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WORLD ESPERANTO CONGRESS TO MEET IN LONDON

As of mid-May, 55 North Americans are among the 1635 registrants from 37 countries going to London for the annual Congress of the Universal Esperanto-Asocio on July 31 to August 8. Of these, 44 are from the U.S., 11 from Canada. Some of these will also be members of the traveling seminars arranged by San Francisco State College and the Foreign Student League. These will attend the U.E.A. Summer University classes during the Congress, then spend an additional week in Edinburgh, Scotland, during the Esperanto Youth Congress, and two weeks in France.

Most of the U.E.A. Congress sessions will be held at University College in West Central I, but the opening session will be at the Royal Festival Hall on the Thames with the Lord Mayor of London in attendance. The official banquet and ball will take place at the Lyceum on the Strand. The central theme of this year's Congress is the problem of language communication in the contemporary world.

An auxiliary Children's Congress already has 72 enrollments from Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Norway, Spain, Bulgaria, Holland and Sweden. How will kids from such diverse backgrounds communicate? In Esperanto, of course. They will spend the week at St. Mary's Bay school holiday center at Romney Marsh in Kent. There boys and girls from 6 to 16 will study, play and take sight-seeing trips under the general direction of Raif Markarian, British school principal and head of the International League of Esperanto Teachers. Special housing and transport arrangements have been made for the 39th international meeting of blind Esperantists concurrently with the U.E.A. Congress.

In the literary competitions which are a tradition of U.E.A. Congresses, prizes are offered for the best original poetry, prose and drama; also for translated poetry. There is in addition an oratorical contest for young members. They may choose from three topics.

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Although 30-odd years have passed since Sixth Avenue was renamed "The Avenue of The Americas", it's still Sixth Avenue to New Yorkers. What will the citizenry of Ravenna, Italy, do with a street newly named "Largo Ludviko Lazzaro Zamenhof - Ideatore dell' Esperanto"?

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Teleac, a Netherlands TV station, will begin a 20-lesson course in Esperanto in January. Two well known Dutch comedians will broadcast the programs, material for which has been prepared by the Federation of Netherlands Esperantists. It is hoped that nearby countries will adapt the series.

SEE JULY ELNA-BULTENO FOR REPORT ON THE E.L.N.A. CONGRESS AT SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

TEACHERS' QUARTERLY BULLETIN GIVES CLASS STATISTICS

Eighty classes with 1007 students have been listed by the American Association of Esperanto Teachers since Sept., 1970. Reports on 24 others are incomplete. The returns are analyzed in A.A.T.E.'s Spring Bulletin, which has 16 closely packed pages of news and teaching suggestions. Members receive the Bulletin and the quarterly Internacia Pedagogia Revuo of the international teachers' organization. For membership blanks write Secretary Dorothy Holland, 5140 San Lorenzo Dr., Santa Barbara, Ca. 93105.

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Keys: The U.E.A. is resuming publication of its popular "key" series of tiny booklets issued in many languages with a basic Esperanto vocabulary. A letter written in Esperanto and sent, for example, to a non-Esperantist in France together with an Esperanto-French Key could be translated into French by the recipient. "Basic Facts About Esperanto" is to be re-issued in a revised and amplified form. A pre-publication order for 500 copies of Volume III of "Plena Gramatiko" was given by U.E.A. to insure its publication by a private Italian firm.

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An indefatigable reader of periodicals and writer of letters-to-the-editor is Paul Mimplitsch, a high school science instructor of Marlton, N.J. He has recently found occasion to push Esperanto in such diverse journals as America (Catholic) Commentary (American Jewish Committee), The Plain Truth (evangelical) and a science magazine.

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Let 'em Learn E-----O?

"Common Market officials have issued a formal apology for a mix-up in languages over exports. Shipments of butter oil were labelled in English instead of Spanish for Peru, in French and English instead of Italian for Somali, and in English instead of French for Syria. Wheat for Peru and Pakistan was marked in French instead of Spanish and English." - Yorkshire Post.

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THE WORM TURNS

The ELNA-Bulteno for May was held up for three weeks awaiting the election ballot which had to be included. In consequence the follow-up registration forms for the E.L.N.A. Congress in San Antonio June 30-July 4, also enclosed, were too late to be of much use. To offset the delay, most of the Bultenos were sent first-class at an additional postage charge.

