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34	+ .8922	- .1888
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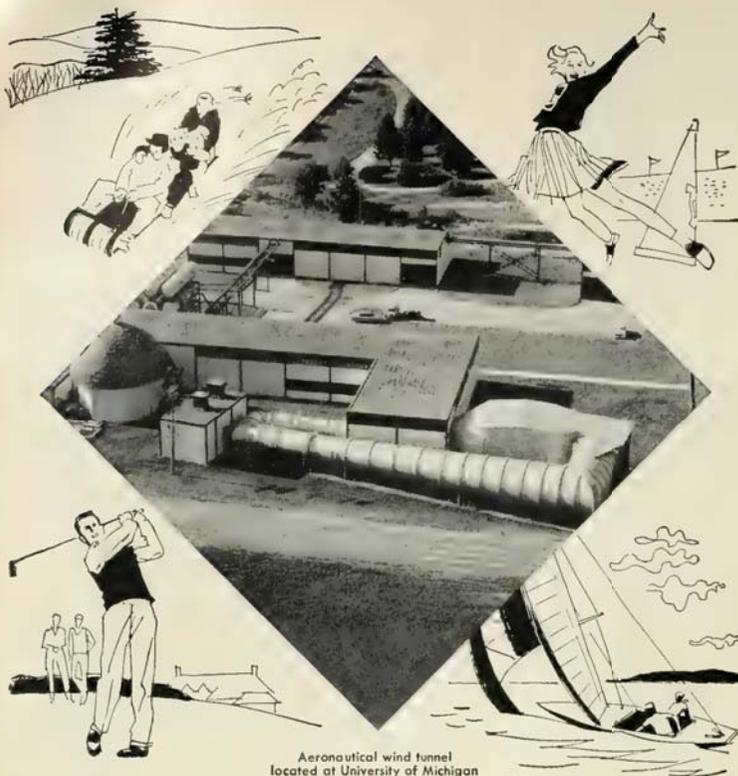
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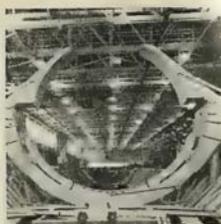
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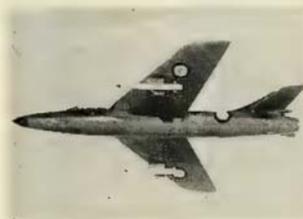
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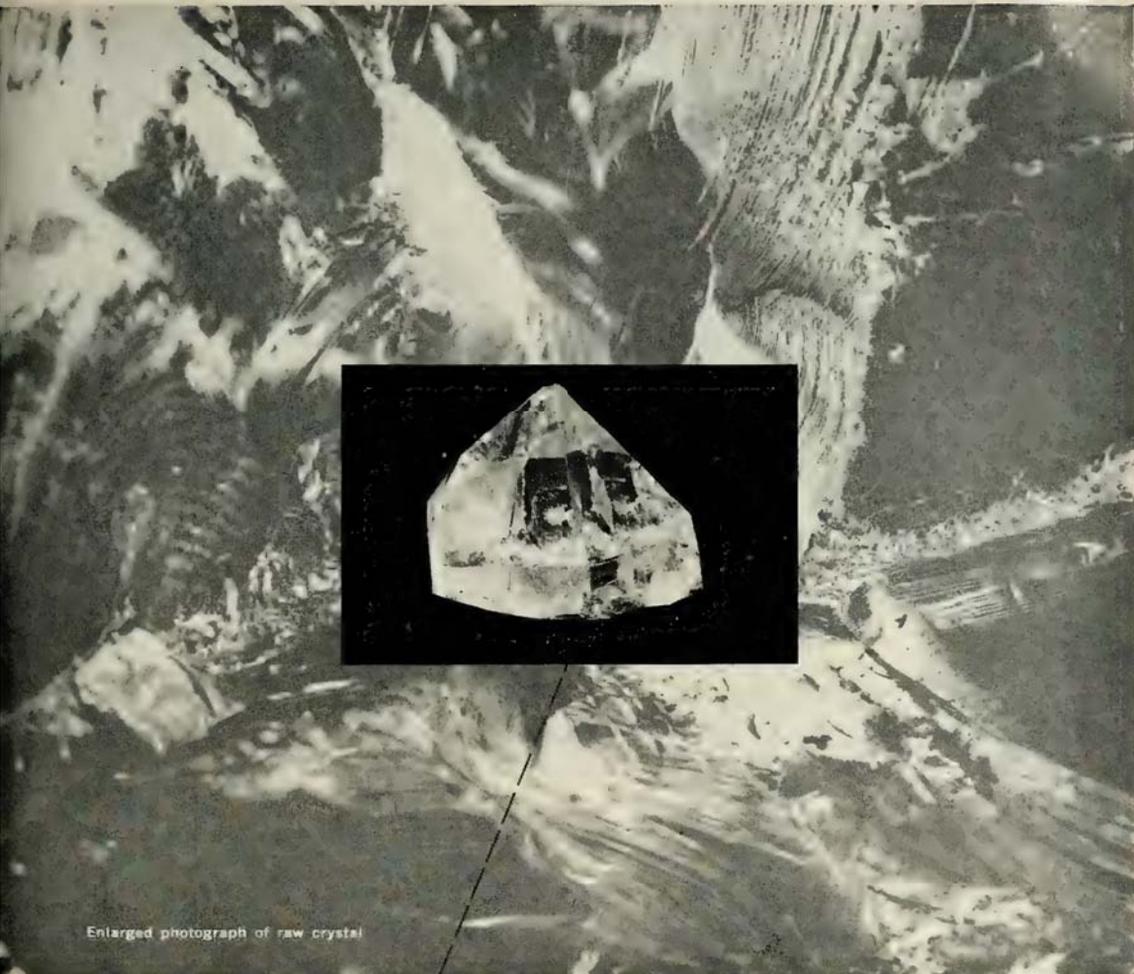
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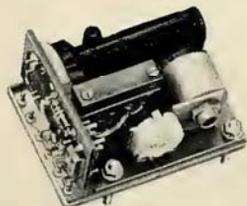
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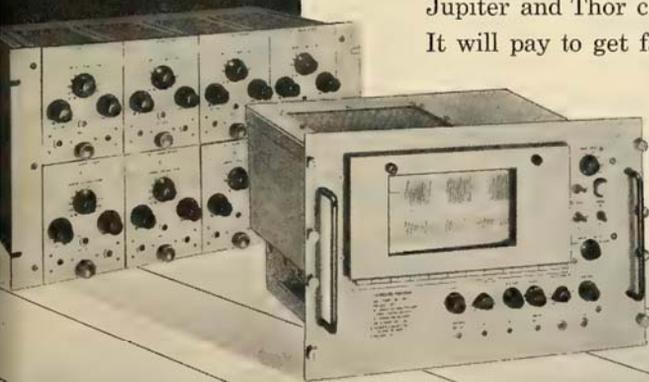
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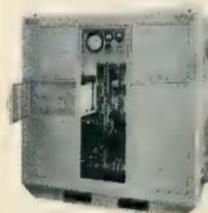
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U.S. industry has long shared a general concern that the country's annual harvest of scientifically trained college graduates was falling considerably below an essential level and dangerously behind the crop produced by the Soviet Union. But it has not done enough about its concern.

Congress voted a loan program last year to encourage scientific education, but student loan money—long available from other sources—went begging to a large degree. Young people have always been reluctant to step out on their own with a heavy debt over their heads. Individual companies and associations have helped by providing scholarships and making grants to colleges and universities, but the administrative process of awarding these has limited the number who could participate.

Now, with establishment of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, a means has been established to provide the small or medium-sized company with a centrally organized, low-cost national testing mechanism to help them make the best use of available scholarship funds. And, because NMSC runs the administrative end of the program, from providing the academic testing to selection of the winners, companies which provide the funds are assured that 100% of their contribution goes to scholarship winners to defray education expenses.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation was launched in 1955 with grants of \$20.5 million from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation. Since 1952 the Ford Foundation had been studying the possibilities of a nationwide scholarship program financed by private sources. One conclusion they came up with couldn't have been too startling—that most of the more able students who dropped formal education after high school gave lack of sufficient funds as a reason.

There were other conclusions: with the U.S. population increasing at the rate of three million a year and with the Cold War continuing to demand more and more of our industrial capacity, the competition for skilled help has become much sharper; that the lean crop of depression babies due to reach productive manhood (age 25-34) in the mid-1960's will be 700,000 fewer than today; that

one-third of the top quarter students graduating from high school named science or engineering as their first choice for a continued education; that actually one-half of this one-third did not get to college at all.

Industry, which had not done too much before the advent of NMSC to ease the problem, in the last three or four years has come forward with a substantial beginning which reflects not only concern but acceptance of at least a share of the responsibility for solving the whole scientific education problem. This participation has gone up annually until some \$12 million in scholarship aid has now been committed and 2300 of the nation's most able students are continuing an education which might otherwise not have been possible. In addition, an increasing number of companies have been awarding scholarships to children of employees on the basis of their performance in the Merit competition.

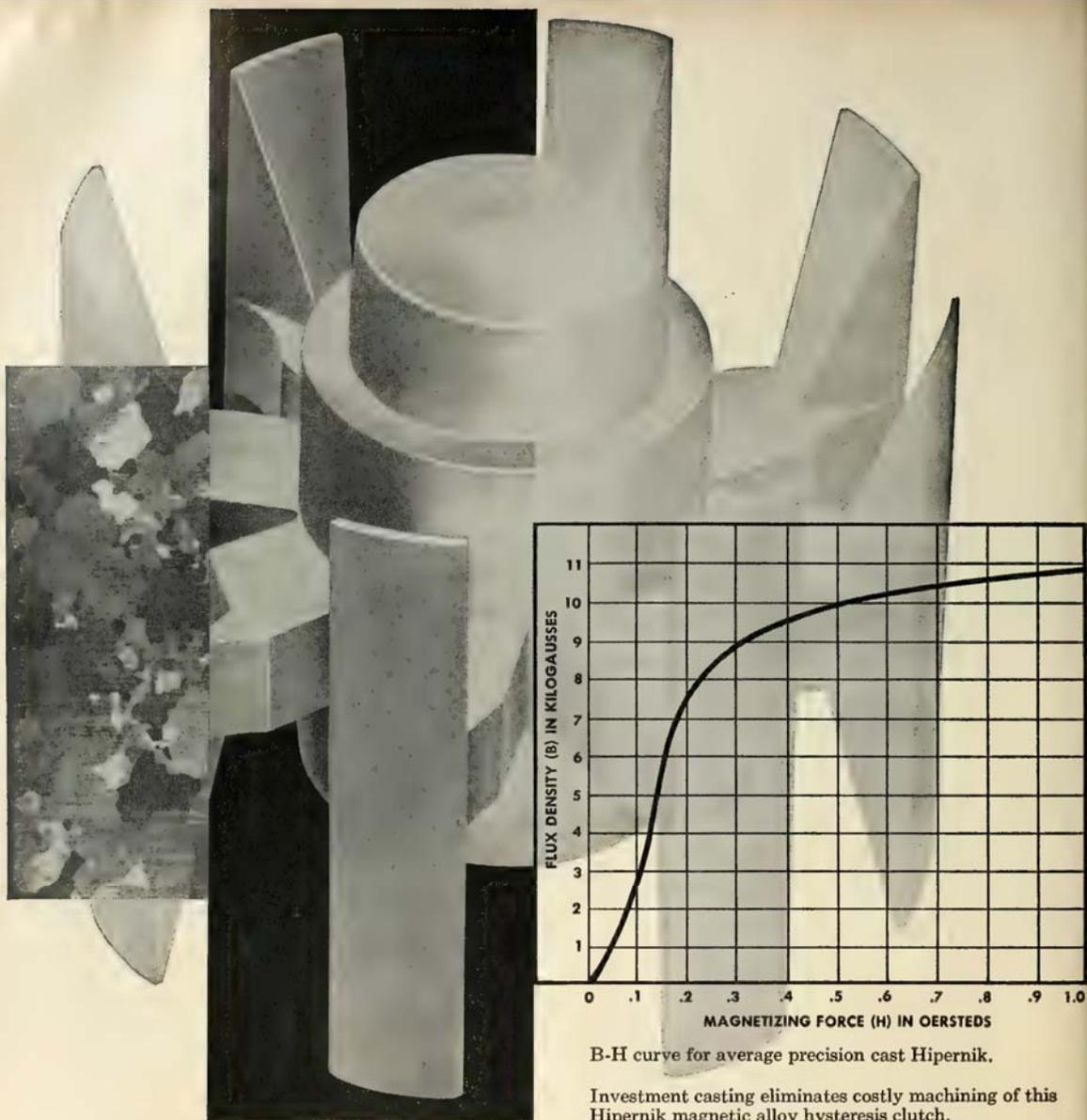
The number of companies actually participating in NMSC, to a large or small extent of the \$12 million total, is 80.

We should like to see it stepped up to 800 and \$120 million—ten fold—because we face a formidable antagonist who has stepped up his not ten but 20-fold. Russia's planning is long-range in view and deadly in intent. There, education right through the graduate and professional level is free and is available, according to official USSR announcement, "to everyone having the capacity to use it productively."

Today's engineering student is tomorrow's builder, inventor, genius. The challenge as well as the problem is clear. Industry, which has so very much at stake, must recognize that this is among the greatest of its responsibilities. Let's say that \$12 million is a fair start, but only fair. And why only 80 companies out of America's thousands?

As another recently expressed it, we believe: "The rule is absolute, the race which does not value trained intelligence is doomed . . . tomorrow science will have moved forward yet another step, and there will be no appeal from the judgment which will be pronounced on the educated."

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IN THE PENTAGON

Research and Engineering Director Herbert York and his new R&E office are taking another long look at the *Nike-Zeus* AICBM program. Two of the principal reasons: The results of Project *Argus* and mounting pressure to find a defense against missiles in the face of Russia's increasing ICBM stockpile.

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The Navy expects to have a fleet of five commissioned *Polaris* submarines by the end of next year. Three of the Nuclear subs will be ready to be placed on station by next summer—the earliest that Lockheed's *Polaris* is expected by some officials to be operational.

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The Navy is engaged in one of its hottest behind-the-scenes fights in years. The issue: Navy Undersecretary William Franke's organization study recommending abolishment of restricted line officer billets and creation of a Naval Technical Corps. Opponents charge this means industry would soon find itself dealing strictly with non-technical line officers at the top of the Navy's big technical bureaus. Insiders also charge the real reason for the proposal is the Navy has fewer and fewer top-drawer sea commands to go around.

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The Pentagon is pressing ahead with \$6 million-a-year program of research projects aimed at developing low-altitude "flying saucers" based on the principal of creating a ground air cushion. They would range in size from a dozen to 1,000 feet or more in diameter. One huge model would skim the world's oceans at possibly hundreds of miles an hour and serve as a mobile seaborne landing field or rocket-launching platform. DOD will review all projects next month at a conference at Princeton University.

ON CAPITOL HILL

A new public battle appears certain over the on-again off-again U.S. program aimed at developing a nuclear-powered airplane. The Joint Congressional Atomic Research Subcommittee will hold its first public hearings on

the controversial program later this month. In the past, subcommittee members have repeatedly called for more action on the program and administration officials have countered with public replies. But all hearings on the program have been secret.

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Space exploration may pay off in more than glory for the first man to leave the Earth in a space craft. Rep. Victor L. Anfuso (D-N.Y.) has introduced a bill that would award the first American spaceman a tax-free \$100,000 prize. The bill would not require the winner to collect in person.

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The House Military Operations Subcommittee will issue a report on its investigation of management of the Air Force missile program without holding further hearings. The report is expected to be released in about a month.

AT NASA

NASA project people are split on whether the new family of *Scout* research vehicles is really needed. One proposal is a three-stage *Vanguard* which could be fired later this year while *Scout* probably would take at least 12 to 18 months development time before production. Systems manager selection for *Scout* is still undecided with NASA laying plans for fabrication "in house" at Langley. NASA's *Vanguard* proponents say modified *Vanguard* could do the job just as well as *Scout* and perhaps at less cost.

AROUND TOWN

Top U.S. space experts will meet in Washington June 29 for a two-day symposium on space research. The symposium is being sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences, the American Physical Society and NASA. It will end the academy's annual meeting which opens June 27. The academy also will hold symposiums on oceanography, the atmosphere and some of the still secret results of project *Argus*.

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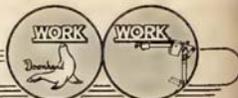
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industry countdown

STRUCTURES

Decision on air launched ballistic missile contractor is now expected on or before June 1. Why the rush and high priority? Oliver M. Gale, special assistant to Defense Secretary McElroy, says by 1963 SAC bombers equipped with ALBMS will be America's "major instrument" of retaliation against Russia. Gale indicates all other weapons systems will be secondary to ALBM, including *Polaris*.

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Highly secret Project *Slam*—an advanced weapons system for the Air Force—is being developed by Chance Vought Aircraft. No one is saying officially what the project is about. But *Slam* is thought to mean "Space Launched Air Missile."

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France's Nord Aviation is pushing production of "tens of thousands" of *S-10* and *S-11* anti-tank missiles for NATO countries. U.S. is the main customer.

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Expanding French research organization S.E.P.R. is exploring cooperative tie-up with German companies. Recently allied with Italy's Bombrini-Parodi-Delfino, S.E.P.R. is developer of liquid and solid fueled rocket engines. Has operational a fighter plane, the Dassault Mirage III A, equipped with both jet and rocket engines.

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First two artillery battalions to man the Martin *Lacrosse* surface-to-surface guided missile will be activated by June 25 at Ft. Sill, Okla. Six more battalions are programmed.

PROPULSION

Rocketdyne is test-firing a 400,000-pound thrust liquid propelled engine, which it says is largest of type in this country. Slight modification is expected to boost thrust to more than one-half million pounds. Engine appears to be scaled-down version of one million pound engine being developed for NASA—indicating single chamber of 1,000,000-lb. class is not yet in advanced hardware stage.

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Goal of \$250,000 Aerojet-General feasibility study is one-million pound thrust solid fueled rocket motor which would quadruple present capability. Aerojet believes study will

pay off in providing know-how for building 10-15 million pound thrust engines.

ELECTRONICS

Future replacement for transistors in some uses is Naval Ordnance Laboratory's new "solion"—which carries electrical charge by ions in solution. Already applied in five elemental types for different circuit arrangements, unit is reported to be long-lived, stable, light-weight and simple. It requires 1/100 to 1/1000 the power needed for a transistor.

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Promising results are reported by the National Bureau of Standards in laboratory investigation of two new test devices. They are: a modified plasma jet, operating at up to 8000° C, to provide excitation for spectrographic analysis of complex alloys (tests on stainless steel samples were accurate to within 2% coefficient of variation) and a stroboscopic vibration analyzer. This instrument determines aircraft and missile structural vibration characteristics for submicroscopic movement. Device uses transducer or vibration pickoffs for oscilloscopic display of amplitude and phase relations of complex structures.

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For master planning, overall design and development of improved AIRCOM (Air Force Communications Complex) ITT is setting up a new unit—ITT Communications Systems Inc. at Paramus, N.J.

ASTROPHYSICS

Data for AF space programs is being gathered in series of flights to 115,000 ft. by 5¼ million cu. ft. helium balloons launched at Vernalis, Calif., by Cambridge Research Center's Research and Development Command. Instrumentation package is parachuted back to earth while balloon rises until it is shattered by expansion and cold in upper atmosphere.

