

ELNA NEWSLETTER

NEWS OF THE LANGUAGE PROBLEM AND ESPERANTO AS A SOLUTION

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JUBILEE ELNA CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The 25th annual congress of the Esperanto League for North America, Inc., will take place at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, from the 24th to the 28th of July 1977.

The cost of attending this jubilee congress will be extraordinarily low: the congress fee of \$25 for ELNA members and foreign visitors includes a banquet, the reception evening, one tour, and the use of Esperanto language tapes as well as all congress materials. Lodging at Georgetown is available including all meals for the very low rate of \$72 per person in a twin room or \$96 per person in a single room for the entire four days of the congress.

Dr. Roger Shuy, Professor of Linguistics, Georgetown University will speak on "Requirements for an International Language"; Dr. Wm. Solzbacher, member of the Esperanto Academy, will conduct a seminar on the subject "Is Esperanto An Artificial Language?"; and the Hon. Ralph Harry,

Ambassador of Australia to the United Nations, will give a talk in English on "Esperanto and the Diplomatic Community."

Aside from conducting the business of the Esperanto League during working sessions, there will be meetings of The American Association of Esperanto Teachers and of the Mensa Special Interest Group "Espermensa."

For those also attending the World Congress of Esperanto at Reykjavik, Iceland immediately following the American congress, arrangements have been made for a chartered bus from Washington to New York to connect with the charter flight to Reykjavik.

Members of ELNA will receive registration forms directly by mail, or may request a registration form from Dr. E. J. Lieberman, Chairman of the Local Congress Committee, 6451 Barnaby St. NW, Washington DC 20015, or from the ELNA Central Office, PO Box 508, Burlingame CA 94010.

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THE ASILOMAR

1. Wally du Temple, Sidney, BC; Marion Bigelow, Fresno, CA; Jack Massen, San Francisco, CA.

2. S-ino Mason, Berkeley, CA; Dan Mason, Berkeley, CA; Mary C. Sears, Palo Alto, CA.

3. La Mondfam(?)a Principaro de Frostavallen: Bill Harmon; Martha Walker, Napa; Bob Bailey, Redwood City; Bricjo Burg, Los Angeles; Bill Schulze Hillsboro; Cathy Schulze.

4. Janet Brugos, Novato, CA (just won the prize!)

5. Monterey-Pacific College Mime Troupe



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6. Dr. B. J. Balcar, Monterey, CA, at the organ

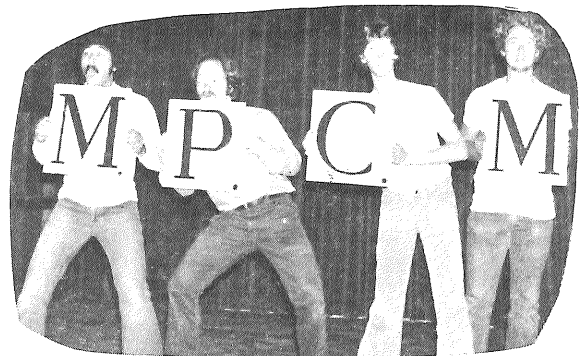
7. At the ELNA Book Service table: (Dale Brown, San Francisco, CA; (Pardon! Ne konata sed gaja!) Donna Barnhill, San Francisco, CA; Bill Schwartz, San Diego, CA; Lucy Bumm, San Diego, CA.

8. At the "pul-bazaro" table: (informu nin, kiu estas!) Grant Goodall, Los Angeles, CA; Cathy Schulze, Saleslady Par Excel.

9. Enjoying the Asilomar sun; Bill Harmon, Bennett Skewes-Cox of UNA, Jack Massen.

10. The Monterey Dance Troupe.

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ESPERANTO IN THE NEWS

The Rotarian, March 1977 carried a letter by William V. Munhall, civil engineer, and Rotarian of Somerset PA, titled "Universal Tongue a Must."

Report, newspaper of the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, carried an article by Nancy Warner, "Esperantists see need for an international language" in which she quotes Dr. Pierre Ullman of the UW Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese. Dr. Ullman also teaches Esperanto and has served as judge on translations of Spanish literature into Esperanto, entered in competitions of the Universal Esperanto Association, Rotterdam.

