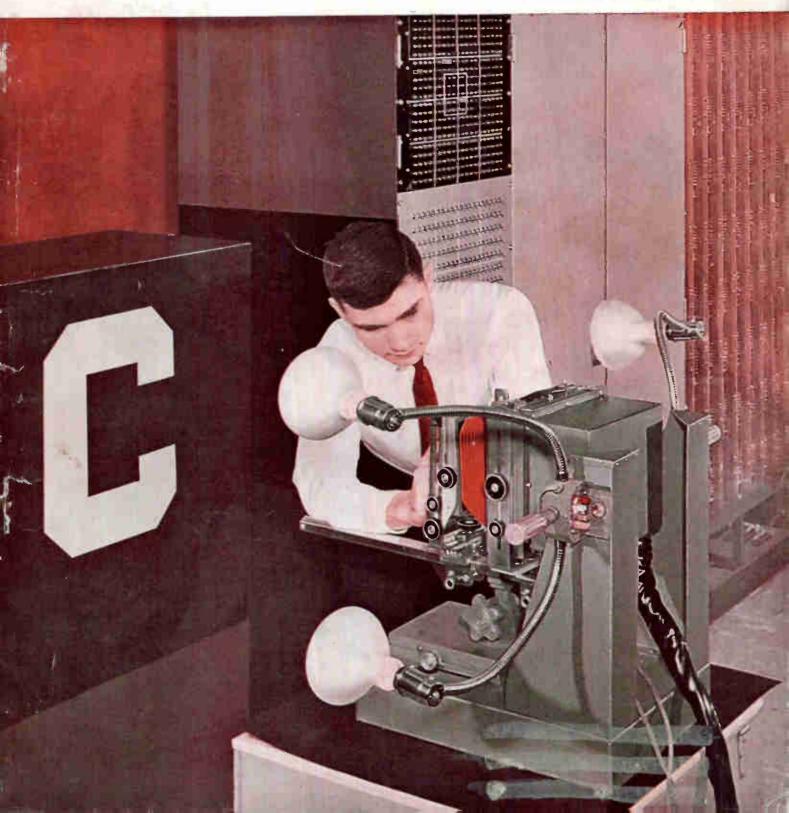
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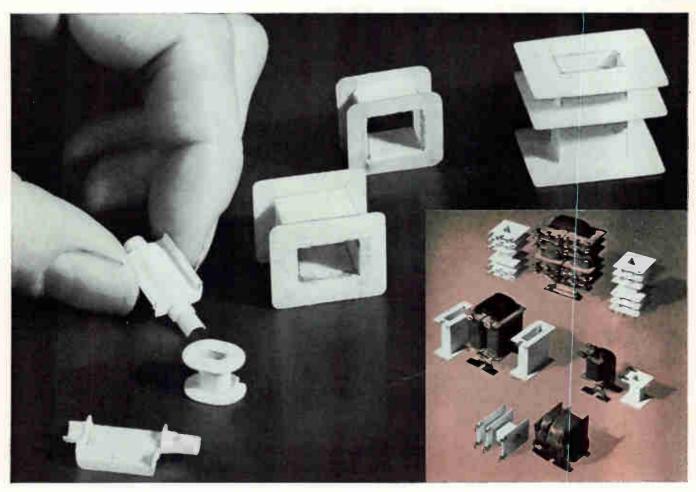
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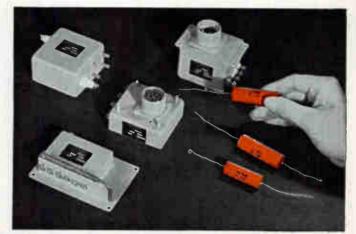
Built by Vitro Laboratories, Silver Spring, Md., this preamplifier consists of a vacuum tube and three transistor stages containing a total of twenty-five parts. Design specifications called for a package no larger than 1-7/16" diameter by 5"... plus operating requirements of high insulation strength, heat stability, resistance to shock, vibration and moisture. These were met conveniently and easily by mounting the components on a printed circuit board, encapsulating the unit with Silastic[®] RTV, the Dow Corning room-temperature vulcanizing silicone rubber.

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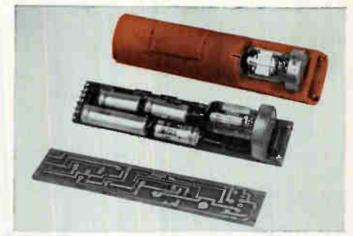
To Save Space . . . Cut Weight

Airborne Accessories Corporation, Hillside, N. J., uses a variety of miniaturization techniques in designing power drives for actuators and other devices. One of their most important tools in making smaller, more reliable drive motors is silicone insulation, including Dow Corning Silicone Varnish impregnation. Its use on these high performance motors assures utmost reliability under almost continuous on-off-reverse operation . . . helped designers provide up to 50% more power per pound.

