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For release in AM's, Sunday, August 12th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 11 -- The Kresge Foundation of Detroit, Mich., has earmarked a grant of \$100,000 toward the construction of the thirteen-story Notre Dame Memorial Library, it was announced today.

The \$8,000,000 building, scheduled for completion in the fall of 1963, will have a capacity of 2,000,000 volumes and will seat nearly half of Notre Dame's undergraduate student body at one time.

The Kresge Foundation's board of trustees specified that the grant will be paid when the University receives \$7,900,000 in gifts for the library from its alumni, friends and other sources.

Rev. John E. Walsh, C.S.C., director of The Notre Dame Foundation, said word of the Kresge grant is "both a delight and an inspiration to us. We are very pleased," he said, "to have the Kresge Foundation associated so intimately with us in the exciting prospects for Notre Dame which the Memorial Library implies and makes possible."

The library, already a landmark in the area, is the largest single objective in the University's \$18,000,000 Challenge Program. Notre Dame is also seeking support for two graduate residence halls, increased faculty salaries, an expanded student aid program, and a special administrative fund.

Notre Dame is one of the five institutions originally chosen by The Ford Foundation to participate in its "Special Program in Education." Under its terms, the Foundation has earmarked a \$6,000,000 matching grant for Notre Dame on the basis of one dollar for every two dollars which the University receives from non-governmental sources up to June 30, 1963.

To date, Notre Dame has received gifts and pledges totaling \$16,543,336 or nearly 92% of the \$18,000,000 goal. Of this, cash contributions currently account for more than \$8,800,000.

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For release in PM's, Monday, August 13th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 13 -- Dr. Francis O. Rice, prize-winning chemist and author of more than eighty articles in scientific journals, has been appointed Principal Research Scientist in Chemistry at the University of Notre Dame, it was announced today.

Rice was head of the department of chemistry at the Catholic University of America from 1938 to 1959 and has headed the chemistry department at Georgetown University since that time. At Notre Dame he will be associated with the University's Radiation Laboratory and will have the concurrent title of Visiting Research Professor of Chemistry.

The Radiation Laboratory, a research organization directed by Professor Milton Burton, who once studied under Dr. Rice, is engaged in the most extensive radiation chemistry research underway on any university campus. Beginning next spring it will be quartered in a \$2,200,000 Radiation Building being erected by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

Dr. Frederick D. Rossini, dean of the College of Science and chairman of the University Research Council, said Rice's appointment, which is effective September 1st, is the first of a new class of professional, non-teaching research staff at Notre Dame.

The new category of positions has been created, Rossini said, to reduce the work-load of regular faculty members and "to provide continuity of experience and know-how" for Notre Dame's major research facilities. These include the Radiation Laboratory, the Computing Center, also under construction, and the Lobund Laboratory which has pioneered in germfree animal research. The non-teaching research staff will have three ranks: research scientist (or engineer), senior research scientist and principal research scientist, Rossini said.

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Dr. Rice is best known for his research and publications dealing with kinetics and mechanism of reactions. His pioneering work laid the foundation for much of our present knowledge of free radical reactions. Collaborating with Prof. Karl Herzfeld at The Johns Hopkins University, he showed that complicated radical chain mechanisms could be described by simple, overall kinetic laws.

Regarded as a gifted teacher as well as a distinguished research scientist, Dr. Rice is the author or co-author of three books. His Mechanism of Organic Reactions was published in 1928. He and his wife collaborated in writing The Aliphatic Free Radicals in 1935. With the celebrated Edward Teller he wrote The Structure of Matter which appeared in 1949.

Rice holds the Mendel Medal and was awarded the Hillebrand Prize by the Chemical Society of Washington, D. C., in 1956. On that occasion he was cited for his "pioneer research on free radical mechanisms and the kinetics of chemical reactions, as well as their application to fundamental problems of organic and inorganic chemistry."

Born in Liverpool, England, May 20, 1890, Rice was educated at the University of Liverpool where he received a Doctor of Science degree in chemistry in 1916. He came to the United States after World War I, teaching briefly at Princeton University and then at New York University from 1919 to 1924. In that year Rice joined the Johns Hopkins chemistry faculty, remaining there until he was named head of the chemistry department at the Catholic University of America in 1938.

In 1930, Dr. Rice married the former Katherine Kempner, a practicing psychiatrist, who holds doctorates in science and medicine from Johns Hopkins. They have two daughters.

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For release in AM's, Thursday, August 16th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 15 -- Four thousand young people are expected to attend the 20th national convention of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade at the University of Notre Dame August 23-26.

"A New Spirit for a New Age" will be the theme for the sessions which will be held principally at the new Stepan Center on the campus. The theme and convention program are based largely on the notable encyclical of Pope John XXIII, "Mater et Magistra."

Members of the hierarchy scheduled to participate in the convention include Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati, who is CSMC president; Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the episcopal host; Bishop Raymond H. Ackerman, C. S. Sp., of Covington, Ky.; Bishop Alfred F. Mendez, C.S.C., of Arecibo, Puerto Rico; Bishop Raymond A. Lane, M. M., former superior general of Maryknoll; and Bishop Peter Dery, W. F., of Wa, Chana.

The convention will open August 23rd (Thursday) at 8:30 p.m. with a keynote address by Rev. Frederick A. McGuire, C.M., executive director of the Mission Secretariat, Washington, D. C. Subsequent convention sessions will deal with a variety of mission-oriented subjects including Latin America, Africa, and the mission field in the United States with special attention to Negroes and migrant workers. A major segment will deal with the menace of Communism and how mission-minded young people can help combat it in this country and mission lands.

Archbishop Alter and Bishop Mendez will address general meetings on Latin America August 24th (Friday) at 9:30 a.m. Following will be panel discussions led by John McAdams, director of the Office of Public Services, The Pan American Union, and Gerald F. Mische, of the Association for International Development.

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Bishop Ackerman will speak on "U.S.A.; A Mission Field" and Rev. Gustave Weigel, S. J., will discuss "Ecumenism and the Apostolate" August 24th (Friday) at 2 p.m. After their talks, two panels made up of communications specialists and missionaries will explore the most effective ways of presenting the image of the Church to Americans.

At 4:30 p.m., Catholic missionary efforts among specialized groups will be studied. The subjects of these sessions and their chairmen include "U. S. Migrants and the Spanish-Speaking," Very Rev. Msgr. William J. Quinn, co-director of the Latin American Bureau, National Catholic Welfare Conference; "U. S. A. Convert Work," Rev. John A. O'Brien, University of Notre Dame; "The U. S. Negro Apostolate," Rev. Robert Sharon, M. S. S. T.; and "The Apostolate to the Jewish People," Rev. James Turro, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J.

A representative of FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, special agent Arbor Gray, will speak on "The Challenge of Communism" during a general convention session August 24th (Friday) at 8 p.m. A workshop on Communism and a meeting for college students and seminarians on "Communism: Challenge to the Intellectual" are scheduled for the following morning (Saturday).

The CSMC convention spotlight will focus on the emerging nations of Africa August 25th (Saturday) at 2 p.m. Speaking will be Bishop Dery and Christopher Ngaiza, counsellor of the Tanganyika Mission to the United Nations. An ensuing panel will have as its principal speaker William M. Wharton, Jr., former instructor at Comboni College, Khartoum, Sudan.

Bishop Lane will address a special Sisters' meeting Saturday at 8:30 p.m. on "The Sister's Role in Creating an Effective Interest in the Mission Apostolate."

The convention will close Sunday (Aug. 26th) morning with elections and the presentation of awards.