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H A P P E N I N G S -- E A S T A N D W E S T

EASTERN REGION ESPERANTO INSTITUTE. Sept. 22-23. Three sessions. Increasing communication among Esperanto groups; class recruiting; teacher qualification. Conference fee \$3.00. Write Conference Committee, c/o E.I.C., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10010.

MEET YUKIKO ISOBE. Japanese business woman and director, Esperanto Institute, now on U.S. tour. Also Kakehi Kunimaro, enroute Rotterdam to Kyoto, Japan. August 21, 8 p.m., Freedom House, 20 W. 40th Street, New York City.

CALIFORNIA: Los Angeles County Fair, opens Sept. 15. See Esperanto Exhibit. Southern California Conference, October 28-29, Bahai Hotel.

MASSACHUSETTS Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, 1-credit course in Esperanto for teachers. Fall semester. Fee \$18. Instructor Allan Boschen.

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CONGRESSMEN POINT OUT NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE IN MESSAGES SENT TO ESPERANTO CONGRESS AT ST. LOUIS

DONALD FRASER (Minnesota): While such speculation may seem far-fetched at this time, the thought occurred to me that Esperanto would have vastly simplified and expedited recent summit meetings between President Johnson and Premier Kosygin. I have every hope that future Presidents and Premiers will be able to converse in this universal language. Organizations such as yours are most important in transforming hopes into realities.

DON EDWARDS (California): The work you are doing is a great contribution to dissolving the barriers which separate people from one another and to increasing the communication so fundamental in easing tension throughout the world.

ROMAN PUCINSKI (Illinois): Best wishes for a successful and constructive gathering. Your continued efforts are to be commended. Keep up the good work.

GEORGE RHODES (Pennsylvania): With confusion at the U.N. and around the world, there is little doubt that the language barrier is one of the reasons for it.

EDWARD PATTON (New Jersey): Surely the recent debates at the United Nations and the summit conference at Glassboro pointed up the very real need for an international language and an international mode of communication. I certainly hope that your conference meets with great success in this regard.

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U.E.A. CONGRESS A SUCCESS DESPITE LATE LOCATION SHIFT

Wars are bad for Esperanto Congresses and it was only the devotion and efficiency of the central staff of the Universala Esperanto-Asocio, assisted by local members at Rotterdam and the Hague, which accomplished the miracle of switching over from Tel Aviv and organizing the Congress at Rotterdam in eight weeks. In recognition of the vast amount of work which the Tel Aviv local Congress Committee had already done, the 53rd Congress which took place August 2 to 9 will stand in the record as the Tel Aviv--Rotterdam Congress.

Despite the last-minute shift, over 800 of the 1200 registered Esperantists attended. The business meetings of the Executive Board, the general membership meetings, the special work sessions and the lectures were all well attended. Highly specialized experts presented in terms understandable to the layman many problems of mechanization, food production and medicine. Cultural programs, including plays and music, maintained the expected high standard. Sightseeing excursions went through on schedule. A day-by-day account would take too much space, but Jack Conroy's impressions which follow show that the magic still works.

The most important decisions included following up with U.N.O. to get more recognition of the Esperanto proposal to combat lingual discrimination and cultural genocide. Most important news was that the illustrated "Plena Vortaro" was ready for the printer and that enough money had been received to publish the new review, "Monda Lingvo-Problemo."

"We stood among the group of people from many nations and spoke with them freely and in friendship," writes Jack Conroy, a student at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., who was attending his first world congress. "We spoke about the world and about their daily lives, not only without language difficulty, but also without that sense of strangeness which holds people apart. Without Esperanto we could not have spoken with a colleague from Yugoslavia, or have begun a friendship with two wonderful Netherlanders.

"The high quality of the lectures was most gratifying. No mere parodies of learning these, but solid academic presentations of high intellectual value. Also there were many pleasing sessions about the culture and people of the Netherlands to add to our enrichment. The total impression of the Congress sessions and of the Esperanto colleagues we encountered there was one of goodwill, friendliness and of overwhelming joy that Dr. Zamenhof's dream might not be so ridiculous--that maybe men can all share one neutral international language in worldwide fraternity."

