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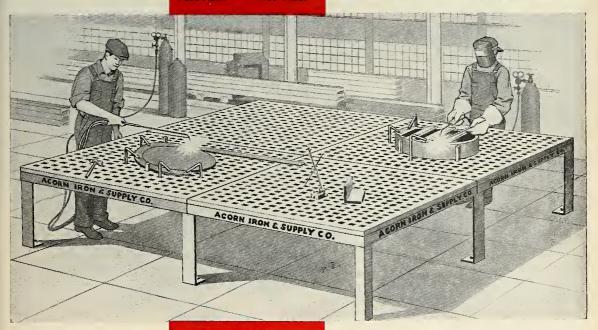
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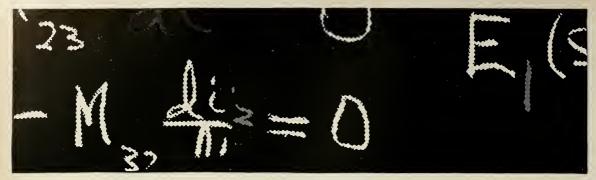
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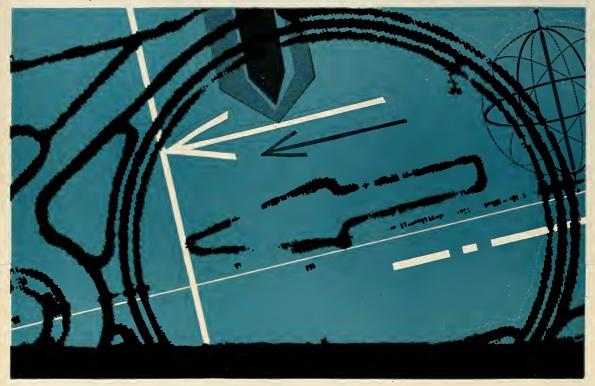
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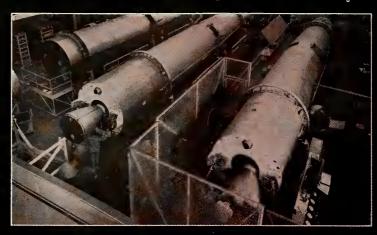
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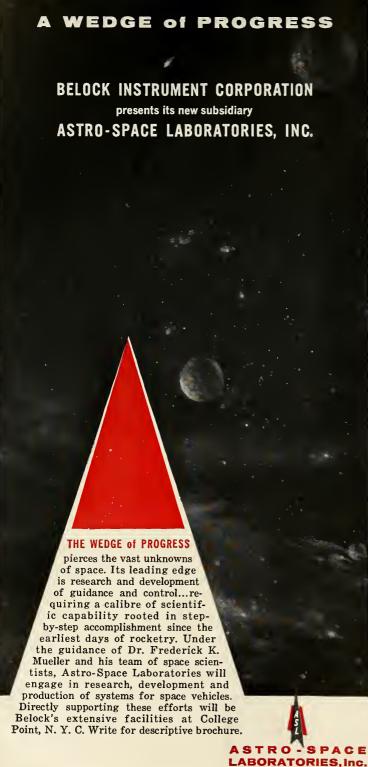
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Thermochemistry of Rocket Propulsion, a short course, University of Calif., Los Angeles, July 25-Aug. 5.

Denver Research Institute, Seventh Annual Symposium on Computers and Data Processing, Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, Colo., July 28-29.

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Special Summer Program on Modulation Theory and Systems, Cambridge, Aug. 1-12.

International Symposium on Rarefied Gas Dynamics, University of Calif., Berkeley, Aug. 3-6.

University of Connecticut, Institute for Practical Research on Operations, Storrs, Aug. 7-13.

University of Connecticut, Third Annual Institute on Missile Technology, Storrs, Aug. 7-19.

American Astronautical Society, Western National Meeting, Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Aug. 8-11.

American Institute of Electrical Engineers, 1960 Pacific General Meeting, El Cortez Hotel, San Diego, Calif., Aug. 8-12.

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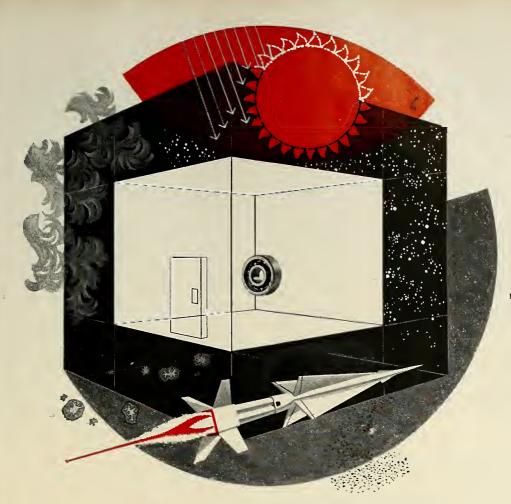
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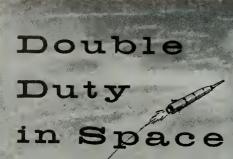
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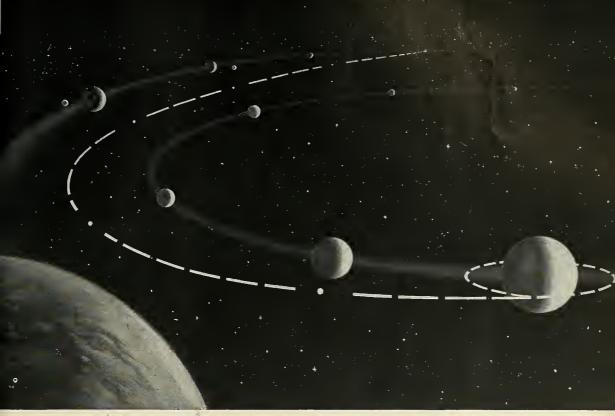
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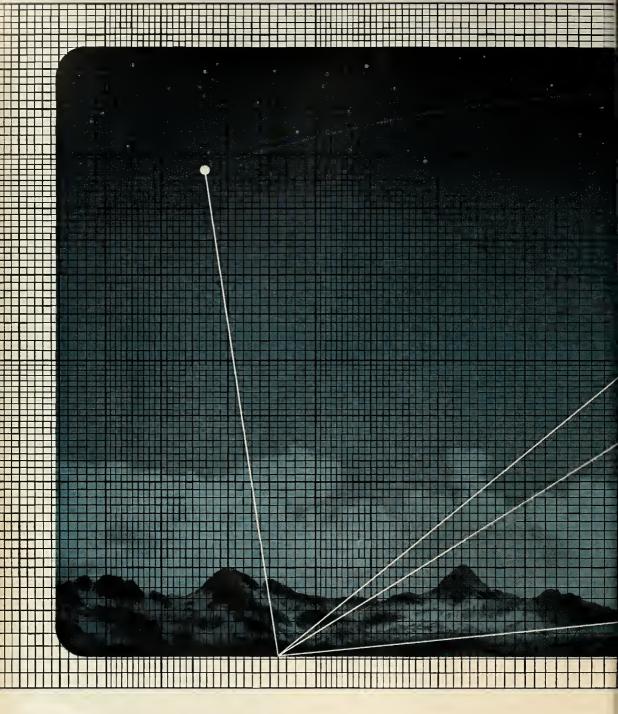
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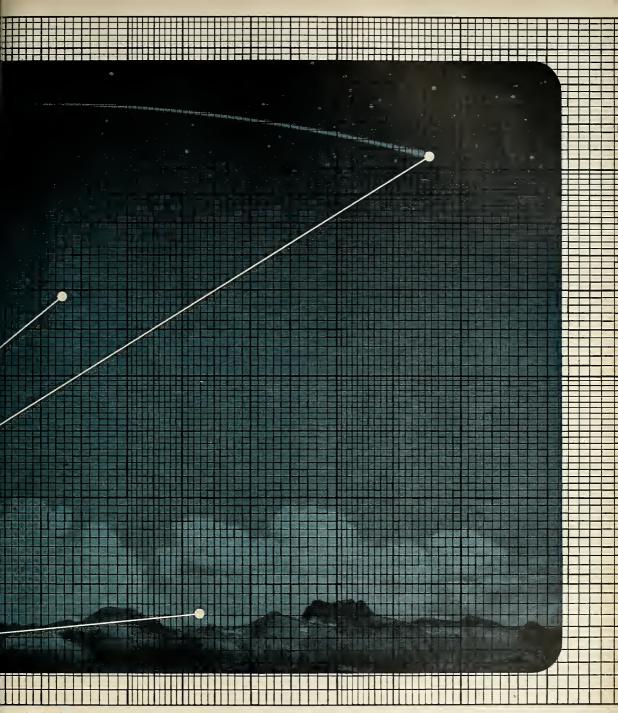






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The Law's Injustice

To the Editor:

Your article on "The Rencgotiation Mess" in the July 4 issue of M/R is most interesting and certainly provides a considerable amount of enlightening information.

But there is one facet of Renegotiation which was not mentioned. This is the portion of the law which pertains to manufacturers' representatives.

There are many points about this section of the law which are most unfair to the bona fide manufacturers' representative, the corrections for which are long overdue.

Over the years the minimum reporting amount for manufacturers has been increased, until this amount is four times that contained in the original law. The amount for manufacturers' representatives' reporting has not been changed at all.

Probably the most unfair portion is that (the fees of) manufacturers' representatives alone have been singled out from all of the consultants, professional people, and other independent contractors, and are separately renegotiated, rather

than being renegotiated through the manufacturer.

Other provisions of this law make it possible for a manufacturers' representative's fees to be renegotiated eventhough none of the companies he represents is covered.

When any changes in the Renegotiation Act are considered by Congress, as they supposedly will be by this House committee, the matter of its application to manufacturers' representatives should be given fair and impartial consideration.

Kenneth E. Hughes Union City, N.J.

First Drone Directory

To the Editor.

I would be very grateful if you would please send me a reprint of the Directory of U.S. Aerial Targets and Combat Surveillance Drones which appeared in the June 27 M/R. To my knowledge this is the first time anyone has compiled such a directory. Congratulations on a remarkable job.

Leonard Matula Chicago

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Misleading Title

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on my article in the April 18 M/R which you entitled "How to Propose a Research Program." As submitted, the title was, "A Philosophy for Propellant Research"...

While the article does tie in with research proposals, it was concerned primarily with the establishment of criteria for determining the validity of a research approach. Obviously, it did not provide an adequate treatment of the subject, "How to Propose a Research Program," since this was not its intent.

Charles N. Bernstein
Group Scientist, Propellants
and Polymers
Rocketdyne Division, North
American Aviation, Inc.
Canoga Park, Calif.

Bad Siting at Tucson?

To the Editor:

Enclosed are some further press stories and other items bearing on our local protest against Air Force siting policies (M/R, June 13, page 17). The sites of



the first nine of Tucson's 18 Titans were publicly announced on June 8. They insure 100% certainty that lethal fallout from enemy attack will hit Tucson should war come. All escape routes out of the city will be destroyed because the policy is to build these sites right beside good highways and Tucson has only five highways leading through the surrounding mountains. Tucson will become the worstsited of all the Atlas and Titan bases in the country if something is not done to forestall use of the announced site loca-

We are appealing for Congressional investigation of the entire policy with respect to fixed-base ICBM's . . . We hope that you may take note of this step in our protest by reporting it in M/R. We were very pleased to see the earlier note you ran on this issue.

> J. E. McDonald, Chairman Committee Against Ringing Tucson With Titans Tucson, Ariz.

FDR to Blame?

To the Editor:

It certainly would be a pity if this otherwise excellent technical publication should degenerate into a political digest.

Your discussion (M/R, June 6) of the so-called public relations "Fiasco", and especially the thinly veiled attack upon the Vice President of the United States, is unnecessary and ill-advised.

If this editorial is politically inspired it can be deflated easily: Our country is in this predicament thanks to F.D.R. and H.S.T. and their give-away policies in Yalta and Potsdam.

Who, in his right mind, could trust a donkey-riding crusader, waving a defeatist banner and galloping toward ultimate disaster?

> A. J. Jankunas Engineer Cicero, Ill.

Cheap Fuel Suggestion

To the Editor:

In a recent Soviet Affairs section, Dr. Parry quotes a Russian scientist as having said that ". . . Pacific Ocean hurricanes roar incessantly, with winds reaching 30 to 35 miles per second."

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It was a typographical error which we are still trying to figure out.-Ed.



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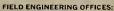
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... mergers & expansions

(Continued from page 18)

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ATLANTIC RESEARCH CORP. has begun work on a \$1.5 million addition to its facilities at Alexandria, Va. The 120,000-sq.-ft. building will be connected to the original plant by an overhead walkway.

GIANNINI SCIENTIFIC has purchased Wiley Electronics Co. of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly a subsidiary of Savage Industries. Giannini, which already numbers Plasmadyne, Plasmakote and Flight Research among its subsidiary corporations, is negotiating for further mergers with as yet unnamed companies.

PYROFUZE CORP. has been organized by the Sigmund Cohn Corp., of Mount Vernon, N. Y. The firm will manufacture specially processed Pyroforic Products, a bi-metallic product that disintegrates with explosive violence at 600°C without support of oxygen.

financial news

Aerojet General Corp.—Consolidated sales reached \$200.5 million for the six months ended May 31, an increase of 29% over the same period last year. Earnings were up 16% from \$3.8 million to \$4.5 million.

Digitronics Corp.—Sales for the fiscal year ended March 31 totaled \$822,000, a 50% increase over the \$553,000 reported for FY 1959. Net income for 1960 amounted to \$35,652, compared to \$23,618 for the previous year.

Sanders Associates, Inc.—Ne w business in excess of \$30 million raises Sanders' backlog to \$50 million. President Royden Sanders said the firm expects total sales for the year ending July 31 to reach \$17 million; he forecasts a 50% rise next year.

Infrared Industries—Record sales reached \$1.8 million, an increase of 50% over FY 1959, and net earnings increased 28% to \$122,207.

Wilson Bros.—Sales for the first five months of this year jumped 72% to \$14.9 million, compared to \$8.6 million for the same period last year. The firm expects sales of about \$38 million for 1960.

missiles and rockets, July 18, 1960



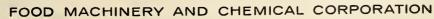
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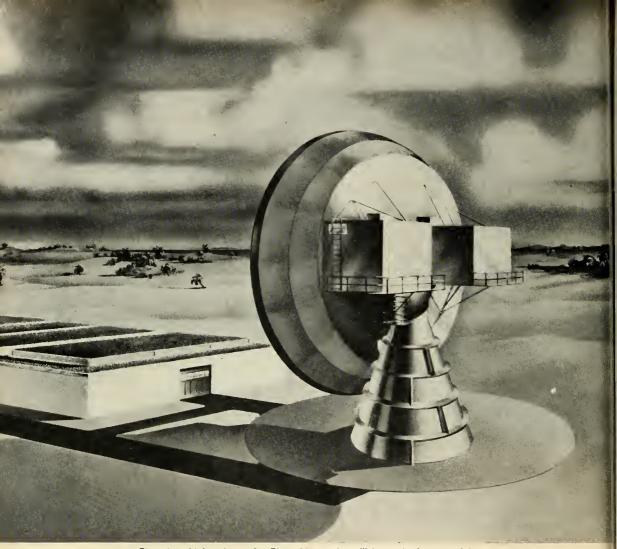




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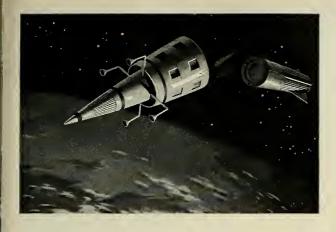
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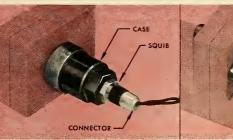
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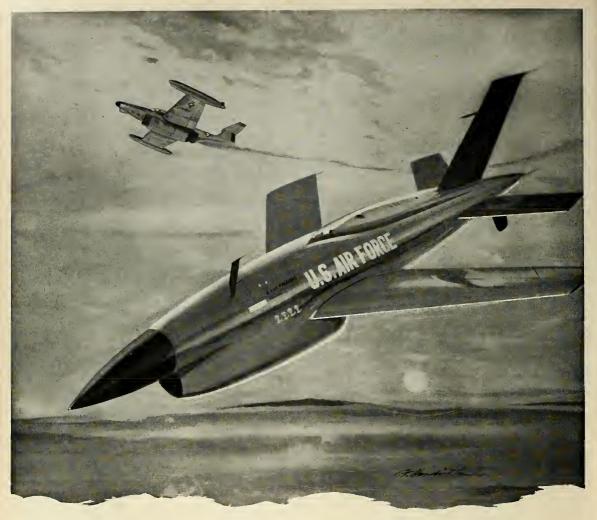
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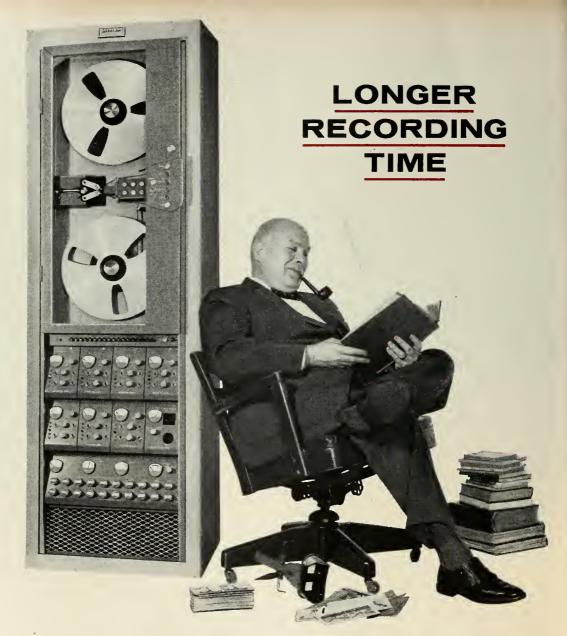
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The Countdown

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A Ship Becalmed

Strong winds blowing out of the Democratic convention for greater defense spending are leaving the Eisenhower Administration unmoved. Countdown is told the Administration has all but decided to stand firm on its earlier refusal to use the extra half-billion dollars Congress tacked on the defense budget for missiles and space. There are reports, however, that some extra dollars may be released for the missile-packing B-70 bomber. How much, no one will say.

