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## ON LEARNING

I am studying French in the UN Language Programme. At a recent meeting of the Meditation Group at which questions on education were being put to the Group's Director, Sri Chinmoy, I asked:

What is the quickest way to learn the language of another country?

Sri Chinmoy: "The quickest way to learn the language of a different country is to love the soul of that particular country. Then you have to love the heart of that country and finally you have to love the consciousness of that country. When the consciousness, heart and soul of the country are loved, immediately the outer vehicle of the country - which is the language - tries to befriend the student who wants to learn it."



## Meditation Group

The Group held a programme in tribute to U Thant last month. Ambassador Rossides of Cyprus, Ambassador Vinci of Italy and Deputy Under-Secretary-General Robert Muller spoke movingly about the late Secretary-General. Sri Chinmoy, Group Director, presented Mr. and Mrs. Myint-U, U Thant's daughter and son-in-law, with a copy of his recent book *U Thant: Divinity's Smile and Humanity's Cry*, which contains passages about U Thant by Sri Chinmoy, Ambassadors Rossides and Vinci, Ambassador Ole Ålgård of Norway, Under-Secretary-General C.V. Narasimhan, his Deputy Robert Muller and others. The book will soon be in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library. News of the programme for U Thant was broadcast in Burma the following day.

At the invitation of the President Carter/Vice-President Mondale Inaugural Committee, the Meditation Group served as ushers at the Inauguration Day early morning prayer service at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. Wearing pink or blue blazers in the sub-freezing temperature, the Group gathered at 6:30 a.m. to pass programmes, seat people and generally help with a crowd which grew to 5,000.