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PREFACE

The University of North Dakota branch of the Summer Institute of Linguistics is pleased to revise its previous policy of classifying its Work Papers as unpublished, in order to make this volume more generally available. The papers included this year are preliminary published versions.

Not enough has been done of late to develop good new problems for teaching purposes. Dick Gieser's problem, which leads off this volume, is intended as a contribution to the pedagogical materials for use in teaching grammatical analysis. The next paper, by Don Davis, contains a discussion of certain phenomena of agreement which seem to be peculiar to languages of New Guinea: medial verbs are those which agree with the subject of the following clause, in one way or another, while at the same time exhibiting the more usual sort of subject-verb agreement. Marjorie Davis offers some suggestions for those who may wish to compose hymns or other songs in tonal languages.

A paper by David Thomas offers a solution to the liar's paradox, and Paul Mellema provides a philosopher's comment on the proposed solution. Bill Chatfield, a native speaker of Ojibwe, wrote the Ojibwe Vocabulary entirely on his own, without the help of Institute linguists. Jay Fippinger's first paper presents some interesting data, bearing on the analysis of word order in Vietnamese. His study of Tai register patterns and Charles Keller's paper on tongue-root position are closely related; for a detailed explanation of the importance of these two papers, see Dr. Pittman's note immediately following this Preface. Wesley Kosin has incorporated some new insights into Shoshone phonology in his "Supplement to 'Shoshone Phonemes' in UND SIL 1967 Workpapers."

Part II of these Work Papers consists of a master's thesis by Beatrice Myers on the Towa language of Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico.

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