

The Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame, today issued the following statement:

"The University of Notre Dame strenuously objects to the paid political advertisements which have been placed by the Volunteers for Stevenson Organization in several metropolitan newspapers in an attempt to identify the University of Notre Dame with one side of the present political campaign. These advertisements have been taken by many to represent the official position of the University, despite a brief clause to the contrary at the end of the statement. Actually, those who signed the statement represent less than 12% of Notre Dame's faculty of 560 members. The statement was submitted without either the knowledge or the endorsement of any University official. The professors who signed the statement were perfectly free to do so as private citizens, but had no right whatever to involve the name of the University, which has been and remains absolutely non-partisan in this campaign. The University of Notre Dame has encouraged its faculty and student body to take an intelligent interest in the present campaign by inviting both presidential candidates to speak at the University on the spiritual and moral issues which face the nation today. Both candidates did speak at Notre Dame on these issues; both were well received. This latest action by a small percentage of the faculty is generally repudiated by the faculty at large, as having, in fact, jeopardized the non-partisan position of the University by using Notre Dame's name to support personal opinions."