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### FINNO-UGRIC AND SAMOYEDIC STUDIES IN NOVOSIBIRSK

The beginning of the study of the Samoyedic and Finno-Ugric languages in Novosibirsk is inseparably linked with the name of the late V. Avrorin, a specialist in the Manchu-Tungusic languages, professor, doctor of philology, corresponding member of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences. Having arrived in Novosibirsk on the invitation of the Presidium of the Siberian Branch of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences in 1961, Avrorin formed a group of linguists at the Institute of History, Philology and Philosophy who specialized in the languages, folklore, literature and ethnography of the peoples of Siberia and the Far East. A serious interest also began to be taken in some Finno-Ugric and Samoyedic languages.

Due to Avrorin's efforts a Faculty of the Humanities was opened at the Novosibirsk State University in 1962, and on his initiative also the Mansi, Hanti, Selkup and Nenets languages began to be taught there. Specialists in these languages were invited from other centres, e.g. A. Sainachova (the Mansi language), A. Kužmina (the Selkup language), etc.

Linguistic, ethnographic and socio-linguistic expeditions to the homelands of those peoples (Chanty-Mansijsk, Krasnosel'kupsk, Tazovsk, Salechard, Turuchansk, to the Ket, Tym and Vach rivers, to the Pur river — the home of the Forest Nenets, etc.) are organized. The post-graduate students of the Institute of History, Philology and Philosophy also include those who study Finno-Ugric and Samoyedic languages.

The outstanding phonetician and specialist in the Siberian languages V. Nadeljajev was invited to take part in the work of the Institute of History, Philology and Philosophy of the Siberian Branch of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences. Under the supervision of V. Nadeljajev, on the initiative and active participation of V. Avrorin and E. Ubretova a laboratory of experimental phonetic research equipped with modern apparatus was attached to the Institute.

Without that preparatory work the research on the Finno-Ugric and Samoyedic languages, which is now being carried out at the Novosibirsk State University and at the Department of Philology and History of the Siberian Branch of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, would have been impossible.

The study of the Finno-Ugric and Samoyedic languages at the Laboratory of Experimental Phonetic Research is being conducted in connection with the work of the Laboratory on the languages of the aborigines of Siberia. The vocalism, consonantism, the rhythm and pitch, intonation and word stress of the main dialects of the natives of Siberia are being subjected to thorough and detailed study. The results of the research are published in various collections of papers. The Laboratory issues its own collection of studies devoted to the phonetics of the Siberian languages.

The experimental study of the consonantism of Mansi as well as its vocalism has so far been insufficient. The candidate's dissertation of J. Tambovcev is written on the subject «The Vocalism of the Mansi (Vogul) Language». He has studied experimentally the vowels of the Sosva dialect of Mansi. J. Tambovcev has published the following articles: «Некоторые характеристики распределения фонем мансийского языка» (СФУ XIII

1977), «Распределение гласных фонем в мансийской поэзии» (СФУ XV 1979). The consonantism of the Sosva dialect of Mansi is being thoroughly studied by N. Bordjug.

An experimental investigation of the Kazym dialect of Hanti is nearing completion. G. Kurkina, who has been engaged in the study of vocalism of the Hanti language since 1974, is completing her candidate's dissertation on this theme. She has published several articles, e. g. «Квантитативность в хантыйском вокализме (экспериментальные данные)» (Языки народов Сибири II, Кемерово 1978), «Вокализм непервого слога в языке казымских ханты (по экспериментальным данным)» (Вопросы финно-угроведения. Языкознание (Тезисы докладов на XVI Всесоюзной конференции финно-угроведов), Сыктывкар 1979).

L. Verte has devoted her research to the consonantism of the Kazym dialect. She has prepared some articles for publication, e. g. «Латеральные [l], [ɮ], [ʎ] в казымском диалекте хантыйского языка» (Фонетические исследования языков Сибири, Новосибирск 1979), «Шумные смычные [t], [p], [k] в казымском диалекте хантыйского языка (Материалы I-ой Всесоюзной конференции «Исследования звуковых систем языков Сибири и сопредельных районов», 1979), «Фонема [r] в казымском диалекте хантыйского языка» (Исследования языков Сибири, Новосибирск 1979) etc.

