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前 言

听懂 VOA(美国之音)和 BBC(英国广播公司)正常速度的新闻广播是广大英语学习者所希望达到的目标。我国教育部 2000 年批准实施的《高等学校英语专业英语教学大纲》明确要求学生要“听懂 VOA 正常速度和 BBC 新闻节目的主要内容”。

1992 年 9 月,本书第一作者与当时的另外两名副教授共同编写了《BBC 新闻听力教程》(潘培忠、黄光林、吴翠玉编著,青岛出版社出版,新华书店北京发行所发行)。此书出版发行后,深受广大读者欢迎,在短短 3 年多时间里,先后印刷三次。现在,我们编著这本《VOA 新闻听力教程》在新世纪来临之际奉献给广大英语学习者,希望能提供一条提高外台新闻听力的迅速而有效的途径。本书适用于大专院校英语专业以及非英语专业的学生、新闻工作者和涉外人员,同时也适用于各种英语培训班、出国人员和英语自学者。

本书收集的 24 篇新闻是最近几年从 VOA 电台广播中收录的,并根据录音整理成文字材料。我们将所有新闻练习按顺序在左上角编上号码,如第 1 篇第 1 条新闻的编号为 1.1,第 19 篇第 8 条新闻编号为 19.8。每条新闻至少配有一项练习,形式有选择题(Multiple Choice)、判断正误题(True or False)、问答题(Questions)和填空题(Fill

in the Blanks)。每项练习左上方的编号同新闻及练习答案的编号是相对应的。每篇新闻都附有生词表。

本书配有四盒录音带,录音非常清晰。每盒录音带录有 6 篇 VOA 新闻,每篇约 10 分钟。24 篇新闻全部是以正常速度广播的。

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由于水平有限,时间仓促,书中难免存在不妥和错误之处,敬请读者批评指正。

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于福建师范大学外语学院

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Tapescripts

News No. 1

At 18 hours universal time. Here is the news on *the Voice of America*. I'm Steve Norman in Washington.

1.1 In a new mediating mission to the Middle East, US Mideast envoy Dennis Ross has held separate talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Mr. Ross is trying to restore security cooperation between Israel and the Palestinians in the wake of a July 30th terrorist attack in Jerusalem. Patricia Golam reports from Jerusalem.

Following his meeting in Jerusalem with Mr. Netanyahu, Mr. Ross said that Washington recognizes the political issues that must be addressed. But first he stressed the security basis of the process must be put back in place and security is the central focus of the American envoy's talks here. But later, meeting Palestinian authority leader Mr. Yasser Arafat in Ramallah in the West Bank, it was clear the two sides differ significantly over the main purpose of Mr. Ross's mission. Mr. Netanyahu told the American envoy that there can be no resumption of peace talks until Mr. Arafat cracks down on militants living under the Palestinian rule. Mr. Arafat says he can't do more for security than he is already doing and that the Israelis must lift their security and economic blockade. Israel has eased some of the controls imposed on Palestinian areas, but most restrictions remain. Patricia Golam, for VOA news, Jerusalem.

1.2 An Israeli soldier has been killed, three others wounded in a rocket attack by Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas in South Lebanon. Israeli sources said the guerrillas opened fire on an Israeli patrol inside the Israeli occupied security zone in South Lebanon. A Hezbollah spokesman in Beirut claimed responsibility for the rocket attack. Several of Hezbollah rockets reportedly hit an orphanage injuring one girl. Israeli artillery gunners rained shells on Hezbollah strongholds in retaliation for those attacks.

1.3 A bomb has exploded in Istanbul's historic district injuring three people, one of them a Canadian tourist. The injured 36-year-old Canadian was treated and released from an Istanbul hospital. But the two wounded Turks remain hospitalized. Police were looking for two people who fled the scene in a car shortly before the explosion. The blast came as Turkey tightened security in advance for Friday's 13th anniversary of the outbreak of the Kurdish rebellion.

1.4 Heavy fighting has broken out between rival factions in Tadjikistan on the outskirts of the capital Dushanbe. Units of Tadjikistan's presidential guard have been standing, or sending, that is, artillery and rocket fire with forces by its maverick colonel from the southern part of the country. Commander of the presidential guard says his forces have turned back four assaults by rebels trying to enter Dushanbe. Today's battle on the southern edge of the capital appeared to be separate from clashes elsewhere in Dushanbe Saturday, where at least five people died. Correspondents in Dushanbe say President Rokmonov is expected to ask Russian-led peacekeeping troops to take over the city security.

1.5 And there is heavy fighting erupting in the Afghan capi-

tal of Kabul. VOA correspondent Meredith Buel has details.

Reports say intense battles raged Sunday on the frontline north of Kabul between Taliban fighters and forces loyal to opposition commander Ahmed Shan Masood. Both sides were reportedly using rocket launchers and other heavy weapons on the battlefield about 25 kilometers from the capital. Witnesses say rockets are raining on the village of Sakerdala and reports say there is also a major battle for the village near Bachkot. Rival warplanes were involved in the fighting. Reports say towering plumes of black smoke can be seen as 500-kilogram bombs fall on the battlefield. Journalists were prevented from reaching the frontline and there are no independent reports of casualties. Three weeks ago, the northern based opposition forces launched a surprise attack from their stronghold in the Hindu Kush Mountains and pushed the Taliban to within 15 kilometers of Kabul. The Taliban have recaptured some of the territory they lost. But the frontline has remained relatively stable in recent days. Meredith Buel, VOA news, Islamabad.

