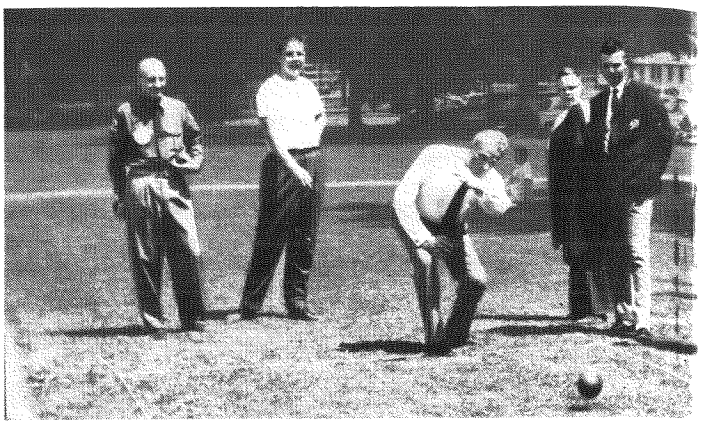
HEY! LOOK

Say 12,000 Explorers in F

Scouting's honorary veep, Dwight D. Eisenhower, heading a galaxy of speakers at various conferences, advised the delegates about "Training for Leadership of the Nation." Commander Thomas J. Keane, retired national staff member, keynoted seven conferences with his talk "In Today's Youth — Tomorrow's Men — Character Counts."



Chief Scout Executive Joe Brunton tried bowling on the green Among conference sports and fitness consultants were Jesse Owe and W. W. Hayes, Ohio State University football coach.

"Bivouacing" on two aircraft carriers, delegates had the most u four military bases, five universities or colleges, two state fair gr tary settings gave thousands of delegates a preview of their futu

Photography (with models included) was most popular of contests held at one conference. Competition elsewhere included automotive trouble shooting, golf driving, bowling, tennis, swimming, field archery, bait casting, driver safety, and orienteering.

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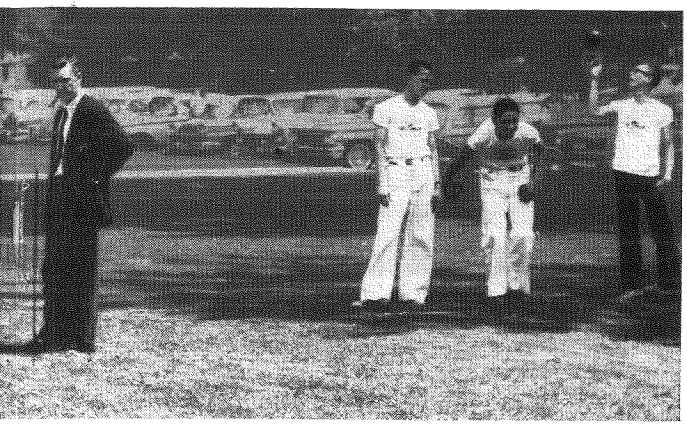
First Regional Conferences



n — or campus — at one of the two conferences he attended. wens, Olympic track star; Earl Battey, Minnesota Twins catcher;

unusual accommodations of any provided the conferences by grounds, and a 4H Club state center. The educational and mili- ature surroundings.

