

PREFACE

The contributors to the present volume of *Brno Studies in English* propose to take up some of the problems suggested by the previous volumes of the series. They wish to pay special, though not exclusive, attention to functional sentence perspective and to the communicative function of the English verb. The majority of the papers contained in the present volume cover both of these fields. All of them constitute a modest contribution to the work of the Linguistic School of Prague, the aims of which have been surveyed by Bohumil Trnka, Josef Vachek, Pavel Trost and others in *Prague Structural Linguistics* (*Philologica Pragensia* 1/1958, pp. 33—40) and Josef Vachek in *The Linguistic School of Prague* (Bloomington and London 1966).

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