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For release in PM's, Wednesday, April 8th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 8 -- The appointment of Dr. Ralph E. Thorson as head of the department of biology at the University of Notre Dame was announced today by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president.

Thorson, who is a Notre Dame alumnus, has been a professor of parasitology at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala. Dr. Thorson also will direct the germfree life research programs at the University's Lobund laboratories, Father Hesburgh said. Both Notre Dame units have been supervised by acting heads in recent months.

A native of Chatfield, Minnesota, Thorson received undergraduate and master's degrees from Notre Dame in 1948 and 1949. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science in parasitology by The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD., in 1952.

Thorson served as an instructor in The Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health during 1952-53. Except for a two year period he has been associated with the School of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn since 1953. Last year he was elevated to the rank of full professor and named director of the school's diagnostic laboratory. From 1956 to 1958 Thorson was a research parasitologist at the Lederle Laboratories Division of the American Cyanamid Co., Pearl River, N. Y.

Thorson is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Parasitology. His professional affiliations include the American Society of Parasitologists, The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sigma Xi, and the Helminthological Society of Washington. He is married and has three daughters.

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For release in AM's, Thursday, April 9th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 8 -- A Navy biologist declared here tonight (Wed.) that America's scientific talents should be concentrated to a far greater degree on discovering new ways to make man "well fed, more healthy and happy."

Dr. Roger Reid, director of the Biological Sciences Division of the Office of Naval Research, described current nuclear and space research as "unquestionably an essential task." But he urged greater use of the nation's laboratories to provide means "for all people to live like human beings, thereby eliminating one of the basic causes of war."

Reid addressed the banquet session of a Symposium on Gnotobiotic Technology sponsored by the University of Notre Dame's Lobund Institute. One hundred biologists representing education, government, and industry are attending the sessions which are co-sponsored by the Office of Naval Research, the National Institutes (cq) of Health and the Institute for Laboratory Animal Resources. The two-day program includes more than a dozen technical papers dealing with germfree animal research which was pioneered at Notre Dame.

Noting "unprecedented technological and engineering advances" which have brought us jet planes, television, radar and the like, Reid said that such benefits are limited to relatively few people whereas "two-thirds of the world's citizens have inadequate diets and go to bed hungry night after night".

"Progress in biological research has lagged behind progress in the physical sciences," Reid asserted. He called for an International Biological Year, "or better yet, a Biological Decade," during which biology, with help from the physical sciences, can make it possible for the earth to accommodate and nourish the doubled population expected by 1998.

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The Navy scientist claimed that the only areas in the biological sciences that are "in any measure adequately supported" are those aimed at reducing suffering and death by disease. "There is much more to be done to relieve the misery and suffering caused by infectious and metabolic diseases," he said, "but we must cease being emotional about these things at the expense of being utterly unrealistic about the greater and more far-reaching problems of basic biology",

Turning briefly to space research, Reid observed that man "has conquered the sonic barrier, is breaking through the thermal barrier, and the gravity barrier. There is, however," he said, "one important biological barrier that appears to be almost impossible to conquer at this stage of our knowledge of adaptation. It is a hard cold fact", he continued, "that places worth visiting out there in space are a matter of months -- or years -- away." Even if we could travel at one-fourth the speed of light, the round trip to the nearest solar system would take thirty-two years, Reid pointed out. "Can science improve the adaptability of the human body, much less his mind, to the stresses involved in such a journey?", he asked.

"Biology stands on the threshold of a highly productive era", Reid declared. "By application of newly refined tools and techniques, the barriers to our comprehension of the very nature of life will be broken down". He predicted that if the world's scientists extended the same cooperation and support for a "Biological Decade" as they did for the recent International Geophysical Year, "we could enter into a great new biological era that can mean the difference between disaster or survival for mankind on earth".