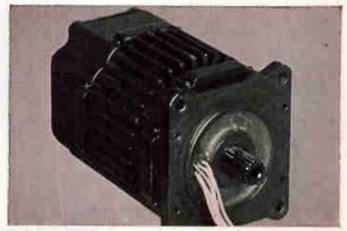
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ELECTRONICS AT SEA. schoonerborne artificial lightning generator for vlf propagation studies is the subject of an article in this issue by M. M. Newman, J. R. Stahmann and J. D. Robb of the Lightning & Transients Research Institute, and E. A. Lewis of the Air Force Cambridge Research Center. The generator is carried on the schooner Azara, which is shown in the accompanying photograph as it appeared before modification for research. The center mast was removed (see p 53) to make room for the generator amidships.

NUCLEAR MISCHIEF. For a while, it seemed that all the electronics industry had to do was keep its equipment out of the reach of the blast and heat of nuclear explosions, or the intense flux dosages of nuclear piles, and everything would be all right. But recent experiments have demonstrated that even outside the permanent-damage area, transient values of gamma and neutron radiation can cause intermittent and perhaps permanent malfunction in electronic gear. The high peak values of gamma radiation that emerge in the first microsecond of a nuclear explosion, for instance, could upset the electronic controls in radars, computers, missiles and navigation gear miles farther out than we used to think possible.

It's a sobering thought, with serious ramifications in the technology of computers, missile controls and defense electronics. Several of the research reports in this area have recently come our way, and we've boiled them down in the story on p 40.

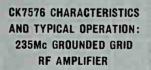
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SPECIAL REPORT. In recent years, more and more electronic engineers have found themselves drawn into areas of scientific research once regarded as the province of specialists such as astronomers, meteorologists and oceanographers. The increasing complexity of experiments being performed to study our environment has led to a need for advanced electronic equipment. Some recent examples in ELECTRONICS are Television System for Stratoscope I (p 49, June 17), Uses of Sonar in Oceanography (p 93, June 24) and Remote Preamplifiers for Under Ocean Work (p 60, July 8).

Next week's issue contains a Special Report designed to acquaint you with some of the problems facing science today and the manner in which our industry is being called upon to help solve them. To bring you this report, Associate Editor Bushor and Assistant Editor Wolff contacted government agencies, scientific and academic institutions, and industry to find out how electronic equipment is being used to probe nature. As a result, you'll read about the techniques for probing space, our atmosphere, the earth, the oceans, and living matter.

A center foldout tabulates the instrumentation for the successful space probes and satellites. A world map locates 90 radio astronomy facilities, as well as the major U. S. oceanographic facilities and seagoing research ships. We believe this useful and informative survey successfully captures the scope and excitement of man's growing quest to learn more about his environment. You won't want to miss it.

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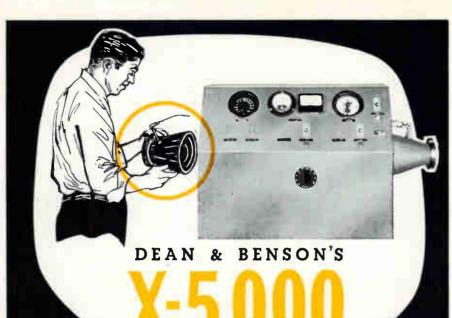
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The Russians are apparently going to hang onto conventional interior wiring for the time being, with the so-called reception transformer picking up the power for a house or a whole building. Later on, the plan seems to be to dispense with wiring and fit out sockets with miniature receiver units.

