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ELNA CONGRESS IN ST. LOUIS JULY 6 - 9

With St. Louis as the host city for the 1967 Congress of the Esperanto League for North America, everybody gets an even break. People from the East and West Coasts can meet half way and Midlanders can easily reach St. Louis. George Falgier is chairman of the Local Congress Committee.

The Congress will open on the evening of Thursday, July 6 with a get-together at the Gateway Hotel, headquarters for the Congress. On Friday there will be registration, business sessions and officers' reports, with an evening meeting at the Municipal Library to which the public is invited. The library will also have an exhibit of Esperanto books and documents.

There will be section meetings for teachers, youth and other groups on Saturday morning. The official photograph will be taken at midday and a sight-seeing tour has been arranged for the afternoon. At the banquet in the evening one of the speakers will be Yukiko Isobe of Japan. On the 9th, Sunday, the committee plans appropriate services and an inspirational talk in Esperanto by an outstanding linguist. The convention will end at noon.

The Gateway Hotel is air conditioned and its rates are reasonable. (See registration blank on Page 7 for room rates and Congress fee.) The latter covers the banquet, excursion and copy of the official photograph.

If you expect to attend the Congress, fill out the Registration Blank on Page 7 even if your plans are not fully worked out so that the Local Congress Committee can make its own plans.

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U.E.A. CONGRESS AT TEL AVIV AUGUST 6 - 9 ATTRACTS MANY ESPERANTISTS TO ISRAEL

The 52nd Congress of the Universal Esperanto Association (U.E.A.) will be held this year at Tel Aviv, Israel. The opportunity to see at first hand this ancient country and new nation will attract many Esperantists. The President of Israel, Zalman Shazar, will be chief patron. There will be a reception and reunion on the evening of August 2. The official opening and the Congress banquet and ball will take place on the 3rd.

Eight lectures by eminent people at a "summer university" will be interspersed with the customary section meetings for special interests. Theater, youth and Israeli evenings are planned and there will be literary, oratorical and camera competitions. Sunday, Aug. 6, will be a day for sightseeing. There are daily excursions around Tel Aviv itself, and the guides have had Esperanto lessons from Joseph Murjan, secretary of the Local Congress Committee, according to an article in the Jerusalem Post.

A Histadrut Tours travel folder went to all ELNA members in March. The group round-trip flight on El Al jet is \$465 from New York. A special economy package tour based on \$5.00 per day is available. If you want to make

your own itinerary or return to New York after the Congress, individual arrangements are possible, but they must be made soon. Also, earlier reservations mean better accommodations. Two actions are essential:

1. Fill up the travel folder application blank and send it with the appropriate deposit to E.I.C. For different arrangements, enclose a letter giving desired dates for the New York--Israel and return flights and details of the land routes you want. BUT DO IT SOON.

2. Fill up the Congress registration blank (Aliĝilo) enclosed with this Newsletter and send it direct to the Rotterdam office of U.E.A. with the necessary fee covering the entire Congress expense except for the banquet and excursions. (A Dutch guilder is roughly 28 cents.) After registration you will receive official bulletins giving all details of the Congress.

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Executive Board Decisions

Since President Helmuth's report in December, the ELNA Executive Board has taken action on the following matters:

Publications: Decided that the Esperanto Information Center (EIC) should issue a monthly newsletter and that the Review should be suspended until an editor and production staff could be assured, at which time the question of publishing the Review will again be considered.

Later it was voted to purchase copies of the JEN News Digest (800 copies of up to six issues at \$125 per issue); the News Digest and Newsletter to be sent to the membership in alternate months.

1967 Congress: To be held in St. Louis, Mo., July 6 to 9 with George Falgier as Local Congress Chairman. Detailed plans for the Congress were approved and Congress fees were set. Any funds remaining after all expenses are paid will go into the ELNA general fund. Program arrangements are to be cleared with President Helmuth, and ample time allowed for ELNA business meetings and committees.

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NOMINATIONS MADE FOR FOUR OFFICES

The ELNA Nominating Committee proposes the following candidates to fill the offices of three directors and treasurer which fall vacant this year:

Directors: William Glenny - active in the San Gabriel Valley (Calif.) societies, on ELNA board 1961-64; William H. Schultze - Esperanto Center for Northern California; William P. Simpson - UEA delegate, long-time organizer and teacher, Harrisburg, Pa.

Treasurer: Mrs. Peggy Linker - president, Walla Walla, Wash., Society.

Members of the Nominating Committee were Roy Holland (chairman), Roland Barta, Lacy Harmon, James Lieberman, John Lewine.

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Did you receive the JEN News Digest for March? If not, it's a sign that ELNA does not have your correct address and zip code. Third class mail is not forwarded. (This Newsletter is coming first class because it contains the election ballot and Congress registration form.) To insure receipt of mail, send your correct address and your former address to Conrad Fisher, ELNA Secretary, Rt. 1, Meadville, Pa., 16335.

