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Montana State University has received approval from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to conduct a Summer Language Institute under the provisions of the National Defense Act of 1958, MSU President H. K. Newburn announced.

Twenty-two teachers of French and 22 teachers of Spanish will be accepted for the institute, which will be in session at MSU from June 20 through August 12, under the direction of Dr. Robert M. Burgess, chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages. Dr. Douglas Sheppard, assistant professor of Spanish at MSU, will be assistant director. Five visiting professors and four native speakers will serve as language group coordinators.

The institute for high-school language teachers will stress the use of practical language skills - speaking and comprehension, Dr. Burgess said. Participants will live in language groups and will use the language in their living quarters, at language tables, and during periods of informal discussion. Classroom instruction in French and Spanish will be supplemented by use of the MSU Language Laboratory. Aid from native speakers will be available at all times.

Dr. Burgess, who just returned from conferences in Washington, D. C., and Chicago with officers of the Language Development Section of the U. S. Office of Education, said the institute at MSU will serve the Northwest and Great Plains regions in particular, although teachers throughout the United States are eligible for admission. Brochures are being prepared to send to teachers in these areas, he said.

The purpose of the National Defense Act is to train additional teachers and to strengthen the qualifications of present teachers of mathematics, sciences, and languages so that instruction in these subjects essential to the national welfare can be expanded and improved, Dr. Burgess pointed out.

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