SPACE MEDICINE

To determine space radiation effects upon a human, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory has devised a mannequin called REMAB (Radiation-equivalent Man, Absorption). Transparent and containing skeleton, lungs and solution comparable to human tissue, REMAB is fitted with dosimeters to measure radiation exposure.



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With government reconsidering fast tax write-offs, will—

1959 Be 'Boost' or 'Bust' Year for Space Research?

by William E. Howard

WASHINGTON—Importance to national security of winning the technological race into space is forcing the government to reconsider its pre-Sputnik decision to end fast tax write-offs for industry this year.

Administration officials are moving to extend rapid amortization provisions for another four years and to relax the regulations to include contractors for NASA and possibly the Federal Aviation Agency, M/R has learned.

Behind the move is a dawning realization that industry's lack of ready cash to plough back into basic research may be slowing down and injuring the nation's missile/space effort.

Industry leaders say most companies are "not sufficiently healthy moneywise" today. As a result, plans for needed facilities and research are going begging on the shelf. They blame much of their predicament on:

- A sharp curtailment in tax write-offs rammed through Congress in August, 1957, by Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.). This law expires Dec. 31.

- Renegotiation Board grabbing of legitimate "extra" profits on incentive-type contracts.

"Time is money," one Air Force contractor said, "The brains to solve R&D problems are available. It's a question of using them. The more we spend, the quicker we'll get the answers."

- Cut to trickle—If industry were allowed by the contract Renegotiation Board to retain even 3% or 5% for research it would make a "tremendous difference," many spokesmen say. The Pentagon is sponsoring a change in the Renegotiation Act for precisely this purpose. More important to industry, however, is the ability to conserve

larger amounts of capital for research through rapid amortization of expensive plants and equipment.

Since the Byrd law went into effect, only a trickle of fast tax write-off certificates have been issued by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization. The total since June, 1958—about \$100 million. Of this amount, approximately \$80 million has been certified for missile/space R&D (see accompanying table).

And of the \$80 million, companies are being permitted to write off an average of 65% over five years, instead of the customary 20 to 40 years. So the actual amount made available through this device over the past 10 months amounts in current yearly deferment to about \$10 million—for the entire industry. Previous deferments run to approximately \$35 million a year. These will be used up by 1962.

- NASA pushing—Although OCDM originated the legislation now being circulated through executive agencies, it is understood NASA is the prime mover.

Details of the proposed measure have not been divulged. But officials indicate that it would be a wide departure from the Byrd law, embracing all contracts involved with air-space aspects of national defense. This could mean a considerable liberalization of present regulations which restrict OCDM certificates to new research and development for the DOD and AEC.

- Government paradox—A possibility exists that this measure may never be introduced in Congress, if it meets with overriding objections from Internal Revenue and the Budget Bureau. Both these agencies view fast write-offs as a "loss" in revenue.

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OCDM RAPID AMORTIZATION CERTIFICATES

June, 1958-April, 1959

COMPANY	PURPOSE	NO. CERTIFICATES	TOTAL AMOUNT CERTIFIED	% ALLOWED
AEROJET-GENERAL	Rocket propulsion	4	\$2,012,000	60
AVCO MFG.	Ballistic missiles	1	438,000	60
BOEING AIRPLANE	Space vehicles & missiles R&D	4	3,221,000	60-65
CALLERY CHEMICAL	High-energy fuels	1	3,832,000	65
COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM	Communications	1	1,102,000	25
CONVAIR	Missiles	5	1,810,000	60-65
FAIRCHILD	Missile engines	1	750,000	60
GENERAL ELECTRIC	Missiles guidance	3	20,509,000	50-65
HERCULES POWDER	Solid fuels	1	4,408,000	65
HUGHES AIRCRAFT	Electronic systems	3	1,738,000	65
LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT	Missile fabrication	11	3,139,000	60-65
MARQUARDT AIRCRAFT	Missile engines	1	375,000	75
MARTIN CO.	Missile R&D	10	3,322,000	60-65
OLIN MATHIESON	Propulsion systems	2	908,000	50-60
MOTOROLA	Electronics	3	773,000	65
POTTER AERONAUTICAL	Missile components	1	3,313,000	65
PRATT & WHITNEY	Rocket engines	1	8,200,000	70
REPUBLIC AVIATION	Missiles	1	5,570,000	65
ALBERT RIDINGER	Rocket chambers	1	1,188,000	65
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS	Electronic	2	5,230,000	40
THIokol CHEMICAL	Engine, fuel R&D	2	774,000	65-80
UNION CARBIDE	Missile parts	1	3,472,000	50
WESTERN ELECTRIC	Electronic systems	7	2,043,000	50-65

What will be needed in GSE— When Man Enters the Missile

by Hal Gettings

WASHINGTON—Putting men into space vehicles will change the entire concept of ground support equipment, demanding much bigger handling and support vehicles, a far higher degree of safety and reliability, additional tracking facilities and landing and recovery systems—all at considerable cost.

This is the opinion of Ben F. Werner, ground systems branch manager of Boeing Airplane Co., who contends that the ground system has not received early and proper emphasis because its importance has been dwarfed by the vehicle itself.

Werner believes there is urgent need now for a balanced effort in all elements of the space program—especially in ground support—to meet the new and fascinating problems in design, management and operation raised by the requirements of a manned operational system.

The accompanying graph prepared by Werner shows, in terms of engineering manpower, the magnitude of the ground support effort for a typical manned space system. Costs of the total system and of the ground sup-

port elements can be expected to show a similar relationship.



WERNER

Werner points out that some existing support equipment and procedures can and should be used in future manned systems. However, some requirements will demand entirely new approaches. They include:

1. The use of man as an integrated part of the system;
2. Consideration of his safety and well-being;
3. Increase of boost energy imposed by the added weight, and
4. The fact that the vehicle will return to earth.

Each ground support job must be thought of as one with many other interrelated functions of an operational system. Attention must be given to research and development in new areas and to extending the state of the art in others.

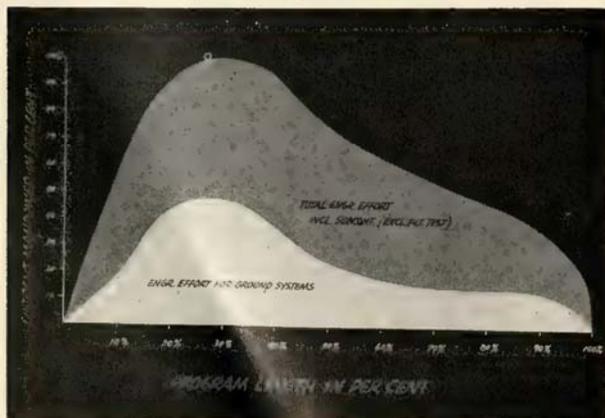
• **Propulsion**—A larger propulsion system means larger handling and

transportation vehicles, dollies, and cranes. Hoists will be required for vertical lifts in excess of 100,000 pounds. Likewise, transport equipment will be required to carry these loads, some of which may be as long as 200 feet, and designed for critical shock and bending stresses. A larger propulsion system means a bigger gantry, possibly up to 300 feet high, with up to 1500 tons of steel required.

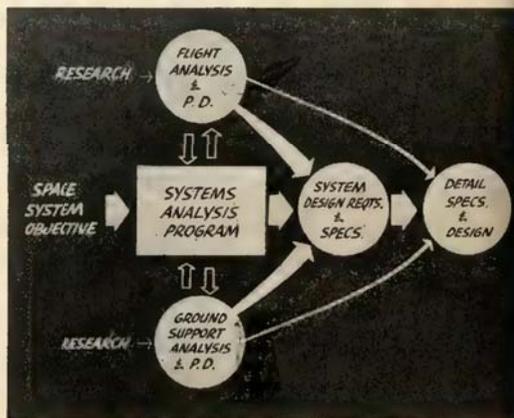
One new design proposed by Werner involves a multilaunch operational system wherein the vehicle and its propulsion system are assembled horizontally on a strongback in an assembly and test shop and then rolled to the launch area for erection by 3500-psi hydraulic actuators. For such a system the explosive propellants conceivably may be manufactured at the base rather than transferred cross-country.

Propulsion systems based on exotic fuels such as liquid hydrogen and fluorine and, ultimately, nuclear fuels will present new ground support problems. Recoverable boost stages may be used for certain operational systems, and recovery and recycle maintenance of recoverable boosters will introduce a whole new order of ground support

Bigger percentage of engineering effort on GSE . . .



GSE on par with flight development . . .



jobs and procedures.

• **Safety**—A higher degree of safety will be necessary at the launch site. Heretofore the launch area was cleared and control personnel safely hidden in a blockhouse well away from the site. But in the manned system a man will be sitting right on top of the powderkeg. Fueling procedures and last-minute servicing techniques must be developed to insure the greatest possible safety during this critical phase.

The question then arises as to when in the countdown the man should be put in the vehicle. Is a system provided for quick exit if something goes wrong during final countdown? What part will the man play as part of the control loop in the countdown sequence?

The reaction time of a manned system will inherently tend to be somewhat longer than that of the unmanned system. Means must be devised to shorten this period. Methods and mechanisms to put the man aboard are in their infancy, but Werner believes that rapid means to get the pilot to his station may be accomplished by employing elevators, tramways, or hydraulic lifts. There is no question that countdown time is at a premium with a man aboard. It's possible that certain countdown checks and functions may be delegated to the man—a possible simplification of the unmanned system.

• **Increased reliability**—The requirement of increased reliability is a tough one. Previously, costs and simplicity could be weighed against certain abort and failure rates; now reliability must

be considered from the standpoint of man's safety at the launch site. The use of qualified proven equipment must be emphasized—both for the vehicle itself and for the ground support elements. Even though the man himself may increase the overall mission reliability, the test and prelaunch checkout job does not obviate the need for test equipment reliability, Werner said.

• **Escape system**—Providing an escape system imposes further requirements on the ground checkout function. If an escape system is to be effective, it must be capable of being exercised at any instant. During the flight phases the pilot has time to evaluate the need for using the system; but during launch and initial boost he may be incapable of recognizing the existence of trouble in time for effective action.

This places an additional task on the ground system. Closed-circuit optical surveillance of the launch site and other optical and electronic instrumentation, tracking equipment, and computers must be provided to allow instantaneous and continuous evaluation of boost system performance and provide for rapid use of the escape system. An unobstructed area must be provided close to the launch site for pilot abort landing and safe recovery.

• **Designed-in maintenance**—When man leaves the atmosphere he must carry along his own environment for survival—air to breathe, pressure and temperature control, nourishment, and protection from radiation. Some of these systems will demand servicing

and thorough checkout immediately prior to launch, requiring either a unique servicing system or equipment and personnel on platforms high above the ground, Werner said.

As an example, a five-hour orbiting mission for one man would probably require 200 pounds of liquid nitrogen-oxygen for breathing atmosphere, 90 pounds of nitrogen for equipment conditioning, 400 pounds of hydrazine for turbine system accessory power, and 400 pounds of chilled water as a heat sink for evaporative cooling of the man and his equipment compartment.

These servings would be topped off immediately prior to launch and have automatic disconnects. In addition, cool-air servicing for the man's compartment during preflight checkout would be necessary to reduce the demand on the on-board expendables. Another interesting requirement would be meticulous cleaning in the compartment to prevent any distraction to the pilot caused by floating dust and small particles during weightless flight.

• **Communications**—Adding man to the space system increases communication system requirements. Both new and existing facilities must be integrated into a global communications network. Additional radar tracking stations must be considered, since the need for locating and recovering the vehicle, particularly during an emergency re-entry, would require a capability in excess of that in existence or planned for. Ground tracking facilities also may be needed to provide significant flight parameter information to

Costly and elaborate launch complexes . . .



Expensive training aids . . .



the vehicle in case of primary navigation system failure.

With a man in the system, two-way voice communication would certainly be desirable. Such facilities would permit transmission of information to and from the vehicle and provide both a psychological benefit to the pilot and an effective way of evaluating his condition and ability to complete the mission.

• **Recovery**—The man in space must be gotten back intact, healthy, and willing to go out again on other missions. This means that an effective landing or recovery system must be provided. Here the ground support requirements are new and different from those of an unmanned system, Werner said. Landing sites must be prepared and equipped for scheduled recoveries and an effective and reliable system for cases of emergency deorbit prior to scheduled re-entry provided.

When touchdown is completed, radiation cleaning and vehicle cooling may be required before the pilot is removed. Handling and transportation of the vehicle back to the home launch base would be the next job.

• **Personnel training**—Obviously, the system must be manned with trained, competent personnel. The pilot and other crew members and the ground support personnel must be trained individually and as an integrated team. The training system must emphasize the need for absolute reliability throughout the system complex. Personnel failure can be just as disastrous as equipment failure.

All known training techniques and training devices must be used. The use of simulators is particularly important, since actual training flights are much too costly for extensive use. The training program must be designed not only for the development of proficiency but for the selection of suitable individuals for each of the demanding skills. Finally, complete flight crew confidence must be instilled and maintained in both the mechanical and human elements of the system.

• **Costs**—Space systems, especially manned systems, are going to be expensive. The word economical is difficult to use when speaking of such systems, but extensive efforts must be made to minimize the cost. The role of the ground system must not, of course, be emphasized out of proportion to its importance, but since it does represent a significant percentage of total cost, a major contribution can be made in this area.

Discoverer, Yes; Vanguard, No!

Polar satellite capsule is believed to have reentered; magnetometer try invalidated by second stage trouble

by James Baar

WASHINGTON—The United States for the first time attempted a one-two assault on space on the same day with a double satellite launching.

The result: Success over the Pacific. Failure in the Atlantic.

The Air Force at 4:18 P.M. EST on April 13 launched a modified two-stage Douglas Thor from Vandenberg AFB. It successfully placed a 1600-pound *Discoverer II* satellite into a polar orbit ranging from 156 to 243 statute miles.

NASA at 9:49 P.M. EST the same day launched a regular three-stage Martin *Vanguard* from Cape Canaveral carrying two satellites. The second stage failed to ignite and the rocket fell into the sea.

Scientists said they plan another *Vanguard* launching carrying two similar satellites—a 22.6-pound lollipop-shaped cylinder and a 30-inch inflatable plastic-aluminum balloon—in the near future.

• **Mixed Success**—Two prime goals of the *Discoverer II* launching were:

—Testing of equipment designed to guide and stabilize a satellite in orbit for the first time, paving the way for development of an observation satellite.

—Re-entry and recovery of a 195-pound capsule ejected from the *Discoverer* on command. The capsule is designed to carry animals into space in future launchings.

ARPA, overall director of the *Discoverer* test series, and the Air Force said the first goal was achieved along with successful testing of launching, propulsion and communications techniques.

However, failure of a timing device made it impossible to eject the capsule as planned near the Hawaiian Islands where Air Force planes were waiting to attempt to catch the capsule with nets.

Still ARPA had an ace in the hole—an automatic "fail safe" device to eject the capsule on the satellite's 17th pass around the earth. Official spokesmen said telemetered data indicated the ejection took place over the Arctic ice cap and the capsule's retro-rockets and parachute were working.

• **New equipment**—The entire 19.2-foot satellite—actually the Thor's Lockheed-built second stage—contained the new stabilization equipment designed by Bendix Aviation Corp.

Previously, satellites have tumbled as they orbited the earth. The stabilization equipment was designed to hold this one steady in flight.

The satellite also contained a new infrared horizon scanner designed by Advanced Technology Laboratories and an inertial guidance system produced by Reeves Instrument Corp. to overcome previous guidance problems of orbiting vehicles.

A Lockheed telemetry system capable of making more than 100 measurements radioed performance data to tracking station at Vandenberg, Hawaii and Alaska.

A total of 165,000 pounds of thrust put *Discoverer II* into orbit. The liquid-propelled Rocketdyne engine of the Thor provided 150,000 pounds. The liquid-propelled Bell engine of the Lockheed second stage provided the remaining 15,000.

The Thor weighed over 100,000 pounds. The second stage weighed 8400 pounds before launching.

The two-stage vehicle placed *Discoverer II* in a nearly circular orbit with an orbital period of 90.84 minutes. Its estimated lifetime was about one month.

Launching of the big satellite was the first major success in the *Discoverer* series. The first *Discoverer* launched Feb. 28 from Vandenberg was believed to have gone into orbit, but because of a transmitter failure the Air Force was unable to track it.

The *Vanguard* failure was the seventh out of nine *Vanguard* launchings attempted so far.

The lollipop satellite contained a highly sensitive magnetometer designed to provide much-sought data about the earth's magnetic field.

The magnetometer—the most sophisticated used to date—makes its measurements on the basis of the free precession of protons around an electric current. It was developed by Varian Associates.

The .44-pound balloon would have been inflated with nitrogen after being ejected from the payload. It would have measured the density of space.

missiles and rockets, April 20, 1959



CRADLE FOR *Atlas* missile begins to take shape as I beams and cross braces are welded together.

OVERALL production line at Goodyear's Arizona plant. Long framework in center is 74-foot transport trailer nearing completion.



TECHNICIANS give final check to missile transport trailer and booster and nacelle carriage before taking out for road tests.

THIS huge clamp on forward end of *Atlas* missile-carrying trailer fits near nose section and holds missile in position while in transport to launching sites.



Goodyear's Approach for *Atlas* GSE

PHOENIX — Goodyear Aircraft's Arizona Division is now producing a new line of mechanical ground support and launching equipment for *Atlas*. Some \$4 million in add-on orders recently were received from Convair, bringing production to a new high.

Equipment being produced at Litchfield Park includes a missile handling trailer, an allied booster handling trailer which transports the missile's booster separately and can position itself back-to-back with the missile trailer for installation purposes, engine gimbaling support stands, erection boom, its support and associate drive mechanism, and alignment rails and gages.

Goodyear points out that the new GSE permits rapid erection of the *Atlas* to launch position and quick replacement by another missile soon after firing. The familiar 13-story gantry tower, an integral part of previous *Atlas* launching complexes, is eliminated.

Goodyear has been associated with the *Atlas* program since 1955 when the first of a number of giant over-the-road transport trailer-erectors was built here. The transport has been used to carry the 80-ton ICBM to various test centers, including Cape Canaveral. The Arizona plant also produces ground support equipment for Martin's *Mace*. Other work on *Mace* is being done at the Akron plant.

A multi-million expansion program for constructing acoustic chambers for testing electronic equipment is underway at the Arizona division. The new facilities will enable Goodyear to conduct studies on a wide variety of problems created by sound waves of space age vehicles. Sound pressure levels of 150 db in a frequency range of 37.5 to 10,000 cps will be produced in the test chambers.

NASA May Have to Ask for More Funds

Eight satellite launchings, 2 space probes and 45-50 sounding rockets may require additional funds above requested \$485 million

WASHINGTON—NASA could spend more money fruitfully in fiscal 1960 and the civilian space agency may have to ask Congress later for more than its presently requested \$485 million FY budget.

These are impressions gained from reviewing the testimony by NASA's technical experts before a subcommittee of the Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee.

The agency outlined a program which includes the launching of eight satellites, two space probes, and from 45 to 50 sounding rockets during 1959; and six satellites, four space probes, and from 90 to 100 sounding rockets in 1960.

NASA's budget requests are based on the premise that certain vehicles, propellants, and scientific instruments will not be ready for use in FY 1960, and that R&D on future space systems will only need to be funded at a budget-predicted rate.

But extra funding will be needed to take advantage of the time saved if technological breakthroughs occur in any of these fields.

Vehicles which NASA expects to be the work-horses in space research during the next few years but which are not expected to be ready for use in FY 1960 are *Scout*, *Vega*, and *Centaur*.

