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VORTOJ DE LA PREZIDANTO

Kongresoj - Amikoj - Korespondado. Sendube la plej grandaj-momentoĵoj en la vivo de Esperantistoj estas la partopreno ĉe la naciaj kaj internaciaj kongresoj. Internaciajn mi ĉeestis du, naciajn multajn en Usono kaj diversaj landoj de Eŭropo. Estas vere kortuŝaj momentoĵoj kiam homoj el 30-50 landoj konstatas ke ili povas tute facile babili inter si per la mirinda lingvo Esperanto, ne ĝenate per la malbeno de la multlingveco.

Sed ne malpli gravaj estas la naciaj kongresoj, kie la gvidantoĵoj de la naciaj asocioĵoj povas diskuti gravajn aferojn pri propagando kaj enkonduko de Esperanto en la lernejojn kaj en la ceteran vivon. La novaj samideanoĵoj partoprenas ĉe la diskutoĵoj kaj ili povas amike interkonatiĝi kun la gvidantoĵoj kaj inter si. Ĉi-jare la usonaj kaj kanadaj samideanoĵoj kunvenos en plej oportuna urbo, en Detroit, Mich. dum Julio 1-3, en la 29-a kongreso de E.A.N.A. La usonaj samideanoĵoj ŝuldas al la samideanoĵoj de Detroit sincerajn dankojn pro la afabla invito kaj pro la entuziasma preparado de la kongreso. Ĉiu samideano atente tralegu la antaŭ unu monato forsenditan presitan invitilon. Ili konstatos kiel serioze oni laboras en Detroit por certigi grandan sukceson al la 29-a kongreso. Post la oficialaj kunsidoĵoj, eble la plej grava punkto en la programo de la kongreso estos la tuttaga vizito al la Ford-fabrikoĵoj kaj al la Greenfield Vilaĝo. Mi ĉion persone vizitis kaj mi ŝatus viziti ĉion denove kaj denove. Nepre ĉiu samideano kiu bezonas nur unu-tagan vojaĝon por iri al Detroit, devus ĉeesti. Multaj venos de malproksime. La hotelprezoĵoj estas tre moderaj kaj la ĉambroj bonegaj. Ĉiuj povas esti certaj pri plej bonkora kaj entuziasma akcepto. Mi mem veturos de Los Angeles al Detroit. Kiom da samideanoĵoj - kaj samideaninoĵoj ni tie renkontos? Jam nun via kongresa kotizo (\$3.-) estas bonvena.

Antaŭ du monatoĵoj mortis s-ro Robert Kreuz, Direktoro de UEA. Post nur du-taga malsano lia morto venis subite, kiel uragana bato por la Esperanto-movado. Lia morto ege surprizis la Esperantistaron. La tuta Esperanto-movado haltigis sian spiradon kun la grandaj demandoĵoj sur la lipoĵoj: "Kio nun okazos kun UEA??" kaj "KIU daŭrigos lian laboron??" Ĉar mia amiko Kreuz estis viro tiom kapabla, energia, talenta, sincera, klarvida, li fariĝis plej grava kolono por la Esperanto-kongresoj kaj por la movado ĝenerale. Li plenumis gigantan taskon; li faris ion kion neniu alia samideano kredis ebla; li metis nian universalan asocion UEA sur sanan financon bazon - - li bilancis la buĝeton de UEA! Depost 1908 li fondis klubojn, aranĝis kongresojn kaj ekspozicioĵojn; li estis redaktoro, ĝenerala sekretario, direktoro, oratoro, unuaklasa plurlingva interpretisto; li estis la plej rapida Esperanto-stenografo; verkisto, konsilanto de miloj da gvidantoĵoj kaj amikoj. Dum sia vivo li estis tiel grava por la Esperanto-movado kiel la litero "a" en la Esperanto-lingvo. Li estis por mi unu el la du plej bonaj amikoj en Esperantujo. Li aranĝis mian mondvojaĝon tra 43 landoj; mi ŝuldis la grandan sukceson de mia mondvojaĝo al lia eksterordinara organiza talento. Mia koro doloregis ĉe la unua informo pri lia morto. La nomo de Kreuz vivos en la buŝo de samideanoĵoj tiom longe kiom Esperanto vivas. Li laboris por mondopaco; do li meritas nun la eternan pacon.

Ĉiu fervora samideano deziras korespondi kun la cetera mondo. Unu el la plej interesaj samideanoĵoj en Esperantujo, s-ro R.F. Vaughan, vivas en la tropika insulo Borneo. Li estis delegito de UEA en Celebes, Tokio, Osaka kaj nun en Borneo. Li verkis per simpla, bela stilo, plej interesajn artikoloĵojn por Heroldo dum multaj jaroĵoj. Ĉar tro multaj samideanoĵoj deziris korespondi kun li, li devis presigi siajn "leterojn" en la formo de tre allogaj "kajeroĵoj". Li rakontas personajn travivaĵojn kun tigroj, krokodiloĵoj, indiĝenoĵoj, planteĵoj, elefantoĵoj, ktp. Kontraŭ sendo de nur 3 internaciaj respondkuponoj (aĉeteblaj ĉe via poŝtoficejo) li sendos al vi tian kajeron kun riĉa kaj interesa enhavo. Mendu pere de la Centra Oficejo en Washington. ----- Ĉis la revido en Detroit !

