

# Post Letters To The Editor

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## Global Alphabet

Few days pass without some sort of international misunderstanding. I cannot help but feel that a good deal of this bickering and stalemate is caused by language barriers.

Former Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, president of the World Language Foundation in Washington . . . has worked diligently on a tool he feels is seriously needed by the world in order to raise living standards and maintain peace. That tool is a key to all languages—so that the millions of the world's "men on the street" can learn each other's language. That key, a "Global Alphabet" of 37 simple phonetic symbols, is now perfected. Senator Owen is completing bilingual books in seven leading languages interpreted in the Global Alphabet.

The World Language Foundation staff knows that the Global Alphabet "works." They have demonstrated it to natives of all countries whose languages are interpreted in the Global Alphabet books. They understand that the Global Alphabet supporters do not wish to "reform" present spelling of any language, nor the form in which languages are now printed. They understand the Global Alphabet for what it is—a simple phonetic key that fits any language in the world—and which can be learned easily by illiterate and scholar alike.

Global's inventor, Senator Owen, has spent his life in public service. He feels that the invention of the Global Alphabet is his greatest contribution to a world in which he still has faith. I suggest the world take a few minutes off and investigate the Global Alphabet—I believe it would agree with the inventor. PEACE-LOVER.  
Washington.

West Hartford.

### Language and Peace

To the Editor of The Times:

In all of our 48 states, we speak, think and act as one. This is one of the answers to the question: Why is our nation strong and great? We understand one another and with understanding comes peace and strength.

One does not have to use his imagination very hard to realize what this country would be like if we had a different language spoken in each of the 48 states. It would be just another Europe.

It is so easy to misunderstand some one who speaks a language which you do not know. It creates mistrust, fear, confusion and jealousy.

To have a universal language would of course require the cooperation of all nations and much time spent in education but I believe that as a postwar factor for peace it could be accomplished and I am sure it would do more to cement friendship between nations than anything else for it would break down misunderstanding and increase trust and good will.  
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