REPORT ON E.L.N.A. CONGRESS PROGRAM AND ACTIONS

The first week in July was proclaimed "Esperanto Week" by the mayor of St. Louis, Alfonso Cervantes, and the county supervisor, Lawrence Roos, in honor of the 1967 Congress of the Esperanto League for North America (E.L.N.A.) which met in St. Louis July 6--9. Messages were read from Dr. Ivo Lapenna, president of the Universala Esperanto-Asocio, and from Congressmen Don Edwards (Cal.), Donald Fraser (Minn.), Edward Patton (N.J.), Roman Pucinski (Ill.) and George Rhodes (Pa.). (See Page 6 for the text of these.)

Speakers included Yukiko Isobe of the Japanese Esperanto Institute, who told of her earlier visit to the United States and spoke of the usefulness of Esperanto in Japan; Duncan Charters of the University of Indiana, who surveyed the problems of worldwide communication and pointed out the urgent need of an international language like Esperanto; and Dr. John Lewine of New York, who discussed the pro's and con's of "artificial" and "natural" languages. One meeting was open to the public and for this an exhibit was arranged which included the first Esperanto textbooks issued in America; these were put out by the American Philosophical Society and had been shown at the St. Louis Worlds Fair in 1904.

ACTIONS TAKEN: The Congress at three well-attended business sessions approved the following propositions for the coming year:

1. Continuation of the \$2,000 grant to the Esperanto Information Center (E.I.C.), exclusive of the cost of printing and distributing the Newsletter.
2. A grant of \$280 toward a quarterly review, "Monda Lingvo-Problemo" to be published for the U.E.A. by the Research and Documentation Center (R.D.C.) with Victor Sadler as editor. (Authoritative articles in various languages will be printed with full Esperanto translation.)
3. Rental of a print of the Oomoto Festival film for another year.
4. Support for the idea of a new Esperanto textbook for the United States, with President Helmut empowered to appoint a committee of not more than three experts to examine available manuscripts.
5. E.L.N.A. members aged 62 and over may upon request pay reduced annual dues of \$4.00, which is also the present student rate. Several other suggestions about dues and finance were referred to the incoming executive board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Balloting: Officers and Executive Board members elected for three-year terms: Treasurer Mrs. Peggy Linker; board members William W. Glenny, William P. Simpson, William H. Schulze.

Finance: The Treasurer's report showed income for the fiscal year of \$4368; expenditures, \$4410; deficit, \$42. (A non-recurring item was expense in connection with U.E.A. President Lapenna's meetings and the petition presentation at the United Nations.)

Esperanto Information Center (New York)--See enclosure with this Newsletter.

Membership: Paid-up membership as of July 1, 1967, stood at 458, compared to 490 at the same time last year. The net loss was ascribed partly to the rise in annual dues and to the discontinuance of the Review.

Migrating Exhibit: After the Washington Congress last year the exhibit, which travels in three specially constructed cases, was used in western and central Massachusetts by Allan Boschen and Warren Gould. It was again on display at St. Louis, and anyone wishing to use it should get in touch with George Falgier there (3622 N. Market St.).

Essay Contest: Because no essays of sufficiently high quality were submitted, the committee awarded no prizes. (Three prizes had been bought with trading stamps sent in by E.L.N.A. members.) The camera and radio were brought to St. Louis and raffled off and the \$168 so obtained was turned in to the treasurer. A record player, too heavy to transport, will be similarly raffled off in California.

Examination Service: The U.S. Society of Esperanto Teachers reported that of 25 persons taking the teachers' examination at the elementary level, 22 had received certificates (six with honors). Five out of six aspirants passed the intermediate examination, one with honors.

