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LANGUAGE BARRIERS WORRY WORLD LEADERS: Domestic language difficulties surged into the news spotlight in four countries during February, toppling one government and causing the top leaders of three others to adapt to the rights and demands of linguistic minorities. In Belgium, the cabinet resigned after failing to settle a dispute between speakers of Flemish and of French over the linguistic status of Louvain University. In India, Congress Party leadership reacted to new student demonstrations by proposing another change in the seesawing policy on the language problem, which a New York *Times* correspondent called "the most dangerous and inflammatory issue in Indian political life." In Canada, Prime Minister Lester Pearson won wide political backing for a plan to give eventual linguistic equality to the French-speaking minority, not only in Quebec, but throughout the country. And in the United States, President Johnson urged Congress to appropriate \$5 million to begin implementation of a program, authorized in 1967, "to help Mexican-American, Puerto Rican and other children who are separated by a language barrier from good education" by giving instruction in Spanish as well as English.

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE WINS RECOGNITION IN THREE AREAS: Authorities in the fields of education, tourism, and scouting have given support in recent months to the use of the international language Esperanto in overcoming linguistic obstacles to understanding. The Polish Ministry of Education issued a directive in November to all schools, standardizing Esperanto instruction and thus raising the status of the language to a level near that of other elective subjects taught throughout Poland. Also in November, the International Union of Official Tourist Organizations circulated to its member governments, in English, French, and Spanish translation, the resolution on the simplification of border formalities and the use of Esperanto in world travel, passed in August by the Third Section of the World Congress of Esperanto in Rotterdam. In preparation for language difficulties next summer among the 2000 Scouts from 10 countries expected at the international jamboree in Essex, England, the Organizing Commissioner has declared Esperanto an official language of the event next to English, has procured instructional materials, and has recommended to all prospective participants to learn the international language.

SPAIN TO HOST YOUNG ESPERANTO SPEAKERS: The Mediterranean city of Tarragona will be this year's site for the congress of TEJO, the world organization of young Esperanto speakers. The principal international event in the Esperanto youth calendar, the congress will take place from July 27 to August 3 and will include participation by delegates from TEJO's United States affiliate, JEN. The program includes lectures, cultural events, tours, meetings, and the friendly atmosphere traditionally associated with TEJO congresses. The fee of approximately \$30 includes lodging in the university, meals, and all events.

U.S. ESPERANTO MEETING TO BE BIGGEST YET: The 1968 national meeting of the Esperanto League (E.L.N.A.) will be the largest since the League was founded 16 years ago, according to President Francis E. Helmuth. Registrations for the Covina, California, convention are unprecedented in volume. The organizing committee has announced a scholarship plan for young participants. Any youth, especially from outside of California, who can get himself to Covina next July has a good chance of being fully sponsored while at the convention. Write JEN if you think you will be in this category.



An Avenue in Tarragona, Spain, Site of the 24th Congress of TEJO--Story on Page 1

(Photo Courtesy of Spanish National Tourist Office, Chicago)

COMING UP

MIDWEST ESPERANTO CONFERENCE SLATED FOR APRIL: Speakers of Esperanto and others interested in the international language will meet at Indiana University, in Bloomington, during the April 19-21 weekend for a conference on the teaching of Esperanto and its literature. The conference will be sponsored by JEN and the Esperanto Society of Indiana University, and will include papers, workshops, and practica on a variety of topics related to Esperanto in education. Those interested in attending should write for more information to Mr. Duncan Charters, Ballantine 844, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

JEN MEMBERS TO BE ON GEOLINGUISTICS PANEL: The April 6 monthly meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the American Society of Geolinguistics will feature a panel discussion of the "Advantages and Disadvantages of Language Diversity, and Means of Overcoming Certain Disadvantages". Among the discussants will be three members of JEN: Duncan Charters and Eleanor Higginbottom, graduate students and members of the teaching staff of Indiana University, and Jonathan Pool, a graduate student at the University of Chicago, where the meeting will take place.

TRAINING SEMINARS PLANNED: The world organization of young Esperanto speakers (TEJO) will conduct a practical training course in April for leaders of international youth organizations of all kinds. The course, to be held in Aachen, Germany, will cover such subjects as budgeting, management, and public relations. In late July, Dr. Ivo Lapenna of the London School of Economics will be among the lecturers in a seminar on "Modern Forms of Operation in the Contemporary Esperanto Movement", to be held in Bauge, France.

STUDENT CONGRESS TO INCLUDE SEMINAR: The world organization of Esperanto-speaking students (STELO) has announced that its forthcoming 3rd congress, in Aix-en-Provence, France, in mid-August will include a seminar on problems relating to the movement for an international language. Contributions to the seminar in the form of papers personally delivered or sent by mail are invited, and may be on any subject within the field of "the Esperanto movement and its organizations as topics for psychosocial study". A forum on student rights, lectures on the language and literature of France and Provence, and many other events are planned for the week-long convention.

EUROPE ON \$0.00 A DAY: Esperanto will be used at voluntary workcamps in at least five European countries during the summer of 1968. Those who do not yet speak the international language will be able to learn it in workcamps in France and the Netherlands. Esperanto speakers will also have camps in Poland, Hungary, and Bulgaria. The work done by the campers pays for all or almost all the food, lodging, tours, and other activities. For more information on how you can spend from two weeks to three months in an international voluntary workcamp next summer, write to JEN.

