

ENGLISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING

THE modern concept of education as life itself will underlie many of the addresses to be given at the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English in Buffalo November 25-27. "Re-creating Life through Literature and Language" is the general theme chosen for the convention by the president, Holland D. Roberts of Stanford University and Menlo School and Junior College. More than twenty-two states, England, and Canada will be represented by speakers on the program. The Pacific Coast will send the largest delegation it has ever sent to a National Council meeting.

Among the speakers to be heard at the general sessions are Joseph Wood Krutch, author, critic, and lecturer at Columbia University; Paul de Kruif, scientist and author; Alfred Kreyborg and Genevieve Taggard, well-known poets; Elizabeth Drew of Cambridge University, author and critic; Burton W. James, director of Washington State Theatre; and Professor Thomas Whipple of the University of California.

In addition to the usual committee and departmental meetings there will be special sessions on The Experience Curriculum in Practice; The Motion Picture and Radio; Relating English to Life; Speech; The English Program in the Elementary School; Meeting Life Needs through College English; and Problems of English Organizations.

Convention headquarters will be at the Hotel Statler. Oliphant Gibbons, supervisor of secondary English in the Buffalo schools and chairman of the local committee, has arranged a trip to Niagara Falls as part of the entertainment program.

Anyone interested in present trends in education will be welcomed at the meeting, whether a member of the National Council of Teachers of English or not. Additional

information may be obtained from the October issue of the *English Journal* or from the Council offices, 211 West 68th Street, Chicago.

1937 BOOK WEEK

READING—"The Magic Highway to Adventure" is to be the theme of exhibits and programs during the 1937 Book Week, which will be nationally observed from November 14 to 20. The Week has been on school calendars ever since 1919 and public libraries, bookshops, teachers' colleges and many organizations concerned with child welfare take part in community observances each year.

In its announcement of the 1937 theme, the Book Week headquarters says: "In books the great range of human adventure is illumined for young readers. The 1937 observance of Book Week will emphasize the books of imagination rather than factual books, the 'golden legacy' of stories, poetry, and history which writers of the past have provided for children of today and the books by modern authors which give them wider horizons and new perceptions. The exhibits and school programs planned for the Week will picture reading as a magic highway to be followed in youth and on into adult years as a continuing adventure in understanding."

Many phases of classroom work may be linked with plans for Book Week. Reports of class projects and assembly programs successfully worked out in the schools in former observances of the Week are given in the new Book Week Bulletin, along with suggestions for 1937 events interpreting the "magic highway" theme. A poster in color will be ready for distribution early in September. Requests for the poster and bulletin should be forwarded to Book Week Headquarters, National Association of Book Publishers, 347 Fifth Ave., New York, accompanied by a twenty-five cent service fee.