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CONGRESS CITY OFFERS MANY ATTRACTIONS

San Antonio, Tex., site of the 1971 Congress of the Esperanto League for North America (E.L.N.A.), June 30 - July 4, is a city of 650,000 people and dates back to 1718. After Texas achieved independence from Mexico and until it was annexed to the United States nine years later, in 1845, San Antonio was the capital of the Republic of Texas. Many landmarks survive from that time, including not only the Alamo but four other missions.

A 650-foot Tower of the Americas which has revolving restaurants, a huge convention hall complex and a scenic river development are legacies of the 1968 Hemifair with which the city celebrated its 250th anniversary in 1968. Three important medical institutions, four colleges, and the proximity of army and air force bases have added to the importance of the city as a marketing center for live stock and farm products and account in part for its population growth of 60% in the last two decades.

For visitors who want to extend their vacation travels to Old Mexico or to Santa Fe and the Grand Canyon areas of New Mexico and Arizona or go on to California, San Antonio is a convenient taking-off point. It will be possible to attend the ELNA Congress and still be on hand at San Francisco State College for the opening of the college credit course in Esperanto.

The Local Congress Committee hopes to have details of Congress fees and hotel costs in time for the March ELNA-Bulteno. Meanwhile, inquiries may be addressed to the president of the local society, Mrs. Per K. Schneider, 1720 W. Woodlawn Ave., San Antonio, Tex. 78201.

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Dutton to Publish Childhood Classic in Esperanto

"Winnie the Pooh" in Esperanto is slated for publication by Dutton and Co. next autumn or the spring of 1972. For this childhood classic by A.A. Milne, the late Ivy Kellerman Reed did the initial Esperanto translation.

The book should find ready sale both among collectors who pride themselves on having editions in all available languages, and among Esperantists eager to introduce youngsters to this newest version of the enchanting Pooh Bear, the disenchanting Eyeore, and Piglet, who lives at Trespassers W.; not to mention Kanga and Baby Roo and the Heffalump. First published in 1929, "Winnie" went through 54 editions in the next two years. The copy which the Newsletter editor read to her 5-year-old in 1945 was from the 196th printing.

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Plans for a summer course in Esperanto at Portland State University had to be cancelled when extensive budget cuts were made.

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BOY SCOUT INTERNATIONAL PATROL PROMOTED

With a schedule more suited to a young political candidate than to a retired international relations expert, Rokuro Toduka of Shizuoka, Japan, has toured the Pacific Coast to arouse interest in the International Patrol of Esperanto-speaking Boy Scouts at the World Scout Jamboree which will bivouac near Mt. Fugi this summer. At Portland, Ore., he:

Gave two television and two newspaper interviews, spoke at the annual joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Forum, and addressed the local Esperanto Society and a high school class in the international language. In the capital city of Salem he met Governor Tom McCall, who will be a patron of the World Esperanto Congress in Portland next year, and spoke to 35 students of Joe Gamble's accredited course at the University of Oregon, besides visiting city schools.

In Washington, Mr. Tokuda met with Walla Walla's scouts, some of whom are already studying Esperanto, and spoke to students at Whitman College and the junior high school, and was interviewed by a newspaper feature writer and by school principals. Between times he went to Olympia where he spoke in Esperanto at a Boy Scout assembly and the Kiwanis Club, with Mrs. Mary Hammer-smith as interpreter, and to Aberdeen, addressing the Scouts and the Rotary Club with Dr. H. W. Weiner as interpreter. Tokuda's California schedule was somewhat less strenuous but he covered a lot of ground there and visited schools where Esperanto is part of the regular curriculum.

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The United Nations has designated 1971 as the international year for action to combat racism and racial discrimination. The January-March issue of its magazine Objective: Justice is devoted to this topic. Single copies may be obtained for \$1.25 from UN Publications, Rm. LX 2300, New York, N.Y. 10017. Two commemorative stamps will be issued in New York on Sept. 21, the opening day of the 26th session of the General Assembly.

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Station WFLA in Tampa broadcast an interview with Rex Bennett, president of the Esperanto Society of Florida, on its "Ask the Expert" program.

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Teaching tapes which were produced last summer in connection with the Esperanto course taught by William Auld at San Francisco State College may be obtained from H. K. Ver Ploeg, 321 E. 19th St., Spokane, Wash. 99203. Ask for a list of other audio-visual material available.

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"Jen Londono!" an Esperanto version of a booklet about London, will be available for the 1971 World Esperanto Congress in that city next summer. The translation has already been completed and the booklet will be published as part of the Ladybird series - no connection with you-know-who. The 8-day Congress will open July 31 with a reception at the Royal Festival concert hall.