Another banquet speaker was A. G. Wedum, safety director at Fort Detrick, Frederick, Md. Technical papers were presented earlier by Dale W. Jenkins, Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources; A. W. Phillips, Syracuse University; John L. S. Hickey, National Institutes of Health; Stanley M. Levenson, Ole J. Malm and Richard Horowitz, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research; and Philip Trexler, Helmut Gordon, B. A. Teah, and Morris Wagner, all of Notre Dame's Lobund laboratories. Rev.

Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, greeted the scientists at the opening session.

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For release in AM's, Sunday April 12th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 11 -- Plans for a Notre Dame Law School symposium on "The Problems and Responsibilities of School Desegregation" were announced today by Dean Joseph O'Meara. The sessions will be held in the Law Auditorium May 8-9 (Fri-Sat.).

Nationally prominent figures representing the churches, government, educators and school administrators, the Negro community and the legal profession will participate in the symposium. Their names will be announced in the near future, O'Meara said. Each of the speakers will address himself to the problems and responsibilities of the group he represents.

"We have no intention of debating the merits or demerits of the Supreme Court's school integration decisions, which we support," the Notre Dame law dean declared. "Nor are we interested in platitudes or generalities. Our purpose is to concentrate on the practical problems arising from the Court's decisions and on the responsibilities, in relations to these problems, of the churches, of public officials, of educators and school administrators, of the Negro community and of the legal profession. Thus the whole point of the symposium," O'Meara explained, "is to approach the matter constructively with the idea of illuminating the problems involved and making practical suggestions for their solution, so that we can go forward again as one united people."

O'Meara said the symposium will be preceded by a dinner (May 8) for the participants and a small group of publishers and other representatives of the press.

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For release in AM's, Friday, April 24th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 23 --- Plans for the dedication of the new Moreau Seminary on the University of Notre Dame campus May 13th were announced today (Thur.) by Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, C.S.C., provincial superior of the Holy Cross Fathers' Indiana Province.

Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, recently named Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will officiate at the dedication rites beginning at 10:00 a.m. Following the blessing of the building, Archbishop Paul C. Schulte of Indianapolis will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass in the seminary chapel. The dedicatory sermon will be delivered by Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne.

The dedication of the \$3,000,000 seminary closes the centennial observance of the Vatican's approval of the constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Superiors of the Congregation in this country and abroad will join members of the hierarchy and other special guests at the rites and the dedication luncheon.

Among those who have accepted invitations to the dedication are Bishop John Carberry of Lafayette, Ind., and Archabbot Bonaventure Knaebel, O. S. B., St. Meinrad, Ind. Major superiors of the Congregation of Holy Cross who will attend the ceremonies include Rev. George DePrizio, C.S.C., Bridgeport, Conn.; Rev. Alfred E. Toner, C.S.C., Rev. Germain Laland, C.S.C., and Brother Dominique Leclerc, C.S.C., Montreal, Canada; Rev. Herve Leger, C.S.C., Pre-d'en Haut, New Brunswick; Brother Donatus Schmitz, C.S.C., South Bend, Ind.; Brother Ephrem O'Dwyer, C.S.C., Flushing, N.Y.; and Brother John Baptist Titzer, C.S.C., Austin, Tex.

Seminary rectors and superiors of religious communities whose headquarters are in Indiana also have been invited to attend the dedication.

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The seminary, which replaces an older building of the same name, is named in honor of Rev. Basil Anthony Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, whose cause for beatification has been introduced at the Vatican.

The buff brick, contemporary-styled building is situated across St. Joseph's Lake from the Notre Dame campus. It was designed by the architectural firm of Belli and Belli, Chicago, Ill., and the general contractor was McCarthy Brothers Construction Co., St. Louis, Mo.

The four-story building provides accommodations for approximately 200 Holy Cross seminarians studying at Notre Dame as well as for 30 faculty members, student priests and Brothers. Included are a main chapel, six small memorial chapels, classrooms, library, auditorium-lecture hall, dining room, gymnasium, recreation rooms and other facilities.

