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This applies in particular to Radio stations and T.V. stations which broadcast news and come across foreign names

I find it very irritating when I hear the names of persons or names of cities mispronounced. I assume that you would feel the same way if you happen to be in Europe and hear the word NEW YORK with the E pronounce as in BED instead of as N(YOU) YORK.

A person whose job is to speak to millions of people should ask someone if not sure. There are millions of Europeans in this country. If you need any help in connection with FRENCH, SPANISH, ITALIAN, GERMAN, RUSSIAN, CROATIAN or SLOVAK you may ask me and I will not charge anything for it.

As an example the Russian name I V A N (which means JOHN) is frequently mispronounced as far as the letter I is concerned. It should NOT be pronounced as I in ICE but as I in IT.

I would suggest that you remember how the vowels are pronounced in Latin and in most other European Languages

A is pronounced like the A in FATHER. If it is intended to be spelled differently then it would have an accent placed like A A A A A

E is pronounced as the AI in AIR *long*  
if short then like E in BED *short*

I English is the only language where the I is pronounced like the I in ICE.

Otherwise if long then like the 2 E in SEE  
if short then like the I in IT

O If long then like the two O in DOOR

U Like the two O in SOON

Recently I heard the name D U S A N where the A was pronounced as the A in CAT instead of like the A in father.



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Recently the town of G L I N A in Croatia where fighting  
is going on was pronounced *as* the letter  
the I in ICE instead of like the two E in  
S E E

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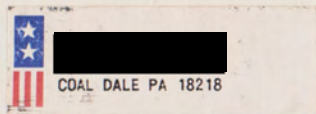
The town of P A K R A C the c was pronounced as K  
instead as TS in the word HITS

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I could go on but I do not want to bore you,  
If you have any questions just call [REDACTED]  
or write.

Very truly yours,  
[REDACTED]

P.S. Don't criticise my typing  
I am not a typist .  
I am a linguist



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W A S H I N G T O N , D . C .