Congress Guidebook Julia Regal, who had been asked by President Helmuth to revise the rules governing Congress procedures, reported that she hoped to have the new edition ready for the next Congress.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: A vote of thanks was given the Local Congress Committee, especially George Falgier and John Sabin, for their good work under tough conditions. Thanks were also voted to Kurt Hitke of Miami for his printing of various documents; to Doris Prenner for her regular and competent stenographic work as a volunteer in the E.I.C. office; to Helen Starr for editing the Newsletter; to Bonnie Helmuth for handling mailing list labels; to Conrad Fisher for his many years of service as E.L.N.A. secretary; and to Pres. Francis Helmuth and Chairman William Harmon for their work on behalf of E.L.N.A.

COMMITTEES The president appointed the following committees to function during 1967-68: Budget--Robert Runser; Membership and Organization--Armin Doneis; Textbook and Manuscript Examination--Duncan Charters and John Lewine; Nominations--James Lieberman, Mary Murray, Allan Boschen, Julia Regal; Letters to the Editor--Allan Boschen; Esperanto Books in Public Libraries--Bonnie Helmuth; Traveling Exhibit--George Falgier.

A moment of silence was observed for Esperantists who had died during the year, including Julio Baghy, Cora Fellows, John Rickey and Jennie Turner.

The press gave good coverage to the Congress and there was a color TV interview with Yukiko Isobe and John Lewine which was re-run the next day. Mr. Lewine also spoke at a St. Louis high school which specializes in languages.

Next year's Congress will be held in Los Angeles.

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(Other convention stories will be found on Page 6)

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"Round the Country" notes had to be omitted from this issue for lack of space. Apologies to those who sent in news - see next issue.

FISH STORY -- A TOOTHsome TALE FROM PRAKTIKO

A fish story to end all fish stories is told by Dr. Lehman Wendell of Minneapolis in the June issue of Praktiko. It seems that there was this woman patient he made a denture for several years ago and then she lost it while swimming off the California coast. Then last summer another dentist, Dr. Max Goldstein, caught a fish and -- you've guessed it -- the fish was wearing the denture. But the gimmick is that Dr. Goldstein, who lives in New Rochelle, N.Y., was fishing off Cape Cod! Fishy? It does sound that way, but there it is, and the reader is at liberty to speculate whether the fish went around Cape Horn or through the Panama Canal to reach the Massachusetts coast. Or maybe it's a flying fish. Another story--this one frankly labeled a legend--is a translation by Dr. Wendell of an Indian story about the winds.

Praktiko, an Esperanto journal which combines teaching and entertainment, also has other American items in this issue. There is a half-page picture of Joe Dolan, a popular radio commentator on Station KNEW at Oakland, Calif., who is an active Esperantist. Pictures of children reading correspondence from other lands, singing Esperanto songs and conducting science experiments from Esperanto instructions, and one of a group of children and young people at a conference - these illustrate a page containing program notes on the Santa Barbara conference in April and the St. Louis Congress.

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Americas, official organ of the Association of American States, carried a letter in its July issue by Paul Mimplitsch of Marlton, N.J., advocating the use of Esperanto as the best means of international communication and pointing out that there are already Esperanto associations in most of the O.A.S. member states.

Mr. Mimplitsch also wrote a paper for a class in education at Glassboro State College (N.J.) entitled "For Terminal High School Students--A Language Course." His teacher will be moderator at the coming N.J. Teachers Association convention of a panel discussion on possible curriculum innovations for terminal students and one of its aims is helping such students to develop a world perspective.

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A Methodist Church bulletin in Delhi, N.Y. reports: "The Esperanto kit ordered for our church library for 60 days has been of enough interest to be kept for permanent use."

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The summer chautauqua program at Mt. Gretna, Pa., included a talk on Esperanto and a demonstration lesson by William P. Simpson of Harrisburg. Last spring Mr. Simpson distributed 1500 copies of the little leaflet "Basic Facts" to students and faculty of Elizabethtown College and 1500 more to school visitors at the state museum in Harrisburg. During the E.L.N.A. Congress in July, Mr. Simpson set up an Esperanto exhibit at the St. Louis bus terminal. The Pennsylvania Engineer, organ of the state civil engineers' society, carried an ad for Harrisburg classes. This is what is known as never missing a trick.

