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FOR RELEASE SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Richard Westenburg, instructor in organ at Montana State University, will play the organ at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris at 11 a. m. Sunday, according to word received by Prof. Lloyd Oakland of the MSU School of Music.

Westenburg is on leave from the University to study with Pierre Cochereau, organist at Notre Dame Cathedral, Prof. Oakland said. Cochereau arranged for Westenburg to study certain organ compositions with their composers; and he has had lessons with Jean Langlais, Olivier Messiaen, Maurice Durufle, and Marcel Dupre in Paris. He also studied Bach for two weeks with Karl Richter in Munich.

Prof. Oakland reported that Westenburg went with Nadia Boulanger to a rehearsal of the Lamoureux orchestra, with composer Paul Hindemith conducting. The next day, after the concert, which included Hindemith's "Pittsburgh Symphony," Westenburg met Hindemith. When the composer learned that Eugene Weigel was composer in residence at MSU, Hindemith remarked, "Well, if Weigel is in Missoula, the next time I will write a 'Missoula Symphony'."

Upon his return from Europe in May, Westenburg is scheduled to play for Dimitri Mitropoulos and Leonard Bernstein in New York City, Prof. Oakland said.

Westenburg will play two recitals in Missoula this summer. On June 16, he will give a recital of music by Langlais, Dupre, and Messiaen. To open Music Week at the University in July, he will play a program of Bach, Mozart, Bossi, Giga, Franck, and Langlais.

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