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A Montana State University psychologist, Dr. Clyde E. Noble, has been invited by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) to serve on a panel to discuss current and future trends in basic research in the field of human learning, MSU officials said.

The week-long conference, scheduled for next year in Washington, D. C., will be planned by a group of eight scientists who are specialists in this branch of experimental psychology. Later, a number of other behavior scientists will be added to the conference as commentators.

Besides Dr. Noble, the nucleus group consists of Dr. B. J. Underwood of Northwestern, Dr. C. N. Cofer of the University of Maryland, Dr. James Deese of Johns Hopkins, Dr. G. A. Miller of Harvard, and Dr. Leo Postman of the University of California.

Among technical problems to be considered by the ONR panel will be the value of information theory to psychological research, the role of mediating processes in behavior theory, the status of research on word association, and the relations between traditional laboratory methods of measuring memory and the newer advances in psycho-linguistics. Proceedings of the conference will be published.

Dr. Noble, who joined the MSU faculty as associate professor in 1957, has directed a research program on human learning for the National Science Foundation since 1955. His experiments center around the selective mathometer, an electronic problem-solving device he invented while serving with the U. S. Air Force. A continuation grant of $15,400 was awarded last year by the foundation, which will extend the experiments another two years.

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Dr. Noble is a Fellow of the Division of Experimental Psychology of the American Psychological Assn. and a member of several professional societies, including Sigma Xi and Phi Beta Kappa. Last year he was appointed a consultant on training methods to the Human Resources Research Office of the U. S. Army, and he was recently named to "American Men of Science," "Who's Who in the West," and "Leaders in American Science." He is a reserve officer in the 9437th Air Reserve Squadron of Missoula and a member of the Missoula City Band.

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