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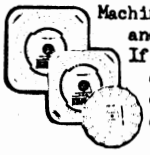

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Honeywell Plans MOS Memories For 6000 Series

By Marvin Smalheiser
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PHOENIX – Honeywell officials disclosed plans to gradually shift all memory in its 6000 series to MOS, and hinted that Multics could be scaled down to run on "a 6140," at a dedication ceremony for a new Multics center here.

The Multics center will serve as a software facility for on-line development, maintenance and evolution of software.

Multics operates on the Honeywell 6180, an enhanced version of Honeywell's 6000 series computer and the largest machine of the series.

Marketing representatives said there are 50 to 60 prospective buyers for Multics, mostly in commercial applications, and estimated the Multics market at $305 million.

Norman N. Feldman, vice-president of Honeywell's Computer Systems Division operations, said by the end of 1973 worldwide sales of the 6000 series will total $500 million and a third of that will be overseas sales.

Honeywell's computer sales now are divided 50-50 between the U.S. and overseas, he added.

Another official estimated the 6000 represented better than 40% of Honeywell's total bookings and more were sold in the six months after it was announced than the GE 600 series computers in the preceding five years.

Multics, an official said, could be run alternately with GCOS, General Comprehensive Operating Supervisor, with an adjustment taking only "five minutes," but it is expected that eventually the best of the two systems will be blended together into one operating system.

At the dedication of the Multics center Honeywell announced it was inviting universities and colleges in the southwest to make use of Multics and had donated $25,000 in Multics system time to the Arizona Board of Regents for use by colleges.

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