Undersea Revolution

Navy planners are eyeing the Reynolds Metal Co. Aluminaut—an experimental submarine designed to go down 15,000 ft. Now entering the construction phase, the Aluminaut could revolutionize undersea warfare. Made of high-strength aluminum alloy six inches thick, the sub will be roughly 33 ft. long, have an inside diameter of 7 ft. and be capable of carrying a 3-man crew 100 miles. Endurance of its silver-zinc storage batteries will be two days. Designed for oceanographic exploration, the sub would be able to outdive all known submarines by several thousand feet.

Almost Operational

The most potent air-to-air missile to be developed in years—the nuclear-tipped *GAR-11*—is now scheduled to be in Air Force squadrons by the end of this year. Made by Hughes Aircraft, *GAR-11* is the big brother of the *Falcon* missile family.

On the Pad

October 1 is the latest date to be set for the launching by NASA of an Atlas-Able with a \$5 million moon-orbit payload. . . . Next shot in the Mercury program—possibly by the end of July—will be a test of the McDonnell production capsule atop an Atlas.

Courier Shot Slips

Launch of the Army Signal Corps' Courier delayedrepeater communications satellite—originally set for July 15—is expected to slip about a month. The reason: congestion at the pad.

INDUSTRY

AF Project 3059 to Aerojet

Aerojet-General has won the hot competition for the Air Force's Project 3059—the development of a million-pound-thrust solid-propellant booster. Grand Central Rocket Co. has won a smaller, supporting contract to pursue a related approach on the giant, segmented motor. The Aerojet contract for FY '61 is for about \$4 million. Size of the GCR award has yet to be established—but it will be for considerably less.

On Mahogany Row

Joining Northrop Corp. this week as a senior v.p. in charge of the company's research and advanced technology is Richard E. Horner, 42, associate administrator of NASA. Horner, who had held the NASA post 15 months, made his departure plans known some time ago (M/R, April 11)... W. R. Studhalter is Rocketdyne's new program manager on the J-2 200,000-lb.-thrust liquid hydrogen engine for *Saturn*.

Tops in '59

General Dynamics Corp. topped the nation's defense contractors in 1959 with contract awards totalling \$1.5 billion. Boeing—the 1958 leader—was second with \$1.2 billion. General Electric dropped from third to fifth place (\$915 million), while Lockheed (\$932 million) and North American (\$925 million) each advanced one position—to third and fourth places respectively.

INTERNATIONAL

Polaris for NATO

The United States is now pushing hard a plan to arm NATO with 300 *Polaris* missiles. Britain and West Germany are expected to go along. However, Scandinavian countries are cool to the idea and France wants control over the nuclear warheads as the price for accepting them on French soil.

Bouillabaisse of Missile Deals

 Aerojet-General and SNECMA (France) have entered into an agreement calling for development work on an IRBM.

• French and German anti-tank missile competitors—Nord and Boelkow—have worked out a joint agreement on a new type of missile. Details are secret.

• SEPR (France) has just revealed details of its agreement with Rocketdyne (Countdown July 11, July 4) as involving the sale of small liquid-fueled rockets in the U.S. and in Europe, Turkey and Iran. SEPR is also tying up on joint development of new solid fuels with Bombrini Parodi-Delfine (Italy).

New French Missile

Sud Aviation SE 4400 surface-to-air missile has been dropped by the military and in its place a new, secret version is being developed which will be both faster and have a longer range. The SE 4400 may be incorporated into some French space experiments.

Jolly Comment from Abroad

A recent issue of Flight magazine, a British publication, displays a picture of an upended Seaslug missile being sprayed with water. The caption reads: "Environmental test, British style. Were this an American missile, the test concerned—which is to prove Seaslug's impermeability to driving rain—would be in a specially built million-dollar test facility with a name like TWERPS (Test Water Environmental Rain Proofing System). We British just hoist the thing up with a crane borrowed from the plant department, call out the works' fire brigade, and let them have a jolly good squirt."



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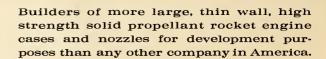
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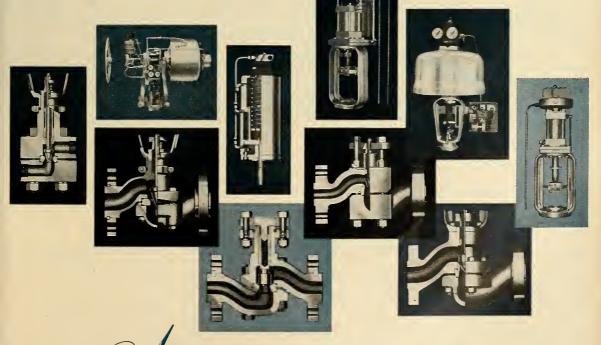
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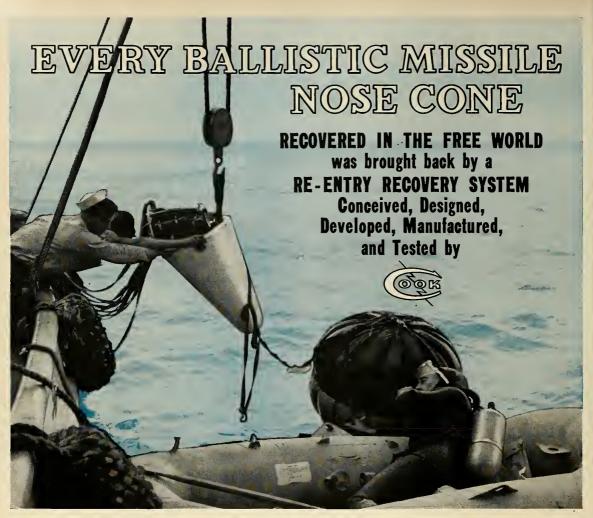


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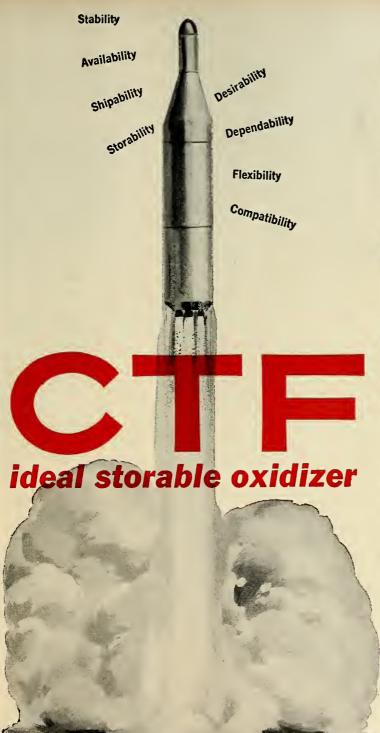
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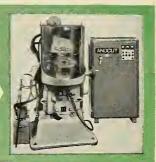


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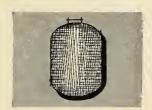
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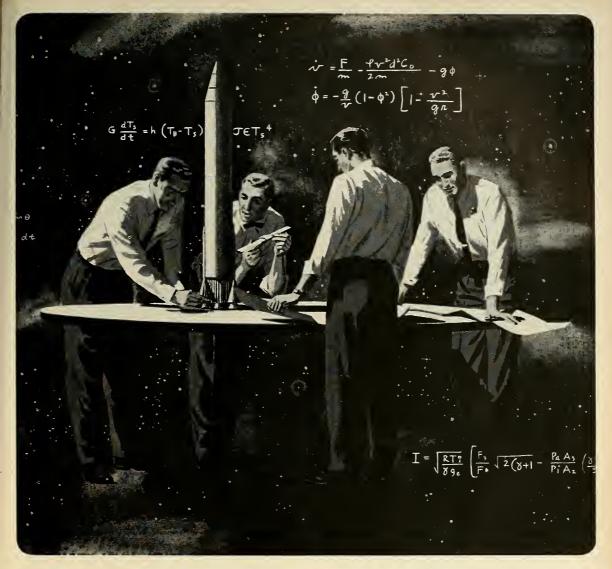
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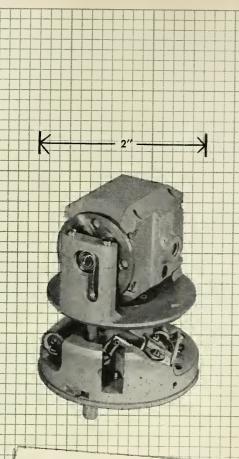
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Will Castro Get Red Missiles?

by James Baar

The ominous possibility that Russia will provide Cuba with missiles is haunting U.S. strategists this week.

Only a month ago such an idea was generally considered far-fetched. Following the events of the last few days, it has to be taken into consideration in all U.S. planning for the Western Hemisphere.

Cuban Boss Fidel Castro and his red henchman, Ernesto Guevara, are swiftly moving Cuba into the Soviet economic orbit as the last fiscal ties with the United States are snapped.

A Soviet decision to "sell" Castro missiles and provide a military mission to help establish Cuban missile bases would be only another step in implementing a Russian move into the Western Hemisphere.

Unless thwarted by stiff—possibly armed—U.S. action, the Cold War gains for Russia would be enormous:

- Castro would have placed in his hands weapons with which he could cause great difficulties for the United States.
- Cuba could intimidate all of Central America and resume the Castro regime's previously ill-fated attempts to spread the Castro Revolution and expand Cuban territorial holdings.

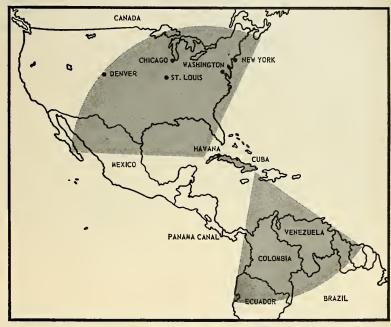
• Russia would have a new bargaining counter with which to demand withdrawal of U.S. overseas bases.

• The Communist Bloc would have a powerful base from which to increase its activities throughout Latin America.

The Russians are known to have large stockpiles of tactical and intermediate-range ballistic missiles from which they could draw for "sales" to Castro. These missiles could be deployed in Cuba at fixed bases or on mobile platforms.

IRBM's launched from Cuba could hit much of the United States. New York, Washington, Chicago and Denver would be within range. Shorterrange tactical Soviet missiles such as the Komet 2 could hit much of the Deep South—including the Polarisloading depot at Charleston, S.C., and Cape Canaveral.

But even more important to Soviet and Cuban strategy is that such missiles could hit any city or military target throughout Mexico and the small



CUBAN-BASED IRBM's (made in Russia) could be launched 1500 nautical miles to strike targets throughout Central America and much of the United States.

nations of Central America.

They could strike anywhere in the islands of the West Indies and across the Caribbean into Venezuela, Ecuador and northern Brazil.

The Panama Canal could be held hostage.

Castro, armed with Soviet missiles and a growing army, would become the greatest military power in Latin America.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev would face relatively small losses in exchange for such attractive gains.

The principal loss would be the alarming of Latin American nations. This could result in possible united armed action against Cuba and the stiffening of resistance to local Communist groups.

However, Khrushchev apparently does not consider this a serious risk or he would not have openly defied the Monroe Doctrine with his threat earlier this month to come to Cuba's aid with ICBM's.

Nor would a Latin American war embroiling the United States necessarily not be to Khrushchev's taste. He and Latin America's Communists might well feel that whatever Cuba's fate, the odds are in favor of their emerging in control of many key Latin American posts.

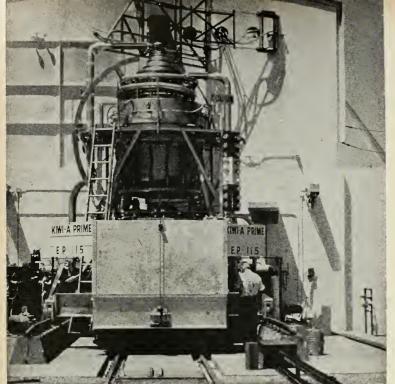
All in all the arming of Castro with missiles must appear very attractive to the Kremlin in the last days of the Eisenhower Administration.

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The Air Force and Boeing Airplane Co, this last week announced the signing of a \$247-million R&D contract for the huge *Minuteman* ICBM program.

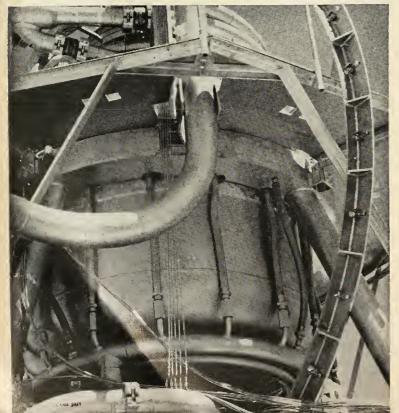
The contract, running through Dec. 31, 1961, replaces a letter contract that authorized Boeing to begin work on the *Minutemen* that will be deployed in fixed bases. A contract covering *Minutemen* that will be deployed aboard trains is expected to be negotiated during the next few months.

The three-stage Minuteman is scheduled to be operational in mid-1962.



ABOVE: Kiwi-A-Prime reactor shown on rails in exclusive M/R photo. Its fuel element is believed to represent a major improvement over earlier Kiwi-A.

BELOW: Close-up of Kiwi-A-Prime reactor cold flow unit shows ducting of system used for handling liquids, instrumentation wiring and structural member arrangement.



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Kiwi-A-Prime

by Richard van Osten

The U.S. took one more step along the path to a nuclear-powered rocket with the first full power run of Project Rover's Kiwi-A Prime reactor at the Atomic Energy Commission's Nevada test site.

Although total power time was approximately 15 minute and full power was maintained for only about five minutes, personnel from Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory expressed extreme pleasure with the July 8 results.

Exact details of the test operation are still pretty much under wraps. But Dr. Keith Boyer, project director for NTS, told M/R the power obtained was "similar" to that achieved with the successful run of Kiwi-A last year.

Output of the solid-fuel (uranium-235) heat-exchanger, direct, open-cycle reactor was not the test's primary object, however. What LASL scientists were trying to achieve was a validation of their design theories. This, they claim, was accomplished.

Kiwi-A Prime is the nearest approach so far to a system and component design that could be flown—not that the reactor is anywhere near a flyable configuration, it is simply "a lot closer," according to test personnel. It is being developed jointly by the AEC and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Security regulations do not permit full disclosure of differences between Kiwi-A and Kiwi-A-Prime. It is known, however, that one major area of improvement is the fuel element—a long-standing problem with all reactor types.

• Test delayed—The test went well despite a several hour delay when a methane supply line valve malfunctioned. The methane is used to light off the cloud of hot hydrogen which rises from the reactor nozzle so that it burns rather than accumulate undetected and possibly explode. Operations could have been conducted with-

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Run Brings Flight Closer

Testers highly pleased with success of first full-power trial of advanced reaction; Rover director sees program on right track

out the methane flare, but B-57 sampling aircraft took a rather dim view of flying through an unburned cloud of hydrogen. The reactor had to be shut down for the repair, then brought up to power again.

