

the subject—the review of solid state polymerization covers material which has been the subject of numerous reviews dating from 1961 through 1967, with not enough new material or interpretation to justify another review.

In spite of the excellence of the two articles discussed previously, the book remains a collection of reviews of highly specialized topics and as such must be regarded as a volume suitable for a library but not normally worth a permanent place on the individual's bookshelf.

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Monitored Solar Activity

The Proton Flare Project. (The July 1966 Event.) A. C. STICKLAND, Ed. M.I.T. Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1969. xiv + 514 pp., illus. \$19.50. *Annals of the IQSY*, vol. 3.

The Proton Flare Project of 1966 was a magnificent example of the kind of international cooperation this small planet must have. A large solar flare which injects energetic protons into interplanetary space is the most energetic impulsive phenomenon in the solar system, yet we have little understanding of the details of the physical processes involved. As part of the International Years of the Quiet Sun 1964–1965 an attempt was made to choose a single proton flare and to marshal all possible observational attention upon it. Observations of a flare and its surrounding active region can be obtained in many different ways, including several new techniques of the space age. No single laboratory has more than a small fraction of the necessary instruments, and observatories in many parts of the world are required for continuous coverage.

At the chosen time in 1966 solar activity was increasing after the minimum of the 11-year sunspot cycle, but had not yet reached a level at which flares might occur so frequently as to confuse the interpretation of effects to be attributed to a single flare. For the Proton Flare Project an elaborate rapid international communication system was established. Solar active regions were carefully monitored, and when a particular region reached a pregnant configuration on 5 July 1966 a warning was

sent to all stations so that detailed observations could begin before the possible flare. The sun cooperated by producing a large proton flare just after midnight on 7 July 1966. This book describes the resulting cooperative efforts by more than 100 workers at 54 institutions in 18 nations. It must be said that we still do not understand the mechanism of a solar flare, but the present effort is a significant step toward this goal. Everyone interested in flares from the viewpoint either of fundamental processes or of practical applications such as effects on astronauts, supersonic plane passengers, and terrestrial communications will want to be familiar with this book.

I recommend that the book be read in the following sequence: first, the general summary by P. Simon and Z. Svestka; second, the specialized summaries on the development and activity of the active region by V. Banin *et al.*, on energetic particles by S. M. Krimigis, and on low-energy particle effects in the ionosphere by W. Dieminger. One can then pick from among the 60 detailed technical papers to suit one's own interest and needs.

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