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DAYTON, Ohio, March 6, 1972 --- Mrs. Jane Fawcett, whose London career stretches through operatic music, the arts, foreign service, wife, mother and presently secretary of the Victorian Society of London, will offer a lecture-slide presentation, entitled "Victorian London," on Thursday, March 16, in the University of Dayton's John F. Kennedy Memorial Union, Ballroom. The program, which starts at 8:30 p.m., is under the sponsorship of the Humanities Studies Program, Assistant Provost Office and the Department of English with Dr. Eugene August as program chairman.

Dr. August will teach two English courses in the University's interdepartmental study abroad program in London from mid-May until mid-August. Some of his teaching will deal with Victorian England as will a history course taught by Mrs. Alice Vines of the History Department. The London Center will be one of three UD is establishing in this extensive summer program. The others are in Navplion, Greece, and Madrid, Spain.

Mrs. Fawcett, who was one of the founders of the Victorian Society and its organizing secretary since 1964, has been in the forefront of the battle to save Victorian and Edwardian buildings and the monuments to Britain's industrial past, and to reinstate nineteenth century and early twentieth century architecture in its rightful place in public estimation. She and Sir Nicholas Pevsner, under whom Mrs. Fawcett studied the history of art, have developed the Victorian Society into a national body concerned with the study of nineteenth century social history and of the fine and decorative arts of the period. Members of the Society participate in seminars and lecture series, and develop publications which reflect the variety of the Society's interests.

She also was instrumental in the founding of the Victorian Society in America, and inaugurated an annual Anglo-American Study Tour in 1965. She has helped to start Victorian Society groups in Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham and Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Mrs. Fawcett, who also studied under Sir John Summerson at Birkbeck College, University of London, worked toward the establishment of the Ulster Architectural Society, the New Glasgow Society, the Nineteenth century activities of the Scottish Georgian Society, and the nineteenth century branch of the Bond Heemschut in Holland.

During her United States tour in 1970, she gave several lectures and appeared on national television programs.

She is editor, with Sir Pevsner, of "Seven Victorian Architects," and author of "Future of the Past," both to be published later this year by Thames and Hudson publishing house in England.