LANGUAGE JOURNAL ADDS ESPERANTO
TO PARALLEL TRANSLATIONS

Quinto Lingo in its April issue has added Esperanto to the five tongues (French, English, Spanish, Italian and German) in which articles appear in parallel columns. An article on Esperanto appeared in the January issue of this language journal. It was written (in English) by Prof. Rodney Ring of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., who also did the Esperanto version of articles for the April issue.

"If the response is good, they may make Esperanto a permanent addition to their magazine," Dr. Ring says. How about writing a commendatory letter with an order for the April issue? Single copies are 50 cents. The regular price of a 12-month subscription is \$5, but an introductory offer at \$3.75 is now in force. Orders should be sent to Quinto Lingo's business office at 4 W. 16th St., New York, N.Y. 10011.

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"Our group would like to say grace at meals in Esperanto. Can you translate this grace for us?" The request to the EIC office came from the Experiment in International Living, a New England group which holds summer sessions at various eastern campuses; last summer at Putney, Vt. where Reuben Feldman sang the praises of Esperanto.

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Interested in tape recordings in Esperanto? H. K. Ver Ploeg of Spokane has a list of more than a hundred available tapes on many subjects for learning purposes and programs. Write to him at ELNA Audio-Visual Section, 320 E. 19th Ave., Spokane, Wash., 99203.

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READ, a junior high school magazine with national circulation, carried in its March 15 issue an interview with Joe Lanzone of San Carlos, Cal., describing the ease with which he made friends at the Tokyo Esperanto Congress in 1965. There's a charming picture of young Joe with Japanese acquaintances, and EIC had over 200 inquiries within two weeks as a result of the article.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ORGANIZES SERVICES

The Esperanto Institute of Southern California, established in January, has set up a speakers' bureau, a bookshop and lending library, and provides information and instruction for the Los Angeles-San Diego area, which includes Hollywood, Santa Barbara, and the San Gabriel Valley.

Officers of the institute include Charles Peterson, president; Dr. M. Hornbeck, secretary; and three vice presidents: William Glenny, in charge of information; Joseph Scherer, speakers' service; and Mrs. Mildred Ashley, instruction. Mr. Glenny will also take over the editorship of Tempo and the press service. The initial work of the institute is being financed by loans by the founders and other Esperanto enthusiasts, reports Leslie Green.

With the Information Center maintained by William and Cathie Schultze and the Lanzone bookshop serving the San Francisco Regional Organization in Northern California and the new Southern California Institute, the state is far ahead of the rest of the country in this type of service.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST ESPERANTO CONFERENCE, WALLA WALLA, WASH., JUNE 16-18

A R O U N D T H E C O U N T R Y

NEW YORK

An advanced study and conversation group in which only Esperanto may be used meets every Friday except club night at the EIC office in New York City under Thea Kohn's guidance. Programs have ranged from discussion of the Frost-evallen principles to sight translation of stories of Poe, Willa Cather and James Joyce. . . .The East Meadows high school and Great Neck groups had John Lewine as speaker; Mark Starr also talked at East Meadows. . . . Ham radio operators may be interested in a bulletin put out by Edward Lindberg, Bowmansville (N.Y. 14026). . . . Dr. Humphrey Tonkin of the University of Pennsylvania addressed the New York City club on "Esperanto in Prose and Poetry" as did Bernard Golden on "Esperanto and Intellectuals."

PENNSYLVANIA

A grant of \$1500 by Mack Trucks Worldwide, Ltd., to Muhlenberg College at Allentown will enable Prof. Rodney Ring and a student to attend the World Esperanto Congress at Tel Aviv in August. . . . Mayor Ralph Archer of Pleasantville had a full column letter on Esperanto in the Franklin News Herald. . . . Donald Munro, secretary of the Lehigh Valley Club, has introduced the international language to several organizations, including the Lions, Kiwanis, Sutoma, Mora, the Beta Sigma Phi fraternity, the Exchange Club and the Unitarian Church. He has a weekly class at Bethlehem. . . . Harrisburg has three Esperanto exhibits at the state and public libraries and a store window, arranged by W. P. Simpson who also has a spring class (12 weeks) for beginners at the public library.

OREGON

The Portland Society gave half the proceeds of its Christmas card profits to EIC. . . . Carroll Day introduced the Business and Professional Women to Esperanto at a dinner meeting. John Dahrke showed color slides of Turkey with Esperanto comments at the February club meeting. In March the group held a team spelling contest and heard Esperantized (?) samples of American humor from Dorothy Jones. . . . High school art students and seniors studying the history of English literature were told about an international language with less past and more future by Annette Greenland.

WASHINGTON

The Walla Walla group is busy preparing for the Pacific Northwest Conference June 16/18, at which Yukiko Isobe of Tokyo will be one of the speakers. The Oomoto Festival film will also be shown. . . . At Richlands Donald Shanks is teaching a class by audio-visual methods which are also used in a new class at Walla Walla. . . . At the Spokane Valley Methodist Church Edgar Mason has a class.