1.6 US special envoy to Cambodia, Dasara Anderson, has left Phnom Penh after a one-day visit during which he held talks with installed Co-Prime Minister Ung Huot. Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who was ousted as First Prime Minister by his rival Co-Prime Minister Hun Sen, says he encourages communications between countries like the members of ASEAN and the United States with Ung Huot. He says it can only help the situation in his country. Prince Ranariddh reiterated the statement from his father, King Sihanouk, who believes his son is the rightful First Prime Minister.

“My father has very clearly said he still considers myself as the

legal Prime Minister of the kingdom of Cambodia and he does not give any Prime Minister title to Mr. Ung Huot."

Prince Ranariddh added that he intends to continue to pursue political and diplomatic efforts to return himself to office, but he does not rule out military force. He met yesterday along the Thai-Cambodian border with troops loyal to him.

1.7 US investigators on the Pacific island of Guam have found an error in the radar system that could have sounded a warning to a Korean jet that crashed there last week. 225 people died. The radar watches for planes flying too low. Investigators say the recent computer modification included a software error, which could have affected the system's operation. A member of the US National Transportation Safety Board says the faulty radar system did not cause last Wednesday's crash, but could have helped to prevent it. KLL 707, a 747 jet, went down in a rocky landslide.

This is VOA news.

1.8 Britain's Secretary for Northern Ireland Mo Molam has hinted that the British government may consider early release of prisoners if the Northern Ireland peace process advances. Ms Molam told the Sunday Telegraph newspaper that she is not prepared to discuss freeing Republicans or loyalist prisoners now, but she added that as the cease-fire holds other options, options, that is, could become possible. British government has jailed about 250 Republicans and 250 loyalists in connection with the Northern Ireland conflict.

1.9 Britain's Princess of Wales is wrapping up a 3-day tour of Bosnia-Herzegovina, where she is trying to bring attention to an international campaign against landmines. One of her last stops was the United Nations mine action center in Sarajevo. Officials there

say more money is needed to clear estimated 700,000 mines remaining in the country after the war. A UN spokesman says he hopes Diana's visit to Bosnia will focus attention on the problem to promote contributions to the fund for clearing those landmines. During her visit, the princess brought comfort to some of the mine victims, visiting them at homes here to hear how they were hurt in those mine accidents.

1.10 Hundreds of Greek-Cypriots have attended a memorial for two men killed in clashes with Turkish-Cypriots one year ago. The service has underscored the continuing rift between the Turkish and Greek communities on the island despite the long-awaited revival of peace talks last month. Police refused the father of one of the victims of last year's violence entry into a buffer zone dividing the island. He wanted to lay a wreath at the place where his son died. Meanwhile, the leader of self-declared Turkish-Cypriot State said he has little hope for progress as he flew to Switzerland for another round of peace talks.

1.11 Comoran state radio reported today the Organization of African Unity special envoy was expected soon on Anjouan Island for talks with separatist leaders there. The Anjouan remained tense after separatists claimed to have defeated Comoran government agents who tried to infiltrate their island. Sonya Laurence Green has more.

OAU special envoy Pierre Hirer has held closed-door talks with Comoran President Mohammed Taki Abdul Karim in the capital, Moroni, this week and is now due to meet separatists on breakaway Anjouan Island about ways to ease the current crisis. But tension remains higher on Anjouan for separatists say they fought off government agents who tried to infiltrate the western town of Dindini.

They also claimed that government soldiers, possibly accompanied by mercenaries, came ashore Saturday and were heading towards Anjouan main city, Mutsamudu. But so far there is no independent evidence that Comoran troops or agents have arrived on Anjouan Island. Still, islanders are taking the reports seriously and arming themselves with machetes, knives and clubs in case of a possible confrontation. Sonya Laurence Green for VOA news, East Africa Bureau.

1.12 Crew of the US space shuttle *Discovery* has trained a small telescope deep into outer space for a final look at a recent visitor here to earth, the Hale-Bopp Comet. The crew set up the ultra-violet telescope in the window of the shuttle's crew hatch for brief glimpses of the comet, which was spotted as *Discovery* orbited south of Australia. Moving towards some sunlight nearly one half billion kilometers distance away and moving at 80,000 kilometers an hour, Hale-Bopp is moving off into outer space.

1.13 And now the hour's headlines.

US Mideast envoy Dennis Ross holds talks with the Israeli and Palestinian officials with hopes of restarting the peace talks.

One Israeli soldier is killed, three others injured in rocket attacks in southern Lebanon.

And heavy fighting between rival factions in Tadjikistan is reported near Dushanbe, the capital.

That's the news on *the Voice of America*. I'm Steve Norman in Washington.

News No. 2

At 18 hours universal time. Here is the news on *the Voice of America*. I'm Francis Alanzo in Washington.

2.1 Princess Diana has been buried at her ancestral home in a private ceremony attended by only a handful of those closest to her. She was interred on an island in a lake on the family's Althorp estate, about an hour north of London. The burial was closed to the press. Earlier, the funeral for the Princess of Wales was held at Westminster Abbey in London. For the first time, Diana's sons Princes William and Harry wept openly over the mother's death as Elton John sang a tribute. VOA's Michelle Kellerman reports from London.

Elton John re-wrote the words of this song in honor of his friend, the Princess of Wales. He was just one of the many participants in the elaborate ceremony in the abbey in the center of London. British Prime Minister Tony Blair read at the ceremony as did Diana's two sisters. Diana's brother Charles Spencer remembered the Princess this way:

"Someone with a natural nobility who was classless and who proved in the last year that she needed no royal title to continue to generate her particular brand of magic."

Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey also praised Diana for, in his words, her compassion, her radiant and ringing laugh and her