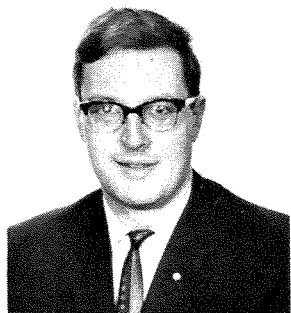
RECENT EVENTS

SERVAS CALLS FOR MORE HOSTS: SERVAS, the organization whose job is "promoting understanding through an international system of travelers and hosts", has announced a need for more volunteer hosts to serve a growing number of visitors from abroad. According to SERVAS, whose Esperanto name means "serve", the need for hosts is most acute in New Orleans, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, and Denver, but is by no means limited to these cities. Hosts usually put up guests for one or two nights. Americans can enjoy the same hospitality with SERVAS hosts abroad as foreigners find here. The *News Digest* recommends that its readers write for full details about this rewarding opportunity, to United States SERVAS Committee, William Sloane House, YMCA, 356 West 34th Street, New York, New York 10001.

PALERMO GROUP SEEKS HELP FOR SICILIANS: The local Esperanto society in Palermo, Italy, has become the center for donations from Esperanto speakers around the world to relieve the suffering in Sicilian villages caused by recent great earthquakes. Contributions should be sent to Esperanto-Grupo "G. Sacconi", Via Quintino Sella 29, Palermo, Sicily, Italy.

PUBLICATIONS

NEW DICTIONARY, ADVANCED TEXT DUE SOON: The *Teach Yourself English-Esperanto Dictionary*, by J.C. Wells, will be "published shortly", according to a letter by the compiler in the newsletter *Heroldo*. The new dictionary is expected to be a definitive successor to the *English-Esperanto Dictionary* of F. Fulcher and B. Long, which has been in use nearly twenty years. The Wells work will complement the Esperanto-English dictionary of M. Butler published recently.



J.C. Wells

William Auld, poet, critic, newly appointed editor of the literary journal *Norda Prismo*, and author of a successful introductory Esperanto textbook, is also the author of an advanced text in the international language, entitled *Pashoj al Plua Posedo*, which is scheduled for publication in July. Both books will be available from the Esperanto Book Center and the West Coast Esperanto Book Service (addresses on p. 4).



William Auld

TEXT, FILMSTRIP, TAPE OFFERED TOGETHER: Raif Markarian's *Ni Parolu Esperanton*, an intermediate-level text, is now available with a filmstrip and a tape recording, for group use and for perfect pronunciation. The complete kit is sold by the West Coast Esperanto Book Service (address on p. 4) for \$10.

TO INFORM YOU . . .

- WORLD ESPERANTO CONGRESS, 1969: U.E.A. has picked Helsinki as site.
- HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION: Available in Esperanto again from E.I.C. (N.Y.)
- CHESS: New U.S. rep of world Esperanto chess league is R.C. Marble, P.O. Box 545, Reseda, Calif. 91335. 1968 dues \$1. Tournament being organized.
- ESPERANTO FOR INDIA?: Indian Esperanto leader S.S. Mahant spoke on this to monthly Esperanto meeting in San Francisco, March 2.
- KONTAKTO: Regular publication resumed. New editor Poland's R. Dobrzynski.
- TEJO ANNIVERSARY: 1968 is TEJO's 30th year.
- MAGAZINE-A-MONTH: Number of 1968 subscribers more than double 1967 total.
- QUINTO LINGO: This magazine will once again have Esperanto section in April.
- BAUDELAIRE: His *Le Spleen de Paris* just published in Esperanto in Denmark.
- MEDICAL RADIOLOGY: Articles in journal *Medicamundi* now summarized in Esperanto.
- MALI, WEST AFRICA: Esperanto course now given in Bamako, Mali.
- ZAMENHOF LETTERS: TEJO member R. Hauptenthal of Germany has collected 500 unpublished ones and is editing them for publication by Stafeto.

NEWS FROM JEN

RESEARCH BIBLIOGRAPHY WELL RECEIVED: JEN's "Research Bibliography on Esperanto and International Language Problems", compiled by Humphrey Tonkin of the University of Pennsylvania, has been well received since its publication in 1967. The Esperanto Information Center of Hillsborough, California, now includes the bibliography in its General Information Kit for teachers. J.C. Wells, of London, in a review in the February issue of *Esperanto*, has called the guide "irreproachable". Readers may order the bibliography from Francis R. Lanzone, Jr., treasurer of JEN, or the Esperanto Book Center (addresses below) for 50¢. JEN members may order from Mr. Lanzone for 25¢.

CORRESPONDENCE SERVICE WAITING TO HELP: The International Correspondence Service of JEN has been faithfully matching Esperanto-speaking Americans and foreigners who wish to correspond, but the number of Americans has not met the continual demand from abroad. Any reader who would like to correspond in Esperanto should send a note to the Correspondence Service (address below).

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

INFORMATION CENTER, ESPERANTO LEAGUE (E.I.C.)
 Room 821, 156 5th Avenue, New York, New York 10010
 ESPERANTO INFORMATION CENTER (WEST COAST E.I.C.)
 410 Darrell Road, Hillsborough, California 94010
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 2129 Elizabeth Street, San Carlos, California 94070

HOW TO WRITE TO JEN

Write about membership, subscription, and other matters not mentioned below to:
 JEN, c/o Arthur Morse, Secretary
 4 Central Street, Millers Falls, Massachusetts 01349
 Order the Research Bibliography (25¢ for JEN members, 50¢ for others) from:
 Francis R. Lanzone, Jr., Treasurer
 2129 Elizabeth Street, San Carlos, California 94070
 Send inquiries about corresponding with Esperanto to:
 JEN Correspondence Service, c/o Miss Ellen A. Lewis
 15 Salisbury Road, Brookline, Massachusetts 02146
 Send material for the *News Digest* and inquiries about JEN's Esperanto correspondence course to Jonathan Pool, Editor and Course Director
 377 International House, 1414 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637

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