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NEW TRAVEL EXCHANGE PROGRAM ENTERS SECOND YEAR

IN-DEPTH VISITORS' SERVICE DESCRIBED IN NEW BROCHURE: A pilot project to lower drastically the cost of foreign travel and increase its rewards in international understanding has been successfully tested for a year by the World Organization of Young Esperanto Speakers. Two families and two individuals from four different countries were hosted by a total of 14 households in eight countries without cost to the guests, during the first year of *Programo "Pasporto"*. The sponsoring body, better known as T.E.J.O. (for *Tutmonda Esperantista Junulara Organizo*), seeks to demonstrate that ordinary people can learn enough Esperanto in a short time to change superficial foreign tours into meaningful experiences in cross-cultural living. Those with a knowledge of Esperanto who want more information should write for the latest brochure to *Programo "Pasporto"*, Br. Oroño 866 "A", Rosario, Argentina. Those who do not know Esperanto but would like to learn may write to any of the addresses on p. 4 of this issue.

COMING UP

TYRESÖ YOUTH CONGRESS PLANS REVEALED: Final plans have been made for the 25th annual congress of T.E.J.O. in Tyresö, Sweden. According to a report in the latest issue of *Kvinpinto*, published in Sweden, young people from 15 countries have already registered. The meeting will feature lectures and discussions on problems of "Youth and Society". Topics for this year's public speaking contest include urban traffic problems, the limits of parental authority, "the noble art of collecting things", and others. The early August congress will be preceded by a meeting of Esperanto-speaking students in Graz, Austria.

WORKCAMPS ABOUND AGAIN IN '69: Five European workcamps for speakers of Esperanto and two others for those who wish to learn the international language are described in a brochure recently issued by the External Relations Committee of T.E.J.O. The workcamps, which offer an opportunity to spend a productive and educational summer in Europe at almost no cost, will take place in Italy, France (two camps), the Netherlands, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia. Write to JEN for a copy of the brochure.

ESPERANTO MOVEMENT IN U.S. TO BE SURVEYED: Researchers in E.L.N.A. and JEN are preparing a questionnaire for all members. They will be asked about their backgrounds and opinions, so that the two Esperanto organizations can know their members better and learn their needs. A similar survey has been carried out by British researchers, and the University of Hull is publishing the findings. Surveys of the general public's opinions on the international language problem and Esperanto have also recently been conducted in Austria and West Germany.

T.E.J.O. TO OFFER 4TH TRAINING SEMINAR: Inspired by the success of its third training seminar, which was attended by leaders of 10 youth organizations, T.E.J.O. has announced another training session along similar lines. Sponsored in part by the Lodewijk de Raet Foundation, the seminar will take place in Belgium from August 24 to 30 and will deal with organizational problems. One feature will be the "Decision Game", designed by T.E.J.O.'s Hans Bakker and first used at the seminar last year. The game aroused much interest and was described in November in the journal of the Union of International Associations.

RECENT EVENTS

PENNA. SCHOOL QUADRUPLING ESPERANTO PROGRAM: Valley Forge Military Academy, teaching the international language Esperanto for the first time this year as an introduction to foreign language, has found the subject so successful that it will increase the number of Esperanto classes next year from one to four, according to an article in the May issue of *Quinto Lingo*. Fourteen slow learners in the 9th grade were chosen for the course in the hope that they could profit from a language that is easier to learn, and "it is clear already", writes instructor Horace B. Montgomery, Jr., "that the results are going to be more than satisfactory." High morale among the students, who are more fluent than their classmates studying other languages, is cited as one of the benefits of the new subject.

SWEDEN, POLAND ARRANGE YOUTH EXCHANGE: The Swedish and Polish organizations of young Esperanto speakers have recently reached agreement with Polish authorities for exchange visits of their members. Ten Poles will attend the youth Esperanto congress in Sweden this summer, and an equal number of young Swedes will visit Poland. The agreement represents an important step in the overcoming of currency and immigration restrictions which have made it difficult for young Esperanto speakers in Poland to visit friends and attend meetings in the West.



SCHOOL RULING STIRS CONTROVERSY IN BELGIUM: Public and Catholic school authorities in Belgium have decided that as of September children elsewhere than in Brussels may, if there is sufficient demand, study English as a second language instead of French or Flemish, Belgium's two official tongues. Opponents believe this will keep the country's Walloons and Flemings from learning each other's language.

