

# Notre Dame: Marks 125th, Eyes Bright Future

Notre Dame, Ind.—On a bitterly cold November afternoon in 1864, a 28-year-old priest and four brothers, all members of a relatively new French missionary order, stood shivering inside a small log church on the shore of a lake in the wilderness of Northern Indiana.

The priest, Father Edward F. Sorin of the Congregation of Holy Cross, said softly to his companions, "At this place, Notre Dame du Lac, we will build a great university."

From the small school Father Sorin started with \$310 and three log buildings in bad repair, the University of Notre Dame now has 7,700 students, more than 600 faculty members, buildings valued at \$80 million, an endowment approaching \$65 million, and a football team which almost always wins.

The state charter for Notre Dame was secured by a Methodist friend, Indiana State Senator John B. DeFrees, and Father Sorin immediately started welcoming students. No one seeking education was turned away, but if your father had an extra hog or two to throw into the customary cash-plus-barter arrangement, you might receive instruction in the piano in addition to the normal classical education which contained liberal doses of Latin and Greek.

The struggling young school endured successfully the typhus

epidemic of 1853, the national financial crises of 1857 and 1861, and the Civil War, to which it sent both faculty and students to fight and serve as chaplains for the Union. In April, 1879, the main college building burned to the ground. Father Sorin's reaction was typical: he gathered his community in the church and told them to rebuild a greater Notre Dame. In five months, a new and finer college building was ready. The first college dormitory with individual rooms—Sorin Hall—was constructed ten years later.

## Great ND Names

The university continued to expand through the years under the administrative and scholarly leadership of several Holy Cross priests, including John F. O'Hara, president from 1935-39, who went on to become Archbishop of Philadelphia and a Cardinal of the Church. Father John A. Zahm (1851-1921), a physicist who wrote widely about religion and science, and Father Julius A. Nieuwland (1878-1936), a chemist whose discoveries led to synthetic rubber, both aided the growth of science at Notre Dame. The lack of substantial endowment funds, however, hampered progress.

Father John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., who assumed the presidency during the post-World War II rush to college campuses, set up the Notre Dame

Foundation as the University's fund-raising arm in 1947. The Foundation has raised \$100 million since its founding, and is now almost halfway toward the \$250 million goal of the University's most ambitious development program, "SUMMA: Notre Dame's Greatest Challenge."

## The Hesburgh Era

A young theologian, Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., followed Father Cavanaugh as president in 1952, and his tenure has witnessed the most rapid development in the University's history.

—The physical campus has undergone a startling transformation with 20 major buildings costing some \$50 million erected and another \$16 million in construction now underway. The \$9 million Memorial Library, built in 1963, is the world's largest college library building.

—The University's budget has more than tripled to \$35 million dollars, meaning it costs about \$100,000 a day to operate Notre Dame.

—The budget outlay for faculty salaries has gone from \$1.7 million to \$10 million.

—Research grants have increased ten times to about \$7.5 million a year.

—The Graduate School has grown to the point where the University now awards more graduate degrees each year than it did undergraduate degrees in 1940.

—The student body's carefully controlled growth has been from 5,400 to 7,700 students, and its quality is indicated by the fact that 20 per cent of the current freshmen were graduated among the top five in their high school classes.

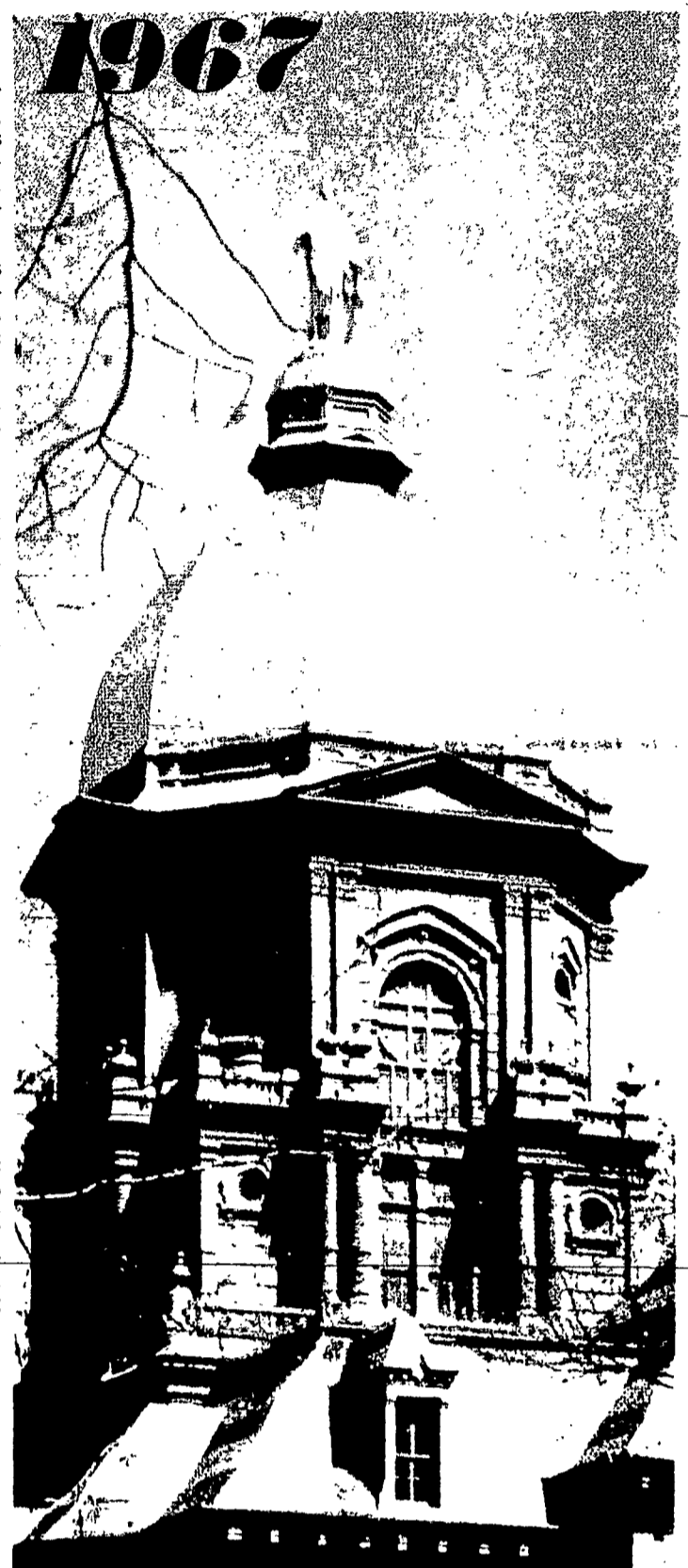
—The increasing academic prestige of Notre Dame was evident in 1960 when the university was chosen as one of the first five private universities in the nation offered a Ford Foundation matching grant designed to encourage regional centers of academic excellence.

