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Vietnam Conference Involves Students

In Realities Instead of Slogans

After several weeks of digging into the facts and visiting many embassies in Ottawa, students at Waterloo Lutheran University are ready to sit around a conference table in an attempt to resolve the Vietnam conflict.

Prof. Nicolas Nyiri, assistant professor of political science at the university calls the event, to be conducted for three days beginning Feb. 23, a simulation study.

Students will assume the roles of delegates of the various nations to be involved in the conference--the U.S., Soviet Union, China, Australia, Thailand and others. The host nations will be Canada and the United Kingdom.

Prof. Nyiri added that the conference will simulate as closely as possible an actual one with students representing the views of their assigned nations (not their own).

All procedures established for such gatherings will be followed: There will be a diplomatic reception Monday in the President's House on campus at 5:30 p.m.

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All sessions will be conducted in the Waterloo County Council Chamber on Weber St., Kitchener, a setting that approximates one for such an actual international conference.

Sessions begin at 7 p.m. each night. Each student diplomat will be assisted by aides and will have access to advisers as negotiations proceed. The public is invited to watch from the visitors' area.

Prof. Nyiri said that all embassies in Ottawa were most helpful in briefing the student "delegates." Meetings with the embassies were arranged by Robert Thompson (MP Red Deer), a lecturer at Waterloo Lutheran.

"The purpose of a simulation study is to aid the student in understanding the processes involved in a real life political situation," Prof. Nyiri said.

"The four main aspects involved in a study of this type are development of a body of knowledge, theory building, training and teaching. It is hoped the study will aid every student in understanding the implications behind complex international issues."

Students taking part are all members of Prof. Nyiri's class in International Relations and Organizations. The project is part of the assigned work for the year and students will be graded on their preparation, knowledge and understanding of the issues involved.