

Foreword

SPECIAL ISSUE ON HIGH-POWER MICROWAVES

DURING the 1975 IEEE International Microwave Symposium in Palo Alto, CA, a strong interest was voiced suggesting a technical session featuring high-power microwaves. One year later at the 1976 IEEE International Symposium in Cherry Hill, NJ, a High-Power Microwave Techniques Session was scheduled and there was a large attendance. Some of the papers stressed application of high power to radar and power transmission. Other papers dealt with components and techniques.

Because of this response, the Administrative Committee of the Microwave Theory and Techniques Society approved the publication of a Special Issue of this TRANSACTIONS featuring high-power microwave components, techniques, and applications. The issue was scheduled for publication in May 1978. As a result of the Announcement of the Special Issue many papers were received and refereed. Most of these papers were accepted and appear in this issue.

An attempt has been made to group the papers according to related aspects of the technology. The papers by Bromaghim and Perry and Goudey and Sciambi pertain to the high-performance M.I.T. Lincoln Laboratory long-range imaging radar. The Wengenroth paper, like the Goudey and Sciambi paper, pertains to a microwave radiator for high power levels. The next paper by Dickinson discusses safe transmission of an exceedingly high power beam from a geostationary satellite power station to an urban receiving station on earth located over 22300 miles away.

The next three papers by Mohr, Carlisle, and Albanese and Kerbs describe special components which operate at high power levels. The paper by Nakamura *et al.* reports on high-power breakdown waveguide at 28 GHz. Three papers deal with ferrite devices that operate successfully at high power levels. Finally, extensive analytical and experimental work on a spark gap generator of microwave power is described briefly in a paper by Ristic and Sorensen.

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