Suburban Sun, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 13, 1977, carried an article "Kids in Project SAIL learn a worldwide means of communication." These are gifted children who are given opportunities to explore many subjects in addition to regular school work. Esperanto is taught by Librarian Paul Lareau at Jefferson School. The project on Esperanto resembles one taught at Tampa, Florida's Learning Center by Gizella G. Edwards.

Communication Notes, newsletter of the Council of Communication Societies, Fed. and March, announced the 62nd World Esperanto Convention to be held at Reykjavik, Iceland July 30 - August 6.

Mainliner, United Airlines' magazine, carried letters responding to Margaret Mead's article "Unispeak" by ELNA members Mark Starr, New York City, and Jonathan Cole, Aurora, Colorado.

Bruin, UCLA's newspaper carried an article "Esperanto Class Offered by Experimental College" in which Frank Widder interviewed Grant Goodall, one of the course instructors.

Language Sciences, 44, Feb. 1977, 38-42, carried a review on "Die linguistische Struktur Europas" by Gyula Decsy in which Dr. Richard E. Wood, Program in Linguistics, Adelphi University, states "One of the most fascinating parts of the book is the analysis of 'possible Common European Second Languages' (pp 244-57), weighing the chances of the only six likely candidates; French, Russian, German, Esperanto, Latin, and English."

Brookline (Mass.) Chronicle, Feb. 17, 1977, p. 4, carried a report by Ellen A. Lewis on the Ninth Annual International Friendship Week, Feb. 20-26. Michael S. Dukakis, Governor of Massachusetts, issued a proclamation for the occasion citing his State as a center for education, international trade and cultural activities, and the Universal Esperanto Association for its awareness in overcoming problems created by language diversity to promote understanding among all peoples. The proclamation was displayed at the Public Library in Brookline.

New York -Hon. Ralph Harry, Australian Ambassador to the United Nations, was interviewed on National Public Radio Network, heard on over 200 stations in the U.S., on a program entitled **All Things Considered**. The question under discussion was "Why the UN should have a neutral international language." Ambassador Harry endorsed Esperanto. The program was carried in the San Francisco area over KCSM, College of San Mateo radio, April 26, 1977.

International Experiment Using Esperanto

A five-country experiment in the teaching of Esperanto is being carried out in one elementary school in Belgium, 3 in West Germany, 3 in France, 2 in Greece, and 3 in the Netherlands. All 336 students enrolled are using P. Korte's textbook *Sub la Verda Standardo*.

THE U.S.A. THROUGH SWEDISH EYES

Ake Blomberg has a faculty for seeing things from an offbeat viewpoint seasoned with a redeeming sense of humor. He writes in the Swedish Esperanto Association's review *La Espero*, 5/72, about the World Esperanto Congress which brought delegates here from all continents. Blomberg captures some of the excitement of many of those coming to the United States for the first time. Translated from the Esperanto, following are some of his observations:

"In 10 hours we flew from Copenhagen over the Atlantic, Greenland, and Canada coming into the northwest corner of the U.S. near Canada, to Portland, the Esperanto congress city. Here we find ourselves in the most technologically developed country in the world - in the land of computers, automobiles, airplanes and lunar ships.

"We lined up at customs to meet the first representatives of this race of technicians. Then it happened! A sleepy customs man examined my passport, pulled out a drawer, looked for something, and went into another room some distance away. Seven minutes later he returned with a tool, an ordinary stapler. He wanted to fasten a small control card to my passport. He held the card and passport under the stapler. Klik! It didn't work. He forgot to load it with staples. Another 7-minute trip to that faraway place and return with the staples.

"That episode was typical of my experience in the U.S. - during the congress and afterward during a 4-week trip across the continent to the Atlantic Coast. That mixture of the most highly developed technology and some kind of careless primitivism! One strives for the most effective use of each second of precious time and loses time on the most ridiculous trivialities. Why? Possibly because - happily - man even in this age of technology remains - a human being!"

RE LIST OF NEW ELNA MEMBERS

Because the new *Adresaro* is now in preparation and should soon be published and sent to all ELNA members, no list of new members is included in this issue.

Those members who have forgotten to renew their membership for 1977 should immediately do so - preferably within a week of receiving this **Newsletter** - in order to be sure to be listed in the new *Adresaro*. Dankon!

BOOK CATALOG FOR LIBRARIES AVAILABLE

An attractive 8-page catalog of basic books on Esperanto has been prepared especially for distribution to public and school libraries. Copies of the catalog are available to ELNA members without charge for distribution to local libraries. Help your own community by suggesting that your local public and school libraries have an up-to-date basic collection of books on Esperanto! Copies of the catalog may be requested from the Central Office, PO Box 508, Burlingame CA 94010.

