

Editorial

The rapid growth of polymer science and technology has caused such a fast expansion of the *Journal of Polymer Science* that 4250 pages were necessary to accommodate the accepted manuscripts in 1958 whereas only 600 pages were published in 1946. There is every indication that this trend will continue in the future. The publishers and editors therefore thought that it would be convenient and advantageous for the readers of the *Journal of Polymer Science* if this large amount of scientific and technical information were presented to them in a somewhat more organized manner,* so that each reader could concentrate with greater ease on the areas of his special interest.

As a consequence, it was felt that it might be advisable to accommodate the available material in *two* periodicals—the *Journal of Polymer Science* and the *Journal of Applied Polymer Science*, so that the former would contain articles with a definitely basic character and the latter would present such papers which, although fundamental in their approach and methods, would have a distinct flavor in view of the practical applicability of their results.

This is the first issue of the new *Journal of Applied Polymer Science*; devoted to serve those scientists and engineers who are not only interested in the promotion of fundamental knowledge but, beyond that, also interested in its systematic practical application.

The Publishers and Editors shall make their best effort to bring this new publication to the high level which it deserves and to satisfy the subscribers in respect to the quality of its content and the speed of its publication.