During the full power run, sparks shot out of the reactor exhaust on several occasions. Dr. Alvin Graves, director of LASL's Test Division, said he had no idea what the reason was, but teardown, scheduled to begin the following day, would probably show some slight internal damage.

Another short delay was encountered early in the test when the reactor's scram system (for fast shutdown) was set too close to the operat-

ing point.

Next step will be detailed examination of Kiwi-A-Prime following disassembly. Later this year, Kiwi A3, presently still at LASL, will be brought to the site for tests.

• Kiwi B series-Kiwi A3 is "almost identical" to Kiwi-A-Prime, LASL says, but the test program is different. The reactor will be run up to power several times, then run to failure.

When Kiwi A3 experiments are completed, the existing test cell (A) at NTS will be modified for additional hydrogen storage in preparation for next year's test program on the Kiwi B series.

In addition to the modified test cell A, a new unit, test cell C, will be constructed for Kiwi B experiments. Some of this construction is complete -extension of the railroad to carry the reactors, a vehicle road and a water line have been installed. First phase of the test cell proper will be built by Okland Construction Co., Salt Lake City, Utah, under a \$1.1 million contract.

Work will consist of a heavy reinforced concrete test cell building, a similarly constructed propellant fill station building, furnishing and erecting two prefabricated metal buildings, constructing a cooling tower and an outdoor power substation, installing utility systems, and installing government-furnished equipment. The new test cell is expected to be operational by the summer of 1961.

The power run of Kiwi-A-Prime marked still another innovation. This was the first time LASL personnel had tried out a new instrumentation system, which incorporated multiplexed and commutated data pick-off signals which are fed to Ampex recorders. The tapes will subsequently be fed into an IBM 704 computer for reduction.

• Look for surprises—The previous system (M/R, July 4, 1960) worked well, but much information was not reduced because of the complexities. With the new system, Dr. Boyer said it is easier to reduce all data rather than select portions to be reduced as before.

Asked his opinion as to the feasibility of the Rover project, Dr. Boyer said he was personally convinced they were on the right track-particularly after the successful test of Kiwi-A and now, Kiwi-A-Prime.

"But," he cautioned, "we still have not mastered the problem, and we may be due for some surprises."

The Kiwi-A-Prime test was observed by U.S. Senators Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), Henry Jackson (D-Wash.), and Wallace Bennett (R-Utah), all members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. Other congressional observers were Representatives Craig Hosmer (R-Calif.) and William Bates (R-Mass.). Observers included also representatives from the AEC, NASA, National Academy of Sciences, the Military Liaison Committee, Joint Committee of Atomic Energy, and Dr. York's office.



INTERNAL assembly is installed in hot reactor at Nevada Test Site. ACF assembled hardware. Photos by Frank McGuire.

'Laser' Broadens the Radio Spectrum

by Hal Gettings

A new era in electronics opened up this week with the long-sought development of the laser—an optical maser and key to optical-frequency communications.

The "laser"—Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation—extends the radio spectrum from 50 gigacycles (kmc) up to 500,000 gigacycles, which includes infrared and approaches visible light.

An extension of such magnitude vastly increases the number of available communications channels,

This first laser was developed at Hughes Aircraft Company's research laboratories in a company-funded project under the direction of Dr. Theodore H. Maiman, a senior staff physicist.

In addition to radar and communications, a host of other applications are seen for the new device.

The laser is the first true light amplifier. It provides a new scientific tool for investigating properties of matter and performing basic experiments of physics. It can be used as a source of highly concentrated light for industrial, chemical, and medical purposes.

• Coherence—The most significant factor of the new development is that the laser is able to generate a "coherent" beam—heretofore possible only in the conventional radio frequencies. "Coherence" signifies the definiteness of the frequency of radiation—the smaller the band, the more coherent the source. Usual light sources—such as a carbon arc or incandescent lamp—generate energy over a relatively wide

band of the electro-magnetic spectrum. Consequently, they cannot be focused to a very narrow beam, and dissipate rapidly with distance.

As an example, the best available searchlight aimed at the moon would spread over 25,000 miles—even if it could reach that far.

In contrast, the laser radiates an almost perfectly parallel beam, less than one-hundredth of a degree of arc wide. Aimed at the moon, such a beam would illuminate an area less than ten miles wide. A beam directed at the earth from a satellite at 1000 miles altitude would be concentrated into an area about 200 feet wide. Using it as a "light-radar" could make it possible to take detailed pictures with a super-clarity never before obtained.

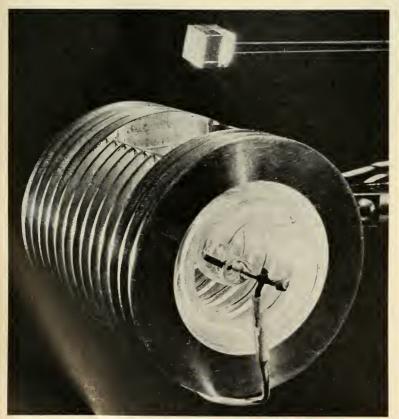
The heart of the laser is a half-inch cube of synthetic ruby crystal. Irradiated by a light source—such as a powerful flash tube lamp—the tightly packed atoms of the ruby are excited to a higher energy state and energy is reradiated in a narrow band of frequencies. The excited atoms are coupled to an atomic resonator and stimulated to emit the radiation together. This is in contrast to ordinary light sources where the atoms radiate individually at random and produce "incoherent" light energy.

• Glorious color—Due to its coherence, the laser is a source of very high "effective" temperature, while it itself remains physically cool. By comparison, an ordinary arc lamp would have to be at an impossible temperature of several billion degrees to generate as bright a signal as the laser.

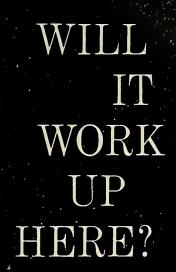
Coherence, too, has an important effect on color. Since the color of light is a manifestation of its frequency band, its purity is determined by the width of the emitted spectrum. Consequently, the laser should be able to generate the purest colors ever known.

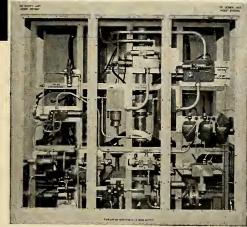
The Hughes effort in this field is one of several programs being conducted in many industrial and educations scientific laboratories. Some are privately and some publicly supported; others are under defense contracts.

Competition in even such an exotic area as this is not unknown. It is fairly certain that parallel or similar significant advances will make their appearance in the near future. The Hughes development is but the first.



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Navy Buys High-Accuracy Norwegian ASW Missiles

The Navy is planning to equip two destroyer escorts with Norwegian ASW *Terne* missiles.

The *Terne* is a surface-to-underwater missile that carries a depth-charge warhead. It is manufactured by Kongsberg Vapenfabrikk.

The Navy announced this last week the award of an approximately \$1.5 million contract to Arma for the integration of *Ternes* into present shipboard missile systems—presumably *Alfa*—and the modification of existing fire control equipment.

The newest model of the *Terne*—the Mark 7—weighs 264 lbs. The depth charge alone weighs 105 lbs. The *Terne* is 77.5 in. long. It has a 7.9-in. diameter.

Alfa, which has been operational aboard U.S. ships since 1952, weighs 500 lbs. It is 102 in. long and has a 12.7-in. diameter.

Alfa's effective range is about 900 yards. Terne's range is believed to be longer. Terne's accuracy has been described as "better than a quarter of 1%."

Terne is launched from Norwegian ships with a 2.5-ton deck launcher that carries six missiles, fired singly or in salvoes.



Exclusive M/R photo of Terne.

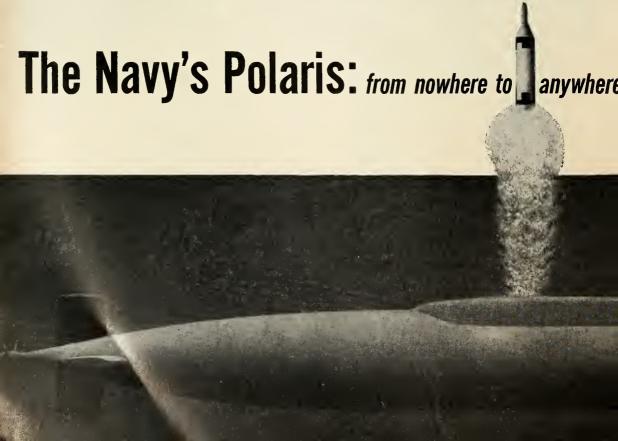
Von Braun Completes Top Staff Appointments

Dr. Wernher von Braun, director of the Marshall Space Flight Center at Huntsville, Ala., last week completed selection of his top staff assistants.

The Marshall Center, which was set up July 1 from von Braun's group in the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, now has a staff of 4900 and eventually will total 5500.

Von Braun made these appointments: Saturn Systems Office, Dr. O. H. Lange; Agena-B and Centaur Systems Office, Dr. Hans Heuter; Weapons Systems Office, Werhen Tiller; Future Projects Office, H. H. Koelle; Technical Program Coordination Office, Dr. George Constan; Office of Technical Services, David Newby; Office of Management Services, V. C. Sorensen; Office of Financial Management, Claude Stockton; Office of Purchasing and Contracting, Wilbur Davis; Management Analysis Office, C. W. Huth.

There are two deputy directors. Dr. Eberhard F. M. Rees, von Braun's deputy for many years with ABMA, will head the operating departments as deputy director for research and development. Delmar M. Morris, government administrator formerly with the Atomic Energy Commission and TVA, is deputy director for administration.



NASA Seeks New Western Source of Liquid Hydrogen

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration needs a second supply of liquid hydrogen in the California-Nevada area, it told industry last week.

At a preliminary bidders' conference July 12, representatives of about 15 companies were told that in about a year there will be requirements for additional supply varying from 35,000 to 60,000 lbs. daily for a period of five years. The only major source on the West Coast at present is a Linde Co. plant at Torrance, Calif., which went on stream June 27.

Under a NASA-Linde contract, NASA has first call on up to 275,000 lbs. a month produced at the new Linde plant. Linde has said the plant can produce six tons a day if required.

The NASA group, headed by William P. Kelly, Jr., head of the Procurement Assistance Branch in the Procurement and Supply Division, told the industry representatives that requests for bids would be issued in the near future.

The NASA spokesmen said it was believed that the plant could be built in a year. Several industry spokesmen disagreed, saying the construction would take more time.

It was indicated that the contract to be awarded would provide that the winning company build the plant with its own funds and NASA would be committed to buy from the second plant after first meeting its needs from the Linde plant.

The present NASA contract with Linde calls for the purchase of liquid hydrogen on the following basis: First 100,000 lbs. in any month at 66e/lb., next 50,000 lbs. at 57e/lb., next 50,000 lbs. at 55e/lb., and last 75,000 lbs. at 32e/lb.

Firms Compete for Contract On Orbiting Observatory

Four companies and seven teams of companies are bidding for a contract to design and develop a 3500-lb. orbiting astronomical observatory (OAO) for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The observatory, largest payload attempted by NASA to date, would carry telescopes and other instruments and point them at parts of the sky with the accuracy and steadiness of a ground telescope.

The OAO would be boosted into orbit by an Atlas-Agena B vehicle. Harry J. Goett, director of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, told the House Appropriations Subcommittee in

March that OAO would go into operation in about 2½ years. This would indicate a flight by late 1962.

The Goddard Center, which will move later this year from Washington to Greenbelt, Md., will have charge of developing the satellite. NASA did not say how much money would be involved in the contract. However, it was understood it would be worth upwards of \$10 million to the winner.

Astronomical observation from above the atmosphere is greatly improved because it avoids the distortion of visible light and the blockage of radiation in many wavelengths caused by the atmosphere. Rudimentary observations by rocket have already changed many of the ideas previously held about the nature of the galaxy.

NASA asked for bids on May 5. Bids were received July 5. Individual companies bidding were Lockheed Missiles and Space Division, Aeronutronics Division of Ford Motor Co., Hughes Aircraft and the General Electric Missiles and Space Division. These were the team bids:

Bendix and Republic Aviation Systems Division, The Martin Co. and General Precision Instruments Inc., Westinghouse Electric and Grumman Aircraft, McDonnell Aircraft and Philco, Aerojet-General and Motorola, the three-way combination of Radio Corp.

Erupting from the ocean that blankets most of the earth, the Navy's Polaris missile will have the range to reach any strategic target. It will be launched from mobile bases that are safe from surprise attack—nuclear-powered submarines that cruise fast and deep for weeks on end, each carrying 16 Polaris missiles. This is the Navy's Fleet Ballistic Missile system. It becomes operational this year. Lockheed is prime contractor and system manager for the Polaris missile.



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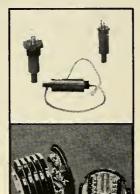
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Soviets Finish Latest Series of Pacific Shots

Russia completed testing a new long-range rocket by firing it 8070 miles into the Pacific testing range and impacting the dummy last stage "right

at the target point."

The July 7 firing was the second and last in a phase of testing which began only two days before. Tass said the first rocket travelled 8078 miles, although the Pentagon estimated the distance as 7700 miles. U.S. Navy planes reported sighting both flights although they could not determine whether the payloads impacted in the target area.

The Soviets expressed complete satisfaction at the results of the two tests. Tass reported that "these launchings yielded all data necessary to complete the development of a carrier rocket designed for further conquest

of outer space."

STL Among Four Companies Doing Moon Payload Study

Space Technology Laboratories last week won its first contract with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NASA chose STL and three other companies to make five-month competing studies of design and size of a package weighing about 2500 lbs. that would make a soft landing on the moon. The others are McDonnell Aircraft, North American's Missile Division and Hughes Aircraft.

STL has been free to contract for competitive government business since July 1, when Aerospace Corp., a nonprofit organization, was formed to provide the Air Force with systems engineering and technical direction of missile systems, and took over such work

from STL.

NASA announced on July 10 that its Jet Propulsion Laboratory will negotiate contracts with the four companies calling for studies to be completed in December. The individual contracts will be in the neighborhood of \$100,-000. However, the winner of the competition will be in line for NASA business totaling \$50-\$100 million over the next several years.

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Ramo-Wooldridge Inc., STL will continue to provide systems engineering of ICBM weapon systems until development is completed. Aerospace Corp. took over the supervision for new missiles and advanced detection systems.

The moon payload, a follow-up to Project Ranger, has no name as yet. It will be boosted by an Atlas-Centaur vehicle. First flight is expected in 1963. Ranger will rough-land a seismometer on the moon's surface about 1962. NASA officials want the soft-land payload to hit at not more than 27 ft./sec., compared with Ranger's speed of more than 300 ft./sec.

A bidders' conference was held at JPL on May 13. Twenty-seven companies filed bids, which were received on June 6.

First Submerged Shot Of Polaris Near at Hand

The Polaris test program moved toward a dramatic climax this week as the George Washington prepared to launch the first live Polaris while submerged off the coast of Florida.

The test follows nearly 70 launchings of *Polaris* test vehicles beginning in 1957. The program's box score: 46 successes; 19 partial successes; four failures.

The *Polaris'* latest string of launching successes ended July 6 when a malfunction in the 15-ton missile's second stage cut short a flight from a landbased pad at Cape Canaveral.

The next day another *Polaris* veered out of control seconds after it was launched at sea from the Observation Island test ship. A range safety officer destroyed it and the broken missile fell into the Atlantic a few hundred yards from the ship.

GE to Install Trajectory Measuring System at Cape

A \$15½-million contract for a new precision missile trajectory measurement system has been awarded to General Electric Co. by the Air Force,

The new system—called MIST-RAM—will be first installed at Cape Canaveral. Additional stations will be added later at down-range island sites and elsewhere on the U.S. East Coast. The basic system is scheduled to be in operation by January, 1962.

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According to GE, MISTRAM will be more accurate than any trajectory system presently available for U.S. missile test ranges. Basis for the superaccuracy of the system is a method of using phase-stabilization to correct for baseline deviations caused by changes in temperature and equipment. In addition, the system will be able to pin-

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point measuring-station locations on the earth by utilizing orbiting satellites.

A novel feature of MISTRAM is the elimination of precision tracking antennas. Signals received from the missile will be processed by a computer to determine its trajectory from derived position and velocity measurements.

TRW Will Build Solar Power Units for NASA

A \$4.3-million contract to supply two Sunflower I solar auxiliary power units in two years was agreed upon last week by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and TAPCO Group, Thompson Ramo Wooldridge Inc.

NASA announced in April its plan to negotiate with TRW for development of the 3000-watt spacecraft APU, designed to operate for a year within nose fairings usable on *Centaur* and *Saturn* launch vehicles. It will weigh about 700 lbs.

