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For release in AM's, Thursday, May 12th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 11 --- His Eminence Gregory Peter XV Cardinal Agagianian will receive an honorary doctorate at the University of Notre Dame May 16th (Monday). The degree of Doctor of Laws will be conferred on the Russian-born prelate by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president, during a special convocation in Sacred Heart Church at 4:30 p.m. The Vatican official is expected to address the convocation which will be attended by the entire University faculty.

Cardinal Agagianian is Pro-Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith which has jurisdiction over more than thirty million Catholics in mission countries throughout the world. As Patriarch of Cilicia of the Armenians, he is spiritual leader of some 200,000 Armenian Rite Catholics and heads a hierarchy that extends to three continents.

The Prince of the Church is expected to arrive at Notre Dame the evening of May 15th (Sunday) after a motor trip from Chicago. En route he will visit Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Abraham, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, a Lebanese parish in Michigan City, Indiana.

Cardinal Agagianian will tour the campuses of Notre Dame and nearby Saint Mary's College the morning of May 16th (Monday). At 11 a.m. he will greet the Sisters of the Holy Cross in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto on the St. Mary's campus. Afterwards he will address the student body in O'Laughlin Auditorium. Receiving His Eminence will be Mother Kathryn Marie, C.S.C., superior general of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and Sister M. Madeleva, C.S.C., president of St. Mary's College.

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The 64-year-old cardinal will be honored at a reception and dinner at Notre Dame's Morris Inn May 16th (Monday) at 6:30 p.m. He is scheduled to leave the University the following morning for Pittsburgh.

A stocky man with a pointed white beard, Cardinal Agagianian is a profound scholar and speaks twelve languages. He is fluent in seven modern languages including French, English, Russian, Greek, Italian, German and Armenian. He left a brilliant teaching career in Rome -- where he taught more than 30,000 students, including many priests and a score of bishops from the United States -- to assume leadership of Armenian Catholics. The majority of his flock now lives in Syria and Lebanon, but there are also dioceses in Iran, Egypt, and Poland, and several thousands live in the Soviet Union.

Cardinal Agagianian, who visited the United States in 1951 and 1954, was born in Akhaltsikh, Transcaucasia, September 18, 1895, when it was part of the Russian czar's territories. He was ordained in Rome in 1917 after winning degrees in philosophy, sacred theology and canon law. Following two years as a seminary professor in Rome, the future cardinal returned to Georgia, by that time a part of the Soviet Union, to become pastor of the Armenian Catholics of Tiflis. In 1921 he began a fourteen year period as assistant rector and rector of the Armenian Pontifical College in Rome.

The future cardinal was consecrated a bishop in 1935 and appointed an Apostolic Visitor in Syria. Two years later he was elected Patriarch by a synod of the Armenian Catholic hierarchy. He has greatly expanded and developed the Catholic life of his people, especially in educational matters. He also was active in the work of a pontifical commission which drew up a code of canon law for the eastern rites of the Church.

The Armenian Patriarch was created a cardinal by the late Pope Pius XII on Feb. 18, 1946. He was appointed to his present post of Pro-Prefect on June 18, 1958, following the death of His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago.

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For release in PM's, Monday, May 9th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 9 -- Dr. Bernard Waldman, professor of physics at the University of Notre Dame, has been named director of the Midwestern Universities Research Association laboratory at Madison, Wisconsin, for the year beginning July 1st.

The MURA installation, which employs approximately one hundred scientists, technicians and other personnel, is a research center for designing and testing new ideas in high energy accelerators or atom smashers. Established by fifteen Midwest universities which banded together in 1956 to conduct nuclear research, the facility is now an integrated laboratory of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

Waldman's appointment was made recently by MURA's board of directors and was announced today by its president, Dr. H. R. Crane of the University of Michigan. The Notre Dame nuclear physicist has been granted a leave of absence to accept the MURA post. He is an authority on the properties and the interaction of medium energy electrons with matter. Currently he is engaged in photo-nuclear research at the University.

Waldman succeeds Dr. R. O. Rollefson, head of the MURA laboratory for two years, who will return to the University of Wisconsin faculty. Marshall W. Keith, who had been serving as the laboratory's business manager, was named associate director of administration. He succeeds Dr. Keith R. Symon, who held the title of technical director. Symon will conduct research at the MURA laboratory and teach at the University of Wisconsin.

