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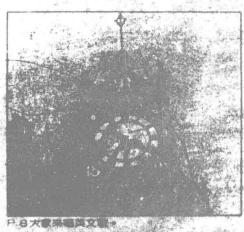
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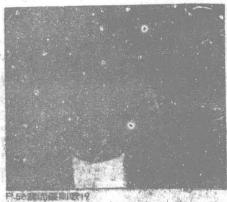
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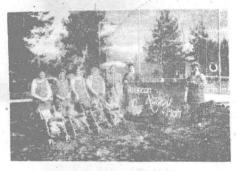
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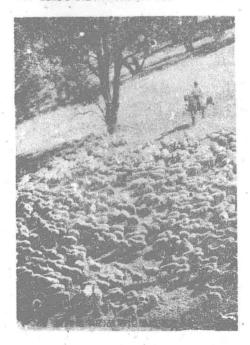




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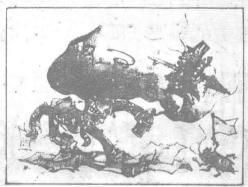
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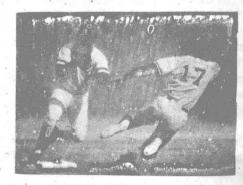
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「汗滴未下土, 粒粒皆辛苦」, 這 是首古老的農民之歌, 干百個歲月以來, 響遍大地子民心中。而片片綠田 依疊成梯, 更是中國農夫智慧的結晶。

汗水滴落,和風輕拂,綠禾階階 抽成金黃色稻穗。夕陽西下,款腰答 禮,感謝天地之助,四時之合。這是 幅天地頌謝圖。在小屋暖燈中的人們 ,捧視著晶瑩剔透的白米飯,又是何 種心情?

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者的話

有聲專欄配合精心錄製的卡帶,自三月推出以來,編輯部已接到不少詢問與鼓勵的信函 及電話,這些都是支持我們將此專欄及卡帶製作得更好的原動力。五月份的內容包括:取材 自荷蘭電台的精彩報導一「安樂死:贊成與反對」;美國新任衆議院議長萊特對電根總統的抨 擊;已故美國總統約翰甘廼廸著名的就職演說,其宏偉清朗的聲調,令世人難忠;甜美的中 國搪瓷娃娃陳婷婷,在時人專訪中暢談其冰上歷程與理想:美國傳真則報導一家氣氛絕佳的 「Cafe 50's」(五〇年代咖啡館) ··希望您會喜歡這系列豐富的報導。

一些似是而異的同義字是否令你不知如何掌握其用法?本期特輯將介紹幾個同義詞的用 法,其間的差異十分微妙,但却影響甚大。我們以輕鬆的筆調,詳實的解說其間巧妙的不同 希望能幫助讀者正確地使用它們。

『老外在台北』是本刊雋詠有趣的專欄之一,看外國人的生花妙筆,漫談在台北的生活感 受,一股溫擊親切及些些意外的驚喜不禁自心中生起。從Mr. Jack Estes及Ms.Lee Knapp 我們已見識了美國人士眼中的台北,自五月號 108 期本專欄改由畢業於劍橋大學的英籍教師 Colin Chamberlain 主筆,且讓我們看看英國式的幽默與美國式的風趣究竟有何不同。

階梯交流道自從推出以來,已收到不少廻響:如來電詢問到劍橋學英文的事宜,結交美 國筆友等,對於這些信件我們均已寄交本刊美國編輯辦事處,相信您很快就會獲得回音。本 期階梯交流道仍將繼續提供多項新訊息:耶魯大學夏季語文機構(Yale Summer Language Institute)於六月下旬開課;五月二十六日到三十日在美國文化中心有一項難得的「英語教材 展示會」: 芝蘸街已在台視開播…等, 陸梯交流道希望大家多參與。



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梅雨季節過後,台灣的棒球季也就開始了,少棒、青少棒及青棒相繼登場,比賽一場接一場,讓人看得眼花撩亂。「聯想集」作者李夾學先生,特從芝加哥大學寄來一篇有關棒球術語的文章,好讓讀者在看球之餘,也能順便記住一些相關的英文字彙。