The system will consist of a foldable petal-type solar collector that will open to a diameter of about 32 ft. The sun's rays will boil liquid mercury, which will drive a turbogenerator to produce electric power. An energy storage unit will permit continuous operation, even when the craft is in the earth's shadow.

TRW originally estimated the cost of development at \$4.9 million.

Getting Named Head Of Aerospace Corp.

Dr. Ivan A. Getting will be the first president of Aerospace Corp., successor to Space Technology Labs as manager of the Air Force missile and space programs.

Dr. Getting is former vice president for research and engineering for the Raytheon Co., and during World War II was director of fire control and Army radar for the Radiation Laboratory of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has also been Professor of Electrical Engineering at MIT.

The appointment is effective August 1.

Broad Range of Topics Scheduled at WESCON

Workshop sessions on the wideranging aspects of manned-machine systems will be among the primary attractions in the technical program of this year's Western Electronic Show and Convention (WESCON).

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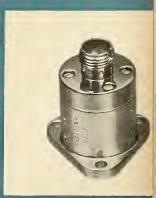
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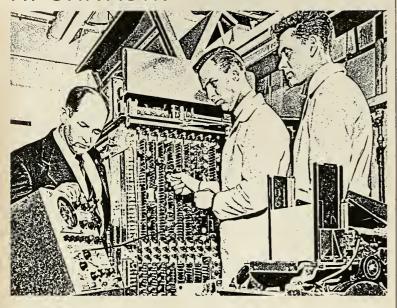


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An innovation in this year's technical sessions will be a women's program on the subject, "Engineering: The Woman's Role."

Cole Connector Uses New Alignment Principle

Los Angeles—A new principle for self-aligning contacts is used in a connector developed by Cole Electric Co. for ground service equipment of the *Atlas* weapon system.

Cole has just received a production contract for the connector from Convair Astronautics.

Basic principle of the self-aligning electrical connector is that of a universal joint employing a two-ball split-sleeve design. The ball end of each contact pin mates with a split-sleeve socket that is loosely retained with another ball to form a receptacle unit.

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This made it possible to design the *Atlas* system without the use of complex opening and closing devices. Since the self-aligning contact pins can be inserted at an angle without damage, the Cole connector opens and closes like a book.

Use of this hinged action makes possible a lower weight and cheaper unit than the use of screw-on, screw-jack or power-lever types, the company says, and connection and disconnection also is faster and easier.

The unit has been built for rough use. In tests, the connector was dropped more than 5 ft. to pavement some 2000 times without major damage.

Cole reports that the self-aligning principle makes it possible to design a connector with virtually any number of contacts of various capacities. Contact pins for the connectors are available in 15, 30, 75, 150 and 300 amp. capacities and any combination of pins sizes can be used in a single connector.

This was done in the connectors for the Atlas system, which originally called for a number of different connector designs to accommodate the many cable configurations.

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Pentagon Studying Whether Ads Are Allowable Costs

The Department of Defense is currently conducting a detailed analysis of all trade publications to determine whether or not advertising in them is an allowable item of cost under the Armed Services Procurement Act, according to a letter written by Gen. Arno Leuhman, chief of Air Force information, to the publisher of Air Force Magazine.



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Technical Countdown_

ELECTRONICS

New Techniques for Anti-jamming

An interesting concept applied to the problem of anti-jamming protection for communication satellites is termed "graceful degradation." Aim is to have a system capable of stepped-up performance during ECM attack but to automatically lower operating requirements when the satellite is not subject to jamming.

Yes, We Have No Communication Satellites

Most of the work in perfecting a practical communications satellite system is still ahead of us, according to F. R. Kappel, president of AT&T. Contrary to some "over-enthusiastic publicity," he says, a limited system is five years away and commercial applications about 10 years in the future, "if all goes well."

Reliability High for Titan "Athena"

Reliability of the *Titan* guidance computer, Athena, is reported to be rated at 99.92% after over 21,000 hours of continuous operation of four models. Remington Rand Univac has just received AF contracts of over \$26 million for production of the solid-state computers.

Ozone vs. Weather and People

An ozone analyzer being developed by Armour Research Foundation at Illinois Tech is expected to shed some light on the part ozone plays in determining atmospheric circulation. Another application is as a monitor for manned space vehicles cabins flying through the ozone layer between 40,000 and 150,000 ft. Even low concentrations of ozone (2 ppm) can cause severe lung irritation.

Down-range Pickle Jar

A "pickle-jar navigation aid" helped a down-range telemetry ship reach its assigned position southeast of Ascension during an *Atlas* shoot some time ago. Devised on the spot by Pan Am technicians, the jar was used as a lighted buoy to determine ocean current drift during a storm that blocked out conventional navigation fixes.

Negative lons for Health?

A recent Air Force study demonstrates that positive ions, originating mainly from carbon dioxide, promote various harmful effects, including an increased vulnerability to trauma. Negative ions, originating from oxygen, are said to have beneficial effects. Conclusion: fill space cabins with negative ions.

ADVANCED MATERIALS

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Mach 27 Wind Tunnel in Operation

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ASW ENGINEERING

Batteries vs. Rockets

Solid-fuel rockets for torpedo propulsion will have a hard time pushing batteries out of the picture. Many in the Navy feel that solids have a long way to go technically and that more money in battery research would produce the breakthrough needed to give required high-energy levels.

System is the Thing

ASW weapons should be designed as a system, according to some manufacturers in the business. They say the Navy should decide on a comprehensive and feasible system and go to work on implementing it with appropriate vehicles and hardware.

Drone Helicopter for ASW

A Gyrodyne DSN-1 drone helicopter made its first at-sea landing aboard the USS Mitscher July 1. The experimental model is the first remote-controlled helicopter built expressly for use in destroyers. It will be used to carry homing torpedoes to kill enemy submarines.

PROPULSION

Agena Engine Passes Restart Tests

The Bell 8081 engine for Lockheed Agena B has reportedly passed a series of successful restart tests under simulated vacuum conditions. Tests were conducted at Arnold Engineering Development Center, Tullahoma, Tenn.

Test Sled Hits Mach 3.5

A 2.5-ton monorail sled was boosted to a record velocity of 2650 mph at Holloman AFB last month. The 48-foot sled, largest ever fired at Holloman, covered 5½ miles in 15 seconds. It was propelled by three Hercules Powder Co, *Nike* boosters.

Swan Song for X-7

Final flight is scheduled this week for the Lockheed X-7, a ramjet-powered test missile that holds the West's air-breathing-vehicle speed record of Mach 4.31. The program at Holloman AFB will end with this flight, the 130th. X-7's have a success record of 75% in testing ramjet engines and gathering data on exotic fuels over the last 13 years.

Research Needed to Advance Air-breathers

Research in three areas is needed to advance the high-Mach-number air-breathing engine science, speakers told an AGARD meeting in Milan this spring. The areas: high-temperature recombination rates of hydrogenair and hydrocarbon-air; effect of shock on flow, mixing and combustion; and turbomachinery design.

How Does a Solid Rocket Burn?

Ignition of solid propellants has been shown to occur entirely in the gas phase, contrary to a widely held technical view. So says the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. Bolstering the agency's notion is a partly developed mathematical theory of composite propellant burning based on experimental studies of ammonium perchlorate combustion.



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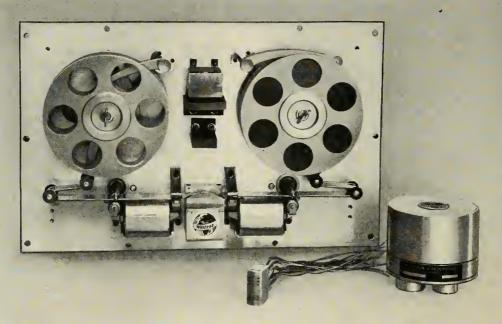
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Hydrogen-LOX Development Exceeds Forecasts

- Rapid progress of LOX-liquid hydrogen system is year's most important trend
- Engine hardware is area of greatest solids improvement
- Nuclear rocket gets firm development objective
- Ion engine development programs spur electrical propulsion

An interview with Elliot Mitchell, assistant director for propulsion, Office of Launch Vehicle Programs, NASA.

The most significant propulsion trend of the last 12 months is the unexpectedly rapid progress of the liquid hydrogen-LOX system.

This is the opinion of Elliot Mitchell, top propulsion specialist of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He says that NASA, taking advantage of the trend, has decided to give maximum support to development of a large LOX-hydrogen engine and to exploit the system for upper stages of advanced vehicles such as Saturn.

Mitchell, assistant director for propulsion on the staff of Maj. Gen. Don R. Ostrander, NASA director of launch vehicle programs, declared in an interview that Pratt & Whitney Division of United Aircraft has made tremendous progress in its work on a 15,000-lb,-thrust hydrogen engine for the Centaur and Saturn programs.

"The performance of this engine, including combustion problems, has come along extremely well," Mitchell said. "The handling of hydrogen on a large scale is a lot more reasonable than any of us had optimistically hoped."

The NASA propulsion chief recalled that Rocketdyne Division, North American Aviation, was chosen this spring to develop a LOX-hydrogen engine of 200,000 lbs. thrust, more than 13 times the power of the Pratt & Whitney engine. And the P&W powerplant itself will be uprated to about 17,500 lbs.

Mitchell was asked for his assessment of progress in all major propulsion areas in the last year. He expressed these opinions:

• Storables—The combination of nitrogen tetroxide and hydrazine-type fuels has gained momentum, he said. "If we are talking storable liquids, this combination is reasonable and provides a higher impulse."

Mitchell said, however, that not enough is known at present to endorse the use of any storable propellant system for use in space. "We need to understand theoretically and experimentally how high-energy particles affect propellants, the chamber material and their interaction."

Both NASA and the Air Force are making plans for experimental studies simulating radiation and other space environment effects on storable propellants, he added. Industrial contractors have been asked to make proposals.

Mitchell noted also that work is progressing rapidly on the Saturn booster and the 1½-million-lb.-thrust F-1 engine. Although no breakthroughs are involved in these LOX-kerosen engines, he said, they are great engineering jobs that are progressing very successfully.

As for Saturn, he said the anticipated heat problems have not been severe—"the result of a combination of good fortune and damned good engineering." He added:

"The thoroughness of the Marshall Research Center team's approach under Dr. Wernher von Braun is overwhelming. It is a team effort that is a pleasure to watch."

• Solids—The spectacular success of the *Polaris* and *Minuteman* systems in the last year has demonstrated that large solid motors can be reduced to reliable practice, Mitchell asserted.

The area of greatest progress has been in engine hardware rather than in the propellant itself, Mitchell reported. Hardware improvements have taken place in development of high-performance cases, production of reliable, useful thrust vectoring, and termination and solution of insulation problems.

Mitchell said he does not expect any tremendous progress in the near future on improving solids except for some entirely new propellant that might come from the research sponsored by the Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency. And in such a case, he asserted, experience shows that such a new fuel could not be brought into operation in less than five years.

Improvements in the near future, he said, will come from marginal increments of 5 or 6 seconds in specific impulse, better mass ratios and other little tricks.

"But as we go into systems significantly better in $I_{\rm sp}$, we will find ourselves aggravating many problems that we are handling relatively simply today," he continued. "We may encounter breakthroughs we don't see today, but I feel significant gains in performance will come hard."

Another important development in solids is continuous processing, Mitchell declared. This will be the manufacturing method for any future programs based on large-volume production.

In motor case fabrication, Mitchell predicted a wider application of fiber glass and plastic, which he said has very great growth potential, both in performance and cost.

For large-volume production, steel cases probably will maintain a cost

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Reliability Replaces Size Reduction As Main Objective of Integration

- Reliability is biggest advantage
- Cuts promised in cost, size and power consumption
- Integrated circuits demand integrated processes, teams
- Need for materials research grows
- New assembly and processing techniques required

by Dr. H. W. Welch, Jr.*

There is much speculation over the impact of recent advances in solidstate integrated circuits on the future of electronics.

Without speculation, it should be possible to review recent activity in this field and provide a measure of progress. This, subtracted from what we know we need to accommodate our present electronics capacity, should give us a less speculative idea of what remains to be accomplished.

To measure progress, we should ask, "Where have we been trying to go?"

The implication of the terms first applied to describe the integrated circuit effort—microelectronics and micromodules—was that reduction in size was the objective.

• Main objectives—Recently, however, there has been more emphasis on the reliability—rather than small size—of the equipment manufactured with the new methods. Higher reliability is expected to result from reducing the numbers of interconnections and more closely controlling assembly procedures.

Ultimately, costs should be lowered through reduction in parts inventory, reduction in number of manufacturing processes, and general applicability of mass-production techniques.

Along with size reduction, there may be an increase in speed of action and a decrease in power consumption. These three factors have become important as complexity has increased in

terms both of total number of components and of number of different kinds of components. This is particularly true in data- and informationprocessing systems, which have increased in complexity faster than have signal processing systems.

Increase in reliability and speed, decrease in cost, size and power consumption have emerged as the real objectives we hope to achieve by new approaches to circuit construction. These, plus one other, are no different than the objectives we have had for years.

The other objective—and probably the most important—is to enable systems to perform under environmental conditions never experienced before. As a by-product of the effort we may expect systems to perform new functions in applications not previously conceived or attempted.

• New approaches, technologies— These objectives are being approached through greater application of solidstate phenomena and the development of closer integration of circuits.

In the past, circuits bave been integrated topologically—through pointto-point interconnection of a variety of components in a readily discernible network. Now we are looking toward three basically different methods of integration in which the network is increasingly less discernable: integration by the overlapping of thin films of solids having a variety of electrical and magnetic properties; volume junctions in semiconducting, dielectric and magnetic solids; and complete molecular integration such as exists in the coupling between electron spins and tbe lattice in magnetic solids.

To construct integrated circuits by

these methods it has been necessary for industry to expand its capability to perform the necessary processes.

Previously, to take an extreme view, the equipment manufacturer had only one process to perform in electrical assembly: soldering. Some had developed capability for printed wiring. Other processes were performed in the mechanical packaging and protection from environment.

With the new approaches to integration, four new technologies become essential for a complete processing capability: semiconductor technology (single-crystal growth, diffusion, alloying, etching, tbermo-compression bonding, etching, etc.); thinfilm technology (evaporation, sputtering, pyrolysis, masking, surface cleaning and preparation, etc.); electronic ceramic technology (mixing, extruding, pressing, firing, annealing, glazing, grinding, etc.); and solid encapsulation technology (chemical preparation of glasses, deposition of inorganic, non-metallic solids, surface preparation, annealing, etc.).

Along with these process technologies, the measurement of basic electrical properties of solids—conductivity, dielectric constant, magnetic permeability and environmental testing—must be accomplished in order to know that a process has been successful. In addition, means for internal examination of solid-state characteristics such as crystal structure, diffusion depth, impurity concentration, grain structure, etc., must be available.

Most important, does the resulting circuit have the electrical characteristics to perform the functions for which it was designed? In other words, could it be designed in the first place

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and is it reproducible from written process specifications and drawings? This question must be answered by and to the satisfaction of the systems and equipment engineers with their methods of measurement from the terminals of the resulting circuits.

• Teamwork required—Integration of processes leads to the need for integration of people into a team. Chemists, physicists, electronic engineers, electromagnetic engineers, mechanical engineers, metallurgists, ceramicists, and techniques highly skilled in vacuum techniques, evaporation, heat treating, chemical processes, and such, must work in close communication as a team to accomplish the end result.

This is borne out by the observation that any completed circuit is so closely tied together mechanically, thermally, and chemically, as well as electronically, that diagnosis of a malfunction might involve any or all of the mentioned disciplines.

The interconnected components approach has led to specialists in resistors, capacitors, transistors, inductances, insulated wire, etc. The integrated-circuit integrated-process approach requires close integration into a team of people with the same special qualifications.

Where We Stand

Now that we have established a yardstick against which progress can be measured, let us see how far we

have progressed.

Most significantly, for the first time in the history of electronics, a number of teams of scientists and engineers have been established with the common objective of building electronic systems from the basic solid materials rather than components made by specialists. Ten to 15 such teams exist within the broad spectrum of disciplines mentioned above. The average size is from 20 to 30 qualified scientists and engineers.

My estimate would be that between 300 and 500 scientists and engineers have been assigned to this effort and that less than 15% of these are electronic circuit engineers. This concentration of effort is bringing a refreshing new look into the electronic industry.

• New discoveries—Integration of processes has brought many of our solid-state scientists closer to the application with the result, surprising to some, that they are discovering problems of basic nature that they did not know existed. Electrical properties of thin films such as conductivity and dielectric constant are better understood, as are chemical and physical properties such as effects of impurities and vapor pressure.