ESPERANTO EVENTS 1977:

- May 21/22: Central U.S. Esperanto Organization - Carbondale
- May 27/31: European Esperanto Congress, Paderborn, Ger.
- June 13/July 1: Esperanto Language Seminar, Loyola University, Chicago.
- July 5/22: Esperanto Courses, San Francisco State University, San Francisco CA.
- July 24/28: 25th Congress of ELNA, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.
- July 24/30: Int'l. Holiday Courses, Elsinore, Denmark.
- July 26/30: Pre-Congress Meeting, Stirling, Scotland.
- July 30/Aug. 5: 62nd World Esperanto Congress, Reykjavik, Iceland.
- August 9/16: 33rd Int'l. Youth Congress, Poitiers, France.
- August 26/28: 64th Annual Congress of Japanese Esperantists, Tokyo, Japan

UNITED NATIONS & UNESCO NOTES

The General Secretary of UNESCO, Hon. Amadou-Mahtar M'Bou, has been invited to the 62nd Universal Esperanto Congress in Reykjavik, Iceland.

According to *UN kaj Ni* No. 5, the government of Iceland, at the suggestion of the Iceland UNESCO Commission, has invited Mr. M'Bou at the same time as the UEA Convention in August. The 1977 Convention theme is The Right of Communication."

A popular theme for Esperanto skits is "The Man From UNESCO." In Marjorie Boulton's *Virino Ce la Landlimo*, the play "La Provo" deals with the observer from UNESCO at the World Esperanto Convention.

In Ella Gibson's childrens' book *Bonvolu Esti Mia Amiko*, one of the main characters is the "Uncle From UNESCO."

UEA President Dr. Humphrey Tonkin will preside at the UN group meeting during the proceedings of the World Esperanto Congress at Reykjavik this Fall.



ELNA BOOK SERVICE ANNOUNCES: Textbooks to be used in the Auld Courses at San Francisco State University July 5-22 are available through the ELNA Central Office for those wishing to have the texts in advance of the course:

(Basic Course)

<i>A First Course in Esperanto</i> - Auld	\$2.60
<i>Jen Nia Mondo</i> - J.C. Wells et al	2.50

(Intermediate Course)

<i>Ellernu</i> - Szilagyi (readings)	3.50
<i>Koko Krias Jam</i> - Szilagyi (prose)	9.50
<i>Plena Vortaro kun Suplemento</i>	9.50
(special price for ELNA members)	8.00

(Advanced Course)

<i>Metropoliteno</i> - Varankin (prose)	9.50
<i>Kvaropo</i> - various authors (poetry)	6.95
<i>Epifanio</i> - Shakespeare (drama)	3.50
<i>Plena Vortaro</i> (see above) or	
<i>Plena Ilustrita Vortaro</i>	48.00
(special price to ELNA members)	40.00



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LOCAL CLUB NEWS

San Francisco. The first award of the "Simbola Trofeo" goes to SFERO, the San Francisco bay area regional Esperanto organization. This group has given the most financial support to the Esperanto movement in the United States so far this year. Through the All-California Esperanto Conference in Asilomar (see report elsewhere in this issue), through book sales, a "pul-bazaro", and various individual and group contributions it has raised almost a thousand dollars for the Central Office fund. This group also supports the international work by taking a full-page advertisement in the UEA Yearbook. Congratulations to SFERO, and other groups -- please give them some competition!

Boston. Ellen Lewis spoke for the second time recently about Esperanto on Radio WMEX, this time on the "Avi Nelson Show."

Aberdeen-Hoquiam-Cosmopolis, Washington. The Wishkah Valley School District 117 (a modern K-12 country school) now offers Esperanto, thanks to Cynthia Brakus, a 9th grader who wants to be a foreign exchange student. Librarian Marlene Mojas suggested Esperanto would be a useful communication tool and directed her to the Community Education Program. Cathy Jobst, Cynthia and Lisa Brakus enrolled, and were delighted with their rapid progress. Result: District Supt. Melvin Colbert translated their enthusiasm into an after-school Esperanto class open to all ages.