This June issue of the Newsletter is being held for the makings of a story on the U.E.A. Congress in Portland. (Later: It never did come.) So, to paraphrase the wild-west saloon placard, "Don't shoot the editors. They're doing their best." AND REMEMBER - Material should be received by the 5th of the month for inclusion in that month's Bulteno or Newsletter.

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THE LOGIC OF LANGUAGE

A Frenchman in London thought he was making some progress in learning English. He had even survived the illogicalities of sound in such words as through, though, tough. What caused him to give up and go home in despair was a newspaper headline which read:

BRITISH FESTIVAL IS
PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

The source of this anecdote escapes the editorial mind at the moment. Can any reader identify the magazine that carried it?

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Planned Towns in Planned Language

In a book review of "Sir Ebenezer Howard and the Town Planning Movement," the New Republic (May 22) says in part:

"The chapters alternate between sketches of the (town planning) movement and vignettes of Howard's life, including his devotion to Esperanto, in which he made a speech on garden cities at a conference at Cracow in 1912." Howard (1850-1928) was really the granddaddy of all town planners, and the model town of Letchworth, England, was his first creation.

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Mrs. March Fong, a California legislator, has been invited to address a seminar on U.S. ethnic studies in San Francisco next summer as an authority on China. The seminar will be part of the week-long Post-Congress program planned by the San Francisco Esperanto Regional Organization to follow the World Esperanto Congress in Portland in August.

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LONDON NO INNISFREE

Traffic maddened Americans who hope to get away from it all by going abroad may be disillusioned by this notice in the handbook for the World Esperanto Congress in London:

AŬTOMOBILISTOJ ATENTU!

NE ESTAS EBLE PARKI AŬTOMOBILON ĈE LA KONGRESEJO

Prefere oni lasu sian aŭton ekster la urbcentro
kaj veturu per subtera fervojo aŭ autobuso.

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Permission to conduct a Catholic service during the World Esperanto Congress in Portland next summer has been granted by the Archbishop of the Portland See to Fr. Sigmund of the Capuchin Fathers of Oakridge, N.J. (For news of Fr. Sigmund's involvement in Esperanto, see the June, 1970, Newsletter.)

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The third state-wide conference of the Ohio Esperanto Society is set for June 27 in Cincinnati, reports Lewis Cook, chairman. Conrad Fisher, secretary of the Esperanto League for North America, will speak.

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For Radio Amateurs: The call signal for broadcasts from the U.E.A. Congress in London (July 31 - Aug. 8) will be GB3ESP. For details contact Ken Sly (G4MR), 200 Necelle Rd., Letchworth, Herts, Gt. Britain.

THE TARHEEL STATE AND ESPERANTO

Station WRAL-TV in Raleigh, N.C., presented two interviews on Esperanto with Robert Karlson of Hendersonville, N.C. and Mark Starr, chairman of the Esperanto Information Center in New York. They appeared on an evening news hour and a women's morning program.

A coal company executive in the eastern U.S. and Canada, Mr. Karlson retired to Hendersonville last year. He has recruited an Esperanto class at the Opportunity School there, which Mr. Starr addressed. The two men also met with Esperantist Lawrence Sharpe, professor of Spanish and Portuguese in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a long-time Esperantist.

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Walla Walla Makes Boy Scout Awards

"Seventeen Sager School 9th-graders went international this spring, choosing to study Esperanto, a world language, in a 30-lesson series, first such class in any elementary school in the Inland Empire." So begins the first of two stories in the Union Bulletin of Walla Walla, Wash. The boys and girls now have correspondents in Brazil and five European countries. Sara Ann Estling and Wendy Couch were brought in to teach the class by the school's principal, Tom Chandler.

Three Boy Scouts were presented with \$50 apiece toward their expenses in traveling to the world Scout Jamboree in Japan this summer after passing Esperanto exams in Walla Walla. In Olympia, 10 Scouts studied "Jamborea Lingvo" under Mary Hammersmith in preparation for the trip to Japan.

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Florida State Convention

At the state convention of the Florida Esperanto Society on May 15-16 at Tampa, 12 communities were represented - Miami, Daytona Beach, St. Petersburg, Bellair Beach, Brandon, Clearwater, Crystal Beach, Eastpoint, Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers, Temple Terrace and Tampa. The 25 delegates ranged in age from 17 to 70.

Speakers included Dr. Stanley J. Drake, president of Ft. Lauderdale University, and Mark Starr, vice president of the Esperanto League for North America (E.L.N.A.). Business sessions heard officers' reports, adopted a state constitution, nominated officers and laid plans for the coming year. The St. Petersburg Times and the Tampa Tribune carried news of the convention.