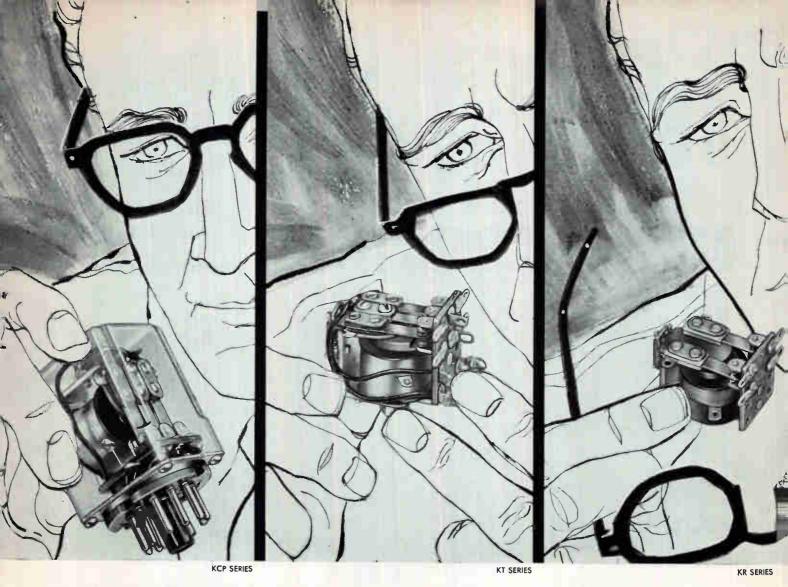
This development has apparently been going on for about six years in the Soviet Union. Significance seems to me that millions of tons of copper will be saved by setting up such a central transmission system for utility power, and that the electronics industry will get a boost into an area not hitherto explored.

Do you know of any similar work being done in the U. S.? I should think the electric utilities would be busy developing such a system.

E. O. FEENEY

HATFIELD, HERTS. ENGLAND

Our World News service has kept us informed about this Soviet engineering development, which was apparently first disclosed in 1955. At that time, the Russians themselves washed the experiment out as a failure, according to Swedish observers. The idea has been bandied about in the U.S. ever since Tesla, but there are several points to be weighed. At frequencies best suited for efficient power transmission, antenna systems are tremendous and expensive. Efficient antennas in the vlf and 1-f portions of the spectrum, for instance, could hardly be put inside a conventional watthour meter, although recent advances in the ferrite technology make it



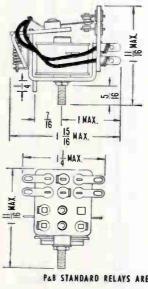
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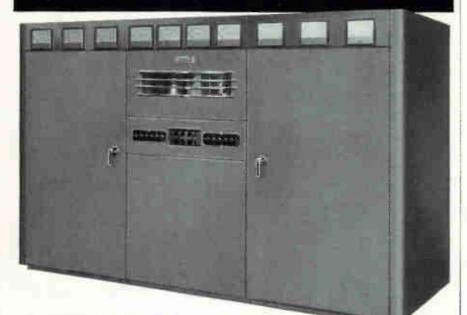
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Mass Recruitment

Let us hope the trend spotted in your June 3 issue in the article on recruitment ("Mass Engineer Recruitment Declines." p 40) will continue. It's time this industry began practicing more conservative personnel standards. One benefit that could come from this may be a change in the purpose of some of the big industry conventions, where the extravagant promises aimed at getting engineers away from their employers serve only to detract from the serious matters that should occupy these occasions. C. J. REUBER

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A Lot of Difference

We were very pleased to see our article "Measuring Switching Speed of Magnetic Films" (p 79, June 3) in ELECTRONICS, and to see a picture of our equipment on the cover.

Unfortunately, our Research and Engineering Information department in New York obviously overlooked correcting a few technical faults in the galley proofs. In the text, all switching times, delay times and resolution times should be given in nanoseconds, and not in microseconds as printed. In the figure captions, these time dimensions are all correct, apart from Fig. 4C, where the indication on the vertical axis should be corrected to

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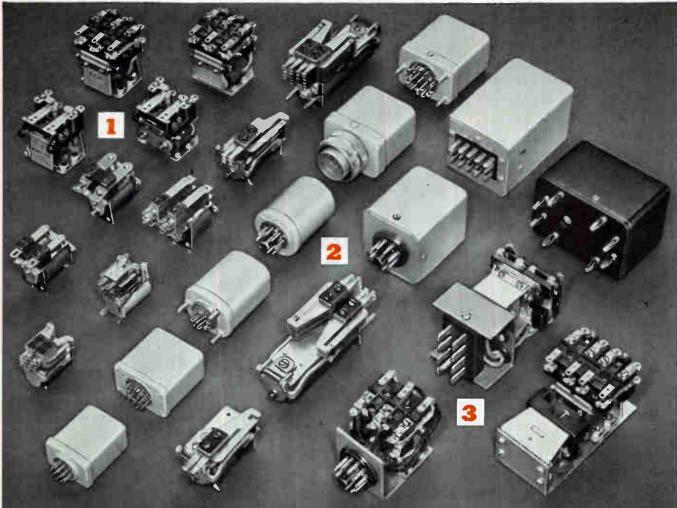
We should be extremely obliged if you could possibly insert an errata note in a forthcoming edition of ELECTRONICS, as a scale factor of 1,000 certainly makes a lot of difference!

