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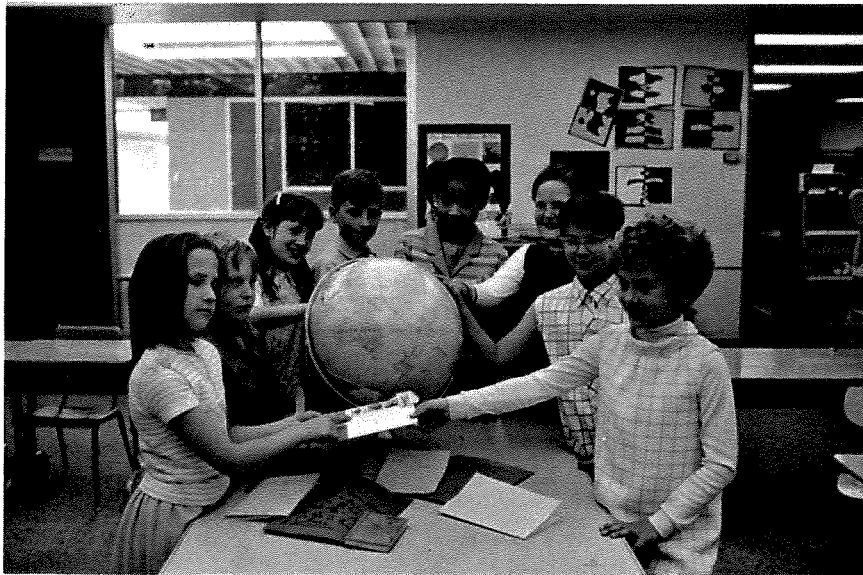
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ACTIVITY SPURTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

NEW GROUPS FORMED, REGIONAL MAGAZINE REVIVED: Promotion and teaching of the international language Esperanto have expanded remarkably in the last few months in Southern California, according to news in the May issue of *Tempo*, the organ of the Esperanto Institute of Southern California.



Nia Rondeto, with letters received from abroad

Most important on the youth front is the founding of *Nia Rondeto*, a group of 11 children aged 9-11 studying Esperanto in the gifted children's program of the Charter Oaks School District in Covina. The members of *Nia Rondeto*, led by their teacher, Mrs. Denise Brayton, have enrolled in JEN under our group membership plan and will be continuing their activities, which include correspondence in Esperanto with foreign pen-pals, during the summer.

The formation of groups in Riverside and Yucaipa is reported in the June-July issue of *Tempo*. The republication of this handsome bulletin is due largely to a major donation by Mrs. Hazel Foster.

COMING UP

GERMAN SEMINAR TO FOCUS ON LITERATURE: The 13th in the series of *Internaciaj Seminarioj* sponsored by young Esperanto speakers in West Germany will be devoted to lectures and discussions on modern literature, it has been announced. "*Tendencoj en la Literaturo de nia Epoko*" is the theme of this seminar, which will take place from December 27 to January 3 in Marburg/Lahn.

VIENNA PREPARES: Before the end of the 54th international Esperanto congress this month in Helsinki, authorities in Vienna are already preparing for the 55th congress a year from now, which will meet under the patronage of Franz Jonas, President of Austria. Literature about Vienna for tourists is being published in Esperanto by the city beginning this summer.



RECENT EVENTS

ESPERANTO LEAGUE MEETS IN BERKSHIRES: The Esperanto League for North America is beginning its annual meeting as this issue of the *News Digest* goes to press. About 50 members of the international language movement registered for the weekend sessions at North Adams (Mass.) State College. Position papers on major organizational policies were prepared for distribution to participants, and discussion of new proposals with far-reaching possible consequences is under way. A presentation on Esperanto to local teenagers was a late program addition. One of the high points of the program is a talk by famed philologist Mario Pei.

Just prior to the meeting, North Adams State offered an intensive summer course in Esperanto to 31 students and teachers, some of whom came from as far away as California to attend. Latest reports were that enrollees and college administrators alike were enthusiastic about the quality of the course, taught by Indiana University audio-lingual methods expert Duncan Charters.

NEW LIFE COMES TO TEJO: Contributions pledged by the Esperanto League for North America to TEJO in response to a recent plea for funds are helping the world organization of young Esperanto speakers move ahead with ambitious plans. Chief among these is the establishment of an office in Amsterdam to house the expanding and highly successful External Relations Committee, which has made hundreds of personal contacts with leaders of international youth organizations around the world. Cooperation between TEJO and its parent *Universala Esperanto-Asocio* is also more intimate now than ever before.

NORTHWESTERNERS MEET IN SPOKANE: Esperanto in education was the theme of a meeting held on the June 20-22 weekend in Spokane, Washington, and attended by about 40 persons from the Pacific Northwest and California. Among the youth activities were the presentation of a play entitled "A Day in an Esperanto School" by children from Walla Walla, and a "musical piggybank" game in which money was raised for TEJO.

