

THE JOINT NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR LANGUAGES

The Joint National Committee for Languages is a non-profit organization created by the major language associations to promote the study of languages in the United States. Its members are professionals in all areas of the field, including English as a second language, bilingual education and the classics. Professional concern that foreign language training and the study of international affairs, while long considered basic educational priorities, have never received adequate financial support or recognition as an essential component of school curriculum, fostered the creation of the JNCL. The Committee seeks to provide substantive information about language study and to serve as a forum for cooperation and discussion by the major professional associations. By focusing public awareness on the issue of foreign language training, the JNCL functions as a point of reference for the planning of national language policies and the identification of the needs in this area.

The Joint National Committee for Languages is governed by a Board of Directors composed of representatives from each of the member organizations and is funded by annual contributions from these organizations. Through its Washington Office, the JNCL endeavors to create a national constituency for the promotion of foreign language training while simultaneously linking foreign language studies with broader educational and global concerns.

COUNCIL FOR LANGUAGES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Council for Languages and Other International Studies (CLOIS) is a subsidiary or sister organization of JNCL. The Membership of both organizations is similar. However, membership in CLOIS is open to organizations concerned with international studies, international education and global affairs, as well as language organizations. CLOIS's major area of activity is the maintenance of contact with legislators and policy-makers to sensitize them to the concerns of the language and international studies communities and to acquire information that might be of value to the member organizations. CLOIS provides an informational flow to and from policy-makers, and it attempts to influence policies which are important to its constituency.

Governed by a Board of Directors representing the member organizations, the Council supports legislation and policies that seek to promote languages and international studies. CLOIS serves as a continuous source of timely and relevant information, providing a resource for constituent organizations to develop or enhance the ability of their internal communications networks to influence legislation and policy at the national, state and local levels. The Council endeavors to further its purpose of promoting languages and international studies, by joint action among the members and through appropriate relationships with other individuals and organizations in the public and private sectors of the nation.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Joint National Committee for Languages and The Council for Languages and Other International Studies are concerned with and are promoting policies conducive to an increased awareness of America's vital need for foreign language and cross-cultural skills. To this end, these organizations endorse and attempt to achieve the following goals:

Cooperation and continuous dialogue among the foreign language, classical, English as a second language, bilingual and international studies associations.

Increased and improved language and international studies at all educational levels.

Development of a national awareness recognizing the importance and value of language and international studies to the political, economic and intellectual security of the United States.

Recognition of the utility of language and international studies in trade and economic development.

Understanding linkages with other nations and cultures and international interdependence.

Promotion, development and expansion of the language and cultural resources currently available in the United States.

Strengthened and accessible international exchange and study abroad programs sponsored by both the public and private sectors to provide experience and residence for students, teachers, administrators and researchers.

Access to model programs, "magnet" schools and international schools which will provide full proficiency in languages and international studies.

Upgrade the skills of experienced language and international studies teachers and ensure a continuous supply of competent teachers to meet our national needs.

JNCL and CLOIS MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS *[All are professional, non-profit organizations]*

American Association of teachers of French - Offers comprehensive support services to teachers of French at all levels of instruction. AATF promotes the study of French culture and literature and the expansion of the French language in schools and universities.

American Association of Teachers of German - Dedicated to the professional development and continuing education of teachers of German. Oriented both locally and nationally, AATG urges that appropriate legislation for the support of foreign languages in the United States be written for the sake of us all in this rapidly changing world.

American Association of Teachers of Italian - Promotes the study of Italian Culture and literature and the expansion of the Italian language in schools and universities.

American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages - The only all-encompassing organization of teachers of Slavic languages and literatures in the country. Provides an informal exchange of professional news, ideas and experience.

American Council on The Teaching of Foreign Languages - A national membership association dedicated to foreign language teaching, including all languages at all levels.

Modern Language Association - Promotes study, criticism and research in modern languages and their literatures and furthers the common interests of teachers of these subjects.

National Coordinating Office for Latin and Greek - Gives national focus and direction to intensifying efforts across the country to promote Latin and Classics in the schools. Has been developing strategies for dealing with the problem of a critical shortage of Latin teachers, including a nationwide alert.

National Association for Bilingual Education - Involved in instruction, administration, research and community work in bilingual education at all levels.

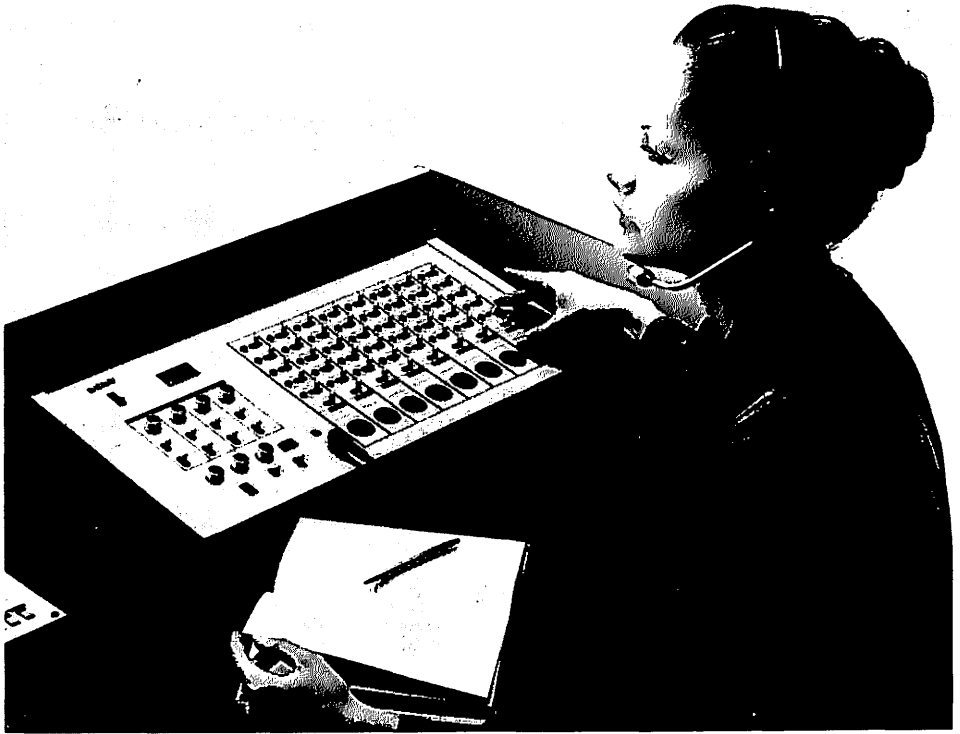
National Federation of Modern Language Teachers Association - A federation of organizations, including AATF, AATI, AATSEEL and AATSP. Promotes the study of foreign language by publication of the *Modern Language Journal*.

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages - Promotes scholarship, disseminates information, and strengthens, at all levels, instruction and research in the teaching of standard English to speakers of other languages.

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese - Fosters the study of Spanish and Portuguese languages and literatures throughout the United States and Canada.

Association of Teachers of Japanese - Promotes the study of Japanese culture and literature and the expansion of the Japanese language in schools and universities.

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