The Samoyedic languages are being studied in Novosibirsk to a somewhat larger extent than Mansi and Hanti. All the living languages which belong to this group — the Nenets, Selkup, Nganasan and Enets languages — are included in the research work. A part of them are being studied experimentally.

Thus, A. Stoljarova has dealt with the consonantism of the Nganasan language. She has published the following articles: «Шумные согласные в нганасанском консонантизме» (Происхождение аборигенов Сибири и их языков, Томск 1976), «Подсистема согласных фонем в нганасанском языке (по материалам авамских нганасан)» (Сибирский фонетический сборник, Улан-Удэ 1976), «Сонорные консонанты в языке авамских нганасан» (Языки и топонимия Сибири, Томск 1975). Her candidate's dissertation on the theme «The Consonantism of Nganasan» is ready. B. Sedel'nikov is successfully continuing his work on the vocalism of Nganasan.

A work on «The Consonantism of the Enets Language» has likewise been completed by J. Gluchij. He defended his thesis in Leningrad 1978. He has published a number of articles on the given theme, e. g. «Гортанный в энецком» (Сибирский фонетический сборник, Улан-Удэ 1976), «Длительность интервокальных гомоганных шумных в энецком языке (диалект бай) по экспериментальным данным» (Происхождение аборигенов Сибири и их языков, Томск 1976).

V. Susekov defended his candidate's dissertation on the theme «The Vocalism of the Enets Language» in Leningrad 1978. His main articles are: «О количественной характеристике энецкого вокализма» (Происхождение аборигенов Сибири и их языков, Томск 1976), «Опыт количественной характеристики ударения в энецком языке (диалект бай)», «О дифтонгах в энецком языке» (Языки и топонимия, Томск 1977).

It should be pointed out that the experimental study of the phonetics of the Samoyedic languages in the Soviet Union is being carried out for the first time. The conclusions which are being drawn by A. Stoljarova, J. Gluchij and also by B. Sedel'nikov and V. Susekov are interesting, they deserve attention, and will constitute the basis of further research in this field.

The Forest Nenets dialect was studied by J. Popova until December 12, 1977, when she perished tragically during a scientific expedition. In the course of her last seven years J. Popova completed work on two themes: «The Phonetics of Eastern (Tundra) Subdialects of the Nenets Language» and «Phonetic Peculiarities of the Woodland Dialects of the Nenets Language». In 1975 J. Popova defended her candidate's dissertation on the latter theme. She has published a number of articles, e. g. «Заметки о системе вокализма ямальского диалекта ненецкого языка», «Некоторые особенности системы консонантизма ямальского диалекта ненецкого языка» (Вопросы языка и литературы I 2, Новосибирск 1966), «Некоторые фонетические особенности тазовского говора ненецкого языка» (Исследования по языку и фольклору, Новосибирск 1967), «Лексические различия в трех языковых подразделениях тазовского говора ненецкого

языка» (СФУ VII 1971). In 1975 she participated in the IVth International Congress of Finno-Ugrists, where she made a report on the results of her comparative studies of the articulatory peculiarities of the Forest and Tundra dialects of the Nenets language. In 1976 she conducted in Hungary (Szeged University) seminars on the newest achievements of Novosibirsk linguists and in Nenets phonology.

I. Perfil'jeva has studied the morphology and the syntax of the Nenets language. In 1975 she defended her candidate's dissertation on the theme «The Means Expressing Time and Spatial Relations in the Nenets Language». She has published the article «Ненецкие послелоги, выражающие пространственные отношения» (Происхождение аборигенов Сибири и их языков, Томск 1976).

