



Steering committee, meeting September 1-4 on University of Michigan campus, included, left to right, foreground, Frank R. Bush, Jr., Seattle, Wash., conference chairman; Robert P. Zook, Burbank, Calif., social chairman; rear, seated, George H. Tierney, Jr., Shelton, Conn., secretary; Gilbert S. Maxson, Jr., Creve Coeur, Mo., publicity chairman; James E. Durham, Camillus, N.Y., electives chairman; Roswell Woodrow Hamlett, Jr., Durham, N. C., vice-chairman; standing, Robert D. Junnila, White Bear Lake, Minn., promotion chairman; Stephen Jacobitz, Grand Rapids, Mich., arrangements; Joe Johnston, Pensacola, Fla., exhibits chairman; Robert M. Jones, Lancaster, Texas, program chairman; Gary Hunter, Mount Vernon, Ohio, reception chairman; Robert D. Krieder, Sharon, Pa., skill events chairman.

EXPLORERS PLAN

First National Delegate Conference

By Explorer **GILBERT S. MAXSON, Jr.**, Publicity chairman

GATHER 3,500 REPRESENTATIVE EXPLORERS on a big university campus, and you can bet they'll have themselves a blast. With the opportunity to deliberate and speak for youth, they'll also give the Exploring program new stature in the eyes of the members and the public.

All this will happen on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor next August 26-30 at the First National Explorer Delegate Conference. Election as a delegate to this premier nationwide meeting of Explorers will be a much-sought honor.

Members of a steering committee (elected by their regions) have already set the pace for representative government in Explorer affairs by electing conference officers, selecting committee chairmen, and making the following decisions for the conference:

REPRESENTATION. One elected delegate from each of the 530 councils. One or more elected delegates from each of the 2,900 districts, based on Explorer membership. Only official delegates to attend. At least one adult to accompany each council delegation.

FEES. Registration, \$5.00; and board and room, \$25.00 per delegate.

THEME. Our Best Today—for a Better Tomorrow.

PURPOSE. (1) Interpret youth through Exploring. (2) Examine youth's potential, point of view, and ambitions. (3) Make Exploring a dynamic program of youth, for youth, by youth. (4) Enrich the program in every unit and cabinet for ever-increasing numbers.

UNIFORM. A uniformed conference: green short-sleeve shirt and long trousers is preferable for daytime, blazer and slacks for evening. No neckerchiefs, shorts, or T shirts. Sport dress for sports only.

SPEAKERS AND CONSULTANTS. Top-grade, national leaders in government, science, religion, education, sports, and entertainment to be invited through strategic channels.

PROGRAM FORMAT. Mornings: topic speakers followed up by small discussion groups of Explorers. Afternoons: skill demonstrations and competition; electives on Explorer unit operations and on career opportunities. Evenings: speakers, talent show by Explorers and professional entertainers, recognitions.

ELECTIVES. Cabinet and unit administration and activities; sixty-five career opportunities from astronautics to zoology.

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