmen of each state and territorial delegation.

Notre Dame's quadrennial mock political conventions have been sponsored since their inauguration in 1940 by the Academy of Political Science, a student organization. Casper R. Taylor, Cumberland, Md., is the Academy president and convention chairman. Dr. Paul Bartholomew, professor of political science, who originated the campus convention, is faculty advisor.

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For release in AM's, Saturday, March 10th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Mar. 9 --- More than 250 members of the Society of Catholic College Teachers of Sacred Doctrine are expected to attend the organization's second annual meeting at the University of Notre Dame April 2-3, according to Rev. Roland Simonitsch, C.S.C., head of the University's religion department.

The Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, will address the opening session. Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, will welcome the delegates, all of whom teach religion in the nation's Catholic colleges and universities. Rev. John F. Fernan, S.J., president of the society, will celebrate the opening Mass in Sacred Heart Church on the campus and address the closing session.

General topics to be discussed during the two-day meeting include "The Finality of the College Course in Sacred Doctrine," "The Responsibility of the Sacred Doctrine Teacher for the Catholic Formation of the Student," and "The Responsibility for the Catholic Formation of the Student as Applied to the Marriage Course."

Among the speakers and panelists participating in the program will be Rev. Gerald Van Ackeren, S.J., St. Mary's College, Kansas; Rev. Francis M. Keating, S.J., St. Peter's College, Jersey City; Very Rev. Sebastian Carlson, O.P., Chicago; Rev. Eugene Burke, C.S.P., Trinity College, Washington, D.C.; Brother Alban of Mary, F.S.C., Manhattan College, New York; Rev. Lancelot Atsch, O.S.B., St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn.; Sister Charles Borromeo, C.S.C., St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.; Rev. Joseph S. McCormack, O.P., Providence College, Providence, R.I.; Rev. Charles Sheedy, University of Notre Dame; Rev. Walter Handren, S.J., St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia; and Rev. Dominic Brady, O.P., Rosary College, River Forest, Ill.

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For release in PM's, Thursday, March 8th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Mar. 8 --- Twenty-four colleges and universities will compete in the fourth annual University of Notre Dame National Invitational Debating Tournament opening here tomorrow (Friday).

Outstanding collegiate debaters from every section of the country will vie for the Rev. William A. Bolger Memorial Trophy which will be awarded to the top team in the tourney. They will argue the pros and cons and this year's national debating topic, the guaranteed annual wage.

Previous winners of the Notre Dame tournament are Wilkes College, the U. S. Military Academy and Dartmouth College. Richard Ninneman, Tomah, Wisc., and Richard Schiller, Aurora, Ill., will represent Notre Dame in this year's competition.

Among the schools entered in the tournament are Alabama State College for Negroes, Montgomery; Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.; Boston University; Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.; Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.; Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio; the University of Chicago; Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire; the University of Illinois, Chicago; Kansas State College, Manhattan; the University of Kentucky, Lexington; and Loyola University, Chicago.

Also Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.; the University of Notre Dame; Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.; Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala.; St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Pa.; St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn.; U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; the University of Utah, Salt Lake City; Wilkes College, Wilkes Barre, Pa.; College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.; and Wisconsin State College, Eau Claire, Wisc.

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For release in PM's, Monday, March 12th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Mar. 12 --- The University of Notre Dame Glee Club will give concerts in nine eastern cities during Easter vacation, it was announced today. The Notre Dame singers, directed by Prof. Daniel Pedtke, also are featured in an album of sacred music soon to be released by MGM Records.

The Glee Club will leave the campus March 27 and return April 11. The concert itinerary includes Patchogue, L.I., N.Y., Apr. 1; Perth Amboy, N.J., Apr. 2; Pittsfield, Mass., Apr. 3; Uxbridge, Mass., Apr. 4; Holyoke, Mass., Apr. 6; New Rochelle, N.Y., Apr. 7; Wilmington, Del., Apr. 8; Pittsburgh, Pa., Apr. 9; and Youngstown, Ohio, Apr. 10.

Release of the MGM album entitled simply "The Notre Dame Glee Club" is expected to coincide with the eastern tour. Among the sacred selections included are "Ave Maria," "Halleluia Chorus" from "The Messiah," "The Creation," and "Were You There?". The album will be available as a 12" long playing 33 1/3 RPM record and as a three-pocket 45 RPM extended play set.

