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For immediate release:

Hollywood, Fla., July 13 --- James E. Armstrong, executive secretary of the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association, today (Thursday) was named president-elect of The American Alumni Council at its national convention here.

Armstrong, who has been Notre Dame's alumni secretary and a member of the AAC for thirty-five years, will succeed Waldo Johnston of Yale University as president of the organization next year.

The American Alumni Council numbers more than one thousand educational institutions, seventeen organizations and approximately 2,200 individuals among its membership. The Council is concerned with the development of alumni organization in colleges, universities and secondary schools. Its programs and services also deal with alumni publications and with the fund-raising programs which have become identified with most alumni organizations.

A native of Jackson, Mich., Armstrong has been associated with the University of Notre Dame since his graduation in 1925. He is editor of THE NOTRE DAME ALUMNUS and also serves as associate director of The Notre Dame Foundation, the University's development organization.

Armstrong has been a leader in American Alumni Council affairs for many years. He served as director of three of the AAC's national conventions, most recently in Lake Placid, N. Y., in 1958. He also was chairman of the organization's Great Lakes District, comprising six states, from 1958 to 1960.

Notre Dame's alumni secretary and his wife, the former Marion Attick, live at 1049 Johnson Street, South Bend, Ind. They have five sons.

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

Notre Dame, Ind., July 20 -- Fifteen hundred priests, Brothers and Sisters, all major superiors of Roman Catholic orders and congregations in the United States, will convene for the second National Congress of Religious at the University of Notre Dame August 16-19, it was announced today.

Representatives of the Holy See, theologians and philosophers will be among those addressing the Congress which is being held at the suggestion of the Vatican's Sacred Congregation of Religious. The Congress will examine the role of religious in the Church today and review the fundamental principles of religious life during its four-day sessions. A similar event was held at Notre Dame in 1952.

His Eminence Valerio Cardinal Valeri, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Religious, will deliver the sermon during a Solemn Pontifical Mass marking the opening of the Congress August 16th (Wednesday) at 4 p.m. The Prince of the Church addressed an Institute of Spirituality and received an honorary degree during an earlier visit to Notre Dame in 1954.

The Apostolic Delegate to the United States, the Most Rev. Egidio Vagnozzi, of Washington, D. C., will speak at the closing session of the Congress August 19th (Saturday) at 11:15 a.m. Archbishop Vagnozzi also will be visiting Notre Dame for the second time. He officiated at the dedication of Moreau Seminary on the campus in 1959.

The pressing needs of the Church in South America will be the subject of the Most Rev. Antonio Samore, of the Vatican Secretariate of State, in an address to the Congress of priests, Brothers and Sisters August 17th (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. Archbishop Samore is Secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

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The Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, will be episcopal host to the visiting prelates and religious and will deliver the keynote address at the opening general session of the Congress August 16th (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the general sessions, sectional meetings for priests, Brothers and Sisters will be held on a variety of topics including religious formation, government of religious communities, theological trends and religious life, and the contribution of Scripture and liturgy to religious life today. Regional meetings of religious superiors also will be held.

The National Congress of Religious is jointly sponsored by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men's Religious Institutes and the Conference of Major Superiors of Women's Religious Institutes in the United States. Both these Conferences were established at the urging of the Holy See in 1956 with a view to furthering the spiritual development and increasing the efficiency of American religious orders and congregations. There are similar organizations of religious superiors in many countries throughout the world.

Heading the men's and women's Conferences which are co-sponsoring the Congress are Very Rev. John E. Byrne, C. P. S., of Dayton, Ohio, and Mother Mary Consolatrice, B.V.M., of Dubuque, Ia. Very Rev. Celsus R. Wheeler, O. F. M., New York, N. Y., is the Permanent Secretary of the Congress.

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

Notre Dame, Ind., July 18 -- Fifty young men and women, virtually all recent college graduates, will report to the University of Notre Dame Thursday, (July 20) to begin eight weeks' intensive training for a U. S. Peace Corps project in Chile. About half the young people have been recruited from Hoosier campuses by the Indiana Conference of Higher Education, which is sponsoring the project, and the others emanate from the Peace Corps' national volunteer pool.

