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For release in AM's, Friday, November 1st:

Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 31 -- The second part of a University of Notre Dame symposium on "What America Stands For" will be held November 8th (Friday) when scholars will discuss five important areas of twentieth century life in the United States. The sessions will be sponsored by Notre Dame's Committee on International Relations, a research group whose work is supported in part by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Symposium speakers and their subjects will be Prof. Charles Hardin, University of Chicago, "American Agriculture;" Chancellor Clark Kerr, University of California at Berkeley, "Labor and Management Relations in the United States;" Prof. Karl de Schweinitz, Jr., Northwestern University, "The American Economic System;" Prof. Thomas J. Stritch, University of Notre Dame, "Film and Television in the United States;" and Prof. Guy B. Johnson, University of North Carolina, "Freedom, Equality and Segregation."

Professors Hardin and Kerr will speak at a session opening at 9:30 a.m. in Notre Dame's Law Auditorium. Prof. Stephen Kertesz, head of the Committee on International Relations, also will speak at the opening session, giving a report on the first part of the symposium held last March 29-30. Professors de Schweinitz and Stritch will be heard in 127 Hieuwland Science Hall at 2:30 p.m. Prof. Johnson will speak at the Law Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Established in 1948, the Committee on International Relations has published twelve books and sponsored a number of campus symposia. Committee members, in addition to Prof. Kertesz, are M. A. Fitzsimons, editor of Notre Dame's REVIEW OF POLITICS and professor of history; F. A. Hermens and John J. Kennedy of the political science department; and W. O. Shanahan, professor of history.

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For release in AM's, Saturday, November 9th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 8 --- There is no longer a solid South of segregation, Professor Guy B. Johnson of the University of North Carolina declared here tonight (Friday). "The defiant states may hold out indefinitely, but they are going to be lonelier and lonelier," he said.

Speaking at a University of Notre Dame symposium on "What America Stands For," the southern sociologist predicted that the eventual abandonment of compulsory segregation below the Mason-Dixon line "will rid the white man of his false fears and of the stigma of unfair legal compulsion against the Negro." On the other hand, he said, Negroes "shall be rid of a hated symbol of second-class citizenship and a handy alibi for second-rate achievement."

Johnson was one of five speakers at the symposium which was sponsored by Notre Dame's Committee on International Relations, a research group whose activities are supported in part by the Rockefeller Foundation. Other speakers discussed various aspects of contemporary American life including our economic system, agriculture, labor-management relations and films and television.

"The battle over desegregation is very bitter right now, and it will get worse before things get better, but there can be no doubt as to its outcome Professor Johnson emphasized. "Not only the Supreme Court, but the Christian ethic, the American Dream and time itself are on the side of freedom and equality," he said.

The Negro, the white man, and the South itself all have been adversely affected by the compulsory racial segregation which prevails in the southern and border states, Johnson claimed. While the Negro has been "the main victim," many white southerners have been "so thoroughly brainwashed by their elders in the ideology of white supremacy and Negro inferiority that they have never found their way back to the world of reality," he argued.

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Because of its "preoccupation with racial orthodoxy and party solidarity the South has forfeited its once outstanding position in national political leadership," the North Carolina sociologist contended. He pointed out that while eleven of the seventeen presidents of the United States prior to 1868 were southerners only one American president since that time, Woodrow Wilson, was born in the South. He also blamed the "race-caste system" of the southern states for their low rank, as compared to other states, "with respect to the usual indices of human well-being."

The problem of compulsory racial segregation, Johnson said, "is the crucial moral issue of American government in the twentieth century." He described the "massive resistance, even defiance" of the Supreme Court's desegregation decision of 1954 as constituting "the greatest constitutional crisis since the secession and Civil War." Despite resistance and even occasional violence, Professor Johnson expressed the conviction that there is "a great reservoir of common sense and decency in the South which, when the nullifiers and resisters have shot their bolts, will take over and work out the problems of desegregation in a constructive way."

