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PREFACE

For three convivial days in February, the Berkeley Linguistics Society hosted its second annual meeting. After little more than two shakes of a duck's whisker, this volume of Proceedings has appeared, thanks to a good deal of hard cheap labor and the miracle of photoflash. It is eagerly anticipated by many who, for one reason or another, were unable to focus their complete attention on the oral presentations.

A large number of abstracts were received, and a large number of Berkeley students lent a hand (and often a strident voice of protest) in the exceedingly difficult selection process. Their aid is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

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Finally, a clause or two of thanks to the authors, the quality of whose papers made our minimal editorial tampering a pleasurable experience.

In a moment of self-congratulatory weakness, we have included below selections from a review of a bootleg prepublication copy which appeared recently in Formations of Language, Vol. 14 No. 5.

"...This reviewer was struck by the depth and power of the drama which unfolds within the pages of this tome. In this eagerly anticipated successor to their previous boffo hit, BLS I, the editors have outdone themselves... Once again plot continuity is not a strong point, but fortunately frequent doses of tasteless sex and gratuitous violence are included to stimulate the lay reader's flagging interest... One hesitates to criticize the distinguished and diverse selection of titles, but given
his magnificent, if somewhat inaccessible, contribution to the previous volume, I was disappointed by the omission of T. Fallows' latest hard-hitting period piece, "The Usage of soslovnost', vseslovnost' and bezslovnost' in the Debate on the Western Zemstvo Bill in the Third Duma, March-April, 1910."... Overall rating: 2 *'s, 2 #'s and a ?, with some dialectal variants."

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Two papers presented at the Annual Meeting are not included in this volume: "A functional approach to the 'Internal NP-Clause' phenomenon" by Alexander Grosu and Sandra A. Thompson, and "The sound of meaning" by John Robert Ross.

The following authors did not present their papers at the Annual Meeting, but the papers are published in this volume: Gerald L. Cohen, Leonard M. Faltz, Donald G. Frantz, Jeffrey Heath, Charlotte Linde, Janos S. Petofi, F. J. VanDamme.