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From: Conklin 67/55For Release PM's Friday, June 2:

Dr. Bernard Waldman, a nuclear physicist on the faculty of the University of Notre Dame for 29 years, has been appointed dean of the University's College of Science, it was announced today by the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president. The appointment is effective Sept. 1.

Dr. Waldman, who has been associate dean of the College of Science since 1964, succeeds Dr. Frederick D. Rossini, who last month was named to the newly created post of vice president for research and sponsored programs at Notre Dame.

In announcing the appointment, Father Hesburgh said, "Dr. Waldman is an established scientist in his own right who fully appreciates the importance of both teaching and research and who has demonstrated outstanding administrative ability."

In addition to his three years as associate dean, Dr. Waldman served between 1960 and 1965 as full-time director of the Midwestern Universities Research Association (MURA) laboratory at Madison, Wis. The MURA installation, established in 1956 by 15 Midwest universities, is a research center for nuclear physics.

A native of New York City, Notre Dame's new science dean received his B. A. (1934) and Ph.D. (1939) from New York University. He joined the Notre Dame faculty as a research associate in 1938 and was promoted to full professor in 1951. He supervised the installation of Notre Dame's third electrostatic generator in 1956 and conducted several experiments with this "atom smasher" while guiding the development of nuclear physics at the University. A \$2.5 million "atom smasher," four times the size of the one now in use, is now being built on campus.

The 53-year-old physicist was one of the scientists who aided in the development of the atomic bomb and one of four United States scientists who witnessed from an airplane the 1945 bombing of Hiroshima, Japan.

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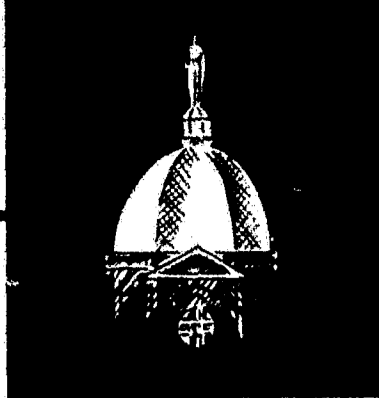
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He was an early exponent of civilian control of atomic energy and of international cooperation in its peaceful development.

Dr. Waldman has published widely in the areas of low energy and high energy nuclear physics and has held visiting teaching and research appointments at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory and Lawrence Radiation Laboratory.

As associate dean, he was concerned with graduate research in science, graduate students, graduate fellowships, scheduling, admissions and other basic operations of the College of Science. He worked closely with Dr. Rossini and department heads in planning the development of science at Notre Dame, an effort which gained the University a \$4.7 million grant from the National Science Foundation last month.

Father Hesburgh also paid tribute to Dr. Rossini's leadership as dean of the College of Science since 1960, noting that during that period the number of undergraduate majors increased from 400 to 600, the graduate students from 200 to 300, and the faculty from 84 to 130.

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For Release Sunday, June 18:

James D. Cooney, assistant alumni secretary at the University of Notre Dame since 1965, has been appointed the Executive Secretary of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president, announced today.

Cooney, 32, will succeed James E. Armstrong, 64, who retires Aug. 1 after 41 years as the head of one of the nation's strongest alumni organizations.

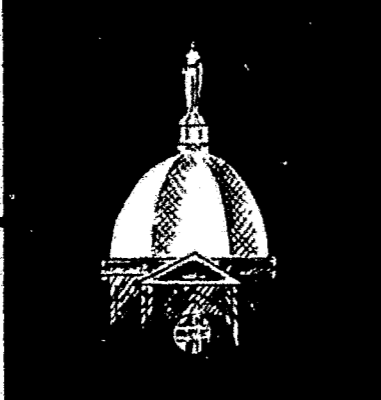
Cooney was graduated from St. Mary's High School in Albuquerque, N. M., and received a bachelor's degree in communication arts from Notre Dame in 1959.

Prior to enrolling at Notre Dame, he was employed by radio station KQUE and by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Albuquerque. From 1957 to 1961 he was an announcer-newsman on South Bend's WNDU-TV-AM.

He joined the Notre Dame Foundation as an assistant director in 1961, and four years later he became assistant alumni secretary. He has served primarily as a field secretary of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, coordinating programs and other activities of the 172 Notre Dame alumni groups in the United States and abroad. Included in his duties have been organization of Universal Notre Dame Communion Breakfasts, Universal Notre Dame Nights, and campus reunions.

Active in undergraduate theater while at Notre Dame, Cooney pursued graduate studies in speech and drama. He has written locally produced one-act plays and television specials.

He is married to the former Anne Elizabeth Rody, a 1959 graduate of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., and they have four children.

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For Immediate Release:

What's life like for Notre Dame's only rabbi alumnus?

"Where Protestants fear to tread, Rabbi Plotkin steps boldly," said Rabbi Albert A. Plotkin, on campus last week for the 25th reunion of his Notre Dame class.

"Notre Dame," explained the ebullient Phoenix, Ariz., Jewish leader, "has been my entree to the Catholic population." It is an entree that Rabbi Plotkin, of Temple Beth-Israel, has used to foster the Catholic-Jewish dialog in his community.

"There are some rabbis who will have nothing to do with dialog because they feel that proselytizing is at the heart of it. I think they are wrong. We cannot continue to live in ghettos, even though they be the gilded ghettos of suburbia," he remarked.