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Seek Ray to Disarm

Nuclear Warheads

MICROWAVES, infrared, atomic particles and X-rays are under consideration as energy media for a "death-ray" to destroy incoming missiles. Varo Mfg., Garland, Tex., is one firm working on the secret project for Department of Defense, has reportedly proved the feasibility of using microwave energy to abort missile missions.

Defense scientists say they don't want to burn the missile up, but merely to create a chemical or physical change to render atomic warheads harmless (see ELEC-TRONICS, p 36, May 13).

In other developments:

Boeing copped a \$247-million contract for R&D on Minuteman solid-fueled ICBM, making definite an earlier letter contract.

ITT's Federal Electric Corp. takes over operation and maintenance of the 60 Dew-line radar warning stations under \$40.8-million USAF contract.

RCA Service Co. will take over management of the USAF Alaskan long lines system (White Alice) under a \$5.3-million contract.

Magnavox will develop new radars and radar indicators for Bureau of Naval Weapons. Classified contracts total \$32.5 million.

Survey Suggests Research

Is Key to Growth

RECENT SURVEY of small and middlesized electronics firms indicates the need to develop new products and processes to maintain growth.

The survey was taken by an investment firm, covered 25 companies responsible for about a third of total electronics industry sales in 1958. It was conducted with the idea of obtaining, for a series of years, R&D statistics for purely electronics companies comparable to standard indices of capital expenditures and sales.

Sales of the 25 companies increased 36 percent between 1955 and 1958, as compared with an 11percent rise for the electronics industry as a whole during the same Capital expenditures were practically the same in 1958 as in 1957 (averaging 6 percent of sales); the percentage is rising slowly. Expenditures for research and development increased yearly and topped 9 percent of sales in 1958. Estimated R&D spending level for 1960 is over 10 percent of sales.

Journeyman Test Will Use

Miniature Telemeter

MINIATURE TELEMETERING SYSTEM designed by Space Electronics Corp., Glendale, Calif., will be used by Air Force in forthcoming flight of the Journeyman sounding rocket.

The system, called Digilock, will telemeter data on radiation and other phenomena during the entire 15-hour flight, coming into operation three minutes after the nose cone separates.

Circuits occupy a total volume of 54 cu in., consist of a 250-mw transmitter weighing half a pound, coding unit weighing one and a half pounds. Total power drain from the $1\frac{1}{2}$ -lb power pack is $3\frac{1}{2}$ w.

System is designed to handle multiple-signal analog or digital data electronically commutated by the encoder. Rate of data transmission will be either 64 or 256 bits a second, depending on requirements.

System Gives Commanders

Precise Position Data

BATTLEFIELD POSITION-fixing and navigation system that will enable a field commander to keep track of all his units, including aircraft, ground vehicles and foot soldiers, will be built for Army by Bendix.

The system comprises a chain of four ground-based transmitting stations, mobile receivers, and a chart construction and reproduction unit. Transmitting chain comprises a master and three slave stations, all on different frequencies.

Lightweight, accurate system operates in the l-f portion of the spectrum, can be set up and in operation within five hours. Using hyperbolic techniques, the equipment can cover a 150,000-sq-mi area, operates day or night in all weather. Receivers are designed for use by foot soldiers, vehicles on either ground or water, and fixed or rotary-wing aircraft plus any number of receivers.

European Tv Sets Use

U.S.-Made Picture Tubes

SEVERAL EUROPEAN tv-setmakers are putting Sylvania 23-in. bondedshield tv picture tubes on their new equipment. Companies involved in the deal are located in Germany, Italy, France, England and Scandinavia. In the past, European companies have mostly manufactured their own tubes, or used European makes, for reasons of economy and ease of replacement.

Sylvania exported 25,000 tubes last month for a dollar value of \$970,000. Company reports indicate that a similar number will be shipped this month, with dollar value expected to exceed \$1 million. One company puts Sylvania picture tubes on a Japanese chassis.

Airport Radars Use Coherent MTIs

AIRPORT SURVEILLANCE radars designed by Texas Instruments will be installed at 34 airports during the next year and a half. The radars have a range of 60 miles, can reach an altitude of 25,000 ft at maximum range, will help Federal Aviation Agency keep abreast of the jet age.

