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DAYTON, Ohio, March 12, 1969 -- Three experts in Latin American affairs, including the Chilean ambassador to the United States, will be the principal speakers at a Latin American Symposium at the University of Dayton, Saturday, March 22. The symposium is sponsored jointly by the Dayton Council on World Affairs and the University of Dayton's History Department, Student Government and Special Sessions. It will be held in the Kennedy Union building, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The speakers are: Rev. Blase Bonpane who was withdrawn from Guatemala in 1967 following his activities with university students in the organization of peasant leagues; Dr. Domingo Santa Maria, the Chilean ambassador to the U.S. and former member of the cabinet of President Eduardo Frei; and Dr. David D. Burks, professor of history at Indiana University, and author of a forthcoming book assessing the impact of the Cuban Revolution on hemispheric affairs.

Father Bonpane, a native of Los Angeles, received an M.A. degree in Latin American Affairs from Georgetown University and has studied at the University of Southern California, Maryknoll College, and the University of the State of New York. He is active in promoting inter-American relations through press, radio and television.

Dr. Domingo Santa Maria joined the cabinet of President Frei of Chile following the election of 1964 when the Christian Democratic Party defeated a Marxist presidential candidate. Dr. Santa Maria received his education at the Catholic University of Santiago where he later taught engineering.

Dr. David D. Burks has served as a research specialist for the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the U.S. Department of State and as a Council on Foreign Relations Fellow and consultant to the State Department. He is a contributor to the "Handbook of Latin American Studies" and is co-author of "Evolution or Chaos: Dynamics of Latin American Government and Politics".

General Chairman of the symposium is Bruce M. Taylor, assistant professor of history, University of Dayton.

Cooperating agencies are Wright State University, United Theological Seminary, Sinclair Community College, Church Federation of Greater Dayton, Central YMCA Adult Program Department, and regional office of the American Friends Service Committee.

Participants include faculty members of Antioch College, Central State University, Wright State University, Sinclair College, Wilmington College, and the University of Dayton.

Symposium fee is $2.00 per person, with no charge for students who have registered. Further information may be obtained from: Mrs. Martin Edelman, Dayton Council on World Affairs, 205 E. First Street, Dayton, Ohio, or University of Dayton, Continuing Education Department, Kennedy Union, Dayton, Ohio 45409.