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Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 27 -- A Cross-Cultural Study of Youth will be conducted in three neighborhoods in New York City, Chicago and Washington, D. C., under the auspices of the University of Notre Dame and with the support of a \$120,000 grant from The Lavanburg Foundation, it was announced today.

Dr. George N. Shuster, assistant to the president of Notre Dame, is chairman of the advisory committee for the study. Its director, he said, is Dr. Bernard Lander, associate professor of sociology at Hunter College in New York. Lander is the author of the study, Towards an Understanding of Juvenile Delinquency, which attracted considerable attention when published in 1954.

According to Lander, "the areas of disarray and discontent in American society are expanding" despite unparalleled prosperity and the increasing availability of a wide spectrum of social services. "The alarming increase in the volume and seriousness of juvenile delinquency, youth and adult crime," he believes, "is a striking symbol of what can only be described as profound social malaise."

Lander cited The Baltimore Study in 1950 which suggested that these social problems reflect the deterioration of our moral code and the failure of the community, the family, the school and the church to act as effective transmission agencies for the moral values of the larger society.

The Notre Dame research, he explained, is designed to study this hypothesis in greater depth and in a more systematic fashion in the three big-city neighborhoods. "In this inquiry we are not only interested in social pathology," Lander stressed. It may be even more important, he said, to study the stable family "in order to unravel the factors that enable it to develop good citizens despite the environment. We believe that insights derived from such analysis may provide guidance in the development of social therapeutic programs."

Notre Dame's youth study will have the services of three senior consultants. They are Dr. Hyman Frankel, consultant to the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime; Dr. Arthur Pearl, associate professor of psychology at Howard University, who will supervise the Washington, D. C., project; and Dr. Hugh O'Brien, professor of sociology at Notre Dame, who will supervise the research in Chicago.

Members of the advisory committee, in addition to Dr. Shuster, include Dr. Frank J. Cohen, director of The Lavanburg Foundation, who is its vice-chairman; Miss Ethel H. Wise, chairman of The Lavanburg Foundation; and Prof. John J. Kane, acting head of the Notre Dame sociology department. Also Mr. Saul D. Alinsky, Dr. Wilbur J. Cohen, Dr. Leonard S. Cottrell, Jr., Dr. James W. Fogarty, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond J. Gallagher, Rt. Rev. Msgr. George H. Guilfoyle, Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, Dr. Julius Mark, Dr. John J. Meng, Mr. Robert L. Popper and Mr. Milton G. Rector.

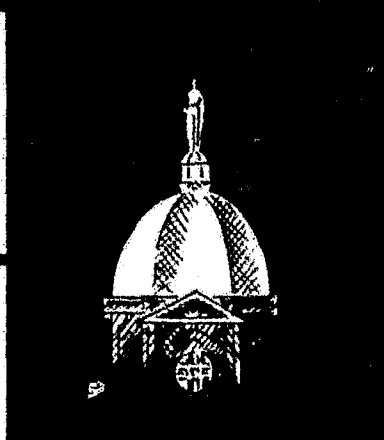
Speaking for the University of Notre Dame, Dr. Shuster said:

"The interest already expressed in this project demonstrates once more the foresight and wisdom of the trustees and the director of The Lavanburg Foundation. Its director, Dr. Frank J. Cohen, is one of the ablest and most experienced American sociologists working in the field of youth.

To date notable additional sums have been made available for the support of the research. In addition, government agencies, at the federal and local level, have expressed substantial interest, and the cooperation of Hunter College, Howard University and Loyola University is assured."

Shuster said the youth study may eventually be extended to other cities.

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Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 28 -- A prominent Roman Catholic priest today proposed a White House conference to discuss measures that would "help the under-developed nations deal effectively with their urgent population problems."

Rev. John A. O'Brien, research professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, also called on the federal government "to conduct a crash research program on human reproduction in all its phases."

