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> SAN FRANCISCO CONGRESS OFFERS INTELLECTUAL AND RECREATIONAL TREATS

Twin themes of the 1970 Congress of the Esperanto League for North America (E.L.N.A.) at San Francisco July 22 to 26 will be the age of international communication and the year of international education.

All sorts of auxiliary attractions are offered by the Local Congress Committee of which William Harmon is chairman - a boat tour of San Francisco Bay, excursions to see the giant redwoods and Jack London's Valley of the Moon, a walking tour of the largest Chinatown outside Asia, and meals at some of the finest restaurants in the world for which San Francisco is famous.

Biggest drawing card of all will be the 3-week courses in beginning and advanced Esperanto offered for credit at San Francisco State College July 6 - 24, to be taught by William Auld of Scotland, editor of Norda Prismo, textbook writer ("Esperanto - A New Approach" and "Paŝoj al Plena Posedo"), and Esperanto poet and philosopher whose "La Infana Raso" has just been issued in a second edition. Tuition for the 3-credit college-level course is \$72. Early enrolment is recommended, particularly for out-of-staters. Write: Dr. Lloyd R. O'Connor, director of summer courses, San Francisco State College, San Francisco 94101.

Congress sessions will be held on the State College Campus where guests will also be housed. Details of Congress fees and housing costs will be sent to all E.L.N.A. members by the Local Congress Committee in March.

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> HOPE FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION?

The drop-out and the sit-in, the turn-on and the goof-off, the up-tight and the down-with, and other prepositional preoccupations sometimes seem to have infected the whole of modern youth. It is therefore gratifying to report that at least some young Esperantists are involved with the teach-to.

At Baltimore, Thomas Goodman has been teaching an experimental course in Esperanto for an after-school group meeting daily for three weeks at the Woodlawn junior high school. Fifteen 7th-grade students of roughly comparable ability who will be studying French or Spanish next semester were selected for the course. Goodman hopes to do a follow-up study next year to determine the effect of such instruction on the language-learning ability of the students.

In New York, Neal Preston and Mark Mandell meet every Sunday afternoon with a group of their contemporaries from the Ethical Culture Society. Bruce Landon for the second year teaches an Esperanto club at the Great Neck high school where he is a senior. Even the faculty advisor is learning the international language. Preston attended the college-credit course at North Adams (Mass.) State College last summer on a scholarship from the New York Esperanto Society. Landon's expenses were paid to the 1968 E.L.N.A. Congress at Covina, Calif.

>Pei Pamphlet Widely Distributed

At the Public Affairs Committee's annual meeting, a report on the distribution and promotion of pamphlets showed that of the 55,000 copies printed of No. 434, "Wanted: A World Language" by Mario Pei, all but 4,750 have been distributed. Besides 25,000 copies for E.L.N.A., 10,000 were bought by the British Esperanto Association with its own imprint. Organizations purchasing smaller quantities included the Esperanto-Asocio, Brock University in Ontario, and the Esperantic Studies Foundation.

Of the E.L.N.A. stock about 2000 copies remain after a mailing of 11,000 to all the public libraries of the United States, Veterans hospitals and U.S. Armed Service Centers and an earlier one of 2500 to college libraries.

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>Advanced Course at North Adams College

Members of last summer's Esperanto course at North Adams (Mass.) State College are being canvassed about the possibility of returning for an advanced course June 29 to July 17. A minimum of 10 students for Esperanto I or Esperanto II will be necessary. Prerequisite for Esperanto II is either Esperanto I or the possession of an elementary proficiency certificate from the American Association of Teachers of Esperanto. For information, write Allan Boschen, 195 Partridge Rd., Pittsfield, Mass. 01201.

St. Joseph's high school in Pittsfield will have an Esperanto class beginning Feb. 24.

A cable television program in which actual class sessions in Esperanto would be rebroadcast to several Berkshire communities fell through when a change in management brought about the withdrawal of promised sustaining status for the series.

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An in-service credit course (D-678) in Esperanto for New York teachers is under way at P.S. 99, Queens, sponsored by the school principal, William Finegold, and taught by Mark Starr. One of P.S. 99's teachers has asked for a speaker for her class.

Students at the Pierre Van Cortlandt school at Croton-on-Hudson and the Midwood high school in Brooklyn have heard about Esperanto from Mr. Starr. The Memorial junior high school at Valley Stream, Long Island, has asked for a speaker; this grew out of requests to E.I.C. from two students who had chosen to write about the international language for their term papers and infected their fellow students with their enthusiasm.

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"Faktoj pri Israelo" is a 20-page pamphlet published by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Write the Ministry in Jerusalem or contact your nearest Israeli consulate. E.I.C. has a few copies available; send 10 cents to cover postage and handling.

