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A new guide for both the makers and users of educational and psychological tests and manuals has just been issued by a national committee working under the co-chairmanship of a New College faculty member.

"Standards for Educational and Psychological Tests and Manuals," is published by the American Psychological Association, and Dr. John W. French, College Examiner and Professor of Psychology at New College, is co-chairman of the Committee on Test Standards of the APA.

Publication of the booklet climaxed several years' work by the committee in revising and updating material. Copies are mostly to be used by test publishers, by colleges and universities, public schools, the Civil Service and other government agencies.

Dr. French said that users of tests generally check them against the standards as specified in the book. The standards are intended to guide test development and reporting.

One audience for the standards is the authors and publishers who are responsible for test development. The standards should also aid the thinking of test users as well as of advanced students working either in psychology or education. It should also be useful to directors of research, school psychologists, counselors, supervisors, and administrators who select tests to use for various school purposes.

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Co-chairman on the committee with Dr. French was Dr. William B. Michael, of the University of California at Santa Barbara. He represents the American Educational Research Association.

Also serving on the committee were Dr. Oskar K. Buros, Rutgers University; Dr. Herbert S. Conrad, Department of Health Education and Welfare; Dr. Lee J. Cronbach, University of Illinois; Dr. Max D. Engelhart, City of Chicago Public Schools; Dr. J. Raymond Gerberich, National Education Association; and Dr. Willard G. Warrington, University of Michigan.

Publication of the guide coincided with a visit by Dr. French to a meeting of the Council of Representatives of the American Psychological Association. The council is the policy making body of the APA, which has more than 22,000 members. Serving on the council are delegates from each state psychological association as well as each divisional association.

The council, said Dr. French, discusses stands toward public legislation, determines how the association may help psychologists, and sets other matters of policy of the organization.

Dr. French was a member of the charter faculty at New College and formerly was Senior Research Psychologist and Chairman of the Educational Research Group of the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J.