Soloists with the Notre Dame Glee Club are baritone Rudolph Pruden, Brooklyn, N.Y.; tenor Robert Ogburn, Louisville, Ky.; and pianists Edward Neylon, Charleston, W.Va., and John Rockne Guinn, Charleston, W.Va. Gerard Pottebaum, Teutopolis, Ill., is Glee Club president and William E. Jackman, Whitinsville, Mass., is the organization's business manager.

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For release in AM's, Wednesday, March 14th:

Boston, Mass., Mar. 13 --- Parents who exercise reasonable influence and control over their children's choice of "dates" can generally save their sons and daughters from an unfortunate or unhappy marriage, Dr. John J. Kane, head of the department of sociology at the University of Notre Dame, declared here tonight.

Although he conceded that the vast majority of dating will not result in courtship or marriage, the Notre Dame sociologist stressed that "no boy or girl today marries a person whom he or she did not at first date. The family can influence or control dating more easily than it can the ultimate choice of a marital partner," he asserted.

Dr. Kane spoke on "The Family's Influence in Dating and Courtship" at the National Catholic Family Life Convention here. He is the author of Marriage and the Family.

It is ironical, Kane said, that "in the past when parents did have greater influence and control over courtship and marital choice, there was less need of it. Today," he claimed, "when parents have much less influence and control, there is a greater need of it."

Young people in the United States, Kane declared, have the greatest freedom of choice in marital partners, but "comparatively little knowledge about how to exercise such freedom in an intelligent way. When a marriage partner has been chosen or is about to be chosen," he said, "it is generally considered highly undemocratic and consequently highly reprehensible for Church, family or friends to try to influence or interfere in any way."

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Too often, Dr. Kane asserted, solicitous parents intervene actively "only when an actual marriage is in the offing." Generally, he said, they use a negative approach, forbidding the marriage and even threatening to disown or disinherit their son or daughter. The Notre Dame sociologist cited four liabilities to such negative parental tactics.

"First, such an approach is usually too late and will fail. If it succeeds the first time, it may place the son or daughter on the rebound where an even more unfortunate choice may be made with even less discretion, and parental opposition the second time is more easily overruled.

"Secondly, such an approach is purely negative. What young people want is positive information. They want to know what to do rather than what not to do.

"Third, parental threats not infrequently serve to render the fiance or fiancée even more desirable and can arouse the most compelling and irrational aspects of the romantic love complex.

"Fourth, it is just this type of effort to influence mate selection which American society is apt to view as undemocratic, tyrannical and even wholly un-American."

Instead of ignoring their children's dating partners and the intervening only when a tragic marriage impends, Dr. Kane urged parents to regard education for marriage and choice of a marriage partner as "one of their very important duties." He called on parents to help their sons and daughters form a "more realistic ideal image" of their future husband or wife. With most young people enamored by the beauty or handsomeness of their lover, Kane urged parents to stress the importance of choosing a mate with the same religion as well as similar social, economic and educational background.

Parents must begin educating their children for marriage long before they ever have their first date, Kane declared. "When the age for dating arrives, if parents have helped construct a satisfying and adequate picture of the ideal mate, a large part of their task has been accomplished."

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For release in PM's, Friday, March 16th:

Notre Dame, Ind., March 16 --- Parents of more than 325 juniors at the University of Notre Dame will arrive on the campus tomorrow (Saturday) for the University's fourth annual Parent-Son Weekend. They will participate in a series of events and activities illustrating the academic, religious and social facets of campus life.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame, will be the principal speaker at a dinner for parents and their sons in the University Dining Hall Saturday at 7 p.m. Francis J. Pedace, Norwich, Connecticut, president of the junior class, will serve as toastmaster. The Notre Dame Glee Club will sing at the dinner. The University administration will hold an open house after the dinner in the LaFortune Student Center.

Following registration at The Morris Inn Saturday morning, groups of parents will be escorted on tours of the Notre Dame campus, its principal buildings and points of interest. At noon they will join their sons for a typical Saturday luncheon in the dining hall.

The deans and faculty members of Notre Dame's colleges as well as the commanding officers and staff of the three campus ROTC units will hold receptions for parents in their respective buildings Saturday afternoon. Notre Dame's 1955 football highlights film will be shown continuously throughout the afternoon in the Student Center.

