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Dear Fellow-Member:

Sincere thanks to you for your letters of understanding and support in response to the January-March Bulletin. The April issue of the *British Esperantist* is being sent at this time. We hope you find it interesting and worthwhile. Next month we will be sending the May issue to all members whose membership is paid through May-June 1959 or beyond. Your renewal date is indicated after your address on the envelope.

Since our last report, when we mentioned the hope for the unification of all Esperantists in North America into one neutral organization, we have continued to cooperate in good faith with the provisional committee of representatives from both groups, set up to explore possibilities of unification. However, the results are not encouraging. It appears that certain elements who are influential in the other organization, do not want unity, and are unwilling to support any kind of committee representing both sides, in their efforts to arrive at a workable agreement. We wish to point out to Esperantists in the other organization, that while *the vast majority* on both sides want unification, their leaders in the other organization are at this time holding up any move in that direction. They do so despite the following preliminary points proposed to make unity effective:

(1) The convening of a Unified Congress of Esperantists to include all Esperantists regardless of previous affiliation or lack of affiliation.

(2) The preparation of a slate of officers for the new unified organization not presently serving as officers in either organization, so as to eliminate any personal enmities. The new Estraro to consist of capable Esperantists without consideration of previous affiliation.

(3) After election of new Estraro, all officers presently serving in both organizations to turn over their duties to the new Estraro; and the business and property of both organizations to be merged into the new organization under the new Estraro.

(4) All questions of an organizational character, such as revision of constitution, changes in the regulations of Estraro, relations with UEA and other organizations, to be decided democratically by the new membership and Estraro -- supposedly by vote of the entire combined membership.

(5) The support and active assistance of all Esperantists, and officers and memberships of both organizations, in the functioning of the Committee to be set up for unification along the above lines.

These conditions were accepted in principle as a possible basis for unification, by representative members in both organizations. However, a very few of the leaders in the other organization have succeeded thus far in preventing any and all efforts looking to unification in the Esperanto movement of North America. Perhaps some activity and demand among the ordinary members of the other organization can wield sufficient influence upon their unwilling leaders to go along with the effort for unity. But this now seems improbable.

Therefore, your EANA officers, who have held up important matters for a time, in the hope of unification efforts, must now go ahead with arrangements for the annual Congress and the election of officers. All these matters of official business are therefore delayed. Now, to the business of EANA:

1959 ELECTIONS -- A President, Vice-President, and General Secretary are to be elected. Present incumbents are: *Professor John M. Brewer*, President; *Miss Eulalia Marks*, Vice-President; *G. Alan Connor*, General Secretary. According to the Rules of Election, suggested names for all positions to be filled are to be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee: *Miss Mary Marrett*, 40-43 Gleane St., Elmhurst, L. I., N. Y. All names and suggestions will be sincerely considered for this important election. Send them soon, since the Constitution provides only some two months for this purpose.

ANNUAL CONGRESS -- Labor Day week-end is one suggestion for 1959 Congress. Others think that even a later date this year will be most suitable. Final arrangements will be announced after full consideration by the Estraro.

AMERICAN ESPERANTO LIBRARY -- There have been a number of contributions to the Library Fund. We hope to make a full report in the next Bulletin. We trust that every member will contribute to this endeavor. Also, will each and every member send any suggestions or names of possible Curator, who might take over the eventual Library. Also, any one who might be interested in establishing a *Lending Library* -- in connection with the BIG Library or separately from it. Let's give America a wonderful Esperanto Library which will contain almost all titles, a great many long out of print and available to Esperantists only through this medium. Lend assistance.

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NEWS OF ESPERANTO ACTIVITY IN NORTH AMERICA

Dorothy Holland (Mrs. R. E.) continues to make news in the Chicago area. Although she has a position in the Passenger Dept. of the C. B. & Q. Railroad she finds time for a tremendous lot of activity for Esperanto. The "Booster", house-organ of C. B. & Q., reports about her many radio interviews, and her Esperanto lessons over Radio WSEL, Chicago. Then for good measure, she teaches a noon-hour class every week for fellow-employees, participates in exchanges throughout the world via tape recordings, entertains many foreign Esperantists who travel through Chicago, and is the leading spirit in the very active Esperanto Society of Chicago.

John H. F. Hoyle is following a similar plan of ceaseless activity in Canada, in a smaller city and with less years of experience in Esperanto promotion than exemplified by Mrs. Holland above. But despite daily labors with a newspaper and such, Mr. Hoyle contacts friends, advertises in the local paper, and now has an Esperanto adult group of nine studying Esperanto, and an interesting children's group of nine also making progress in Esperanto. Reporters from cities near by come to interview him about Esperanto, and persons interested through his activities seek him out in person and by letter for help in organizing Esperanto groups in other localities.