At the heart of Rabbi Plotkin's feelings about Catholics and Jews is the healthy relationships he had as one of four Jewish students in his Notre Dame class.

"Never once at Notre Dame did I feel the sting of prejudice or discrimination," he recalled, adding that a brother had had the experience of being blackballed by a fraternity at a large, Midwestern state university.

A native of South Bend, Plotkin was sent to Notre Dame by his orthodox Jewish parents to study English language and literature, and things went so well for him that, as he remembered it, "my mother started to worry that I would become a Catholic."

"She was only somewhat less disconcerted when I decided after graduation to become a liberal rabbi," he admitted.

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While pursuing his rabbinical studies at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio, Rabbi Plotkin had to weather some bad years in Notre Dame football. "When Notre Dame won, I would come down from my room and shout, 'It is a great day for Israel!' But more often than not I would cower in my room after a loss, unwilling to face the taunts of my fellow students." He recently received his doctorate in Hebrew letters from the Los Angeles campus of Hebrew Union College.

In a reunion talk to his class of 1942 Saturday (June 10), the Rabbi said the university must retain its underlying religious philosophy. "Going to a Catholic university made me rethink my own faith--the power it must have and the function it must give us in our own lives," he explained.

As he moved through the corridors of the Center for Continuing Education, greeting and being greeted by classmates ("Rabbi, good to see you!"), he recalled a couple of experiences he had while a student singing all over the country with the Notre Dame Glee Club.

In one instance in Pittsburgh, the Glee Club chaplain, the Rev. Charles McCarragher, C.S.C., now vice president for student affairs, happened to mention that he never had had kosher food.

"It was the Passover, so I took him and another priest in hand and we went to a kosher restaurant. I had to do some fast explaining in Yiddish to a rather frightened owner, but I made them gastronomical Jews," he said.

The McCarragher incident reminded him of other pleasant experiences with Irish-Catholics. "Sometimes," he mused, "I think the Irish are really Jewish--maybe one of the Lost Tribes of Israel."

In another Glee Club-connected story--one of the Rabbi's favorites--he was asked by the director what he said while the rest of the singers were praying to a Christian saint before a performance.

"I told him I said: 'Abraham, Issac and Jacob--give us a break!'"

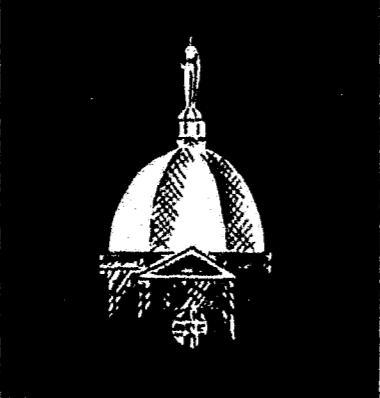
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Questioned often by classmates about the Arab-Israeli war, which had just ended in a ceasefire, Rabbi Plotkin said he felt that Israel could not be expected to give up Old Jerusalem, the Sinai Peninsula or the Gulf of Aqaba.

Uppermost in his mind, however, was the new era of Jewish-Catholic relations wrought by the Second Vatican Council, and he was proud of the hand he had in placing a rabbi on the Notre Dame theology faculty.

As he strolled about the campus last week, shaking hands, he was, indeed, rather a symbol. "That hat is hardly a skull cap," one observer said, pointing to Rabbi Plotkin's reunion class beach hat.

"I know it isn't, but I'm proud of it," Notre Dame's rabbi said. "Don't forget--Abraham, Issac, Jacob...and Notre Dame."

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For Release in PM's Monday, June 26:

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Notre Dame, Ind., June 26—A University Club, which will serve members of the University of Notre Dame faculty and professional staff, will be erected at the entrance to the campus, it was announced today by the school's president, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.

Father Hesburgh said the \$350,000 facility is the gift of Robert H. Gore, Sr., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., businessman, in memory of his wife, Lorena, a member of the Women's Advisory Council at the University, who died in 1964. Gore, who is a former Governor of Puerto Rico, has numerous business interests and is the former publisher of the Fort Lauderdale News. Six of his seven sons attended Notre Dame, and he served for many years on the advisory council of the University's College of Business Administration.

"The University Club which Governor Gore is providing is a facility long needed at Notre Dame," Father Hesburgh said. "It is certain to be a popular campus gathering place for professors and administrators. Moreover, in strengthening their esprit de corps, it will help strengthen the University they serve. The University administration and faculty of today, as well as those who take our places in the years to come, will always be grateful to Governor Gore for this magnificent gift."

Notre Dame's new University Club will be situated near the campus entrance immediately south of the Center for Continuing Education. Encompassing approximately 10,200 square feet, it will be primarily a one-story, buff brick building of contemporary design.

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The club's principal facilities will be a large lounge, which can be converted into smaller meeting rooms, and a dining room or rathskeller accommodating approximately 150 persons. Architectural features of the rathskeller include a large fireplace, a vaulted ceiling and a plank floor. Governor Gore's own life-long collection of steins, many of them of great value, will give the room its distinctive decor.

The University Club has been designed by the South Bend, Ind., architectural firm of Montana and Schultz. Scheduled for completion within twelve months, the building will replace a 43-year-old residence which has served many University purposes and which was pressed into use as a club for faculty and staff members several years ago.

The general contract has been awarded to the Fred Black Construction Company, Inc. Edward J. White, Inc., received the mechanical contract, and Colip Brothers Electric, Inc., will be the electrical contractor. All three are South Bend, Ind., firms.

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