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CLERGY TO LEARN OF ECONOMICS

Are the demands made by labor fair? Are current business practices ethical? Montana clergymen may get a close look at both sides of the coin as the result of conferences that have already been conducted in Missoula and Butte and others that will follow this week in Helena, Great Falls and Billings.

Olin W. Davis of Purdue University will be meeting with representatives of business, labor and agriculture, as well as clergymen, to explain his plan to make men of the cloth better informed in the broad spectrum of economics. Davis heads the Clergy Economic Education Foundation (CEEF), which is willing to fund a seminar on economics for the clergy of Montana if sufficient interest is shown.

Tom Collins, UM Administrative Assistant, will travel with Davis and introduce him and his plan to community leaders in Montana's larger cities. Colling stated that the UM was eager to cooperate because many clergymen have had little or no training in economics. "If they are better informed," said Collins, "their counsel becomes more valuable."

Davis quoted from an article in the WALL STREET JOURNAL which stated the program had been well received by both business and labor in other states. He said the clergymen are assembled in a "retreat" and furnished with economics textbooks. Representatives of labor and business are brought in to lecture so that both sides are fairly presented.

"We just present facts," said Davis, "and let the clergy make up their own minds."

He said that if they receive the support in the regional meetings, the first seminar would probably take place in 1968.