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For release in PM's, Friday, May 1st:

Notre Dame, Ind., May1 -- Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, will receive the Navy's highest civilian award at the annual President's Review of the campus Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC units here Thursday (May 7th) at 3 p.m.

Rear Admiral William A. Dolan will present the Distinguished Public Service Award to Father Hesburgh on behalf of Secretary of the Navy Thomas S. Gates. The 41-year-old priest will be cited "for outstanding contributions to the Department of the Navy in the field of procurement and education of naval officer personnel." He is a former president of the Board of Visitors at the U. S. Naval Academy.

More than 1500 Notre Dame ROTC cadets and midshipmen will pass in review during the ceremonies which will mark the centennial of the inauguration of military training at the University. Sharing the reviewing stand with Father Hesburgh will be General Samuel E. Anderson, commanding general of the Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio; Lt. Gen. W. H. Arnold, commanding general of the Fifth U. S. Army, Chicago; Admiral Dolan, who is assistant chief of the Bureau of Ships for Technical Logistics, Washington, D. C.; Rear Admiral W. F. James, Medical Officer, Great Lakes Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.; Col. Robert B. Nowell, commanding officer, Bunker Hill Air Force Base, Peru, Ind.; and Mayor Edward F. Voorde of South Bend.

During the ceremonies awards and decorations will be presented to twenty-four outstanding Notre Dame cadets and midshipmen. Earlier, the combined ROTC units will attend a memorial service (8:30 a.m.) in front of the University Administration Building and a Military Mass (9 a.m.) to be celebrated by Father Hesburgh in Sacred Heart Church on the campus.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, May 3rd:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 2 -- A scholarship honoring Bishop Fulton J. Sheen has been established at the University of Notre Dame by Mr. and Mrs. John J. Bundschuh of New York City.

According to Rev. Jerome J. Wilson, C.S.C., University vice president and chairman of the committee on scholarships, the Bishop Sheen Scholarship will be awarded to a Notre Dame undergraduate who is considering studying for the priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross. An initial grant of \$1,000 for the 1959-60 school year will go to Jerry G. Florent, a senior in the College of Arts and Letters, from Michigan City, Ind., Father Wilson said. He explained that a principal fund is being established to provide an annual grant of \$1,000 or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Bundschuh, who are personal friends of Bishop Sheen, expressed the hope that the scholarship winners persevere in their studies for the priesthood and emulate the qualities and ideals of the New York prelate. The Bundschuhs operate J. M. Loudon, Inc., a financial consulting firm. Their son, John J. Bundschuh, Jr., is a 1954 Notre Dame graduate who also is associated with the company. The elder Bundschuh is a director of several firms including E. T. Babbitt, Inc., Eastern Industries, Inc., the Buckeye Corp., Stylon Corp., and the Redondo Tile, Corp. He is a board member of Our Lady of Consolation Home, Amityville, N. Y.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 15 --- Nearly 90,000 Catholics not previously listed on parish rolls were encountered in the first house-to-house religious census in the 112-year history of the Diocese of Buffalo, it was disclosed here today by Rev. John A. O'Brien, director of the Bureau of Convert Research.

The 88,760 newly recorded Catholics swelled the diocesan total to 847,554. The census figures indicate Buffalo is one of the most Catholic of the country's large cities percentagewise with a Catholic population of 367,830, or 62.9% of the total 584,763.

More than 40,000 canvassers took part in the mammoth census effort which was launched by Bishop Joseph A. Burke. Father O'Brien assisted in the planning of the Census and Information Program which was directed by Monsignor Francis A. Gowney, spiritual director of the Buffalo Council of Catholic Men.

The Buffalo census figures indicate 177,257 or 30% of the population belong to other churches, 25,288 or 4.3% unaffiliated and 14,388 inactive Catholics. In Erie County, outside of the city of Buffalo, there are 256,083 Catholics, 201,487 adherents to other faiths, 14,661 unaffiliated, and 11,274 inactive or lapsed Catholics.