In order that all the friends of the Holy Cross Fathers may view the new building, a series of open houses will be held during May and June.

Moreau Seminary was occupied last fall. Its rector is Rev. Paul Rankin, C.S.C. Following four years of college work at Notre Dame, the seminarians take an additional four years of theological studies at Holy Cross College, Washington, D. C., or in Rome.

After ordination, Holy Cross priests may be assigned to teach at the University of Notre Dame or other educational institutions. The Holy Cross Fathers also are active in missionary work in this country and abroad, in preaching retreats and missions, and in the press-radio-television apostolate.

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For release in AM's, Wednesday, April 22nd:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 21 -- Seventeen University of Notre Dame students have been awarded grants for graduate study under fellowship programs sponsored by the National Science Foundation, it was announced today.

Fellowships providing stipends of \$1,800 for the first year of graduate study go to six seniors and a recent graduate in Notre Dame's colleges of science and engineering. The fellowship winners and the schools they will attend are Leon F. Keyser, Waukegan, Ill., Harvard; Dennis W. Reader, Aurora, Ill., Massachusetts Institute of Technology; John L. Weiner, Chicago, Ill., Columbia; John C. Folking, Breda, Ia., Notre Dame; William L. Wessel, Louisville, Ky., California Institute of Technology; David C. Miller, East Lansing, Mich., Purdue; and James J. Short, Philadelphia, Pa., Yale.

A postdoctoral grant of \$4,500 has been awarded to Thomas E. Stewart, South Bend, Ind., who will continue his work in mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J.

The above awards provide additional allowances for dependents and travel expenses.

The National Science Foundation has earmarked Cooperative Graduate Fellowships for seven students currently enrolled in the Notre Dame Graduate School. They are John C. Cantwell, St. Louis, Mo.; John E. Derwent, Chicago, Ill.; Ronald J. Knill, South Bend, Ind.; Donald E. Leary, North Attleboro, Mass.; Allan J. Malvick, Oak Lawn, Ill.; John P. Mantey, Sharon Springs, Kansas; and Thomas A. Weber, Chicago, Ill. These grants for the intermediate years of graduate study provide stipends of \$2,200.

Summer fellowships for graduate teaching assistants have been won by John R. Erskine, Milwaukee, Wisc., and Francis T. Rush, Brooklyn, N. Y. These grants cover all tuition and fees plus a weekly stipend up to \$75.

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For release in PM's, Thursday, April 23rd:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 23 -- A U. S. senator, a Roman Catholic bishop and the superintendent of schools in the nation's capital will be among eleven prominent figures who will participate in a Notre Dame Law School symposium on "The Problems and Responsibilities of School Desegregation" here May 8-9.

Dean Joseph O'Meara today (Thursday) named ten men representing a cross-section of American life who have accepted invitations to address the sessions. Each of the speakers will address himself to the problems and responsibilities which desegregation presents to his profession, O'Meara said.

Participating in the Notre Dame symposium will be Senator John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky; Bishop Vincent S. Waters of Raleigh, North Carolina; Dr. Carl F. Hansen, superintendent of schools, Washington, D. C.; former Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland; Rev. J. J. Murray, visiting professor at the Louisville (Ky.) Presbyterian Theological Seminary and former moderator of the Virginia Synod of the Presbyterian Church; and Mayor William B. Hartsfield of Atlanta.

Also George M. Johnson, director of the Office of Laws, Plans and Research, Commission on Civil Rights and former dean of the Howard University Law School, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Harvey Wheeler, professor of political science, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.; Dr. Rufus Clement, president of Atlanta (Ga.) University; Rev. Albert T. Mollegen, Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary, Alexandria; Va.; and Howard C. Westwood, Washington, D. C., attorney and a member of the Columbia Law School Board of Visitors.