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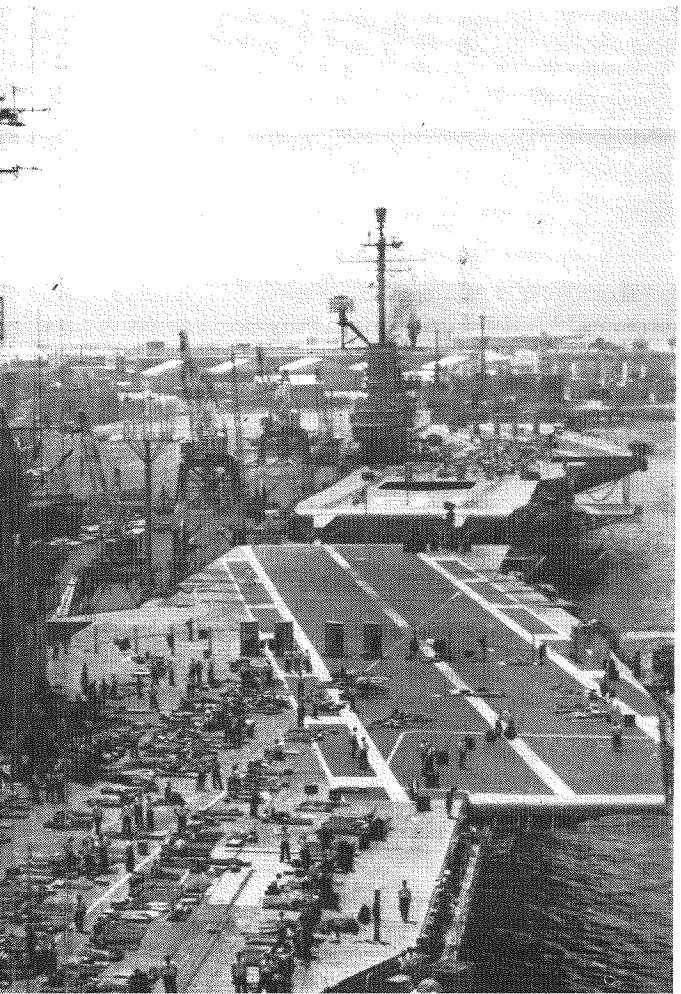


WHEN THE NEW EXPLORING PROGRAM was on the drawing board in the late 1950's, the designers included regular regional and national Explorer conferences. The first of these gatherings, held in the twelve regions this spring and summer, put 12,000 customers' enthusiastic stamp of approval on the design.

Their enthusiasm forecasts a successful first national conference in 1962. It will be on the University of Michigan campus at Ann Arbor, next August 26-30.

Democratic representation at the regionals was provided by every Explorer unit and cabinet having the privilege to elect two delegates to their conference. No adults were delegates nor had they voting rights. A few served as committee advisers, but delegates outnumbered adults fifteen to one.

Each conference was planned by a steering committee of representative Explorers with adult guidance. Conference officers, chairmen, and discussion leaders were all Explorers. A visiting Scoutmaster concluded, "If Mr. Khrushchev could see this conference, he would know his cause is a lost one."

The twleve gatherings, of three or four days each, filled a total of forty-three days. The kaleidescopic program features suggested the wide range of Explorers' interests and needs today. Major emphasis was given to citizenship, science, personal fitness, career exploration, and Explorer unit and cabinet operation. The programs were presented by means of speeches, discussion groups,

Falconry was just one of scores of demonstrations and exhibits put on by delegates. With others such as water skiing, outboard racing, antique guns, and mountaineering, it illustrated the vast expansion of Exploring activities to meet modern youths' interests.

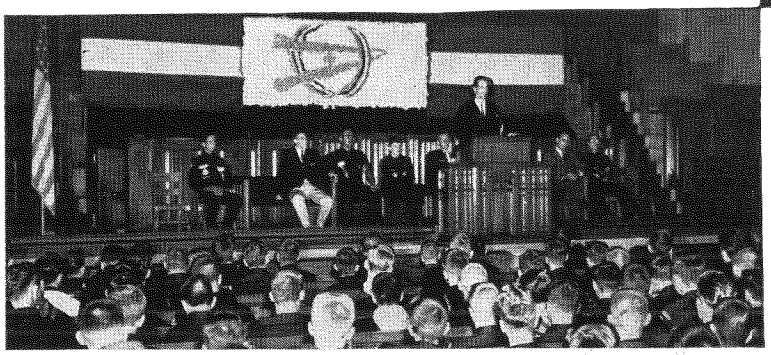
competition, demonstrations, exhibits, entertainment, and elections.