The canvassers reported that 4,922 accepted invitations to attend parish Information Forums, and 5,200 others expressed interest in learning more about the Catholic faith through pamphlets and other literature. Canvassers' reports show that they were received favorably at 98% of the homes with only 1% each appearing indifferent or unfriendly.

Diocesan officials expect that a total of 1,200 to 1,400 converts will result from the Census and Information Program. They will be confirmed by Bishop Burke in the cathedral on Sunday, June 28th. A complete report on the program was recently presented to Pope John XXIII by Auxiliary Bishop Leo R. Smith.

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For release in AM's, Thursday, May 21st:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 20--A comparative study of the judicial systems of seven nations is incorporated in The Federal States and Their Judiciary, a new book by W. J. Wagner, associate professor of law in the Notre Dame Law School.

The organization of courts in the United States, Canada, Switzerland, Australia, Argentina, Brazil and Mexico is analyzed in the 390-page volume which has been published in English by Mouton and Co., The Hague, Holland.

Professor Wagner, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1953, has just been awarded a Fulbright grant for lecturing and research abroad during the 1959-60 school year. He will lecture on American law and comparative law at the University of Paris and the University of Rennes in France. The author of the new work holds advanced degrees from the Universities of Paris and Warsaw and Northwestern University.

Sub-titled "a comparative study in constitutional law and organization of courts in Federal states, Professor Wagner's book will be of interest not only to scholars in comparative law and government, but also to legislators, jurists and political scientists. The American reader will be particularly interested in the author's evaluation of the supreme court in a federal state. The position of the U. S. Supreme Court and the impact of some of its recent controversial decisions are treated extensively in the new book.

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For release in PM's, Friday, May 22nd:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 22 ---His Eminence Franz Cardinal Koenig, Archbishop of Vienna, and Chairman John A. McCone of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission will be the principal speakers at the University of Notre Dame's 114th annual commencement exercises here June 7th (Sunday), it was announced today by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president.

The Austrian prelate will preach the baccalaureate sermon during a Solemn Pontifical Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne in the stadium at 9 a.m. McCone will be the commencement speaker at exercises beginning at 2 p.m. in the stadium. Father Hesburgh will confer eight honorary degrees and approximately 1,280 graduate and undergraduate degrees during the ceremonies which will be televised by WNDU-TV.

Honorary degree recipients, in addition to the two speakers, include Lt. Gen. Bernard A. Schriever, head of the Air Force Research and Development Command, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.; Dr. Frederick D. Rossini, head of the department of chemistry, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sir Hugh Stott Taylor, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Princeton, N. J.; Rev. John A. O'Brien, author of religious and philosophical books and a veteran Notre Dame faculty member; Harry C. Hagerty, financial vice president, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York City; and John Walker, director of the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C.

Following the Baccalaureate Mass in the morning Father Hesburgh will bless an American flag which the senior class presented to the University on Washington's Birthday. Traditionally, the seniors' flag is blessed and flown for the first time on their graduation day and then throughout the following year.

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On the day before their graduation from Notre Dame 236 members of the senior class will receive commissions in the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines Corps during Class Day excercises in the University Drill Hall June 6th (Saturday) at 10 a.m. The program also will include the awarding of prizes to outstanding students. Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Notre Dame's executive vice president, will preside at the Class Day ceremonies. Student speakers will include class president John Hayward, Toledo, Ohio; valedictorian Lucio A. Noto, Englewood Cliffs, N. J.; and class orator John M. Maloney, Fairless Hills, Pa.

The senior class will make its traditional "Last Visit" to Sacred Heart Church on the campus immediately preceding the Class Day Excercises. The ceremony, which is restricted to members of the graduating class, will be conducted by Rev. Glenn Boarman, C.S.C., prefect of religion.