A special section will be reserved for parents and their sons at the 9 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church on the campus Sunday.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, March 18th or thereafter:

Notre Dame, Ind., Mar. --- Notre Dame's yearbook, THE DOME, named for the famed golden dome atop the University administration building, this year observes its fiftieth anniversary. When students receive the golden anniversary edition this Spring, they will see a pictorial story of "the old and the new," contrasting the university of today with the small school of a half-century ago. THE DOME has been published continuously since 1906 except during World Wars I and II when most Notre Dame students were in the armed forces.

The editor of the 1956 DOME is Donald Sniegowski, a senior English major and varsity third baseman from Toledo, Ohio, who recently won a Rhodes scholarship for graduate study at Oxford University in England. The 1906 DOME was edited by Charles O'Donnell from Greenfield, Indiana, who was to become a poet, a priest and president of the University of Notre Dame from 1928 to 1934.

When the first DOME came off the press a half-century ago, Notre Dame was a relatively unknown school consisting of a half-dozen buildings and little more than two-hundred students. Today the University numbers more than fifty major buildings and 5,600 students from every state in the Union. The present faculty is more than twice the size of the entire collegiate student body fifty years ago.

This year's DOME will compare pictorially the changes that five decades have made in the campus and student life. It will illustrate Notre Dame's phenomenal athletic record as well as the University's academic growth and development through the years. Student attire at the turn of the century, marked by derbies and starched collars will be shown alongside today's khaki pants and white buck shoes.

Editor Sniegowski's chief aides on the 1956 DOME are associate editor Robert Morsches, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and business manager Fred Brinskelle, Birmingham, Ala.

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For release in PM's, Thursday, March 15th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Mar. --- Rev. Guillaume de Bertier de Sauvigny, an authority on 19th century French history, has been appointed a visiting professor at the University of Notre Dame for the September, 1956, semester, according to an announcement today by Rev. Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., vice president for academic affairs.

Father de Bertier is professor of history and master of conferences at the Catholic Institute of Paris. He is one of several internationally recognized scholars to join the Notre Dame faculty under the University's Distinguished Professors Program.

In Notre Dame's department of history Father de Bertier will teach graduate courses on "The History of France from 1815 to 1870" and "European Diplomatic History from 1815 to 1914." He will also give four public lectures on "The Social History of France During the Nineteenth Century."

Father de Bertier, a member of the Eudist order, studied at the University of Caen and received his doctorate at the Sorbonne. His doctoral dissertation was crowned by the French Academy and received the Thiers Prize. Among his works are The Restoration published in 1954. He has lectured previously at the University of Ottawa as well as in this country.

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For release in PM's, Friday, March 23rd:

Notre Dame, Ind., Mar. 23 --- Democratic national chairman Paul Butler and news commentator Paul Harvey will address a mock Democratic national convention at the University of Notre Dame April 16-18, it was announced today. The campus political conclave, held every four years and alternating between the two major parties, is sponsored by the Academy of Political Science, a student organization.

Butler, who will speak April 16th (Monday), is a 1927 graduate of the Notre Dame Law School. His son, Paul, Jr., is a sophomore in Notre Dame's pre-medical course and his daughter, Maureen, is a student at nearby St. Mary's College. Both will be members of the Indiana delegation at the student convention.

Harvey, scheduled to speak April 17th (Tuesday), addressed a mock Republican convention on the campus four years ago when President Eisenhower was the students' choice for the White House. Harvey's newscasts are heard regularly over the ABC Radio and Television Networks. He will cover the two national political conventions this summer.

Edward Robinson, a junior in Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters, will be the keynote speaker at the mock convention. The 22-year-old student ran for mayor in the primary election at Dearborn, Michigan, last year.

According to convention chairman Casper R. Taylor, Cumberland, Md., the student convention will follow the rules of the Democratic national conclave in every respect. Two thousand ^{student} delegates and alternates will participate actively in the convention sessions, most of them in the delegations of their home state. Campus campaigns have been underway for several weeks in behalf of Governor Harriman of New York, Senator Kefauver of Tennessee, Governor Lausche of Ohio and former Governor Stevenson of Illinois, the 1952 Democratic candidate.

Dr. Paul Bartholomew, professor of political science and originator of the quadrennial mock convention, is faculty adviser for this year's event.

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For release in AM's, Tuesday, March 20th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Mar. 19 --- Military strength, firm alliances and a strong and growing economy at home and in the free world are the best guarantees of American victory over the Soviet Union in the cold war, Dr. Philip E. Mosely, a foreign affairs expert and former State Department official, declared here tonight

"During the race for the intercontinental missile, allies and alliances will be more important to us rather than less important," Mosely asserted. He warned that if we lose our allies, present and potential, while the Kremlin is developing an intercontinental missile, "We run the risk of defeat, without a war, through a self-isolation which only we can bring about."

