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AUSTRIAN POET PETER HANDKE TO
SPEAK AT UM ON MAY 7

MISSOULA--

Peter Handke, a famous Austrian poet, will be a featured speaker during the annual Montana Foreign Language Association Conference May 7-8 at the University of Montana, Missoula.

Handke will read excerpts from his recent book "Die Innenwelt der Aussenwelt der Innenwelt" ("The Inner World of the Outer World of the Inner World") in the University Center, Montana Room 360, at 8:30 p.m. on May 7. The poetry reading is open to the public without charge.

Handke, who is on a United States lecture tour sponsored by the Austrian government and the Austrian Institute of New York, was invited by the UM Foreign Language Department to speak at the conference.

Dr. Anton Kolleritsch, editor of "Manuskripte," a leading Austrian literary magazine, will introduce Handke and give a brief overview of contemporary Austrian literature.

Handke writes poems, plays, essays, short stories and novels. His works include the play "Ritt Uber den Bodensee" ("The Ride Over Lake Constance"), the play "Kaspar" and a novel, "Die Angst des Torwarts vor dem Elfmeter" ("The Fear of the Goalkeeper Before the Eleven-Meter Rus").

Originally a working-class boy from the Austrian provincial capital of Graz, Handke was raised by the Jesuits and studied law. He has lived mostly in West Germany and recently in Paris.

In the March 22, 1971, issue of The New York Times, Francois Bondy wrote, "...Handke is preoccupied, even obsessed, with the phenomenon of language, with the way in which man becomes its vehicle instead of being its master....All Handke's writing is polarized between a logical urge and a musical sense of modern rhythm...His work is coherent and at the same time in full evolution through his testing of the valid means of expression.