

# Quotes

Warren Weaver (1949):

*I have a text in front of me which is written in Russian but I am going to pretend that it is really written in English and that it has been coded in some strange symbols. All I need to do is strip off the code in order to retrieve the information contained in the text.*

Noam Chomsky (1969):

*...the notion “probability of a sentence” is an entirely useless one, under any known interpretation of this term.*

Frederick Jelinek (80's; IBM; later JHU and sometimes ÚFAL)

*Every time I fire a linguist, the accuracy goes up.*

Hermann Ney (RWTH Aachen University):

*MT = Linguistic **M**odelling + Statistical Decision **T**heory*