

Five African students tour UCSD

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Five top African students, who are on an eight-week tour of the United States, will arrive in San Diego Sunday (July 23) to observe and study various youth oriented programs and to get acquainted with several aspects of the American way of life.

The five students are visiting the United States under the auspices of Operation Crossroads Africa, a student workcamp-study program which has sent some 2,000 young Americans and Canadians to Africa on summer work projects. Since 1964 it has held contracts with the State Department for bringing African youth leaders to this country.

This year 37 students and youth leaders from 16 countries of Africa are touring the United States. The purpose of the tour is twofold: to enable Africans to learn as much as possible about American society, particularly youth programs and community development projects; and at the same time to enable Americans to learn much about Africa from the visitors.

Participants in the program travel in groups of five or six with each group visiting approximately six cities and towns - one in each of the major regions of the United States.

The five students who will visit San Diego are: Miss Ramatu Isatu Deen, 21, of Sierra Leone; Miss Abiodun Edun, 23, of Nigeria; Miss Margaret Jallow, 24, of Gambia; Miss Chinwe Erokwu, 22, of Nigeria; and Miss Grace Awek Mordi, 27, of Nigeria. They will be accompanied by Miss Barbara Sims, a former Peace Corps volunteer and Crossroads Group Leader in Dahomey, Africa, last year.

The students will spend seven days in the San Diego area, arriving at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Lindbergh Field. They will be met by local "host" families in whose homes they will stay during the week. They are scheduled to visit San Diego State College on Monday meeting with Mr. Dave Neptune, Foreign Student Advisor. On Tuesday they will visit the La Jolla Community Education Service Incorporated in the morning and have lunch at the Escondido Peace Corps Training Center with staff and trainees. In the afternoon they will visit the University of California, San Diego meeting with Chancellor John S. Galbraith and Dean of Students George S. Murphy, Jr. They will tour the campus with members of the University International Association and later join the UIA members and members of the UCSD International Folk Dancers in a picnic.

Wednesday and Thursday the students will visit Neighborhood House and State Child Care centers for preschool and school age children. On Thursday the students are scheduled to have lunch at the officers club at the Miramar Naval Air Station followed by a two-hour tour of the facility.

Friday has been reserved for the San Diego Zoo, Sea World and other sightseeing. The students will leave San Diego at 1:00 p.m. Saturday (July 29) from Lindbergh Field.