Chemical interactions between masks, substrates, and circuit elements not isolated physically from one another have been discovered and eliminated by changes in processing techniques. Better control of processes of deposition, diffusion, alloying, crystal growth, surface preparation, etc., has been achieved. New methods for performing these processes have been developed. Crystal growth by the dentritic process, through constraining apertures, and by the epitaxial process is better understood. Each of these methods lends itself to the integrated-process approach to circuit construction.

The suppliers of electronic materials are having demands placed upon them for higher purity and better particle size control. Quantities are still not large enough to make the chemical industries really excited, but they are

cooperating.

The semiconductor industry—in addition to looking at new approaches to crystal growth—has developed methods for placing more than one transistor or diode in one semiconducting substrate and have added resistance and capacitance within the same substrate to make complete circuit functions.

• Adding materials—Much attention has been given to deposition of tin oxide and high-resistivity metals, and the anodization of tantalum for resistance elements. All of these approaches meet the high designability and reproductibility criteria. Anodization of tantalum and deposition of quartz have met the same criteria for the formation of dielectrics. Conducting and magnetic metallic film deposition has reached a high degree of maturity.

Preparation of ceramic, glass, quartz, beryllia, and alumina substrates is now better understood. Problems of smoothness, cleanliness, and shape control still exist. Substrates other than semiconductor suitable for epitaxial growth of semiconducting solids remain to be found.

Solid encapsulation at low temperatures with glass and inorganic solids of more regular crystalline structure has been achieved but not brought to a high degree of maturity. Organic encapsulants suitable for long-life application have not been developed.

• Searching for shapes—A generally acceptable solution to the problem of interconnection and packaging of subassemblies of integrated circuitry has not materialized.

It is generally agreed that modules with more than one circuit element per substrate are desirable. The upper limit will be determined by a complex compromise of factors such as yield per process, yield per module, encap-

sulation and packaging, replacement frequency and expense, deterioration due to chemical interaction, tooling costs, quantity to be manufactured, etc. It is unlikely that a single standard module shape will be accepted.

The hybrid approach of combining integrated circuits with more or less standard components is beginning to be generally recognized as necessary for immediate application. This is particularly true where precision resistors, high selectivity, flat response over precisely determined pass bands or impedance transformation are needed.

We have established teams and developed and improved processes. What has actually been accomplished in the development and manufacture of integrated circuits? I prefer not to answer this question but would like to give the reader a check list which may provide a sobering as well as a challenging influence.

The following is a list of functions presently performed in electronic equipment over a frequency range from d-c through microwaves, over a wide range of power levels, and over wide environmental extremes. This list is reasonably complete in that almost any electronic equipment can be built if all functions can be accomplished.

• Frequency generation

• Pulse generation

Amplification

Rectification

• Impedance transformation

Radiation and absorption (antennas)

Attenuation

- Frequency modulation
- Phase modulation
- Amplitude modulation
- Electromagnetic signal detection
- Electromagnetic signal mixing
 Electrical-to-light c o n v e r s i o n
- (and vice versa)
 Electrical-to-heat conversion
- (and vice versa)

 Electromechanical conversion (and vice versa)
 - Frequency discrimination
 - Pulse counting
- Isolation and circulation (unilateral attenuation)
- Amplitude limiting (function generation)
 - Bandwidth limiting (filtering)
- Analog addition and multiplication
- Digital addition and multiplication
- Long and short-term signal storage
- Tuning or control of other functions (frequency, bandwidth, attenuation, etc.)
- Frequency multiplication or translation

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Notable Gains Made in Gyros, Microelectronics

- Technology is keeping pace
- Hardware progress in gyros
- Impact of microelectronics
- Lagging accelerometer development
- IR scanner accuracy needs improvement

by Charles W. Benfield*

Development of new and better techniques and equipment for space navigation and guidance has received noteworthy attention during the past year. Seldom have so many attacked a technical problem with so much vigor, enthusiasm, and ingenuity.

The year witnessed some significant hardware progress in gyros-the primary element in precision and re-

liability in space guidance.

Minneapolis-Honeywell announced start of production on a gyro with a ceramic, self-generating gas spin-bearing. This instrument is 2.75 in. long, 2.182 in. in diameter and weighs half a pound. The company claims a factor of 10 improvement in accuracy and a 30:1 reduction in bearing noise over the gyro's MIG predecessor. The precisely balanced rotor is suspended in its ceramic bearings on a film of gas only 25 micro-inches thick-yet stiffer than the steel ball bearings it replaces.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory is conducting development work of a more exotic nature. A precisely machined sphere, coated with superconductive metal, is supported on a magnetic field at cryogenic temperatures. Thus de-coupled from external torques, the spin axis of the sphere remains fixed in inertial space like the axes of the planets themselves.

Achieving the same result in a different approach, Minneapolis-Honeywell experimentally proved the feasibility of electrically suspending a beryllium sphere in a vacuum. A major program is underway to bring this radi-

cally new gyro into production for a shipboard inertial navigation system for Polaris submarines. Its applicability to space guidance systems is also being extensively studied.

This device and the JPL cryogenic gyro both hold promise for orders-ofmagnitude improvement in accuracy and stability over conventional gyros. General Electric announced de-

velopment of a cryogenically suspended, spherically symmetrical rotor wheel spun up by torque coils located in its cylindrical, axial cavity and suspended on a spherical array of magnetic bearings in a vacuum chamber. An experimental cylindrical rotor was spun up to 20,000 rpm with coastdown time of 16 hours. While similar in principle to the JPL gyro, the GE device will be a different configuration, and may possibly have some unique advantages.

Accelerometer development was lagging a bit; there were many exotic dreams of cryogenically or electrically levitated seismic masses, gaseous inertial masses and "chemical" accelerometers-but little new hardware forthcoming. Still dreamed of is a 10-15 g threshold sensor for observing minor forces. JPL is developing a miniature quartz pendulum accelerometer.

 Some leaps forward—Microelectronics development is paving the way toward realization of the extremely complicated, super-reliable, electronic brains for automatic guidance of space vehicles.

Progress in this area took a surprising forward leap with a number of feasibility models by Westinghouse, including a button-sized, five-watt audio amplifier and a video amplifier dwarfed by a paper clip. RCA's micromodule program has produced working models

of whole devices based upon stacks of 0.310" square by 10-mil thick ceramic wafers. Such techniques offer equipment component densities of 250,000 parts per cubic foot. Texas Instruments advertised off-the-shelf availability of a match-head-sized multivibrator.

Microelectronics development programs are well under way at General Electric, Bell Labs., Clevite, Sylvania, Pacific Semiconductor, Fairchild Semiconductor Corp., Philco, Transitron, Honeywell, and many others. As usual, much unpublicized basic research at government laboratories is behind such industrial progress. Talk of 1011 components per cubic inch is occasionally heard from the more optimistic participants in serious discussions on the subject.

 Hardware to come—Determination of "local vertical direction" and altitude above a planet by infrared is under study by many laboratories. Several horizon scanners have reached the hardware stage, and many disk scanners are on the drawing boards. Present accuracies leave much to be

Hardware solutions are required in this problem area, before a space craft can be brought to a safe landing upon a strange world. The problem of measuring vector velocity relative to a planet is receiving much theoretical attention at JPL and elsewhere.

Star trackers now have over ten years of progressive development behind them, and many companies are studying their adaptation to space navigation. Accuracies to one arcsecond are expected to be achieved in working hardware,

IBM and American Bosch Arma have announced progress in miniaturization of high-speed digital computers for space navigation. Both companies are expected to make considerable use of microelectronics developments.

Philco's Dr. Golay has proposed using radio interferometry for accurate distance measurement in deep space.

The Navy's Transit satellite program gives excellent promise for a payoff from the space efforts by providing a high-accuracy, all-weather navigation scheme for vehicles on or near the earth's surface. This program is progressing very well indeed; eventually the doppler techniques developed may be applicable to near-earth guidance of spacecraft,

High-precision ground-based radar, working with space-borne transponders, is receiving much attention for tracking and for injection guidance, particularly for near-earth and cislunar operations. It is to be expected that the first manned lunar flights will be closely tracked by radar and notified of their position and velocity by radio.

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TCM Moves Into Missile/Space R & D

- Extended range and measurement capabilities
- New techniques for space
- Low-level multiplexing
- Hybrid-systems investigation
- New components and subsystems

by Conrad H. Hoeppner*

Telemetry advanced at a faster rate during the past year—and its applications received greater publicity than ever before.

Foremost among the year's accomplishments were extended range, greater numbers and varieties of measurements, and development of more efficient systems.

Transistorization of telemetry receivers is now almost complete, providing greater compactness and relia-

bility.

Pulse code modulation telemetry—already well established in static testing, data reduction and sled tests—has been used for the first time in space vehicles. It is in production for two major missile programs: Minuteman and Titan. The first PCM ground receiving station for missiles has been installed at the Atlantic Missile Range, following installations for aircraft testing at Edwards AFB, Norair, Douglas and Republic.

PCM telemetry is unique among data handling systems in that it employs "computer language." Data, as it is received, is in a form for direct entry into digital computers for further processing, computations, corrections, plotting and printing. All of the bugs are not yet worked out of these telemetry systems; and advanced PCM system is still under development for Wright-Patterson AFB.

• Biggest boost—Probably the most significant adjunct to PCM telemetry systems has been the low-level multiplexer. While this device is not limited in its applications to PCM methods, it is a logical companion to the PCM voltage encoder.

Prior to the development of the low-level multiplexer it was necessary to use an amplifier following each low-level transducer of the thermocouple, strain-gage and resistancebridge types. These made equipments large, power-consuming and difficult to maintain.

There are now 11 low-level multiplexers in data-processing systems in operation in the Thiokol Utah plant. These operate to a resolution of ten microvolts and a full-scale of ten millivolts. They are subject to errors caused by temperature changes and vibration, but are being developed to appear soon in aircraft and missile test programs.

• The new challenge—Telemetry has been forced to expand its scope to accommodate the new demands for scientific data. Mainly used heretofore for measuring temperatures, accelerations, positions, motions, and electrical characteristics internal to missiles and aircraft, it is now being employed to explore space.

The measurement of radiation density, ion density, atmospheric composition, visible and ultra-violet light, magnetic fields, particle impacts and the transmission of photographs, have required new transducers and also new data conditioning equipment to "normalize" the measurements for transmission over telemetry links.

There have been new demands on the telemeter for handling greater quantities of data with greater accuracy over longer distances. In many cases this has led to pre-transmission processing and reduction of data.

• Thinking revolution—A threeyear comprehensive study of telemetry methods and systems sponsored by the Department of Defense has been completed. This study was unusual in the fact that measurements were made to decide upon controversial assumptions for calculations. Many of the results revolutionize thinking along certain lines and have revised previously established standards.

A conclusion of the report was that a combination pulse amplitude modulation and pulse code modulation system would prove most useful for future military test applications. The PAM portion would be used for low-accuracy data and the PCM high-accuracy data.

Needless to say, such a system is not now in use; its advent would make obsolete many millions of dollars worth of telemetry equipment now installed in test sites throughout the country.

Other noteworthy developments:

• The Telebit system of variable bit rate, allowing exchange of information speed for transmission distance.

- Wide-band recorders for recording on magnetic tape the greater information rates provided by modern telemeters.
- Use of large receiving antennas even at high frequencies to enhance the telemetry signal. One system at Vandenberg AFB employs omnidirectional direction-finding antennas used in conjunction with extremely narrow band receivers to point the large telemetry antenna in the proper direction—a problem which becomes more serious as the size of the receiving antenna is increased.
- Use of light diffraction and optical filters to simulate electrical filters employed in data separation, interpolation, and extrapolation. An extremely precise filter characteristic is applied to a very large number of data channels by a relatively small and simple device. Methods are being explored to permit its use in actual data systems.

It is also heartening to note the gradual infiltration of government-developed telemetry techniques and equipments into American industry. The dissemination of information about telemetry is much slower, however, than the passage of information through the telemetry system.

Telemetry has moved in to investigate the destructive effects of wind-induced vibration to electrical transmission lines and telephone lines. Applications to mobile equipment, rotating equipment, flaw-detection and sensing portions of industrial process control are just beginning.

One of the leaders in the military telemetry field, for instance, has entered into a royalty agreement which permits a newly formed commercial organization to apply its developments to industrial applications. Equipment developed by this company will be supplied to the electric utility industries and to the medical field.

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Range Accuracy Poses New Challenges

- New guidelines for progress
- Microwave systems
- New frequencies, techniques
- Improved equipment

by W. C. Wootton, Jr.

Secretary, Inter-Range Instrumentation Group NEW GUIDELINES established during the past year set the stage for future developments in telemetry and range instrumentation. It is evident that although significant progress has been made in the recent past, the most significant is yet to come.

The final report of the Aeronutronic telemetry study, released in early 1960, provided industry with the

guidance it had awaited.

And another important direction developed in May, when the 1435-1535 mc radio frequency band was endorsed anew for missile telemetry used by the Inter-Range Instrumentation Group (IRIG) and Aeronautical Flight Testing and Radio Coordinating Counsel.

• Pulse code modulation—To meet the need for increased accuracy and more efficient operation, PCM telemetry systems are being developed. Many of these, especially those for Air Force projects, have unique characteristics and do not meet standards recommended by the Aerospace Industries Association or IRIG for PCM telemetry systems. Picatinny Arsenal and several others, however, are developing standard PCM systems for use on the missile test ranges.

Contrasting the PCM developments are several systems being developed to instrument the *Saturn* booster. One of these is a 216-channel PAM-FM-FM system. The other is a frequency deviation system with a high data band-

width capacity.

Pulse amplitude code modulation (PACM) as opposed to PCM was recommended in the Aeronutronic study report for future missile telemetry operations. In this system the PCM signal is amplitude modulated with additional channels of analog data. Size and weight are slightly greater than that of a PCM system alone, but efficiency is increased without appreciably changing the radio-frequency requirement.

PAM channels are used where requirements exist for medium accuracy (1% error) analog channels. The PCM channels are provided to meet high accuracy requirements or where it is desired to use digital techniques. It is believed that variations of PACM-FM will effectively meet the majority of future missile telemetry require-

ments.

• Microwave systems—The need to move missile telemetry operations out of the VHF telemetry band (216-260 mc) by 1970 has prompted work on systems that would operate in the microwave frequency region. A development model of a 2200 mc transmitter was built recently by General Electronic Laboratories under an Air Force contract. Another airborne unit

designed to operate at 2200 mc was built by Spectralab Instrument Company and turned over to the contracting agency at White Sands Missile Range for evaluation.

While these recent developments have been encouraging, even greater hope is held for the 1435-1535 mc band where airborne package size can be reduced. It is believed that developments in these microwave bands must be continued at the fastest possible rate if a reliable and operational system is to be available by 1970.

Ground station equipment compatible with the new airborne units is also being developed. Examples are the fabrication of a 2200 mc traveling-wave maser capable of being mounted on the rear of a parabolic dish, and Radiation, Inc.'s development of a 2200 mc correlation detection receiver.

• Receivers, antennas, and transducers—Several of the national test ranges have sponsored receiver improvement programs and emphasized the development of optimum capability for PCM and time-multiplexed signals. Since much effort has already gone into receiver front end improvement, emphasis is now being placed on the detection process.

A number of automatic tracking antennas have been developed to meet the growing need for this type of antenna in both space and missile testing. These generally have relatively high gain and can be used as acquisition aids to other instrumentation systems, in addition to their use in the telemetry system.

A Users' Symposium on Telemetry Transducers was held for the first time this past year, to review transducer development effort, both in the United States and abroad. It was apparent from this meeting that additional effort was needed to standardize transducer terminology and to establish calibration and testing procedures. To this end the National Bureau of Standards Telemetering Transducer Group has been working to develop test methods for dynamic testing of transducers, while Wright Air Development Division has been working to standardize testing and calibration procedures.

• Studies and reports—Many study and evaluation reports on telemetry have been released recently. These include "The Case of FM-AM Versus FM-FM Telemetry" by Dr. L. L. Rauch, for Wright Air Development Division; a number of reports by Naval Ordnance Laboratory at Corona; a number of Naval Air Development Center reports; and an IRIG Recommendation, No. 101-60, "Magnetic Tape Recorder/Reproducer Standards for Telemetry Applications."

AF Does Something About Reliability

- Reliability and maintainability biggest challenge
- New programs for configuration control, commercial equipment use, calibration standards, understandable maintenance data

The Air Force in the past year has been doing something about those much bandied-about words in Ground Support Equipment—reliability and maintainability. This is the word from the Aircraft and Missiles Division, Chief of Staff for Materiel.

It's being accomplished through new and strengthened programs in configuration control, buying commercial equipment when it will do the job, setting up calibration standards, and getting technical data for the field maintenance airman in a form which he can understand.

