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A 15-member committee to strengthen ties between Toledo, Spain, and Toledo, Ohio, has been organized, it was announced today by Dr. Willard A. Smith, secretary to the group.

In addition to promotion of friendship and cultural exchange, the committee is exploring the possibility of bringing an exhibit of El Greco paintings to the Toledo Museum of Art. Preliminary steps have been taken toward this end, both here and in Spain, Dr. Smith said.

Heading the committee, similar to one which was quite active in the 1930's, is Dr. William S. Carlson, president of the University of Toledo. The secretary, who is professor of history at TU, spent 1956 doing historical research in Spain and since has been host to several visitors from Old World Toledo.

Other committee members are Mrs. German Erausquin; Russell Brown, DeVilbiss High School; Robert Franklin, Toledo Public Library; Judge Henry A. Middleton; Blake-More Godwin, Toledo Museum of Art; David Pugh, Toledo Board of Education; John Ehni, the DeVilbiss Co.; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Zepf, member of the TU Board of Directors; Lewis N. Osterman; Mrs. Leroy Bryant; Donald Fontaine, Ottawa Hills High School; Harry Roberts, the Toledo Blade; and Robert Lawrence of Lawrence and Erausquin.

The committee has the assurance of cooperation of Mayor John Yager and Vice Mayor Ollie Czelusta and expects to enlist other civic groups and individuals, Professor Smith said.

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