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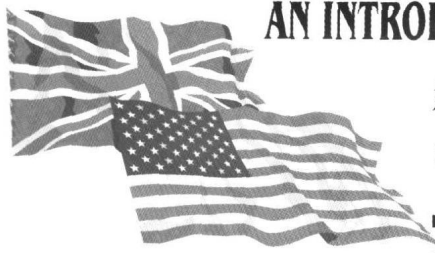
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前 言

本书是为大专院校英文专业编写的英美概况教材,也适用于其他具有大专英语水平的读者。书中内容包括英美两国的政治、经济、法律、文化教育、历史演变、社会习俗及自然地理状况等各个方面。材料的选择和处理以中国学生的实际需要为宗旨,英文陈述力求简明准确,语言难易适中。

全书的整体结构着眼于教材用书的特点,依照授课时数和讲授量的需要划分章节。全书主体内容以时空关系为座标轴线贯通,借以增强各项内容的连贯性,为读者提供一个正确的透视角度,这也有利于表明所述内容之间的相互影响及因果关系。全书正文分为十八节,恰与一个学期十八周的授课时间相一致。

作者根据自己教学实践积累的经验,于一九八五年编写了一本《英美概况》并邀请复旦大学、上海外院、南京大学和武汉大学等二十所大专院校的有关专家和教师出席了审稿会。与会者对如何修改原稿提出了很多宝贵意见,后又承蒙复旦大学索天章教授和吴延迪教授对修改稿做了校审,定稿后由河南教育出版社出版。在以后几年的使用过程中,逐渐发现有些内容需要修改,于是就对原书进行了修改增订,增订后的版本篇幅和份量都有较大的增加,不少院校反映

很难在半学年之内授完,希望作者能编写一本更加切合教学需要的英美概况教材。

我在遵照同行们的建议编写这本《新编英美概况》时,吸收了前两本的优点,省去了过多的细节评述,在不影响内容完整性与准确性的前提下,尽量照顾本教程师生的需要,兼顾可讲性与可读性,力求简明实用,使读者既能够比较全面系统地了解英美两个国家,又便于用英语开展讨论和回答有关问题,这对学习英语和使用英语都是非常必要的。

英美概况覆盖面很大,涉及内容很多,处理时不少技术问题需要商榷。因此,这个新编本恐还存在不妥之处,望有关专家学者指正,也希望读者提出宝贵意见,作者不胜感激。

本书定稿前美籍教师 Christen 和 Becky 做了全面校阅,并做了必要的订正,在此一并致谢。

作者 1991 年 5 月

再 版 前 言

《新编英美概况》第一版自问世以来已过去了整整十一年,在这十一年当中,世界格局发生了巨大变化,英国和美国为适应后冷战时期的需要,在政治、经济、文化教育和对外政策方面都作了很大调整。学习英美概况不但需要了解昨天的英国和美国,更需要知道今天的英国和美国。当今时代,信息业高度发达,信息与知识是一切机遇与成功的先决条件,在国内如此,在国际上也是如此。随着中国加入WTO后的形势发展,中国经济将进一步走向全球化,国际政治、经济和文化交流将进一步扩大。为适应时代变化和教学方面的新需要,有必要对原《新编英美概况》进行全面修订。为了把这本书修订好,我于2001年应邀赴美国亚利桑那大学作访问学者,以便为修订本书收集最新材料。在此期间,我与亚利桑那大学的Richard Cosgrove和Michael Schaller教授等有关学者广泛交换了意见,并得到了他们很大的帮助。此行收获很大,为修订全书提供了很好的材料基础。这次修订,在保持原书语言简练、行文流畅、篇幅适中等特点的基础上又补充了很多最新材料,增加了一些新的图片,使之更具有时代感和可读性。

这次修订仍保持了原书的章节结构,章节数目没有增加,但每节

的内容增加很多。如用作教材,每节可讲授2个课时或4个课时,可视学生接受水平和讲授方式而定。

在这次修订再版过程中,吸收了很多热心读者的好建议,在此向他们表示感谢。河南人民出版社马怀松和刘玉军同志对这次修订提出了宝贵意见,还对一些具体内容的陈述作了指正。在此向他们表示衷心感谢。

正在美国攻读学位的来霞,在繁忙的学习中努力为我收集了很多宝贵的资料和信息;来可也通过E-mail给我发来很多最新资料 and 统计数字,并校对了修订稿的部分章节,提出了一些很好的建议。在此向他们表示感谢,并希望今后在我的英美研究中能得到他们更多的帮助。

同时也向所有关心此书的读者和同行致以谢忱,希望能不断听到他们的批评指正和修改意见,为帮助学生们了解、认识和研究英美国家作出更多努力。

作者

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