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The head of the education department at Montana State University, Dr. James Thrasher, left Missoula by plane Tuesday night and will be in Warsaw, Poland, Thursday to begin an extensive field study of "Education Under Communism."

The seminar and tour is being sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa, professional education fraternity. The group of about 75 school administrators and college and university educators from throughout the United States will visit six Communist countries.

According to Dr. Thrasher the group will visit Warsaw, Poland; Moscow, U.S.S.R.; Bucharest, Rumania; Belgrade, Yugoslavia; Budapest, Hungary, and Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The tour will include an extensive schedule of visits to schools of each educational level, lectures and conferences with local educators and government officials.

The purpose of the trip is to give American educators a knowledge and understanding of the efforts of education in the Communist countries. The group will trace the educational patterns of Communist satellite countries in relation to the objectives of education in those countries, Dr. Thrasher said.

The American educators will spend about three weeks making the tour. Dr. Thrasher said he will be available to discuss his experiences when he returns to Missoula.

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