

This issue of the Status Report on Speech Research contains state-of-the-art reviews of work central to the Laboratories' areas of research. They were written by staff members for Volume XII of the series Current Trends in Linguistics. This series, edited by Thomas A. Sebeok and published by Mouton & Co., began to appear in 1963. Fourteen volumes are projected, the final volume to appear in 1974. Each takes as its domain linguistic scholarship in a particular geographical area or an aspect of the field of linguistics. Specialists have contributed chapters to each volume assessing the state of knowledge and research activity in areas in which they themselves are productive.

Volume XII is to appear in 1972 in three tomes under the title Linguistics and Adjacent Arts and Sciences. It is to include the following sections:

- Part One: History of Linguistics
- Part Two: Linguistics and Philosophy
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- Part Eleven: Linguistics and Education
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In addition to Thomas A. Sebeok, the editor of the series, Arthur S. Abramson, Dell Hymes, Herbert Rubenstein, and Edward Stankiewicz are serving as associate editors, and Bernard Spolsky as assistant editor of this volume.

The associate editor in charge of Part Twelve, Arthur S. Abramson, as well as five contributors, Michael Studdert-Kennedy, Katherine S. Harris, Ignatius G. Mattingly, Leigh Lisker, and Philip Lieberman are affiliated with Haskins Laboratories. A sixth contributor to that part, Masayuki Sawashima, did most of his work on his contribution while he was a guest member of the Haskins research staff, although he is normally at the University of Tokyo. Mr. Peter de Ridder of Mouton & Co. has kindly allowed us to follow our normal procedure of including in our Status Reports on Speech Research manuscripts accepted for publication elsewhere. The circumstances are unusual in that this issue of our Status Report comprises a sizeable bloc of material soon to appear under the copyright of a publishing house. We trust Mouton's courtesy to us will be repaid if the sampling of articles presented here stimulates interest on the part of our readership in acquiring the whole volume for their institutions or themselves once it has been released.

A.S. Abramson's "Overview" necessarily refers to all ten articles in his section and not just the five contributions from Haskins Laboratories. For the convenience of our readers, we have listed below the Table of Contents for Part Twelve: Phonetics.

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