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University of Dayton Selected for Visit of Dominican Republic Citizens

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The University of Dayton has been selected as one of eight colleges to be visited under State Department sponsorship by a group of five persons from the Dominican Republic who are building a new university on that Caribbean island.

Spending Wednesday, May 27, and Thursday, May 28, in Dayton in conference with U.D. officials will be:

- Mons. Hugo E. Polanco Brito, bishop of Santiago and rector of the new Madre Y Maestra University in Santiago;
- Francisco Manuel Batista, architect;
- Juan Bautista Sanchez Correa, director of municipal public works, Santiago;
- Luis Alfredo Troncoso Brea, engineer in charge of the construction of the new university;
- Rev. Luis Olivares, secretary to Bishop Polanco.

Accompanying the party to Dayton and other college campuses will be Edardo Leyva of the U.S. Department of State which is sponsoring the three-week tour in cooperation with the office of education of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

University of Dayton dean Father Thomas A. Stanley, former rector of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, will be host for the visitors.

Madre Y Maestra University of Santiago, a city of about 60,000 population, was founded in 1962 under the auspices of the Catholic church and has received extensive support from leading citizens in Santiago anxious to see their city known as a center of education in the Dominican Republic. Studies in philosophy, engineering, and business administration are already being offered to a student body numbering about 250.
The city of Santiago has made available a large tract of land on which to build the new university and at present classes are being held in a local polytechnic institute.

Observing of new planning concepts on the campuses of American universities and meeting with architects and organizations assisting universities with their development programs have been arranged for the tourists at the University of South Florida, Rice University, Texas A & M, University of Illinois, Chicago Teachers College, John Carroll University, and Harvard University, in addition to UD.

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