Joseph R. Scherer.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Some inquiries have been received from local clubs and chapters on the possibility of increasing their sense of participation in the North American association by paying from the chapter's treasury for some form of "group membership" which would cover the entire membership of the local organization, (outside of those who individually have made themselves regular members of E.A.N.A., on the terms laid down in Article III.) This if approved by the annual congress, can be arranged through an amendment to the constitution. In order, therefore, that an amendment to that effect may legally be discussed and voted upon at the Detroit congress next July, (with required advance notice duly given,) the President, Secretary, and Chairman of Executive Committee (though acting as individual members and not in official capacity) now propose for such consideration a new section to be added to Article III., and to read as follows:

"ARTICLE III., Section 5. Any chapter which fulfills the provisions of Section 4 above (including the selecting of its officers from paid up regular members of E.A.N.A.) may, if it so desire, pay into the treasury of E.A.N.A. the sum of 50¢ per annum for each member of the chapter who is not himself a regular member of E.A.N.A., -- by this payment giving to all members of the chapter who are not "regular members" of E.A.N.A. the status of "group members" E.A.N.A. Group members shall have the privileges of the floor at the annual congress, but not the individual right to vote; but the chapter as such may count its group members, as well as its regular members of E.A.N.A. for the purpose of casting additional proxy votes as provided in Article VII., Section 4."

(NOTE: -- Section 4 of Article VII. is the one which gives every chapter as an organization the right to cast one proxy-vote for each full ten in its membership, in addition to the votes belonging to all regular E.A.N.A. members in their individual right.)

All whose membership is dated prior to November '35 have the revised Constitution-November edition of "A E". A few copies left-10¢.

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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

(April 15, 1936)

With the 29th Congress only two months away we enter the home stretch of the drive for debt reduction. Reluctantly we must admit that our earlier hope of a one hundred percent response has faded out completely. Exactly fifty-one percent of our members have so far replied. The few recent letters have been mostly in fulfillment of earlier pledges.

But if the response has not been as general as we had hoped for, it has indeed been generous. With four hundred and sixty five dollars already in hand there is definite assurance of further progress. One member who early in the drive gave twenty dollars promised an additional twenty if we reached five hundred dollars. And it is safe now to say that pledges still outstanding are sufficient to bring us up to this mark. But this is not all; even as we were doing our utmost to boost the total to a point where we could take advantage of this generous offer, another member came forward with a promise that he would add ten percent to our drive total. So it is not unlikely that as we gather in Detroit we shall find that we have raised close to six hundred dollars. But in making this prediction it is only fair to remind ourselves of the forty-nine percent from whom nothing has yet been heard. Should any considerable number of these be moved by a spirit of mischievous generosity, it would be in their power to play havoc with our calculations. While the likelihood of such roguery seems remote, we are assuming an attitude of watchful (and wishful!) waiting.

And now we have two more States, VIRGINIA and ARKANSAS, to add to our Honor Roll. The former had earned a one hundred percent rating at the time of our last report but was omitted through an error.

THE UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION headquarters has been transferred from Geneva, Switzerland, to London, England, the home of the new director Mr. C.C. Goldsmith, successor to Robert Kreuz, who died January 29th, 1936. Mr. Goldsmith is one of the best known and most capable Esperantists—a worthy successor to this high office. The Universal Esperanto Association will hold its 28th annual Congress in Vienna, Austria. August 8-15. The 12th Summer University will be held in connection with it. The principal theme to be discussed there will be "Culture and Economic Problems of Middle Europe". Speeches on this subject may be made in any National language, but all will be immediately translated into Esperanto. The Local Congress Committee has published a beautifully illustrated guide folio with 17 pictures describing the scenic mountain region traversed by the "Grossglockner Transalpa Soseo" (Transalpine Road). The United States Government will be officially represented at the Vienna Congress by Prof. Fred A. Hamann, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

ENGLAND—In the past year various groups have concentrated in their efforts to convince School Boards and Teachers, of the UTILITY, EASE of ACQUIREMENT and NECESSITY of Esperanto. They have demonstrated lessons before more than 15000 students and 500 teachers in over 100 schools and institutions, resulting in the sale of over 6000 textbooks to those attending.

DOCTOR EDWARD BENES, recently installed President of Czechoslovakia, in salutation to the U.E.A. Congress said: "The idea of the mutually understood language—which is Esperanto— is valuable for all sincere peace lovers. To-day it is no longer a utopian dream, but an important World problem, for which intelligent people throughout the world are laboring". He was one of the writers of resolutions favoring Esperanto at the second meeting of the League of Nations. Always a staunch friend of the Esperanto Movement. All Esperantists rejoice in his elevation.

HELSINKI, Finland—The monthly paper "Labor and Profit" publishes, besides articles in the Finnish and English languages, a whole page in Esperanto.

The Administration of Post and Telegraph of Austria recommends "in the special interest of the service" that Postal Clerks and Telegraphers learn Esperanto. Special courses have been organized for them. They have also decided to add explanations, in Esperanto of the various signs and information, in their official time-tables, for the benefit of foreigners....Governments—like individuals—are gradually realizing that a universal means of communication is absolutely necessary—and that Esperanto is the answer to their age-long query as to the best means.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION of Insurance Officers in Barcelona, Spain, has opened an Esperanto course for its office forces..(Getting wise.)

LAON, France—the city council has voted for the introduction of Esperanto into the schools of the city.

HELSINKI (Helsingfors) Finland,—Sixty Street car men have organized the "Tramistoj-Esperanto-Grupo."

PARIS—France, The Minister of Labor has decreed official examinations for Efficiency Diplomas for Taxi Drivers. One of the requirements is a knowledge of a foreign language OR ESPERANTO. Many of the Esperanto Club Chauffeurs have taken these examinations. Paris and London have Taxi Drivers Esperanto Clubs, and some are contemplating a World Taxi Drivers Association.

ONE REQUIREMENT in the offices of the large Touring Clubs in Europe is a knowledge of Esperanto.

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