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DALLAS -- Dr. John S. Chapman of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas will be among some 250 of the world's leading medical scientists gathering in Prague June 16-20 for an International Conference on Sarcoidosis.

Dr. Chapman, assistant dean for postgraduate education and professor of internal medicine at Southwestern, will read two research papers at the conference in the Czech capital. He is a member of an informal committee of eight prominent scientists who organized the international meetings, which were begun in 1958 in London and have been held every three years since to exchange information on sarcoidosis, a disease of unknown cause akin to tuberculosis.

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The malady is described as "fairly prevalent" in the United States and quite common in Scandinavian countries. It causes TB-like lesions in various parts of the body which unaccountably do not undergo necrosis (death of tissue) as is the case in tuberculosis.

Dr. Chapman will leave for Prague June 12 and is scheduled to return to Dallas June 26.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Dr. Chapman also was in Prague three years ago and may have some observations of interest comparing the city today under Soviet domination with how it was during his earlier visit. If you wish to talk with him upon his return (June 26) please call Frank Chappell or John Weeks, ME 1-3220, Ext. 404.