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The Montana State University writers' conference, which runs from July 16 through the 21st, has the largest out-of-state registration in its history according to H. V. Larom, director. Conferees from fifteen states and Washington, D. C. are expected to arrive in time for the first session. Minnesota, Idaho, Colorado, Washington, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Texas, North Dakota, Massachusetts, Oregon, Maryland, Michigan, and Nevada will have at least one representative, Larom said.

"We are not eager for more out-of-state students," he added, "but we are holding open places for Montanans because, although the conference is national in scope, its primary purpose is to help Montana writers and to give them a chance to have their work criticized by nationally known authors such as Walter Van Tilburg Clark; A. J. M. Smith, a leading Canadian poet; Dorothy Johnson; and Louis Vaczek, a novelist of international intrigue as well as a writer of mysteries."

Some stress will be given this year to writing for children, Larom reported. Gladys Bond of Kellogg, Idaho, is a specialist in the writing of magazine fiction for young people, and she will discuss this field and some of the little known markets available for writing for children.

Television will also receive attention this year, Larom added. Frank Brink, who produces radio and TV for KTVA-TV and KENI-TV, Anchorage, Alaska, will show how to develop programs for local stations such as we now have in Montana. Those wishing to attend the conference should get in touch with Larom at the University.

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