This book is a compilation of papers presented at the 1964 Southern Metals/Materials Conference on Advances in Aerospace Materials, held April 16 and 17, 1964, at Orlando, Florida. All the papers are of excellent quality reflecting a well-planned and -organized conference.

The purpose of the conference was "to identify materials processes and methods that show the greatest potential in future space technology and to define the gap between mission requirements and materials applications". A review of the papers reveals that this objective has been fulfilled. The collection is presented in two parts: One part includes papers concerned with fundamental problems, and the other covers those related to applied research. Although there is no direct literary bridge between the fundamental and applied papers, they are more than usually complementary in subject matter.

Part I of the book is concerned with some of the more important fundamental factors that influence material properties. The relationship of grain boundaries to properties of ceramic materials, the characterization of defect structures and their influence on oxide materials, the effects of irradiation on molybdenum, and the role of dislocations in deformed beryllium are some of the timely subjects covered.

In Part II, some of the more advanced applied research work on materials is presented. All subject matter is of current importance and will be required reading for anyone interested in keeping abreast of this fast-moving technology. The papers cover such subjects as ductile chromium, formable sandwich structures, arc-cast tungsten, graphite-base refractory composites, glass microtape, and lightweight aerospace materials.

In summary, this second volume of Materials Science Research must be counted as one of the better editions of books that embody a series of papers presented at a technical conference. Full credit should go to its editors, who also were involved in organizing the technical program of the conference. The book is recommended for both engineers and scientists who have a strong interest in materials science and research.

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