CALIFORNIA

At a Foreign Languages in Elementary Schools conference, Doris Vallon showed slides on a small box screen of the work of her Esperanto classes and there was a large display of Esperanto materials. Esperanto will also be on the job at the meeting of the Foreign Language Association of Northern California this month. . . . A film on Tel Aviv, UEA Congress city this year, was shown at the San Francisco Regional Esperanto meeting.

The San Diego Esperanto Association saw a color film of Austria with narration by Mr. and Mrs. H. Bauer of Eisenstadt and heard Conn and Mary Murray tell of their world trip with Esperanto. . . . Covina teacher Leslie Green has 51 students registered for courses carrying high school credit. The Murrays, who visited his classes, report that he is one teacher who finishes the term with more students than he started. . . . A weekly group practises Esperanto in games like "20 Questions" and "What's My Line."

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* EVERYBODY SPEAKS ENGLISH *

* But here are thirteen reasons that some people find it difficult: *

* Bough, cough, dough, enough, hiccough, lough, plough, rough, slough, *

* tough, though, through, trough. *

* See if you can get all three pronunciations of "slough" right *

* first time: "The man was in the Slough of Despond, fearing he might *

* slough his overshoes in the slough." *

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College Credit Courses in Esperanto

An intensive week-end course in Esperanto which will net students a quarter-unit of college credit for 10 hours of classwork is being offered at the University of California's Berkeley campus on May 27-28. A 3-unit credit course in the teaching of Esperanto in elementary schools is now available at San Mateo from the University's extension division.

A similar course is under consideration for the summer school curriculum at the North Adams (Mass.) State Teachers College, reports Allan Boschen. His Berkshire Esperanto Society is also pressing for the inclusion of the language in the Pittsfield public school curriculum.

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Unitarian-Universalist congregations voting on resolutions to be considered at the church's Annual Assembly at Denver in May found one entitled "A Common Language for the Whole World." It was backed by churches in Honolulu, Louisville, Ky., Pittsfield and North Adams, Mass., Storrs and Meriden, Conn., Fresno, Calif., and Albany, N.Y.

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JEN to Run Week-End Advanced Seminar

A weekend course for a limited number of advanced Esperanto students will be held in Philadelphia April 22-23, by Young Esperantists (JEN). Dr. William Solzbacher of Washington, a member of the Esperanto Language Academy, will be the teacher. Instruction and conversation will be exclusively in Esperanto and students must undertake to study a supplied textbook beforehand. The group will go on Saturday evening to Allentown, Pa., where JEN members at Muhlenberg College will present a Hindu drama, "Lord of the Shadows," in Esperanto.

If you'd like to attend the course, contact JEN's secretary, Julie Crandall, 322 E. 74 St., Apt. 2-C, New York, N.Y. 10021.

ESSAY CONTEST

ESPERANTO LEAGUE FOR NORTH AMERICA

TOPIC: ESPERANTO - ĈU NUR LINGVO? (ESPERANTO - JUST ANOTHER LANGUAGE?)

RULES: This contest is open to all persons not more than 24 years of age residing in or citizens of the United States. Essays must be in Esperanto, 1500 to 2000 words. They will be judged on proficiency in Esperanto, subject matter and neatness, taking into account the contestant's age.

Three typewritten copies, with name, address and age of contestant included, must be sent to Bonnie Helmuth, 801 La Jolla Rancho Road, La Jolla, Calif., 92037, on or before June 1, 1967.

FIRST PRIZE: Bell & Howell auto-load super-8 zoom reflex movie camera. Cartridge loading, electric eye, f/1.9 lens, automatic filter.

SECOND PRIZE: Zenith stereo portable phonograph in luggage type case with custom-matic tilt-down changer in compact cabinet of vinyl covered wood. Has solid state amplifier, two speakers, dual needle, stereophonic cartridge.

THIRD PRIZE: Elgin 10-transistor AM portable radio, cowhide carrying case, earphone and batteries.

Winners will be announced at the ELNA Congress in St. Louis in July, 1967. Only one entry per person is allowed. The decisions of the judges will be final.

CLIP THE COUPON!

Did you forget to send in your annual membership dues with the form provided in the last Newsletter? Here's another chance to support the educational work of your national organization, keep the Newsletter and the JEN News Digest coming, and be eligible to vote at the St. Louis Congress. (Contributions are tax deductible.)

Conrad Fisher, Secretary
Esperanto League for North America
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Meadville, Pa. 16335

I enclose payment for 1967 dues in the category checked below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular membership --- \$ 8.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining membership -- \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Husband and wife ----- 12.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron membership ----- 25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (under 21) --- 4.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional contribution- _____ |

Name and Address _____

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New membership

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