Mosely currently is director of studies for the Council on Foreign Relations, New York City, and adjunct professor of international relations at Columbia University's Russian Institute. His lecture here was sponsored by the University of Notre Dame's Committee on International Relations as part of a year-long series on "Diplomacy in a Changing World."

"The Soviet leadership, under Khrushchev and Bulganin, has moderated its tactics, but has not changed its goals or its basic strategy," Mosely said. He described recent Kremlin criticism of Stalin and his regime as "trivial." Pointing out that "there is no sign of a slackening of the Kremlin's military and technological effort," Mosely warned that if Russia wins the intercontinental missile race, it could "blackmail the non-Soviet countries into piecemeal surrender, one by one."

Mosely claimed that the United States "will have to re-think and re-plan many of its present policies" to cope with the new Soviet tactics. Military alliances, he said, must be backed up by stronger programs of economic and cultural cooperation. "We must continue to help uncommitted countries to strengthen their bonds in non-military ways with the free world."

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For release in AM's, Thursday, March 22nd:

Notre Dame, Ind., Mar. 21 --- Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will deliver the keynote address at the tenth annual Vocation Institute to be held at the University of Notre Dame July 12-15, it was announced here today by Rev. John J. Doherty, C.S.C., director of the Institute. Widely known for his weekly television series, Bishop Sheen is national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and serves as an Auxiliary Bishop of New York. He will speak at the Institute's first business session the morning of July 13th.

An outdoor evening Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the Notre Dame campus will mark the formal opening of the Institute July 12th. Bishop Leo A. Pursley, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, will celebrate the Mass and preach the sermon, Father Doherty said.

Several speakers featured at Institute sessions during the past decade are being invited to address this year's tenth anniversary meeting, Father Doherty said. They will review developments of recent years in the work of fostering religious vocations and suggest new methods and techniques, he said. More than two hundred priests, Brothers, Sisters and laymen engaged in vocation work are expected to attend the Institute sessions. Attendance will be augmented by others attending the regular Notre Dame summer session.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Mar. 17 --- Twin brothers in Notre Dame's senior class have been awarded grants for graduate study in two nationwide competitions, the University announced today.

Gerald J. Massey has received a Fulbright grant to study philosophy at the University of Louvain in Belgium. James L. Massey has accepted a National Science Foundation Fellowship to continue his electrical engineering studies at the University of Illinois. They are the sons of Mrs. Russell Sperry, 444 Christie Street, Ottawa, Illinois.

The Massey brothers, who are roommates in Alumni Hall on the campus, are both members of the Navy ROTC at Notre Dame and are scheduled to be commissioned second lieutenants in the U. S. Marine Corps. Gerald is a battalion commander in the Navy unit and is president of the Tri-Service Council representing the Army, Navy and Air Force contingents on the campus.

The 22-year-old twins were graduated from St. Bede Academy, Peru, Ill., in 1952.

James Massey is one of three electrical engineering majors at Notre Dame who have been awarded National Science Foundation Fellowships, according to Rev. Paul Beichner, C.S.C., dean of the Graduate School and campus coordinator of graduate grants. The other two are Robert W. Minck, Defiance, Ohio, and George M. Krembs, Morrill, Wisconsin. A fourth NSF fellowship has been awarded to Gordon D. Bennett, a geology major from Elmira, N.Y. Minck, Krembs and Bennett have chosen Stanford, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Penn State respectively for their graduate studies.

William J. Weldon, Flushing, N.Y., also has won a Fulbright grant and will study history at the University of Lyon in France.

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For release in PM's, Wednesday, April 4th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 4 --- The fourth annual Institute of Spirituality for Sister Superiors and Novice Mistresses will be held at the University of Notre Dame August 1-7, according to an announcement today by Rev. A. Leonard Collins, C.S.C., Institute director.

Keynote speaker at the sessions will be Bishop Bernard J. Topel of Spokane, Washington. Recently elevated to the hierarchy, Bishop Topel received a doctorate in mathematics at Notre Dame in 1938 and taught on the campus the following year.

The theme of this year's Institute of Spirituality, Father Collins said, will be "The Technique of the Religious Exercises." More than 800 Sisters representing 139 religious communities in the United States and Canada attended the 1955 sessions. The Institute is designed to assist superiors of women's religious communities in the spiritual formation of their subjects.

