

data on the velocity (including dispersion) and absorption of high frequency sound in gases and liquids. All the standard methods of measurement are explained in detail and much attention is paid to the comparison between experimental results and theoretical predictions. Some of the most interesting features of ultrasonics involve the relation between sound absorption and velocity and other physical properties of fluids, e.g., the relative concentration of components in mixtures. These are very well illustrated, and in fact constitute the most valuable part of the book.

As has already been emphasized, the author makes no pretense of having produced a treatise on ultrasonics as a whole. The book contains, for example, no reference to the important problems of high frequency transmission in solids, and the whole field of ultrasonic application is absent. Nevertheless all those interested in ultrasonics and in particular all investigators in fluid acoustics will find this volume a very useful one.

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### Scientific Manpower

A survey of *Employment, Education, and Earnings of American Men of Science* has recently been published by the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with the Department of Defense. Covering 42,000 of the 50,000 scientists listed in the 1949 edition of *American Men of Science*, the report deals predominantly with research workers and teachers. Information for the study was collected for the Department of Defense by the National Research Council, in cooperation with the publisher of *American Men of Science*. The report (Bureau of Labor Statistics Bulletin No. 1027) may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for \$0.45 per copy.

### International Trade

*Trade Barriers to Knowledge*, compiled by the Division of Free Flow of Information of Unesco's Department of Mass Communication, with the aid of the Intelligence Unit of the *Economist*, London, and published by Unesco, cites the regulations affecting international trade in educational, scientific, and cultural materials. The manual covers 43 countries and gives detailed data on tariffs, sales taxes, exchange controls, licensings, quota, and export regulations. *Trade Barriers to Knowledge* is on sale at the Columbia University Press, New York, for \$1.00 per copy.

### Radiological Protection

Recently published by the National Bureau of Standards, NBS Handbook 47, *Recommendations of the International Commission of Radiological Protection and of the International Commission on Radiological Units, 1950* (vi, 29 pp. supplement), presents recommendations adopted at the Sixth International Congress of Radiology. Copies are available from the Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for 15 cents.

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