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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dr. Robert M. Burgess, who will direct the National Defense Act Foreign Language Institute at Montana State University from June 20 through August 12, has returned from a meeting of institute directors at Boulder, Colo., MSU officials said.

The meeting was called by officials of the U. S. Office of Education for the purpose of coordinating the work of the 36 institutes to be conducted at colleges and universities this summer, Dr. Burgess said. Dr. Lawrence Poston, national director of institutes, was in charge of the meeting.

Four academic-year institutes, scattered over the United States, are planned in addition to the 36 summer institutes, Dr. Burgess reports. These summer and academic-year institutes will give the 2,140 teachers participating intensive work in the language itself and demonstrations of the latest methods of instruction and of the use of language laboratory techniques. The general purpose of the program is to improve the quality of foreign language instruction in elementary and secondary schools, he said.

Summer institutes will be conducted for teachers of French, German, Italian, Russian, and Spanish. The institute at MSU has accepted 22 teachers of French and 22 teachers of Spanish, according to Dr. Burgess.

Applications for summer institutes are no longer being accepted, but the newly announced academic-year institutes are still open, Dr. Burgess said. Teachers interested in academic-year institutes should write to the director of institutes at the following schools:

Dr. William B. Edgerton, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Indiana University, Bloomington, 30 secondary teachers of Russian; Dr. Adolf E. Schroeder, Department of Foreign Languages, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, 18 secondary teachers of German; Dr. Simon Belasco, Department of Romance Languages, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., 23 secondary teachers of French; Dr. R. M. Duncan, Department of Modern and Classical Languages, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 30 elementary and secondary teachers of Spanish.

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