A. Kuźmina is working on different aspects of the Selkup language, its phonetics, morphology and syntax, as well as on the history and ethnography of the Selkups. She has written a number of articles, e. g. «Безличное склонение имен существительных в селькупском языке» (Вопросы языка и литературы II 1, Новосибирск 1968), «Диалектологические материалы по селькупскому языку» (Исследования по языку и фольклору II, Новосибирск 1967), «К вопросу о склонении в селькупском языке» (Происхождение аборигенов Сибири, Томск 1969), «К вопросу о категории времени и спряжения в селькупском языке» (Этногенез народов Азии, Новосибирск 1969), «К вопросу о категории притяжательности в селькупском языке», «К вопросу о категории множественности в селькупском языке» (Происхождение аборигенов Сибири, Томск 1973), «О развитии лабиализованных согласных в селькупском языке» (Проблема этногенеза Сибири и Дальнего Востока (Тезисы докладов всесоюзной конференции), Новосибирск 1973), «К вопросу о фонемном составе селькупского языка» (Актуальные проблемы лексикологии и словообразования, Новосибирск 1974), «Вопросительные местоимения в селькупском языке» (Вопросы языка и литературы народов Сибири, Новосибирск 1974), «Русские заимствования в селькупском языке» (Актуальные проблемы лексикологии и словообразования, Новосибирск 1974), «Отражение промысловой хозяйственной деятельности, условий жизни и быта древних селькупов в лексике современного селькупского языка (названия месяцев, сторон света, звезд и созвездий и др.)» (Известия СО АН СССР I, 1976, Новосибирск).

In 1974 the first part of the monograph «Грамматика селькупского языка I. Селькупы и их язык» (Новосибирск 1974 (Grammar of the Selkup Language I. The Selkups and their language)) by A. Kuźmina was published, in which light is thrown upon the problems of the history, the ethnography of the Selkups and the phonetics of the Selkup language. At the present time the second part of the monograph «Морфология селькупского языка» (Morphology of the Selkup Language) is being prepared for publication. Besides this, A. Kuźmina has compiled a Russian-Selkup dictionary (in manuscript) that comprises all the Selkup dialects and she is continuing work on a Selkup-Russian dictionary.

M. Cernjak has studied problems of word-building, E. Kiseleva the category of number in the Selkup language. A. Okolovič is studying the vocabulary of the Selkup language and working on the Selkup-Russian dictionary. T. Filippova and L. Il'ina are engaged in research on problems of borrowing in the Selkup language. In 1977 T. Filippova completed her candidate's dissertation on the theme «The Turkic Borrowings in the Selkup Language». The following articles have been published on the same theme: «Тюркские заимствования в селькупском языке» (Тезисы Всесоюзной студенческой конференции, Новосибирск 1971), «О некоторых тюркских элементах в лексике селькупского языка» (Происхождение аборигенов Сибири и их языков, Томск 1973), «О некоторых результатах сопоставления селькупской лексики с тюркской» (Вопросы языка и литературы народов Сибири, Новосибирск 1974), «О методических принципах выделения тюркских заимствований в селькупском языке» (Актуальные проблемы лексикологии и словообразования, Новосибирск 1977). A study of the process of borrowing and assimilating elements from Russian into the Selkup language is being completed by L. Il'ina. She deals with these processes from the aspect of socio-linguistics as well as that of pure linguistics. She has published the following articles on the subject of her dissertation: «Некоторые закономерности освоения русских заимствований в сель-

купском языке» (Тезисы докладов X-ой научной студенческой конференции, Новосибирск 1972), «К вопросу о языковых процессах заимствования и освоения иноязычного материала» (XII-я научная конференция (Тезисы докладов), Новосибирск 1974), «Русские заимствования в селькупском языке» (Актуальные проблемы лексикологии и словообразования, Новосибирск 1974), «Об употреблении заимствованных русских союзов в селькупском языке» (Языки и топонимия, Томск 1976).

The preceding account provides evidence of the interesting and fruitful work being done in the Institute of History, Philology and Philosophy of the Siberian Branch of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences and at the Novosibirsk State University. This work has fine long term prospects and allows one to expect even more productive results in the near future.