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Members of the Midwest Universities Research Association include the Universities of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, Chicago, Illinois and Notre Dame. Also Iowa State University, Washington University of Saint Louis, Indiana University, Purdue University, Michigan State University, Northwestern University and Ohio State University. Each institution has three representatives on MURA's board of directors. The Notre Dame representatives include Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president; G. Edward Harwood, comptroller; and Waldman. Waldman is currently serving as vice president of MURA, but will resign that office to assume the administrative post of director.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1940, Professor Waldman has been closely associated with the growth and development of nuclear research at the University. He was granted a leave during World War II to assist in the development of the atomic bomb, and he was one of four scientists to witness from an observation plane the atomic destruction of Hiroshima.

Currently Dr. Waldman is director of a Notre Dame nuclear physics project which is supported by the Office of Naval Research and the Atomic Energy Commission. During 1950-51 he was engaged in research at the AEC's Los Alamos, New Mex., laboratory and during the summer of 1956 he was a visiting scientist at the University of California's Radiation Laboratory at Berkeley. He was also on leave at the MURA laboratory during 1958-59.

Waldman is married to the former Florence Finley of Berwyn, Ill. They have a son John, 16, and a daughter Nancy, 15.

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For release in PM's, Monday, May 9th:

Flint, Mich., May 9 --- A prominent Roman Catholic priest today applauded a group of Protestant leaders who recently issued an open letter calling for religious toleration in politics to checkmate "the forces of hate and uninformed hostility."

Rev. John A. O'Brien, research professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, commended the Very Rev. F. B. Sayre, Jr., dean of the Washington Cathedral, Protestant Episcopal, and eleven other ministers who urged fellow clergymen to foster in their congregations "that charitable moderation and reasoned balance of judgement which alone can safeguard the peaceful community of this nation." The Protestant statement expressed the conviction that each of the candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination "has presented himself before the American people with honesty and independence, and we would think it unjust to discount any one of them because of his chosen faith."

Father O'Brien described the open letter as "a distinct public service that merits the commendation and gratitude of citizens of all faiths. That wise and timely statement, so urgently needed because of the grotesque over-emphasis upon the religious affiliations of candidates, will help to turn the consideration of the American people upon the only relevant issue in the current campaign, namely, the qualifications of the candidates themselves for the presidency and not the particular churches they attend," he said.

Author of more than twenty books in philosophy and religion as well as a recent LOOK article on church-state separation, Father O'Brien expressed his views at a luncheon meeting of the First Friday Club here in the Durant Hotel Ballroom. He is the Catholic co-chairman of the Commission on Interreligious Activities of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

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"As a Catholic priest, deeply concerned for many years with the fostering of understanding and good will between members of different religious faiths, I cannot commend too highly the patriotic motives which prompted these distinguished Protestant leaders in issuing their open letter," Father O'Brien said. "If their advice is followed, the presidential campaign will be conducted in an atmosphere of calmness in which voters will study the qualifications of each candidate, casting their ballots not in the light of inflamed prejudices and emotions but of reason and common sense."

In this country, there should be no Catholic vote, no Protestant vote and no Jewish vote, the Notre Dame scholar contended, "but simply the vote of American citizens for the candidate best qualified to discharge the duties of the office to which he aspires. This actually is the teaching of the Catholic Church which requests all her members to vote for the ablest candidate regardless of religious affiliation. Indeed," Father O'Brien declared, "the Church brands as sinful the action of a member who would vote for a Catholic candidate when he believes another candidate is more competent."

Father O'Brien called on newspaper, radio and television editors to help focus public attention "upon the real issues of the campaign and not blow up irrelevant ones. In so doing," he said, "they will perform a distinct public service for the electorate. It is a shame and a disgrace," he observed, "that a candidate's religious faith has been pinpointed as though it were the one criterion for election to office. This is making the United States the laughing stock of the civilized world. It is time that we cease to act as children and begin to conduct ourselves as intelligent and mature people," he concluded.

Among the signers of the Protestant open letter were Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches of Christ; Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, head of the Methodist Church for the Washington area; Rev. Dr. John C. Bennett, dean of Union Theological Seminary, New York City; and Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, minister emeritus of Riverside Church, New York City.