Scout, a four-stage solid-propellant satellite launcher and sounding rocket, can orbit 150 pounds at 300 miles and

send 1000 pounds in a vertical probe to 12,000 miles. Its test firing date is late this summer. Production is expected in June, 1960. It is funded in the FY 1960 budget for only \$2 million, and yet its cost per vehicle is \$500,000.

Vega, is a modified *Atlas* with a General Electric *Vanguard* engine which has start and restart capability as its second stage, and a 6000-lb.-thrust storable solid 6K engine by JPL as its third stage. It is scheduled to put a 5800-pound meteorological satellite in a 300-mile orbit, a 740-pound communications satellite in a 22,400-mile orbit, and to send large payloads of 1000 pounds or more to the moon and nearby planets. First firings are due late in 1960 and its production date is expected to be sometime in 1961. It is funded in the FY 1960 budget for \$42.8 million.

Centaur, a modified *Atlas*, with a high-energy liquid oxygen and hydrogen engine (Pratt & Whitney) as its second stage and the JPL 6K on top, has a greater lift capability than *Vega* and will be ready at approximately the same time. It is funded for \$41 million in NASA's FY 1960 budget.

In the FY 1959 budget NASA was able to transfer funds from one project to another as technology advanced. But many NASA scientists believe R&D projects in the FY 1960 budget will not be as flexible as they were in FY 1959.

Technological advancements in nuclear engine research since NASA prepared the budget could make this program demand more funds. In the FY 1960 budget, Project *Rover* is funded for \$2 million and nuclear engine R&D is funded for \$8 million.

Another project which could upset the budget, if it progressed faster than expected, is the one million pound single chamber engine (*Nova*) which is funded in FY 1960 for \$30.2 million.

Most of the FY 1960 experiments will use existing hardware, and instrumentation which is ready now or in the near future. The difference between sending six probes, or 16 probes into the solar system of the type NASA contemplates, is largely a matter of money.

The House last week approved an Administration plan for increased spending on the *Mercury* program.

It passed and sent to the Senate by voice vote without audible dissent an Administration bill authorizing an appropriation of \$48,435,000 in supplemental funds for NASA for the current fiscal year. The actual cash would be provided in a later appropriation bill.

The requested supplemental funds include \$20,750,000 for research and development, all of it earmarked for the manned space flight program—Project *Mercury*.

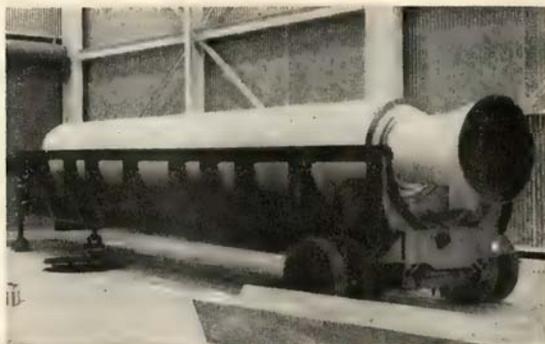
The measure also authorizes \$24-,250,000 for construction and equipment and \$3,354,000 to cover cost to the agency of federal pay raises enacted by Congress last year.

Orlando Expansion

LAS VEGAS—Two items were upmost among industry at the World Congress of Flight:

(1) Northrop is hoping to get AF support for its concept of a space trainer, possibly using a modified T-38 trainer and;

(2) Companies interested in commercial space flight applications may have to finance a new facility like Palmdale, probably in Orlando area with flights at the Cape.



AEROJET-GENERAL will supply the solid fuel second stage for NASA's "all-purpose" *Scout* vehicle.

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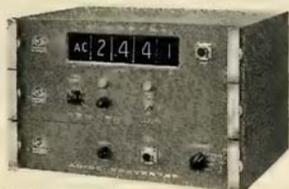
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WASHINGTON—It is difficult to overestimate the scientific importance of high-altitude atomic tests as a tool for probing the environment of the earth. The principal announced result of the *Argus* tests—the finding that the shell of trapped electrons remains fixed in position in space—already tells us a great deal about the origin of the earth's natural radiation belts.

In addition to satellite measurements of the *Argus* electrons trapped in the magnetic field, there are a variety of unconventional scientific measurements which would reveal much about the properties of the outer atmosphere of the earth, its state of ionization, behavior of the magnetic field out to a distance of several earth radii, and the propagation of hydromagnetic waves in this medium.

The various scientific methods for detecting the effects of space bursts have rather obvious political significance as well. The immediate question raised by the *Argus* tests is whether it

is possible for a nation to conduct atomic explosions in space in secret. Or can all tests conducted in the upper atmosphere be detected by suitable observing stations either on the ground or in balloons, or with satellites?

It must be remembered that atomic tests at high altitudes produce no seismic effect, negligible (if any) fallout, and of course no blast effects.

Nature and Origin of Earth's Radiation Belts

Through a fortunate circumstance the *Argus* tests released electrons which attached themselves to a line of force going out to about one earth radius. It so happens that at this distance (4000 miles) we have the minimum between the inner and outer radiation belts of the earth. The *Argus* observations can now be used to shed important light on the origin of the natural radiation belts of the earth.

The outer belt, it is now generally agreed, has its origin from the sun. A theory for the trapping of solar corpuscular radiation was developed by the writer in 1956 and can now be used to calculate the expected radiation

intensity distribution with altitude and latitude.

• **Nature of outer belt**—Here the theory comes to the following conclusion: A most reasonable explanation of the observed distribution with altitude is that the particles are low-energy protons and electrons (below one million electron-volts). The particles cannot be energetic protons (which could penetrate the rocket's skin), and they cannot be very energetic electrons either. It is most likely that rather soft electrons produce X-rays that finally set off the counter.

The falloff of the radiation intensity with altitude in Fig. 1 is predicted by the theory; it gives us the maximum number of particles that the earth's magnetic field can trap. The distribution along the line of force has been calculated from the distribution of the pitch angles of the trapped particles. It can be seen rather easily that the number of particles with small pitch angles (able to penetrate far along the line of force) is rather small. Most of the particles trapped have pitch angles near 90° and therefore move nearly at right angles to the line of force and are incident from that direction.

• **Inner belt**—When trapped radiation was found in the *Explorer* satellites in May, 1958, it seemed to the writer that the trapped solar radiation could not get down this close to the earth at the equator. In looking for other sources of trapped radiation, we found a possible source in high-energy neutrons produced in the earth's atmosphere by incident cosmic rays. Those neutrons which are emitted in an upward direction move outward along straight lines. Only after they decay into a proton and electron can the magnetic field become effective.

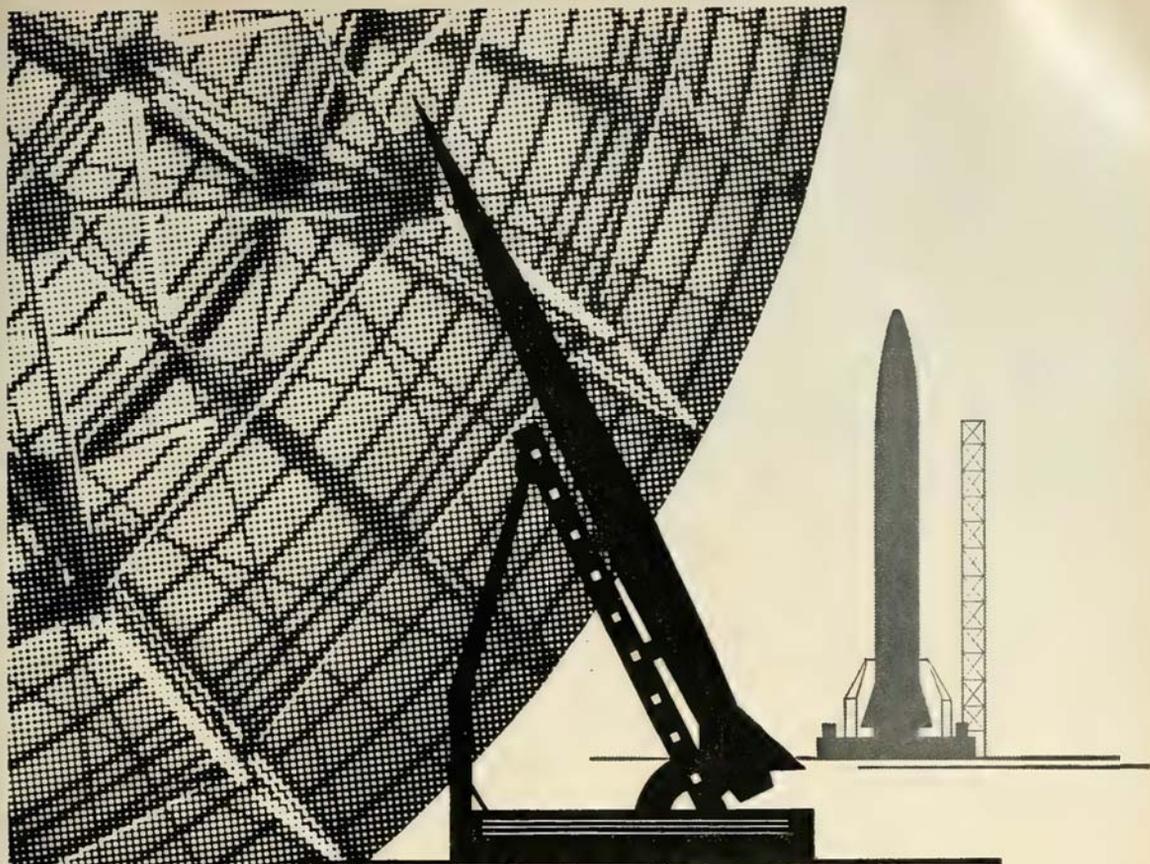
As shown in Fig. 1, the neutron theory leads to a radiation belt close to the earth's equator with a maximum at low altitudes. The trapped radiation

Soviet Claims Discounted

It is interesting to examine the claims of certain Russian astrophysicists that the inner radiation belt is the result of explosions of U.S. hydrogen bombs in Nevada. This statement can be attacked on a number of grounds. In the first place, any radiation released from H-bomb explosions, even if it could get into the trapping regions, would have a very short lifetime—of the order of days—whereas the measurements show that the inner belt is rather constant with time.

Furthermore, if the inner belt indeed consists of hard (energetic) protons, then there would be no way to account for it by H-bomb explosions.

There has been speculation in the press that the Russians really referred to the *Argus* tests, which had not been announced at that time; but this cannot be believed. In the first place, they spoke very clearly of the inner belt; secondly, had they measured *Argus* electrons in the *Sputnik* they would have noticed their very short lifetime and could have drawn the proper conclusions; we can therefore be reasonably sure that they did not in fact make such observations. It appears more likely that their statements were politically inspired, particularly since they were coupled with the assertion that such atomic tests creating radiation belts also affect the earth's weather. That statement cannot be supported by facts.



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itself should consist of very penetrating protons of the order of 100 million electron volts. Experimental data by the University of Iowa group seem now to support the prediction of the theory and indicate that in fact a substantial portion of the inner belt radiation consists of penetrating protons.

The point of view concerning two independent sources of trapped radiation is not universally accepted. One school of thought holds that trapped solar radiation may diffuse downward towards the earth's equator and set up the maximum at low altitudes.

But, as has been pointed out by Christofilos, the constancy and fixed position of the *Argus* electron shell shows that such diffusion through the earth's magnetic field probably does not occur. It therefore gives great support to the point of view that the two belts of the earth are indeed of separate origin: the outer belt from an outer origin—i.e., from the sun; and the inner belt from an inner origin—i.e., effects of cosmic rays on the

earth's atmosphere.

• **Countermeasures**—The outer (solar or soft) belt probably presents no great problem. But if the cosmic ray neutron theory is indeed confirmed by further measurements, then the inner hard belt presents a hazard to space flight—a manned vehicle operating in this region for long periods of time would have to carry a large amount of shielding. Without it, doses of a few roentgens per hour would be experienced.

Also, if the neutron theory is correct it predicts long lifetimes for the trapped particles of the inner belt and a small rate of supply. Once the particles are removed, for example by absorbing them in some way, it will take several months or years before they are replenished. If we operate large satellites in the region of the hard belt, they will intercept a large number of trapped particles and absorb them, thereby sweeping out the inner belt region and making it safe for manned operations.

In view of the support from the

Argus tests, the sweep proposal for the inner belt is greatly strengthened.

One method of removing particles from the inner belt suggests itself—to use carefully controlled atomic explosions in space. By releasing rather non-penetrating fission particles which can disturb the magnetic field, the magnetic field disturbances in turn can release trapped radiation belt particles and dump them into the atmosphere. Calculations by the writer show that this scheme represents a distinct possibility for reducing the cosmic ray belt's intensity.

Unconventional Scientific Measurements

Radiation trapped in the earth's magnetic field can be measured directly by satellites or space probes. In addition, a variety of detection methods can be used from the ground or from balloons to investigate related effects produced by atomic explosions in space.

One of the most interesting phenomena to observe would be the occur-

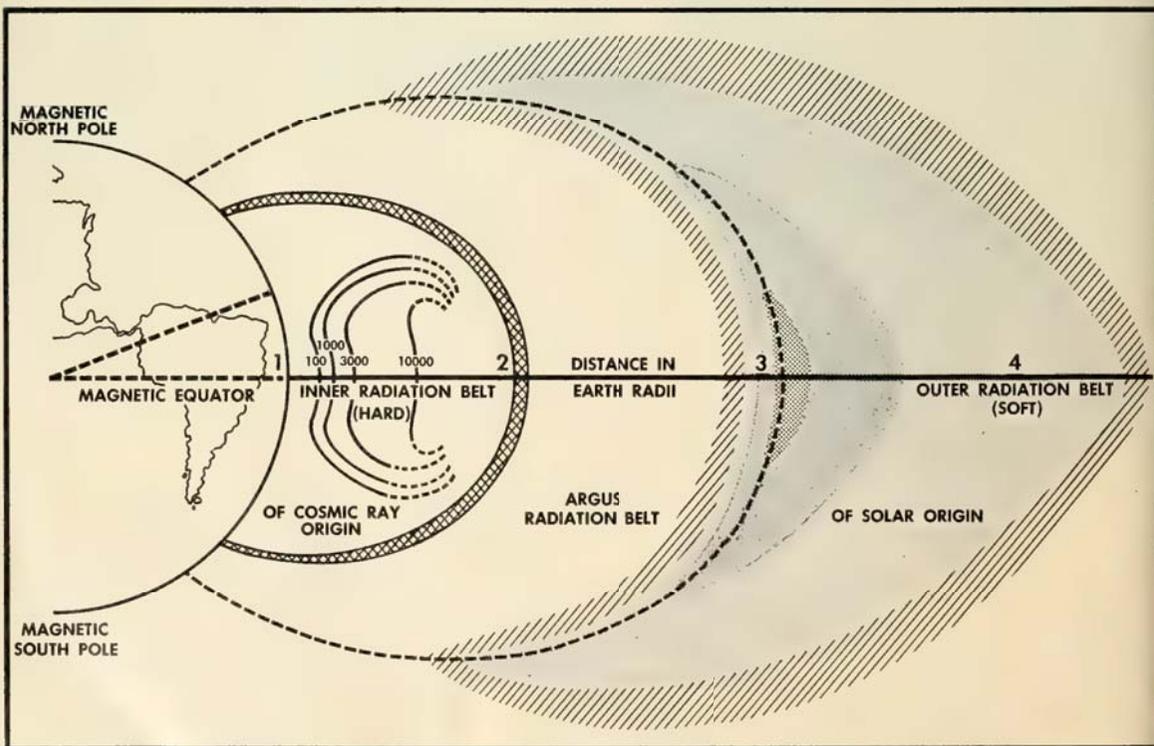


FIG. 1—Radiation belt intensities calculated from theory. For the inner belt, consisting mainly of hard (penetrating) protons, actual counting rates can be calculated. For the outer belt, made up largely of soft (easily shielded) electrons and protons, relative intensity distribution is calculated; the actual intensities will change, as will the position of the belt, depending on the amounts of fast plasma shot out from the sun. Location of *Argus* radiation is shown along the line of force reaching out to two earth radii (8000 miles from center of earth, or 4000 miles above sea level).

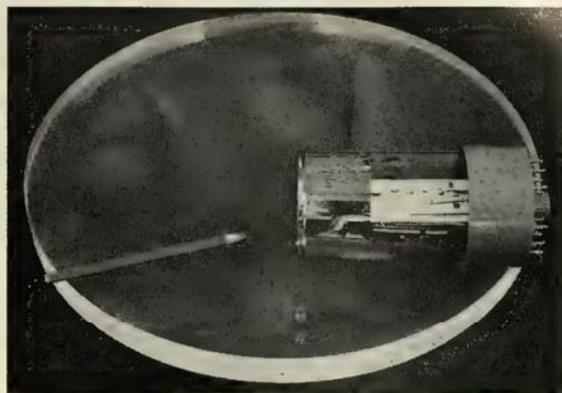
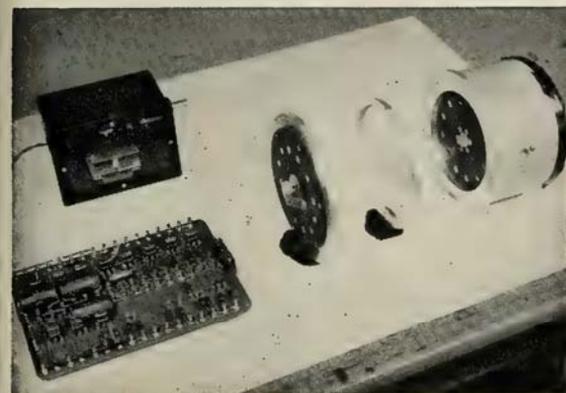


FIG. 2—(at left) Exploded view of ultrasensitive microbarometer which could be used to measure pressure pulses from atomic bursts in space. Black box contains Decker Corp.'s T-42 transducer (Courtesy Prof. W. Kasner).

FIG. 3—(at right) Large disk-shaped plastic scintillator for observing effects of incident fission electrons in the lower atmosphere. Light from the scintillation is guided by a cone (not shown) into a sensitive DuMont photomultiplier which puts out an electrical voltage pulse (Courtesy Prof. W. R. Webber).

rence of magnetohydrodynamic pulses produced in the earth's outer atmosphere by atomic explosions, principally by their fission fragments. We have calculated the effects to be expected and find that the waves would propagate with speeds of the order of several hundred miles per second; they would follow very closely along the magnetic lines of force and would be mostly reflected when they are incident on the earth's ionosphere at several hundred miles altitude. However, their effects could be detected at sea level, at balloon altitudes, in the ionosphere, and higher.

Above the ionosphere one direct way of looking for magnetohydrodynamic waves is with a rocket or satellite-borne magnetometer. One expects to find waves which are produced naturally in the auroral zone by trapped solar corpuscular radiation. They have a characteristic spectrum whose form can be calculated from geophysical data.

These waves should also produce magnetic effects at sea level, and in fact magnetic effects are observed in auroral latitudes, the so-called geomagnetic micropulsations. We believe that they are produced by magnetohydrodynamic waves above the atmosphere and would expect that atomic explosions will similarly produce such micropulsations at sea level. We have calculated the characteristic magnetic "signature" of an atomic explosion and find that it should lead to a decrease in magnetic field which is rather sharp, followed by a recovery and a slight increase. The effects observed below the ionosphere are of course smaller than

those above the ionosphere.

• **Balloon detection**—An important tool for observations is the balloon platform. It is still the only means for making high-altitude studies over a long time at a relatively fixed geographic position.

