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DAYTON, Ohio, March 4, 1968 --- "The Middle East Crisis: An Exchange of Views" is the second topic for discussion in the 1968 University of Dayton Intellectual Frontiers Series and will feature two UD professors born and raised in the Middle East.

Professors Hani Fakhouri of the Sociology Department, born in Jordan, and raised in Palestine, and Gad Soffer of the History Department, born and reared in Israel, will present their views of this crisis Thursday, March 7, in the Wohlleben Hall at 8 p.m.

The Middle East crisis is a daily study made by both these men. Professor Soffer spent last summer in Israel on a Fulbright-Hays Research Grant to Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and presented a paper "The Military in Modern Israeli Life." A graduate of Georgetown University and the American University School of International Service, both in Washington, D.C., Professor Soffer has just submitted his doctoral dissertation to the latter school. It is entitled "The Historic Role of the Officer Class in Syrian Politics and Society." His visits this summer to the occupied areas of Syria, Jordan, and Egypt, as well as Israel prepared him for the thesis.

Professor Fakhouri, who also has submitted his doctoral dissertation to Michigan State University, was brought to this country by his family in 1953. He received his bachelor's degree in international relations at Wayne State University in 1957. He was granted his master's in political sociology at the same university in 1960. He has taught at Bay de Noc College in Michigan, Northern Michigan University and was a research associate at the University of Cairo. Fakhouri, like Soffer, came to the University of Dayton two years ago. His doctorate will be in social anthropology.