Father O'Brien made the two proposals in an article, "Let's End the War Over Birth Control" which appears simultaneously in the current issues of THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY and THE AVE MARIA. An earlier article by the noted priest-author, "Family Planning in an Exploding Population," appeared in the same Protestant and Catholic magazines in late August and attracted worldwide interest.

In his frank and forthright article, Father O'Brien contends "it is time to close ranks, time to end the cold war (over birth control) and to work together as brothers and good neighbors" in a pluralistic society. He believes it is now possible for Catholics and non-Catholics "to discuss the population problem, analyze their points of agreement and difference, and solve the problem in a way that will respect the consciences of all."

"With more than 300 denominations in our midst," Father O'Brien writes, "it is obvious that we must learn not only to live together but also to respect scrupulously the consciences of others and work together for the common good."

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"The consequence of such religious pluralism," he continues, "is that no one group may impose its distinctive creedal or moral viewpoint through the clenched fist of legislative fiat or governmental directive upon those of other faiths. The attempt to do so is rightly resented as intolerable arrogance; it is an utterly unwarranted infringement on the constitutional rights of others and is doomed to failure. Its only result is the generation of bad blood, bitterness, hatred and strife."

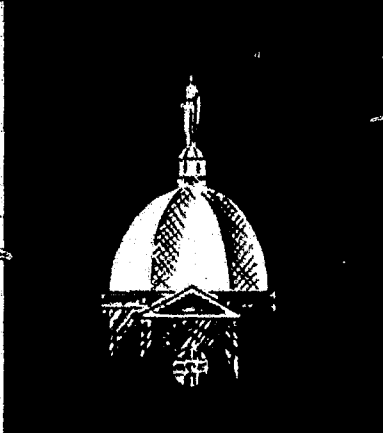
Father O'Brien cites statements by the late Pope Pius XII, Cardinals Cushing and Bea and other prominent Catholic figures illustrating the Church's teaching that Catholics have "a moral duty" -- in the words of Pius XII -- to respect the religious beliefs and constitutional rights of others.

While Catholics believe the natural law prohibits contraceptive birth control, Father O'Brien says the revolution in the ethical thinking of Protestants has occurred with such speed that many Catholics seem unaware that contraception is no longer in Protestant eyes an evil thing, but may be a good, virtuous and even holy action, demanded by the changed conditions of modern life and commended by the vast majority of physicians."

It is this "cultural lag" -- the failure to appreciate the radical change in Protestant and Jewish thinking -- that partly explains Catholics' occasional recourse to the police power of the state to suppress contraceptive birth-control practices, advertising and clinics, Father O'Brien writes. It is also related to opposition to the repeal of antibirth-control laws in some states, he says.

In Father O'Brien's view, "recognition of the far-reaching implications of the fact that we are living in a pluralistic society does not mean an espousal of religious indifferentism, moral relativism or a moral code divorced from the natural law and based solely upon subjective feelings and emotions. Neither does it mean that truth, either philosophical or religious, is to be determined by a majority vote. It simply means that citizens of divergent religious faiths can work together to solve the problems which constantly arise in modern community life and that they must respect the conscientious convictions and religious faith of one another.

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Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 29 -- The appointment of Thomas T. Murphy as dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Notre Dame was announced today by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president.

Murphy, who is a specialist in investments and business finance, had been serving as acting dean since December 1st when Dean James W. Culliton relinquished the post to become a member of the U. S. Tariff Commission.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1946, Dean Murphy holds two degrees from Boston University and has taken additional graduate studies at the University of Michigan, Indiana University and Notre Dame.

Dean Murphy is a former faculty member at Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Mich., and delivered the commencement address there last June. Immediately prior to joining the Notre Dame faculty, he taught at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. He is a member of the American Economic Association and currently is vice president of the Midwest Economic Association. His other professional affiliations include The American Finance Association and the Indiana Academy of Social Science.

Notre Dame's new business dean is married to the former Bernadean Flynn of Alto, Michigan. They have two sons and a daughter and live at 1005 Oak Ridge Drive in South Bend.

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