Professor Friedrich Neumann, who heads the Language Dept. at Elizabethtown College, Pa., and who teaches an official course in Esperanto in the College, has written a thrilling autobiography, published by Exposition Press, 386 Fourth Ave., N.Y., called "Escape From Terror", with a sub-title "The Story of a European Victim of Anti-Semitism and His Conversion to Christianity". The big book sells at \$6. The author may be reached at 605 South Mount Joy Street, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Byron Ela, Baltimore, Life Member of EANA, and a close friend of the Central Office, passed away suddenly at the end of February. Many will remember him at various EANA Congresses, and for his activities in Baltimore with his friend Eugene M. Beck. He was teaching a class in Esperanto at the local YMCA at the time of his death. The promotion of Esperanto was always uppermost in his mind. We shall all miss this exceptionally gentle and exceptionally intelligent co-worker.

Eugene M. Beck, Baltimore, has always been most active in Esperanto promotion. The Esperanto course in the YMCA, (mentioned above in the report about the death of Byron Ela,) was organized as a result of a truly remarkable feature story about Esperanto, with picture of Eugene M. Beck, in the Sunday Sun Magazine, December 14, 1958. "Gene" made various radio program contacts also. He maintains a remarkable library of Esperanto books, and never misses a chance to advance Esperanto.

Joseph Leahy, of Watertown, N. Y., former Secretary of EANA, died on the 18th of February, 1959. He was 89 years old. During his many years as Secretary he made a host of friends who will mourn his passing. He always supported the highest ideals in his life and work for Esperanto.

Kebeka Esperanto-Klubo (KEK) continues to promote Esperanto in Quebec. Items in the daily newspapers, the organization of classes, the growing interest in Esperanto in French-Canada, all attest to the good work of Jacques Gaucher, Romeo Campbell, and Yves Cote, in KEK.

Dr. Lee-Min Han, in Ethiopia, taught a class of 15 co-workers in the Public Health College, which he heads as Dean. His students consisted of aides from USA, Holland, India, Pakistan, Eritrea, and Ethiopia. The book "Esperanto: The World Interlanguage" was used as the text. All passed with "flying colors" (green, of course). A final celebration and dinner was arranged, to note the progress in Esperanto, and to honor Dr. Han, who is widely acclaimed in Ethiopia for his great services to that country.

F. Lee York, in Florida, organized a successful course in Esperanto in Florida with 10 students, and has aroused much interest in his city of St. Petersburg. Other successful courses: *Myron Mychajliw*, in Levittown, L. I. *C. Stanley Otto*, with colleagues of the ESNJ, in Adult Education Schools in New Jersey. *MOSAMO*, under *Professor John M. Brewer*, in the Missouri School of Mines, Rolla. Good promotion work reported by *Allan Hutcheon*, New Hampshire; *Paul J. Mimplitsch*, Newfoundland, Canada; *J. J. Hutchens*, Ohio; *Joseph Trytiak*, Phila., Pa.; *Lou Harrison*, Calif.

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Usono. Tom Gewecke, 507 Na-Wa-Ta, Mt. Prospect, Ill. 15-j. studento, dez. kor. kun iu, kiu estas radio-amatoro aŭ parolas rusan lingvon.

Usono. Richard Ranc, 163-63 Nineteenth Ave., Whitestone 57, N. Y. 18-jara fraŭlo deziras korespondi tra la tuta mondo.

Japanujo. Nakahashi-Katsuichi, Shirakawa, Sakauchi, Ibi-gun, Gihu-ken. 15-j. knabo dez. kor. kun 14-j. knabino, kaj inters. PM kaj il. PK.

"Norda Prismo" -- Agrablan surprizon vi havos kvin fojojn dum la jaro, se abonas la revuon "Norda Prismo", la socia, kultura kaj literatura revuo. Ĉefredaktoro, D-ro Ferenc Szilagyi; Redakcia Komitato, B. Ragnarson (Islando), H. Rosbach (Norvegujo), V. Setälä (Finnlando), Paul Thorsen (Danlando). Abonprezo, \$2.00. Abonu pere nia peranto *Esperanto Ass'n of N. A., 114 West 16 St., New York 11, N. Y., Usono.* Specimeno kontraŭ 2 internaciaj respondkuponoj de *Norda Prismo, Barnhusgatan 8, Stockholm C, Svedujo.*

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