The Peace Corps volunteers will spend two years in Chile, working with its Institute of Rural Education in furthering education and raising living standards of the rural population. The two-month training program at Notre Dame is geared to develop them into an effective American team south-of-the-border. The Chilean project resulted from the first agreement of its kind between a U. S. government agency, a foreign country and a group of American colleges and universities.

Nine recent Notre Dame graduates and three alumni of nearby St. Mary's College are among those entering the training program. Other Hoosier institutions represented include Indiana University, Purdue University, Valparaiso University, Depauw University, Wabash College, Hanover College, Goshen College and Indiana Central College.

Walter M. Langford, veteran professor of modern languages at Notre Dame, is coordinator of the Chilean Peace Corps Project, and George E. Smith, associate professor of modern languages at Purdue University, is assistant coordinator. They said the summer training program will endeavor to develop in the volunteers a basic conversational ability in Spanish as well as a basic knowledge of Chile, its history and culture.

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The curriculum is also designed, they said, to sharpen the trainees' understanding of American life and institutions and their ability to interpret them to other peoples. Physical training and medical instruction also will be provided to prepare the volunteers for the physically demanding work they will encounter in rural Chile.

Assisting Langford and Smith as staff members of the Peace Corps training program will be Professors James A. Castaneda of Hanover College; Homero Castillo, Northwestern University; Richard H. Caldemeyer, Ball State Teachers College; Donald Bray, Los Angeles (Calif.) State College; Ricardo Benavides, visiting Fulbright scholar from Chile; and Dr. William C. Bogan, Notre Dame physician. More than ten guest lecturers, tentatively including the Chilean ambassador to the United States, also will participate in the training program.

The Peace Corps volunteers will spend approximately 60 hours a week in class and study during their training at Notre Dame. They and many members of the staff will live together in student residence halls. They will eat together in the University Dining Hall where table conversation will be in Spanish. All trainees will spend at least one hour each day in Notre Dame's modern language laboratories.

Prior to the formal opening of classes on July 24th, the trainees will be engaged in a variety of preliminary activities. They will register upon arrival Thursday (July 20) at the department of modern languages in the O'Shaughnessy Hall of Liberal and Fine Arts. They will receive medical examinations and the first round of inoculations on Friday and Saturday and will undergo psychological testing on Saturday.

A social highlight will be a reception and dinner at The Morris Inn on the campus Thursday evening to be addressed by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president. Father Hesburgh, Peter Fraenkel, assistant to the president of Indiana University, and a Peace Corps official made an on-the-spot survey in Chile which led to the formulation of the project and its sponsorship by the thirty-four colleges and universities of the Indiana Conference of Higher Education. Dr. Blair Helman, president of Manchester College, is Conference president.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 28 -- Don Sharkey, veteran author and editor of Catholic books and periodicals, has been appointed executive editor of CATHOLIC BOY and CATHOLIC MISS, according to an announcement by Rev. Frank Gartland, C.S.C., editor of the two youth magazines published by the Holy Cross Fathers here.

Sharkey has been on the staff of CATHOLIC BOY since 1949. During the previous ten years he was editor of the YOUNG CATHOLIC MESSENGER published by George A. Pflaum, Inc., Dayton, Ohio. He began his association with the Pflaum organization following his graduation from the University of Dayton in 1934.

A native of Middletown, Ohio, Sharkey is the author of a Christian Social History text series for Catholic grade schools published by William H. Sadlier, Inc. The same firm will publish a junior high civic text and a fourth grade geography text, both written by Sharkey, next year.

The University of Dayton presented its National Marianist Library Award to Sharkey and Rev. Joseph Debergh, O.M.I., in 1958 for their book, Our Lady of Beauraing. His other books include White Smoke Over the Vatican, The Message of Fatima and These Young Lives.

Currently Sharkey is an associate and contributing editor of OUR LADY'S DIGEST, and he formerly was a weekly columnist for THE AVE MARIA, also published by the Holy Cross Fathers at Notre Dame.

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