Esperanto students in Knolls School, San Mateo, Calif., with exhibit they assembled for world children's exposition in Celje, Yugoslavia.

TWO MORE CONGRESSMEN CITE ESPERANTO: Representatives Ed Foreman (N.M.) and Silvio O. Conte (Mass.) spoke about Esperanto in the House and inserted articles about the language into the *Congressional Record* during April.

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLIC AFFAIRS PAMPHLET DISCUSSES WORLD LANGUAGE: A new booklet by Mario Pei entitled *Wanted: A World Language* was published in May by the Public Affairs Committee in New York. The pamphlet includes an extensive section on Esperanto, where Pei writes, "The outstanding advantage of Esperanto among constructed languages lies in the fact that it has been tested and tried . . . and found to work . . . ; and that it alone boasts of what may be described as a true speaking population" The pamphlet is available at 25¢ (discounts on quantities) from either Esperanto Information Center (addresses on p. 4).

COAST SERVICE FEATURES VARIED NEW RELEASES: The West Coast Esperanto Book Service (address on p. 4) has received a number of new books reviewed enthusiastically in the Esperanto press. Among them: J.C. Wells's *Concise Esperanto and English Dictionary* (419 pp., \$3.95), William Auld's intermediate reader with exercises, *Paŝoj al Plena Posedo* (238 pp., \$2.50), and *Mi Amis Junulinon*, the Esperanto translation of a French love story by W. Trobisch that has appeared in 50 languages (140 pp., \$1.50). Also in stock is the second edition of a long out-of-print classic, *Parnasa Gvidlibro*, a guide to poetic style in the international language (157 pp., \$1.75). E.L.N.A. and JEN members should ask about discounts.

ESPERANTO BOOK CENTER TO CLOSE FOR SUMMER: The Esperanto Book Center in New York (address on p. 4) has announced that it will suspend normal operation during July and August, although emergency orders may be sent to Mrs. Margot H. Gerson, 29 Windsor Road, Great Neck, N.Y. 11021. Until July readers still have time to order this month's featured work, Hilda Dresen's highly acclaimed new collection of poems, *Norda Naturo* (144 pp., \$1.95).

LABOR ORGANIZATION RELEASES BROCHURE IN ESPERANTO: The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, with 120 affiliates having a total membership of 63,000,000 in 94 countries, has recently published a basic information pamphlet in the international language Esperanto. The illustrated booklet, entitled *I.K.L.S.: Kio Ĝi Estas, Kiel Ĝi Funkcias, Kion Ĝi Faras*, can be obtained for 25¢ from the Esperanto Information Center, New York (address on p. 4).

BIG DICTIONARY TO APPEAR THIS YEAR: According to an announcement in the April 28 issue of *Heroldo de Esperanto*, the important new *Plena Ilustrita Vortaro* will be published before the end of 1969. The 1600-page volume will be the largest Esperanto dictionary ever issued.

NEWS FROM JEN

JEN MEMBERS TO MEET DURING E.L.N.A. CONGRESS: Young Esperanto speakers will hold a workshop, give reports, and have informal meetings during the annual E.L.N.A. congress in North Adams, Mass., this July. A detailed program has been sent to all members of E.L.N.A. and JEN.

CHICAGO CLUB SELLING BUTTONS IN T.E.J.O. BENEFIT: The first in a projected series of "*hipingloj*", or hippie-style buttons with ironic Esperanto slogans, has been placed on the exotica market by the University of Chicago International Language Society. The buttons sell for 25¢ each, and all profit goes to the needy treasury of T.E.J.O. To get a *hipinglo*, send a quarter and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the West Coast Esperanto Book Service (address on p. 4). If you're without it, you're not with it!

TO INFORM YOU . . .

