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DULUTH--A distinguished American educator will address a UMD convocation at 9 a.m. Thursday (April 17) in Main auditorium featuring second annual Education day sponsored by the UMD division of education and psychology.

Ernest O. Melby, East Lansing, distinguished professor of education at Michigan State university, will be the speaker. His address will be open to the public.

He will meet following the convocation with northeastern Minnesota school superintendents attending their annual spring conference on the Duluth campus.

Professor Melby went to Michigan State from New York University, where he was professor and dean of education for 11 years. He also has been chancellor of the University of Montana, president of Montana State university and assistant and associate professor of education at Northwestern university. He began his teaching career at the University of Minnesota.

In addition to several books, Dr. Melby has authored articles for numerous educational publications. In New York he was chairman of Mayor Wagner's advisory committee on education, past president of the New York State Citizens' council and a director of the New York city Public Education association.

The superintendents' luncheon in Kirby Student center ballroom will be addressed by Moses Passer, UMD peat researcher who visited Russian peat developments last year. He will speak on "A Look at Soviet Education."

School men who already have indicated they will attend the session include:

Gordon D. Ose, Grand Marais; Ray M. Stensvad, Two Harbors; Alvin T. Stolen and J. B. Wiener, Duluth; L. T. Lechner, Gilbert; J. C. Rutherford, Hermantown; Myrtle Larsen, Pine City, W. W. Salmi, Thomas J. Bukvich and Ben Borken, St. Louis county schools; G. A. Moe, Babbitt; M. W. Van Putten, Eveleth; G. M. Orwoll, North Branch; E. C. Churchill, Cloquet; Stanley Vejtesa, Mountain Iron; C. C. Hedegard, Wrenshall; Victor Reishus, Biwabik.

C. J. Hofland, Esko; Henry Drewes, Floodwood; H. C. Hanson, Deer River; W. O. Anderson, Aurora; A. I. Jedlicka, Proctor; W. L. Docken, Moose Lake; R. A. Ness, Hinckley; K. C. Satterfield, Buhl; A. C. Stoffel, Sandstone; C. R. Beck, Arnold; F. J. Wallace, Hill City; C. C. Dittmer, McGregor; F. G. Brandes, Askov, and V. W. Ziebarth, Pine City.