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253 Montana high school students face challenges at Montana Model UN

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MISSOULA--

The 253 Montana high school students who are delegates or alternates to the ninth annual Montana Model United Nations Conference (MMUN) through Wednesday morning (Nov. 14) at the University of Montana in Missoula may face a number of difficult political decisions during the 1973 MMUN.

Kathleen Sullivan, Missoula, a UM junior who is conference coordinator, said the student delegates, representing 16 high schools and 60 nations during the three-day MMUN, "will be expected to adhere to the policies of the nations they represent in making decisions and debating current affairs."

"Sometime during the MMUN we will simulate a world-crisis situation," Sullivan said. "The high school delegates, or alternates if they are needed, will have to propose temporary solutions or compromises to the problems put before them."

Admission of North Korea and South Korea to the MMUN Security Council, and the conflict in the Middle East are among the topics which are scheduled to be debated during the MMUN, which is being held in the University Center Ballroom and Montana Rooms.

Names of the top 10 MMUN delegations are scheduled to be announced Wednesday.

In a letter welcoming the high school students to the Missoula campus, UM President Robert T. Pantzer said in part: "Your deliberations during the Model UN assembly will undoubtedly give you new understanding of the grave problems involved in the struggle for world peace. We hope you will find success in your efforts to solve such problems as the United Nations has dealt with since the ratification of its charter in 1945."
The first session of the 1973 MMUN General Assembly was held from 3-5 p.m. Monday. The second session will be from 7:30-10 p.m. Tuesday and the third session will be from 8 a.m.-noon Wednesday.

High school students participating in the 1973 MMUN represent a number of Montana communities, including Boulder, Bozeman, Browning, Butte, Eureka, Florence, Frenchtown, Missoula, Shepherd, Stevensville, Twin Bridges and Whitehall.