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For immediate release:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 19 -- Forty secondary school teachers of French and Spanish will be enrolled in a Modern Foreign Language Institute at the University of Notre Dame June 20-August 2, it was announced today by Dr. James M. Spillane, Institute director.

The six-week program will be underwritten by a grant of \$45,329 from the U. S. Office of Education under the National Defense Education Act. Thirty-six similar summer institutes will be held in other colleges and universities in a nationwide \$3,170,000 program to upgrade the teaching of languages in elementary and secondary schools.

The Notre Dame institute, Spillane said, will be geared to develop greater proficiency among the participants in speaking and writing French or Spanish. The trainees will receive a good grounding in theoretical and applied linguistics, and will be introduced to the newest teaching methods and instructional materials, he said. They should also improve their knowledge of the culture and civilization of the country whose language they teach.

Notre Dame's new language laboratory will be used extensively throughout the program, and teacher-trainees can also improve their conversational French or Spanish outside the classroom. Spillane said they will be housed by language in Notre Dame's residence halls, and they will be expected to speak in one or the other foreign tongues at meals.

Twenty teachers each will be accepted from public and private schools, Spillane said. He explained that, as provided by law, the public school teachers will receive stipends of \$75 per week plus \$15 a week for each dependent, but that private school teachers, while not charged tuition, will not receive stipends.

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Those teachers of French or Spanish are eligible for the Notre Dame institute who have a bachelor's degree, or its equivalent, and who are to be teaching the particular language involved next fall. In addition to the degree requirement, Spillane said the applicants must have at least two college years of the language or equivalent experience.

Prof. Walter M. Langford, former head of the department of modern languages at Notre Dame, has been named assistant Institute director. Other members of the Institute faculty will include Notre Dame professors Henry Hare Carter, Louis J. Chatagnier, and Charles Parnell as well as Miss Raymonde Dallaire, University of Michigan, and Prof. Edward D. Allen, Ohio State University.

Teachers may obtain additional information or direct applications to Dr. James Spillane, Department of Modern Languages, Notre Dame, Indiana

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For release in PM's, Thursday, May 19th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 19 - The President of the United States, a Prince of the Church, and the President of the United Nations General Assembly will be among eleven distinguished men who will receive honorary degrees at the University of Notre Dame's 115th annual commencement exercises June 5th (Sunday).

President Eisenhower will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree and deliver the commencement address during the ceremonies beginning at 1:30 p.m., CDT.

His Eminence Giovanni Battista Cardinal Montini, Archbishop of Milan, also will accept an honorary doctorate during the ceremonies. Earlier, at 9 a.m., Cardinal Montini will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass for Notre Dame graduates and their guests. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Bishop Leo A. Pursley of Fort Wayne.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Notre Dame president, also will confer honorary degrees on Dr. Victor Andres Belaunde, Peruvian diplomat and president of the UN General Assembly; Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor, rector of the North American College at Rome; Dr. Thomas Dooley, the celebrated jungle physician; and Dr. Laurence M. Gould, president of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.

Other honorary degree recipients will be J. Peter Grace, Jr., president of W. R. Grace and Co., New York City, and a member of Notre Dame's Associate Board of Lay Trustees; Dr. Kenneth Holland, president of the Institute of International Education, New York City; Dr. Alan T. Waterman, director of the National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C.; Christopher Dawson, the English historian; and Dr. Raymond Sontag, professor of history at the University of California at Berkeley.

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A highlight of the ceremonies will be the formal presentation of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal for 1960 to Dr. George N. Shuster, who recently retired as president of Hunter College, New York City. The award has been made annually since 1883 to an outstanding American Catholic layman.

Approximately 1,280 graduate and undergraduate degrees will be conferred during the commencement which will be held for the first time on the mall near the entrance to the Notre Dame campus. In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies will take place in the Fieldhouse.

Mr. Eisenhower will be the first American President to speak at a Notre Dame commencement and the second to become an honorary alumnus of the University. The late President Franklin Roosevelt was honored at a special convocation marking the independence of the Philippines on December 9, 1935. Mr. Eisenhower visited Notre Dame on September 15, 1952, during his campaign for the presidency.