「老外看台北」的首任作者艾斯特 (Jack Estes) 博士輕鬆幽默的筆調及敏銳的觀察力,老讀者想必是記憶猶新。去年,艾斯特回美國華盛頓州任教,未能爲我們繼續執筆。現經編輯部與他再三連絡之後,終於獲得他的首肯,將以書信方式爲讀者介紹美國的生活點滴,以及英文的瑣事趣談。他的第一封信剛剛寄到,我們迫不及待的將它擠進這一期,今後他的專欄取名爲「艾斯特來鴻」。他除了寫之外,也要讀自己的信,出現在「有聲專欄」錄音帶裏。爲了刊登「艾斯特來鴻」,我們不得不將「秘密錄音」割愛。

自從「有聲專欄」推出之後,我們編輯部同仁無不戰戰兢兢,唯恐不能獲得讀、聽者的認同。三個月來,讀、聽者陸續增加,尤其在台灣以外地區的數量直線上升,才算讓我們鬆了一口氣。爲了答謝各方的厚愛,我們正連絡香港、新加坡、洛杉磯、舊金山各地的傑出記者,以特約方式,爲我們訪問該地區的特殊人、事、物;一方面增加讀、聽者的視野,另一方面也使本雜誌在服務品質上更上一層樓,向國際一流雜誌的目標邁進。

「階梯交流道」經常登載台北和海外有關英文進修機會,也提供結交筆友管道。由讀者來函數量,足證這個服務欄頗受歡迎。在此寄語想結交筆友的讀者,務請照書信格式書寫,以 免遭到美方筆友社退回,如果不熟悉格式,可參照今年4月份本雜誌第107期42頁。



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約翰·甘迺廸: 就職演說與豬羅灣事件 JOHN F.KENNEDY:HIS INAUGURATION AND THE BAY OF PIGS

-On January 20, 1961, John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as President of the United States. His eloquent inaugural address evoked widespread enthusiasm and optimism for the postwar generation of America and the free world:

Kennedy: "Vice President Johnson, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon, President Truman, reverend clergy, fellow citizens. We observe today not a victory of party, but a celebration of freedom—symbolizing an end, as well as a beginning—signifying renewal, as well as change. For I have sworn before you and Almighty God the same solemn oath our forebears prescribed nearly a century and three quarters ago.

"The world is very different now. 一九六一年元月二十日,約翰·甘 迺廸上任爲美國總統。他動人的就職演 說激起了二次大戰後美國及自由世界廣 大的熱情反應與樂觀態度。

甘廼廸:「副總統閣下,議長閣下, 大法官閣下,艾森豪總統閣下,尼克森 副總統閣下,杜魯門總統閣下,可敬的 牧師以及全國同胞。我們如今並非慶祝 一黨的勝利成功,而是爲自由而賀—— 象徵著一個開始,也是一個結束——是 一次再生,也是一次轉變。我在你們和 萬能的天主面前,宣讀近乎一百七十五 年前先賢所制定的莊嚴誓詞。

「現在的世界足可讓人刮目相看。 人類以必朽的雙手,執掌足以將人間各 種貧窮與生命一學毀盡的力量。然而先 賢奮鬥所爭取的革命信念,卻仍然是世 界各國所爭議的課題——相信人民的諸

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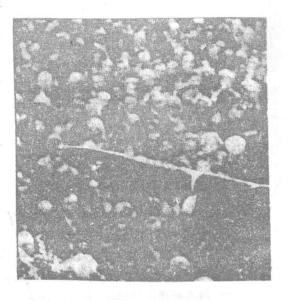
For man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty and 'all forms of human life. And yet the same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe—the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God.

"We dare not forget today that we are the heirs of that first revolution. Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans—born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage—and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights 種權利不是來自於國家的寬大,而是上 電所賜。

「今天,我們不敢一時或忘自己是最初革命的繼承者。在此時此地,就讓我們的敵友全都知道,革命的火炬已然 透傳到新一代美國人手中——這些出產 在本世紀,接受過戰爭洗禮,深感和平維持之不易,能以先賢傳統爲榮的國民——又不願目睹,也不允許本國向來 責任所繫,也是我們在國內與世界各地致力於斯的人權,一步步遭受顯覆。

、 「無論友邦也好,敵國也好,讓各個國家都知道,我們將不惜任何代價, 肩負種種重任,應付任何苦難,支援一 切友人,對抗所有敵人,來保障人類的 生存與自由的勝利。……

「那麼,就讓我們從新開始吧—— 雙方都謹記於心:禮貌並不代表懦弱,



to which this Nation has always been committed, and to which we are committed today at home and around the world.

