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For release in PM's, Monday, September 2nd:

Washington, D. C., Sept. 2--- Union and company officials were clearly reminded of their obligation to safeguard the integrity of pension and welfare funds in a Labor Day sermon here today (Monday) by the president of the Catholic Economic Association,

Rev. Mark J. Fitzgerald, C.S.C., professor of economics at the University of Notre Dame, said that if labor and management zealously discharge their duties, the negotiated security program will become "a glorious achievement of free industrial relations. Neglect of these obligations, however, may cause grave harm to our social and economic order," he warned.

Father Fitzgerald spoke on "Social Justice and Welfare Fund Agreements" during the fifth annual Labor Day Mass at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart here. Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington celebrated the Mass which was attended by representatives of labor, industry and government. Father Fitzgerald directs Notre Dame's annual Union-Management Conference and heads the industrial relations section of the University's economics department.

Company funds set aside under welfare and pension programs, "whether in the care of unions, employers or both, are legally recognized as deferred wages," the Notre Dame economist pointed out. "To dissipate these reserves by excessive administrative charges, or to jeopardize them by dubious investments, especially for personal advantage," Father Fitzgerald declared, is to risk violating a biblical precept by "depriving the worker of his hire--- and at a time when he is ill or suffering the trials of old age."

The enormous growth of welfare and pension funds in recent years has made the responsibilities of union leaders "much more serious than in previous times," Father Fitzgerald noted. "Temptations to betray the interests of the members have become more severe. Unfortunately, there are notorious cases where union officials have yielded to these temptations and proved themselves false to their trust," he said.

"Without proper precautions there is no more assurance that company plans will be any freer from abuse than are union administered funds," the president of the Catholic Economic Association asserted. "The failure of many company pension programs of an earlier day to fulfill their promise because of poor standards must not be forgotten," he noted.

Father Fitzgerald called on the press "to avoid a distorted approach" in reporting irregularities in the administration of pension and welfare funds. "Day after day to bring to the public's attention stories of misconduct in regard to such programs, without noting the splendid record of honest achievement by both employers and unions, which predominates, is to leave an impression out of balance with reality," he contended.

He also cited "the forthright action" which has been taken by American unions through their national federation by publication of "codes of ethical practices." These codes, he said, rededicate unions to their essential purpose, "the economic and social welfare of ^{the} membership." Their main impact is intended for "the minority group which threatens the good name of the labor movement," he asserted.

"There is no denying that the American union movement is facing a critical internal challenge to its prestige, which must be overcome," Father Fitzgerald declared. "The forces of corruption", he stressed, "though minor now, could assume grave proportions unless courageously met and defeated." The crises will be overcome, he predicted, "and the house of labor will be stronger and more stable because of the present challenge."

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For release in AM's, Sunday, September 1st:

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 31 --- A major college football team preparing for a rugged ten-game schedule will be the subject of "LET'S TAKE A TRIP" when the popular CBS television show originates from the University of Notre Dame September 8th (Sunday) at 12 noon, Eastern Daylight Time.

Master-of-ceremonies "Sonny" Fox and ten-year-olds Jimmy Walsh and Joan Terrace, the stars of the weekly program, will get a preview of the 1957 "Fighting Irish" in activities ranging from basic calisthenics to the intricacies of the T-formation. Escorting them behind-the-scenes at Notre Dame's pre-season practice will be Head Football Coach Terry Brennan.

Others featured on the coast-to-coast telecast will be Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president; athletic director Edward W. "Moose" Krause; and members of the football coaching staff and the Notre Dame team. The 30-minute program will emanate "live" from Cartier Field, the practice field of the "Fighting Irish," and Notre Dame Stadium.

Produced by CBS Public Affairs, "LET'S TAKE A TRIP" is now well into its third year on the air. Each week Fox and his youthful travel-mates visit some person or place of unusual interest. In recent weeks the program has originated from aboard the replica of the "Mayflower" in New York harbor; the Truman Library at Independence, Mo.; the Shakespeare Festival, Stratford, Conn.; the Boy Scout Jamboree, Valley Forge, Pa.; and the U. S. Maritime Academy, Kings Point, N. Y.

