

AD FILMS TO BE DISCONTINUED

The film series Language in the Marketplace will be discontinued. The American-Swiss Association will continue to make available films from 1973-74 and 1974-75 school years, however. For further information write the American-Swiss Association, Inc., 60 E. 42nd St., New York, New York 10017.

COMPUTER ASSISTED LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

A very interesting article on CALI has appeared in the February 1976 issue of Foreign Language Annals. The programs described emphasize use of the interactive capabilities of the computer in teaching German reading and German word order. "Two New Strategies for Computer-Assisted Language Instruction," Nelson, Ward, Desch, and Kaplow, Foreign Language Annals, February 1976.

FREE FILM CATALOG

Alden films announces the publication of their new 16mm, sound film catalog entitled, "Films of Israel and Judaica," covering such subjects as Kibbutz Life, Travel, History, Immigration, Art, Music, Russian Jewry, Sociology and many others. Copies of the catalog may be obtained by writing to: Alden Films, 7820-20th Ave., Brooklyn, New York 11214.

REPORT ON SCOTCH 176 TAPE

Some lab directors have reported that they have had problems with Scotch 176 tape. According to these reports, there was "shedding" after heavy usage. A spokesman for 3M said that this was possible since 176 tape was not designed for heavy language lab use. He recommended Scotch 206 or 208 tape which have a better binder and should be more resistant to shedding.

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CARTOONS IN FRENCH AND SPANISH

Swank films has several cartoons available in French and Spanish language versions. They include such cartoon characters as Mighty Mouse, Heckle and Jeckle, and Deputy Dawg. The rental fee is \$10 and you may obtain further information by writing Swank Motion Pictures, 201 South Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63166.

VACANCY

LANGUAGE LAB DIRECTOR: Experienced; knowledge of audio-visual equipment and materials; to take full charge of modern language laboratory complex. Duties include training and supervision of 10-12 student attendants, and a part-time secretary. Background in a modern foreign language desirable. Salary commensurate with training and experience.

Please send application with resume to:

Dr. S. Samuel Trifilo, Chairman Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures Marquette University Milwaukee, WI 53233

CASSETTE INFORMATION

A very definitive article on cassettes, "Optimizing Cassette Performance: The Problem of Azimith," appeared in the March 1976 issue of *Stereo Review*. It includes illustrations and diagrams that should be most useful to the cassette user.

WHY FOREIGN LANGUAGES?

The New York Association of Foreign Language Teachers announces the release of a cassette/filmstrip package "Why Foreign Languages." The program lasts ten minutes and costs \$11. It may be purchased from NYSALFT, 1102 Ardsley Rd., Schenectady, New York 12308.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of NALLD will be held in late April 1977. The meeting will be in conjunction with AECT in Miami, Florida.

ACTFL'S TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

25-27 November 1976 Thursday Afternoon to Saturday Late Afternoon Fairmont Hotel New Orleans, Louisiana

A national convention devoted to the improvement and promotion of Foreign Language Teaching. Sessions and mini-workshops of interest to teachers of all languages at all levels of instruction. In addittion, there will be films, clinics, awards, and a banquet.

Over 65 exhibits of textbooks, periodicals, realia, audio-visual equipment and material, and services available to foreign language educators.

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

22-24 November 1976, varying in length from one to two days

- 1. Bilingual/Bicultural Education
- 2. Promoting Foreign Languages
- 3. Career Education
- 4. Humanizing Foreign Language Isstruction
- 5. Communicative Competence
- 6. Foreign Language Testing
- 7. Teaching Culture

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR NALLD/ACTFL MEETING

(1) TELEVISION IN THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM to be presented by Mr. William Odom of Hattiesburg, Miss. Bill's presentation will center on his use of american made commercial television series which have been synchronized into foreign language for overseas audiences.

(2) RADIO COMMUNICATIONS IN THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE PRO-GRAM to be presented by Dr. Philip Smith, Jr., of the Westchester (Pa) State College. Phil's presentation will cover the use of commercial and amateur radio communications.

(3) COMPUTERS AND INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION. Dr. Werner Hass of Ohio State University in Columbus will give a presentation on the use of computers in FL teaching. He will describe in detail the use of two CAI programs, namely the DECU (Deutsche Computer Unterricht) and TUCH (Tutorial Computer) both of which are currently in use at OSU.

(4) MEDIA CENTER/LANGUAGE LAB DESIGN. Mr. Robert Ervin, Director of the Instructional Resources Center, University College, University of Alabama at Birmingham, will give a presentation on how to design a media center.

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