In another symposium paper on "Film and Television in the United States," Notre Dame professor Thomas J. Stritch attributed the success as well as the shortcomings of American movies to the "peculiar marriage of art and industry," to Hollywood's "big business" methods, and to the teamwork concept of film production. Stritch, who heads Notre Dame's department of communication arts, said that television lacks "a really distinct form of its own." Its relaxed and homey atmosphere, he said, produces journalism more often than art.

Earlier symposium speakers were president Clark Kerr of the University of California (NO ADVANCE TEXT AVAILABLE); Prof. Charles Hardin, University of Chicago; and Prof. Karl de Schweinitz, Jr., Northwestern University. Dr. Stephen Kertesz, head of Notre Dame's Committee on International Relations, presided at the sessions.

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For release in PII's, Monday, November 11th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 11 --- The appointment of three new members to the University of Notre Dame's Associate Board of Lay Trustees was announced here today (Monday) by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., university president.

They are William R. Daley, Cleveland financier and industrialist; Joseph I. O'Neill, Jr., Midland, Texas, independent oil operator; and Alfred C. Stepan, Jr., president of the Stepan Chemical Co., Chicago. O'Neill and Stepan are Notre Dame alumni.

The Associate Board of Lay Trustees is composed of twenty-four nationally prominent businessmen who have the responsibility of holding, investing and administering Notre Dame's endowment funds. The group holds semi-annual meetings on the campus.

Daley is president of Otis and Co., vice president and treasurer of the Portsmouth Steel Corp., and board chairman of the Cleveland Indians. He has been a member of Notre Dame's College of Commerce Advisory Council. In 1954 Daley established a \$10,000 Investment Fund with which commerce school students actually purchase stocks and bonds as part of their training in finance. He is a graduate of Western Reserve University and its law school.

O'Neill is a 1937 Notre Dame graduate and served as president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association during 1956. As an undergraduate he was a member of the varsity football and baseball teams. Prior to entering the oil business he was a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has been serving as a member of the Notre Dame Law School Advisory Council.

Stepan has been a member of the Advisory Council of Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters from which he was graduated in 1931. He is a former president of the Notre Dame Club of Chicago.

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For release in AM's, Wednesday, November 13th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 12 --- A collection of 394 original drawings by celebrated cartoonist John T. McCutcheon has been presented to the University of Notre Dame gallery by his widow, Mrs. Evelyn Shaw McCutcheon, Lake Forest, Ill., according to an announcement today by curator Paul Byrne.

Mrs. McCutcheon has also donated a number of color reproductions of her husband's more famous cartoons, including "Injun Summer" which is reprinted annually by The Chicago Tribune. Included, too, in the new Notre Dame collection is a reproduction of "A Wise Economist Asks a Question," a McCutcheon cartoon which was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1931.

The McCutcheon cartoons constitute a pictorial history of our time from the turn of the century until his death in 1949. They deal with most of the prominent and controversial personalities and issues that made headlines during that period. They will be exhibited at the Notre Dame gallery early in 1958, Byrne said.

A native of South Raub, Indiana, McCutcheon was graduated from Purdue University in 1889. He drew his first political cartoon for the old Chicago Record in 1896. In 1903 he joined the staff of The Chicago Tribune and was to serve that paper for more than forty-five years. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Notre Dame in 1931.

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For release in PM's, Thursday, November 14th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 14 --- Keenan Hall, one of two new University of Notre Dame dormitories, will be formally dedicated November 23rd (Saturday) in ceremonies beginning at 9 a.m.

Bishop Loras Lane of Rockford, Illinois, a Notre Dame graduate, will bless the building following a Mass to be celebrated by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., university president.

Accommodating 300 students, the four-story buff brick building is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Keenan, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in memory of their son, James F. Keenan, Jr., who died in 1941. Mr. Keenan, who attended Notre Dame, is president of the Keenan Hotel Co. in Fort Wayne and a member of the University's Associate Board of Lay Trustees.