Within the past two months, even a definition of GSE has been adopted to take some of the confusion out of the many terms used in the field.

Since management problems are often best resolved by the application of management techniques rather than by developing new definitions, Air Force has settled on this GSE definition:

"Any or all implements or devices which are required on the ground to make a weapon system, support system, control system, sub-system or equipment operational in its intended environment. This includes all equipment required to install, launch, arrest, guide, control, direct, inspect, test, service, adjust, calibrate, appraise, gauge, measure, repair, overhaul, assemble, disassemble, handle, transport, safeguard, record, store, actuate, maintain or operate the system, sub-system, end item, or component. This definition applies regardless of method of development, funding or procurement."

• Maintainability through standardization—With the end goals of using less manpower, fewer tools and the minimum in supplies and logistics, Air Force is striving for optimum standardization of ground support equipment, realizing that in many instances full standardization is not possible.

Such optimum standardization

holds true for the whole gamut of GSE—transport/erector vehicles, materials and fuel handling equipments, launchers, electronic check-out and data processing systems.

With more standardization, Air Force feels better maintainability will be the result. With this working philosophy, many directives and instructions are being pointed toward the design engineer to have him design equipment which can be maintained with minimal effort and cost.

In this effort, Air Force is practicing what is termed configuration control. For example, it doesn't want 100 fork lift trucks of five or more configurations, but rather, 100 of the same configuration.

This, in turn, has lead to increased purchasing of commercial equipment when available without designing new varieties. For instance, in recent months the trend has been to get away from using military engines in some vehicles and purchasing commercial types when available.

• Boiling down data—In the complex GSE field, Air Force is also taking a long hard look at contractors' preparation of technical data for equipment maintenance.

"Our fault is that we've gone overboard with an excessive amount of data and have lost sight of the man who must use this data to maintain a particular piece of equipment," one officer commented. Biggest problem is to get the data out of the PhD class, and make it simple, readable and understandable.

Previously, Ballistic Missile Division had responsibility for technical data in the missile programs. It has now been moved to Air Materiel Command, which is reviewing all specifications and formulating revisions to make it more usable in the hands of the technician.

• One system of calibration—In still another area—calibration support for missile systems—the Air Force has realized there has been a lack of uniform action in the establishment of calibration and repair facilities for base precision measurement equipment, particularly with respect to the support of contractors during the installation and checkout phase.

This has been because separate contractor facilities have been established at some missile bases while, at other locations, Air Force commands had made arrangements for the base calibration facility to be used in support of the contract.

The Air Force accordingly has ruled that the establishment of separate missile base contractor installation and checkout facilities for calibration and repair of precision measurement equipment is not in its best interests and will result in unnecessary expense.

So the Air Force's calibration system, rather than separate industrial systems, will be used exclusively. One reason: the Air Force feels that its operating personnel can get valuable experience and training when they recognize the exact calibration needs of a particular weapon system at an early date.

Further, a single source for standards of known accuracy with respect to the National Bureau of Standards will be available. Since the same source will be used during and after installation and checkout phase, no post inspection-and-checkout phase operational difficulties should arise due to differences in contractor-versus-Air Force calibration systems.

In one ballistic missile program, Air Force discovered that the unusual large amount of R&D GSE left over when phasing into the operational system required some 13,000 calibrations. This has since been reduced by some 40%.

Foundation Research Speeds Ideas for Navy

- BuWeaps program stimulates scientists
- Eliminates ponderous decision processes
- Makes individual responsible—and saves money

by John F. Judge

The Navy is cultivating Missile Age ideas through a unique, red-tapeless program—Foundation Research.

Initiated about 10 years ago in the old Bureau of Ordnance, the program spread to the Bureau of Aeronautics in 1957. Since the two bureaus merged to form the current Bureau of Weapons, the Foundation has become an \$8-million-a-year idea mill.

Bureau officials couldn't be happier with the results.

The original objective was twofold—to give the individual station money to exploit the promising ideas of its employees, and to create an attractive working atmosphere. Both purposes are being fulfilled.

The effect on the morale of the scientists is reflected in the high retention rates of the various laboratories.

Originally the funding was allocated as a definite fraction of the annual budget of a particular station. Now money is distributed in proportion to the possible contributors of new ideas. The amount is still less than 5% of a station's total budget.

Each station involved in the program administers its own funds.

• Streamlined routine—In operation, the program begins with an idea or a suggestion from an individual. The proposal is submitted to a small board composed of the installation commander, the chief scientist, and the laboratory, or project directors.

The proposal is rated for merit; if it is approved, initial funds are allocated for the program and the scientist goes to work. Many such projects are subsequently removed from the Foundation and funded under supporting research. Still others begin and end within the Foundation—supplying needed information and data for pres-

ent or future use in allied fields.

For a long time, no formal reports were required. But they were encouraged—for fiscal ammunition if for nothing else.

The bulk of the projects are basic in nature. Some, which concern weapons systems, are classified, but the majority are published in various forms.

Foundation research led to over 300 such published papers from the Naval Ordnance Laboratory at White Oak alone.

One classic idea resulted in the airto-air Sidewinder missile. Another, now being pursued at the Naval Air Material Center, Philadelphia, has attracted national interest. M. J. Devine's work in solid film lubricants is being closely watched by both government and industry.

Computers are being redesigned or created from scratch. The miniaturization of antennas is another fruitful area.

A striking example of the effectiveness of the Foundation Research idea is the current program at the Naval Air Materials Center. In one year the grants there rose from \$41,000 for three projects to \$310,000 for 15 projects.

The wide range of disciplines involved can best be illustrated by describing some of the areas covered by the researchers.

- Statics and dynamics of fluids to provide a theoretical basis for the solution of hydraulic, hydrodynamic and gasdynamic problems.
- Hydrogen embrittlement—knowledge of the mechanisms problems of hydrogen embrittlement and the embrittling characteristics of a deuterium hath.
- Plastics, elastomers and fibers—research and development of organic

metal-cordination polymers possessing exceptional thermal stability, gamma radiation resistance and strong mechanical properties.

- Solid film lubrication—Determination of the mechanisms by which metal surfaces are lubricated by solid films and to provide a definite working theory. Investigation of lubricity as a function of solid structure, particle size, film hardness and lubricant-bearing reactivity. This is the study that aroused national interest.
- Radiant heating—Determine the effects of infrared heat on the structural efficiency of aircraft and missile components and to correlate the laboratory and flight test effects with true aerodynamic heating.

• Brittle metal effects—Determination of the role of oxygen in the brittle behavior of metals. The study is aimed at understanding the effect of such behavior in the refractory metals.

- Energy absorption—Obtain fundamental information on energy absorption materials for the general purpose of improving the state of the art. There are an increasing number of developments in which, if energy is added to a device, a certain portion of this energy is absorbed or reconverted at the end of the cycle. *Polaris* missile recovery is one such development.
- Heat—Developing methods for measuring the heat of interior and exterior surfaces of aircraft and missiles undergoing constant changes in heat conditions and thermal shock. This study is directed toward answering a need for heat measurements under materials such as fiberglass, ceramics and thin specimens of honeycomb construction.
- Strain gages—Definition of the areas of future effort in the elevated strain gage field.
- Polyamide polymers—effects of exposures to ionizing, ultraviolet and thermal radiation.

Besides NAMC and White Oak, stations included in the program are: Naval Ordnance Testing Station, China Lake, Calif.; NOL, Corona; Naval Weapons, Dahlgren, Va.; NUO, Newport, R.I.; NAL, Johnsville, Pa.; Naval Missile Center, Point Mugu, Calif.; and the David Taylor Aerodynamics Laboratory near Washington, D.C.

Expenditures involved are small in comparison to the net worth of Foundation Research. Dr. Edward S. Lamar, Chief Scientist, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, BuWeaps, points out that no good ideas ever came from a full stomach. The basic principle is to keep the researchers a little hungry—and emphasize brainpower rather than chrome-plated equipment.

Augmented Field Ready to Expand

- USAF, NASA, industry boost the science
- Solar flares found hazard to space travel
- Instrumenting animals for flight tests
- c 'Bathtub' research on weightlessness

by Lt. Col. David G. Simons and Dr. Hubertus Strughold*

A firm groundwork has been laid for an expanding aerospace medical activity during the past year. On three fronts—military, civilian and industrial new organizations have been created or augmented and put into operation.

Organized this past October, the Air Force Aerospace Medical Center, located at Brooks AFB, San Antonio, united under one command USAF's School of Aviation Medicine, Epidemiological Laboratory and the Medical Service School. This integrating move shows the growing importance of aerospace medicine to the Air Force. Further evidence is that Congress has authorized an \$8-million building expansion program at the facility.

In the same vein, it is notable that early this past March the Office of Life Sciences was created by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Heading it is Dr. Clark T. Randt.

This office formed the fifth major division of NASA and ranks equally with the offices of space flight programs, launch vehicle programs, advanced research programs, and business administration.

The ambitious program of research in all aspects of space biology and medicine outlined by Dr. Randt for his office is matched by the decision of most major aircraft companies to establish a space medicine research group. Thus the growing base of space medicine research is being widened further by the appearance of such groups in Boeing, Martin, Northrop, North American, Douglas, Lockheed, Convair and Chance Vought.

• Solar flares a problem—Satellite, balloon and space probe experiments have clarified the radiation hazards to

*Col. Simons is chief of the Bioastronautics Branch, USAF School of Aviation Medicine. Dr. Strughold is Professor of Space Medicine and Advisor for Research at USAF Aerospace Medical Center, and an M/R advisor. be expected in manned space flight. It is known that the core of the inner Van Allen radiation belt maintains a steady radiation intensity. Explorer VII has now clearly demonstrated the variable nature of the outer Van Allen belt This variation was particularly evident for the ten days following the large magnetic storm of this past March 31.

Early this past spring, many exciting results significant to space medicine came from *Pioneer V*. The vehicle was about five million miles from earth and it was a time of intense solar activity. It was learned, for example, that the well-known cosmic radiation disturbance called a "Forbush decrease" occurs on a solar, or galactic scale. It is clearly unrelated to terrestrial influences.

This finding serves warning that variations in cosmic radiation intensities may occur during space flight, resulting from galactic disturbances encountered by the sun in its path through interstellar space.

Balloon studies conducted over Minnesota together with the *Pioneer V* data confirm the growing suspicion that solar flares represent a major radiation hazard during interplanetary travel. In order to reduce a "typical" flare exposure to an acceptable 10 Rem (roentgen equivalent man) within a four-floot radius living compartment would require a calculated 10,000 pounds of carbon.

From an early report from *Pioneer V* it was discovered that a ring current of about five million amperes circulates at a distance from 7 to 13 earth radii from us. This current represents a radiation hazard of undetermined magnitude. However, the likelihood that the current is composed of low energy particles is encouraging.

The Russian Lunik II, which approached the moon last September, reported no radiation belts corresponding to the Van Allen belts surrounding the moon. This is good news to prospective space travelers.

• Monkeys instrumented—This past December, NASA's Little Joe rocket flight to test the *Mercury* capsule recovery system under the most adverse dynamic flight conditions included two SAM monkeys. The subjects were painstakingly instrumented through several techniques new to space flight animal experimentation.

An eye-motion detector which sensed the changes in voltage distribution resulting from eye motions recorded the occurrence of nystagmus—the sweeping eye motion produced by motion sickness and other disturbances of equilibrium. These sweeping motions were observed during the period of high accelerations which occurred in all three axes during the emergency escape phase of the test flight. These continued through the short 20-second interval of weightlessness.

The psychomotor task test, which required the animals to pull a lever in response to a flashing light, showed a marked loss in performance during the acceleration and weightlessness phase. The vectorcardiogram, an advanced technique for indicating the electrical vector forces produced by the muscular contractions of the heart, revealed significant changes during the same acceleration and weightlessness phase.

• Two-man crews okayed—The initial run of SAM's two-man space-cabin simulator in March confined two Air Force volunteers in a reduced-pressure, oxygen-enriched atmosphere. They were completely isolated for a 14-day period. It was found that the important weight-saving measure of distilling waste water for all non-drinking purposes proved acceptable and practical.

The experiment also showed that the assumed rates of water loss through respiration and sweating under reduced pressure conditions are significantly in error when applied over this period of

The usually proposed nutritional energy requirements of approximately 3000 calories per man per day appear to be significantly lower, approximately 2200 to 2500 calories.

The fact that no major psychological disturbances were observed points to the feasibility of two-man crews for space missions of durations on the order of two weeks. Crews of this size are desirable for work scheduled and mutual emotional support considerations.

A major question concerning the (Continued on page 92)

A Crisis in Electronics Standards

Meeting sponsored by NBS and AIA notes emergency created by lack of standards for higher frequencies and begins search for answers

Lack of national electronic standards for new higher radio frequencies is causing confusion, excessive delays, and loss of money for both industry and the national defense program.

This was pointed out at the recent 1960 Conference on Standards and Electronic Measurements at National Bureau of Standards Boulder Laboratories by Lloyd B. Wilson, chief of the primary standards lab of Sperry Gyroscope. He said that military needs and the space program are requiring accuracies of measurement unheard of a few years ago and for which calibration instruments do not exist.

The Conference is the first of a series of measurement research conferences between industry and NBS initiated by Aerospace Industries Association to probe each field of measurement in depth to determine which needs are most urgent and how they might best be met.

The AIA-NBS conference was the first to provide a discussion of mutual problems between the men who develop electronic standards and those who use them. Industry personnel rep-

resented firms who had indicated that they particularly needed better standards for measuring microwave power and attenuation. NBS representatives included project leaders and section chiefs who are responsible for developing standards and measuring methods and providing calibration services.

As revealed at the conference, NBS Radio Standards Laboratory has made dramatic progress in developing new standards. Examples: A technique for measuring small attenuations to accuracies exceeding one ten-thousandth of a decibel and a microwave standard of power at X-band frequencies that has been the world's most accurate to date.

It was pointed out, however, that the Laboratory has been swamped by the needs created through the amazing growth of electronics during the past decade.

• Where standards fall short—A primary purpose of the meeting was to suggest action which might be taken by NBS, the electronic industry, military, and scientific organizations to help meet the emergency. That an

emergency exists was confirmed by specific situations reported at the conference:

• The million-dollar development of radomes is proceeding more by trial and error than through test and analysis because precise phase and amplitude measurements do not exist in the required frequency range.

• One firm has to use its precision measurement laboratory facilities to test sections of coaxial cable from the production line since adequate production-line standards are not available.

- Klystron tubes—used to generate high-power signals for radar detection systems—are being over-designed just to be sure that they are powerful enough to do the job. This is necessary because there is no way to precisely measure the peak microwave power generated by these tubes.
- The performance measurement of modern radars requires the testing of many new and complex items of equipment. Quite often the radar is considered to have failed when the fault was within the test instruments.

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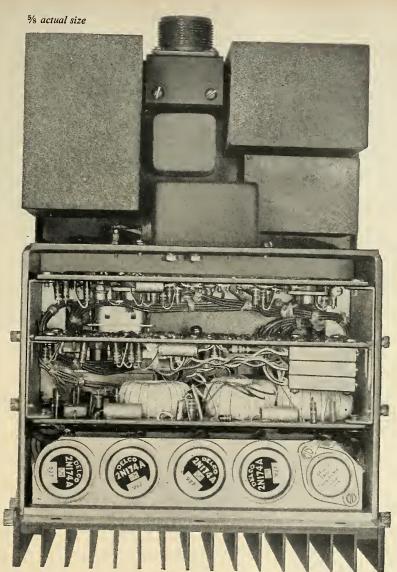
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This acoustic noise generator—capable of producing the highest sound pressure level ever achieved in a large-capacity reverberant chamber—has been delivered to Sud Aviation by Avco-RAD, Wilmington, Mass., designer and builder. The French aircraft/missile firm will use the noise facility to test components and systems in its research center in Cannes, France.

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• Measurements of microwave power, for example—made on different days by the same equipment—will disagree by 50%. Yet, as one speaker pointed out, some radar systems are operated close to breakdown and it is necessary to hold a given power level to keep a system operating. Under such conditions, a 5% error in measurement becomes the difference between operating and not operating.

The meeting revealed what is possible now in microwave power and attenuation, and NBS obtained a better idea of what accuracies are most urgently needed. Discussions indicated that in a few cases NBS can provide interim standards—even within current facilities—that will be a great help to many users.

As an example, NBS currently provides calibrations of microwave power measuring instruments between 8200 mc and 12,400 mc. By using different techniques, calibration can be extended to lower frequencies in the near future. This service will provide somewhat lower accuracy but will help meet many of the immediate needs expressed at the conference.

• Equipment lacking—On the other hand, however—even though the techniques are known—many standards cannot be extended to new frequency ranges because of lack of personnel and equipment.

