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CLERGYMEN, LAYMEN TO ENGAGE IN ECONOMICS DISCUSSIONS NEAR BOZEMAN SEPT. 7-11

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About 40 laymen representing all segments of Montana's economy, including economists from the University of Montana (UM) and other universities, will participate in the second annual Montana Clergy Economic Conference, Sept. 7-11, near Bozeman.

Purpose of the conference will be to bring an analysis of the American economic system to clergymen of all faiths.

The five-day conference will convene at the Nine-Quarter Circle Ranch, <u>Gallatin Gateway</u>, 12 miles southwest of Bozeman. Thomas J. Collins, director of the UM Foundation and of UM public services, is conference coordinator. The program is sponsored by the Foundation.

According to Collins, the conference will enable about 40 selected clergymen in the state to hear not only academic presentations of economic topics, but also the viewpoints business, labor and agricultural leaders on these subjects.

Cost of sending the clergy to the conference is provided by funds from Montana businesses, labor and agricultural organizations.

Among the speakers and topics to be presented beginning Monday (Sept. 8), will be Walter Bishop, board member of the Clergy, Economic and Education Foundation, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., who will open the conference at 8:30 a.m. with a discussion on "The Clergy Economic Education Foundation."

Dr. John Hicks, executive assistant to the president at Purdue will discuss "An Overview of the American Economy," "Economic Growth and Stability," and "Price and Market System," at 9 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., respectively.

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On Tuesday, Dr. Richard McConnen, chairman of the economics department at Montana

State University, <u>Bozeman</u>, will speak on "The Problems of American Agriculture" at

9 a.m. Thomas M. Power and Dr. John Mingo, lecturer and assistant professor, respectively,
in the UM economics department, will discuss the "Distribution of Income" at 1:15 p.m.

Tuesday at 7:15 p.m., William R. Andrews, president of the Union Bank and Trust

Company, Helena, will discuss "Money and Banking"; John Davis, vice-president of the

Great Falls National Bank, will discuss "The Services of Banking," and Joe H. Irwin,

secretary-treasurer of the Montana Consumer Finance Association, Great Falls, will talk

on "The Role of Consumer Credit in Our Economy."

On Wednesday, Dr. Mingo and Power will present issues on "International Trade and the Developing Nations" at 9 a.m.

Also on Wednesday, Dr. Dallas Jones, professor of industrial relations, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, will speak on "The Impact of Automation and Productivity" and "Philosophy of Labor-Management Relations," at 1:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., respectively.

Dr. Jones will discuss "Labor and Management and Their Stake in the American Economy" at 9 a.m. Thursday (Sept. 11).

A panel discussion by selected clergy at 1:15 p.m. Thursday will precede conference adjournment.