Cardinal Montini, spiritual head of Italy's largest See, is primarily known for his long career in the Vatican Secretariate of State. He was engaged in diplomatic work for more than thirty years, acquiring a knowledge of the Vatican and Church affairs equalled by few men. Ordained in 1920, the Italian prelate became Substitute Secretary of State in 1937, and he was given the title of Pro-Secretary for Ordinary Affairs in 1952 by the late Pope Pius XII. Two years later Msgr. Montini was made an archbishop and appointed to the See of Milan. He was elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals by Pope John XXIII on December 15, 1958.

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Dr. Belaunde was elected president of the General Assembly in September, 1959. During the previous nine years he had been chief of the Peruvian delegation at the UN and also was his country's representative on the Security Council. He has served as a visiting professor at a number of American universities and is the author of several books on philosophy, law and history.

Archbishop O'Connor, formerly a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, has been rector of the North American College in Rome since 1946. He also serves as president of the Vatican's Pontifical Commission for Cinema, Radio and Television. A member of the hierarchy since 1942, he was named Titular Archbishop of Laodicea in Syria last year when the North American College observed its centennial. Under his direction an entirely new college for American seminarians was erected on the Janiculum Hill near the Vatican in 1953.

Dr. Dooley, who took his pre-medical studies at Notre Dame, will be honored by his alma mater soon after returning from northern Laos where he has established hospitals and other medical facilities for the native population. Recently stricken with cancer, the 33-year old physician began his medical work in the remote Asian kingdom as a Navy officer in 1954. He is the author of Deliver Us from Evil, The Edge of Tomorrow and The Night They Burned the Mountain.

President of Carleton College since 1945, Dr. Gould is a distinguished geologist. He served with the first Byrd expedition to the Antarctic in 1928-30 and returned there twice in 1957 as director of the U. S. Antarctic program for the International Geophysical Year. Awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and many other honors, Gould is a member of the National Science Board and a trustee of the Ford Foundation.

Mr. Grace is the third generation president of the firm founded by his grandfather which operates widespread industrial, agricultural and commercial enterprises in South America. Associated with W. R. Grace and Co. since 1936, he has been its president since 1945. He is president of the Catholic Youth Organization in New York City and is a member of the Board of Founders of the Knights of Malta, American chapter. He has been decorated by the governments of Colombia, Chile and Ecuador.

Dr. Holland has devoted his career to promoting international understanding through educational exchange. As a State Department official, he helped set up the now well-known Fulbright Scholarship Program. By appointment of President Eisenhower, he is a member of the National Advisory Committee on Inter-American Affairs. He accompanied the President and Secretary of State Herter on their tour of Latin America, and he also accompanied nine U. S. governors on their tour of the Soviet Union last summer. He has been president of the Institute of International Education since 1950.

For nine years Dr. Waterman has headed the National Science Foundation, the government agency established to promote basic scientific research and the development of scientific education in this country. Awarded a doctorate in physics by Princeton University, he was a member of Yale's physics faculty for many years. He was awarded the Medal of Merit in 1948 for his war work with the Office of Scientific Research and Development, and he holds a special Office of Naval Research award for outstanding technical and scientific achievements in research and development for the Navy.

Professor Dawson is the author of nearly a score of works including The Making of Europe, Religion and the Rise of Western Culture, and The Historic Reality of Christian Culture, published this year. Primarily an interpretive scholar and writer, he has lectured at many European and American universities. Currently he is Charles Chauncey Stillman Guest Professor of Roman Catholic Theological Studies at Harvard University.

Professor Sontag has been the Sidney Hellman Ehrman professor of European history at the University of California since 1941. During the seventeen previous years he was a member of the Princeton faculty and headed the history department there from 1939 to 1941. He was chief of the German War Documents Project, Department of State, from 1946 to 1949 and was American editor-in-chief of Documents on German Foreign Policy, 1918-45. He is a former president of The American Catholic Historical Association.

Dr. Shuster is the 78th recipient of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal. Formerly head of the University's English department and managing editor of COMMONWEAL, he became president of Hunter College in 1940 and relinquished the post only recently. He has been an American delegate to several international cultural conferences and was chairman of the National Commission for UNESCO during 1953-54. He was State Commissioner for Bavaria in the U. S. Zone of Germany in 1950-51. Shuster is the author of many books in the fields of education, religion, English literature and modern German history. He was named the 1960 Laetare Medal winner last March 27, Laetare Sunday.

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