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Third Consecutive National Defense Education Act Summer Institute in Spanish Granted to the University of Dayton

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DAYTON, Ohio, January 18, 1968 --- The Languages Department at the University of Dayton has been granted its third consecutive National Defense Education Act Summer Institute in Spanish by the United States Office of Education. The program, which runs seven weeks from June 24 through August 9, will be under the direction of Dr. James Ferrigno, Chairman of U.D.'s Languages Department.

The Institute, which is designed for secondary school teachers of Spanish, has been granted approximately $90,000 for the seven week program.

Last summer's Spanish Institute was one of the most successful on record. The official report recently issued shows that the 1967 Institute at Dayton was first in improvement made in speaking ability, and was second, third or fourth in five of the six remaining areas.

Qualifications for participation in the institute (which will admit 54 teachers) are that an applicant must have a bachelor's degree with an undergraduate major in Spanish, at least three years of Secondary school teaching experience, a contract to teach in grades 7-12 for 1968-69, less than six months residence in a Spanish-speaking country, and no previous NDEA Language Institute experience.

Dr. Ferrigno's staff of specialists for the institute will include: Mr. Sid Guillen, Assistant Professor of Spanish at Southern Kentucky University and a Ph.D. candidate at Vanderbilt University, who will act as Coordinator of Composition and Conversation and Dr. Esteban Lendinez, Professor of Spanish at Rice University in Texas, who will be in charge of Demonstration Methods. Specializing in Hispanic American Culture will be Dr. Eugenio Chang-Rodriguez, a Professor at Queens College of the City University of New York. Professor Ben DeSalvo, instructor at Hall High School in West Hartford, Connecticut, will head the Language Laboratory and Professor Esteban Egea, a native of Columbia who teaches at Harvard University, is the specialist for Applied Linguistics.

Three faculty members from the University of Dayton who are natives of Spanish-speaking countries will also be on the institute staff. They are Prof. Maria Castello of Spain, Prof. Carlos Galeano of Columbia and Prof. Mario Saquel of Chile.

The Institute will also have native informants who will live in the dormitories with the participants to aid them with their studies. They will also help with communication since nothing but Spanish will be spoken by the staff and participants, even during free time. The native informants are: Miss Laura M. Rodriguez (Costa Rica) of the State University of Iowa and Mr. Robert Rojas (Costa Rica) of the University of Kansas, and others to be announced.