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of liberty...

"So let us begin anew—remembering on both sides that civility is not a sign of weakness, and sincerity is always subject to proof. Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate . . .

"And if a beachhead of cooperation may push back the jungle of suspicion, let both sides join in 誠懇之心隨時可鑑。讓我們永遠不要爲了懼怕而談和。也讓我們永遠不要懼怕談和。……

「如果一個合作的灘頭堡質能逐退 精疑的叢林,那麼讓雙方又一次努力, 此舉並非爲了勢力的均衡,而是爲了開 創一個强者公正、弱者安全、而和平也 獲得保障的法紀新世界。

「這些在最初的一百日內是無法達成的。在最初的一千日內也是無法達成的,在這任期內是無法達成的,甚至在我們在地球的有生之年,都達成無望。 然而,讓我們啟了上版……

。「如今號角又召喚著我們——不是 召喚我們武裝,雖然武器是我們所需要 的;不是召喚我們上戰場,雖然我們已 經備戰;而是召喚我們肩負起在長夜黎 明前緊戰的責任。年復一年,『抱持喜



creating a new endeavor, not a new balance of power, but a new world of law, where the strong are just and the weak secure and the peace preserved.

"All this will not be finished in the first 100 days. Nor will it be finished in the first 1,000 days, nor in the life of this administration, nor even perhaps in our lifetime on this planet. But let us begin . . .

"Now the trumpet summons us again—not as a call to bear arms, though arms we need; not as a call to battle, though embattled we are; but a call to bear the burden of a long twilight struggle, year in, and year out, "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation"—a struggle against the 悅的希望,抱持耐心做貢獻』——對抗人類的共同敵人:暴政、貧窮、疾病、和戰爭本身。

「我們是否可以透過東、西、南、 北四方的世界大聯盟,為所有人類掙得 更富饒的生活?你們願意親身參與這次 歷史性的壯舉嗎?

「揆諸冗長的世界史,唯有少數幾世代的人們,有幸扮演在危急存亡的關鍵時刻為自由而戰的角色。我不會為這個責任而畏縮——我歡迎它的到來。我相信我們之中將沒有人樂於與世界上的其他人或其他世代的人易地而處。我們為這次壯學所激揚起的能力、信心與奉獻精神,將會照亮我們國家和致力於斯的每一個人——而此所引發的光熱,也必定會將全世界照得炫亮。

「職是之故,美國同胞們,不要問

common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease, and war itself.

"Can we forge against these enemies a grand and global alliance, North and South, East and West, that can assure a more fruitful life for all mankind? Will you join in that historic effort?

"In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility—I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it—and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.

"And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you: Ask what you can do for your country.

"My fellow citizens of the world: Ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.

"Finally, whether you are citizens of America or citizens of the world, ask of us here the same high standards of strength and sacrifice which we ask of you. With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking 祖國能爲你們做些什麼:要問你們能爲 祖國做些什麼。

「親愛的世人:不要問美國能為你們做些什麼,而要問我們能協力爲人類 的自由做些什麼。

「最後,不論你是美國國民或是諸 國國民,請以我們對你們所要求的高度 力量與犧牲精神,責求於我們。讓我們 祈求上帝的祝福與協助,心中深知上帝 在世上的功業就是我們的功業,率領所 摯愛的國土而努力不懈,良心之安會是 我們唯一確有的報酬,歷史之言會是對 我們的行為所做的最後審判。」

一一甘迺廸當政的一千零一日,對 許多人而言,不啻爲太平治世的美夢成 , 俱,但是也不乏陰霾的時刻。一九六一 His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own."

-The 1001 days of the Kennedy years were to many like the dream of Camelot come true but there were dark moments also. On April 17, 1961, Cuban exiles, backed and trained by the U.S., went ashore at the Bay of Pigs hoping to spark a revolt that would lead to the overthrow of Fidel Castro. 114 exiles and volunteers were killed and another 1,100 were taken prisoner. At the last minute President Kennedy called off plans to give the invaders the U.S. air support that they had been promised. As a result, the Cuban air force virtually coff any hope of escape for the exiles. Three ships and the landing craft were sunk. In the end, on April 22, 1961, President Kennedy went before the American people to personally accept blame for the debacle:

Kennedy: "There's an old saying that victory has a hundred fathers and defeat is an orphan. And I've said as much as I feel, can be usefully said by me in regard to the events of the past few days. Further statements, detailed discussions are not to conceal responsibility because I am the responsible officer of the government."

