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MISSOULA--

Dr. Charles J. Katz (pronounced Cots), former director of the Missoula Mental Hygiene Clinic, will join the University of Montana Student Health Service on Jan. 4 as director of a new mental health department, announced Dr. Robert B. Curry, Student Health Service director.

The addition of Dr. Katz will bring to five the number of full-time physicians on the Student Health Service staff.

"The health service has felt a need to improve its mental health activities for University students," Dr. Curry said. "Emphasis from now on will be placed on preventive measures through broad training programs with the residence halls' staff members and other student related personnel."

A native of Milwaukee, Wisc., Dr. Katz received his undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He attended Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill., where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1937. From 1940-45 Dr. Katz served in the military.

Dr. Katz practiced neuropsychiatry for 15 years in Wilmington, Dela. During that time he also served as an instructor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School Hospital in Philadelphia, instructor of psychiatry for the Delaware State Police and consultant to the Delaware State Hospital, where he supervised resident psychiatrists.

Dr. Katz became a member of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in 1945. He also is a member of the Western Montana Medical Society, the Montana Medical Association, the American Society of Psychoanalytic Physicians, and he is a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and the American Medical Association.

His most recent article, co-authored by Erick Whittenberger and entitled "Drug Abusers Rehabilitation Program for Youth at Wyoming State Hospital," appeared in the Rocky Mountain Medical Journal in July 1970.