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Esperanto spoken tonight at Union

By Stephanie Carter

A language developed 100 years ago to solve international communication problems will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Nebraska Union.

Esperanto was developed to give the world a common language that is easy to learn and understand, said Peggy Dennis, who helped coordinate the lecture through the Baha'i Association at UNL.

"The man who invented Esperanto thought the one thing that divided the world was communication," Dennis said. "There are so many misunderstandings due to no common language, and no one was willing to say that English should be the one language."

International use of Esperanto would enhance international relations, she said. It would be learned as a second language, with no change in original cultures or languages.

Esperanto groups throughout the world spread the language to help promote world peace, she said. Esperanto is especially important in China because of the problem in understanding different Chinese dialects.

Dennis said several Esperanto groups are active in the United States, and some people in Lincoln can speak Esperanto.

Most Esperanto dialects correspond with Esperanto in other countries, she said. The Esperantists also have many magazines and scientific journals written in Esperanto, she said.

Last summer, 10,000 Esperantists attended a conference in Budapest, Germany, she said. Another conference will be held in Canada this summer.

June Fritz of Wilber will speak at the discussion. Fritz is a psychologist involved with the recreation activities at Crete Manor. Fritz taught herself to speak Esperanto after her sons learned how to speak it and wrote home in Esperanto. This makes communication easier when Fritz's sons travel, Dennis said. Fritz's sons have pen pals in other countries who communicate with Esperanto, Dennis said.

Fritz will teach classes on Esperanto at the Lincoln YMCA. The classes will run for eight weeks and will cost \$15. For more information, call the YMCA.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Daily Nebraskan is accepting applications until 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28 for Editor-In-Chief for the summer.

The Editor-In-Chief formulates editorial policy, oversees newsroom operations, determines editorial page content and reports to the Publications Board.

Applicants must have one year newspaper experience and be a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Applications can be obtained from Dan Shattil, Room 34, Nebraska Union.

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Off The Wire

National and international news from the Reuters News Report

Ceasefire agreed upon by Lebanese factions

DAMASCUS, Syria — Saudi Arabia Thursday night announced agreement on a general ceasefire among the warring factions in Lebanon beginning today.

Saudi mediator Prince Bandar Bin Sulan Ibn Abdul-Aziz told a news conference here after meeting with Syrian officials: "I am pleased to announce that we have reached agreement for a ceasefire." The announcement followed intensive talks Thursday in both the Syrian and Lebanese capital to help reach a ceasefire agreement in Lebanon. Bandar twice met Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khadam and Saudi businessman Rafiq Al-Hariri was present at the second meeting. Hariri flew in from Beirut with Lebanon's response to a Saudi peace plan for Lebanon, details of which have not been discussed. Bandar said a formal announcement of the ceasefire would be made today either in Damascus or in Beirut.

Soviet compound bombed

NEW YORK — Three bombs were tossed over the fence of the housing compound for Soviet citizens working in New York Thursday, destroying a car but causing no injuries, and the authorities believed Jewish extremists were to blame. FBI agents were permitted into the complex, in the exclusive Riverdale section of the Bronx, to retrieve bomb debris and other evidence and this was being shipped to Washington for analysis.

A spokesman said the FBI had little information on the group which was purported to have been behind the bomb attacks: Jewish Direct Action.

An anonymous caller contacted news agencies minutes after the explosions, saying such actions would continue until imprisoned Jewish dissident Anatoly Shcharansky and other Soviet Jews were released and allowed to emigrate.

The leader of the JDA, Chaim Vancier, later told reporters that as far as he knew none of the 300 members of his group had anything to do with the bomb attacks, but added: "We are of course sympathetic and understand such action by Jewish freedom fighters."

Kissinger: Chernenko lacks clout

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — New Soviet party chief Konstantin Chernenko is unlikely to dominate other Soviet leaders because of his personality and the fact he lacks the domestic clout of an American president, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said. "You have to remember it is a core leadership of elderly gentlemen that are wary of each other and very wary of losing their jobs," he told reporters on a visit Wednesday.

U.S. skeptical of Persian claims

WASHINGTON — A U.S. official Thursday said it had no evidence that heavy fighting in the Iran-Iraq war had significantly changed the battle lines.

State Department spokesman John Hughes said Washington had long been worried about the 41-month-old war and added the increased military activity "deepens one's concern."

Iran claimed Thursday its army had driven 25 miles into Iraq and "liberated" a string of Iraqi villages.

But Hughes said while there had been heavy fighting "as far as we are aware there is no evidence that the lines of battle have changed significantly in the last several days."

Hughes did not say how the State Department obtained its intelligence, but the department traditionally relies on military surveillance, CIA reports and other materials.

'Baby Jane Doe' ruling upheld

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court Thursday upheld a lower court ruling that the government has no right to intervene in the case of a severely deformed girl whose parents decided not to permit surgery which would have prolonged her life but left her paralyzed and possibly retarded.

The Reagan administration sought to intervene in the case of the unidentified child — dubbed "Baby Jane Doe" — on the ground she was being discriminated against, but the hospital treating the girl refused to turn over its medical records.

In a 2-1 decision the appeals court found the lower court correct in ruling there was no evidence the girl was being denied her constitutional rights.

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