Portland OR:

The Multnomah County Library Association has published a brochure listing available speakers on international affairs. The listing includes the Esperanto Society of Portland, who offers to provide speakers for teachers' meetings, schools, clubs, churches, and commercial or professional organizations. New publications of the Portland School of Languages and the Portland School of Tutoring emphasize Esperanto as "The First Second Language".



CORRECTION

Prof. Carleton W. Carroll has kindly pointed out two errors which inadvertently appeared in the article "MLA Seminars 1976" in the Jan-Feb edition of this Newsletter.

First, Professor Carroll will be the sole chairman of the session on Esperanto Language and Literature to be held at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association in Chicago this December, not co-chairman as reported.

Second, the report on the Interlinguistics session failed to mention one very important paper: "The Speech of Black Americans and Linguistic Stereotypes" by Professor Juanita Williamson of Lemoyne-Owen College. According to Prof. Carroll, "Her paper pointed out a number of cases of stereotyping, generally resulting from insufficient data or from unscientific and unsystematic observation on the part of those contributing to the propagation of the stereotype."

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REASONS FOR INTRODUCING ESPERANTO INTO PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The American Association of Teachers of Esperanto, an affiliate organization of the Esperanto League for North America, Inc., has published a list of reasons for introducing Esperanto into primary or secondary schools. This list should be of great value to those seeking to interest school officials in including courses in Esperanto into the curriculum. Following are the reasons given by AATE:

1. Esperanto is the ideal first "second language" for pupils in either elementary or secondary schools:

1.1 Because of the simplicity and regularity of its grammatical structure, Esperanto presents new learners with a minimum of difficulty.

1.2 The phonetic system of Esperanto is both simple and regular. It is also euphonious. The consonantal sounds present no special difficulties; the vowel sounds are similar to those of German, Spanish and Italian.

1.3 The orthography is phonetic and presents minimal difficulties to the learner.

1.4 The basic vocabulary is based primarily on Latin, English and German roots.

1.41 This makes the vocabulary easy to learn for most students.

1.42 This enables students of Esperanto to obtain a vocabulary which will be of value to them in later foreign language learning.

1.5 It is exceptionally easy for students to obtain a basic knowledge of Esperanto thus facilitating conversational use as favored in the latest aural-oral methods of language teaching.

2. Esperanto possesses unique cultural values:

2.1 Esperanto possesses a wide literature, both in poetry and prose, both original and in translation.

2.2 Numerous opportunities exist for "pen pal" contacts throughout the world in Esperanto.

2.3 The international nature of the Esperanto movement and the concept of international amity and peace which is a part of the Esperanto movement, provides a very valuable ethical content in the teaching of Esperanto.

2.4 The international and widespread use of Esperanto on all the continents makes Esperanto an exceedingly useful "bridge" subject linking the teaching of foreign languages and the social studies.

2.5 The existence of many songs in Esperanto permits cooperation with the music departments in both elementary and secondary schools.

2.6 The system of autonomous word formation in Esperanto which is based on a logical system of derivation provides an efficacious means of stressing logical connections between words and thoughts.

3. Esperanto and further studies:

3.1 Esperanto provides a basis for extended studies in foreign languages.

3.11 In vocabulary and general over-all appearance, Esperanto resembles the principal Romance languages taught in our schools.

3.12 Methods of autonomous word formation resemble those used in German, Hungarian and the Turkic languages, thus providing valuable material for students of those languages and students interested in philology.

3.2 After one year of teaching Esperanto as a foreign language, further studies in Esperanto could be carried out in conjunction with teaching such subjects as geography, current events, etc. (This method is employed in a number of Finnish secondary schools.)



U.S. NIGHTOWLS MAY HEAR PEKING

American short wave listeners willing to sacrifice their sleep can hear Radio Peking's broadcasts in superbly-enunciated Esperanto in almost any part of the United States now, including the East Coast.

All it takes is a reasonably efficient short wave radio, a reasonably good antenna (just a length of wire, preferably outdoors, will do) and a determination to be awake at listening hours which vary from 4:30 to 7:30 AM, depending upon the part of the country in which you are located. Western listeners will be compensated for getting up in the middle of the night (4:30 AM) by generally good to excellent reception.

Two frequencies are best in the United States: in order of quality, they are 9390 Kilohertz in the 31-Meter band, and 11980 kHz just outside the 25-Meter band.