Extremely interesting measurements can be made at a location where such a magnetohydrodynamic wave is incident. As the energy of the wave couples from the ionosphere to the lower neutral atmosphere a small fraction of the energy goes into acoustic form. A highly sensitive microbarometer has been designed (see Fig. 2) which may be able to pick up and "listen" to atomic explosions in space. Its high sensitivity is due to its unique design as well as to the use of a newly-developed ionization transducer.

From balloons one can also observe the incidence of trapped electrons into the upper atmosphere. A fraction of one percent of these electrons will produce gamma rays before they come to rest. These rays have a considerably greater range than the original electrons and will therefore propagate down to altitudes as low as 70,000 feet. The most sensitive instrument for detecting their presence is a so-called scintillation crystal coupled with a sensitive photomultiplier. An example of such instrumentation designed for balloon operations is shown in Fig. 3. Its large collecting area gives high sensitivity for incoming gamma rays.

• **Artificial aurora**—Most of the particles from the explosion, when incident on the upper atmosphere, will produce excitations of atoms and therefore an artificial aurora. It could be

observed from the ground or from airplanes if it occurred at night, but to observe an aurora during the daytime requires special optical equipment carried in balloons. A spectrograph designed for automatically recording daytime aurora is shown in Fig. 4. It uses a concave grating "blazed" in the red where much of the energy of the auroral emissions is concentrated, and incorporates various features to reduce the effect of the daytime sky brightness.

• **Artificial radio "whistlers"**—A further consequence of an atomic explosion in space is the creation of a large number of ionized particles. As positive and negative particles become separated, at least for a short time, the sudden creation of a charge distribution should produce a radio signal. The very low-frequency radio waves propagate with low speeds very nearly along the line of force. But, as has been observed for natural "whistlers" produced by lightning discharges, the higher frequencies move with slightly higher speeds. As a result they arrive first, and what is observed on the ground is an audio tone which starts with high pitch and drops to low pitch in a second or so; hence the name "whistler." The necessary receiving equipment may consist only of a long wire antenna feeding into an audio amplifier.

• **Artificial radiation belt**—The various scientific measurements discussed above are of course important for telling us more about the interaction of charged particle radiations with the earth's magnetic field and the earth's outer atmosphere. In turn this

leads to badly needed information about the outermost atmosphere, the so-called exosphere.

For example, by comparing the theory of the radiation belt with experiments, it should become possible to measure and determine the atmospheric density in the exosphere.

A much more convenient method for studying the exosphere or the magnetic field is by artificial injection of particles to form artificial radiation belts of the earth. The use of accelerators carried in rockets and satellites has been suggested independently by Christofilos and by the writer. Such experiments would allow us to test in detail the atmospheric density at various levels above the earth and to monitor continuously the state of affairs of the earth's magnetic field above the ionosphere to determine whether it is quiet or disturbed.

Inspection of Atomic Explosions in Space

Aside from their scientific applications, the detection methods discussed determine whether atomic bursts in space can be detected or can be carried out in secret—a very pertinent question in view of current efforts to set up an international test ban for nuclear weapons.

It is difficult to give a definitive yes-or-no answer since so much information on the effects of high-altitude atomic bursts is based on theory and not on direct measurements. But the following conclusions stand out:

An atomic burst at high altitudes, say above 1000 miles or more, should lead to trapped radiation which can easily be detected by means of satellites.

However, if the line of force along which the explosion takes place is at an auroral latitude, then the radiation released may blend in with the naturally present auroral radiation and might escape notice. For polar (magnetic) latitudes (above the auroral zone) the earth's magnetic field is no longer able to trap particles and they will escape into interplanetary space.

A different problem is posed by explosions at rather lower altitudes, of the order of 100 to perhaps 500 miles. As explained earlier, if the burst takes place over a magnetic "high" then practically none of the radiation will be trapped; it will instead be dumped into the opposite hemisphere.

Reference to our magnetic map (Fig. 1 in part 3 of this series) shows that it would be extremely difficult for the Russians to carry out an operation like *Argus* and escape detection. It is not possible to dump radiation into the Russian ionosphere without at the same time trapping a large fraction of the radiation for several days.

While effects occurring in the ionosphere above Russia might escape detection by Western observers, effects in the immediate vicinity of the explosion could be detected. Scientific methods for measuring the state of the ionosphere, in particular the propagation of radio waves, could indicate the occurrence of atomic tests. But setting up adequate inspection procedures may turn out to be a difficult technical problem because of the lack of adequate data.

Although U.S. negotiators have proposed only barring nuclear tests up to

30 miles in altitude, it is conceivable that a nuclear test ban may include tests in space as well as in the atmosphere. In that case, Project *Argus* will go down in history as a unique peaceful application by the United States of nuclear weapons designed for destruction. There is little doubt, to my mind, that *Argus* constitutes one of the truly important geophysical experiments of our time.

Hughes Develops Complete Radiation Lab Service

CLEVELAND—A package radiation test laboratory including a robot "hot" material manipulator has been developed by Hughes Aircraft Company. Announced at the 1959 Nuclear Congress and Atom Fair, the company said it will provide a complete service for radiation facilities and lab equipment to meet specific customer requirements.

The service will include a "Linac," an extremely high current linear electron accelerator. Reported to be the "most powerful of its kind," it is considered to be less expensive than a reactor and, under certain conditions, is better for performing nuclear research.

Nuclear reactor radiation simulators, cobalt radioactive sources, gamma or neutron Linacs, pulse or test reactors can also be provided. A gamma Linac now being manufactured can be used for flash testing components by bombarding them with a short, intense pulse equal to the radiation of an atomic or hydrogen bomb. The traveling-wave type of linear electron accelerator operates at 10 megavolts or more.

The manipulator, Mobot Mark I, is designed to work in dangerously radioactive rooms. It can even operate in deep water, the company said. Looking much like a fork-lift machine, the device is operated remotely from a console control center.

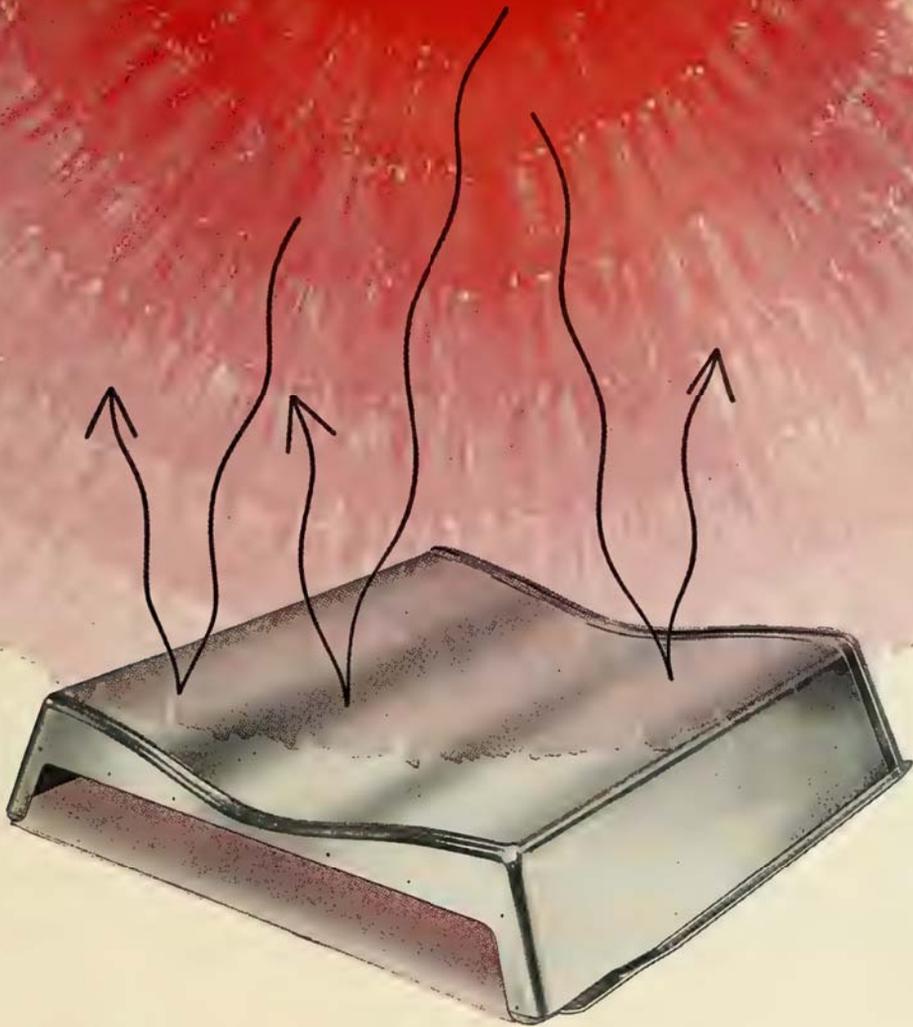
A microphone and closed-circuit TV provide "ears and eyes" for the operator. Capable of operating with tweezer-like care or with a 200-pound squeeze, Mobot can be directed electrically or by radio.

The equipment will be sold to research institutes and universities in addition to industry. The Linac accelerators and pulse reactors are being used to "flash test" parts used in the armament control systems of Air Force all-weather interceptors.

Hughes says the Linacs are far cheaper than reactors and under some conditions can serve the purpose better for facilities wishing to conduct nuclear research.

FIG. 4—Spectrograph designed to detect daytime aurora from a balloon. Half of the cover has been removed to show concave grating which is "blazed" to put most of light coming through slit (upper left) into red portion of the spectrum. Recording is done with specially sensitized film in cassette (upper right). Holder for filmstrips is shown next to spectrograph. Basic design of instrument follows that of Dr. R. Tousey, Naval Research Laboratory (Courtesy Profs. H. Griem and E. Hinnov).





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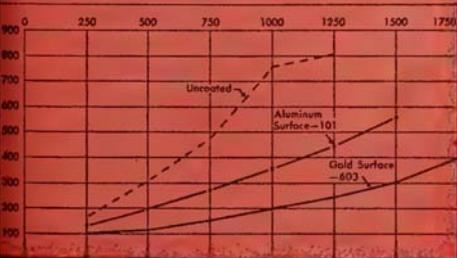


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Avion Develops New IR Search System

CODES, built around commutating infrared detector, will be modified for satellite tracking

by Charles D. LaFond

PARAMUS, N.J.—A significant development in air-to-air infrared (IR) search systems was demonstrated for the first time at the World Congress of Flight in Las Vegas. It offers 10

times the sensitivity of other IR search receivers and three times the range of any known small air-to-air missile, according to its developers, Avion Division of ACF Industries, Inc.

Key to the advance, Avion said, is the use of an "ac commutating" IR de-

detector. Avion's chief research consultant, Joseph Schwartz, developed the commutated cell technique and was responsible for building the first demonstration system.

Under a prime contract for the Air Force Cambridge Research Center, a modified version of the system is being developed by Avion for satellite detection and tracking.

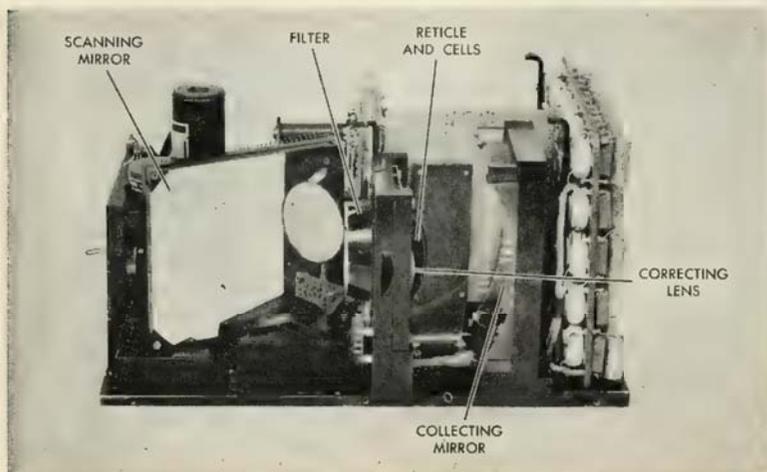
The company believes that the commutating IR detection system, called CODES, demonstrates the feasibility of a low-level storage and sampling technique for achieving high sensitivity and fast coverage. Of simplified design, the multichannel wide-field receiver employs single-channel electronics. Its developers believe CODES provides many advantages over conventional multi-element systems, and does so with a single amplifier.

The demonstration receiver, (Fig. 1), is packaged in a case measuring 8 x 13 x 7 inches overall. Including a five-transistor amplifier, the whole system weighs only 15 pounds. (Table 1 is a partial list of parameters.)

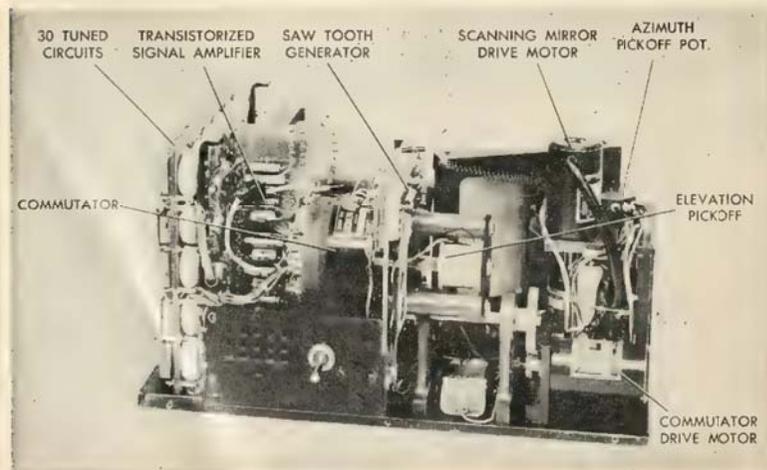
• **Past efforts**—In the design of infrared search sets, much effort has been applied to increasing detection sensitivity and reducing equipment complexity. Finding a practical solution based on today's state-of-the-art materials necessarily has narrowed the field of potential techniques.

Although it is well-known that an increase in the number of detectors will increase sensitivity, most IR search sets now in use employ single cells. To scan a given field, a complicated system of motors, mirrors, and cams is required for the single cell. But an increase in detectors normally results in an increase in amplifiers. Therefore, an increase in electronics results from a decrease in mechanical design. This rapidly becomes prohibitive.

Avion has been a pioneer in its largely self-sponsored research and development work in IR detection and tracking. Temporarily sidestepping its hoped-for design of a thermal imag-



AVION's CODES IR detection system (cover removed) reportedly has 10 times the sensitivity of other search systems.



**TABLE 1:
SOME PARAMETERS OF CODES**

SEARCH FIELD

Total search field	±45° azimuth by ±20° elevation
Instantaneous field	2.7° azimuth by 40° elevation
Frame time	1.5 sec, 2 fields per frame

CELLS (LEAD SULPHIDE)

Size	1 by 2 mm
Jones S of cells	4 x 10 ⁻¹⁰ in 1.8 to
(Sensitivity)	2.7-micron band
Time constant	200 usec
Field of view per cell	2.7° azimuth by 1.3° elevation

OPTICS

Effective input aperture	1.7-inch diameter
Optical efficiency	30%
Net free aperture	4.4 cm ²
F number	f/1.0
Resolution	1.2 milliradians
Angular spot size	90% of energy in 1 milliradian

POWER REQUIREMENTS

Motor drive	400 cps, 115 v ± 5 cps
Cell bias	120 v dc, 1.5 ma
Amplifiers and pickoffs	28 v dc, 20 ma

ringing action in the tank; the ac signal is sampled by the commutator, and then amplified for visual display.

• **Design details**—A plane mirror rocking in azimuth and coupled with a position pickoff provides the scanning action and input to a concentric optical system. Gimbals are not used.

The optical configuration (concentric catadioptric) employs spherical surfaces only. As indicated in Fig. 2, following the plane mirror filter, a correcting lens, image surface, and an aperture stop comprise the optics. The aperture stop is located in the plane of the center of curvature, causing all IR rays to be meridional. An interference type filter at the center of curvature transmits in 1.8 to 2.7-micron band. Measured spot size (monochromatic and chromatic) is approximately 1.2 milliradians. Excellent resolution is achieved uniformly over the full field.

With a simple straight-line reticle pattern having a line spacing of nearly 0.0017 in., the reticle itself is formed on a curved surface, 1.25 in. long x 0.15 in. wide. Its 60 equal and alternately opaque and transparent lines are normal to the scanning path. Signal angular chopping is provided at 8 cycles per degree.

Typical of most airborne search

applications, a 40° x 90° total field of scan is provided. A 2.7° instantaneous azimuth field permits a commutation rate of 1200 bits/sec.

Thirty uncooled lead-sulfide cells, deposited on a curved surface, comprise the linear array. To optimize sensitivity, system bandwidth is consistent with time on target (0.023 sec.). Bandpass is provided in the 30 parallel-tuned circuits driven by the cell signals. Tuned-circuit bandwidth is 40 cps.

For low-level commutations, a 60-segment mechanical commutator, similar to those used in telemetering, is provided. The 30 signal channels are connected to produce two commutation cycles per rotation. To "unload" each tuned circuit during commutation, a resistor is included in the commutator arm.

Energy stored during integration drives the amplifier. The 1200-bit/sec. commutation rate commutates 0.75 cps of the 934-cps signal.

Peak-signal detection is guaranteed after amplification by full-wave detection in the signal amplifier. A threshold level then is set to permit positive target definition. To drive the Z-axis on an oscilloscope display, sufficient voltage is supplied by the addition of an

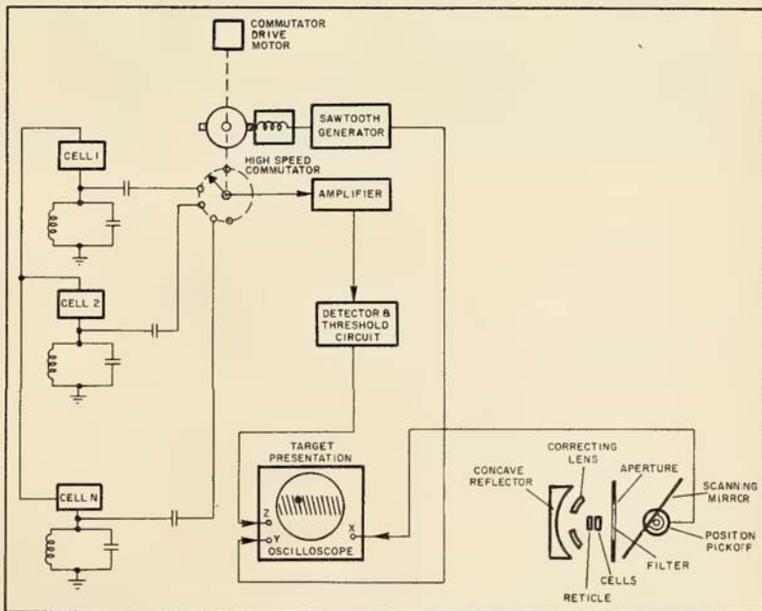
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ing vidicon, Avion reduced the available solutions to one more immediately feasible—the multiple cell-single amplifier approach.