CHURCH SERVICE CONDUCTED IN 12 LANGUAGES: The Patriarchate of the Rumanian Church conducted a multilingual service on the first day of Easter this year, according to tradition. For the first time, however, the international language Esperanto was among the languages used, which, in order of their appearance in the service, were Rumanian, Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Bulgarian, French, German, Russian, Italian, Spanish, Esperanto, and English.

PUBLICATIONS

KONTAKTO FINISHES 5TH YEAR: The international youth magazine *Kontakto*, published by TEJO, has completed its 5th year. Breaking with the traditions of the Esperanto press from the beginning, *Kontakto* has used Esperanto as a medium to discuss everything except Esperanto itself. *Kontakto* directs special attention to problems concerning youth around the world: hunger, inequality, changes in education, the sexual revolution, and trends in contemporary art, to name a few. And writers for *Kontakto* do not hide their facts or their feelings: its critical stories and frank, full-page photographs are more calculated to wake up its subscribers than to keep them.

So that more people can learn what internationally minded young people have been thinking about, TEJO has just announced a special low introductory rate. Persons who join the *Universala Esperanto-Asocio* may now subscribe to their first year of *Kontakto* (4 issues) for only \$1.40 (regular rate: \$2.25). JEN will be glad to handle your membership in UEA and your subscription to *Kontakto*.



SCOUTS HAVE NEW LANGUAGE TEXTBOOK: Copies of *Ĵamborea Lingvo*, a textbook on the international language Esperanto especially written for scouts, are now available from the Esperanto Book Service in Hillsborough, California (address on p. 4). The 60-page paperback text by J.K. Hammer uses pictures, puzzles, and problems familiar to scouts around the world, as aids in teaching them how to communicate in a language which is becoming increasingly favored by scouting authorities. The price of *Ĵamborea Lingvo* is 95¢.

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NEW BOOKLIST AND REVISED BIBLIOGRAPHY PUBLISHED: The last two months have seen the publication of two new booklets that will help orient the new student of Esperanto to the ever-expanding literature on the subject. One is the brand-new joint booklist of the Esperanto Book Center (N.Y.) and the Esperanto Book Service (Calif.), an attractive up-to-date catalog of titles in and about the international language.

The other publication is the second, revised edition of Humphrey Tonkin's *A Research Bibliography on Esperanto and International Language Problems*. Published by JEN, this brief annotated guide to the literature is a time-saving starting point in any study of the centuries-old quest for an international language. The bibliography emphasizes readily obtained works in English, but for the serious student it includes abundant references to essential yet little-known materials and gives information about where they may be acquired. The text of the second edition, presented in a more compact format, is expanded by about 75% and thoroughly updated. The bibliography (13 pp.) may be ordered for 50¢ (25¢ to members of JEN) from either book service or from the University of Chicago International Language Society, which also handles quantity orders (addresses on p. 4).

LA PRAKTIKO GETTING NEW EDITOR, NEW LOOK: The popular monthly Esperanto magazine *La Praktiko* will be edited by Franko Luin of Sweden beginning in October. Luin made a name for himself editing *Kvinpinto*, the lively magazine of the young Esperanto speakers of Sweden, and he has announced plans for a gradual but thorough modernization of *La Praktiko* inside and out.

TO INFORM YOU . . .

- CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Separate youth section of Czech Esperanto Assn. has been founded; new organizations & publications also begun in Slovakia.
- CHILE: U. of Santiago students have organized an Esperanto course.
- YUGOSLAVIA: Local authorities in Cesargrad have turned over a mountain cabin to JEN's counterpart group in Yugoslavia.
- MAGAZINE REVIVED: Philosophical & religious review, *Kosmo*, again being published in Denmark.
- NEW ZEALAND: A world-wide invitation to the 35th N.Z. Esperanto Congress, in picturesque seaside Napier, January, 1970, has been issued.
- TROPHY PICTURE: Color postcard showing Harabagiu trophy for Esperanto literary talent is available at 10¢ (3 for 25¢) from Esperanto Book Service.
- KIWANIS: Kiwanis Clubs have been asked by their world h.q. to assist local study & use of foreign languages with books, classes, scholarships, etc.
- PROGRAMMED LEARNING: Programmed Esperanto books & tapes being developed in W. Germany have been tested on 460 persons & are now being published.
- NOBEL NOMINATION: 6 Norwegian M.P.'s have now joined Swedish, Italian, & other parliamentarians in nominating UEA for this year's Nobel Peace Prize.
- STAMPS: Malagasy is again publishing its philatelic bulletins in Esperanto.
- KORAN: Arabic-Esperanto bilingual edition of the Koran has come out; first printing almost sold out.

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