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P.E.N. Congress Starts Here Tomorrow

Modern challenges to the literary man—including television, censorship and the social sciences—will be discussed by 600 writers from 50 countries in a week-long congress opening tomorrow at the Loeb Student Center at New York University.

Rues Reds' Cancellation.
International P.E.N. President Arthur Miller, the playwright, and prize-winning novelist Saul Bellow will open the 34th annual congress with addresses. Bellow will discuss the theme of the meeting "The Writer as an In-

dependent Spirit." Roundtable discussions will be held throughout the week.

David Carter, general secretary of P.E.N., said yesterday "it is very regrettable" that an expected delegation of six Soviet observers would not attend the congress.

A P.E.N. spokesman said the Russians confirmed by letter June 3 that they would attend, then canceled their visit, without explanation, by cable last week.

Carter said he had been in Moscow recently to urge the Soviet government to extend clemency to two jailed anti-government

writers. Miller, who said he felt "some censorship" exists in every country, was hopeful that a P.E.N. center might be organized in Moscow and that it would help bring about more freedom there.