grasses and clovers), Botanical Analysis of Grassland, Establishment, Management, and Utilization of Grassland, and Nutritive Value of Grass and Conservation of Fodder. A few more general papers will be presented at plenary sessions of the Congress.

Most of the papers will be by representatives of various European countries, but Congress officials have invited four papers by men from the United States.

Owing to anticipated difficulties in overcoming the effects of World War II on hotel and travel accommodations in the Netherlands, the officials have stated that limitations on attendance at the Congress must be imposed. The United States has been invited to send a small delegation, possibly 12 to 18 members. Consideration is being given the possibility of including within this limited number suitable representation of the Department of Agriculture and of State Experiment Stations and Extension Services in the Northeastern Quarter of the United States, since Congress officials have stated that preference should be shown this region as being more nearly comparable to conditions in Northwestern Europe. It is hoped that arrangements for a delegation from this country can be completed before November 1, 1948.

The Congress has made no announcement as to whether persons not included in delegations will be permitted to attend. It is assumed, in the absence of such an announcement, that persons other than those designated as members of delegations would have to make their own arrangements with the Congress.

The Secretary of the Congress is Dr. C. K. van Daalen, Bilthoven, Netherlands. He recently advised that the Congress fee, including the report of the Congress, will be 40 gilders per person. Hotel accommodations will cost from 9 to 13 gilders a day, and the excursion cost will be about 200 gilders. These costs would be in addition to the costs of transportation to and from the Congress, and subsistence while enroute. It is expected that all costs will be borne by the individual or the agency he represents.

Information about the Congress, as received, is being supplied by P. V. Cardon, Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Maryland. He was Chairman of the United States delegation to the Fourth Congress in 1937, and has been kept advised of plans for the Fifth Congress.

NATIONAL ALFALFA IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE

The Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station will be host to the National Alfalfa Improvement Conference at Lincoln on August 20 and 21. The meeting has been approved by the Regional Directors.

An interesting program has been arranged for discussions on alfalfa breeding and improvement, paying particular attention to requirements for the humid areas; alfalfa seed production as affected by harmful and beneficial insects; and information will be given on the development of new programs on the production and distribution of seed of new varieties and on the plan for preservation of the germ plasm of outstanding lines.