Principal Events of 1966-67

In a review of outstanding events and trends of 1966-67 as reflected at the ELNA Congress the following should be mentioned:

1. The presentation of the Esperanto petition to the United Nations by a delegation headed by Dr. Ivo Lapenna, president of the U.E.A.
2. Area conferences--one for the Midwest at St. Louis, two in California and one for the Pacific Northwest, with workshops in teaching methods and materials, visual aids and conduct of local activities. While the large attendance at these tends to cut down on that of the national Congress, they are extremely useful. Another is planned for the East Coast in September.
3. The introduction of credit courses in Esperanto for teachers into college programs, particularly on the West Coast.
4. The expanding work of the Esperanto Information Center in New York and of the Information Center at Hillsborough, Calif., and the Esperanto Institute in the Los Angeles area.

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Society of Esperanto Teachers' Annual Meeting

The U.S. Society of Esperanto Teachers held its annual meeting in St. Louis on July 6. A discussion on "After the Course, What?" was led by John Lewine. Reports of 81 classes with 1405 students were received during the year by Secretary Dorothy Holland.

The Society decided to change its name to "The American Association of Teachers of Esperanto" in conformity with the names of most teachers' organizations. It is affiliated to the International League of Esperanto Teachers and maintains, jointly with E.L.N.A., a teacher-certifying examination service. (See E.L.N.A. Congress report for statistics.)

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West Coast Information Center

An Esperanto Information Center on the West Coast is run by William and Cathie Schulze from their home in Hillsborough, Calif. "Our most important work," says Mrs. Schulze, "is cooperating with people who want to introduce Esperanto into the schools; helping them with publicity, and finding and developing teaching materials."

Seven elementary schools in California already have Esperanto in their curriculums. Two credit courses for teachers were given as part of the State University Extension service. Esperanto workshops and displays were set up last year at conferences of teachers' associations.

Answering inquiries (700 came from Joe Dolan's radio program plugs) and issuing publicity releases and programs for the San Francisco Esperanto Regional Organization form part of the Schulzes' volunteer work for the international language.

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E.I.C. Officers: Chairman, Mark Starr; Executive Secretary, Margot Gerson; Treasurer, John Futran. Advisory Committee: E. Calvert, D. Frezzolini, A. Gabison, T. Kohn, J. Lewine, S. Marx, D. Moneypenny, E. Svane.

<u>Mail and Information:</u>	<u>Letters, etc. Received</u>	<u>Requests for Information</u>
1965-66	1,200	900
1966-67	2,700	1,200

No count is kept of letters written. Routine requests can be answered routinely, but many ask for detailed information on the finer points of Esperanto. Correspondents range from a library archivist seeking a picture of Zamenhof to a student group wanting to say grace at meals in Esperanto. E.I.C. bids for support for the movement from leaders in many fields.

<u>Book Sales (Gross)</u>			
1965-66	\$390.65	Mostly textbooks and dictionaries.	
1966-67	794.22	E.I.C. does not stock books but orders them on request.	

Newsletter: Eight pages of news about Esperanto here and abroad, sent to every E.L.N.A. member and used for public relations. Issued every other month, alternating with the J.E.N. News Digest. Last year it was a quarterly publication.

Publicity: In addition to the news usually sent to the Esperanto and the public press, the presentation of the Esperanto Proposal to the United Nations in October, 1966, was covered by releases to all the metropolitan papers, press services and T.V. stations; also to foreign language and suburban papers. E.I.C. is indebted to Kurt Hitke of Florida for reprinting a release and sending it to all delegates at the I.C.Y. White House Conference.

