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The next best thing to a trip abroad is planned for language teachers registered for the National Defense Act Summer Institute in French and Spanish, which will be in session at Montana State University from June 20 through August 12.

Every effort is being made to re-create the atmosphere the participants would find themselves in if they were living where the language they are studying is the native tongue, according to Dr. Robert M. Burgess, chairman of the MSU Department of Foreign Languages and director of the institute. Participants will be encouraged to speak the language they are studying at all times - in the dormitory and at the dining table as well as in the classroom. Native speakers will live with each language group.

All this actual practice in speaking and understanding the language will supplement a seminar in language teaching, where latest techniques of language instruction will be emphasized. All instruction will be related to cultural aspects of the countries in which French and Spanish are spoken.

The 41 participants come from 15 states, Dr. Burgess said. Former MSU students who will attend are Sandra Armstrong, Katherine A. Cromley, both of the class of 1958; Sheila E. Harrison '59; Alicia Bingham, Jean Pierre Sonderer and Alfred F. Tamayo, all '57; Alice Sterling '55; Roy V. Barkley '54; Francis L. LaForge '52; Robert T. Hamilton '41; William J. Ogle '53; Daphne R. Hansen and Mary MacDonald Reid '39, and Lucille V. Lindgren '36.

Visiting lecturers will be M. Claude Batault, French Consul General, Denver, Colo.; Paul Bischoff, MSU professor emeritus of Spanish; Dr. Merrell D. Clubb Jr. of the MSU English faculty; Dr. Robert Lado, University of Michigan; George Lewis, MSU music faculty; Lester McKim, State Department of Public Instruction, Helena, and Miss Mary Thompson, Glastonbury, Conn.
Visiting staff members are Dr. Gustave Mathieu, Pomona College, Calif.; Dr. Leonard E. Arnaud, State University of South Dakota; Mrs. Evangeline M. Galas, Horace Greeley High School, Chappaqua, N. Y.; Dr. Marie-Louise LaGarde, University of Idaho. Native speakers will be Mrs. Huguette Studey, Paul Mezentzeff, Miss Graciela Rubio, and Robert Skibsted. Adolph H. Kryger and Loren L. Laird will be language laboratory monitors, and Mrs. Mary Jerome is institute secretary.

Dr. Douglas Sheppard and Dr. Burgess will complete the staff.

The institute at MSU is one of 38 to be conducted throughout the United States this summer and in the 1960-61 school year, Dr. Burgess said. Applications for the MSU institute closed some time ago, but two recently announced institutes elsewhere are still accepting applications, he noted. They are:

Summer Institute: University of Notre Dame, 6 weeks, June 20-July 29 - Secondary School Teachers of French and Spanish, 40 trainees. Director: Dr. James M. Spillane, Department of Modern Languages, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.

Academic-year Institute: Emory University, 37 weeks, September 20, 1960 - June 1, 1961 - Secondary School Teachers of French, 18 trainees. Director: Dr. Oscar Haac, Department of Romance Languages, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

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