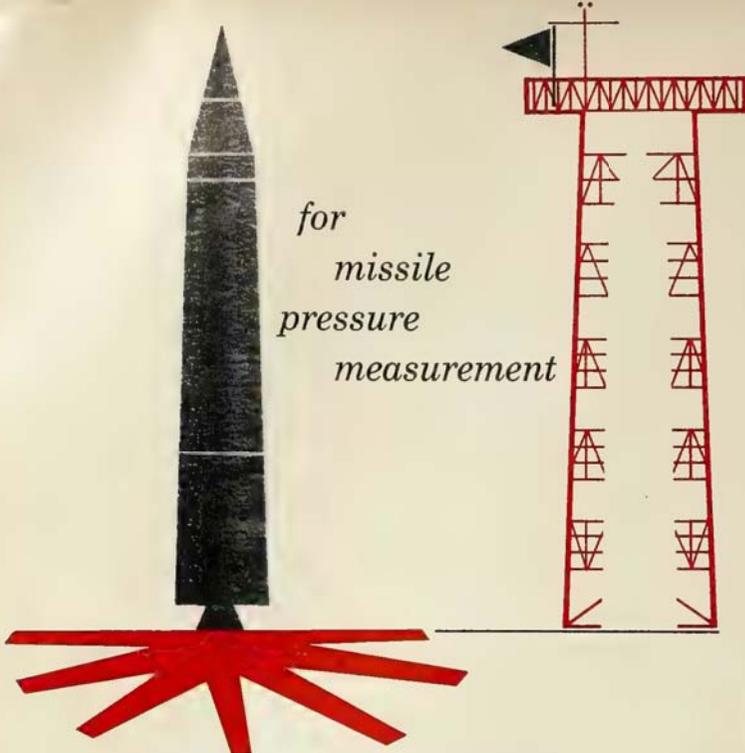
• **Design philosophy**—In designing the demonstrator equipment, Avion did not consider such factors as weight reduction, size limitation and optical efficiency. Future operational units, the company said, will reflect the optimum in design details consistent with the state of the art. But its designers believe that a typical operational version of CODES will weigh less than 10 lbs. and will be contained in a package 8 x 6 x 6 inches overall.

The demonstrator was designed to emphasize simplification and high performance. The feasibility of commutating detectors for greater capability in the general air-to-air search problem was the ultimate goal.

• **Operation**—Essentially, CODES functions in the following manner: Scanning action by an azimuthal rocking plane mirror provides IR input for a spherical optical system. A highly sensitive, multi-cell linear array provides detection, and the output of each cell is stored in a passive LC "tank" network before commutation. By means of a mechanical commutator, an amplifier sequentially samples each tank output. Thus, each cell sweeps out its portion of the field of view. The presence of a target is announced by



CODES reportedly has three times the range of other IR air-to-air missiles.

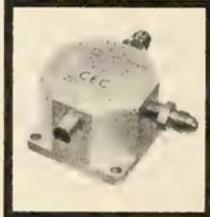


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D-P's Growth

Daystrom-Pacific to Enter Systems Work

by Richard van Osten

LOS ANGELES—Jumping into systems engineering is expected to boost Daystrom-Pacific's missile business to approximately 85% of its total volume within the next six months. This is the confident prediction of officials at the Daystrom, Inc. division here.

Missile components now comprise about 40% of D-P activity. Combinations of the division's in-production items will serve as a springboard to the systems.

One base of the systems designs will probably be the extensive line of subminiature, precision potentiometers now in production at a rate of 30,000 per month. Originally designed to meet D-P's own requirements in pick-off devices for gyro systems, these pots have turned into a prime dollar earner and much of the R&D work in systems has been carried by their sales.



The line is pretty well proven. Various types are in systems and sub-systems for the *Explorer* satellites, *Titan*, *Atlas*, *Polaris*, *Jupiter*, *Bomarc*, *Talos*, and the forthcoming *Eagle*. Others are in use for missile systems by RCA, GE, Motorola, AC Spark Plug and Raytheon.

Second basic item for the new systems will be D-P's transducer line. Pointing out that few systems producers build their own transducers—and still fewer transducer producers are in the systems business—company officials believe a "from the ground up" combination of the two is mandatory to meet present or future requirements of missile precision and reliability.

Third base for the systems approach will be the division's experience in gyro design and production. Biggest production item for missile application are D-P's free gyros. These are in the GAM-77 *Hound Dog* autopilot and the *Polaris* test system. The company's

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STEPS IN THE RACE TO OUTER SPACE

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This 30-foot high Unicycle is designed for preliminary exploration of the Moon, once a base camp has been established. It's entirely constructed of inflated, rubberized fabric, with the exception of strengthening members, hatches and a few other items of equipment. Gyros stabilize and steer the vehicle; electric motors furnish the driving power.

Electricity for the motors and instrumentation comes from solar batteries mounted in the "parasol". The cleated, rotating wheel upon which the Unicycle travels is made of inflated tubes. A spare

wheel, carried around the body, acts as a bumper in traversing narrow defiles. Built in two sections, these wheels are assembled by belt-lacing type fasteners.

The upper level, the navigating and communications deck, is ringed with recording and surveying instruments. Living quarters make up a middle deck and below is the hold with supplies, spacesuits, oxygen equipment and spare apparatus, needed for survival.

In the background, two of the expedition's ferry ships are seen; one landing, one unloading in the bright Earthlight.

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gyros were also used in the *Regulus II* pitch control system and in Lockheed's *X-17*. For other applications, D-P is turning out rate gyros at something between 300 and 500 units per month.

For systems application, some of the three base products may be off-the-shelf configurations. Other systems will require specialized development of one or more of the base components for integration into a system.

• **New gyros**—In the gyro areas, current developments include a cageable free gyro for the *Tartar* missile and vertical gyros for a drone guidance system—the latter is expected to have a high volume potential. An air-erected vertical gyro, some of which have been built by D-P before, is also under development. New design is expected to double the capabilities of older models.

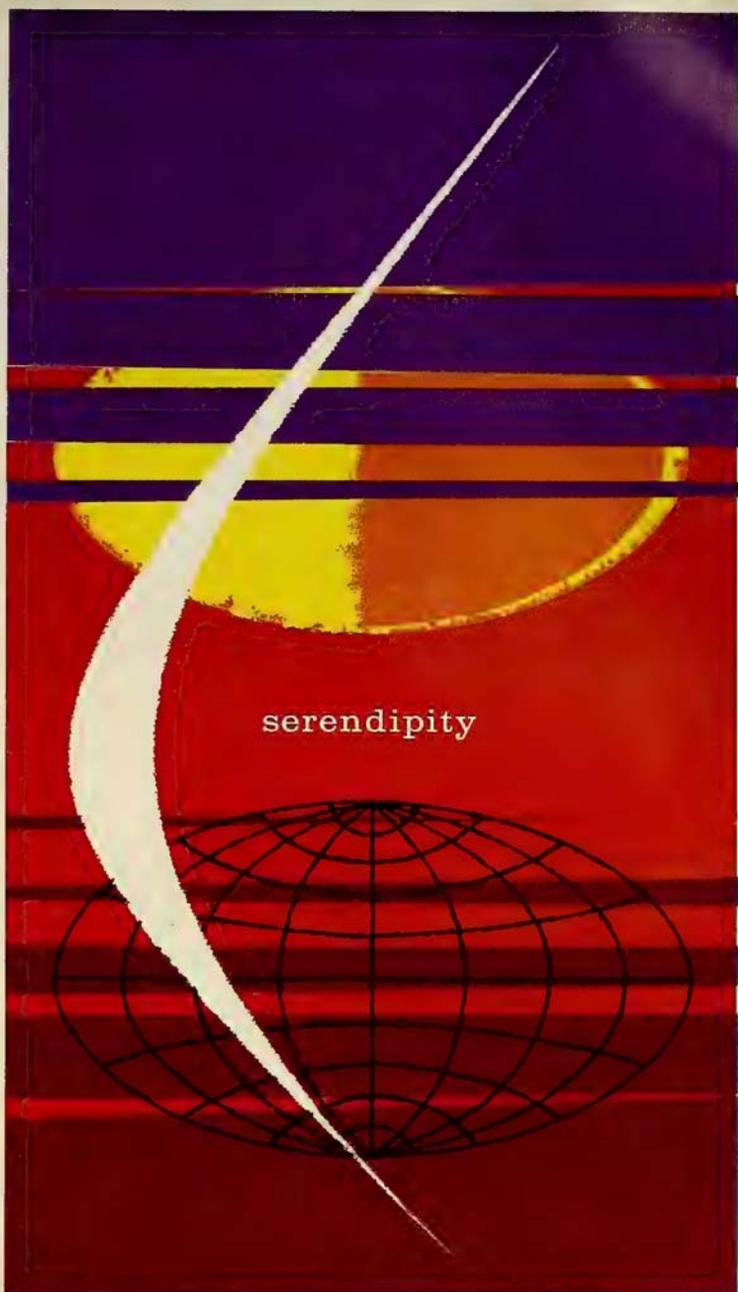
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GE's New Slave Mechanic Has 'Fingers'

**'Handyman'—result of four-year development—
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SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—A machine representing the latest development in a progression of master-slave devices has been announced by General Electric Company. Its makers believe it to be the world's first electro-hydraulic servo manipulator having a bi-lateral (or force reflecting) feature and artic-

ulating "fingers." Spatial correspondence is provided between the master and slave units.

Taking its name from its principal function, "Handyman" is the result of nearly four years of development work by GE's General Engineering Laboratory here. Created for the company's

Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Department under contract with the U.S. Air Force and the Atomic Energy Commission, it will be used in dangerous radioactive areas for work on components for aircraft nuclear powerplants.

GE spokesmen said the research and development program required a close study of human anatomy. Ten basic motions were designed into each arm and hand: compounded, they make possible an almost infinite range of movement—all dictated by a master unit located outside the danger area. The operator feels what Handyman feels—and hears what it hears.

With his own arms and hands inside the master unit harness, the operator goes through motions desired of the manipulator. Handyman duplicates every movement simultaneously. Whatever the manipulator is handling, the operator feels too. For example, when Handyman clutches a hammer, the operator directing the master unit can close his fist only part way.

The portion or percentage of the forces encountered by the slave and reflected to the master varies according to the will of the operator. In most tasks, the operator feels but one-third the force exerted by the slave.

• **Vital statistics**—The system is composed of five units—master, slave, electronic console and two hydraulic pump units to circulate hydraulic fluid through master and slave units.

Company spokesmen also provided some vital statistics concerning Handyman's construction and operation. A few highlights:

1. The "hand" has five motions: two in the finger, two in the opposing thumb, and one at the wrist.

2. The forces encountered by the slave unit, or a portion of them, are reflected back to the master controls. The ratios of force reflected back to the operator can be adjusted in increments of 3 to 1, 5 to 1, 10 to 1, and 0.

3. Electrical signals are converted into hydraulic forces by electro-hydraulic servo valves. Servo valves and hydraulic actuators are located near the point of force demand. These juxtapositionings have reduced the number of hydraulic lines needed to distribute hydraulic power to each servo valve. Thus, the hydraulic lines are connected in a "Christmas tree" pattern of distribution rather than many parallel lines.

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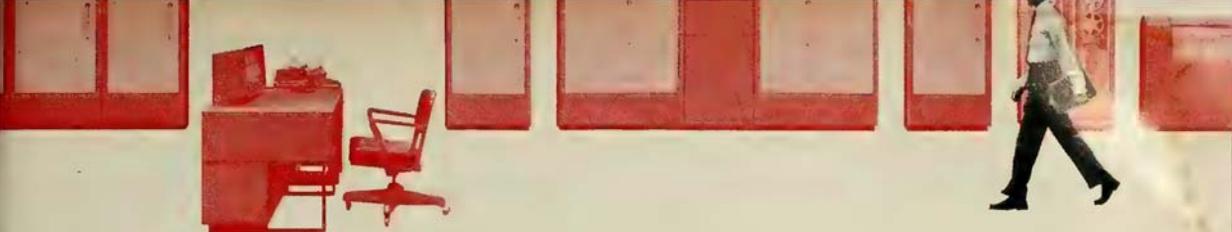
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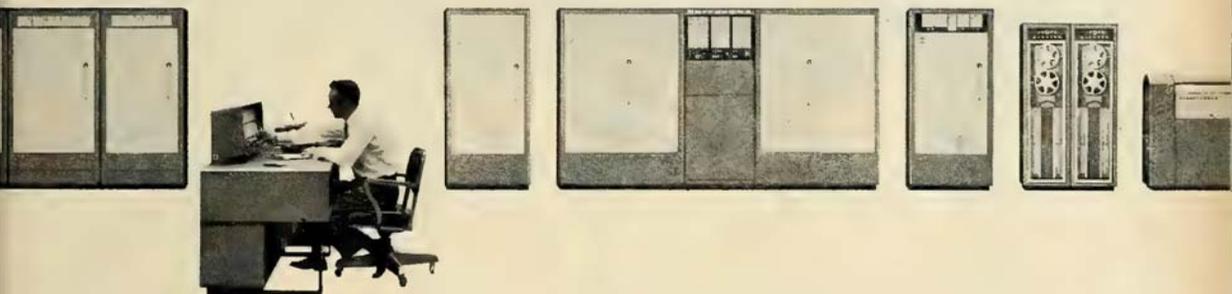
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Space Highlights Flight Meet

First World Congress of Flight attracts 5000 delegates, bringing industry and government together on problems

By Betty Oswald

LAS VEGAS—Opening of the First World Congress of Flight here was highlighted by the successful orbiting of a *Discoverer* satellite from Vandenberg Air Force Base as some 5000 delegates met to discuss problems inherent in the space race and their possible solutions.

The Congress in a sense represented the first attempt to weld into a consistent whole all of the decisive elements which start with aircraft and at present end with plans for spacecraft.

Delegates came from some 71 countries, many of which are behind the Iron Curtain, and there was representation from almost all elements of industry, the military and other agencies of government.

Meetings were well attended and serious. Behind the relaxed atmosphere at Las Vegas, there was genuine concern over problems posed by the arrival of the jet age and the future coming of the space age.

There were indications that many who had doubted the feasibility of the Congress were now convinced that a necessary start had been made in the battle to find a way by which industry and the government could talk together.

Meetings included a discussion of the problems of missile management, a Space Age Conference which dealt with such questions as the defense space program, the aims of space exploration, man in space and the relationship of space to foreign policy.

Industry briefings dealt with the *Argo* series of 2500-mile, Mach 20 low-cost research and development test vehicles, space applications for infrared techniques, astroinertial navigation, range instrumentation for space probes and a wide variety of other questions which must be solved before the space age becomes reality.

A session was devoted to international research efforts including the work of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the project activities of ARDC's European office. Recognizing that the entry into space will involve major changes in current education patterns, one session was devoted to aerospace education, with educators from many foreign countries attending the meetings.

• **Old and New**—Exhibits covered not only existing hardware but, in

some cases, the dreams of scientists and engineers, many of which were 10 or more years in the future. These included a mockup of the *Mercury* space capsule, in which man is expected to orbit the earth within two years, and a mockup of the *X-15* rocket research craft, which will provide answers to many of the problems which the *Mercury* pilot will face. Hardware included *Atlas*, *Thor-Able*, most of the smaller tactical missiles now in or soon to be in inventory, and a mockup of the *Genie* AAM utilizing a nuclear warhead.

Notwithstanding the futuristic tone of the Space Age exhibits, there was no escaping the wedding of the old and the new. World War I airplanes flying over the same field as missile-carrying, supersonic jet aircraft set the same pattern of extremes as the World War I invention, the tube mortar, being used in the Project *Mercury* capsule to fire a drogue parachute.

Distant-future concepts included Avco's ADOS, Astro-nautical Defensive-Offensive System, a method of insuring peaceful space travel through the use of one and two-man space ships with nuclear weapons and various other types of armament. The *Ados* vehicle greatly resembles a flying saucer with a tail, uses electronic detecting and computing techniques still to be developed.

Other exhibits dealt with advanced communications and electronics equipment for space craft, and new propulsion hardware. Product improvement permitting pilot training in spacecraft was suggested in presentations of a new supersonic jet trainer, the Northrop T-38.

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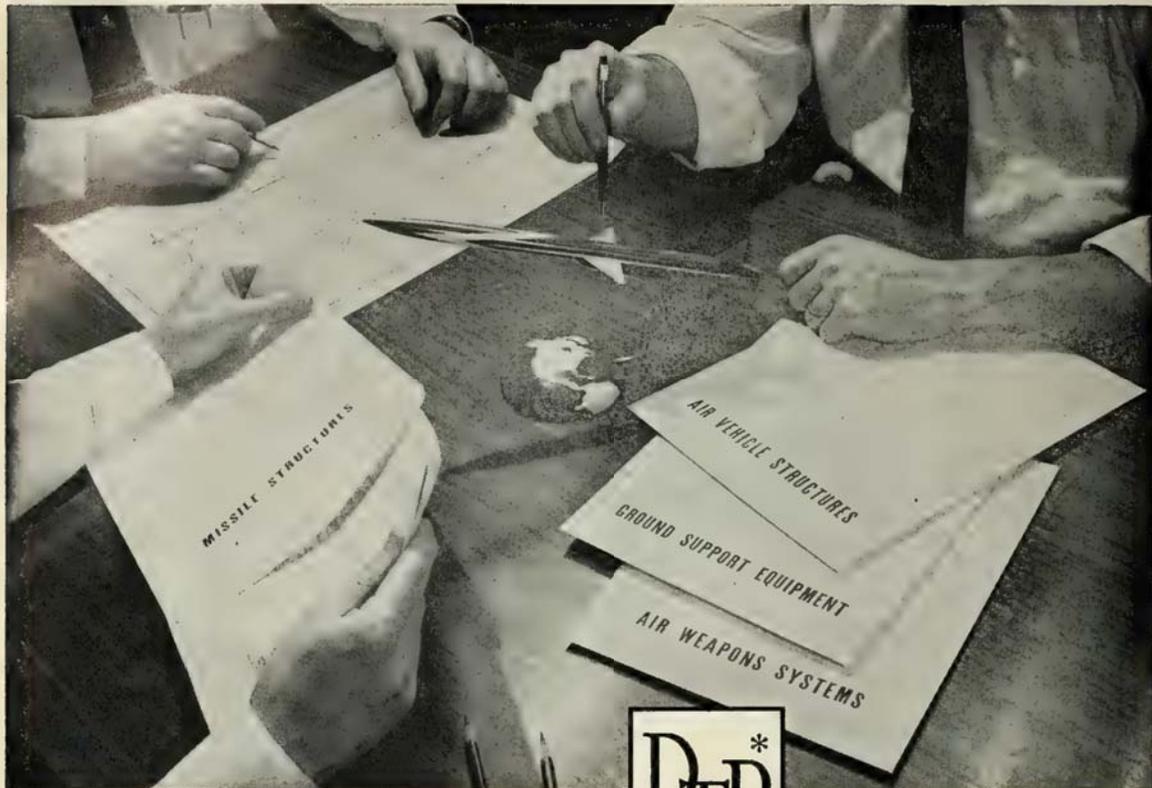
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more about the missile week

Negotiations looking to a merger of Thiokol and Marquardt started this week. Odds favor the merger of the two big propulsion companies.

For return to earth, *Mercury* capsule will be equipped with mortar-fired drogue parachute to stabilize the vehicle at 68,000 feet. Drogue will be jettisoned at 10,000 feet when the main chute is activated. This provides impact velocity of 30 ft./sec. at 5000 ft. A reserve landing system, completely independent and mechanical, is available to the test pilot.

Mock-up of Avco's Astronautical Defensive-Offensive System (ADOS) for Air Force (M/R April 13) looks like a flying saucer with a protruding boom on which a nuclear weapon is mounted. Futuristic one-man spacecraft is designed for deep-space missions. Ring of defense rockets revolves around man-carrying sphere, enabling rockets to be fired in any direction. Nuclear weapon is placed on boom to protect pilot and is for targets too big for rocket missiles to handle.

High-vacuum research indicates to ABMA's Dr. Karl J. Pschera that "only inorganic materials" can survive exposure in interplanetary space. Organic materials such as rubber and plastics, he says, vaporize or undergo molecular distillation in a vacuum. More research may expose new reliability problems involving metal fatigue and creep encountered in space conditions.

