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E S P E R A N T O
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To but a single species
Do all the varied races
Of modern man belong.
Before the development
Of marked racial variation,
Many thousand years ago,
And prior to man's dispersal
Through countless migratory waves
To the remotest corners of the earth
From this common center of origin
Somewhere on the arid,
High, central Asiatic plateau,
All men spoke a single tongue.

Even in prehistoric, pre-Phoenician/
With the rise of trade and commerce,
Man recognized the need for a language,
Universal and international.
First of the known languages to fulfill
this need

Was the cuneiform script of Babylon
On tablets baked of clay.
Virile Aryan races from the north,
Then brought Greek and Latin
And imposed them upon subject peoples
Of vast empires.

Surviving as a minor, bastard tongue
And source material for scientific
nomenclature, is Greek.

Living on for many centuries
After the fall of Rome
As the erudite, neutral language
Of priest and scholar,
Latin survived and is living still
As the ritualistic medium of the Church.
Three centuries of the Crusades
Produced Lingua Franca.
In the Oriental, China trade,
Pidgin was evolved.

English, a hybrid language,
Basically Teutonic,
Changed and enhanced by copious borrow-
ings
From every spoken tongue,
And for half a thousand years
The accepted and official medium
Of a world-wide, far-flung empire's
bureaucracy
English also must be considered.

But discard it!
Its complicated phonetics, spelling
and syntax
Make it unfit for universal use.
Finding none
Of the naturally evolved tongues
A suitable medium
For international communication,
Scholars, philosophers and philologists
During the nineteenth century compounded
Many an artificial language.
Best suited and sole survivor
Of this scholastic effort
I S E S P E R A N T O.

And so!
The world now possesses
A language artificial,
Auxiliary and international,
Developed to full bloom,
Capable of wide dissemination,
And comprehensible by the simplest of
men:
E S P E R A N T O.

E S P E R A N T O !
Lingual cement,
That at some future day
Will help to bind the Peoples of Earth
Into an indissoluble world-state--
An united and democratic,
Closely co-ordinated and co-operative,
INTERNATIONAL WORLD COMMONWEALTH.

--Boone M. Childs, Chicago, Ill.
Sept.24,1940.

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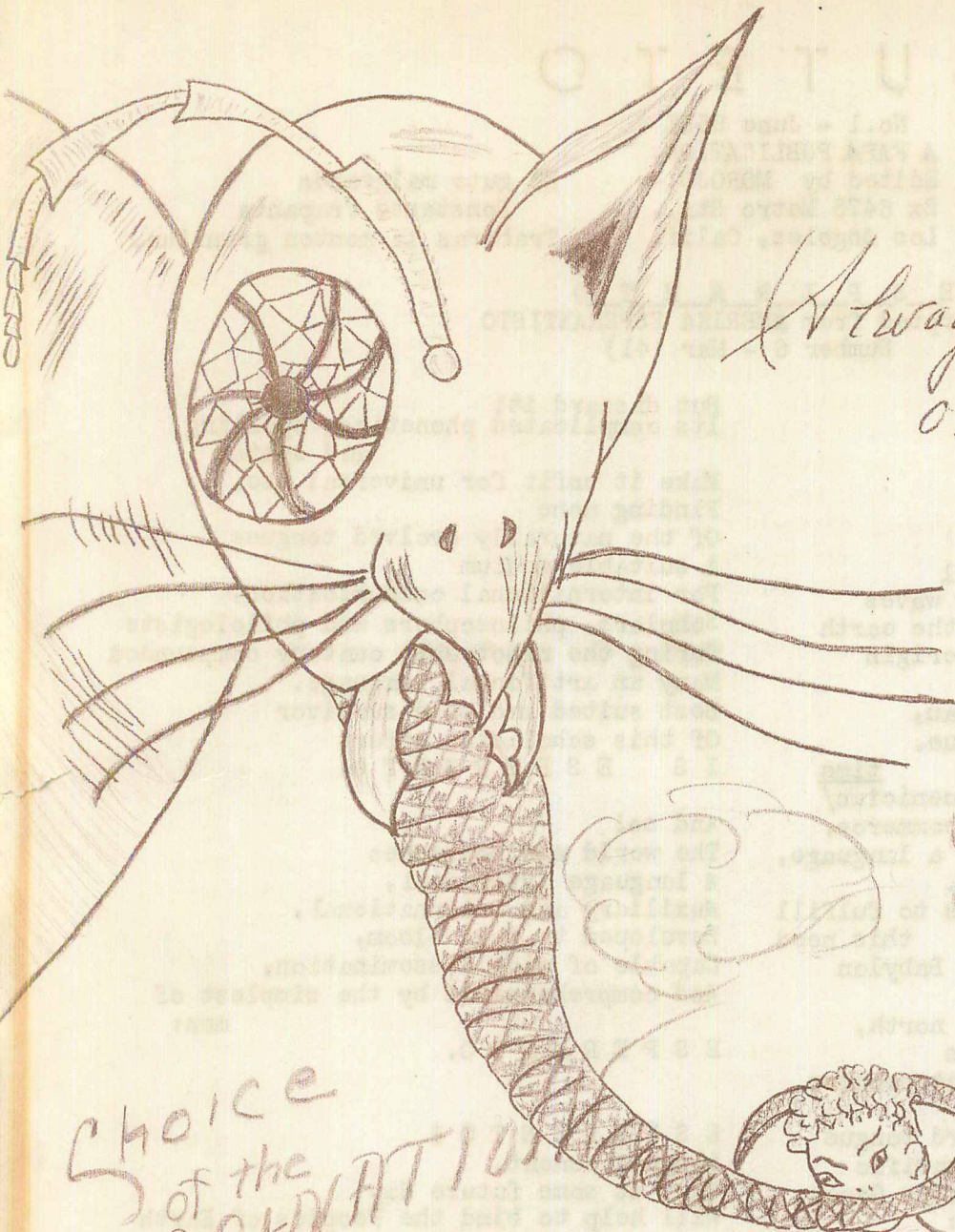
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