For instance, an urgent need exists for the extension of a current microwave attenuation standard to three higher frequency ranges. Yet, to evaluate this technique at even one new frequency range in the millimeter wave region requires \$11,000 worth of new equipment—more than the present total annual equipment funds allotted to the project involved.

Dollars alone are not the answer. NBS representatives were asked to estimate how long it might take-at today's activity level-to develop minimum acceptable standards which do not presently exist for the frequencies (up to 100 gigacycles) and quantities most needed today. Based on many unknowns, the estimates-varying with measurements involved-ranged from five to ten years for most quantities. And an increase of several times the current budget would shorten this delay no more than half, according to NBS. The main time delay would be the hiring of capable personnel and their initial training.

Estimates make no provision for the new needs which will arise and must be met during the next few years.

Participants agreed that it is frequently difficult to discover whether an expressed need is realistic. Examples were given of "impossible" accuracies specified to "play safe." They further agreed, however, that most of the stated accuracies described at the conference are really and urgently needed.

AIA industry representatives were asked to state not only what was needed but also why this was required—to help estimate the urgency of the needs. NBS described for each field the state-of-the-art in research, development, and calibration. From discussion of the presentations, tentative recommendations evolved for action by the Bureau, industry, the military, and scientific organizations. These will be carefully reviewed by AIA and then officially presented to the groups involved.

Niobium Oxidation Cause Isolated by NBS Studies

The oxidative behavior of niobium—a potential high-temperature structural candidate—has been studied in detail at the National Bureau of Standards.

The oxidation problem is caused by the continual nucleation and growth of porous niobium pentoxide—which incessantly presents fresh metal surface to oxygen.

Investigators at NBS oxidized niobium specimens under controlled conditions in a sensitive vacuum microbalance. Examinations after different periods of oxidation led to the discovery.

Electron diffraction patterns of the initially formed oxide showed certain features of both niobium oxide and niobium dioxide. Although little or no change occurred in the predominant interference color, indicating that the film thickness remained constant, a continual increase in weight showed that oxygen was still being absorbed by the system.

Pentoxide globules form beneath the initial film and push upwards until the film's tensile limit is reached, rupturing the original oxidation film.

The globules coalesce into a continuous, porous layer which increases in thickness. The metal surface is continually exposed to oxygen because the large volume increase which accompanies the conversion of niobium to its pentoxide hinders the formation of a stable interface between the metal and the pentoxide. The reaction becomes a surface reaction of constant rate and rapid oxidation results.

The study was sponsored by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.



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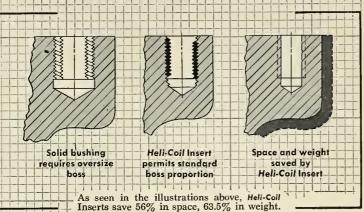
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advantage because the volume will reduce the unit cost of tooling up. But Mitchell said fiber glass and plastic cases are cheaper when small numbers are involved. He contended that the lightweight material could not be ruled out even for the largest conceivable solid rockets.

The NASA propulsion chief voiced enthusiasm for the Air Force Project 3059 plan to explore the feasibility of a very large solid motor, on the order of a million lbs. thrust. He said:

"We in NASA are extremely interested and fully understand the need of getting as much data as necessary to determine where a large solid booster fits into the space picture. We are following and participating in the Air Force plans very closely."

• Nuclear rocketry—"In the last year, we have seen the transition of nuclear rocket propulsion from essentially a loose research effort and a reactor program to a much firmer and essentially a defined program with a firm development objective—a flyable nuclear engine."

Mitchell recalled that NASA officials have said a test is scheduled for 1965. "This is becoming a major area of buildup of effort," he added.

Mitchell said the joint NASA-Atomic Energy Commission work is making excellent progress—particularly in work on the reactor, the feed systems and the hydrogen turbine pump.

• Electrical propulsion—The last year has seen marked increases in R&D efforts by government agencies, non-profit organizations and industry on electrical devices, Mitchell asserted. As a sign of the progress made, he cited decisions by both NASA and the Air Force to develop ion engines. "We hope that in a year or so these engines will have demonstrated a reasonable operating time."

The engines are to develop 0.1 lb. thrust and draw 30 kilowatts of current from a SNAP-8 nuclear powerplant. Total weight of the system, including the thrust device and powerplant, will be a few thousand lbs., he said.

Progress in ion devices has included reduction of interception of ions by accelerating and focusing electrodes, and increases in power conversion efficiency (ratio of Kinetic power in the thrust beam to total power input).

A critical problem still remaining is beam neutralization, he continued. "We are obtaining better insight on this problem but I don't think we have any clear experimental data as yet to indicate whether it can be accomplished."

Pioneer V Found Radiation Peril Past Van Allen Belts

Radiation will be a major hazard for man throughout the zone between the earth and Venus—not just in the Van Allen belts.

This is the most important finding of *Pioneer V*, the U.S. space probe that was tracked and telemetered for 108 days to a distance of 22,462,740 miles from Britain's Jodrell Bank radio telescope.

Man in space beyond the Van Allen belt will need extensive protection from the radiation in solar flares, Dr. Abe Silverstein reported last week.

Silverstein, director of the Office of Space Flight Programs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, made his estimate at a press conference called by NASA to report on the end of efforts to communicate with the 94.8-lb. planetoid now swinging in a solar orbit between those of the earth and Venus.

Silverstein gave no figures on radiation intensity. However, in a paper given before the American Geophysical Union on April 29, three physicists headed by J. R. Winckler of the University of Minnesota reported that in-

tensity can rise as high as 30 or 40 roentgens per hour during a magnetic storm.

Without shielding, a half-day's exposure at such a level would be lethal for about half of the persons exposed, according to the calculations of the National Committee on Radiation Protection.

The report on *Pioneer V* was given after NASA Administrator T. Keith Glennan presented a model of the space vehicle to Dr. A. C. B. Lovell, British astronomer and director of Jodrell Bank, in recognition of the cooperation of the staff of the 250-ft. dish antenna.

Silverstein listed these other scientific discoveries realized during the *Pioneer V* flight:

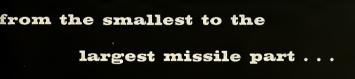
- An interplanetary magnetic field exists. Its intensity fluctuates in relation to solar flare activity.
- A ring current of five million amperes, 25,000 miles in diameter, exists at 40,000 miles from the earth.
- The earth's magnetic field extends at times out to 65,000 miles and oscillates with solar flare activity.

Pioneer V, launched from Cape Canaveral at 8 a.m. (EST) on March 11, sent intelligible signals with its 5-watt transmitter on command until 7:33 a.m. (EDT) on June 26, at which moment it was traveling away from the receiving antenna at 18,621 mph and had traveled 60% of the distance that separates the orbit of earth from the orbit of Venus. At the time, it was 78.9 million miles from the center of the sun.

• A flock of firsts—Silverstein said its technological firsts included the greatest range over which man has maintained control over an instrumented vehicle, the greatest range over which man has tracked a man-made object and the first instrumented space laboratory making measurements of the interplanetary magnetic field, the plane of the magnetic field and total flux and energy level of radiation in interplanetary space.

Also, Silverstein said, Pioneer V established a record in the distance at which an interplanetary guidance system was used. He explained that the vehicle had Doppler capability for measuring position in space, which are parts of advanced guidance systems to be used in future space vehicles.

Other scientific achievements, he continued, include the first measure(Continued on page 95)



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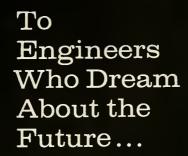
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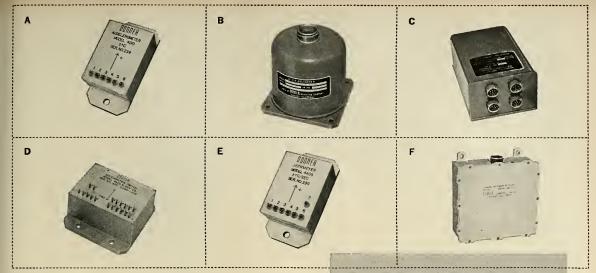
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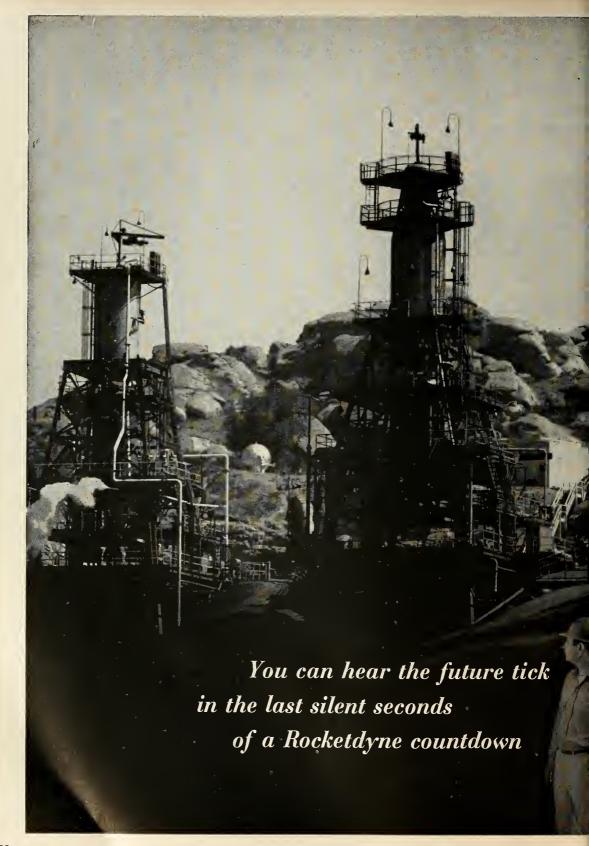
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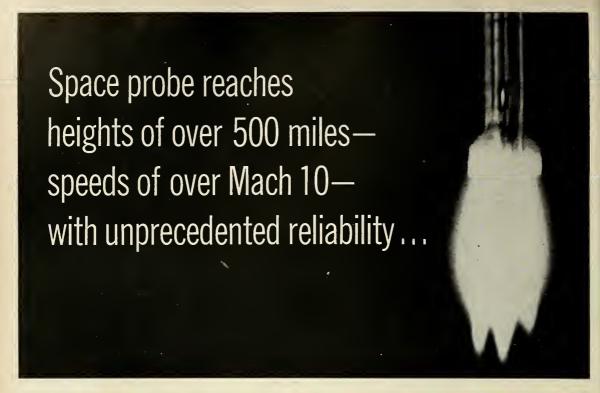
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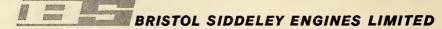


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Step-up Urged in Ocean Study

Oceanography must be increased by a factor of four over the next 10 years—both in participants and in the present \$36-million level of funding.

This statement came last week in a report on "Ocean Sciences and National Security," released by the House Committee on Science and Astronautics.

The committee pointed out the Soviet Union has accelerated its ocean research efforts in what may be a deliberate attempt to overtake and surpass oceanography in the United States.

In its recommendations, the committee stressed the threat manifested by the Soviet fleet of more than 500 submarines and said it is essential that we develop the capability in ASW for complete surveillance of the oceans to minimize the possibility of a surprise submarine attack.

It said the present level of scientific oceanic research and inventory of ships and shore facilities are evidence the field "has been badly neglected."

Examination of the Navy and National Science Foundation oceanic programs, the committee said, reveals that until Fiscal 1960, they appeared

lacking in emphasis, vigor and adequacy of funding.

• One manager—The committee said the Navy, until recently, has not pursued a broad program in oceanography, despite its relevance to the Navy's ASW mission. The committee said this has been true even though the Navy is now the largest single supporter of oceanic research.

To remove the disparity between the current level of effort and the needs for national security, the committee said it is necessary that the Federal Government organize, manage, and coordinate the necessary program. It said the responsibility should be:

• Development of a national program in oceanic research and identification of goals.

• Budgeting of funds for a balanced program embracing all elements of oceanic research both for peaceful and military applications.

• Implementation of the national program by both in-house and contract research.

• Deliberate fostering of education and training in oceanography.

The report, authored by Dr. Edward

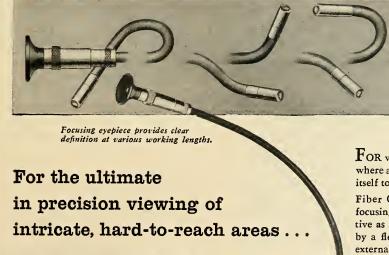
Wenk, Jr., senior specialist in science and technology, Library of Congress, contained these other highlights:

• Marine subjects are being investigated at nearly 100 establishments which are subordinate to some 16 USSR ministeries and agencies. Leading oceanographic research institution in the USSR are the Institute of Oceanology of the Academy of Sciences, the State Oceanographic Institute of the Main Administration of the Hydrometeorological Service, the Arctic and Antarctic Scientific Research Institute of the Main Administration of the Northern Sea Route and the All-Union Scientific Research Institute of Fish Economy and Oceanography.

• The number of professional oceanographers in the USSR is estimated as high as 800 to 900.

• The USSR's oceanic research fleet numbers between 50 and 75 non-military vessels with lengths greater than 50 ft. Included is the Severyanks, first submarine in the world to be used solely for oceanographic research.

The U.S., on the other hand, operates about 52 ships with an average age of 18 years, has about 500 to 600 professional oceanographers; and roughly 70 separate organizations engaged in oceanic research. Only 16, however, are large facilities.



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SPACE MEDICINE

(Continued from p. 79) hazard posed by prolonged exposure to weightlessness received a partial answer in the seven-day "bathtub" water-immersion experiment of Dr. Duane Graveline at the Aerospace Medical Center this past January. Will prolonged weightlessness requiring no muscular effort to maintain body position against the pull of gravity result in serious muscle debilitation and weak-

Spending only one hour in each 24-hour period out of the bathtub to permit skin care and replacement of electrodes, the subject noted, "each time I got out I was weaker and more eager to get back in." A startling observation was the fact that he averaged only about an hour's sleep in each 24-hour period.

Monitoring his brain waves (EEG) proved that most of this was light sleep, with very infrequent 10- to 20-second periods of deep sleep. A marked decrement in skilled performance occurred, easily noted after comparing the pre- and post-experiment tests. This experiment points up one of the most serious and challenging problems of extended manned space flight.

The specific advances reportable through this past year appear to be small compared to the progress that needs to be made. However, the year has been a period of organization and consolidation that should blossom into many worthwhile achievements in the coming 12 to 18 months.

The opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent official USAF policy.

Rocket Power/Talco Pushes Studies of Oxidizing Salts

Advanced studies in improvement of solid rocket propellants are being carried out at the research laboratories of Rocket Power/Talco, Pasadena, Calif. Efforts are aimed at incorporating desirable properties of propellant oxidizing salts, such as perchlorates and nitrates, into propellant binders.

Accomplishment of the objective would result in a substantially homogeneous compound having excellent physical properties and high specific impulse.

Rocket Power/Talco scientists point out that the best present solid propellants consist of a minor proportion of binder and light metals with a preponderance of oxidizing salts, suffering in performance because of the need for separate components of binder and granular ingredients.

Daystrom Gets Award For Added Work on Julie

Bureau of Naval Weapons has awarded Daystrom, Inc. a contract of about \$2 million for continuing classified research and development work on the Julie system, an important part of Navy's anti-submarine warfare pro-

Daystrom's Electric Division pioneered the Julie system for the Navy, beginning in 1953. The system makes use of the explosive echo ranging technique for the detection and location of submarines. Accurate timing between creation of the sound and receipt of its echo permits calculation of the distance between the submarine and the source of the sound.

In working on the system, the division developed a unique three-part setup. Its new laboratory building at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., includes a 12-by-8 ft. indoor acoustical water tank and other facilities to simulate the ocean environment.

To handle tests too large for the laboratory and yet under controlled conditions, Julie utilizes an artificial lake 1800 ft. long, 900 ft. wide and 135 ft. deep. Originally an abandoned stone quarry, it is the largest underwater test range in the country maintained by private industry.

To do original work in oceanography and to test ideas and equipment in the sea itself, the division keeps an 86 foot research vessel, the State Star, especially equipped and instrumented. The vessel works off the East Coast and in the Caribbean, often in conjunction with Naval ships and aircraft.