New missile alloy—EK31XA—is reported to have double the strength at 500°F of any known light metal. Dow Chemical Co., developer, says it consists of magnesium, didymium and zirconium.

"Adult" *Atlas* first operational series test got off to shaky start April 14. The ICBM exploded about 1000 ft. above its Cape Canaveral launch pad on what had been programmed as a 5000-mile flight.

Jupiter IRBM is ready for deployment with troops. Chrysler Corp. says recent tactical weapons test demonstrated "beyond question" that production line hardware is ready for use.

Newly-synthesized tetracoordinate phosphinoborane molecule (mw 12,500) is hope of American Potash & Chemical Corp. to develop heat-stable plastics withstanding temperatures up to 400°C.

missiles and rockets, April 20, 1959

Air Force is asking Congress in its 1960 budget for \$109.8 million in new obligatory authority for *Dyna-Soar*—\$73 million in expenditures to develop the manned-glide vehicle.

Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris gives this breakdown of spending by his Army Ordnance Missile Command: .25% for operation of headquarters; 5% for systems management and technical supervision, including testing and range management; 5% for research, engineering, fabrication and technical effort to maintain in-house capability for directing industrial contractors; and 89.75% with private contractor organizations.

Polaris solid fuel consistency will be checked with 25-million-volt betatron, which cuts process time to minutes. Navy's Allegany Ballistics Laboratory, Cumberland, Md., is getting the \$112,325 Allis-Chalmers X-ray machine this summer.

Detection of micron-sized particles in missile fuels is reported by Gruman Aircraft and Sperry Products with a new ultrasonic device. System works as fuel is being pumped from truck or tank to rocket and will automatically cut off flow on finding contaminants. Has worked successfully on checking fluids from -298°F to 1050°F.

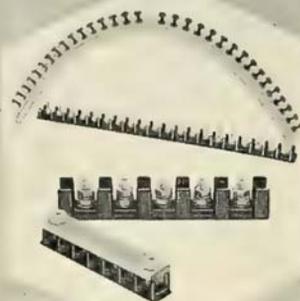
Expansions: Sperry Gyroscope Co. has acquired a 52,000-square-foot building at Syosset, L.I., to produce *Polaris* ship's inertial navigation systems (SINS) and navigation data assimilation centers (NAVDAC's). Dynatronics, Inc., in the midst of an enlargement program, expects to move into a new 20,000-square-foot plant at Sanford, Fla., in June. Republic Aviation is erecting a \$14 million, 120,000-square-foot R&D center at Farmingdale, N.Y., for missile/space research. It will be ready early next year.

Look for negotiation of a contract to develop *Vega* second stage, which will use LOX and kerosene-fueled existing power units. Similar in concept to *Centaur*, *Vega* is to be put into space with an *Atlas* booster.

Pentagon reveals that a single MB-1 *Genie* nuclear warhead costs \$243,000; rocket itself costs \$7000. *Genie* is carried by fighters of the North American Defense Command.

Ground will be broken at Lowry AFB, Denver, for second \$40 million *Titan* ICBM base. This brings to four the number of hard *Titan* bases that have been announced. Seven *Atlas* bases are in various stages of construction.

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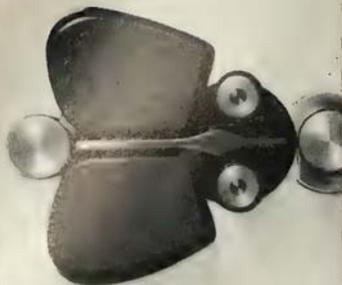
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Four ceramic nozzle materials with the longest functional lifetimes have been determined at Battelle Memorial Institute. They are silicon carbide, zirconium boride, beryllia, and a silicon-impregnated graphite surface. The functional life varies from 60 to 107 seconds on an engine burning hydrogen and oxygen at 4500°F. Among the shortest-lived materials are graphite coated with zirconium carbide, boron carbide, and hafnium carbide—with lives of about 15 seconds. Battelle scientists observe significant differences in functional life between ceramics of similar composition.

High-purity thorium for basic studies of the metal's properties can be prepared by a new process to be announced early next month during the Philadelphia meeting of the Electrochemical Society. High-grade thorium oxide is reduced by calcium in an inert atmosphere at 1742°F. Some calcium chloride must be present. The resulting thorium is a powder. The technique was developed by C. I. Whitman, Sylvania-Corning Nuclear Corp.; N. Fuhrman, now with Lansdale Tube Co., and R. B. Holden, currently with Olin Mathieson Chemical.

Super-pure aluminum for property studies also will be described to the electrochemists. R. R. Haberecht, P. R. Mallory & Co., starts with 99.99% pure aluminum prepared by zone refining. He treats this to vacuum melting to achieve aluminum with metallic impurities of only 1-3 ppm, and less than 5 ppm of carbon. He says this super-pure product shows marked improvement in corrosion resistance over the 99.99% pure aluminum.

Aluminum is revealing more about itself all the time, thanks to increased research and increasing availability of pure forms for fundamental study. A new refractory crucible, aluminum nitride, developed especially to aid aluminum research, has been described to the American Ceramic Society by George Long and L. M. Foster, Aluminum Company of America. It is the only material yet discovered that is not attacked by aluminum under investigation in a temperature range of 3282°-3632°F. It shows good ceramic properties and has been pressed into heretofore unavailable labware.

Metal-free phthalocyanine is a superior solid lubricant in the 1000°F area, a Battelle Institute team reports. A project conducted for Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp. showed that other members of the phthalocyanine family also are good high-temperature solid lubes. In testing various proposed lubes, the group killed two birds with one stone by using various materials also under study for the balls in the wear machine. Most promising for high-temperature sliding systems are AISI Type M-1 tool steel and titanium carbide-nickel-molybdenum cermet.

Lubrication research in Germany is taking the form of molybdenum sulfide studies. German chemists report in *Chemiker-Zeitung* that moly-sulfide's layer structure recommends it to high and low temperature and pressure uses. It will also find "application in unusual atmospheric conditions."

Czechoslovakian metallurgy is rapidly becoming an Iron Curtain showcase for scientific progress. Recent reports include a detailed analysis of the function of temperature change on crack distribution in cooling castings, and development of more durable coatings for metal molds. Frantisek Havlicek reports in *Slevarenstvi* (Vol. 6, No. 9) that rectangular, square, and even elliptic cross-sections resist cracking better than round cross-sections. Nonhomogeneous temperature distribution is a function of casting shape, Havlicek says. Alois Sustek reports in the same issue the development of a new series of adhesion and cohesion coatings for metal molds. They are said to be superior to previous coatings in durability, among other things. The new Czech coatings are good for 700-800 pourings, whereas the older coatings broke down after 350-450 pourings.



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by Dr. Albert Parry

As we watch carefully what the Soviet press says about U.S. rocketry, missilery, and electronics we may discover just what (precisely or approximately) they lack but would like to have. Sometimes such Russian writings may indicate in which fields or categories the Soviets are behind; often they show that Moscow is on a par with us but means to forge ahead. On occasion the implication is: "Those darned Americans are catching up with the Soviets. We must not let them."

What, for instance, is the United States doing to switch from liquid to solid fuels in rocket engines? Early in March *Sovetskaya Aviatsia* ran a special article on "speed-up work to improve solid-fuel rocket engines," now being done not alone by U.S. experts but also by "the military specialists of other NATO countries." The author of the survey, Maj. Y. Tikhomirov of the Soviet engineering troops, begins with the gleeful assertion that Americans and their allies have been turned toward solid fuels by "the large number of failures in launching liquid-fueled American rockets."

In text and diagram, Tikhomirov explains the principles of solid-fuel rockets. He goes on to say that U.S. and other NATO experts "plan to apply solid-fuel engines to nearly all kinds of rocket systems," and that "no expense is spared" to this end. The implication, quite possibly, is: Shouldn't we, the Soviets, do the same? Or, if the Soviets are doing very well in this field of solid fuels, shouldn't the Red effort be stepped up yet further?

Our *Argus* experiment had been "guessed" (if not otherwise learned) by Soviet scientists shortly before we made it public. On March 8, in *Izvestia*, Professors I. S. Shklovsky and V. I. Krasovsky in a joint interview ventured their belief that the United States was "testing their atomic weapons, with explosions at great heights of 100 to 200 kilometers." They went on to speculate on the general aims of such experiments pretty accurately. A wishful note was quite evident: Why shouldn't Russia do something of this type?

Outright admissions of Russian gaps include the recent statement by Dr. Alla G. Masevich, the well-known, personable, 40-year-old Russian astronomer, made to a reporter from the Moscow *Ogoniok* (March 8) to the effect that on her trip to the United States a few months ago she was shown "an automatic electronic machine to measure stars," the like of which she had not seen before. She said that an American professor demonstrated it to her at the Naval Observatory in Washington. "I regretted," she added significantly, "that we in the Soviet Union do not have any such machine."

Last but not least, on Feb. 19, one K. Gil'zin in *Literaturnaya Gazeta* described the "parts of a solar power installation meant for possible exploitation on the moon," as exhibited in Washington by Westinghouse and explained in detail by Dr. Peter Castruccio. The Soviet writer concedes that this idea is rather good, but he attacks Dr. Castruccio for "joining the American Professor (S. Fred) Singer in the latter's proposal to transform the moon into a launching site for atomic weapons." (Gil'zin misinterprets, perhaps deliberately, Prof. Singer's 1957 paper, in which he merely worked out the physical effects of an explosion on the moon.)

The Russian writer's wrath is aroused by Dr. Castruccio's articles in *M/R* on the "strategic advantages of lunar bases" as military fortresses of the future. Comrade Gil'zin entitles his article, "For Shame, Doctor Castruccio!" He cries shame also on *M/R* for publishing Dr. Castruccio's writings.

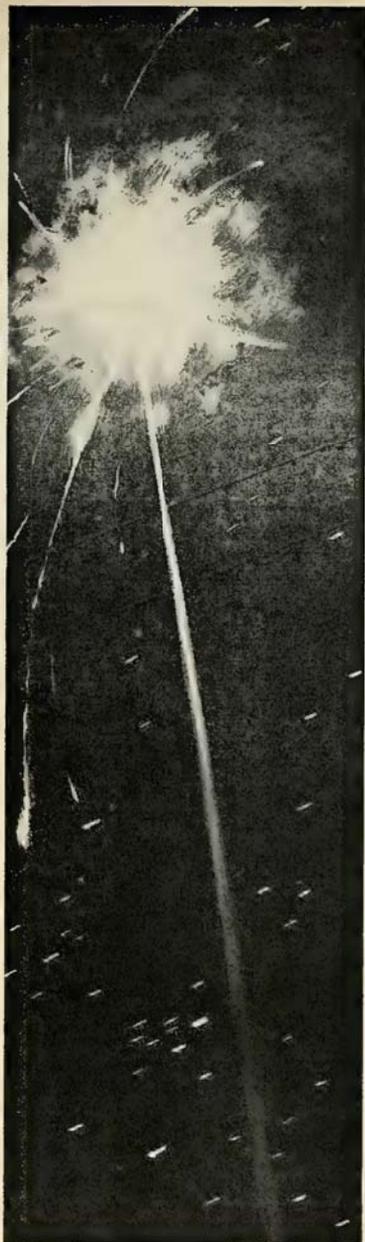
However, my impression is that these cries of indignation are but camouflage, and that interest in the U.S. idea of solar power installations on the moon is the main point of Gil'zin's outburst.



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Transistors vs. Tubes

To the Editor:

Your article of March 16 on "Transistors vs. Tubes" requires a few comments . . .

It is all too easy to say that "radiation" harms transistors and let it go at that. A first step should be to assess the rest of the environment which accompanies this "radiation," its effects on the system, and the comparable radiation damage. It is of little use to replace a transistor

by a less susceptible vacuum tube only to find that accompanying overpressure and thermal effects are the dominating destructive agents coincident with the radiation level against which one is now protected.

Now as to some particulars. I do not know the difference between primary and secondary fission products; however, the penetrating power of these products, even at their original velocity when they emerge from a detonation, is insufficient to pierce any missile, rocket, or aircraft skin, so I do not readily see how they

can effect a transistorized system.

The accompanying gamma radiation from such a cloud, even in its early stages, is many orders of magnitude below that which will degrade semiconductors, especially since gamma radiation causes very little permanent damage and, at the radiation levels encountered in a cloud, only the barest minimum of temporary changes.

As of the effects of "high" neutron fluxes on transistors, it cannot be over-emphasized that in the context of relationship to missiles, as differentiated from the completely different problem encountered with nuclear propulsion aircraft, one should be exceedingly careful of defining the limits of the possible and probable environment before making a sufficiently broad condemnation.

It should furthermore be pointed out that even vacuum tubes and their associated circuitry are subject to sizeable effects at radiation levels which are both possible and probable in a number of applications.

P. H. Haas, Chief,
Nuclear Vulnerability Branch,
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It was not the intention of the article to take sides in the transistor vs. tube controversy. Our purpose was to call attention to a matter of vital concern to the industry and point out that, in the opinion of many observers, more research is needed concerning the effects of radiation on both tubes and solid state devices. M/R plans to publish in the near future several articles in which both sides will be allowed to give their views.

Not Air-Launched?

To the Editor:

I am rather disturbed about one, and possibly two, mistakes in your March 23, 1959 issue of M/R.

In the Washington Countdown section, page 15, under the heading of "the mystery firing . . ." I was sorry to see the word "McDonnell" misspelled "McDonald." But I was glad to see that it was spelled correctly on page 23, right hand column.

2. In the same article the statement was made that the two-stage missile that McDonnell fired was an "Air-launched" missile. I have very strong reason to believe that this statement is incorrect. I believe that it was a "ground-handled" missile. Would you please straighten this out?

Herbert E. Wodtke
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We regret the misspelling of McDonnell too. Our sources tell us that the missile launched was McDonnell's version in the ALBM competition. However, DOD will not comment.

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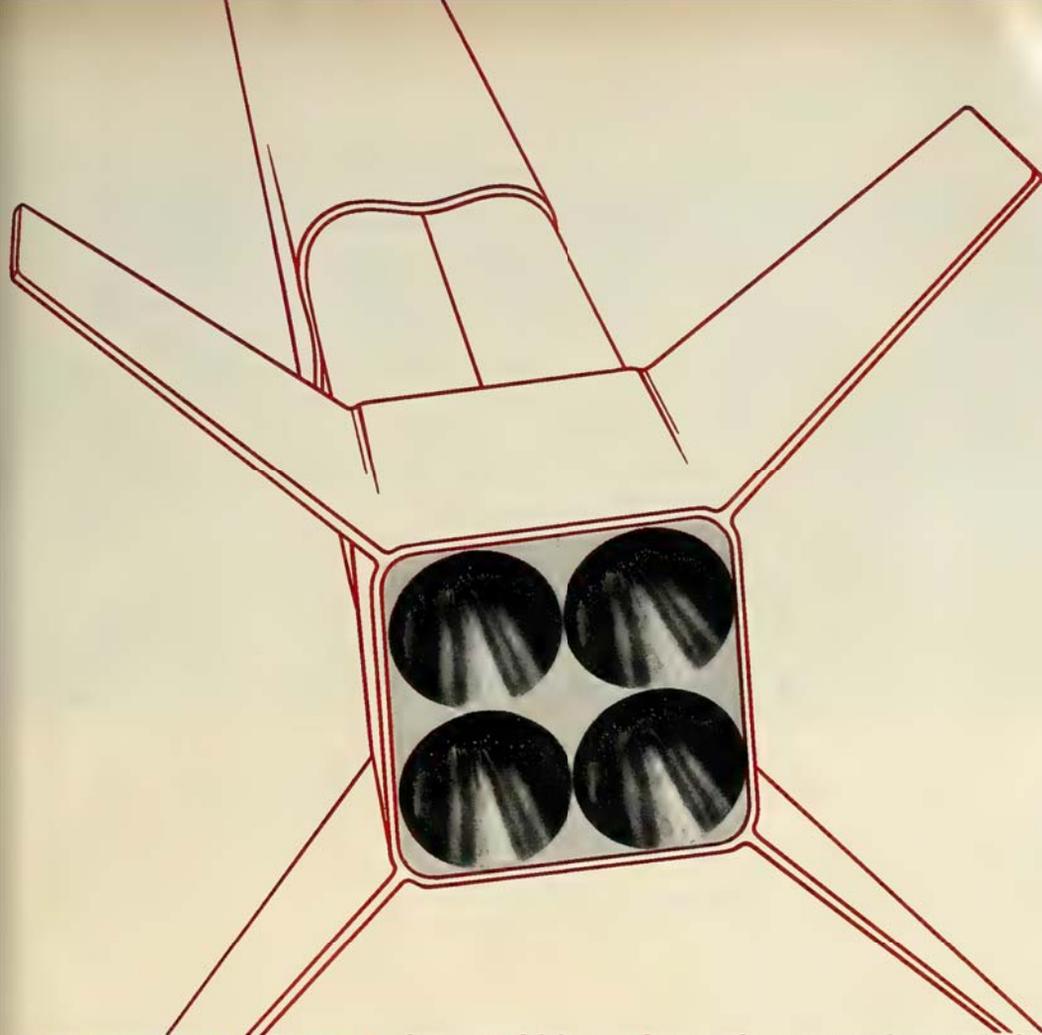
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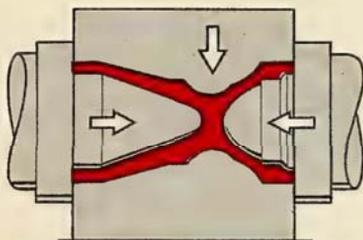


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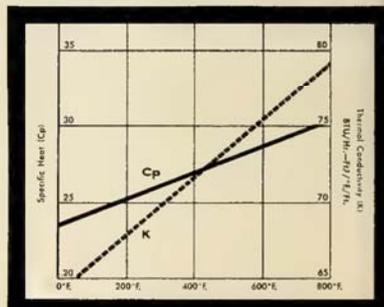


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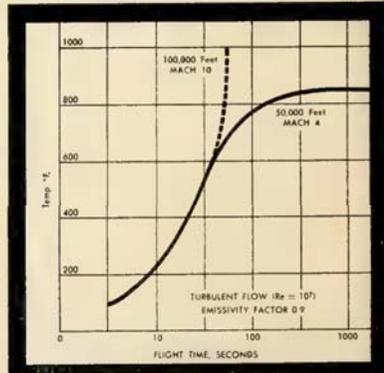


Fig. 2. Effect of Structure Temperature and Flight Time on Mg-Th Sheet Alloys at Mach 4 and 50,000 Feet and Mach 10 and 100,000 Feet.

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On the other hand, NASA and DOD are for it because they can "save" money. In many instances DOD has had to spend appropriations for brick-and-mortar and specialized equipment which industry wouldn't—or couldn't afford to—put up without a tax incentive.

NASA apparently has adopted a policy of buying from commercial sources rather than building its own facilities. An official told M/R continuation of rapid tax write-offs therefore becomes of "import to national security" by aiding the space program.

A bill extending the Byrd law for four years—and including NASA contractors—has been introduced by Rep. Richard M. Simpson (R-Pa.), ranking GOP member of the House Ways and Means Committee. No hearings have been scheduled on this measure (HR 5326). Committee aides say there may not be any.

• **Old bugaboo**—Conceivably, inclusion of NASA could rekindle an old Congressional controversy which brought about the Byrd law. For the space agency intends to spend billions of dollars in the next few years. And most of it would be eligible for fast write-off.

