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DAYTON, Ohio, May 20, 1968 --- The University of Dayton administration has reaffirmed its policy on racial discrimination in all areas with two statements released through Bro. Elmer C. Lackner, S.M., Vice President for Public Relations, today.

The two statements, entitled "The University of Dayton's Policy on Discrimination and Prejudice," and "The University of Dayton's Policy on Discrimination in Housing," were a joint effort of the school's Public Relations Council, of which Bro. Lackner is the chairman, and the Administrative Council, the University's top administrative body under Very Rev. Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., President. Recommendations for the statements came from the Human Relations Office of the University.

The first statement on discrimination and prejudice reads: "The University reaffirms its policy that discrimination and prejudice against any person or group because of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry are repugnant to the principles of Christianity and to our American tradition of equality and opportunity for all; that the University has the responsibility to insure equality and opportunity to all persons and groups related to the University."

On housing the councils said: "The University of Dayton upholds as policy that discrimination in housing against any person because of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry is intolerable; that the University has the responsibility to provide adequate housing for all its students; and that the University will take effective measures to investigate and resolve all instances of discrimination."

"These policies," added Bro. Lackner, "have been in operation at the University for a long time. We feel, however, that it is appropriate in these troubled times to state our position publicly.

"With these policies in mind," Bro. Lackner continued, "we are conducting an intensive review of the nature and functions of our Human Relations Office, established on a tentative basis last winter. We hope to finish this study before the fiscal year in July and create the office on a permanent basis.

"Creation of the office last winter was made by the administration after requests by various groups on campus. It was an effort to coordinate existing programs and initiate other projects in this area. The general direction given to its director, Charles Hirt, was to concentrate his efforts on any existing campus problems in the area of human relations, and to associate with himself an advisory group to aid in the development of the program.

"It has been the plan of the administrative council," continued Bro. Lackner, "to spell out the functions and set guidelines under which the program would operate on a permanent basis. Along these lines, a number of excellent suggestions have been offered by Mr. Hirt and the advisory board. These are being reviewed by the Public Relations Council under which the Human Relations Office was first set-up."