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Fifty-two high-school teachers of French have been accepted in the National Defense Education Act Language Institute that will be in session at Montana State University from June 22 to Aug. 15, according to Dr. Douglas C. Sheppard, chairman of the MSU Department of Foreign Languages and institute director.

Seventeen teachers from 12 Montana communities are in the group, which includes teachers from Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana and South Carolina.

"For eight weeks the teachers will 'live, eat and sleep the language' in a total immersion program with language tables, a French house, classes in the language, and extracurricular activities with a Gallic flavor," Prof. Sheppard said.

According to the director, the institute is to be designed to improve the competence of the teachers, especially in the spoken language, to familiarize them with authentic aspects of French culture, and to introduce them to the latest methods and materials for foreign language instruction.

Serving on the staff with Dr. Sheppard are MSU faculty members Dorothy Bohn, assistant director, and Bernard L. DuPont and visiting experts from France, Virginia, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota.

Montana teachers who will attend are Mrs. Beth Elise Anderson, Alberton; Mrs. Blanche Casto Permoda and Leone Marie Smith, both of Anaconda; James C. Barsotti, Big Sandy; Mrs. Laura P. Coffman, Rose E. Shaughnessy and Pearl J. Vandersloot, all of Billings; William Lee Johnstone, Bozeman.

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William T. Drew, Butte; Mrs. Laura J. Taft, Cut Bank; Robert L. Sawyer, Dillon; Merton L. Boyd, Ekalaka; Mrs. Jean Stoll Hughes, Hamilton; Karla Jean Robbins and Mrs. Evelyn M. Nockleby, both of Kalispell, and Elaine Hope Edwards and Mrs. Carolyn A. Lawrence, both of Missoula.

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