At dedication ceremonies
McNamara demands population restriction
by Mike Mooney
A day of ceremony marked the dedication of the new University Student Life Center yesterday. The list of participating dignitaries was led by former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara. The chairman of the board of the World Bank received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the dedication of the new Convocation Center following the luncheon.

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To emphasize the desperation of the problem of overpopulation, McNamara cited the staggering facts of the "gap between the rich and poor of the world."

"Two-thirds of mankind . . . remain entrapped in a cruel web of circumstances that severely limit their right to the necessities of life," stated McNamara.

The misery of the underdeveloped world is today broadened and deepened by a population growth that is totalmente unprecedented in history," he concluded.

During the academic convocation after the luncheon, Rev. John E. Walsh, C.S.C., in delivering the citations for the degree, noted the business and managerial achievements of Romonas Hayes Healy of Chicago, E. Robert L. Hamilton of Racine, Wisconsin. He praised McNamara for his contributions to the country and to the world.

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Militant students beat May Day retreat

(UPI) - Militant students beat May Day retreats yesterday from buildings they had occupied on the Columbia and Stanford University campuses.

Members of the radical Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) abandoned two buildings on the Columbia campus in New York City after a state Supreme Court judge signed a warrant for their arrest.

Some 150 antiwar protesters gave up a Stanford administration building on the campus near Palo Alto, Calif., when police were called to quell a student demonstration for the first time in the school's 78 year history.

Urges US withdrawal from Vietnam

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Sen. George D. Aiken of Vermont, the senior Republican, urged President Nixon yesterday to begin immediately an orderly withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam.

He said the United States had achieved its goals in South Vietnam.

Aiken's floor speech followed official State Department confirmation that eventual, unilateral U.S. troop withdrawals are part of the peace plan that the Nixon administration has developed.

Undersecretary of State Elliot L. Richardson, in a television interview Tuesday night, hinted such withdrawals to the buildup of South Vietnamese forces to the point they can assume a greater share of the fighting.

Reports peace talks' progress to Thieu

PARIS (UPI) - Chief South Vietnamese negotiator Pham Dung Lam returned to Saigon yesterday to report to President Nguyen Van Thieu.

The trip spurred hopes that a breakthrough in the deadlocked Vietnam peace conference was imminent.

Lam flew to Saigon only 24 hours after the leader of the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front delegation announced the NLF was "ready to engage in discussions with the other parties to make the conference move forward."

Previously the Viet Cong had pressed for bilateral negotiations between the front and the United States and virtually ignored the presence of the South Vietnamese delegation at the conference.

Open Board looks dim

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meetings be open to all students while part of the meetings open to specific student leaders to discuss specific issues.

McKenna stated that he made it "extremely clear" that a possibility existed of student action in response to no open Board meeting.

He further stated that Father Hesburgh felt that any action of this type would serve to alienate the vast majority of the Board members and not just those opposed to open meetings.

As to the question of publishing the minutes of the meetings, McKenna reported that Facenda felt that there was a better chance to open up the meetings than to have the minutes published.

McKenna stated that he would meet with Facenda before the meeting begins to find out the details of an informal meeting after the regular Board meeting.

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Nun indicts Dow: public made 'insensitive'

by Chuck Jackson

A nun who faces federal imprisonment for her aiding assault on a Dow Chemical office last March 22, spoke to several persons last night in the Law Auditorium.

Sister Joanne Malone, with the aid of eight others recently entered the Chemical company's Washington headquarters and smashed windows, poured blood on files and then threw the files out the windows. The files contained information substantiating Dow's large Vietnam involvement as well as its policies of foreign exploitation.

The pretty, dark-haired nun from the Order of the Sisters of Loreto, is currently a teacher at a Catholic girl's school in St. Louis. She is an active counselor for draft resistance and is editor of the St. Louis Free Press.

Sister Malone put forth indictments against Dow Chemical Company. In addition to being the chief manufacturer of napalm and nerve gas, she said the company strives to completely control its corporation in foreign countries. Dow also cooperated with the chemical company supplying the gas which killed Jews during World War Two, she said.

She went on to accuse not only Dow but also many other large corporations of making Americans "insensitive" to the injustices the corporations are procuring through manufacturing and sales policies.

Through corporations, she said, "we maintain the same type of slavery today in Latin America as we do in our ghettos. It is a program of death and exploitation."

She cited the United Fruit Company's exploitation of bananas in Guatemala as an example. She also said that the Roman Catholic Church is one of the largest corporations in the world, having large holdings in South America. These holdings are mostly real estate and she said that the church is governing her South American property with the methods of feudalism and wealthy land owners.

She posed several questions about the power and control of corporations. "I wonder to what extent Notre Dame and other universities are controlled by corporations... Do you go to school at the price of napalm and bombs on Vietnam?"

"About the war, which is the focal point of her actions, she said, "we have dropped more bombs on Vietnam than all the previous wars combined—and for what purpose?... This hardly seems a step for peace."

"I say 'no' to wherever it is that I find dehumanizing forces. I say 'yes' to positive values I see in society. Yet to education and to the fact that people can change."

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In the valley of the sun, McNamara saw the need for improved techniques in demography (the statistical study of human population) and the "socio-cultural aspects" of family planning.

"Programs are beginning to show progress in limited areas," said McNamara.

"But no reduction in birth rates has yet been achieved anywhere in the underdeveloped areas which can significantly affect overall world population totals."

He concluded by saying that if nothing is not done now to begin to relieve the problem of overcrowding, we have committed a crime.

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