

# Educator Reports On NEA Meeting

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One of the most interesting over-all patterns apparent at the National Education Assn's Centennial Convention is the strong cooperation between the NEA and lay citizens everywhere.

More than 20,000 of the NEA's 703,000 members are currently meeting here in Philadelphia, where 43 teachers

organization of local associations, the organizational pattern of the Torrance Education Assn., our local teachers' professional organization.

At the general sessions and in many of the special sectional meetings, strong emphasis is being placed on the values to education when teachers and other groups work closely together.

### Separate Meetings

As an example, separate sectional meetings are scheduled this week with the joint NEA committees that work with the American Legion, American Library Assn., American Medical Assn., American Teachers Assn., Magazine Publishers Assn., National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and the National School Boards Assn. Several sectional meetings are particularly noteworthy. Among these are "Community Groups Organize for Better Schools," "Teamwork in Lay and Professional Communications," and "Round Tables Attack School-Community Problems."

### All Groups Checked

As part of the general policy of working closely with all groups in an effort to improve education, the NEA has also scheduled meetings on "Recognizing Changing Family Patterns of Community Life" and "Using Human Resources—School Personnel and Lay Public—to Move Education Forward."

The convention has even recognized grandparents across the nation. One section, "Getting Grandparents Into the School," features a panel of grandparents active in school affairs with a discussion of why life begins at 60 when one works with schools and children.

One of the featured speakers, Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review, spoke to a general session audience on "The Role of the Layman in Giving Freedom Forward through Education."

The National Association of Public School Adult Education is holding a meeting in conjunction with the NEA convention and is furthering the growth nationwide movement of providing new educational opportunities for older people.

### Teachers and Politicians

One unusual meeting showed that teachers do have strong community ties is entitled, "Yes, Some Teachers are Politicians: Who? What? Why? How?" A panel discussion, it featured a number of teachers who are holding down positions as mayors and other top city positions in various towns across the nation.

The thousands of educators here, busily engaged in gaining new ideas to use in their classrooms next fall, continue to be aware of the value of teamwork among school administrators, classroom teachers and the public. Working together, they can help provide better education for the nation's children as the NEA enters its second century.

President Clemenger reported to the subcommittee on the

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