TI's ASR-4 can operate either normally or with a coherent moving-target indicator system, as the controller chooses. Coherent oscillator serves as reference against which returns are compared; identical returns cancel out. Staggered pulse-repetition frequency prevents the cancellation of targets flying at blind speed (the speed at , which a target, between successive pulses, moves a distance corresponding to a multiple of the transmitter wavelength). On conventional mti's, a target moving at blind speed reflects an in-phase pulse which is cancelled.

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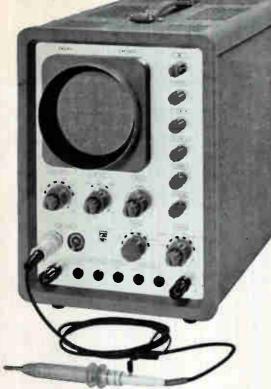
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Input impedance: 0.5 M Ω in parallel with $12 \mu \mu F$. (Probe 5 M Ω in parallel with 8 $\mu\mu F$). Signal delay permits viewing of the leading edge of the displayed signal in the linear portion of the time base.

Sweep range

 $0.2 \ \mu \bar{s}ec/cm \cdot 10 \ msec/cm$ in 15 calibrated steps, accurate within $30/_0$ in a $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$ sequence, x2 and x5 magnification expands fastest sweep speed to

max. 40 m μ sec/cm (accuracy 5%).

Trigger facilities

Internal, external or line frequency with adjustable trigger level and preset stability control. High frequency synchronization up to at least 15 Mc/s.

Accelerating voltage: 4 kV

High-Frequency Oscilloscope, type GM 5601

Vertical Amplifier

Bandwidth: DC - 5 Mc/s(- 3 dB).

Sensitivity: 100 mVp·p/cm to 5 Vp·p/cm in 6 steps, accurate within 30/0, in a $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$ sequence; vernier 3 : 1 permits continuous adjustment to at least 15 Vp·p/cm. An attenuator probe 10 : 1 is delivered with the instrument. Input impedance: $0.5 M\Omega$ in parallel with $35 \mu\mu$ F. (Probe $5 M\Omega$ in parallel with $9 \mu\mu$ F). Sweep range 0.5μ sec/cm · 200 msec/cm in 18 calibrated steps, accurate within 30/0 in a $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$ sequence, x5 magnifier expands fastest sweep

speed to 0.1 µsec/em (accuracy 50/0).

Trigger facilities Internal, external, or line frequency with adjustable trigger level

and stability control. Accelerating voltage: 2 kV

Low-Frequency Oscilloscope, type GM 5606

Vertical Amplifier

Bandwidth: DC \cdot 200 kc/s (- 3 dB). Sensitivity: 10 mVp·p/cm to 50 Vp-p/cm in 12 calibrated steps, accurate within 30/0, in a $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$ sequence; vernier 3: 1 permits continuous adjustment to at least 150 Vp-p/cm. Input impedance: 1 M Ω in parallel with 40 $\mu\mu$ F.

Sweep range

2.5 μ sec cm · 1 sec/cm in 18 calibrated steps, accurate within 30/0 in a 1 · 2 · 5 sequence, x5 magnifier expands fastest sweep speed to 0.5 μ sec/cm (accuracy 50/0).

Trigger facilities

Internal, external or line frequency with adjustable trigger level. Accelerating voltage: .2 kV

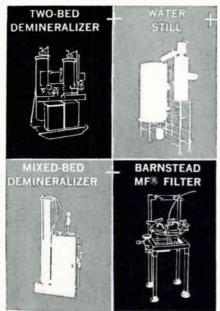


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WASHINGTON OUTLOOK

AMONG ISSUES awaiting legislative action when Congress reconvenes briefly next month is the controversial question of defense procurement policy. The issue figured in seven Congressional investigations this session.

Congressional sniping at military buying policy has resulted in passage of the Vinson bill by the House. This legislation is aimed to increase formal advertised procurement and cut the volume of negotiated contracting by the Pentagon. The bill would also put the lid on excessive cost estimates and profit allowances in incentive type contracts.

Outlook for Senate passage of the bill is uncertain. Although there is little opposition to the measure, there isn't enough push behind it to ensure that the Senate will get a chance to vote on it.

Major provision is a requirement that target prices on incentive-type fixed-price contracts be readjusted before final settlement between the contractor and the military. Purpose: "So that the incentive profit over the normal profit will be the product of the contractor's action in performance rather than artificial pricing in negotiations for the target prices." Other provisions of the bill knock out certain legislative authority for negotiated procurement, and require contractors to "certify" cost estimates.

