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Purpose of the program is to explore efficiency and economy and to experiment with a closer tie between copy editing and composition.

Samuel A. Goudsmit, editor-in-chief of APS, sees the present arrangement as a temporary one based on experience APS already has in producing *Physical Review Letters*. Eventually he wants to return the whole operation to AIP.

OSA Prepares to Publish A New Handbook of Optics

The Optical Society of America plans to publish an 800- to 1000-page Handbook of Optics. Walter G. Driscoll, director of research in biomedical engineering, St Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, Mass., is editor. William Vaughan of Itek Corp is associate editor.

The society has contracted with Mc-Graw-Hill Inc to publish the hand-book. Section editors and contributors have been selected, and work is beginning on the manuscripts. The hand-book will include tutorial sections to accompany and elucidate the tabular information.

The editors are coordinating their work with the preparation of the third edition of the *Handbook of Physics*, published by the American Institute of Physics and McGraw-Hill. Dwight Gray, editor of the AIP handbook, and Bruce H. Billings, editor of the optical section, say they expect both handbooks to benefit from their simultaneous preparation.

AIP Issues New Catalog of Available Publications

A revision of its Current Book and Pamphlet List is available without charge from the American Institute of Physics. The list, which now has 102 items, is updated several times a year. It contains materials ranging from multivolume sets on magnetism and temperature to brochures describing programs of the AIP and its member societies and pamphlets designed to tell students about careers in physics.

The list, designated Pub. R-176.7, includes AIP studies of physics manpower, graduate enrollment and the impact of cutbacks in federal research support.



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