

### Local NEA Prexy Journeys South For Convention

W. G. Andreason, Torrance president of the National Education Association, recently returned from the annual convention of the association during which time he heard the leader of England's largest teacher organization speak.

The Englishman expressed surprise at this country's concern over lengthening the school term and making year-round use of the school plant. "Do you consider that your schools are factories?" he asked. "Are they plants that must produce continuously in order to be profitable?"

Speaking to a news conference before addressing delegates to the 99th Annual Convention of the National Education Association here, Sir Ronald Gould, general secretary of Great Britain's National Union of Teachers, compared the length of time children in each country spend in schools.

**MORE BREAKS**  
Though it is certainly not by agreement, he added, the school year is approximately the same throughout all of Europe and Asia. If he had his way, he stated, the term would be shorter with more holiday breaks, especially for primary-grade children.

The widely respected private schools of England, according to Sir Ronald, aren't all as excellent as often represented. "There aren't nearly as many good private schools as you people in the United States seem to think," he commented. "Some of them are excellent, but some are pretty awful."

**SHORTAGE**  
England is suffering from a shortage of teachers just as this country is, Sir Ronald said. The greatest shortage is in elementary teachers, with math and science coming next. Home economics and physical education teachers are also in short supply, he said.

Just as in this country, Sir Ronald said, the teacher shortage in England is aggravated by rising birth rates. The average British family now includes three or four children, a larger number than had been predicted by sociologists.

**HARD TO FIND**  
Teachers are also hard to find because there are now more men than women in England, Sir Ronald pointed out. "That means men are chasing women" and more women are marrying instead of preparing for a career.

Sir Ronald is also president of the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession, an international organization of educators. He addressed 10,000 teachers and other assembled for the closing session of the 99th annual meeting of the National Education Association here.

### SALUTE

Completing the rearmament of the Seventh Fleet Ships in the Western Pacific, the ammunition ship USS Mauna Kea returned, May 31, to San Francisco, Calif., following a six-month cruise in the Far East.

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