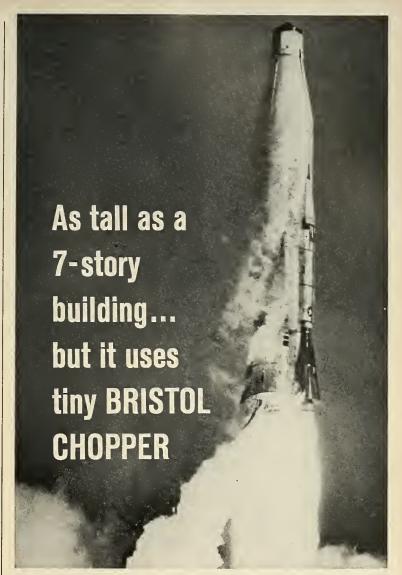
Martin to Develop Master Air Force Checkout Plan

A 15-year master plan of checkout systems for manned and unmanned weapons will be developed for the Air Force under a contract just awarded to Martin-Baltimore.

The study will set design standards and define checkout systems requirements up to 1975. It is also aimed at establishing methods of standardizing and integrating systems hardware to increase efficiency and save money.

Competition for the unfunded contract was unusually heavy: some 42 companies submitted bids. Martin estimates the work will cost them about \$100,000 and require about seven months to complete.

Checkout equipment of 17 different weapons systems will be evaluated in the study. These include eight produced by Martin: SM-68 Titan, Pershing, TM-76 Mace and TM-61 Mata-



More than 40,000 parts, each of which must meet the most stringent reliability standards, make up the U. S. Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile, built by prime contractor Convair (Astronautics) Division, General Dynamics Corporation.

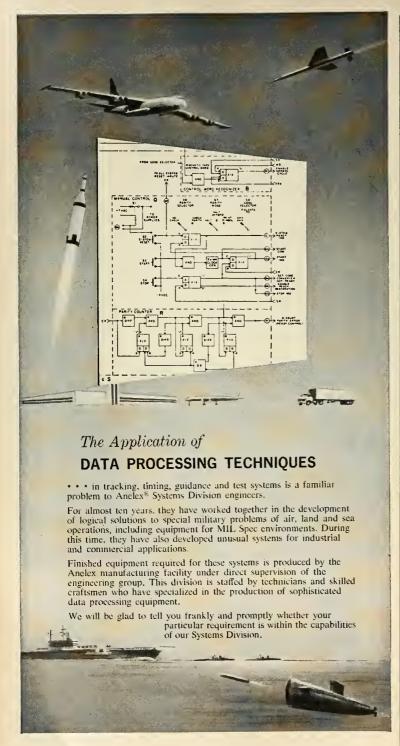
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IBM Demonstrates Its Mercury Tracking Network

A real-time teleprocessing system to serve as the connecting link between data input from widely scattered centers and central data processing was demonstrated in Washington recently for NASA and members of Congress.

Developed by International Business Machines Corp., the IBM 7281 Data Communications Channel will be installed soon at the Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md. Its 32 channels will tie the center's two IBM 7090's, also to be installed, to a worldwide network of tracking stations.

Transmitted information from any location in the network will be received by the 7281 which changes the impulses into a digital output. This can be stored and/or fed immediately into a computer for processing. Total elapsed time for teleprocessing, said IBM's Federal Systems Division, is measured in milliseconds.

Principally designed for Project Mercury, the tracking network inputs will be from radar, telemetry, and other related sources.

With the high-speed computers and the 7281, more reliable and precise control of the Mercury capsule is now possible. Real-time control obviates data delay in both directions-that is, to or from the capsule or the observing

The equipment was demonstrated at the dedication of an impressive black-light display of U.S. space programs. Titled "Threshold of Space" the IBM exhibit dramatically shows what has been accomplished.

Joint Contract to Develop Mobile Nuclear Powerplant

A highly compact 2-to-3-megawatt nuclear powerplant for military use in isolated areas will be developed jointly by Allison Div. of General Motors and Nuclear Development Corp. of America.

The contract, awarded by the Atomic Energy Commission, grew out of a Department of Defense request for such a mobile system. The Army's Corps of Engineers particularly needs a high-output powerplant which can operate for long periods of time with minimal service requirements.

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ment of the interaction of solar wind and the earth's magnetic field, the first measurement of the size of the solar system by means of a space probe and a discovery that the so-called Forbush decrease in cosmic-ray intensity at the beginning of a solar flare is not confined to the region surrounding the earth.

Pioneer V exceeded the long-distance communication record by more than 55 times. The old record was held by Pioneer IV, the 13.4-lb. U.S. planetoid fired past the moon March 3, 1959, which was tracked out to a distance of 407,000 miles. Silverstein said the longest distance of communication claimed by the Soviets was 396,-000 for Lunik I, their 3245-lb. vehicle fired past the moon Jan. 2, 1959.

Since last March, Pioneer IV has traveled 760 million miles in its orbit.

• Failure analyzed-Most of the communication from Pioneer V came from its five-watt transmitter. The probe also carried a 150-watt transmitter, which was left idle during the first four weeks of its journey. The larger transmitter responded promptly when commanded on for the first time on May 8. However, its use was limited because of the apparent deterioration of the spacecraft's 28 flashlightsized batteries. The 5-watt transmitter is powered by batteries recharged by solar cells in four paddles stretching out from the body of the satellite.

NASA said any one or all of the three reasons might account for the failure of communication. They are:

• The spacecraft may be out of earth range of the 5-watt transmitter.

· Battery failure or leakage may have been induced by the extreme vacuum of interplanetary space.

• Some key component or system may have failed.

NASA and Space Technology Laboratories, which built the Pioneer V payload, are making a complete analysis of the performance, including the 138.9 hours of data transmission.

First Missile Destroyer For Royal Navy Launched

LONDON-The Royal Navy has launched its first guided missile ship, the destroyer Devonshire. It should be ready for fleet service in early 1962.

Missile armament will include a Seaslug mounted on the quarter deck and two Seacats abaft the after funnel. The vessel will also have the latest ASW detection equipment.

Three sister ships-Hampshire, Kent and London-will be in service by 1963.

missiles and rockets, July 18, 1960



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Components for RVX and TIROS Projects by LAVELLE

Major successes in the nation's accelerated space vehicle and missile programs include precision sheet metal components made by Lavelle. Among these is the fabrication by Lavelle of the structure of the new U.S. earth-circling TIROS weather observation satellite produced

for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration by the Astro-Electronics Products Division, RCA. An artist's view of TIROS in orbit is shown above.

Pictured also is the recovery of the first successful RVX series re-entry vehicle after ICBM range flight. The aluminum alloy nose cone structure for this test was fabricated by Lavelle under sub-contract from the General Electric Company's Missile and Space Vehicle Department.

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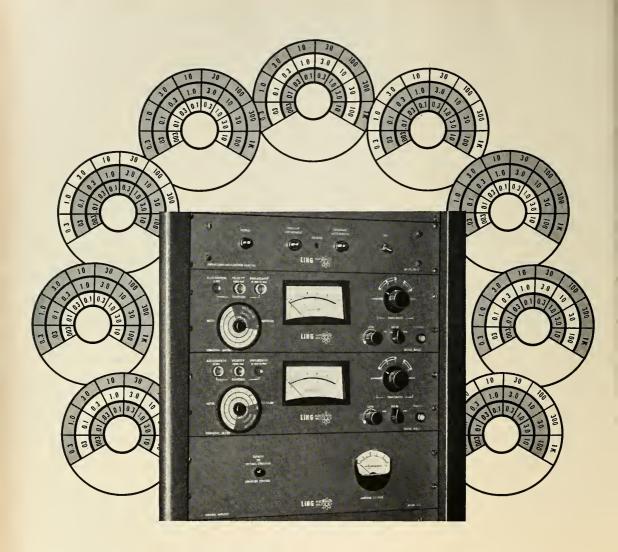


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'cocktail party effect . . . '

The flexibility of the S-14 Servo System at the left, is just one more example of the way Ling design anticipates your needs of the future. Since the complete control package is made up of separate components, the system not only meets your present demands, but can readily be expanded. The basic two-level system includes 2 vibration meters, 1 control amplifier, 1 control selector,

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New Sound Technique For Voice from Space

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.—Astrometrics, Inc., has developed an entirely new sound reproducing system for voice transmission from space based on a principle observable at any cocktail party.

The system, called the "articulator," is designed to increase the intelligibility of an astronaut's voice under conditions of a high ambient noise level at the listening end, the transmitting end or in the transmission link itself.

It makes use of the fact that human ears are directional devices relying on both amplitude and arrival time differences for information. Sound emanating from in front and to the right of a listener will arrive at his right ear first, thus allowing the brain to decide where the source is. If two or more sounds are being generated at different locations, the listener has the ability to "tune up" the sound he wants and "tune down" the other.

This is what Astrometrics calls the "cocktail party" effect and it forms the basis for the Articulator, designed to make transmission from an astronaut more intelligible.

"This capability of the listener to tune in on one of the conversations and tune down all other conversations and noises in the room is dependent on his ability to locate the source of the sound he is after," company president W. M. Turner notes. "There's both a

physiological and a mental mechanism at work here."

Yet a tape recording taken in the same room will produce substantially unintelligible and confused sounds with only a few highlights coming through, Turner points out. This is attributed in large part to the fact that the taperecorded sound emanates, in effect, from only one source.

• Three frequencies used—By feeding all desired and undesired signals from a single channel line into a phase shifter which has the characteristic of presenting two outputs with a constant phase difference relationship at all frequencies, (i.e., all frequencies from 20 to 20,000 cps are 90° apart at the two output terminals), a precise but different time delay from one output to the other results for every individual frequency component in the sound.

Ninety degrees represents 2.5 milliseconds difference at 100 cps, 250 microseconds at 1000 cps, and 25 microseconds at 10,000 cps. If these three frequencies are transmitted by two widely spaced speakers and the 90° phase relationship maintained, the three frequencies appear to the listener to be coming from three different locations between the two speakers.

Each voice has an attack transient containing a band of identifying frequencies. These become locating frequencies in a system of this type. If several voices, hum, and static all are

-Model 100 Articulator Specifications-

Input Impedance: Input Voltage: (required for rated

power output) Input Signal Range:

Output Power: Output Impedance:

Intermodulation Distortion: Harmonic Distortion: Frequency Response:

Improvement:

Power Required:

Physical Dimensions Amplifier and Control

Unit: Speaker Units: greater than 47 K Ohms

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being transmitted over one line, then, with the Articulator, the hum will seem to be coming from one point, one voice from another point and so on.

"The listener will subconsciously locate the desired sound and tune down all others, something that would be impossible if they were all following each other out of the same box," Turner says.

It is this which the company says greatly enhances the ability of the listener to extract the intelligence from a single channel sound transmission system. He can, in effect, "tune in" mentally on the astronaut's voice.

"Prior to the space age, important information in missile programs was derived from the radar, telemetry, and on board recording devices," says company president Turner. "Voice communications played a secondary role, only important at certain points in the countdown and during an occasional emergency transmission from a chase plane pilot. However, with the advent of men in space, we have in addition to the aforementioned sources of intelligence, the astronaut himself. What he says will be of great importance, so that the human voice as a source of data will be of primary or paramount importance as opposed to unmanned missile programs.'

Turner points out that recovery of the human voice under conditions of space travel is a field on which very little effort has been expended.

Development of the Articulator is aimed at improving the intelligibility of man's voice under space conditions and is an effort to increase the useful range of transmission without further encumbering the vehicle or the astronaut himself.

• Used with telemetry—The Articulator is added to the ground communication system between the final electrical voice output and the human receiver. The communications system up to the human receiver is immaterial to the Articulator. It can be AM, FM, single sideband, double sideband, constant level speech, narrow band FM, phase modulation or any other. It can be landline communications, it can be clipped, or it can be digitized and then reconstituted in an analog form.

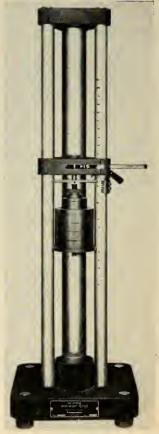
Application of the Articulator is not limited to space programs but can be used in any communications system where intelligibility is important. It could be employed, for example, in playback of telemetry data where information for the annotation of records is derived from voice signals on the tape along with the telemeter information.

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GENERATOR SECTION

OUTPUT

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The Air Force-Lockheed AGENA satellite is a versatile space vehicle capable of numerous assignments. In its present DISCOVERER program configuration, it is 19 feet long, 5 feet in diameter with an orbital weight of approximately 1700 pounds. Payload of several hundred pounds includes telemetry, instrumentation, guidance and attitude control systems, reentry vehicle and recovery capsule. The AGENA has accomplished several significant space "firsts." It was first to be placed on the difficult polar orbit; first to be placed on a precise, predicted, and nearly circular orbit; first to change its attitude on orbit, with a turn of 180 degrees and a downward tilt of 60 degrees; first to eject a capsule; and first to prove advanced space systems such as ground-space communications, instrumentation, attitude and guidance and lifesustaining devices. The AGENA can be modified for a variety of space missions such as navigation; geophysical investigations; lunar probes; long-range communications; and space probes.

In addition to the DISCOVERER program, the Division is developing advanced AGENA satellites for the MIDAS program (Missile Defense Alarm System) and the SAMOS strategic warning system. Lockheed is system manager and prime contractor for these projects under the direction of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division (ARDC).

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In use the two speaker enclosures are placed at the same height on the same plane with a center to center distance in the range of 6 to 20 ft. Cables 10 ft. in length are provided for connection of the speaker enclosures to the main chassis.

Astrometrics has determined, using series of random-number and other tests on listening groups under a variety of ambient listening conditions, that the average intelligence improvement under conditions of noise in the transmission link is 3 db. An improvement of this magnitude would, in the case of a moving aircraft, result in a range increase of 1.4 to 1.

The improvement in intelligibility under conditions of ambient room interference is said to be much more spectacular. Astrometrics explains the improvement this way:

Consider the case where a voice is cmanating from a single speaker in a room with an interfering voice at a higher amplitude than the desired reproduced voice. If the amplitude peaks of the interfering voice are sufficiently high to override the desired voice, a listener can no longer keep his physical and mental machinery "tuned to" or "locked on" the desired voice and is thereby distracted by the interfering voice. In the case of the Articulator's two outputs with 90° phase difference, if the interfering voice peaks are coincident and override the peaks of the voice emanating from one speaker, it necessarily follows that they cannot interfere with all of the peaks coming from the other speaker—since the sounds from the other speaker arrive at a different time. All of the intelligence-containing components of the voice arrive at different times, so that even if the interfering voice were to be coincident with some frequencies, it cannot coincide with others because there is an arbitrary and varying difference in time delay between the two speakers.

• Negative feedback—If a rapidspeaking, interfering voice, such as a radio commercial, is turned on at a volume greatly exceeding that of a desired single channel signal reproduction, the desired signal is virtually unintelligible. The recovery ratio is approximately 10%. Addition of a second speaker, at no increase in volume, increases the intelligibility to 95 or 100%. Effectivity of the Articulator phase relationship is said to be even more pronounced with use of a stereophonic headset because the phase relationships are retained in their pure state and therefore are not deteriorated by room reflections.

It is coincidence that the intelligence or fidelity increasing mechanism of each of the two channels considered separately in the Articulator also is a phase function. The Articulator has a novel feedback circuit which treats the speaker itself as a transducer and reflects variations from a pure resistive load back into the amplifier in a negative feedback sense. The particular feedback arrangement employed results

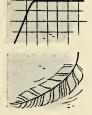
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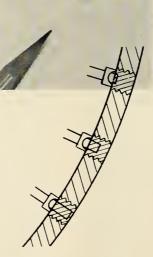


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Use of the Articulator feedback circuit reflects the speaker movement in a negative feedback sense, providing a great deal of phase correction such that the square wave components are reconstituted in their proper phase relationships.

There are circuits which have been employed to yield essentially perfect phase correction up to the piston point of speakers. However, these circuits, in the past, have resulted in a prohibitive amount of complexity. Additionally, it is Astrometrics' opinion that all of the practical circuits used to obtain this result leave much to be desired in the sense of actual listening fidelity. The unique constant power circuit employed by Astrometrics reflects speaker load variations back into the amplifier and results in what has been empirically determined to be the optimum reproducing condition for any particular transducer.

Astrometrics believes there is an important delineation which should be made between the mechanism of phase delay or constant phase shift as employed in the Articulator and the time delay mechanism used in the past by the military.

In the case of the time delay, which has been found to increase intelligibility in aircraft, the principle is this: if a sound generated at the right ear is interfered with, by some ambient noise peak, that same noise sound arrives at the left ear later in time and may, by coincidence, not be interfered with at all.

It is certain that the same peak that interfered with the sound in the right ear will not affect the left. However, in the case of the Articulator, since there is a varying time delay for all of the different frequency components of the desired signal, an interfering sound at the right ear cannot interfere with any of the components from the left ear. An additional interfering sound that might affect one component of the left ear can necessarily not interfere with all of the components since they are distributed in time.

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