

Instead of patenting, they publish their inventions

OUT of the welter of patent contests and patent litigation in radio has come one interesting patent policy on the part of a company which maintains an important research department that is continuously making inventions and improvements.

The executives of this company frankly declare that they are *not interested* in patents. They do *not* take out patents. Instead, they have found that the best way to avoid patent difficulties is to *publish*, as soon as possible, whatever their laboratory develops. As soon as publication is effected, of course, no one else can patent the device. Everyone is then free to use it, but the company producing the invention already has had a head start. Their executives feel that this "open-door" policy saves them infinitely more patent worries and litigations, than it costs them in foregoing the (questionable) monopoly of their own inventions and discoveries.