Such magnitude would approach the hey-day of the program, which was started in 1950 during the Korean War to help mobilize defense industries. In the 1950-57 period, OCDM granted rapid amortization certificates on \$23 billion worth of expenditures by some 220 different industries.

The shut-off came amid charges that the privilege was being abused. One sore point: certification could be granted then whether or not an applicant held a defense contract. Some lawmakers felt this was handing out five-year tax reductions.

Spokesmen for industry countered that it was only a deferment in tax payments and no revenue was "lost" by the Treasury in the long run. Furthermore, they pointed out that during an inflationary spiral, long-term amortization was unrealistic on specialized facilities which depreciated rapidly and whose replacement costs were steadily mounting.

• **Present status**—Since 1955, when the rocket program began cranking up, OCDM estimates that a total of approximately \$350 million in certification has been allowed firms directly connected with the missile/space industry. Smallness of this figure attests to the stringency of the program since 1957, although billions are being spent

on missile development.

About 175 applications for certificates are pending before the OCDM. Some of these date back "a year or more," the agency says. One official concedes the delay "could be a factor" in holding up the construction of facilities valuable to the missile/space effort. Reasons for the hold-up:

All applications must be processed through several agencies of the DOD and AEC.

No certificates were issued from August, 1957, through June 1958, while new regulations geared to the Byrd law were being written.

An M/R survey indicates that in the past 10 months few companies have derived very substantial tax deferment to provide money for extra research facilities now, nor in the immediate future.

Unless Congress grants an extension beyond Dec. 31, even this rivulet will dry up. In this event, several industry experts believe, more money must be found somewhere to pump into basic research—or the entire U.S. space effort will suffer.



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by Fred S. Hunter

The debate over how space money should be spent seems to be warming up.

The other day, Dr. A. R. Hibbs, Jet Propulsion Laboratory's outspoken chief research analyst, declared U.S. preoccupation with military aspects of space is "out of all proportion to any realistic application." Hibbs said he doubted that Russia would shudder if American troops planted a flag on the moon. "They know the moon is two days travel away while their ICBM's take only 30 minutes to reach our cities."

In discussing realities of space exploration before an erudite audience at CalTech, Dr. Simon Ramo, executive vice president, and Dr. Ralph P. Johnson, vice president and general manager, Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, had this to say: "If the refinement of the capability for effecting mass destruction by quick and irresistible means at intercontinental distances comes into competition with the expansion of a capability for exploring space—and the two lines of development are already diverging—we can hardly doubt that the projects for military ends will be given priority."

To a financial audience, Dan Kimball, Aerojet-General president, put it this way: "We can't make any valid distinction between 'useful' military hardware and 'useless' exploration of space. Both of them take the same kind of power, the same kind of vehicle and the same kind of guidance. Just as the airplane that could photograph could also bomb, so the satellite which can spy in orbit can be used for any military purpose we or the Russians desire. Let's not fool ourselves about that!"

New plant Hoffman Electronics is building at El Monte, Calif., for its semiconductor division, plus the output of the present Egans-ton, Ill., plant which is to continue, will up this company's production of solar energy converters to half a million monthly. Hoffman's accomplishments in increasing efficiency of solar energy cells from 3% to 9% and 10%, and in developing new methods to manufacture them in production quantities, have made the solar cell the lowest weight power source for space vehicles. Hoffman forecasts that the volume of its semiconductor division—\$6 million in 1958—will reach \$30 million by 1965 as industry is made aware of the usefulness of these wonder products.

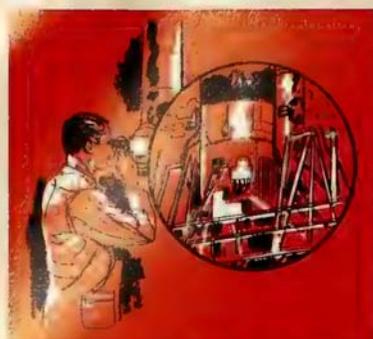
Lockheed may follow example of Hughes, Aeronutronics and others and join the movement to Orange County for a permanent abode for its new electronics division. It is looking for a site to build. It is presently located temporarily at Maywood in the old feeder plant originally purchased by Lockheed for production of sub-assemblies for the Super Constellation. Lockheed also made a few early Electra parts here, but until the electronics division moved in the facility had been idle for about nine months.

Marquardt had already phased in production on the new model RJ43-11 ramjet engine for the longer-range *Bomarc B* when the Air Force's \$300-million order to Boeing was announced. Generally, frames run ahead of engines in this business, but in the *Bomarc* development it has been the other way around. The Dash II engine is produced at Marquardt's Ogden plant, but has to be shipped to Van Nuys for testing. The new testing facility being built in Utah will be completed in September or October, but won't be ready for actual operation until the first of next year. It will take a little time to test the test facility.

S. K. Hoffman, general manager of Rocketdyne, says eventually missiles will take off and return to the launching site in a vertical position, be checked, refueled and launched again on space missions.

missiles and rockets, April 20, 1959

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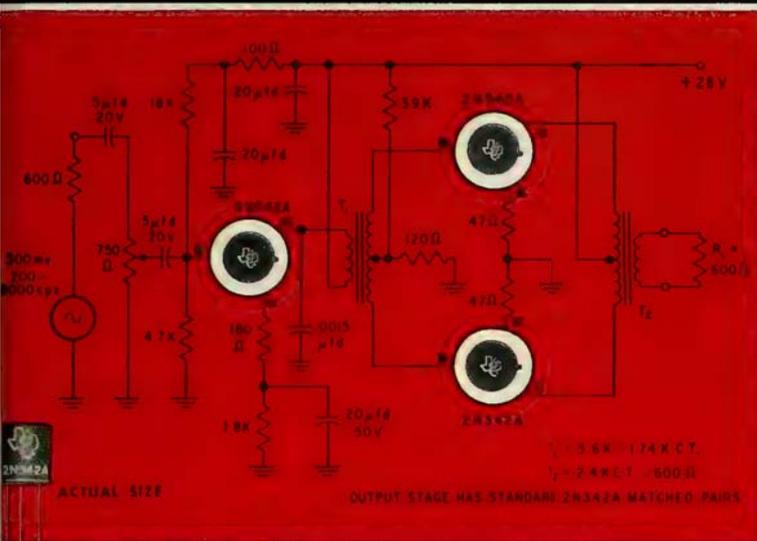


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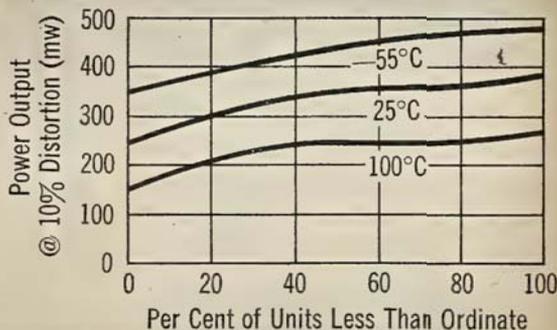
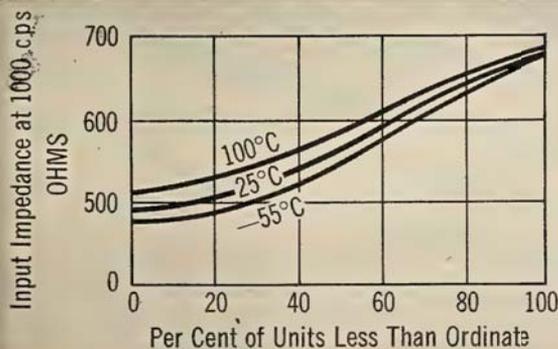
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- \$62,611—**Raytheon Manufacturing Co.**, for electronic components for *Hawk* missiles (two contracts).
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- \$58,176—**Westinghouse Electric Corp.**, for R&D on magneto-optical properties of ferri-magnetic rare earth garnets.

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- \$240,000—**New England Instrument Co.**, Woonsocket, R.I., for missile components for *Sparrow III* missiles (a subcontract from Raytheon).
- \$85,383—**Kearfott Co., Inc.**, Clifton, N.J., for synchros.
- \$74,778—**National Cash Register Co.**, Dayton, Ohio, for research in micro-encapsulation or reactive materials.

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Allen F. Donovan, a vice president, has been named director of advanced systems planning for Space Technology Laboratories, Inc. The new advanced planning staff, according to STL, is a step toward "development of those systems which will be required in the



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future to replace today's ballistic missile and space systems." Donovan has held positions in the aircraft industry and with the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory in R&D of manned aircraft, guided missiles and space vehicles. During four years with STL, he has been technical director for rocket vehicle aspects of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Programs.

Dr. Clark T. Randt has been appointed Scientist for Space Medical Research in the Office of Research Grants and Contracts of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He was Associate Professor of Neurology in the Department of Medicine, Western Reserve University, and Director of the Division of Neurology, University Hospitals, Cleveland. Dr. Randt will plan a long-range basic research program; it is expected that a large portion of the work will eventually be carried on by medical schools and other research organizations under Federal grants and contracts. In addition, Dr. Randt will assist NASA in human factors studies related to manned space flight.

Three new appointments have been made at Grand Central Rocket Co. **Albert T. Camp**, former head of the Propellant Division, Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, is assistant vice president and director of research. Known for his direction of the *Sidewinder* missile and one of the top solid-propellant experts, he is credited with development of temperature-independent solid-propellant rockets and the explanatory formula for their combustion mechanisms. **John Gustavson**, Danish chemical engineer, was named senior engineer of the advance planning division for space propulsion. **Frederick F. Harris** was appointed director of Quality Control Div.

Joe C. Harmony has been named director of general engineering-receiving tubes for CBS-Hytron, the electronic manufacturing division of Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. He replaces **E. K. Wimpy** who has been assigned to the new post of manager-marketing research. Harmony has served as manager of each of the firm's receiving tube plants and also as general manager of receiving tube operations.



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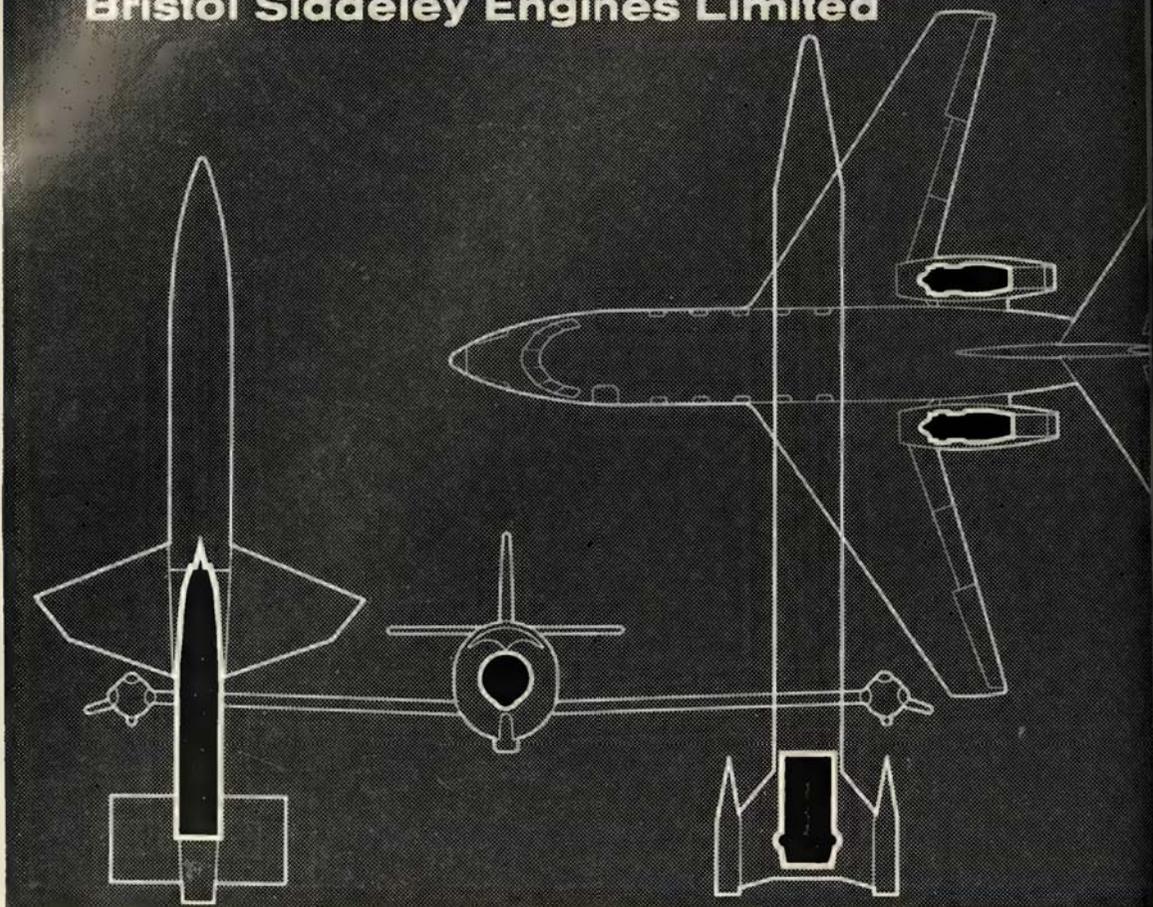
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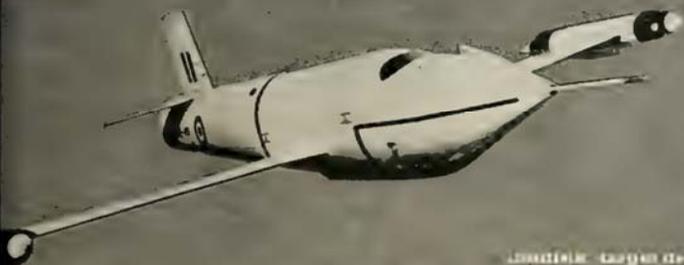
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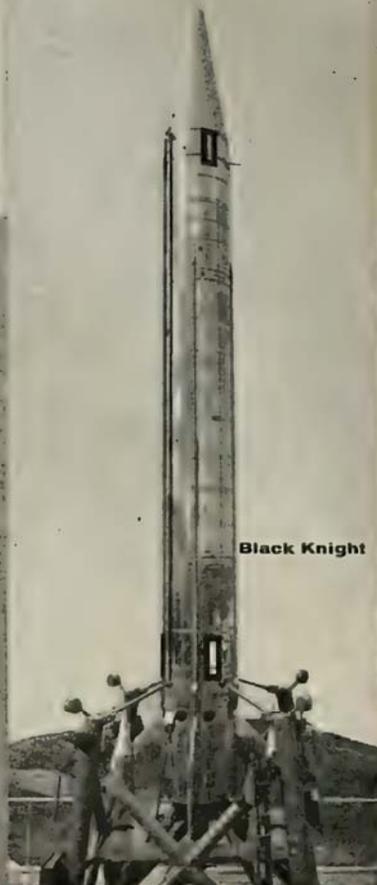
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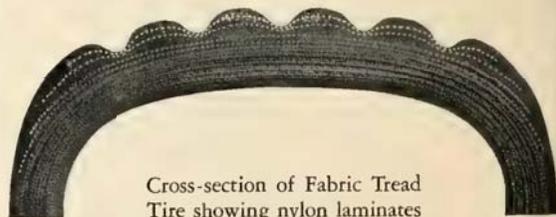
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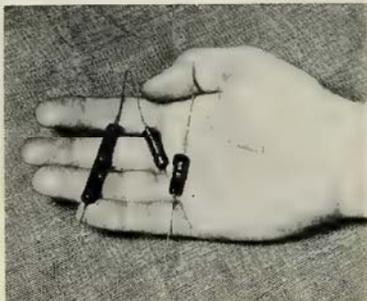
Novel Resistors 10 Times Smaller, Lighter

Market plans for new molecular-structured resistors, purported to be 10 times smaller and lighter than present resistance components, have been announced by **Daystrom-Weston Instruments, Daystrom, Inc.**

The micro-miniature resistors are the first commercial production of elements developed from the micro-module concept—the idea of combining extremely small elements of uniform shape and size into a single tiny module capable of performing complete circuit functions.

Basically, the micro-miniature resistors are a solid state material in the form of a ceramic wafer approximately 10 thousandths of an inch thick and .35-inch square. By processing suitable substrates, these micro-wafers are inscribed with a series of "isolation lines" which produce the resistor characteristics desired.

Single or double-sided resistor elements can be designed, and various combinations of circuitry can be employed with the basic micro-element.



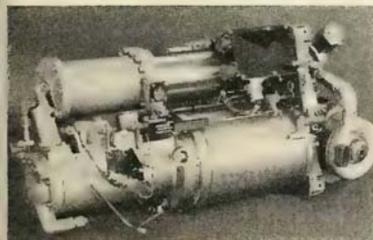
These wafer-like elements may then be combined into modules of standard size and shape comprising circuit sub-assemblies.

Each resistor element—weighing 50 milligrams—contains four resistors, averaging 10,000 elements (or 40,000 resistors) to the pound and a packing density of 600,000 parts per cubic foot.

The microscopic resistors are developed in wafer element forms designed for reliabilities of meantime to failure of 100,000 hours.

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High Reliability Claimed For APU Power Unit



A new model auxiliary power unit, designed with an unprecedented maximum degree of reliability, simplicity and flexibility, to supply electric power for a missile's guidance and control systems has been developed by **The Garrett Corporation's AiResearch Manufacturing Division.**

The latest APU eliminates external plumbing, cuts the number of valves to less than half the number originally used on AiResearch APU's now being manufactured for the *Nike-Hercules*.

It starts instantly and has better serviceability.

Designed to operate on ethylene oxide, the new AiResearch APU may also be used with hydrazine. With minor modifications a solid propellant can be utilized. Thus, the new unit provides maximum flexibility through the use of proven components available now, with the advantages of using other energy sources with adaptations.

The current model supplies five horsepower for a duration of 7½ minutes at specific load schedule. Its altitude range is from sea level to more than 100,000 feet.

Components in the AiResearch APU include a squib starting mechanism, variable delivery hydraulic pump, accumulator, reservoir, fuel tank, manifold valve assembly, alternator, speed control, and turbine drive unit.

The squib start initiates ethylene oxide decomposition by igniting a small replaceable solid propellant charge, which provides instantaneous starting capability without rearming the gas

generator. The charge has been sized to assure acceleration of the turbine to rated speed within two seconds at ambient temperature as low as minus 65°F.

The variable delivery pump delivers required system flow at a pressure range of 2880 to 3200 psig.

A new design utilizes a single valve block to house all valves necessary for proper operation of the unit. This manifold valve assembly reduces the previously required number to seven.

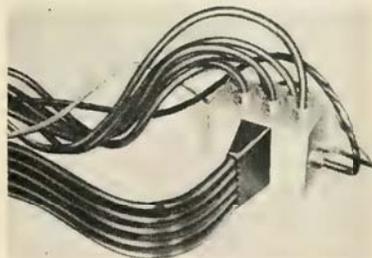
A new alternator for the APU has been designed which is a two-phase, permanent magnet, pad-mounted machine sized for existing requirement. One phase provides 30 volts ac for direct rectification to dc for operation of a fuel control valve. The second phase provides 120 volts ac for missile lift-off signal and the turbine frequency sensor.

The turbine is not subjected to adverse effect of step load changes resulting in better speed regulation. The turbine assembly has been redesigned to incorporate a pad-mounted, variable displacement pump and alternator, providing ease of replacement in the field. The turbine rotating assembly consists of a turbine wheel and shaft assembly.

The APU weighs 85 pounds less fuel and oil. It measures approximately 30 inches long, 12 wide and 15 high.

