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DAYTON, Ohio, April 25, 1967 --- Nine University of Dayton professors will be applying their academic knowledge in other domestic and foreign environments this summer and during the 1967-68 school year.

Two of them, Rev. Edwin J. Weber, S.M., and Mr. Gad Soffer, will be attached to special projects in Israel. Two others, Mr. Victor Rooney and Mr. Joseph Farren, will serve as technical institute advisors in India while Dr. Merle Schmid and Mr. Jesse Wildor have been granted NASA Faculty Fellowships.

Dr. Joseph Dieska will participate in the Priests' Study Week Program for the Roman Catholic diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri and Dr. Eulalio Baltazar will participate in a Workshop at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Max Willis has been awarded a National Science Foundation Faculty Fellowship at the University of Wisconsin for the 1967-68 school year.

Father Weber, who was born in Dayton, will participate from May 1 to September 5 in the Ulpan Akiva, an International Hebrew Study Center in Natanya, Israel, 18 miles north of Tel-Aviv. Father Weber, who has been teaching theology at UD since 1960, will be part of a religious kibbutz and a secular kibbutz.

The Ulpan is a school, or system of studies, to learn the Hebrew language, and other facets of Hebrew culture. The school was originally designed for immigrants to Israel, but now is available to foreigners who want to study the language and other important facts of Israel.

"In the Ulpan Akiva," Father Weber says, "people of various nations will meet and study together. One of the aims of the Ulpan is the breaking down of barriers between different peoples and cultures, and to this end a program of community living has been arranged.

"Included in the ulpan is the official Hebrew Study program set by the Department of Hebrew Language and Culture and Adult Education of the Ministry of Education and Culture. Living in this ulpan will be students from 30 or 40 different countries, new immigrants, temporary residents, tourists, and Hebrews brushing up an incomplete knowledge of Hebrew."

Professor Soffer, in UD's History Department since last September, will be returning to his native Jerusalem. He will participate in research projects at Hebrew University.
The first program is called "The Role of the Israeli Army and Officer Class on the Society and Politics of the Country."

Its main objectives are:

1. The influence of the Officer Corps (military elite) on Politics and Society.
   A. The role of the "civilian" generals (former chiefs of staff, and high ranking officers), who are channeled to top management positions in civilian organizations. (e.g. Port-Authority, Airlines, big corporations, and political parties).
   B. The influence of the military reserve system ("a citizen 11 months a year") on ideas, attitudes and social problems within the country.
   C. Problems and solutions caused by the military such as economics, social and political.

The second program is "Recent Developments in the Israeli Political Party System". It will cover clashes among the parties, "Mapai (Eshekol) and Rafi (Ben-Gurion)"; "Herut"-split from within, ideological rift, or fight for leadership; and the possibilities for future unity among the labor parties (Maarach). Also, Is a change in the electorate system possible? Its possible results and repercussions; and What is the influence of the clash between personalities (Ben-Gurion - Eshekol - Dayan - Eban) on the political atmosphere, and including future trends.

The projects are sponsored by the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Mr. Rooney and Mr. Farren will serve in separate India institutes during this summer. Members of UD's Electrical Engineering Technology Department, Mr. Rooney will be located at Bhopal and Farren at Ahmedabad. The pair will be away 10 weeks and will serve as advisors to the director of each institute and aid the Indian faculty and staff as consultants on curriculum and laboratory planning. They also will lecture at intervals. The project is under the joint sponsorship of the National Science Foundations, the Agency for International Development, and The Indian Government.

Mr. Rooney has taught at UD since 1965 and Mr. Farren since 1961.

Professor Wilder of the Mechanical Engineering Department at UD has been awarded a 1967 NASA Engineering Systems Design Summer Faculty Fellowship and will be a participant in the Auburn University-University of Alabama and Marshall Space Flight Center Program in Huntsville, Alabama.

The principal objective of the 10-week program is to provide information and experience in multidisciplinary engineering systems design courses or programs at the participants' home institutions. Mr. Wilder's chief interests are in the area of environmental control and the propulsion system with emphasis upon applied thermodynamics and heat transfer.
Dr. Schmid's program at Huntsville will be "Quality and Reliability Assurance Laboratory. A member of the UD faculty since 1960, Dr. Schmid has written many articles and papers in his area, Industrial Engineering, and was named Professor of the Year in 1964 at UD. Dr. Schmid, who comes from Aberdeen, Washington, has participated, since 1960, in other federally and privately-supported engineering projects and has given summer lectures in India, Japan, Germany, Sweden and England since coming to UD.

Dr. Dieska was invited by Bishop Joseph W. Marling of Jefferson City after the latter had read Dr. Dieska's article on Teilhard DeChardin, noted Jesuit philosopher, in the March issue of Social Justice Review. The program, which lasts one week, will include philosophical areas such as DeChardin, the current existential rage, the current position of Thomis and present attitudes toward proofs for the existence of God.

Dr. Baltazar will participate in the Catholic University Workshop entitled "The Problem of God in Contemporary Thought." Lasting from June 12 through the 23rd, the seminar includes four themes and Dr. Baltazar will participate in Seminar I, "Religion and the Naturalist, Evolutionary, and Process Philosophies."

Dr. Willis, a native of Beaver, Pennsylvania, will begin his NSF Fellowship studies at Wisconsin in September. Fellowships of this type are a means of providing individuals with an opportunity to improve their competence as university teachers of science, mathematics or engineering.

Dr. Willis will spend his year of study in the Chemical Engineering Department at Wisconsin and concentrate on the engineering sciences. A graduate of Pennsylvania State University in 1953, and of Iowa State University with an M.S. and Ph.D. in chemical engineering in 1959 and 1962 respectively. Dr. Willis has taught at UD since 1962. He also has participated in research projects for Monsanto Research Corporation, Mound Laboratories, Miamisburg, Ohio.