

INTRODUCTION

In this, our seventh issue of *English Usage in Southern Africa* we have covered by far the widest range of entries to date; these include not only words beginning with the letters B to K, but also a variety of idiomatic and grammatical items.

Though we have made substantial progress, we realise, of course, that a great deal of research still needs to be done in the field of English Usage in Southern Africa. Regional usage, in particular, requires attention – it is noteworthy, for example, that many expressions familiar to the ear of a Transvaler, are rarely, if ever, used by a Natalian.

The rejection of Afrikaans terms for which there is a reasonable English equivalent is a feature of this, and the previous, compilation.

We envisage publication of a first edition of the *Index of English Usage in Southern Africa* towards the middle of 1974.

We are grateful to our readers for their suggestions and contributions.

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