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New Electronic Cable Utilizes Compact Assembly



Custom electrical and electronic cable and cable assemblies designed to help solve missile cable problems are being manufactured by the **Aeronautical and Instrument Division, Robertshaw-Fulton Controls Co.**

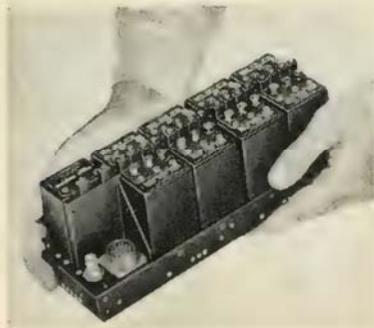
Missiles use multi-conductor cable to link electronic components and systems, involving both airborne and

ground support or test equipment, and as many as 30 to 40 electrical leads may be needed to connect complete electronic units. Conceivably, each lead might have a different material. Since it is no longer practical to string individually the many cables that may be required from blockhouse to launching pad, or from pad to missile, electrical conductors now are bound into compact cable assemblies, protected with suitable jacketing materials and provided with integral electrical connectors.

Cables are custom designed to meet customers, specific requirements and can be manufactured to nearly any length or size. They are manufactured on special planetary cabling machines designed by the firm. These unique machines are capable of completing the most precise and complex cables to meet the ever-increasing demand for specialized cable configurations.

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T-Shaped Mini-Mount Aids Miniaturization



Smallest space installation of telemetry components within a missile is said to be made possible by the new Type 1405 mini-mount, manufactured by **Tele-Dynamics Inc.**

The mount is a pre-wired, welded "T"-shape which is designed to accept TDI type 1213A subcarrier oscillators and a TDI type 1106A wide-band amplifier. Sizes are available for four, eight, and 12 subcarrier channels.

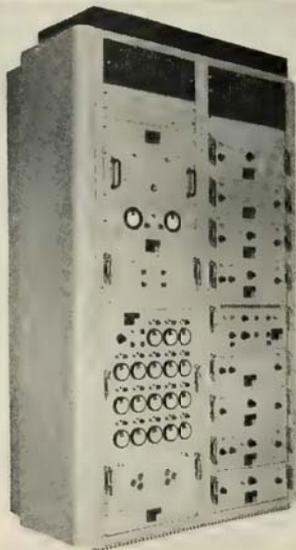
The mount attaches directly to the vehicle structure and the miniature plug-in units contribute their own structural strength to the assembly when they become clamped to the T-member. All test points, trimmer controls, and receptacles are accessible.

Functionally the mount and its plug-in components act as the data input section of a telemetry transmitting system. Data voltages are applied to the subcarrier oscillators for conver-

sion to FM information. The mixer amplifier provides a composite FM output which drives a telemetry transmitter. Inflight calibration is available through relays included in the mount base. When externally actuated, the relays connect fixed-level voltages, supplied externally, to the subcarrier oscillators to provide a standard frequency deviation.

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Auto-Checkout For Telemetry Discriminators



A method for the improvement of reliability of FM/FM telemetered data is provided by the Model 5006 Automatic Discriminator Checkout System developed by **Dynatronics, Inc.**, Orlando, Fla.

This unit generates the 18 RDB standard FM/FM subcarrier frequencies simultaneously at 11 separate frequency deviations and also 18 simultaneous current outputs for comparison with outputs of discriminators under test. It provides automatic, semi-automatic, and manual operation.

In automatic mode up to 18 discriminators are fed with their respective channel frequencies and the output indicated by meters for comparison.

The channel frequencies are slaved to a master deviation selector which automatically drives through 11 deviations of plus or minus 1.5, 3, 4.5, 6, 7.5 and 0 percent.

Standard currents are likewise automatically compared with the discriminator at each point. If a meter

reaches a preset limit the sequence is stopped and a light indicates the out-of-tolerance discriminator. Linearity of the discriminators to be checked to better than 0.1%.

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Tiny Mercury Battery, Capacitor Produced



A solid tantalum capacitor half the thickness of a dime, and a tiny mercury battery the size of an aspirin have been developed for the Army Micro-Module program according to an announcement by **P. R. Mallory & Co Inc.**

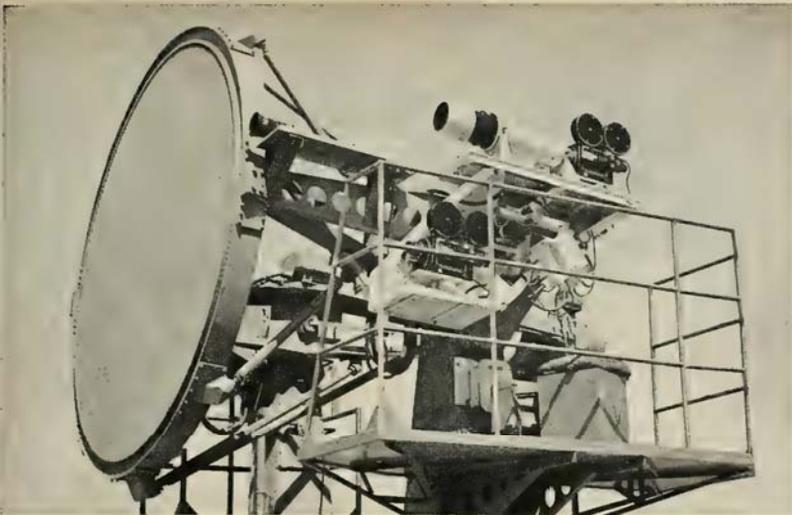
The Mallory micro-module tantalum capacitor was developed in two thicknesses, .028" in ratings up to 15 mfd x volts, and .35" in ratings up to 30 mfd x volts. Three different ratings and five terminal arrangements were developed in each thickness. The units have an effective operating temperature range of -65° to 85°C.

The Mallory RM 312 mercury battery was designed for modules requiring a self-contained source of power. The powerful little battery has a diameter of .305" and is only .135" thick.

The P. R. Mallory Co. is cooperating with RCA, the prime contractor for the Army Micro-Module program. The program was established to provide the Armed Forces with components and communications equipment physically reduced in size, but with no compromise in quality or reliability of performance.

Major emphasis of the program is on reducing the logistical problem through the development of electronic equipment that is less bulky and requires less technical know-how to operate than present equipment. Emphasis is also on reducing maintenance and "down time" through the use of "throw-away" component packages.

The micro-module as presently conceived, is the combining of micro-miniature transistors, capacitors, diodes and other components (called micro-



Mitchell Camera installation for radar tracking studies.

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Data dial instrumentation by Mitchell camera.

Extensive testing instruments incorporating Mitchell 16mm, 35mm and 70mm cameras provide key data at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station at China Lake, Calif., one of the primary weapon development centers of the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance.

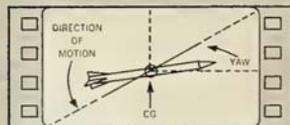
Fifty Mitchell 35mm cameras are used on radars, tracking camera mounts and fixed tripods to record missile and rocket development. Camera motors allow synchronous as well as in-phase

operation of several cameras covering a test...important in film assessing. Eight 16mm Mitchell cameras are used for pictorial coverage of tests.

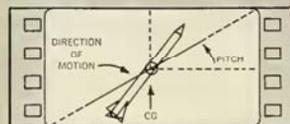
One metric photographic group shoots as much as 20,000 feet of 35mm film in one day. Other Mitchell cameras record underwater, engineering and aviation tests at this ordnance center.

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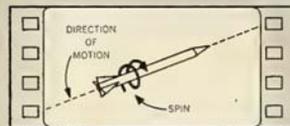
The Mitchell camera, by virtue of its exact pin registration during film exposure, allows these data to be determined to a reasonably high degree of accuracy through the use of film assessing equipment built to take advantage of this feature:



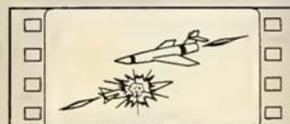
Yaw—Side-to-side motion of missile.



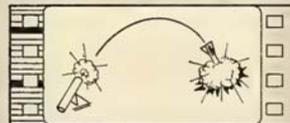
Pitch—Up-and-down motion of missile.



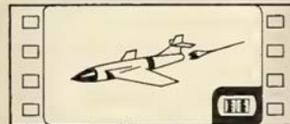
Roll—Turning motion of missile.



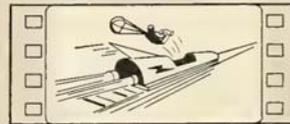
Miss Distance—Gap between missile and target at point of interception.



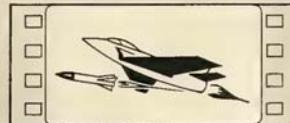
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Diode Switch Has Fast Triggering Time

A 200-milliwatt Dynistor diode switch is now available in commercial quantities from Westinghouse Electric Corp. The device is a multi-junction, two-terminal germanium switch that can transfer from a blocking to a conductive condition in fractions of a microsecond. This switching time is considerably shorter than that of switching transistors of comparable power handling capacities.

In the 200-milliwatt rating, the Dynistor diode can be used for applications in computers and core-driver circuitry. It can also be used as a protection against transient overvoltages, as an oscillator, a sawtooth wave generator, a fast acting relay, and a



phase controlled rectifier, among other applications. The device is available in four breakover-voltage categories ranging from 50 to 200 volts.

In operation, the Dynistor diode is triggered by a short duration trigger pulse, which can be of less than one-microsecond duration, and of sufficient magnitude to insure raising the voltage on the device above its breakover voltage.

To turn the device off, the voltage must momentarily be reduced to zero, or the current through the device must

be reduced below minimum sustaining current. Thus, it is essentially an on-off switch similar in operation to a gas discharge tube or neon bulb. The major difference is that the voltage drop in the conducting condition of the diode is less than a volt. The faster switching times, ranges of breakover voltages, and small size are other major differences. The unit is encapsulated in a JETEC Type 30 case.

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Ultrasonic Delay Lines Have Wide Period Range

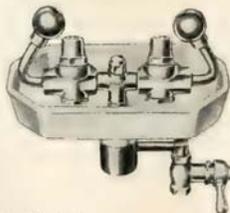
Development of ultrasonic delay lines with very short and long delay times has been announced by Corning Glass Works. They will store a signal with minimum attenuation for periods ranging from less than 50 to more than 15,000 microseconds.

Ultrasonic delay lines are produced by Corning for military radar systems. The new, very short and very long delay lines greatly extend the range of possible delay times.

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Volts D.C.	23	12	23	23	23	23	10.5
Current (ma.)	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Inertia (gm. cm. ²) (2)	158	48	104	28	158	100	20
Unit Diameter (in.)	2 1/8	1 3/4	1 1/2	1 1/8	1 1/8	1.875	1 1/8
Unit Length (in.)	31/32	1 1/8	1-43/64	1 1/8	2 1/8	2.8125	3
Life (3)	10 ⁶ revolutions or 10 ³ hours						
Static Torque (in.-oz.) (4)	0.5	0.1	1.0	.5	1.0	1.0	2 (break) 1 (running)
Weight (oz.)	5	3.5	5.75	4	7.75	6.5	5
Maximum Speed (RPM)	1100	250	300	400	300	700	600
Dielectric (Volts DC)	500	500	500	500	500	500	500

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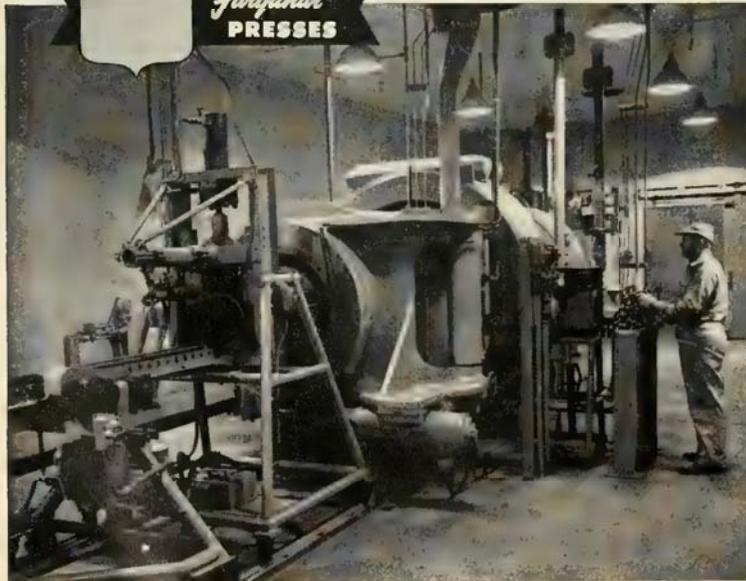


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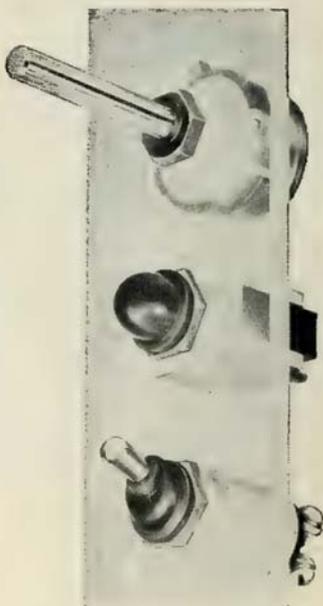
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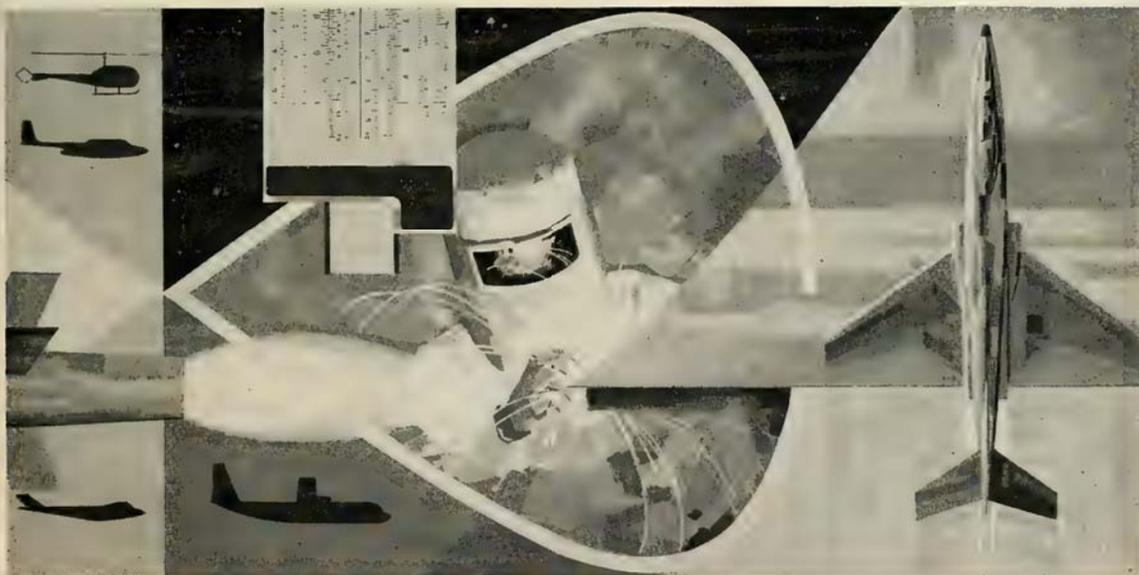
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• **Corrections**—Measured sensitivity in the demonstrator is correctable by optimizing the optical transmission. Also, the original unit was operated under a limiting condition from a source other than cell noise. A 1-db noise rise was measured between cell bias "on" and "off." Cells are available with improved contour and of improved materials for higher level operation that will increase the usable signal, after commutation, by a factor of 1.7.

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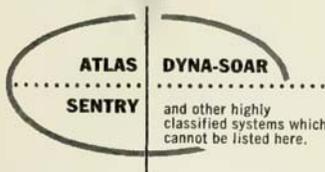
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PRINTED CIRCUITS. A booklet on "Reliability and Cost in Printed Circuits" has recently been issued by the Arthur Ansley Manufacturing Co. It discusses the relationship between various factors affecting both cost and reliability and points out that the proper printed circuit design may simultaneously cut overall cost and increase reliability. The greater care needed to manufacture high reliability printed circuits does of course, increase initial cost, but in military and industrial electronic equipment this increase is well justified.

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FORGING. The Cameron Iron Works has released a brochure describing its plant and the scope of its forging development. The brochure depicts Cameron facilities for forging high density steels into jet engine components; stainless steels into nuclear reactors, jet engines and steam power components, and high-quality alloy steels into short-lived missile components.

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MAGNETIC SERVOES. An eight-page color brochure entitled, "High Power Transistor Magnetic Servo Amplifiers," has been published by Magnetic Amplifiers, Inc. Illustrated with photographs, diagrams and charts, the booklet, designated Bulletin S-961, describes the manufacturer's "Advanced Design 'B' Line" of servo amplifiers built for industrial and military use. Applications cover power control for such varied equipment as automated milling machines, lathes, jig boring machines, camera and light positioning systems, computers, optical tracking systems, inertial platforms and radar antenna positioning systems. Technical data deals with 1 to 4 stage systems, utilizing AC or DC inputs with transistor-magnetic or all magnetic configurations for 60 and 400 cycle per second systems. Detailed engineering and performance specifications are given for each system.

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STATISTICS. A new and expanded 1959 edition of EIA's statistical series on the electronics industry is now available. New areas added include statistics and products in the consumer area, a complete electronics industrial products dossier, and military electronics data covering aircraft, missile, and government expenditures. Copies of the 5th annual "Fact Book" for 1959 prepared by the EIA Marketing Data Department are available to non-EIA members for 75 cents.

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TELEMETRY. A reference bulletin to engineers in planning telemetry receiving systems has been issued by Telemetry Dynamics Inc. The miniature FM Telemetry Receiving Systems Bulletin illustrates typical systems and describes individual TDI building-block components: receivers, subcarrier discriminators, meter controls, record-monitor-mixers, power supplies, and pre-wired mounts. Descriptions also cover the widely used TDI commutation Sat and Tape Error Compensation System. The bulletin goes into detailed examples of systems for receiving FM/FM, PAM/FM/FM, PDM/FM/FM signals.

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PULSE TRANSFORMERS. A new technical bulletin describing the P Series miniature encapsulated pulse transformers, designed especially for print circuit and automatic assembly applications, has just been published by Tenitrol Engineering Co. The P Series wound on high-permeability ferrimagnetic cores, resulting in a transform design with a high pulse-width to rise time ratio. The units are available in a number of case styles with a range pulse widths from 0.05 to 10 micro seconds for either vacuum tube or transistor applications. The small height of the transformer case and special pin arrangements make them particularly suitable for printed circuit boards, while a guide key on the side of the case which fits cylindrical feed devices, makes the transformers ideal for production runs using automatic assembly machines.

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ANTENNAS. A revised and expanded second edition of the "I.T.E. Antenna Handbook" has just been published. The I.T.E. Circuit Breaker Co. has written strictly for the antenna systems engineer. This small book provides curves estimating antenna performance and physical characteristics required to achieve a particular antenna performance. It should be particularly valuable to those in the fields of radar and microwave communications.

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TITANIUM. A brochure on titanium has been published by Harvey Aluminum. The 36-page booklet is intended as a reference for engineers, metallurgists and designers. A section on how titanium is made discusses in detail conversion of the basis ore into sponge and melting of sponge into ingot form. The publication also describes advantages titanium covering strength and weight high-temperature performance, fatigue strength, corrosion resistance, erosion resistance, and thermal properties. A rating chart outlines corrosion properties of the metal and specifications at characteristics of the various titanium alloys.

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SILICON. A catalogue outlining production techniques and various types of silicon diodes and transistors has been released by the Semiconductor Division of the Sperry Rand Corp.

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