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Conference on U.S. -Latin American Relations to be Held at the University of Dayton

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DAYTON, Ohio, March 5, 1984 -- U.S.-Latin American relations will be the subject of a day-long conference at the University of Dayton on Wednesday, March 14.

The conference, to be held in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Union from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., is designed to focus attention on three key areas of U.S.-Latin America relations. It will bring together top experts on the Latin American economy, the Church, and relations with the United States to discuss the importance of Latin American to the United States and the rest of the world.

The day will be divided into three sessions, all of which are free and open to the public. Participants may attend any one session or a combination of the three, as well as a noon luncheon. Tickets for the luncheon are $7 and reservations are required by Monday, March 12.

The conference will begin with a 9 a.m. panel discussion on "U.S.-Latin Economic Relations and the Debt Problem." The chairperson will be Giuseppe Bassani, vice president, Latin America Region, NCR Corporation. The panelists will be Pedro-Pablo Kuczynski, president, First Boston, Inc., and former minister, Energy and Mines, Peru; Thomas Trebat, economic analyst, Bankers Trust Co., New York, and Richard E. Feinberg, vice president, Overseas Development Council.

The Rev. James Heft, S.M., chairman of the Department of Religious Studies at UD, will chair the 2 p.m. panel discussion on "The Church in Latin Politics."

Panelists will be Ralph Della Cava, history professor, Queens College, City University
of New York; Alexander Wilde, senior fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Affairs, University of Notre Dame, and the Rev. Cecelio de Lora, S.M., Colombia, former member, Secretariat, Conference of Latin American Bishops.

In an 8 p.m. debate on the causes of present Latin American political tensions, entitled "Sources of Instability and the U.S. Stake in the Region," Phillips Ruopp, senior associate, the Charles F. Kettering Foundation, will be the chairperson.

The panelists will be Abraham F. Lowenthal, a professor in the School of International Relations at the University of Southern California, and Nestor D. Sanchez, deputy assistant secretary of defense, Inter-American Region.

The conference on U.S.-Latin American Relations is sponsored by UD's Center for International Studies, the Dayton Council on World Affairs, the World Trade Council, the League of Women Voters, and the Southern Ohio District Export Council. It is funded in part by the Society of Mary and the Charles F. Kettering Foundation.

To register for the noon luncheon, or for more information on the conference, call Margaret Karns, director, the University of Dayton Center for International Studies, at (513) 229-3514.