Cardinal Koenig became a Prince of the Church last December, having succeeded Cardinal Innitzer as Archbishop of Vienna in May, 1956. A native of Rabenstein in lower Austria, the 53-year-old prelate is an outstanding Biblical scholar and an exceptional linguist with a command of most European languages including Russian. During World War II he served as chaplain to University of Vienna students. With the end of hostilities he became lector in Biblical studies at the University of Vienna and later was appointed to the chair of moral theology at the Salzburg Theological Faculty. He was elevated to the hierarchy and made Coadjutor Bishop of his native diocese of Sankt Poelten on June 3, 1952. He was ordained in Rome on October 27, 1933.

McCone was sworn in as chairman of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission on July 14, 1958. During 1950-51 he had served as Under Secretary of the Air Force in charge of new aircraft procurement and the construction of air bases throughout the world. A native of San Francisco, McCone is a 1922 engineering graduate of the University of California. Before assuming his present duties, he was president of the Joshua Hendy Corp., Los Angeles, which operates tankers in world trade and cargo ships in the Pacific.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, May 24th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 23 -- The appointment of Dr. Julius T. Banchemo as head of the University of Notre Dame's department of chemical engineering effective September 1st was announced today by Rev. Chester A. Soleta, C.S.C., vice president for academic affairs.

Banchemo, who currently is a professor of chemical and metallurgical engineering at the University of Michigan, will succeed Professor Ronald E. Rich who is relinquishing the post for reasons of health. Rich will continue as a member of the chemical engineering faculty.

A specialist in unit operations and process design, Professor Banchemo has conducted extensive research in the field of heat transfer, particularly boiling and applications of Dowtherm heating. He has served as a consultant to the Dow Chemical Co. of Midland, Michigan, the W. L. Badger Co. of Ann Arbor, the Michigan Wire Cloth Co. of Detroit, and Union Carbide Chemicals, Charleston, W. Va.

Professor Banchemo was born in New York City. He received undergraduate degrees in chemistry and chemical engineering from Columbia University and was awarded a doctorate in chemical engineering by the University of Michigan in 1950. He taught for three years at the University of Detroit and has been a member of the Michigan faculty since 1943.

His professional affiliations include the American Chemical Society, the American Society for Engineering Education, the American Society for Chemical Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

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For release in PM's, Wednesday, May 20th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 20--The appointment of thirty-one consultants to the Jacques Maritain Center at the University of Notre Dame was announced today by director Joseph W. Evans.

Scholars from the United States, Canada, Europe and South America have accepted three-year appointments as advisors to the new University unit. The Maritain Center, established last September, is an international clearing house for the students and friends of the celebrated French philosopher and his work. All of Maritain's writings are being indexed and catalogued by the center's staff.

The newly appointed consultants to the Notre Dame center for philosophical research include Monsignor Charles Journet, professor of theology at the Grand Seminaire, Fribourg, Switzerland; Rev. Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., academic assistant to the president at Notre Dame; Rev. Herman Reith, C.S.C., head of the University's philosophy department; Mortimer Adler, director of the Institute for Philosophical Research, San Francisco, Calif.; Rev. Henry Bars, Perros-Guirec, France; Rev. Louis Bondy, C.S.B., professor of French at St. Michael's College, Toronto; Georges Brazzola, president of the Centre Catholique d'etudes, Geneva, Switzerland; and John Cogley, The Fund for the Republic, New York City.

Others named are James Collins, professor of philosophy at St. Louis University; Rev. Marie-Martin Cottier, O. P., Convent St-Dominique, Annemasse, France; A. P. d'Entreves, professor of government on the Faculty of Law, University of Turin; Wallace Fowlie, Professor of French Literature, Bennington College, Bennington, Vt.; Donald Gallagher, professor of philosophy, Villanova University, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Louis Gardet, Islamologist, Paris, France.