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For release in AM's, Thursday, Sept. 12th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 11— One student from each of six southern states will be eligible for a four year scholarship at the University of Notre Dame beginning in September, 1958, it was announced today by Rev. Richard Murphy, C.S.C., chairman of the University scholarship committee.

The Meehan Scholarships, founded in 1936 by the late Augustus F. Meehan of Chattanooga, Tenn., provide an annual grant of \$750 for four years for one qualified high school graduate from Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Neither religious creed nor financial necessity are determinants in selecting the scholarship winners, Father Murphy said.

The home of the applicant's parents must be within the geographical limits of the state for which he applies. Each applicant must be a high school senior and must apply for admission to Notre Dame as well as for the Meehan scholarship prior to January 1, 1958. He must present a birth or baptismal certificate attesting that he is a native born American citizen. And he must take the College Entrance Examination Board tests on January 11, 1958.

Information about the College Entrance examinations may be obtained from the College Entrance Examination Board, Box 592, Princeton, New Jersey. Official Scholarship application forms and other details may be obtained by writing the Meehan Scholarship Committee, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana.

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For release in PM's, Thursday, Sept. 5th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 5th— The appointment of Rev. John E. Walsh, C.S.C. as head of the department of education at the University of Notre Dame was announced today by Rev. Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., vice president for academic affairs. Father Walsh, a specialist in the philosophy of education, succeeds Dr. Bernard J. Kohlbrenner who has headed the department since 1949. Kohlbrenner, who has taught at Notre Dame 1929 to 1933 and since 1945, will now give all his time to teaching and research.

A thirty-four year old native of Jackson, Nebraska, Father Walsh received a doctorate from Yale University in 1953 and has been a Notre Dame faculty member since that time. In the University's Graduate School he has taught courses in "Comparative Education," "The School and Social Order," and "Contemporary Philosophies of Education in the United States."

Father Walsh entered the novitiate of the Holy Cross Fathers in 1942 and was graduated from Notre Dame in 1945. After four years of theological studies at Holy Cross College, Washington, D. C., he was ordained to the priesthood on June 8, 1949, by the late Archbishop John F. Noll of Fort Wayne. He received a master's degree at Notre Dame the following year. Father Walsh is a member of the Comparative Education Society and is president of the Chicago region of the Philosophy of Education Society.

Dr. Kohlbrenner, a native of Syracuse, N. Y., has specialized in the history of education. He holds degrees from Syracuse University and Harvard which awarded him a doctorate in 1942. Prior to re-joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1945, he was head of the department of education at the College of New Rochelle, N. Y. From 1933 to 1940 he taught at St. Louis (Mo.) University. He is the author of more than thirty articles in professional journals and is a member of the National Education Association and the National Catholic Educational Association.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, Sept. 8th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 7 -- Dr. John J. Kennedy, associate professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame, has been appointed a Carnegie Research Fellow by the Council on Foreign Relations of New York. He has been granted a three semester leave of absence by the University to conduct a study of Argentine foreign policy. Entitled "Argentine National Interest and the Inter-American System," the project will be sponsored jointly by the Council and Notre Dame's Committee on International Relations.

Professor Kennedy is a member of the Committee and also serves as an associate editor of Notre Dame's quarterly REVIEW OF POLITICS. He is the author of the forthcoming book, Catholicism, Nationalism and Democracy in Argentina, which will be published by the Committee early next year.

Prior to joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1951, Professor Kennedy spent twelve years in research and travel in Latin America. In the immediate post war years he was a regional specialist in the cultural relations division of the State Department. From 1948 to 1950 he was a visiting professor of public administration at the University of Puerto Rico. His World War II service as a Navy lieutenant commander in the Caribbean included a tour of duty as assistant naval attache at the American embassy in Caracas, Venezuela.

From 1938 to 1941 Kennedy was liaison secretary for Latin American activities of the Public Administration Clearing House at the University of Chicago. He was technical advisor to the U. S. delegations at meetings of the Inter-American Congress in Havana in 1936, New Orleans in 1950 and at Montevideo in 1953. He served as acting secretary general of the Congress in Santiago in 1941.

Professor Kennedy is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and holds a master's degree and a doctorate from Columbia University.