Speakers and their topics scheduled for the August conference include Very Rev. Albert Bourke, O.C.D., Provincial of the Discalced Carmelites, Holy Hill, Wisc.; "The Technique of Mental Prayer"; Rev. Louis Bouyer, author and liturgist of The Oratory, Paris, France, "Practical Aspects of the Sacrificial and Sacramental Life"; Rev. Charles Corcoran, C.S.C., professor of dogmatic theology, Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C., "The Technique of Examination of Conscience"; Rev. Romaeus O'Brien, O.Carm., professor of canon law, Carmelite Seminary, Washington, D.C., "Spiritual Direction on the Missions as Governed by Canon Law"; and Rev. Emeric Lawrence, O.S.B., St. John's Abbey, Collegeville Minn., "Private Prayer in Relation to Spiritual Growth."

Further information about the Institute may be obtained by writing Rev. A. Leonard Collins, C.S.C., Department of Religion, Notre Dame, Indiana.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Mar. --- "Out of sight is not out of mind in the case of Knute Kenneth Rockne. Twenty-five years have passed since Rock's tragic death plunged the Notre Dame campus into the most sorrowful day of its history. Yet even such a lengthy span as a quarter of a century has failed to dim the imprint of Knute Rockne's life on the University he loved."

At the University of Notre Dame, the Monogram Club, present athletes born, most of them, after Rockne's death, join with the alumni of the University in the adjoining St. Joseph Valley, many of them friends and associates of Knute Rockne, in the 25th annual memorial Mass and breakfast on the campus. A wreath is placed on Rockne's grave in nearby Highland cemetery after the ceremonies on the campus.

Speaking for the University on this silver anniversary is Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., executive vice president of the University, chairman of the University's board in control of athletics, who came to Notre Dame as a freshman two years after Rockne's death. Father Joyce continued:

"Present Notre Dame students, unborn at the time of his death, find many mementoes of Rock on the campus--pictures, busts, trophies, the huge comfortable stadium which was his great joy, the handsome Rockne Memorial which provides facilities for all non-varsity athletic activity. None of these things, however, explain the enduring influence of Rockne. Knute Rockne still is a vibrant living force at Notre Dame because of the powerful personal influence for good that he exerted over so many Notre Dame men. These men in turn have handed down the lessons and inspiration of the master to younger generations. The dynamic spirit of Rockne lives then in this human chain, energizing it and strengthening its various links.

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"In his funeral sermon on April 3, 1931 the President of Notre Dame, Father Charles O'Donnell, C.S.C., predicted that because of Knute Rockne's love of his fellowman 'he had verified the Christian paradox--he had lost life only to find it. This was not death but immortality.' Truly, as we commemorate for the twenty-fifth consecutive year, Rockne's death, we are keenly aware of the perpetual niche of honor that this man holds in American athletic circles and in the hearts of Notre Dame men everywhere. We have gained much from his life. We have not lost him through death."

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Mar. --- The University of Notre Dame concert band will appear in twelve cities in the south and southwest during its annual Spring tour March 31-April 12. The 55 collegiate musicians, who call themselves "The Fifing Irish," are directed by Robert F. O'Brien. Their 3,000 mile concert tour coincides with Notre Dame's Easter vacation.

The band's concert itinerary includes Cape Girardeau, Mo., Mar. 31; Wynne, Ark., Apr. 1; Monroe, La., Apr. 2; Opelousas, La., Apr. 3; Houston, Tex., Apr. 4; Corpus Christi, Tex., Apr. 5; Tyler, Texas, Apr. 6; El Dorado, Ark., Apr. 7; Jonesboro, Ark., Apr. 8; Lexington, Mo., Apr. 9; St. Louis, Mo., Apr. 10; and Danville, Ill., Apr. 11. The band will conclude its tour with a concert on the Notre Dame campus April 12.

This year's concert program will include Wagner's "Tannhauser Overture" and the finale from Dvorak's "New World Symphony" as well as a variety of semi-classical and popular melodies, marches and novelty selections.

Officers of the Notre Dame concert band are George Murray, St. Joseph, Mich., president; Jack Gueguen, Lexington, Mo., vice president; and Dick Kopituk Linden, N.J., secretary. Soloists include Gene Bertoncini, New York City; Frank Fischer, Babson Park, Fla.; Dante Fuligni, Rutherford, N.J.; and Joseph MacIntosh, Louisville, Ky.

