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A few of the patents covering the entire process have already been issued, but many are still pending. The process makes possible using more of the residue left when crude oil is first distilled to make such desired products as gas.

Dr. Warren G. Schlinger of Pasadena, Calif., assigned rights to patent 3,224,958 covering one method of refining to Texaco, Inc. Among the catalysts used in the process are the oxides or sulfides of cobalt, nickel and molybdenum, either alone or in combination.

Private Message System

A system to "scramble" either wire or radio messages so that only those to whom such secret communications are sent can tell what is being transmitted earned patent 3,225,142.

Dr. Manfred R. Schroeder, who has some 30 other patent applications pending, assigned rights to this one to Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., New York.

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Dr. Jacob Rabinow, president of Rabinow Electronics, Inc., Rockville, Md., assigned patent rights to Control Data Corporation, Minneapolis, Minn.

The method involves solving problems in logic using fiber optics, whereas most machines now operating solve the same problems with parts made of solid-state materials.

Other Interesting Patents

A super-sensitive microbalance earned patent 3,224,263 for Vernon L. Rogallo of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif., who assigned rights to the Government through NASA.

A method for coding the kinds of information used to guide missiles or other vehicles earned patent 3,225,309 for Dr. John H. Phelps of Liverpool, N.Y., who assigned rights to the Government through the Secretary of the Air Force.

Use of a plastic glue that sets in a few minutes and hardens in a day for mending broken bones was granted patent 3,223,083. Dr. Milton C. Cobey, inventor of this method for holding skin and other tissue together, assigned patent rights to the president and directors of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

An optical maser that operates in the infrared portion of electromagnetic radiation earned patent 3,225,306 for Leo F. Johnson of Plainfield, N.J., and Kurt Nassau of Springfield, N. J., who assigned rights to Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Use of ultrasound to weld plastic materials was awarded patent 3,224,916. Robert S. Soloff of Stamford, Conn., and Seymour G. Linsley of Bridgeport, Conn., assigned rights to Branson Instruments, Inc.

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