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前 言

《美国之音标准英语新闻听力教程》第七集是一本起点较高的外台听力教材,是为具有一定英语基础的学习者进一步提高听力水平而编写的。适合于大学英语专业、非英语专业学生、英语教师以及准备参加 BEC 二级以上、全国公共英语等级考试第四、五级和 TOEFL 等考试的应试者使用。

本教材采用的素材选自世纪之交美国之音标准英语新闻节目。内容包括政治、经济、军事、外交、社会、文化、体育、自然灾害等诸方面 92 条,同时又收集了 VOA 的《世纪之声》(The Century in Sound) 7 个单元,21 个历史事件当事人的原声录音珍贵资料。本教材内容丰富,形式多样,并配有由易到难的练习和必要的文化背景知识介绍。书后附有录音材料,供学习者参考。

由于编者水平有限,书中缺点和错误在所难免。诚望广大读者和国内外同行不吝赐教。

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News Item 2
Workbook

Unit One News in Brief

News Item 1

New Words and Expressions

1. dispatch v. 派遣
2. artillery n. 大炮; 火炮
3. Apache 阿帕奇武装直升机

Exercise

Fill in the blanks in the following passage.

U. S. officials say they will add military pressure against Yugoslavia by dispatch another 2002 American troops to neighboring Albania along with some artillery and 15 heavy tanks. The forces joined 3,300 Americans already assigned to protect, fly and maintain 24 Apache helicopters at a base in Albania. Those 161172 helicopters are supposed to begin assign deep inside Kosovo in the next few weeks.

News Item 2

New Words and Expressions

1. hover v. 盘旋;(直升机等)悬停
2. camouflage n., v. 伪装
3. 30-mm projectile 30 毫米炮弹
4. ferret out 搜出,查获(秘密,罪犯等)
5. dragonfly n. 蜻蜓
6. helmet n. 头盔
7. infrared radar 红外雷达
8. laser-guided missile 激光制导导弹
9. summit n. 首脑会议,高峰会议

Exercise

Answer the following questions according to what you hear on the tape.

1. When did NATO air strikes against Serb targets begin?
2. What are the factors that called for lower flying aircraft?
3. What are the advantages of Apache attack helicopters?
4. What armaments is Apache armed with?
5. Why has NATO hesitated to actually deploy the helicopters?
6. Did the U. S. Army develop the Apache helicopter specifically to counter Yugoslav forces?

News Item 3

New Words and Expressions

1. grant v. 准许
2. airspace n. 领空
3. airfield n. 机场
4. support facilities 保障设施
5. Hornet fighter 大黄蜂战斗机

Exercise

Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. (T) The Hornet fighters are based in southern Hungary.
2. (F) The group of U. S. F-18 fighter planes are to be stationed in South California.
3. (T) Hungary has permitted the Alliance to use its airspace, airfields and support facilities.

News Item 4

New Words and Expressions

1. Titan n. 大力神火箭
2. expendable adj. 不可回收的

3. orbit n. 轨道
4. strand v. 搁浅
5. publicity n. 宣传, 宣扬
6. spy satellite 间谍卫星
7. Lockheed Martin 洛克希德·马丁(飞机制造公司)
8. Vandenburg 范登堡

Exercise

Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. (F) The satellite will be used for scientific research and experiment.
2. (T) Normally, a lot of news media coverage is given to such an event.
3. (F) A string of rocket launches have failed in the last nine months.
4. (T) President Clinton watched the rocket launch personally.

News Item 5

New Words and Expressions

1. impact n. 影响
2. sortie n. 飞行架次
3. ammunition store 弹药贮备
4. press ahead with 努力进行

5. front-line combat aircraft 一流的作战飞机
6. command post 指挥所
7. Danube 多瑙河
8. oil refinery 炼油厂

Exercise

Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. (T) After two months of bombing raid against Yugoslavia, NATO formally ended its air campaign.
2. (F) NATO is confident of the effectiveness of its war machine.
3. (T) All bridges over the Danube have been cut by NATO.
4. (T) NATO helped the refugees return to their homes.

News Item 6

Background Information

中央情报局
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA): Agency of the Executive Office of the President of the United States, created in 1947, together with the National Security Council. The CIA is America's first permanent peacetime intelligence agency responsible for keeping the government informed of foreign actions affecting the nation's interests. It was estab-

lished by the National Security Act of 1947 and is charged with coordinating all U. S. intelligence activities, as well as such functions and duties related to intelligence as directed by the National Security Council. A director and a deputy ^{代理人} director of the agency are appointed by the President with the consent of the Senate.

New Words and Expressions

1. sabotage n. 阴谋破坏
2. hack v. (计算机用语) 黑客入侵
3. hacker n. 恶作剧者, 电脑黑客
4. deposit n. 存款
5. inflict v. 予以打击, 使遭受(损失, 破坏...)
6. cyber war 网络战
7. communication line 交通(或通信)线
8. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) 中央情报局

Exercise

Answer the following questions according to what you hear on the tape. ^{a leading U.S. Magazine}
~~five new news~~

1. What is the source of this news?
2. Who will be responsible for the training of KLA?
3. What skills will the Kosovo Liberation Army be taught?
4. According to the plan, what kind of war will be launched against President Milosevic? ^{cyber war}

News Item 7

Background Information

阿尔巴尼亚 Albania, meaning Eagle's Country, republic in south-eastern Europe, located in the western part of the Balkan Peninsular. It is one of the smallest countries of Europe, having a maximum length from north to south of about 345 km and a maximum width of 145 km. The total area is 28,748 sq. km. Tirana is the capital and largest city. Albania's part in the Kosovo conflict was delicate in that it supported the Kosovo Liberation Army but did not participate in NATO's bombing campaign against Yugoslavia.

New Words and Expressions

1. transatlantic adj. 跨大西洋的
2. resettle v. 重新安置
3. undertake v. 进行
4. consensus n. 意见一致
5. rule out 排除
6. step up 加紧
7. bog down 被阻;陷入泥沼
8. Robin Cook 罗宾·库克(英国外交大臣)
9. News Now 现在新闻

Exercise

Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. (☒) The United States and its European allies reached a consensus on military strategy.
2. (☒) British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook firmly believes that troops will go into Kosovo.
3. (☒) Macedonia and Albania willingly house hundreds of thousands of refugees.
4. (☒) Russia is strongly opposed to the use of force, especially ground forces.
5. (☒) The Americans fear casualties on their own part.

News Item 8

New Words and Expressions

1. wingman n. 僚机; 僚机飞行员
2. state-run adj. 国营的
3. armored personnel carrier 装甲运兵车
4. airborne forward air controller 机载前进空中控制员
5. follow-up adj. 随后的
6. gravity bomb 自由落体炸弹
7. cluster bomb 集束炸弹

Exercise

Exercise

Fill in the blanks in the following passage.

Follow-up intelligence confirmed this information as being a valid target, a valid military target. Immediately prior to the attack at 13:24, 11:30 pm local time, Thursday night, an _____ forward air controller confirmed the target through the identify and text system of his aircraft. Having impossibly identified the target as what looked like positive day in ~~target~~ military known positions, he dropped two laser-guided bombs. Following his attack, he got his _____ to also attack the same target using two more laser-guided bombs. _____ ten minutes later, the third aircraft _____ the target with gravity bombs.

News Item 9

New Words and Expressions

1. barracks (用作单或复数) n. 营房; 兵营
2. go astray 走失; 迷路; 偏离
3. go off course 偏离航道
4. civilian casualties 平民伤亡
5. given prep. 考虑到