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ESPERANTO HOUSE ESTABLISHED AT COVINA

A lease has been signed for a building in downtown Covina, Calif., to be known as Esperanto House, which will serve as a center of operations for the Esperanto Institute of Southern California and Americans for Esperanto; provide classrooms for the Tri-Community Adult School Systems' evening Esperanto classes and possibly for other daytime classes; and house the Charles R. Peterson memorial library and a permanent exhibit. The San Gabriel Valley Esperanto Society plans monthly international dinners at Esperanto House with Italian and Mexican menus for openers. Friday nights will be open house for Esperantists, with Mrs. Hazel Foster as hostess in residence. The building will be formally opened April 3.

Esperanto House is being incorporated as a non-profit organization sponsored by the Esperanto Institute of Southern California. Charter membership certificates are available to supporters who pay 1970 dues of not less than \$12. One-shot contributions are also solicited. The board of directors includes Francis E. Helmuth, E.L.N.A. president; W. Campbell Nelson, president of the Institute; Leslie Green, national chairman of Americans for Esperanto; Esther Holohan, president of the San Gabriel Valley society; William Glenney for the Los Angeles Esperanto Club; and George Stacey, president of the Esperanto Society of Inland Empire.

Americans for Esperanto, an organization designed to gain mass support for Esperanto among non-speakers of the international language, is still dealing with applications and inquiries in response to a general mailing in December. In southern California where regional directors have already been selected, a membership of 75 is reported with San Diego and Santa Barbara still to be heard from. (E.L.N.A. membership automatically includes membership in Americans for Esperanto.) For information and organizational material, write Box 4162, Covina, Calif. 91722.

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In Alaska, Walter Gnagy of Juneau addressed three English classes at the Haines high school on the subject of Esperanto, and at Whitehorse in Canadian Yukon Territory he covered three English and one mathematics class, sending in to E.I.C. sign-up lists of teachers and students wanting still more information about Esperanto.

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A Braille copy of "Paŝoj al Plena Posedo," an introduction to Esperanto literature by William Auld, is being made for the London Library for the Blind by the British Blind Esperanto Association.

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An Eastern Region Esperanto Conference is being planned for March 28-29 with the Washington Society playing host. For details, write Robert Davis, 116 White Birch Court, Greenbelt, Md. 20070.

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At the funeral of Mrs. Carle Brawner of Monravia, Calif., her husband of 39 years read the Twenty-third Psalm in Esperanto, saying that it seemed appropriate that his final words to her should be in "our dear language." They were married soon after a 1937 meeting at an Esperanto conference in Washington.

>NEW ESPERANTO BOOKS AVAILABLE

The books listed below have been recently received by the Esperanto Book Center (29 Windsor Rd., Great Neck, N.Y. 11021) and the Esperanto Book Service (2129 Elizabeth St., San Carlos, Calif. 94070). Published by Stafeto, all are well bound, with stiff paper covers. Add 35 cents for handling costs on orders of less than \$5.00.

EL LA POVO DE LA TERO. William Frederick Rolt. 145 pp., illus. \$2.25. Popularized treatment of soil chemistry.

LA BELA SUBTERA MONDO. Leander Tell. 96 pp. with 24 pp. of photographs on glossy paper. \$2.50. Fascinating book about caves for fireside spelunkers.

LA INFANA RASO. William Auld. 2nd ed., 122 pp. \$1.85. This classic by the Esperanto poet and editor again available.

ARĈOJ. Geraldo Mattos. 142 pp. \$1.85. Collection of poems by a Brazilian with introduction by G. Waringhien.

VOJAGŔO INTER LA TEMPOJ. K. Kolocsay. 197 pp. \$2.50. Tenses of Esperanto verbs and other fine points of grammar. This item back in stock.

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>EDITOR URGES UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

The following is an excerpt from the Congressional Record of December 4, 1969 in which Congressman James J. Delaney (N.Y.) quoted from an editorial in Columbia, official magazine of the Knights of Columbus, entitled "The Job for the U.N.: The Language of Peace":

Elmer Von Feldt, editor of the magazine, says in the course of his argument, "Both by correspondence and direct conversation Columbia has been in touch with U Thant, secretary general of the United Nations, urging him to establish an international commission to study this question and have it prepare recommendations to be submitted to the U.N. General Assembly for action.

"Thant has expressed agreement with the idea but insists that the question of a universal language is such a highly emotional issue that it would be difficult for the office of the U.N. secretariat to introduce it. Thant's hope is that member nations can propose the idea for discussion.

"However difficult the problem may be it seems obvious that someone, possibly in concert with other interested parties, should start the ball rolling. . . . Every person genuinely committed to peace should contact his top government official and his nation's representative at the U.N. to encourage such a move. . . . Here is where you can lay a stone for the temple of peace for which future generations truly will bless you."



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