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Also Rev. E. C. Garvey, C.S.B., head of the department of philosophy, Assumption University, Windsor, Ontario; Rev. Jean de la Croix Kaelin, O. P., ecclesiastical assistant, Pax Romana, and chaplain to Catholic students at the University of Geneva, Switzerland; James Kritzeck, assistant professor of Oriental studies, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.; Olivier Lacome, dean of the Faculty of Letters, University of Lille, France; Joseph Lanigan, assistant professor of philosophy, St. Mary's College Winona, Minn.; Amoroso Lima, professor of Brazilian literature, University of Brazil; and Rev. Jean P. de Menasce, O. P., professor of Iranian religions, Ecole des Hautes Etudes, Paris, France.

Others include Rev. E. J. MacCorkell, C.S.B., president of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto; Rev. J. Stanley Murphy, C.S.B., director of the Christian Culture Series, Assumption University, Windsor, Ontario; John Nef, chairman of the Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago; Charles P. O'Donnell, special assistant to the director, Foreign Service Institute, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Gerald B. Phelan, professor of philosophy, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto; Rev. William Rossner, S. J., head of the philosophy department, Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Mo.; George Shuster, president of Hunter College, New York, N. Y.; Joseph Sikora, assistant professor of philosophy, Loyola University, Chicago; Yves R. Simon, professor of philosophy, Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago; and Marshall Suther, assistant professor of English, Columbia University, N. Y.

Members of the Maritain Center staff, in addition to Prof. Evans, are Rev. Leo R. Ward, professor of philosophy at Notre Dame, and Frank L. Keegan, assistant professor in the University General Program of Liberal Education.

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For release in PM's Wednesday, May 27th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 27 --- Six seminarians of the Congregation of Holy Cross will be ordained to the priesthood at the University of Notre Dame June 10th (Wednesday), according to an announcement today by Rev. Theodore J. Mehling, C.S.C., provincial superior of the Holy Cross Fathers' Indiana Province.

The Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Bishop of Fort Wayne, will be the ordaining prelate at the rites in Sacred Heart Church on the campus.

Those to be ordained are Rev. James R. Blantz, C.S.C., Massillon, Ohio; Rev. John T. Ford, C.S.C., Logansport, Ind.; Rev. John P. Keefe, C.S.C., Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. John J. McManmon, C.S.C., Chicago, Ill.; Rev. William P. Melody, C.S.C., Ballina, County Mayo, Ireland; and Rev. Rolland L. Stair, C.S.C., Chicago, Ill.

Each of the newly ordained priests except Father Melody will celebrate his first Solemn High Mass in his home parish on June 14th (Sunday). His first Mass will be at St. Joseph's Church, South Bend, Ind., on that day.

Another member of the class, Rev. James J. McGrath, C.S.C., Brooklyn, N. Y., will be ordained June 5th in Bridgeport, Conn.

Nine other classmates have already been ordained elsewhere. They are Rev. Louis W. Rink, C.S.C., Homer City, Pa.; Rev. Daniel M. Boland, C.S.C., Hazel Crest, Ill.; Rev. Arthur M. Schoenfeldt, C.S.C., San Francisco, Calif.; Rev. James P. Stupfel, C.S.C., McMinnville, Ore.; Rev. Robert J. Austgen, C.S.C., Calumet City, Ill.; Rev. Charles H. O'Brien, C.S.C., Green Bay, Wisc.; Rev. James W. Simonson, C.S.C., Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Malcolm D. Johnson, Adrian, Mich.; and Rev. Thomas J. English, C.S.C., St. Louis, Mo.

Fathers Austgen, O'Brien and Simonson were ordained in Rome after completing studies there, and Fathers Johnson and English became priests in Santiago, Chile.

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For release in PII's, Thursday, May 28th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 28 --- His Eminence Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani, Pro-Secretary of the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Notre Dame during a two-day visit to the campus June 5-6, the University announced today.

The Vatican prelate will be honored at a special convocation in Sacred Heart Church June 6th (Saturday) at 9 a.m. Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, will confer the degree at the ceremonies which will precede the traditional "Last Visit" of this year's senior class to the campus church.