Requests for information have come to E.I.C. as a result of articles in such magazines as Business Abroad ("How European Businessmen Use Esperanto," July '66; The Lion (Lion's International, Nov. '66); Together (Methodist family magazine, Oct. '66); Dinklerama (hotel organ, June '67); and Read (Junior high schools, Mch '67 -- this alone brought over 500 requests, many for material to supply an entire class.

T.V. and Radio: A discussion of Esperanto on the Alan Burke show (WNEW) in May, 1967, has resulted in over 600 letters and a bid for a radio interview. Six radio programs were arranged through E.I.C. in this period.

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LEAFLETS, BROCHURES AND REPRINTED ARTICLES
(Except for items marked with an asterisk, all this material was
originated by or reprinted by E.I.C.)

Aids for Learning (list of books, records, home study kits, etc.).....	2,000	
Correspondence Course in Esperanto. (Descriptive leaflet)	1,000	
"Be Ahead of Your Age" (posters and mailers with space for local use).	3,500	
Illustrated folder, 52nd World Congress.....	1,000	
A Language for the Jet Age.....	2,000	
ditto, revised edition, June, 1967.....	1,000	
Esperanto Gaining Global Status (3 reprints).....	10,000	
Esperanto Vivas Tutmonde (montage of headlines).....	10,000	
Folders for adult center classes.....	800	
Form letter acknowledging inquiries.....	1,000	
Leaflets* - Esperanto at a Glance, Basic Facts, Esperanto: Talk of the World....	1,000	ea
Fiat* Illustrated brochures and postcard (Italy - 4 items)	1,000	ea
Danio en Bildoj*	500	
Basic Facts (10 pp) and other R.D.C.-U.E.A. documents*.....	900	
Esperanto Saves from Chaos (Hitke printing).....	5,000	
Secretariat News (U.N. staff journal)		
1/15/65 - UNESCO-Esperanto (3 reprints).....	6,000	
10/31/66 - Propono Prezento (2 reprints).....	4,000	
Congressional Record (Pucinski insertion - 3 reprints).....	3,000	
La Esperanto Inform-Centro Novjorka (Revuo Esperanto--U.E.A. 6/66)....	2,000	
Usono Numero of Revuo Esperanto* - U.E.A. 12/66.....	500	
Elektitaj Libroj en Esperanto (U.E.A. Catalog)*	250	
How European Businessmen Use Esperanto (Business Abroad 7/11/66).....	2,000	

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Chief Tasks: The chief tasks of E.I.C. in 1965-67 have been:

1. Work with the United Nations in general; and in particular with extensive effort in the Lapenna presentation of the U.E.A. Propono.
2. The issuance of the Newsletter as a vital lifeline for E.L.N.A. and clearing house of information among local groups.
3. Extensive information service at many levels; classes and meetings.

Report presented to the
E.L.N.A. Congress at St. Louis
July 6-9, 1967

MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED FOR JOSEPH SCHERER, 1901--1967

Joseph R. Scherer, who became an Esperantist 45 years ago in his native Switzerland and helped to found the Los Angeles Esperanto Club in 1927, died on July 20 from a heart attack. He was 66 years old and is survived by his wife, Helen, and two daughters.

A memorial fund "to support the ideals which for 40 years he so selflessly advanced" has been started by the Los Angeles Club, of which he was president for many years. Contributions to the Scherer Fund may be sent to the club (2705 Carlaris Road, San Marino, Calif. 91108) or to E.L.N.A.'s treasurer, Mrs. Peggy Linker, 1414 Monroe St., Walla Walla, Wash., 99362.

