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DAYTON, Ohio, September 16, 1968 --- Dr. Nicholas Nyaradi, former Under-secretary of the Treasury and Minister of Finance of the Republic of Hungary and now Director of the School of International Studies at Bradley University, will open the Martha Holden Jennings Lecture series at the University of Dayton, Saturday, September 21, at 9:30 A.M. The lecture is the first of eight in a year-long program co-sponsored by the Cleveland-based Martha Holden Jennings Foundation and the School of Education at the University of Dayton.

His talk is entitled: "It Isn't Easy to be an American."

Designed for the recognition of outstanding teachers and to enhance the teaching profession on the elementary and secondary level in Ohio, this lecture series is programmed for some 350 selected teachers from the Southwestern portion of Ohio. Similar series have been conducted at Kent State University, Ohio University and Bowling Green State University. The current series at UD, under the direction of Mr. M. Byron Morton of the Department of School Administration, is the first in southwestern Ohio.

Considered an expert on Soviet Russia and Eastern European countries, Dr. Nyaradi was born and educated in Hungary and participated in the anti-Nazi underground movement in Hungary during World War II. After the war he was asked by the anti-communist Small Landowners Party to serve in Hungary's post-war government. He held the two aforementioned positions before fleeing the country under Soviet pressure.

Since coming to the United States, Dr. Nyaradi has written articles and speeches which have been inserted into the Congressional Record and published in the Saturday Evening Post, Fortune Magazine, and the Scripps-Howard newspapers. His book: "My Ringside Seat in Moscow" was acclaimed by reviewers as one of the best ever published on Russia.

Dr. Nyaradi also spent seven months on a top-level diplomatic mission and came to know personally many of the past and present leaders of the Soviet Union. He has been in Munich several times studying the operation of Radio Free Europe and has been active with Hungarian relief activities through the American Red Cross. He serves as a consultant for governmental agencies on -more-
Eastern Europe and is a member of a Republican Party Task Force on foreign policy.


Many of the nation's top educators and leading public figures have participated in the Jennings Scholar Program since its establishment in 1959. The Foundation has developed many programs, including grants, to upgrade elementary and secondary school teaching in Ohio.

Note: News Media desiring to interview Dr. Nyaradi should contact Mr. M. Byron Morton of our School Administration Department, 461-5500, Ext. 507. Mr. Morton is in charge of the year-long, eight-lecture Jennings Scholar program.