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For release at 10 a.m., EDT, Sunday, September 22nd:

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 22 -- Man must not allow himself to be "seduced by the material benefits of science to the exclusion of the deep spiritual values that he cherished long before the advent of modern science and its accompanying technology," the president of the University of Notre Dame declared here today (Sunday).

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., speaking in Sacred Heart Church at a Solemn Mass marking the formal opening of the academic year, said that science should be viewed "in the total perspective of man's life and destiny, not as an exclusive blessing." Chronicling the "literally fantastic" results of modern science, he insisted that "there are other good and even better things if man does not live by bread alone."

A man that is well-fed, well-clothed and well-housed can be "ignorant, prejudiced and immoral, too," the Notre Dame president pointed out. "A healthy man can be as unjust as an unhealthy man. A long life is not necessarily good or fruitful. Vastly expanded communications devices do not guarantee that much worthwhile is being communicated, and a world brought close together is not necessarily a world at peace. Simplified housekeeping does not guarantee happy marriages; easily accessible amusement cannot banish the boredom of a pointless life; and vitamins are no substitute for virtues," he said.

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Father Hesburgh, a member of the National Science Board, stressed the difficulty of the University's task "in a world that is essentially secularistic and scientifically oriented in its forward march."

He told more than 500 Notre Dame faculty members and a capacity congregation of students that "our greatest challenge and opportunity is to understand both the vital importance of our heritage and the growing importance of science, so that working together, instead of at cross purposes, our heritage may be enriched and science will become a fruitful instrument of man, not his master or destroyer."

"No person can be liberally educated today," Father Hesburgh observed, "without a reasonable grasp of science and the great new vision of the universe, in its innermost and outermost parts, that modern science has brought us." On the other hand, science needs the other academic disciplines too, he said, "for there is more to human life than the understanding and manipulation of nature."

Recently appointed Vatican City delegate to the new International Atomic Energy Agency, Father Hesburgh deplored the lack of communication among specialists in the various arts and sciences. He lamented that theologians and physicists, for example, "have not been on speaking terms for centuries --- so much so that they no longer speak the same language." He cited evidence, however, that the climate has now begun to change --- and on both sides. "The time is ripe," he urged, "to take up a fruitful conversation left aside centuries ago."

The Notre Dame president charged his faculty to "cherish the task of seeking and imparting truth in every way possible; that we disdain no truth, be it theological, philosophical, historical, poetic or scientific; that we ourselves may be examples of the kinds of minds and hearts, the kinds of human persons whom we try to fashion by the educative process; and that we try to appreciate all that is good in the past while we bring its wisdom to bear in directing and giving ultimate meaning to the powerful forces that are awakening in our world today."

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For release in PM's, Thursday, September 26th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 26 --- Jewish, Protestant and Catholic scholars will participate in a symposium on "Roman Catholicism and the American Way of Life" to be held at the University of Notre Dame October 18-19, according to an announcement today by Rev. Thomas T. McAvoy, C.S.C., head of the history department.

The purpose of the symposium, Father McAvoy said, is "to examine the impact of Catholicism on present day America and to discuss some of the more important problems that have resulted from the efforts of the Catholic minority to live in the twentieth century United States."

At the opening session (Fri., Oct. 18, 8 p.m., Law Auditorium) the present position of religion in America will be analyzed by Dr. Will Herberg, professor of Judaic studies and social philosophy at Drew University, Madison, N. J.; Dr. Wilhelm Pauck, professor of church history, Union Theological Seminary, New York City; and Rev. Francis Curran, S. J., Loyola Seminary, Shrub Oak, N. Y.

Several aspects of Catholicism in America will be explored at the symposium's second session (Sat., Oct. 19, 9 a.m.). Speakers and their topics include Rev. R. L. Bruckberger, O. B., Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill., "A European View of American Catholics;" Msgr. E. E. Swanstrom, executive director, Catholic Relief Services, New York City, "The Newer Catholic Immigrations;" and Dr. Aaron I. Abell, professor of history at Notre Dame, "Catholics and Social and Economic Reform."

Speakers at the final session (Sat., Oct. 19, 2 p.m.) will be Rev. Raymond Cour, C.S.C., assistant professor of political science at Notre Dame, "Catholics and Church and State;" Rev. Joseph Fichter, S. J., head of the department of sociology, Loyola University of the South, New Orleans, "Americanization of Catholics;" and Dr. Jerome G. Kerwin, professor of political science, University of Chicago, "Catholics and the Field of Higher Education."

