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For release in PM's, Friday, May 5th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 5 -- Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the United Nations, and Africa's first Roman Catholic cardinal will be the principal speakers at the University of Notre Dame's 116th annual commencement exercises June 4th (Sunday), it was announced today by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president.

Hammarskjold will deliver the commencement address and receive an honorary degree during graduation ceremonies beginning at 2 p.m.

His Eminence Laurian Cardinal Rugambwa, Bishop of Bukoba in Tanganyika, will give the baccalaureate sermon during a Solemn Pontifical Mass to be celebrated by His Eminence Aloisius Cardinal Muench at 9 a.m. Milwaukee-born Cardinal Muench is a member of the Roman Curia and a former papal nuncio to Germany. The two Princes of the Church will receive honorary doctorates at the afternoon exercises.

Father Hesburgh will also confer honorary degrees upon Dr. J. A. Stratton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dean Erwin N. Griswold of the Harvard Law School; John W. Gardner, president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York; Dr. James E. Webb, head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, chairman of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission; James Johnson Sweeney, director of the Museum of Fine Arts of Houston, Tex.; and Dr. Arthur J. O'Connor, Scarborough, N. Y., physician.

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More than 1,300 candidates for graduate and undergraduate degrees will participate in the Baccalaureate Mass and the commencement exercises which will be held on the mall near the entrance to the Notre Dame campus. In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies will take place in the Fieldhouse.

Hammarskjold, after a distinguished career of public service in his native Sweden, was elected Secretary General of the United Nations at the age of 47 in 1953. He was re-elected to a second five-year term in April, 1958. As top international civil servant, Hammarskjold heads a world-wide United Nations staff of 6,000 drawn from 70 countries. He attends most important meetings of the UN General Assembly, Security Council and other bodies and may bring to the attention of the Council any matter which, in his opinion, may threaten international peace and security. He has been elected a member of the Swedish Academy and holds honorary degrees from several American universities.

Cardinal Rugambwa is the first Negro member of the Sacred College of Cardinals. Born of pagan parents at Bukongo, Tanganyika, in 1912, he learned the rudiments of the Catholic faith from the White Fathers. He studied for the priesthood and was ordained December 12, 1943, in Katigondo, Uganda. He took advanced studies in Rome, receiving a degree in canon law. The future cardinal was consecrated a bishop and named Vicar Apostolic of Lower Kagera Feb. 10, 1952. When a hierarchy was erected in his native Tanganyika, he became Bishop of Rutabo March 25, 1953. He was created a cardinal by Pope John XXIII March 28, 1960, and he was transferred to the See of Bukoba last June 21st.

Cardinal Muench, 71, became a member of the Sacred College December 14, 1959, after serving for eight years as papal nuncio to Germany. He is a former rector of the major seminary of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and he became Bishop of Fargo, N. D., August 12, 1935. He retained that post until last year, though he had been serving as a member of the Vatican diplomatic corps since 1946. He was given the personal title of Archbishop in 1951.

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For release in AM's, Sunday, May 7th:

Notre Dame, Ind., May 6 -- The appointment of Dr. Robert W. Strickler as head of the department of education at the University of Notre Dame was announced today by Rev. Chester A. Soleta, C.S.C., vice president for academic affairs.

Strickler had been serving as acting head of the department since February when his predecessor, Rev. John E. Walsh, C.S.C., was named director of The Notre Dame Foundation.

A specialist in educational administration, Strickler has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1953. He has directed the department's Master of Arts in Teaching Program which was inaugurated last year with the support of a \$410,750 Ford Foundation grant. He has also been associated with Notre Dame's participation in the Midwest Program for Airborne Television Instruction.

Professor Strickler was educated at Grove City (Pa.) College, Saint Bonaventure University and Cornell University which awarded him a doctorate in 1952. His professional affiliations include the American Association of School Administrators, the National Society of College Teachers of Education, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the American Association of University Professors.

He is married to the former June Cawley of Eldred, Pa. They have four children and live at 1242 Hillcrest Road in South Bend.

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61/37 May Fr. O'Brien article in THE VOICE OF ST. JUDE "Catholic Students in Secular Colleges: Face the Facts"

61/38 July 13 James E. Armstrong appointed President of the American Alumni Council

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