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PREFACE

The bulk of the present book was written during the first half of 1962 under the sponsorship of the American Council of Learned Societies, as project No. 106 of the series "Research and Studies in Uralic and Altaic Languages", with the title "Introduction to Turkic Studies". The manuscript was delivered to the sponsoring institution in September 1962. At the same time, Dr. L. Reichert of the Publishing House Otto Harrassowitz, Wiesbaden, offered to include the book among their publications. Dr. O. Pritsak, the Editor-in-Chief of the *Ural-Altäische Jahrbücher*, and the *Ural-Altäische Bibliothek*, decided to have the book appear in the *Ural-Altäische Bibliothek*. I wish to thank both gentlemen for the interest they are taking in my work.

While preparing the manuscript for the printer, I added illustrative examples, tables and diagrams showing suffixes or patterns of declension. I changed some chapter headings and inserted several new points of substance. However, no new chapter has been added and none has been taken out. Thus, while in some respects the book has grown, it still is in essence an introduction to Turkology, not a comparative and historical grammar. This holds particularly for the Syntax, which is treated together with the Morphology in the same chapter. This combination, which my book shares with most of the preceding works, reflects the insufficiency of work hitherto done on the syntax of the Turkic languages. In the last years, two books on Turkic syntax have appeared in the USSR: the 3-rd volume of the *Исследования по сравнительной грамматике тюркских языков*, edd. N. K. ДМИТРИЈЕВ, N. A. ВАСКАКОВ, and Ж. И. УВЪАТОВА, 230 pp., Moscow, 1961, containing 10 articles, and one year later, likewise under the sponsorship of the *Институт Языкознания* of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, *Исследования по синтаксису тюркских языков*, ed. Ж. И. УВЪАТОВА, 219 pp., with 5 articles. As I recently said concerning the latter in some of my review-notulae in the *UAJbb.*, these are so far preparatory studies, valuable since they are necessary, but still far from a comparative treatise on Turkic syntax. So far, with the exception of some special cases, statements on Turkic syntax are generally limited to the basic features, which since the works of HEINRICH WINKLER are well-known. Thus, in the present book, there is more emphasis on the dissolution of the typical, basic Turkic and Altajic syntax—and this is to be found in the section on structure-changing developments—than an ad hoc presentation of Turkic syntax.

No sections on conjunctions, particles and interjections have been given. As the rise of the conjunction, originally an alien category in Altajic, results from grammatical subordination, it is treated in the section on structure-changing developments. The particles of Turkic, still to be compiled, are in their morphological role not lacking some interesting features. The interjections, as in some other language families, seem to exhibit over-all regionally determined peculiarities.

Among the examples quoted from the various Turkic languages, occasionally those from the less known and less accessible languages are given preference,

since Ancient Turkic and particularly Osman-Turkish are generally better known to Western students.

Time and again, I refer for the sake of comparison or for the illustration of certain features of Turkic, to Indo-European, having in mind not New-English or the modern Indo-European languages of Europe, but languages of the "classical" Indo-European type, such as Latin, Greek, Sanskrit, Lithuanian, Old-Church-Slavic or Russian.

I always try to have the reader visualize the Turkic language group as a member of the Altaic language family and, with the help of a few specific features to make him see, in the farther distance of space and time, Altaic—and with it Turkic—in its relations to other language families such as Uralic, Dravidian, Japanese, Korean and Indo-European.

As this book contains not only an outline of the comparative and historical grammar of the Turkic languages but also an outline of the history of the peoples speaking those languages, the title "The Turkic Languages and Peoples" seems more appropriate than the original "Introduction to Turkic Studies", which may serve well as subtitle.

The original manuscript was written in English. About one third of the entire manuscript was dictated to Mrs. L. Osterweil, who, in addition to being an excellent typist, also suggested some stylistic refinements.

The Director of the Chinese History Project, my friend, Dr. Karl August Wittfogel, sympathetically followed this as earlier scholarly efforts of mine. His experienced secretary and assistant, Mrs. Ruth S. Ricard, went over the whole manuscript, suggesting a number of improvements in style and expression. I take pleasure in giving my sincere thanks both to Mrs. Ricard and Dr. Wittfogel.

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