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For release in PM's, Friday, August 2nd

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 2nd-- The University of Notre Dame will award approximately two hundred graduate degrees and fifty undergraduate diplomas at its summer commencement exercises in the University Drill Hall here Tuesday (August 6th) at 2:30 p.m.

Prof. Walter M. Langford, head of the department of modern languages, will be the principal speaker. Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Notre Dame executive vice president, will preside at the ceremonies and confer the degrees. Music for the convocation will be provided by the University Summer Orchestra conducted by Prof. Charles Biondo.

The majority of the students receiving advanced degrees are nuns, most of whom have studied at Notre Dame during five summer sessions. Virtually all the nuns are teachers in Catholic colleges, high schools and elementary schools throughout the country.

Prof. Langford has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1931. A specialist in Spanish and Portuguese, he was educated at Notre Dame and at the National University of Mexico. He is a member of the Modern Language Association and is a former Indiana chapter president of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

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For release in AM's, Thursday, August 1st:

Notre Dame, Ind., July 31st -- The Brothers of the Christian Schools have established a graduate house of studies at the University of Notre Dame, it was announced today by Brother I. Philip, F.S.C., provincial of their St. Louis province, and Rev. Paul E. Beichner, C.S.C., Dean of the Graduate School.

The project is a joint undertaking of the Christian Brothers' six provinces in the United States. Brothers from this country and Canada who are assigned to Notre Dame for graduate study will reside at Andre House, a large home situated on the campus near the stadium.

Currently nine of the twenty-five Christian Brothers attending the Notre Dame summer session are living at Andre House. Another group will arrive in September to enroll in the Notre Dame Graduate School for the 1957-58 academic year.

Plans for the Christian Brothers' new house of studies at Notre Dame were made last fall at a meeting of the community's major superiors at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Negotiations for the project were recently completed by Rev. Jerome J. Wilson, C.S.C., Notre Dame vice president for business affairs, and Brother Joel Damian, F.S.C., auxiliary provincial of the Christian Brothers' St. Louis province. The Christian Brothers are organized in the American provinces of New York, New England, Baltimore, St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans-Santa Fe. They operate seven colleges, sixty-eight high schools and other institutions throughout the country.

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For release in AM'S Sunday, August 4th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 4th-- Four young men who will enter Notre Dame as freshmen in September have been awarded four-year scholarships established at the university by the General Motors Corporation, according to an announcement today by Rev. Richard D. Murphy, C.S.C., director of admissions and scholarships.

The GM scholarship winners are Dennis P. Cantwell, 1601 Grape, St. Louis, Mo.; Eugene Z. Dombkowski, 5337 W. Fullerton, Chicago, Ill.; Donald R. Leavers, 109 Chautauqua Blvd., Erie, Pa.; and David F. Lee, 44 Westbrook St., South Portland, Me.

The GM scholarship awards range in value from \$200 to \$2,000 annually, depending on the demonstrated need of the individual student. The company makes additional annual \$800 grants-in-aid to Notre Dame for each scholarship awarded. The four GM scholarships were established at the university on the basis of one for every twenty Notre Dame alumni employed by the auto manufacturer.

Three hundred "college plan" scholarships established by General Motors are currently being awarded at 110 private and 68 public colleges and universities in each of the 48 states. Under its "national plan," GM annually awards 100 four-year scholarships to high school seniors who excel in a national competitive examination.

General Motors scholarship winners currently attending Notre Dame include Jean M. Beaudoin, Duluth, Minn.; Charles A. Bowen, Jr., Attleboro, Mass.; Phillips J. Gibson, Rochester, N. Y.; James E. Houston, Casper, Wyoming; James D. Rose, Hamburg, N. Y.; James J. Short, Philadelphia, Pa.; Daniel P. Stanton, Jr., Baltimore, Md.; John J. Uebbing, Chicago, Ill.; Thomas F. Zanchoff, Trenton, N. J.; William J. O'Connell, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Richard J. Sampson, Los Angeles, California.

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For release in PM's, Thursday, August 29th:

Notre Dame, Ind., August 29----- Capt. Leonard T. Morse, naval attache at the American embassy in Moscow since 1955, has been appointed commanding officer of the Navy ROTC unit and professor of naval science at the University of Notre Dame, according to an announcement today by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., university president. Morse, who will assume his new duties September 3rd, succeeds Capt. Thomas L. Greene who is retiring after thirty years service in the Navy.

A native of Portland, Me., and a 1929 Annapolis graduate, Capt. Morse has been decorated for his service during World War II and the Korean conflict. He was navigator and air officer aboard the aircraft carrier "Hornet" during 1943-44 and later served as staff plans officer for Navy air units on Guam and with the Pacific fleet. In Korea, where he was senior naval liaison officer, he was cited for "skillfully coordinating the operations of naval aircraft with those of the Fifth Air Force...."

Capt. Morse has been a naval aviator since 1932. His tours of duty during the past twenty-five years have included assignments with Navy air units and commands of ships and bases serving the Navy's air mission. In Moscow he held the dual posts of naval attache and naval attache for air. His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Gold Star in lieu of the second award.

Capt. Greene, a veteran submarine commander, has headed Notre Dame's Navy ROTC unit since 1955. Stimulated by his experience of teaching young men at Notre Dame, he recently enrolled in a special Purdue University course for retired officers of the armed forces. Capt. Greene will study for a master's degree in education at Purdue and plans to enter the field of college teaching.

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For immediate release:

Washington, D. C., Aug. 27 --- A team of scientists headed by Dr. Thomas G. Ward, associate director of the University of Notre Dame's Lobund Institute, has found that the Asiatic flu vaccine gives "definite but not complete protection" against the highly infectious disease.

Their preliminary findings were reported here today (Tuesday) by Dr. Justin Andrews, director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, at a special meeting of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers of the United States.

The vaccine is being tested by Dr. Ward and his associates at Patuxent Institute, Jessup, Md., with the cooperation of the Maryland State Board of Correction. According to their report, "fifty-five volunteers were given a single dose of either a commercial strain vaccine or a placebo control, and some three weeks later they were given the Asian strain influenza virus by dropping it in the nose. Although observations are not yet complete, early clinical examination shows that the vaccine gives definite but not complete protection against artificially induced influenza," they reported.

The vaccine tests are sponsored by the National Institutes of Health in cooperation with Notre Dame. Associated with Dr. Ward in the project are Dr. Harold Boslow, director of Patuxent Institute; and Dr. Robert J. Huebner and Dr. Joseph A. Bell of the National Institutes of Health.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since January, 1956, Dr. Ward heads the new graduate program in microbiotics at the Lobund Institute. He is an authority on the common cold and is a co-discoverer of the APC group of viruses. He was a member of a research team which developed a virus vaccine which has proved to be effective against certain upper respiratory infections.

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