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IN-SCHOOL TEACHING OF ESPERANTO ON THE UP-AND-UP

Long treated as a country cousin by America's foreign language teachers, Esperanto is now finding a place in more and more study programs in grade schools, high schools and colleges.

In Florida, where the top two per cent of students from all 12 grades in Hillsborough County go to a special learning center in Tampa, Mrs. Gizella Guiguere is teaching Esperanto to 120 children in eight classes of elementary and junior high levels. She holds a master's degree in gifted education.

In a Chicago suburb, 7th grade pupils of Northbrook public school meet with Mrs. Joan Elliot five times a week, an increase over last year's bi-weekly sessions. Mrs. Valrie Hackett will teach a mini-course at mid-term for a second year at Sacred Heart of Mary high school in Rolling Hills, Ill.

Turkeyfoot junior high school at Covington, Ky., has 70 pupils studying the international language under Ronald Burris, an assistant teacher at the San Francisco State College courses last summer.

For a second year, Sara Ann Estling of Walla Walla, Wash., will have a class at Sager school, and in Portland, Ore., Hazel Heusser continues her grade school classes.

Esperanto has been an accepted part of the curriculum at schools in the San Mateo, Calif., area since 1962. This term, Minerva Rees and Marcella Farrington have fifth-grade classes at Spring Valley and Knolls schools, with Doris Vallon at Abbott junior high. At Napa, also in the San Francisco Bay area, Martha Walker is starting a high school class.

On the university level, credit courses are reported for the fall semester at San Francisco State College Extension (Philip Vandor, instructor); Oregon State College at Eugene (Hazel Heusser); Gray's Harbor, Wash. (Dr. Harry Weiner); and Ft. Lauderdale (Fla.) University (Pres. Stanley J. Drake). The University of South Florida has a non-credit course taught by Rex Bennett of Tampa. Last year a hundred students at the University of Southern Illinois (Carbondale) indicated interest in a credit course in Esperanto under John Gadway. Credit has not yet been granted, but 50 students are taking his course in the Free School of the university.

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Heroldo (Oct. 1) features a long article (47 column inches) by William Auld on the Esperanto movement in the United States, based on his experiences as head of a summer school curriculum in Esperanto at San Francisco State College in two successive years and on his travels through the country. His conclusion? "La Dormanto Vekiĝas" (The Sleeper Wakes). Editor of Norda Prismo, author of literary and technical books and member of the Academy of Esperanto, Auld is on the staff of Lornshill Academy at Alloa, Scotland. Reprints of the Heroldo article are available for 10¢ ea. from the Esperanto Information Center, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010.

WORK-LOAD OF DONEIS LIGHTENED BY NEW APPOINTMENT

Kent Jones of Chicago is the new E.L.N.A. Membership Committee chairman, appointed by President F. E. Helmuth. He succeeds Armin Doneis, who will continue as U.S. chief delegate of the Universala Esperanto-Asocio, a position he assumed on the death of Donald Parrish in 1969. The combined duties have proved too heavy a load for one person, particularly in view of complications in U.E.A. membership dues rates caused by the devaluation of the dollar.

The new chairman, holder of an engineering degree, presented a paper at the E.L.N.A. Congress in San Antonio in July, in which he drew a parallel between the adoption of the metric system as a universal standard of weights and measures and the necessity for world-wide adoption of Esperanto for easy communication. He is editor of Saluton, organ of the Chicago Esperanto Club. Elsewhere in this Newsletter he makes a plea for suggestions for an E.L.N.A. membership campaign.

One consequence of the separation of the national and international offices is that henceforth members will pay their national dues directly to E.L.N.A.'s treasurer, Peggy Linker of Walla Walla, Wash., rather than to the membership chairman. Doneis will collect and transmit U.E.A. dues, which have been increased by 10 per cent to meet dollar devaluation.

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3-Color Congress Insignia Available on Stickers and Envelopes

Order envelopes (4"x6½") from Mrs. E. H. Franceen, 412 Pearl St., Oregon City, Ore. 97045. \$1.00 for 22, postpaid.

Order stickers (1¼"x1-3/4") from West Coast Information Center, 410 Darrell Rd., Hillsborough, Ca. 94010. Price 17 cents per sheet of 10, postpaid; \$1.50 for 10 sheets postpaid.

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A qualified Esperanto teacher for the 1972-73 school year is wanted at Ft. Lauderdale University. Must have at least an M.A. degree and be able to teach one other subject. Write: President Stanley J. Drake at 1401 E. Broward Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33301.

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SORRY! SORRY! SORRY! Information about the cost of continental bus travel for foreign visitors in the August Newsletter was mis-information. Put it down to the survival power of old slogans. Current rates are: \$99 for 21 days; \$132 for a month; \$165 for two months; \$198 for three months. This permits unlimited stopovers, but the ticket must be purchased in the traveler's own country. Available through major travel agencies for Greyhound or Trailways bus lines.