年四月十七日,古巴難民在美國的支持與訓練之下,登陸了豬獵灣·本欲燃起推翻卡斯楚的革命之火。結果有一百一十四名難民與志願軍死亡,另有一千一百名被俘。甘迺廸總統在最後一分鐘取消了早已允諾登陸軍的美軍空援計劃。古巴飛機完全斷絕了難民的逃亡希望。看後,在一九六一年四月二十二日,甘迺廸總統在美國國民面前坦承這次激敗是他個人之過。

甘廼廸總統:「有句古諺說,勝利 分生自上百個父親,而失敗卻是沒人認 養的孤兒。我已儘可能對過去幾天發生 的事件發表過自覺有益的談話。再度的 申訴與細節討論,並無意掩飾實任誰屬 的問題,因爲我是政府中該當負責的官 員。」



來唱英文歌 SONG OF THE ISSUE

現在是幾點? WHAT TIME IS IT?

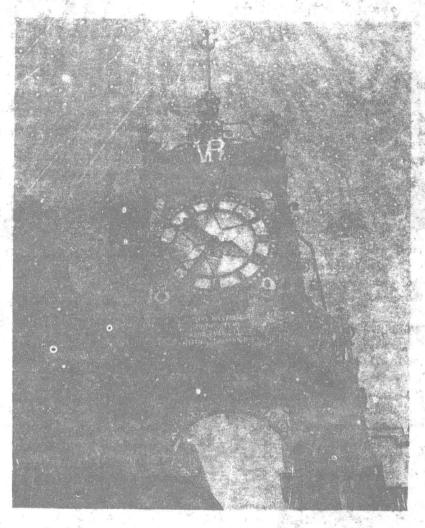
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What time is it?
Is it three o'clock?
What time is it?
Is it quarter past four?
What time is it?
Half past nine!
Half past nine?
Bye!

What day is it? Is it Monday? What day is it? Is it Tuesday? What day is it? Saturday night! Saturday night? Bye!

It's half past nine
And it's Saturday night,
Half past nine
And it's Saturday night,
Half past nine
And it's Saturday night
Doesn't time fly!

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本期來唱英文歌單元,是介紹詢問時間與日期的慣用語。通常,我們以"What time is it?"來詢問"現在是機點?"也可以"What is the time?"或"What time do you have?"來表達;另有"What time is it by your watch?" 藏指"你的手錶現在機點?"而問及星期幾,則以"What day is it?"或"What day is today?"來問。

大致上,我們回答機點鐘時,有三種固定的報時方式,以鐘點整及半個鐘點前、後而有不同。譬如三點正,則為"It's three o'clock (sharp)."如三點十分,因仍在半個鐘點之前,為"It's ten past three."如三點五十分,因為已超過半個鐘點,應答"It's ten to four."

另外,宜注意時間之前的介系詞爲at,如"I shall be here at three."
(我三點鐘來)。而在日期及星期幾之前用 on, 如"Be sure to come on Sunday."(禮拜天你務必要來)·"We shall arrive on May 2."(我們將於五月二日到達);但是,在年份前則用in,如"It was in the year 1980 when he came back."(他是在一九八〇年回來的)。

What time is it?

Three o'clock.

Quarter past four.

Half past nine.

Quarter to ten.

Eleven o'clock. Midday. Midnight.

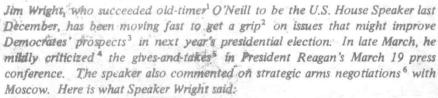
What day is it?

Monday. Tuesday. Wednesday. Thursday. Friday. Saturday. Sunday.



的語 QUOTABLE QUOTES BY PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

NEW U.S. HOUSE SPEAKER SPEAKS



Frankly I was a little disappointed that the questions are so preoccupied? with the Irangate problem. There are some bigger problems facing this country, like the trade deficit 8 and the budget deficit, and the problems of trying to find a way to reform the welfare, so to get people out of the unemployment roll and put them back into the productive payroll. I had hoped that questions on those subjects might have been asked

I think the president really was trying to get the hostages9 back and I think it was bad judgment after all . . . bad policy to send arms to Iran. Everybody said that. Now it's done and now the president indicated he's willing to report to Congress and here's a chance to talk to him in advance in the future, and maybe we can just dissuade 10 him from those adventures

Last year the president requested on the eve of the Reykjavik summit;11 I, along with the speaker, prevailed upon our colleagues, to withdraw from positions they have taken. And we felt that the president understood that he had a concomitant responsibility.12 once he'd gone to Reykjavik with free hands 13 as we had allowed him to do, then to be mindful of the clear Congressional feeling that we need to maintain the SALT 1114 agreements.