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For release in AM's, Thursday, April 5th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 4 --- Notre Dame alumni and friends of the university in more than one-hundred cities will gather at dinner-meetings to observe the 33rd annual Universal Notre Dame Night during the next fortnight. The theme of this year's observance, "Local Leadership," stresses Notre Dame's contributions to the nation through its alumni.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, will address alumni dinners in San Francisco, Apr. 5; Hartford, Conn., Apr. 9; Providence, R.I., Apr. 10; Boston, Apr. 11; and Dover, N.H., Apr. 12. He will also be the principal speaker when Notre Dame alumni from throughout the state of Florida gather at Fort Lauderdale's Sea Ranch hotel Apr. 20-22.

Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler has been named principal speaker by the Notre Dame Club of St. Louis for its Universal Notre Dame Night dinner on April 10th. Butler is a 1927 graduate of the Notre Dame Law School.

The speaking itinerary of Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Notre Dame's executive vice president, includes Detroit, Apr. 4; Atlanta, Apr. 7; and Chicago, Apr. 16.

Head football coach Terry Brennan is scheduled to address alumni dinners in Dallas, Apr. 5 and in Indianapolis, Apr. 12.

Joseph I. O'Neill of Midland, Texas, recently elected president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, will address an alumni gathering at Oklahoma City on April 19th.

James E. Armstrong, executive secretary of the Notre Dame Alumni Association for more than thirty years, will speak to alumni groups in Louisville, Apr. 9; Nashville, Apr. 11; Chattanooga, Apr. 12; and in the Florida cities of Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa-St. Petersburg and Miami.

Eleven other University officials and faculty members will speak in twenty-five additional cities.

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For release in PM's, Monday, April 2nd:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 2 --- A University of Notre Dame scientist says that "irreparable genetic damage" may result from the increasing use of radiation in medicine, industry, research and military development.

According to Dr. Edward O. Dodson, a genetics specialist and associate professor of biology, genetic damage, unlike radiation sickness, "does not have the benefit of a minimum threshold of dosage." He urges that precautions be taken to protect personnel from the genetic effects of radiation just as precautions are currently taken against radiation sickness.

Radiation, Professor Dodson explains, can induce mutations or permanent and generally harmful changes in man's genes, the elements which transmit hereditary characteristics from one generation to another. He stresses that "there is no minimum dose known for the production of these mutations."

Dr. Dodson's warning on how radiation may affect man's heredity is contained in his new book, Genetics, the Modern Science of Heredity, published today by W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia. The volume, with illustrations by Frederick Beckman, associate professor of art at Notre Dame, is designed primarily for use as a college text.

Although the founder of the science of genetics, Gregor Mendel, was an Augustinian monk, Dr. Dodson's new book is believed to be the first major work in the field to be published by an American Catholic scholar. An historical chapter in the book is based on a partial transcript of the archives at Mendel's monastery in Brunn, now part of Czechoslovakia.

Dr. Dodson joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1947 after receiving his Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley. His Textbook of Evolution was published by W. B. Saunders Co. in 1952. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, the American Society of Zoologists, the Genetics Society of America, and the Society of Systematic Zoology.

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NO.	DATE	T O P I C S
56/37	3/5/56	Laetare Medalist for 1956 announced.
56/38	3/2/56	<u>Church Bldg and Furnishing: The Church's Way</u> published.
56/39	3/2/56	Mock political convention to be held Apr. 16-18.
56/40	3/2/56	Society of Catholic College Teachers etc. to meet at N.D.
56/41	3/2/56	N.D. Natl Invitational Debating Tournament set for Mar. 9.
56/42	3/2/56	Glee Club will give concerts in nine eastern cities.
56/43	3/9/56	Dr. Kane talks on Dating and Courtship in Boston.
56/44	3/9/56	Parents-Son Weekend to be held March 17-19.
56/45	3/9/56	THE DOME observes 50th anniversary this year.
56/46	3/9/56	Father de Bertier announced visiting professor.
56/47	3/17/56	Paul Butler and Paul Harvey to address mock convention.
56/48	3/17/56	Dr. Philip E. Mosely addresses International Relations group
56/49	3/16/56	Bishop Fulton J. Sheen to speak to Vocation Institute.
56/49 50	3/16/56	Twin brothers in sr. class win grants.
56/52	3/23/56	Anniversary of Knute Rockne's death commemorated.