- WHERE TO PUT IT? If it has historical value re Esperanto, send it to E.L.N.A. Archives, c/o Dr. B.J. Balcar, 62 Via Castanada, Monterey, Cal. 93940.
- CHICAGO CRASH COURSE: 35 students attended an Apr. 28 one-hour course in Esperanto presented by Univ. of Chicago International Language Society.
- BRAZIL & GREECE AFFILIATE: T.E.J.O. now has 24 national sections, after recent acceptance of Brazilian & Greek organizations into membership.
- SCOUTS ENCOURAGE: World scouting authorities now lauding & aiding Scout Esperanto League's recruiting plans & new textbook, *Jamborea Lingvo*.
- NEW ZEALAND: Its U.N. Assn. in March annual conference praised results of teaching Esperanto & asked government to extend it in schools.
- BAY STATE ARTICLE: "Esperanto: One Answer to the Language Barrier" is title of article by Allan Boschen in Mass. education journal, *Trend*, winter '69.
- SPOKANE TO HOST: Pacific N.W. Esperanto Assn. will meet in Spokane June 20-22 with rich program. Info from H. Verploeg, 320 E 19 Av., Spokane 99203.
- U.S. PUSHING (CERTAIN) FOREIGN TONGUES: U.S. Travel Service now publicizing hotels with employees speaking Spanish, French, & German or Japanese.
- POLISH VACATION? Trade unions in Poland are organizing international holiday in mountain resort next Sept., with Esperanto as official tongue.
- LAPENNA IN CHINESE: Article on cultural genocide by U.E.A. Pres. Ivo Lapenna recently reprinted in Chinese in Taiwanese magazine *大学雜誌*.
- SFERIDO PUBLISHES: S.F. Bay Area youth newsletter, *La Golfeta Esperantisto*, now published by SFERIDO. Denis LeCam still edits.
- FILM ON OSLO: *Oslo, the Viking Capital* is a new tourist movie (16 mm., 20 min., color) narrated in Esperanto and borrowable almost free by local groups.
- INDIA: Indian National Library has acquired a 500-volume Esperanto collection.
- TRAVELING? New magazine, *Turista Mondo*, to begin publication in July.
- HOW TO BATHE: Finnair is issuing a brochure on the Sauna in Esperanto.
- CZECHS ACTIVE: Czech Esperanto Assn. founded March 29-30 in Brno at meeting of 400 persons. Slovak organization & affiliation with U.E.A. awaited.
- AFTER HELSINKI, VIENNA: 1970 world Esperanto congress will be in Vienna. Local organizing committee chaired by Austrian President's brother.
- E3 HITTING GOAL: Only \$150 more needed to reach \$7500 cost of mobile eye clinic "L.L. Zamenhof" for Africa. EIC accepting donations.
- BULGARIA: Over 1000 attended April Esperanto youth festival in Haskovo.
- BORDER MEETINGS FLOURISH: 120 Austrian, Italian & Yugoslavian Esperanto speakers met in April; S. France - N. Spain meeting planned for June.

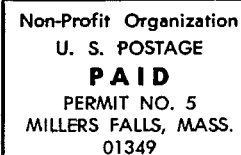
- ESTONIA: Esperanto Commission recently founded; Esperanto-Estonian dictionary to be published in 1970.
- TANZANIA: Radio broadcast 2 interviews on Esperanto in March, got big response.
- FREE TRIP: Write to *Quinto Lingo*, Emmaus, Pa. 18049, for info on student essay contest about language learning, with 6-week trip to Europe as prize.
- PACIFIC CONFERENCE: 50 from Coast & abroad attended May Esperanto meeting in Fresno, discussed literature & periodicals. Oakland is 1970 site.
- EIC ROBBED: Hillsborough office of EIC was robbed of all equipment c. May 4.
- COAST INTERVIEW: U. of Calif. at Davis radio KDVS(FM) interviewed JEN's Gary Mickle about Esperanto on April 29.
- MONEY FOR METERS: The U.S. Senate has approved a 3-year, \$2,500,000 Commerce Dept. study of the metric system.
- AFTER PORTLAND: UEA has OK'd a "*turisma Postkongreso*" in S.F. Aug. 7-12, 1972.
- TEXAS: Ken Thomson runs a public Esperanto course, meeting at U. of Houston.
- NEW REPRESENTATIVES: The number of UEA *delegitoj* has risen by 120 in the 1969 *Jarlibro*, just issued.
- JAPAN: Ministry of Education's curriculum commission in March provisional report on reforms has proposed abolishing compulsory English in schools.
- TEACHERS: 3rd conference of schools in which Esperanto is taught will take place August 3-4 in Helsinki.

SUMMER ADDRESSES

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