In naming the symposium panel, Dean O'Meara observed that "if Americans can stop calling names long enough to take a hard look at the practical problems involved in desegregation, and assess our responsibilities in respect to these problems, we will be able to find a viable way out of the present calamitous situation."
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For release in PM'S, Friday, April 24th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 24 -- Two University of Notre Dame faculty members have been awarded Fulbright grants to lecture and conduct research in Europe during the 1959-60 academic year.

Wienaczyslaw J. Wagner, associate professor in the Notre Dame Law School, will lecture on American law and comparative law at the Institute of Comparative Law, University of Paris and at the University of Rennes in France.

Ralph M. McInerny, assistant professor of philosophy at Notre Dame, will engage in philosophical research at the University of Louvain in Belgium.

Their grants are among more than 400 awarded by the State Department under the Fulbright Act for lecturing and research abroad next year. Under provisions of the act and under executive agreements with foreign governments, American scholars are currently visiting professors in thirty-one countries.

Wagner, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1953, is the author of The Federal States and Their Judiciary just published by Mouton and Co., The Hague, Holland. The volume is a comparative study in constitutional law and organization of courts in federal states. Wagner holds advanced degrees from the University of Warsaw, University of Paris and Northwestern University. He served with the underground Polish forces during World War II and is a leader in Polish affairs in this country.

McInerny, a member of Notre Dame's philosophy faculty since 1955, has specialized in Thomism and existentialism. He was educated at the University of Minnesota and at Laval University, Quebec, which awarded him a licentiate and doctorate in philosophy. Prior to coming to Notre Dame, he taught at Creighton University.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, April 26th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 25 -- Twenty-eight outstanding articles which have appeared in the University of Notre Dame's REVIEW OF POLITICS during the past twenty years are included in The Image of Man, a new book published here by the University of Notre Dame Press (\$6.00).

The volume has been edited by Professors M. A. Fitzsimons, Frank C. Malley and Rev. Thomas T. McAvoy, C.S.C., all of whom have been associated with the Notre Dame quarterly since its inception in 1939. Among the articles is one on "Totalitarian Religions" and another on "Lamennais" by the late Waldemar Gurian, founding editor of the REVIEW OF POLITICS.

Contributors to the volume include philosopher Jacques Maritain who has written on "Integral Humanism and the Crisis of Modern Times" and Luigi Sturzo who is represented by an essay on "The Philosophic Background of Christian Democracy."

A section of the book devoted to "Man and the American World" features an article by Peter F. Drucker on "Organized Religion and the American Creed." In the same section Thomas N. Brown discusses "The Origins and Character of Irish-American Nationalism," and Aaron I. Abell reports on "The Origins of Catholic Social Reform in the United States."

Christopher Dawson, the British historian now teaching at Harvard, has contributed an essay on "The Historic Origins of Liberalism" to The Image of Man. Other scholars represented in the volume include Hans Morgenthau, Yves Simon, Hans Kohn, Josef Pieper, John U. Nef, Otto Karrer, Eric Vogelstein and Alois Dempf.

During its two decades of existence the REVIEW OF POLITICS has concerned itself with the philosophical and historical approach to the problems of the human community. Although its development has been specifically affected by the tradition and thought of the Catholic Church, the journal has provided a remarkable meeting-ground for scholars of various faiths and religions as well as intellectual connections from all over the world.

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For release in AM's, Wednesday, April 29th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 28 -- The American Midland Naturalist, a quarterly biological journal published by the University of Notre Dame, is fifty years old this month.

The scientific publication was founded in April, 1909, when Notre Dame was a small and relatively unknown school with less than 450 students. Today the University enjoys international prestige, and The American Midland Naturalist numbers subscribers in forty-five foreign countries as well as throughout the United States.

The founder of the Notre Dame journal was the late Rev. Julius A. Nieuwland, C.S.C., an unusually gifted Holy Cross priest who was equally at home in the fields of botany and chemistry. The Belgian-born priest later was to achieve world-wide acclaim for his research which led to the development of synthetic rubber. The principal home of Notre Dame's College of Science is Nieuwland Science Hall which was dedicated in 1953.