The programs consist of material similar to the reading matter in the well-known Peking magazine *El Popola Cinio*. The program is signalled by the first notes of the music "The East is Red" followed by the announcer's voice saying, "Bonan tagon, karaj geaudentoj. Parolas Radio Pekino."

The *Sociolinguistics Newsletter*, published by Scholars Press for the Research Committee on Sociolinguistics of the University of Montana, has mentioned Esperanto and this Newsletter on several occasions. As many users of the international language are also interested in the sciences of linguistics and sociolinguistics, they may be interested in the *Sociolinguistics Newsletter*, described as a "bulletin on work in progress" in the field. Information on subscriptions may be obtained from the ELNA Central Office, PO Box 508, Burlingame CA upon request.

ANOTHER KIND OF LANGUAGE PROBLEM

Solving the language problem in bilingual areas isn't always easy. A San Diego newspaper recently reported, "At least one of the 300,000 bilingual homeowner exemption notices sent out by the assessor went out in Spanish only. And it came back to the assessor from a Lakeside Anglo who filled it out, then penned an addendum: 'This is my first experience filling out a Spanish form. I hope it is correct, since I don't speak or read Spanish. Perhaps next year you can send me one in English, my native tongue.' "

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Enclosed is \$ _____ for new membership in ELNA for the year 1977.
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Name and address of each new member published in ELNA Newsletter and next edition of ELNA-Adresaro unless member indicates otherwise.

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ENGLISH IS GREEK TO ME, SAYS PILOT*(From a Reuter's dispatch March 3, 1977)*

MONTREAL, March 3 — A french-speaking pilot told a government inquiry here yesterday that he flew in Quebec air space for many years without understanding a word directed at him by English-speaking air traffic controllers.

"When I started out it was very difficult," Capt. Pierre Rivest said at a federal commission of inquiry on bilingualism in air-to-ground communications.

He said he had no idea what controllers at Montreal's Dorval airport were telling him when he made a landing approach.

"I would just answer 'Roger' whenever they said something to me, look around for the runway which seemed to be active and land on it myself," he said.

Rivest said: "This type of confusion still exists today."

**NEW ELNA CENTRAL OFFICE LOCATION JUNE 1**

Because the many functions of the ELNA Central Office and Book Service have outgrown the present quarters, and in order to make the Central Office's services to Esperantists more efficient, a new location has been obtained for the CO. Through the efforts of new CO Director Hal Dreyer and ELNA President Wm. R. Harmon, the new location will enable same-day book service in most cases and greatly facilitate production of the *Newsletter*, answering information requests, and performance of the many other duties of your League's Central Office.

Located in Emeryville, California, the new CO occupies space in a renovated industrial building close to the freeway system and near all major transportation lines. Although larger in space with a more efficient layout than the old Central Office location, the new Central Office will cost the League only slightly more in rental than the old location. Moving all office equipment and many thousands of books will be performed by volunteer help from the San Francisco Bay area during the last week of May, and the costs of the move and a number of new bookshelves and pieces of office furniture has been covered by several generous anonymous donations made by ELNA members.

All communications to the Central Office on and after June 1, 1977 should be addressed to the new mail address:

Box 1129, El Cerrito CA 94530.

The new telephone number was not yet assigned as of the time this Newsletter went to press; however calls to the old number [415] 343-3844 will be referred to the new telephone number, and the new number will be publicized in the next issue.



Former director Power passes keys to CO to new director Dreyer [Wm. R. Harmon, ELNA President, center]

DREYER NEW DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL OFFICE OF ELNA

Harold R. Dreyer, after 27 years with IBM and a stint at banking, has taken over the duties of Director of the Central Office of the Esperanto League for North America, Inc. The former director, Charles R.L. Power, was appointed Congress Secretary of the international Esperanto organization *Universala Esperanto-Asocio* in Rotterdam, Holland.

Dreyer, a long-time user of the international language, has translated *The Wizard of Oz* into Esperanto (as yet, unfortunately, unpublished.) The Central Office of the Esperanto League processes inquiries from all over the world - from children seeking penpals, individuals desiring information on Esperanto, schools and colleges seeking information on teaching materials; the Central Office also maintains the central book service, selling many thousands of books and materials from an extensive stock of over a thousand titles in and about the international language. The expenses of the Central Office and its one-man staff are covered partly by profit on book sales, partly from membership dues, and in large part from donations from many individuals convinced of the value of the international language and the need to continually publicize it in the United States.

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