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Public Affairs Pamphlets has given permission for the publication of a Dutch version of Mario Pei's "Wanted: A World Language."

COMPLETION IN SIGHT FOR "MODERN ESPERANTO" PROJECT

Duncan Charters, who has been working for some time on materials for a course to be called "Modern Esperanto," has taken a year's leave from the University of Indiana and is teaching part-time at Wabash College, a small men's college at Crawfordsville, Ind. Here he hopes to have the time necessary to complete the mimeographed lessons and tapes required for his project. He will give a Freshman seminar in Esperanto in the spring semester. Esperanto teachers and students who have taken his course at North Adams (Mass.) State College and elsewhere are full of praise for his teaching method.

Inquiries should still be addressed to Charters at Modern Esperanto, Ballantine 894, Indiana University. Bloomington, Ind. 47401.

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The Plain Truth

Following up an article on "The Solution to the Language Barrier" in the December issue of The Plain Truth, Paul Mimplitsch of Marlton, N.J., takes the author to task for not suggesting Esperanto as an alternative to national languages for international communication.

"Esperanto, of course, has never been associated in people's minds with imperialism or aggression as the major national languages have," Mimplitsch said in part. "Esperanto has the technical vocabulary needed in a technological age, but it also has been used for fantasy and fiction, for poetry and song. Esperanto has a literature that is better qualitatively and quantitatively than the literature of many national languages."

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An All-California Esperanto Conference at San Diego the weekend of April 2-4 will have as its theme, "Filiterature: Is it useful for the Esperanto movement?"

Note to the benighted: Fi is an Esperanto word or prefix meaning shameful, nasty. So if you are tired of 4-letter words like S-M-U-T, try some 2-letter words and impress all those beautiful people with your erudition. Like, you know, "Fi al vi!" - "Shame on you!"

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In thanking Mark Starr for a copy of Plena Ilustrita Vortaro which he presented to the Queens Borough Public library, Harold W. Tucker, the library's director, wrote: "I am gratified that our library is among the first in the United States to make this work available to the public. The library considers itself a prime instrument in the dissemination of knowledge, which is the foundation of mutual understanding and good will in our shrinking world."

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Congressman Cornelius E. Gallagher of New Jersey has agreed to recommend the Universala Esperanto-Asocio (U.E.A.) as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize. He is a member of the House's Foreign Affairs Committee.

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STOP PRESS! Don Stevens of Arden, Del., dead at 84 ... Jim Deer reports on new theory of atom structure at U.S. physicists' meeting at U. of Rochester ... 134 participate in Ohio U.'s daily radio Esperanto lesson - News on these items came after this Newsletter was made up; details in later issues.

SUMMER COURSESSan Francisco State College - BASIC, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED Esperanto

3 intensive weeks, July 5-23. Spring classes are preparation for advanced work. 3 semester credits. Instructor, William Auld, Scotland.

OVERSEAS STUDY-TOUR - 4 weeks in Europe, 4 semester credits, advanced only.

Esperanto Congress and International Esperanto Summer University lectures, University College, London; details of postcongress activity, costs, etc. upon request. Write West Coast Information Center, 410 Darrell Road, Hillsborough, Ca. 94010.

BAY AREA STUDENTS TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE

This year's students in the San Francisco Bay area will have a chance to test their grasp of the international language by taking proficiency examinations at the basic and intermediate levels. Prepared by the American Association of Teachers of Esperanto, the exams will be administered at the San Francisco Public Library on May 1. Send \$1.00 for fee to cover materials. Address inquiries and applications to the West Coast Esperanto Information Center, 410 Darrell Rd., Hillsborough, Ca. 94010.

New classes in the Bay area this semester include those at Monterey, Sacramento, San Francisco Stockton and Santa Clara.

At San Francisco State College, a 15-week Esperanto workshop yielding three semester credits began Feb. 11. taught by Sylla Chaves of Brazil and Scott Aleshire of Pomona College. Professor Sylla, who speaks six languages, is on leave from the Getulio Vargas Foundation in Rio de Janeiro. He served at the United Nations (1950-52) and at UNESCO in Paris (1958-60) and is the author of "Pro Pli Bona Mondo," a volume of poetry in Esperanto and Portuguese. (See review in the January ELNA-Bulteno.)

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The Hawaii State Department of Education has asked - and received - permission to reprint extracts from articles on Esperanto for a unit on international languages in its English program which will be taught in all Hawaiian schools. For a description by Don Sanborn of the Curriculum Center of the unit as worked out in a pilot project, see the Newsletter for June, 1970.

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