Father Nieuwland edited The American Midland Naturalist for twenty-five years until 1934. His successors in the editor's chair have been Dr. Theodor Just (1935-47), Dr. John D. Mizelle (1947-53), Prof. Arthur Schipper (1953-58) and the incumbent, Dr. Robert E. Gordon. During the past half-century the editors have poured over more than 800 articles filling 40,000 pages in 60 volumes.

The editorial policy of the quarterly remains substantially the same as when it was founded although its interests are more cosmopolitan than in its early years. Its editors describe it as a general biological periodical embracing a wide selection of fields in botany, paleontology and zoology. It features articles of a descriptive, analytical and experimental nature as well as review articles on topics of current interest.

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The American Midland Naturalist was so named because, particularly at the outset, its articles dealt largely with the fauna and flora of the midwest. However, the journal has published scientific articles dealing with plants and animals in Pakistan, Patagonia, Greenland and other distant lands. A number of its contributors are associated with educational and research institutions in foreign countries.

Dr. Gordon, who currently edits the Notre Dame quarterly, joined the University faculty in September, 1958. A specialist in ecology, he was educated at Emory University, the University of Georgia and Tulane University, which awarded him a doctorate in 1956.

Working with Gordon on The American Midland Naturalist are four other biology department faculty members who make up its executive board. They are Rev. Cletus Bachofer, C.S.C., and Profs. George R. Bernard, George B. Craig, and Robert P. McIntosh.

The journal also has sixteen associate editors throughout the country, each an authority in a specialized field. They are B. D. Burks, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.; Fred R. Cagle, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.; Aureal T. Cross, Pan American Petroleum Co., Tulsa, Okla.; Albert L. Delisle, Sacramento State College, Sacramento, Calif.; Theodosius Dobzhansky, Columbia University, New York City; Carroll Lane Fenton, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.; David Frey, Indiana University, Bloomington; and Theodore L. Jahn, University of California, Los Angeles.

Also George N. Jones, University of Illinois, Urbana; Remington Kellogg, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.; Paul J. Kramer, Duke University, Durham, N. C.; Jean Myron Linsdale, Hastings Reservation, University of California, Carmel Valley; George W. Martin, State University of Iowa, Iowa City; Robert W. Pennek, University of Colorado, Boulder; Hugh L. Rap, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; and Loren P. Woods, Chicago Natural History Museum.

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For release in PM's, Thursday, April 30th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Apr. 30 ---Three young men who will be graduated from Catholic colleges and universities in June have been awarded William J. Brennan Law Scholarships in the Notre Dame Law School, according to an announcement today by Dean Joseph O'Meara.

The grants, which are valued at nearly \$5,000 each, were established in 1956 in honor of Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan. Awarded annually by the University of Notre Dame and the Notre Dame Law Association, they provide full tuition for three years plus an annual cash award of \$750.

The Brennan scholarship winners are George G. Dittrich, 86 Ayers Court, West Englewood (Teaneck) N. J., a student at Providence (R. I.) College; William E. Donovan, 210 Third Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla., currently studying at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.; and Ivan L. Otto, 7811 Ackley Road, Parma, Ohio, a senior at John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio.

According to Dean O'Meara, the Brennan scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to graduates of American Catholic colleges or universities who have distinguished themselves in academic work and in extra-curricular activities. A candidate must be in the upper 10% of his class and be nominated for the scholarship by his dean or pre-law advisor.

Dittrich is an Army veteran, a member of Delta Epsilon Sigma, the Catholic honor society, and a staff member of the Providence College yearbook. Donovan has helped edit the Georgetown yearbook and has been active in Army ROTC affairs on the campus. Otto is secretary of John Carroll's senior class, senior editor of the school paper, and a cadet colonel in the Army ROTC.

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