

University College London

SURVEY OF ENGLISH USAGE

Annual Report 1972-73

I FINANCE

As a result of increases in salary scales arising from the October 1972

~~Academic Staff salary revision, it was necessary to approach the Lever~~

~~hulme Trust and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation again. We are grate-~~

~~ful for the assistance of the Trust and the Foundation in providing the necessary~~

~~supplementations to the original grant. The original grant was £4,555 + 3~~

~~and the first supplementation was £832 + 2. The second supplementation~~

~~was £832 + 2. The total grant received was £6,219 + 7. The total cost of~~

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Grant at original rate

First supplementation (£4,555 + 3)

Second supplementation (£832 + 2)

Salaries and insurance

hulme Trust and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation again. We are grate-

Equipment, maintenance, books, office
services, conference expenses,
experimental subjects, etc.

A special equipment grant of £1,900 by University College enabled the English Department to purchase some vital new equipment - 6 Revox tape recorders and 2 typewriters - in the use of which the Survey can participate. In consequence, we are in the fortunate position of requiring no capital expenditure for equipment in the immediate future, a particularly welcome situation where salaries and servicing costs make such heavy demands on our resources.

II GENERAL

... Research Assistant Grade I from

1 October 1972 in recognition of his seniority and his contribution to the Survey, both academically and administratively. Michael Black and Joy Webster are leaving at the end of September with our best wishes and our congratulations on their appointments at the Universities of ~~Professor R~~ Professor R and Geneva respectively.

During the year we have been asked to consider publishing the

Survey corpus on microfiches but we have not been convinced that

Professor John Spencer, Leeds
Dr. Gabriele Stein, Tübingen

In addition to the signatories, those contributing to the
Survey this year have been Michael Eick (ME), Noel Bunter Roberts (NBR)

Professor Paul Taylor, Geneva
Mrs Gunnel Tottie, Stockholm
Mr Torben Vestergaard, Aarhus

Mr Eckart Weiher, Kiel
Mrs Josephine Wilding, Maidenhead
Dr. H. Rex Wilson, Ontario

III THE YEAR'S WORK

Jennifer Coates (JC), Jocelyne Goodman (JG), Hilary McKeon (HMK),
Joy Webster (JW), and Janet S. Whitcut (JSW), though only RI, NBR and
JW were engaged full-time on Survey work.

RI, NBR, JW and JSW made excellent progress on first-stage analysis,
assisted by JG and (so far as their time permitted) MB and JC. But
the main emphasis this session has been on the transcription of a

English course involving the analysis of spontaneous spoken material. Professor J. Svartvik and Dr G. Leech are working on a function-oriented grammar, based on A Grammar of Contemporary English. Professor S. ~~_____~~
Professor in Jerusalem and completed collaboration with RQ (by post) on A University Grammar of English.

Members of the Centre have been invited to participate in various

and other commitments. RI was joint supervisor in the recording of an American English course for Linguaphone; he gave a lecture on 'Forms of Address in Shakespeare' in the University College Lunch-Hour lecture series and conducted a seminar on Linguistics

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