

In a nuclear age, when nations are becoming more and more interdependent, it is necessary for Americans to become proficient in the use of foreign languages. Hughes is doing its part in developing linguists through its excellent Foreign Language Department, composed of Miss Gladys Busch, Mrs. Mary Howell, Mrs. Gwendolyn McCullough, Mrs. Jannet Murphy, and Mr. John Purcell. Instruction in French and Spanish may begin in the seventh or eighth grade for those students following a college preparatory course.

Latin students, under the leadership of Miss Busch, become imbued with knowledge of an ancient culture and acquainted with the basis of many of our English words. Under the guidance of Mrs. Mary Howell, students learn French cultures as well as the French language. In Mrs. Murphy's German classes, students gain an understanding of the development of the Germanic nation and learn to speak the language which was the native tongue of many Cincinnatians' forbears. Mr. John Purcell and Mrs. Gwendolyn McCullough acquaint their students with the cultures of many Spanish-speaking countries, in addition to teaching the language itself.

Recordings play an important part in many of the language classes. Through the use of them, students hear the language spoken by natives of the foreign countries and thereby learn the correct pronunciations. Mr. Purcell's classes, in addition, had the unique experience of tape-recording their own voices in Spanish and then hearing the recordings for the purpose of correcting errors.

Hughes High School can be proud of its contribution in language instruction.

Knowledge of Languages Helps World Relations



Souvenirs from Mexico add color to Mr. Purcell's Spanish classes. Ole!



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