

# "Bi-lingualism" Is Major Theme of 1968

## TESOL Convention Held in Texas

The second annual convention of the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) met March 6-9, 1968, in the Gunter Hotel and the new Hemisphere Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. Nearly 1,000 teachers and linguists from across the United States and from abroad attended the convention and the two-day pre-convention study groups.

"Bi-lingualism," one of the main themes of the conference, was introduced in the opening address of United States Senator from Texas, Ralph W. Yarborough. Subsequence individual group sections on levels from pre-school to adult education dealt with the problems of teaching English to Spanish speakers, the major bi-lingual problem facing the schools of San Antonio and much of Texas and the South-West.

### Hawaii Participants

In the Friday afternoon session ten major papers were given to the assembled convention group. Among those delivering the papers was Nancy Arapoff of the University of Hawaii who spoke on "The Semantic Role of Sentence Connectors in Extra-Sentence Logical Relationships."

The final day of the convention was devoted to sixteen group meetings

dealing with special aspects of the field of TESOL. In the Teaching Literature section, Donald M. Topping of the University of Hawaii presented a paper entitled "The Linguistic Function of Literature." Also representing the University was Ted Plaister who delivered a paper entitled "Reading and Aural Comprehension Instruction for College Level Foreign Students." Richard C. Sittler, Director of the English Language Institute at the University was chairman of the section considering the problems of Implementing and Administering TESOL Programs. Dr. Gerald Dykstra of the University and the Hawaii Curriculum Center substituted for Paul W. Bell, First Vice-President of TESOL, in several activities.

The Church College of Hawaii was represented in the Teacher Training section by William D. Conway, Director of the English Language Institute and BATESL program, who delivered a paper entitled "The Undergraduate Major in Teaching English as a Second Language".

### Pre-Convention Study

The pre-convention study groups concentrated on the theme of "teaching reading in ESOL classes." Section meetings were held on elementary, secondary and adult levels with others for school administrators and "academic" adults. An outstanding feature of the pre-convention activities was the availability of field trips into eight of the elementary schools of San Antonio which are using an experimental bi-lingual curriculum and additional trips to the very impressive Defense Language Institute English Language School at Lackland AFB.

The 3rd Annual Convention of the Teachers of English to Speakers of other languages will meet March 5-8, 1969, at the Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.