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WORKERS' ESPERANTIST GROUP MARKS HALF-CENTURY

S.A.T. will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a Jubilee Congress in Paris July 31 to Aug. 6. The acronym S.A.T. is far better known than the whole name of the organization - Sennacieca Asocio Tutmonda (literally, the without-nationalism association of the whole world). S.A.T. was started as an organization of Esperanto-speaking workers who had seen an apparently solid international anti-war sentiment among European Socialists swept away by nationalist loyalties as their countries were drawn into World War I.

S.A.T.'s most important contribution to the Esperanto movement recently has been the publication last year of the 1300-page Plena Ilustrita Vortaro, an unabridged illustrated dictionary in Esperanto.

ESPERANTO LEAGUE FOR NORTH AMERICA

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Your membership in the Esperanto League for North America (E.L.N.A.) will help us publish our *Newsletter* and *ELNA-Bulteno*, operate information centers on both Coasts, and serve those who are teaching and using the international language Esperanto as a medium of people-to-people contact. Please join today with the handy form below!

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ALL MEMBERS GET the *Newsletter* and *ELNA-Bulteno* 6 times a year, plus a membership card, voting rights, and reduced prices for many services.

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS (paying \$8.00 or more) GET a free bonus magazine of their choice during the year. See selections below.

MEMBERS UNDER 30 ALSO GET membership in JEN (the organization of Esperanto-speaking young Americans) at no extra cost. They receive the *JEN-Bulteno* and other publications, a membership card, voting rights in JEN, and reduced prices on many items.

FREE BONUS MAGAZINE SELECTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

(Please allow up to two months for initial delivery)

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HOMO KAJ KOSMO: popular science magazine published by astronomers; full of fascinating facts, puzzles, and contests about the world of nature; quarterly.

NORDA PRISMO: the most highly respected literary magazine in Esperanto; new poems, stories, and essays; illustrated; quarterly.

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1414 Monroe Street
Walla Walla, Washington 99362

I enclose 197_ dues (payable to E.L.N.A.) as checked below. My name and address (with ZIP code) are on the reverse side of this form.

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- Regular (\$8.00)
- Husband-wife (\$12.00)
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Donations to E.L.N.A. are tax-deductible.

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Kits for All Ages

The Esperanto Book Service offers a 9-item study kit for children for \$3.85 (sold separately, value \$4.40). It includes a textbook, a dictionary with both English-Esperanto and Esperanto-English, a pronunciation record and assorted reading material. A kit for Scouts (6 items, \$3.10) includes "Jamborea Lingvo" which is an illustrated Scout textbook, a phonograph record based on the book, and material for reading, games, etc. For teen-agers there is also a kit with a 143-page textbook and records (8 items \$3.95).

For these kits and a list of additional learning aids, write Esperanto Book Service, 410 Darrell Rd., Hillsborough, Calif. 94010. Add 25¢ shipping charge for orders under \$5, and the state sales tax if it applies.

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A daughter, Molly Christina, was born to the Larry McLaughlins, according to Espilo, monthly bulletin of the Portland, Ore., Esperanto Society of which McLaughlin is president.

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District of Columbia Esperantists rehearsed songs preparatory to recording them on tape and did record messages to be sent to other Esperanto groups. Sergio Docal, Washington secretary and chorister, is a U.E.A. music delegate and has a large collection of Esperanto songs, original and translated.

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Scrabble and Twenty Questions, both in Esperanto, absorbed members of the Los Angeles club at their May meeting. Stelo, a word-matching Bingo, and Landlimaj Duopoj (border pairs) both on the level of Muggins and Old Maid, were available for tyro Esperantists.

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The New York Esperanto Society will hold its traditional summer picnic in June. New officers include: President, Julius Balbin; vice president, Neal Preston; secretary, Mary Marrett; treasurer, Paul Burke.

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The San Diego branch of the University of California will offer a credit course in Esperanto beginning Sept. 7. The class will meet twice a week with Dr. Ralph Lewin of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography as teacher.

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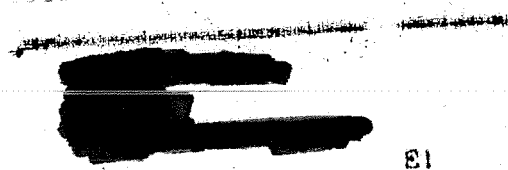
A brochure on 1972 World Esperanto Congress in Portland, Ore., is ready for distribution at the coming Congress in London this August.



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