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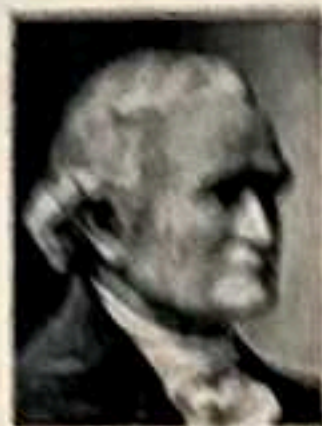
MERRIAM-WEBSTER PRONUNCIATION SYMBOLS

- ə** alone, silent, capital, col-
lect, suppose
ʌ, ɒ humdrum, about
ə (in "l, "n) battle, cotton;
(in "l, m", r") French
table, prisme, titre
ɔr operation, further
a map, patch
ā day, fate
ā bother, cot, father
ä a sound between \a\ and
\ā\, as in an Eastern
New England pronun-
ciation of aunt, ask
au now, out
b baby, rib
ch chin, catch
d did, adder
e set, red
ē beat, nosebleed, easy
f fifty, cuff
g go, big
h hat, ahead
hw whale
i tip, banish
I site, buy
j job, edge
k kin, cook
k loch as commonly pro-
nounced in Scotland (it
is \k\ without actual
contact between tongue
and palate)
l lily, cool
m murmur, dim
n nine, own
ⁿ indicates that a preceding
vowel or diphthong is
pronounced through both
nose and mouth, as in
French bon \bōⁿ\
ŋ sing, singer, finger, ink
ō bone, hollow
ó saw, cork
œ \e\ with lip rounding, as
in French bœuf, German
Höle
ö \ē\ with lip rounding, as
in French feu, German
Höhle
ɔi toy, sawing
p pepper, lip
r rarity
s source, less
sh shy, mission
t tie, attack
th thin, ether
th then, either
li boot, few \ˈfyū\
ü put, pure \ˈpyūr\
u \i\ with lip rounding, as
in German füllen
ü \ē\ with lip rounding, as
in French rue, German
fühlen
v vivid, give
w we, away
y yard, cue \ˈkyū\
y indicates that a preceding
\i\, \n\, or \w\ is
modified by the placing
of the tongue tip against
the lower front teeth, as
in French digne \dēn\
z zone, raise
zh vision, pleasure
**** slant line used in pairs to
mark the beginning and
end of a transcription:
\pen\
˘ mark at the beginning of
a syllable that has primary
(strongest) stress: \ˈpen-
mən-, ship\
˙ mark at the beginning of
a syllable that has sec-
ondary (next-strongest)
stress: \ˈpen-mən-, ship\
- mark of syllable division
in pronunciations (the
mark of syllable division
in entries is a centered
dot •)
() indicate that what is
symbolized between some-
times occurs and some-
times does not occur in
the pronunciation of the
word: factory \ˈfak-
t(ə-)rē\ = \ˈfak-tə-rē,
ˈfak-trē\

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