

## ENGLISH ADVOCATED AS WORLD LANGUAGE

### Educators of Eight Non-English-Speaking Countries Confer

LONDON, July 24 (UP)—A committee representing the Ministries of Education of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Greece, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Yugoslavia and the Fighting French today recommended the establishment of English or French as a world language after the war—with a slight leaning in favor of English.

The committee was organized on the initiative of The Netherland Minister of Education, Gerritt Boljestein. After studying the need for a world language to facilitate post-war world collaboration, it suggested:

1. That English or French be compulsory subjects in higher forms of elementary schools of the European allies.
2. That the teaching of English be strengthened as far as possible in all schools in view of the important part it will play in international intercourse.
3. That all publications intended

for international reading be published either in English or French, or be accompanied by English or French summaries.

4. That only English or French be used at international meetings.

LISBON, Portugal, July 24 (Reuter)—In contrast to the recommendation of the Allied Education Commission in London, Vichy Minister of Education Abel Bonnard has decided that Spanish, rather than English, shall be the first foreign language required for baccalaureate examination.

However, according to the Paris newspaper *Aujourd'hui*, there are not nearly enough teachers in France at present qualified to give instruction in Spanish.

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