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前 言

《特别英语新闻听力训练》第八辑收集 1999 年美国之音特别英语新闻 88 条,内容涉及政治、经济、军事、外交、文化、航天、体育、自然灾害、各类事故等,并有部分奇闻轶事。

为了便于读者对照学习,在每条新闻后编写了详细的词汇注释及练习题,并将录音文字稿附在书后。

本教材可供大学英语专业、非英语专业学生及其他英语爱好者自学使用,也可作为大学英语 4、6 级考试及英语专业 4 级考试听力训练材料使用。

由于编者水平有限,错误疏漏之处在所难免,敬请专家及广大读者批评指正。

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Workbook

News Item 1

New Words and Expressions

1. Yugoslav adj. 南斯拉夫的
2. Slobodan Milosevic 斯洛博丹·米洛舍维奇
3. release v. 释放
4. capture v. 俘获, 抓获
5. civil-rights adj. 公民权的, 为了民权事业的
6. activist n. 活动分子, 积极分子
7. reverend n. (用在姓名前缩写为 Rev.) 对牧师的尊称
8. Jesse Jackson 杰西·杰克逊 (美国黑人民权领袖)
9. Belgrade n. 贝尔格莱德 (南斯拉夫首都)
10. urge v. 催促, 敦促
11. NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) 北大西洋
公约组织
12. react v. 作出反应
13. suspend v. 暂停, 终止
14. Clinton 克林顿 (时任美国总统)
15. Kosovo 科索沃
16. crisis n. 危机

17. peace talks 和平会谈

Exercises

I. Answer the following questions according to what you have heard.

1. What did Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic decide to do?
2. When was the decision made?
3. What is Rev. Jackson urging NATO to do?
4. What did he say?
5. What is the Yugoslav leader offering?

II. Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Three American soldiers were captured by the Yugoslav Army. ()
2. The three American soldiers are expected to leave Yugoslavia Monday with civil-rights activist Jesse Jackson. ()
3. Yugoslav officials highly praised the promised release. ()
4. Mr. Jackson asked NATO to suspend bombing and open

peace talks. ()

5. Mr. Jackson also said that he would make a telephone call to Mr. Milosevic to end the Kosovo crisis. ()

News Item 2

New Words and Expressions

1. investigate v. 调查
2. missile n. 导弹
3. Pristina 普里什蒂那
4. Defense Department 国防部
5. spokesman n. 发言人
6. target n. 目标
7. Montenegro 蒙特内格罗
8. communication n. 通讯
9. to cut ... in half 把……切成两半

Exercises

1. Answer the following questions according to what you have heard.

1. Where was the bus when it was hit?
2. What do the Yugoslav officials say about the damaged bus?

3. What does the U. S. Defense Department official say about the bridge?

4. What did the Yugoslav officials say?

II. Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. NATO is investigating reports that a NATO missile hit a bus killing at least fourteen people. ()

2. The passengers in the bus were burnt to death after the missile hit the bus. ()

3. The bridge was in the town of Belgrade. ()

4. NATO military planes attacked Yugoslav communication systems Saturday. ()

News Item 3

New Words and Expressions

1. refugee n. 难民

2. flee (fled, fled) v. 逃亡, 逃离

3. United Nations (U. N.) 联合国

4. Sadako Ogada 绪芳真子

5. Macedonia 马其顿

6. total n. 总数, 总额

7. Kosovar 科索沃人

- 8. agency n. 机构
- 9. delay v. 推迟, 延迟
- 10. to stay close to 靠近

Exercise

1. Answer the following questions according to what you have heard.

- 1. How many refugees have fled Kosovo in the last day?
- 2. What has U. N. chief refugee official Sadako Ogada asked the United States, Canada and Australia to do?
- 3. What does she say about the situation?
- 4. What do the three countries agree to do?
- 5. Why had the U. N. agency delayed the plan?

News Item 4

New Words and Expressions

- 1. Moscow 莫斯科 (俄罗斯首都)
- 2. Russia n. 俄罗斯
- 3. diplomat n. 外交官
- 4. solution n. 解决

5. Viktor Chernomyrdin 维克多·切尔诺梅尔金
6. Russian adj. 俄罗斯的 n. 俄罗斯人
7. Boris Yeltsin 鲍尔斯·叶利钦 (俄罗斯总统)
8. former adj. 前任的
9. prime minister 首相
10. Al Gore 戈尔
11. restriction n. 限制, 限定
12. union n. 联盟, 联合会
13. peaceful solution 和平解决

Exercise

1. *Fill in the blanks in the following sentences.*

1. Russia's diplomat to Yugoslavia says there has been _____ toward a peaceful solution of the crisis in Kosovo.
2. Mr. Chernomyrdin reported to Russian president about his talks in _____ with Milosevic.
3. The former Russian prime minister plans to talk to officials from other _____ countries.
4. Mr. Chernomyrdin has said Russia will not support _____ against Yugoslavia.
5. Mr. Chernomyrdin says only _____ has the right to make the decision.

News Item 5

New Words and Expressions

1. drop v. 投掷, 扔下
2. embassy n. 大使馆
3. rescue n. 救援
4. survivor n. 幸存者
5. wreckage n. 废墟
6. incident n. 事件
7. alliance n. 联盟, 同盟
8. strike (struck, struck) v. 打击
9. civilian n. 平民 adj. 民用的
10. Serbian 塞尔维亚人
11. Nis 尼斯
12. media n. 新闻媒体(媒介)

Exercise

1. Answer the following questions according to what you have heard.

1. What has happened to the Chinese embassy in Belgrade?
2. How many people were in the embassy building at the time?

3. What do NATO officials say about the incident?
4. What did officials of the Alliance say earlier?
5. How many people were killed in the attack, according to Yugoslav media?

News Item 6

New Words and Expressions

1. Italy n. 意大利 (Italian adj. 意大利的 n. 意大利人)
2. strike n. 打击
3. march v. 行进
4. Naples 那不勒斯 (意大利)
5. tear gas 催泪瓦斯
6. Milan 米兰 (意大利一城市名)
7. Genova 热那亚 (意大利一城市名)
8. German adj. 德国的 n. 德国人
9. France 法国
10. terrorist n. 恐怖分子
11. air strikes 空袭, 空中打击
12. smoke bomb 烟幕弹

Exercise

1. Answer the following questions according to what you

have heard.

1. What have tens of thousands of demonstrators done in Italy?
2. How many people marched in Rome? And what did they do?
3. What did Italian police do on the demonstrators?
4. What did the protesters in Milan do?
5. Why has France increased its security?

News Item 7

New Words and Expressions

1. shake v. 震撼
2. laser-guided adj. 激光制导的
3. Sweden n. 瑞典
4. Norway n. 挪威
5. Serbia n. 塞尔维亚

Exercise

1. Tell whether the following statements are true or false.

1. Reports say three explosions have shaken areas of Belgrade. ()
2. Earlier NATO officials said a bomb aimed at a civilian building hit an army base in Belgrade. ()
3. They did not tell what kind of building was struck.
()
4. Yugoslav officials say the laser-guided bomb struck the Capitol, killing 4 people. ()
5. Reports say that the homes of the ambassadors of Sweden, Norway and Spain are all NATO's targets. ()

News Item 8

New Words and Expressions

1. property n. 财产
2. riot n. (感情等的)尽情发泄

Exercise

1. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences.

1. The United States will pay _____ million dollars to the Chinese government.
2. The government will _____ the money among those _____ in the NATO bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade.
3. Some of the money will go to family members of the