

ALPHABET IS DEVISED FOR ALL-WORLD USE

Owen, Blind Ex-Senator, Says It Simplifies Language Study

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 8—Former
Senator Robert Latham Owen of
Oklahoma has created a global alphabet to simplify international
communication and has presented
it to President Roosevelt for consideration.

In a letter to the President, Mr. Owen, who is blind, said that the global alphabet of thirty-three letters would enable learning of all languages by pronunciation and hence in only a fraction of the time required to learn them by their individual alphabets and spelling systems.

"As our Commander in Chief you have the power and the opportunity of rendering the world, through this mechanism, a service of incalculable value," the letter declared. "I beg of you to request the Secretary of State to make a report to you on this plan, or with your approval to take such action as the public interest may justify. Professor Pei and his associates have just published the book 'Languages for War and Peace,' including all the leading languages. He has prepared textbooks for teaching eleven foreign languages to be almost immediately available which can be put in the global alphabet."

One hundred and fifty copies of the global alphabet have been sent to State Department officers and foreign service members abroad.

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