Eugene Burdick to lead nonfiction workshop at Montana State University writers' conference

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Eugene Burdick, article writer and best-selling novelist, will be in charge of the non-fiction workshop at the Montana State University writers' conference, during the week of July 22, H. V. Larom, conference director, announced today.

Burdick, a professor of political science at the University of California, has written articles and stories for The New Yorker, the New York Times Magazine, Collier's, Argosy, Harper's, The Reporter, This Week and other magazines. His novel, "The Ninth Wave," was a book-of-the-month selection, and his new book, "The American Voter," a study of voting behavior in American politics, will be published soon, Larom said.

During World War II, Burdick served in the Navy aboard amphibious vessels and destroyers. It was during this period that he had the strange experience of meeting Henry Kuper, who owned and ruled the romantic island of Santa Ana in the southern Solomons. The story of this meeting is the first of a series and appears in the June issue of Holiday, Larom said.

Burdick will speak, join in panel discussions and read all manuscripts dealing with non-fiction. With him on the staff will be A. B. Guthrie, Jr. of Great Falls, Pulitzer Prize winner, and author of the current best-seller "These Thousand Hills," now being made into a motion picture by Twentieth Century Fox. Other members of the staff will be announced during the week, Larom added.

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Because much time must be given to the thoughtful reading of manuscripts so that the staff can give each conferee a personal interview, the number of registering for the conference is limited to 50, Larom said. Those interested should write to H. V. Larom, Montana State University, Missoula for all details. The cost of the conference, including the reading of one manuscript and the annual conference dinner, will be $25. Conferees may stay in the residence halls for two dollars a night, Larom said.