Mr. Scherer became a member of the Esperanto Academy in 1935 and for many years was U.E.A. delegate from Los Angeles and Hollywood. In 1930 he embarked on a three-year world speaking tour as special delegate of the International Central Committee of U.E.A., in the course of which he visited 41 countries and gave more than 300 illustrated lectures in six languages. He was an inveterate camera man and out of 41,000 pictures taken on the trip he made 7,000 slides. Armed with these and the intimate knowledge which his worldwide Esperanto contacts had made possible, he gave some 800 lectures on the customs and family life of Asian countries at American schools and universities, geographic societies and other groups. In 1936-37 he went on a European lecture tour. He wrote for the Esperanto press under the pen-name of "Joroŝo" and was much in demand as a speaker even in recent years. His books, "Around the World with the Green Star" (1933) and "Through the U.S.A. with a Rolling Stone" are now out of print.

In 1964 Mr. Scherer initiated the "Committee of Fifty" which raised the money to start E.L.N.A.'s enlarged activities. Heroldo, in an article about him in 1962 celebrating his 40th year as an Esperantist, said: "Mr. Scherer enjoys the esteem of the entire Esperanto world. On the occasion of his jubilee, we too congratulate him."

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Side Lights on the Pacific Northwest Conference, Walla Walla, Wash., June 16-18

Sixty people attended, including "outsiders" from California (12), Alaska and British Columbia. . . . A taped message from Tashkent, Uzbekistan, which is just opposite Walla Walla on the other side of the globe; also messages from 11 other countries. . . . Japanese dances (Yukiko Isobe), European folk dances (Hans and Caroline Schnoor of Portland). . . . A puppet show. . . . A youth section led by Frank Lanzone of San Carlos, Calif. . . . Public school teachers sat in on Cathy Schulze's discussion of teaching methods and materials and saw slides of Esperanto activities in Doris Vallon's public school classes in San Mateo, Calif. . . . Local papers carried five conference stories totaling 40 column inches.

Next year's Pacific-Northwest conference will be held in Spokane, Wash.

Jennie Turner Dies at Middleton, Wis.

The many friends of Glenn and Jennie Turner will be saddened to hear of Mrs. Turner's death at their Middleton, Wis., home on June 29 at the age of 82. Like her husband, Mrs. Turner was an ardent advocate of peace through world government and of Esperanto as a world language. A remarkable 1700-word letter, written in her last days, which will be the concluding chapter of her autobiography, "Not Quite," was published in the Capital Times of Madison with an editorial which said in part:

"Mrs. Turner's warmly human, inspiring and provocative letters in the Voice of the People are known and cherished by thousands of (our) readers. There is not much that we can say about Jennie Turner to add to her splendid image in the public mind--an image which is permanently enhanced by the remarkable letter she composed in her dying hours. It is her usual plea for compassion among men, for courage in our living and for appreciation of the wonders of nature and the human spirit. . . .

"The Capital Times has published many letters from this remarkable woman and we have always done so with great pride. . . . She was a woman of great distinction in the service of her state and community. But her greatest distinction was in serving the cause of all mankind with her warm humanitarianism and superb command of the language."

Mrs. Turner obtained her Ph. D. at the University of Wisconsin under Prof. John R. Commons in 1922, was a labor representative on the Minimum Wage and the State Employment Advisory boards; and for 20 years was state superintendent of adult and vocational education. She developed many courses in literature and for 15 years edited for Station WHA a program, "Following Congress."

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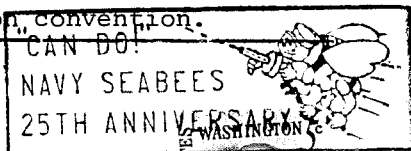
A uniformed policeman at Expo 67 in Montreal accosted Conrad Fisher, E.L.N.A. secretary, and pointing at the Esperanto sticker on the car, said, "Kiel vi fartas?" They talked for 10 minutes in Esperanto, which the policeman said he had learned 10 years ago.

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A mass was celebrated entirely in Esperanto for Catholics attending the E.L.N.A. Congress in St. Louis on July 9. The celebrant was the Rev. Giles Spoonhour of St. John's Seminary at Montour Falls, N.Y.; Robert Runser of Glen Ellyn, Ill., served at the mass and acted as reader. A similar mass was said at the recent Canadian Esperanto Association convention.



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