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DULUTH--The first UMD faculty member to take part in the U.S. Department of State Teacher Exchange Program was announced today by Provost Raymond W. Darland.

Miss Jean-Marie Sword, kindergarten supervisor at the UMD Laboratory School, will leave next month to spend one year in New Zealand teaching at the Demonstration School, Wellington Teachers College.

Miss Elizabeth Strachan, lecturer in child development and infant methods at the same college in New Zealand, will arrive at UMD in late August to take over Miss Sword's kindergarten class.

Each year, 7,000 persons representing more than 100 countries are exchanged to teach, study, lecture and engage in research or other cultural and educational activities under the programs conducted by the Department of State.

Miss Sword and Miss Strachan were selected to switch teaching positions by a special committee of the U.S. Office of Education. The exchange is financed through Fulbright awards.

Since the school year in New Zealand begins in February, Miss Sword will begin teaching during the third quarter. In addition to her instructional duties, she will give talks before community groups and educational organizations.

"I am particularly pleased at this opportunity to learn more about New Zealand and to tell them about the American way of life," Miss Sword said.

Miss Sword is preparing for her August 15th departure by collecting publications and pictures on UMD. She will take her own set of colored slides on the Duluth-Superior area, Minnesota, and other U.S. points she has visited. The Duluth Port Authority and the Duluth and Superior Chambers of Commerce have provided special brochures, maps and other materials for use in her lectures.

Miss Strachan will arrive in Washington, D. C. August 19 for an orientation period about the same time Miss Sword reaches Wellington for similar briefings.

Miss Sword received her Bachelor of Education degree at Wisconsin State College, Superior, and her Master of Arts degree from Columbia University. Before joining the UMD staff in 1957, she taught at Beloit, Wisconsin public schools, Wisconsin State College at Whitewater, Wisconsin State College at Superior and in the U.S. Army School at Dexheim, Germany. Miss Sword lives at 802 N. 21st St. in Superior.

Miss Strachan has taught at seven New Zealand schools, including elementary, secondary and collegiate assignments. She spent 1952 in Dundee, Scotland as an exchange teacher. Her home is at Rotorua, New Zealand.