

## EDITORIAL

As usual, editors and publishers report at this time regarding their plans for the *Journal of Applied Polymer Science* for the coming year.

The *Journal of Applied Polymer Science* will double the amount of published material and will appear bimonthly, in the same format as the *Journal of Polymer Science*, for reasons of printing economy.

After long and careful deliberation, we have decided to introduce drastic changes into the mode of publication of our companion the *Journal of Polymer Science* and to cope with the major difficulties we encountered during recent years, i.e., the increase of papers submitted to the Journal and the desirability for the publication of large symposia which, if published in regular sequence of the Journal, delay the appearance of the regular papers.

At the same time, we felt that it would be most desirable to establish a regular flow and publication schedule for the papers, to further speed up the Letters to the Editors and Notes, and to organize the material in the Journal in a way that a reader finds his way easily to the material he is most interested in and wishes to peruse first.

Last but not least, we want to satisfy the wishes of many of the members of the Editorial Board, contributors, and subscribers by adding a new part devoted to papers on the structure, synthesis, and behavior of biopolymers. It should attract papers from biochemical and biophysical research institutions and bring them to the attention of our readership and will, in turn, spread macromolecular experience and points of view among biophysicists, biochemists, and biologists.

To achieve this goal, the Journal will be published beginning with January 1963 in the following four parts:

*Part A — General Papers:* This section will contain papers directly submitted to the Journal (with the exception of topics on biopolymers) and will be published month in issues of approximately equal size.

*Part B — Polymer Letters:* They will be separated from the regular issues, published in typewriter composition, printed by offset, and mailed monthly to all subscribers. This will result in faster publication and production economy.

*Part C — Polymer Symposia:* Symposia issues will be released at irregular intervals as soon as ready for publication. They will not hamper the flow of material in Part A.

*Part D — Biopolymers:* This part will contain papers devoted to the structure, synthesis, and behavior of biopolymers which are directly submitted to the editors of this part, or which are being shifted to this part from other parts with the approval of authors and editors. Published bimonthly.