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DAYTON, Ohio, May 11, 1971 --- The "new towns" will be the focus of a faculty-student European summer tour from the University of Dayton in July and August. Doctors Hani Fakhouri and Mary Jo Huth of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, and Dr. Jozef Patyk of the Political Science Department will lead the tour. They will be accompanied by thirty students.

The first week (July 14-18) will be spent in orientation sessions at U.D.

From July 19 to August 3, the tour will visit England, Scotland, Sweden, Finland, and The Netherlands. Ten "new towns" are also on the itinerary. Among them are Crawley, England; Taby, Sweden; Tapiola, Finland, and the Zuiderzee area and its new towns in The Netherlands.

More than a dozen seminars are planned with city administrators, urban planners, and "new town" architects. They will provide insight into the importance of "new towns" through discussions on urban government, urban physical planning, and urban social services.

Students will receive 12 academic credits for the tour. They will be given in a combination of four of seven sociology, anthropology and political science courses. Free days for independent travel are planned for each country, and 10 full days are allotted at the end of the tour.

The United States has only begun to explore the concept of "new towns." Reston, Maryland, and Flower Mound, Texas, are current examples of "new towns" in this country.

Dr. Fakhouri has commented that "European countries are pioneers in the solution of city problems while the U.S. has not yet defined its role."

He noted, however, that at the end of the 91st Congress, President Nixon signed a bill that would provide loans, loan guarantees, outright grants and subsidies for the advancement of "new town" technology and construction.

This is the second summer tour for Fakhouri and Huth, whose research efforts on "new towns" are among the most exhaustive in the country.