COMMENTS

In addition to the normal technical papers, this issue includes a special section that contains papers prepared for a recent National Science Foundation (NSF) Workshop on Compact Fusion Concepts. As Frank Huband explains in the Preface to the special section (p. 301), this workshop was one in a continuing series of workshops on various energy-related topics run by NSF in response to a request by the Executive Office of the President. This is the second special section based on this NSF series to be published in *Nuclear Technology/Fusion* (*NT/F*). The first, "International Collaboration in Fusion Energy Development," was included as a special section in the July 1982 issue (Vol. 2, p. 469). That section received a good reception from readers who indicated that the papers in it provided them with a new view of the issue of international collaboration in fusion. It is hoped that the present section on compact fusion devices will also provide readers with new insights into this very important potential route to economic fusion power.

Another important event for *NT/F* is the publication this month of a two-volume supplement that contains papers from the Fifth ANS Topical Meeting on the Technology of Fusion Energy held at Knoxville, Tennessee, April 26-28, 1983. As participants in that meeting know, unlike previous ANS fusion topical proceedings, all full-length papers prepared for publication underwent thorough review by two persons. The tight time schedule posed some stress for both reviewers and authors. However, the splendid cooperation of all concerned made the procedure work out with a minimum of difficulties and the *NT/F* supplement containing the papers is due out on time. I believe the quality of the resulting proceedings makes all of the extra effort worthwhile. I hope you, the readers, will agree.

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