—The University became one of the first Catholic institutions of higher learning to effect a changeover from clerical to lay governance when last May it turned control of Notre Dame over to a board of trustees including 29 prominent laymen and 7 priests of the Holy Cross Order.

One changeless quality of Notre Dame remains its religious character—it is still the "University of Our Lady." Its

Catholicism, however, has a post-Vatican Council thrust, with an emphasis on freedom of scholarship contributing to a Church in renewal.

"I see a Notre Dame proud of its past, relevant to the present, and open to the future," Father Hesburgh said recently. "We must provide a crossroads where all the vital intellectual currents of our time meet in dialogue, and where the endless conversation is harbored, not foreclosed."



"GOLDEN DOME" surmounted by statue of Mary (Notre Dame) marks administration building of Notre Dame University, and is a famous landmark of the 125-year old school. (Photo from the Notre Dame Alumnus magazine.)

## In Bolivia

# Troops in Mines Rapped

La Paz, Bolivia — Army occupation of government-operated tin mines is no longer justified and serves only to repress the legitimate claims of the miners, a Catholic daily here charged in a series of articles on conditions in the mines.

On June 24 troops entered the mine complex on the grounds that communist union leaders were planning insurrection with a guerrilla movement backed by Cuba and led by the late Ernesto "Che" Guevara. The state mines, backbone of the Bolivian economy, have been operating under military surveillance since that time.

The articles in the daily, La Presencia, preceded a protest by 11 priests against the repression of the miners. The protest, authorized by the Bolivian hierarchy, was carried in La Presencia.

The priests' statement said that the occupation of the mines by the military "is neither just nor good."

The priests invoked in support of their position Pope Paul VI's encyclical, The Development of Peoples, and the decrees of the Second Vatican Council.

Bolivian President Rene Barrientos Ortuño offered to meet with the priests to discuss the situation in the mines. He said:

"I have tried, with little comprehension, to overcome an inheritance of anarchy and bankruptcy in the mines, which were

losing as much as \$16 million a year. As always, I welcome the just and human voice of the Church as light and guide."

La Presencia asserted that a "police state" has been imposed at the mines in order to "crush all protests, complaints and struggles for the rights of the miner, now vilified and cornered."

"The armed forces must leave the mines and restore freedom there," the newspaper said. "Unemployment must be absorbed somehow and all other injustices corrected, as human dignity is our most precious capital."

Some of the details of conditions the correspondents described included the following:

—Highest paid miners make about \$40 a month, plus some indirect subsidies for food and schools. The majority, however, earn between \$25 and \$30. Food stores "ration out" their supplies up to 70% of a miner's income. Clothing, rent and social security payments take the rest.

—Medical services are inadequate because of a shortage of doctors, nurses and hospital facilities and the lack of proper drugs for treatment of occupational diseases, such as silicosis, a lung disease.

—The middle men in food and medical supplies inflate costs.

—Under the rationing system, a family receives a weekly average of seven pounds of

meat, seven pounds of sugar, four pounds of rice and 11 pounds of potatoes. Bread, candles and cooking oil are also rationed. These are standard rations, regardless of family size.

—With such a system, a working miner consumes about 600 calories of the 3,800 he needs for his job.

—Schools offer a brighter spot. Except for overcrowding, schools are well provided with personnel. Children are given books and school luncheon.

Some 26,000 miners and their families are involved in the present issue, which is hanging over the country as a potential powder keg.

"There is a state of terror and dead silence in the mines," one of the articles in the series said. "Arbitrary rule by force is the supreme law today. New mass firings are in the making. Conditions are there to be seen by anyone who cares, and we challenge government authorities, congressmen, labor leaders and other members of the press to check on them."

## Superior General to Live in Egypt

Rome—(NC)—Mother Sabine De Valon has resigned as superior general of the Religious of the Sacred Heart and taken up residence in the society's convent in Heliopolis, Egypt.

## WEEKLY CROSSWORD

ACROSS	DOWN	Bill	31
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6. Tapestry	6. Cartoonist	26. Derby	
7. Ones	7. Win	27. Pale sailor	
8. Blue grass	8. Commodity	28. Organ of smell	
9. Of a sacred picture	9. Back of the neck	29. Organs of smell	
10. In a body	10. Doctrine	30. Skating area	
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12. Hat rim	12. Knight's title		
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18. Behold			
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