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DULUTH--UMD's flying educator-diplomat has his bags packed again.

Dr. Chester W. Wood, director of the office of student personnel services, leaves January 3rd for South Korea, his third trip there in the past five years.

He will be a member of an eight man team which will spend four months traveling a thousand miles to study the educational programs at six South Korean universities. They are located at Seoul, Pusan, Kyongpuk, Chungnam, Chonpuk and Chonnam.

The team's recommendations will be forwarded to the International Cooperation Administration as to what type of assistance should be given, if any, and to what degree.

Seoul National University, with 11,000 students, has been receiving aid of various kinds from the University of Minnesota since October, 1954.

Dr. Wood was chief of the United Nations Korean Rehabilitation Administration's education division starting in January, 1955. That assignment involved rebuilding South Korea's entire public school program.

Dr. Wood returned to the United States briefly in 1956, then headed back as chief of the U. S. state department mission which

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succeeded the UNKRA project. He returned to UMD in July, 1957.

For his work during that period, Dr. Wood received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Sung Kyun Kwan University, the first such award in that school's 700 year history and still the only such honor to be granted to an American.

William T. Middlebrook, former vice president of business administration at the University of Minnesota, will be coordinator of the team. Other members include Dr. Richard H. Lindeman of the Institute of Research at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Dr. Elmer C. Easton, Dean of English, Rutgers University; Dr. George B. Stoddard, executive vice president, New York University; Dr. Walter A. Anderson, associate dean of education at New York university; Dr. Mason H. Campbell, former dean of agriculture at Rhode Island University and Dr. Jean A. Curran, dean at the Long Island College of Medicine.

Mrs. Wood and daughter, Marilyn, 16, will stay in Duluth until Dr. Wood returns from another flying trip overseas to help South Korea up-grade its schools and universities.

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Editors Note: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the UMD News Service.