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Mikulas Nevan, U.E.A.'s permanent congress secretary, expects to be in Portland Dec. 1 - Jan. 7 to consult and counsel the Local Congress Committee of which James Deer is chairman.

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Why not make your Zamenhof celebration in December the occasion of a group contribution to the Congress Fund which must be raised for the World Esperanto Congress in Portland next year? The Chicago Society has already sent in \$100 for the Fund.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ESPERANTO, Book 2. R. H. M. Markarian and J. H. Sullivan. 180 pp. University Tutorial Press, London, 1971. \$3.40

Together with Book 1 (\$1.75) this is designed for students 11 years old and up. Useful for adults with no foreign language training; the explanations of grammar are quite simple and there is a great variety of exercises. The book contains a collection of good folk tunes and verse plus skits and reading exercises taken from children's contributions to the magazine Grajnoj en Ventoj (Seeds in the Wind). Review exercises come after each five lessons. It has some very useful features - tables of correlatives, affixes, prepositions, names of countries, their inhabitants and languages. There are many suggestions for practical applications of the language as the student learns.

- Cathy Schulze.

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Re-use of Ohio Radio Course Made Easy

The radio course in Esperanto originated by Station WOSU in Columbus, Ohio, last year is now being broadcast over Station KOAC-FM in Cornvallis, Ore. Tapes of the WOSU course may be secured by educational stations for \$13 or by commercial stations for \$300. Each tape runs 15 minutes. Announcements may be spliced in, including the address of the Esperanto Book Service which supplies materials for individual students (\$3.75 for two books plus lesson sheets) and the address of the local Esperantist who will correct lesson sheets and exams. For further information, see the August Newsletter and write to Mrs. Robert Wills (94 W. Riverglen Drive, Worthington, Ohio 43085) who prepared and recorded the course last year.

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"Let 'em Learn English"

"I hate to act as the devil's advocate, but we have a lot of people in downstate Illinois who are opposed to internationalism," said a member of the Illinois Board of Education when Richard Sandberg, president of the Chicago Esperanto Society, argued that the language should be introduced into the public schools. "How do you propose we persuade these people that an international language ought to be introduced into their public schools? They'll tell us the rest of the world ought to learn English." What would your answer have been?

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MAGAZINE BRIEF BRINGS QUERIES

A 3-paragraph notice about Esperanto in the October issue of The Instructor, brought 60 requests in two weeks to the Esperanto Information Center in New York. They came from 18 states and three Canadian provinces. The monthly magazine is a Harcourt-Brace publication aimed at elementary school teachers. The item read in part:

"Experiments . . . showed that youngsters with low-level language skills successfully grasped Esperanto. Not only did they feel academically rewarded for having learned a new language, they also improved self-concepts. Because Esperanto emphasizes neutrality across racial, cultural and religious lines, it is particularly effective in ethnically mixed schools."

A REQUEST FOR SUGGESTIONS

The task of gaining members requires more than isolated efforts at random intervals. It needs a well-designed campaign using all possible methods of public relations for maximum impact within budget limitations.

We offer an improved arrangement of speech habits (native language plus Esperanto) which the world would do well to learn quickly. At present, however, most of our fellow-Americans don't even know that such a communication opportunity exists. They deserve to be given enough information so that they may make a responsible choice.

I invite your suggestions in planning toward this goal.

-- R. Kent Jones, Membership Chairman, E.L.N.A.
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Andrew Pettyn of Warsaw, Poland, has agreed to teach a 3-week course in the international language at Ft. Lauderdale University next June. He is a member of the governing board of the Universala Esperanto-Asocio and author of more than 10 textbooks. Two Polish actors plan to accompany him to the Florida school and to present a play at the state convention of the Esperanto Society of Florida which will meet during the course.

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With a population of 27,000, Walla Walla, Wash., has close to two Esperanto students per thousand - 34 in three beginners' classes, 16 in two continuation classes and three self-study addicts. In an hour's television program repeated the following day, five members of the local Esperanto society were interviewed by Professor A. Ball of Whitman College.

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Auld Lesson Tapes Available

Now obtainable from E.L.N.A.'s Audio-Visual Section are the first five lessons of William Auld's "Esperanto: A New Approach" recorded by Duncan Charters. The whole program of 224 minutes divided into 12 parts may be had for \$5.00 either on two cassettes or two 7-inch open reels of tape.

Write to H. K. Ver Ploeg, E. 321 19th Ave., Spokane, Wash. 99203. If you send your own cassettes or reels, he will record the course on them for \$2.00. Or the recordings may be rented for 30 days at \$2.00.



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