The Soviet Union has a mantled 15 many more weapons under them than we have. We don't think that it is right for the United States to be placed in a position of an obstructor of the peace, 16 but we think probably we should be those who are seeking initiatives 17 rather than sitting back and waiting for



新官上任的衆議院職器一 密邮泵特。

所謂的新宫上任三把火」。 吉姆从特自去年十二月出任美國 **伞議院議長以來,即不斷就目前** 政治問題。設法營進民干黨明年 總統大選電腦的機會。

對於伊朗軍售家,三月十九 日的電根總統記者會及與莫斯科 的戰略會談, 萊特議長都作了溫 和的批評 本刊節錄其精華部份 聲於風雲人物的話一欄,以欄讀 書語君。

註釋:

1.old-timer:在職甚久的人。 2.get a grip:捉住;把握住。

3.prospects:前景。 4. criticize: 批評。

5. give-and-take: 相互讓步。

6.negotiations: 商談。 7.preoccupied: 專注。 8. trade deficit: 貿易赤字。

9.hostages:人質。 10.dissuade: 勸阻;說服。

11.Revkjavik summit: 雷克雅未克高

峯會議。

12 concomitant responsibility: 相對

的音任。

lairee hands:自由自在;無束縛。

MSALT II: 第二階段限武。 15.dismantle: 撇餘。

16.obstructor of the peace: 阻碍和

平者。

17.initiative:主動





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訪搪瓷娃娃——陳婷婷 TIFFANY CHEN IN TAIPEI

"Being a skater and going through all that I've gone through, the good and the bad, I would do it all again if I could. You know, if I had a second chance I would do it all again."

Reporter The above you have heard is by Tiffany Chen who just talk about her feeling about being a skater. Tiffany is a US figure skater¹ who won great admiration² of many ice skating fans³ here. In mid March, I interviewed her during her short visit in Taipei. The following is my interview with her.

Reporter Tiffany, when did you start to practice skating?

Tiffany Well, I started skating when I was eight years old, and it happened after my mom had bought a pair of ice skates for a dollar at a garage sale.⁴

Reporter Usually, how does your coach⁵ train you as a skater?

Tiffany We have to do our routines that we have to perform in the competition and we do them daily the short program and the long program and our compulsory 6 figures. Basically, I train six hours a day and three hours of it would be on the freestyle and three hours would be on figures and that's pretty much, six days a week.

Reporter You have to spend so much time in practicing skating, would that influence your study?

Tiffany Yes, but on the other side, I also have to do a lot of office exercises, because I have a misalignment problem with my muscles, and my coach thinks, and many people that know, that I should continue to do these exercises that help me to skate better, and my Mom really helped a lot with that because she serves as my machine.

Reporter OK, besides skating what other sports do you like?

Tiffany Well, if I'm not skating which is not a whole lot, in the summer I like to play a little tennis, I like to swim, I like to go out dancing and that's not a sport though. Those are pretty much the only two sports: swimming and tennis, but, you know, those are just hobbies. I'm not by any means really good at either.

Reporter Now you have many skating fans here and abroad which make you become a public figure, would that bother you?

Tiffany No, it doesn't bother me. I love it personally. Of course, I would say quite a few elders like my mother, my coach and my family would, you know, think it's better if I, you know, keep a level head and keep everything in perspective, you know, and not get too overwhelmed to by it.

Reporter How do you think of your performance in the 1987 U.S. National skating championships?

Tiffany Well, quite naturally I was disappointed¹¹ with how I skated and I think that was, definitely resulted in the way I had practiced throughout the year. I think in the beginning half, I kind of played around with it too much. I let it, I wasn't consistent¹² with the level of training I did. It was

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陳婷婷,可愛的「搪瓷娃娃」, 她迷人的冰上風采,深獲無數人 們的喜愛與讚賞。

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一九八八年奧運冠軍是婷婷 的夢想,且讓我們為她加油,給 她舊心與勇氣。



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