Another prince of the Church, His Eminence Franz Cardinal Koenig, Archbishop of Vienna, will be present at the convocation. He will receive an honorary degree and preach the baccalaureate sermon at Notre Dame's 114th annual commencement exercises the following day (Sunday, June 7th). Archbishop Paul C. Schulte of Indianapolis and Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne are also expected to attend the convocation honoring Cardinal Ottaviani.

A native of Rome, Cardinal Ottaviani was elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals by the late Pope Pius XII on January 12, 1953. The Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, which he serves as Pro-Secretary, guards the teaching of faith and morals under the direction of the Pope himself who is its Prefect. He served as assessor of the Congregation for eighteen years prior to becoming its Pro-Secretary. Since his ordination on April 18, 1916, Cardinal Ottaviani has spent his entire priestly career in Rome, serving as a seminary teacher or in increasingly responsible posts in the Vatican curia.

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For release in AM's, Friday, May 29th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 28 --- Deputy Under Secretary of State Robert D. Murphy will receive the University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal for 1959 at a dinner in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., Monday (June 1st) at 7:30 p.m., it was announced today.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, will present the award to the veteran career diplomat in the presence of several hundred guests including dignitaries representing the Church, government and the diplomatic corps. Established in 1883, the Laetare Medal is generally regarded as the most significant annual award conferred upon Catholic laymen in the United States.

Dr. Charles H. Malik, president of the United Nations General Assembly, will give the principal address at the dinner. The invocation will be delivered by Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, recently named Apostolic Delegate to the United States. Frank M. Folsom, former president of the Radio Corporation of America and winner of the Laetare Medal last year, will be the master of ceremonies.

Mr. Murphy, named recipient of the medal on Laetare Sunday, March 8th, is the fourth diplomat to receive the honor in recent years. Clare Boothe Luce was similarly honored in 1957, while Jefferson Caffery and G. Howland Shaw were the Laetare Medalists in 1954 and 1945 respectively. Among other recent recipients are Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther (1956), George Meany (1955), Thomas E. Murray (1952) and Gen. Joseph L. Collins (1950).

The medal itself consists of a solid gold disc suspended from a gold bar bearing the inscription "Laetare Medal." Inscribed in Latin around the border are the words, "Truth is mighty and will prevail." The center design of the medal and the inscription on the reverse side are fashioned according to the profession of the recipient.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, May 31st:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 30 -- The University of Notre Dame's nuclear engineering program will be strengthened and expanded by the installation this past week of a graphite subcritical nuclear reactor.

According to Dr. Marcel K. Newman, head of the mechanical engineering department and director of the University's nuclear engineering sequence, the new reactor will be used primarily for instruction although it will also be available for research. He said that forty Notre Dame students currently are taking nuclear engineering courses. The program was inaugurated in 1955 on the undergraduate level and is now being expanded into the graduate field.

The new reactor, also known as an exponential graphite assembly, has been underwritten by grants totalling \$65,950 from the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission. The AEC has also provided natural uranium fuel and radiation sources valued at an additional \$77,000. The nuclear installation is located in the University's heat and power laboratory in the northeast sector of the campus.

Notre Dame's newest nuclear installation consists of 28,700 pounds of highly refined graphite bars stacked in horizontal layers to form a rectangular parallelepiped, measuring 68 inches by 68 inches in cross-section, and 100 inches high. The basic fuel components are natural uranium cylinders canned in aluminum and supplied in the form of slugs by the AEC. These slugs are assembled in long aluminum tubes and are suspended in the graphite to form a cubic lattice.

The portion of the reactor carrying the uranium rests on a graphite pedestal known as a "thermalizing column" which contains the plutonium-beryllium neutron sources. The neutrons emitted by these sources give rise to the fission of atoms of Uranium-235 in the reactor thus producing nuclear energy.

Notre Dame also is engaged in nuclear instruction and research in its physics and chemistry departments.

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