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 20 --- A Guide of Information on Catholic Educational Institutions in the United States has been published here in Spanish by the Catholic Committee on Inter-American Student Problems.

According to Rev. Robert Pelton, C.S.C., vice president of the committee and editor of the publication, only about 1,000 out of 12,000 Latin American students in the United States are attending Catholic colleges and universities. The new volume, designed to inform Latin Americans about Catholic educational institutions in this country, will be distributed south-of-the-border by the State Department, the bishops of Latin American nations, missionaries and other selected contacts.

Fifty-five American Catholic colleges and universities have cooperated in compiling the directory, Father Pelton said. Included in the volume is a wealth of information concerning their accreditation, curricula, faculties, library, and residence facilities, tuition and fees and other pertinent data.

Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne, honorary president of the Catholic Committee on Inter-American Student Problems, has written a foreword to the volume. Other committee officers are Rev. James Conroy, associate editor, Our Sunday Visitor, president; Rev. Robert Pelton, C.S.C., assistant professor of religion at Notre Dame, vice president; Sister M. Laurine, O. P., Siena Heights College, secretary; and Dr. John Riedl, dean of the Marquette University Graduate School, treasurer.

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For release in PM's, Friday, September 27th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 27 --- Plans for the University of Notre Dame's tenth annual World Trade Conference October 22nd were announced here today by Dean James W. Culliton of the College of Commerce.

Principal speakers at the sessions will be J. Peter Grace, president of W. R. Grace and Company, New York City, and Dr. Stephen Kertesz, head of the Committee on International Relations at Notre Dame. Grace will address the conference banquet at The Morris Inn (6:30 p.m.) while Kertesz will be the luncheon speaker (12:30 p.m.).

More than 200 midwest businessmen engaged in exporting and allied activities are expected to attend the conference which will open at 10 a.m. in the Engineering Auditorium. The morning program will consist of a series of discussions on topics such as credit evaluation of foreign customers, advertising problems in foreign markets, and improving export department management. During the afternoon session world trade experts in the specialized fields of transportation, taxation, finance, sales, advertising and research will form a panel to answer questions from the floor.

Grace became president of W. R. Grace and Co. in 1946 and is an officer or director of its twenty-three subsidiary companies. A 1936 Yale graduate, he is a member of Notre Dame's Associate Board of Lay Trustees.

Kertesz, former Hungarian minister to Italy, has been a professor of political science at Notre Dame since 1950. He is the author of Fate of East Central Europe: Hopes and Failures of American Foreign Policy.

Wesley Bender, professor of marketing at Notre Dame, is chairman of the World Trade Conference Committee.

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For immediate release:

Milwaukee, Wisc., Sept. 22 --- A statewide Catholic Census and Information Program was launched in the five dioceses of Wisconsin today. More than 50,000 Catholic men and women will call at 900,000 homes throughout the Badger State to secure an accurate census of Catholics, to locate fallenaways and to invite interested non-Catholics to parish inquiry forums.

In a joint pastoral letter the Wisconsin hierarchy called for "a mighty corps of volunteers" to carry out the historic program. "The winning of many well-meaning but unbelieving to the cause of Christ demands the mobilization of every Catholic man, woman and child in a mighty effort for the advancement of Christ's kingdom," the prelates declared.

Marshalling the resources of their respective dioceses are Archbishop Albert G. Meyer of Milwaukee; Bishop Stanislaus Bona of Green Bay; Bishop William P. O'Connor of Madison; Bishop John P. Treacy of LaCrosse; and Bishop Joseph J. Annabring of Superior. Assisting the ordinaries in the campaign is Rev. John A. O'Brien, of the University of Notre Dame, a leader in the convert movement in the United States.

The canvassers have been armed with Father O'Brien's Winning Converts, recently published in pocket-book format by the University of Notre Dame Press. Father O'Brien has spearheaded similar crusades in fifteen other dioceses.

The Census Program is scheduled to conclude September 29th and inquiry forums will begin in all parishes of Wisconsin the following evening. The instruction periods will continue twice weekly until December 21st when converts will be baptized. They will receive their first Holy Communion the following day.

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