Election of delegates to the 1962 national conference was a responsibility that regional conferences took seriously—and often with the most fun. Some elections operated with all the color and noise of political conventions. One region used the state voting machines. Delegates' experience in school elections was projected on a wider scope in these regional elections.

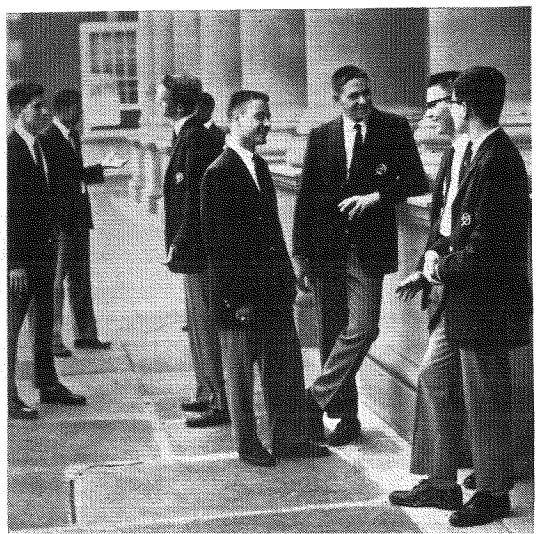
As this issue went to press, the twelve delegates elected to the national steering committee (listed below) were meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 1-4. With them were members of the National Exploring Committee and staff. Their job was to build the framework for the first nationwide conference.

SCOUTING magazine will soon announce their plans. We can confidently predict that they will broaden the horizons of Explorers and their Advisors. The first regional conferences promise that.

That's Miss Minnesota leading the grand march at a conference ball. Getting dates for several hundred "visiting firemen" was a tough assignment, but most regions had a ball with supplementary entertainment for nondancers. Talent included Explorer and professional performers.



Aeronaut Donald Piccard spellbinds an audience with his description of a space balloon trip. Other science space-age speakers included the medical officer of the first submarine to circumnavigate the earth without surfacing, commander of the submarine that made the Northwest Passage, designer of the Mercury capsule nose cone, a lunar program director, and a Navy lieutenant who had descended in a bathyscaph seven miles into the Pacific.



In and out of meetings, delegates traded success stories about unit and cabinet methods, activities, specialties. Extracurricular topics covered choosing careers, spending money, dangers of communism, spectator sports, and others.

First Regional Chairmen

Salute to these Explorers who were chairmen of the steering committees of our First Regional Explorer Elected Delegate Conferences:

I, Allan B. Silber, Nashua, New Hampshire; II, David Vanderhoof, Ventnor, New Jersey; III, Donald Coopey, Audenried, Pennsylvania; IV, James Stivers, Fort Thomas, Kentucky; V, Jimmy Ray, Memphis, Tennessee; VI, Randle G. Rivers, Hampton, Georgia; VII, Karl Heigel, Detroit, Michigan; VIII, Gary Marshall, Olds, Iowa; IX, Chet Brooks, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; X, Robert Reedal, St. Paul, Minnesota; XI, Robin Wesson, Seattle, Washington; XII, James Jewell, North Highlands, California.

National Conference Steering Committee

I, George H. Tierney, Jr., Shelton, Connecticut; II, James E. Durham, Camillus, New York; III, Robert D. Krieder, Sharon, Pennsylvania; IV, Gary Hunter, Mount Vernon, Ohio; V, Joe Johnston, Pensacola, Florida; VI, Woodrow Hamlett, Jr., Durham, North Carolina; VII, Stephen Jacobitz, Grand Rapids, Michigan; VIII, Gilbert Maxson, Creve Coeur, Missouri; IX, Robert M. Jones, Lancaster, Texas; X, Robert D. Junnila, White Bear Lake, Minnesota; XI, Frank R. Bush, Jr., Seattle, Washington; XII, Robert P. Zook, Burbank, California.