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This volume represents a collection of selected papers from a symposium "Liquid Crystals and Ordered Fluids" held at St. Louis, April 9-11, 1984. The symposium was organized under the sponsorship of the Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry of the American Chemical Society and was part of the national Spring meeting of the Society. This symposium was the sixth in a series of the same name which began in 1965 at Atlantic City as part of the American Chemical Society national meeting. The topics treated in this volume encompass a variety of materials, polyesters to carbohydrates; and methods of their study, x-ray diffraction to theory. Design and synthesis of new materials are described as well as detailed examination of physical properties of liquid crystalline systems.

The diversity of liquid crystalline systems presented here and the enthusiasm of the participants in the symposium itself argue well for a continued high level of future interest and research efforts in the field of liquid crystals. It is by now apparent that the terms "fundamental" and "applied" as used in connection with liquid crystal science are not mutually exclusive. In point of fact, much of the best work in the field is involved with fundamental studies related to applications of this unique state of matter.

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