

Red Dominated People Must Learn New Way of Spelling

By Hubert Harrison

VIENNA (Reuters)—George Bernard Shaw's dream of a reform in spelling to make it simpler and easier is coming true in the Communist satellite countries of southeastern Europe—but according to a blueprint supplied by J. V. Stalin.

On orders from the Kremlin the theories of Stalin's "Marxism and the Problems of Linguistics" are to be applied first in Romania, then in Hungary and later probably in Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia.

In June this year, the order went forth that Stalin's brain-child must be reviewed in the satellite press. Now in Romania and Hungary, the linguistic theories of the Stalin's pamphlet are being put into force.

The main principle is that while the old national language has much in it which was useful, it has to be revised by the Communists to make it a better medium for conveying the ideas of Marxism and the orders of the Communist hierarchy.

The old system of spelling based on historical and etymological roots, it was asserted, must be modified to make it more simple for semi-literate to learn. Cosmopolitan—meaning the use of western words—have to be eliminated.

A new scientific council was set up in Romania by the academy to prepare this reform which was deliberately modelled on Russian spelling reforms since 1918.

Romanian spelling is a welter of contradictions. The language was in the main Latin by origin, but it had absorbed so many Slav and Magyar words that it was often difficult for educated people, who had learned the literary Romanian language, to understand the peasants.

A reform of Hungarian spelling on the same lines is foreshadowed in an article "On Hungarian Linguistics" which appeared in the Soviet publication "Problems of Linguistics" and was translated and published in Hungary.

The article said bourgeois linguistics, as employed by the philologists, have failed to satisfy "the progressive science building socialism."

Veteran Official Built Many Roads

REGINA (C)—When H.R. MacKenzie cleaned out his desk and left his office this month he left behind 9,232 miles of highways. Retiring as deputy highways minister after 40 years of Saskatchewan government service, MacKenzie has been connected in some way with virtually all the road construction in the province.

In 1918 he drew up what might be called the province's first road map, although Saskatchewan had no trunk highways then. He had joined the highways department in 1912, serving as highways inspector, chief field engineer and chief supervising engineer before his appointment as deputy minister in 1939.

Most travel was on horseback when he started with the department. The first time he went by car to Winnipeg it took 2½ days. Now Saskatchewan is only four hours from Regina by road; Winnipeg eight or 10 hours.

He is moving to the Pacific coast this winter, but doubts whether he'll stay there. "I have too many roots here," he explained. "I don't think I'll be able to stay away too long."

UNHAPPY CHILDHOOD Charles Dickens, who wrote with such clarity and bitterness of poverty, saw his father imprisoned for debts.

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Mr. DeBeck, who was appointed clerk of the British Columbia Legislature in 1949, is happiest when bringing out the hidden beauty in wood. From gnarled pieces of raw material he has fashioned artistic vases and dainty goblets, fancy buttons and plates, wooden tumblers so delicately made they are translucent.

Among the many specimens of workshop is a large section of fine black walnut, from a tree planted by his father 85 years ago.

Medical Corps Museum Opened By Royal Army

LONDON (C)—A Royal Army Medical Corps museum opened recently at corps headquarters, Crookham, Hants. Shows the long history and tradition of the R.A.M.C.

Among relics now in possession of the museum are dental instruments carried by Napoleon, the razor and notes written by Rüdolph Hess, the Nazi wartime leader, while in a British hospital. There are medical relics of the Crimean war and old-fashioned tattooing instruments. Recently a tattered flag flown by the 26th Field Ambulance in Korea was added as well as some waterproof invasion maps of southeast England captured from the Germans in the Second World War.

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