Keenan Hall was designed by Ellerbe and Co. and built by the M. J. McGough Company, both of St. Paul, Minn. The building provides 150 student rooms, quarters for four Holy Cross priests who serve as rector and prefects, a foyer, study hall and television lounge.

The chapel serving Keenan Hall students seats four hundred. It includes a travertine marble main altar and four oak side altars. A mahogany crucifix which hangs above the main altar is the work of celebrated sculptor Ivan Mestrovic of the Notre Dame faculty. The chapel's pipe organ is the gift of Mrs. Helen Kellogg of Chicago, Illinois.

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For immediate release:

Washington, D. C., Nov. 7 -- President Eisenhower today appointed Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, a member of the new Civil Rights Commission.

Created by the civil rights law enacted by Congress last August, the Commission is authorized to investigate cases where citizens have been denied the right to vote because of their color, race, religion or national origin. It will also study denial of equal protection under the law in other phases of American life.

Former Supreme Court Justice Stanley F. Reed was named chairman of the six-man Commission and president John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State University, was designated vice chairman. Other Commission members are J. Ernest Wilkins, assistant secretary of labor; John S. Battle, former governor of Virginia; and Dean Robert G. Storey of the Southern Methodist University Law School. The appointments are subject to Senate confirmation when Congress convenes in January.

Father Hesburgh, a native of Syracuse, N. Y., has been president of Notre Dame since 1952. By presidential appointment he also is a member of the National Science Board and the Board of Visitors of the U. S. Naval Academy. The 40-year-old priest returned last week from Vienna where he served as permanent Vatican City representative at the first general conference of the new International Atomic Energy Agency.

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For release in AM's, Thursday, November 28th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 27 -- The 20th annual Universal Notre Dame Communion Sunday will be observed by most of the University's 165 alumni clubs in this country and overseas on December 8th, according to an announcement today by James E. Armstrong, executive secretary of the Notre Dame Alumni Association.

Inaugurated in 1938 by the Notre Dame Club of New York City, the annual event stresses the importance of religion to good citizenship. Local observances consist of group attendance at Mass by Notre Dame alumni followed by a Communion breakfast.

This year's event coincides with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, under which title Our Lady has been designated patroness of the United States. According to Armstrong, the theme of Universal Notre Dame Communion Sunday this year will be the special relationship of alumni to Our Lady through their alma mater, the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception whose headquarters are on the campus.

Notre Dame is currently making plans for the centennial observance next year of the Virgin Mary's apparitions at Lourdes, France. The Vatican recently granted special indulgences to those who visit the campus replica of the Lourdes grotto during the centennial year beginning February 11, 1958.

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For release in PM's, Tuesday, November 26th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Nov. 26 --- The National Institutes (cq) of Health has awarded grants totalling \$142,930 to support scientific research at the University of Notre Dame, according to an announcement today by Francis X. Bradley, assistant dean in charge of research at the Notre Dame Graduate School.

The largest grant of \$97,913 was earmarked for the purchase of germfree animal equipment at the University's Lobund Institute, Bradley said. A \$25,000 grant will support the research of Dr. Thomas G. Ward, associate director of the Institute, on "Characterization of Agents of the Common Cold."

The NIH also awarded a grant of \$10,041 to support Dr. Charles Brambel's biochemistry research dealing with blood coagulation inhibitors such as heparin.

A fourth grant of \$5,882 by the National Institutes of Health will underwrite research on "Differentiation of the Salamander Hypomere" by Dr. Cyril V. Finnegan of the biology department.

A \$4,094 grant was awarded for research on "Aminoacid and Protein Metal Complexes" being conducted by Dr. James V. Quagliano and Rev. Thomas J. Lane, C.S.C., also of the chemistry department.

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