AIR FORCE's new contractor for scientific planning and management of missile and space projects, Aerospace Corp., has opened up shop. Ivan A. Getting has resigned as Raytheon's vice president for research and engineering to become president of the nonprofit corporation.

The new organization will be housed in facilities now used by Thompson Ramo Wooldridge's Space Technology Laboratories at El Segundo, Calif. Aerospace will take over from STL the managerial and technical planning of all Air Force projects excepting the Atlas, Titan, and Minuteman missiles.

Aerospace will be in charge of initial systems engineering and technical direction. Detailed engineering and technical direction of developed systems, from here on out, will be farmed out to prime production contractors.

Aerospace's role will stress advanced systems analysis and planning, research, and experimentation in new guidance, satellite communications, satellite inspection systems, manned military space systems, and related fields. The new organization will play a key role in evaluating contractor proposals to the Air Force.

PENTAGON'S LATEST LISTING of top contractors shows electronics producers in a greater position of dominance than ever in defense research, development, and procurement. Sixty-four of the 100 leading companies in calendar 1959 held contracts for electronics, aircraft, and missiles. The roster shows a net increase of two electronics companies.

General Dynamics heads the 1959 contracting list with \$1.5-billion worth of new orders, 6.9 percent of the total. Boeing, Lockheed, and North American Aviation follow in that order. Other companies predominantly in electronics among the top 50: General Electric, 5th, \$915.7 million; AT&T, 9th, \$501.4 million; Raytheon, 11th, \$369.5 million; Sperry Rand, 14th, \$318.7 million; RCA, 15th, \$303.2 million; Bendix, 16th, \$279.9 million; IBM, 17th, \$262.5 million; Westinghouse, 18th, \$220.5 million; ITT, 24th, \$156.9 million; Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, 29th, \$133 million; Burroughs, 30th, \$117.9 million; Collins Radio, 32nd, \$116.4 million; Philco, 35th, \$102 million; American Bosch Arma, 36th, \$98.2 million; Minneapolis-Honeywell, 37th, \$94.8 million; General Precision Equipment, 44th, \$77.6 million. Another USAF missile develops from a program which is in itself a ...



Titan, America's two-stage intercontinental ballistic missile, is making giant strides — attaining new goals in U.S. missile technology. It has repeatedly demonstrated its ability to accomplish stage separation and altitude start of the sustainer engine. Equally outstanding successes in guidance and nose cone ejection-recovery are making Titan a significant contribution to our national space potential; a highly sophisticated missile system powerful enough to deliver a warhead accurately at more than 5,500-mile range.

As Titan continues to develop toward a state of operational capability, it provides another demonstration of the remarkable successes of the U.S. Air Force's ballistic missile program. This program, conceived only six years ago, has produced progress beyond expectation in an undertaking never before equalled in complexity.

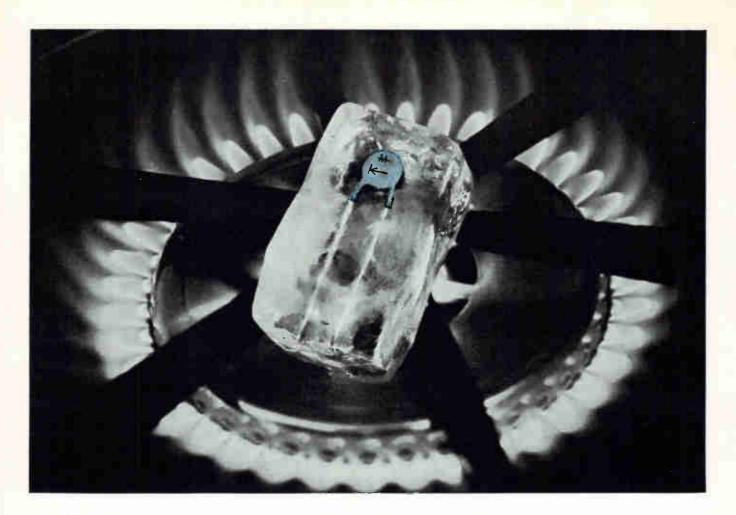
Space Technology Laboratories is responsible for over-all systems engineering and technical direction for Titan, as it has been for Thor, Atlas, Minuteman and related space programs. Principal associate contractors for Titan include: The Martin Company for airframe and system integration, Avco Manufacturing Corporation for nose cone, Bell Telephone Laboratories and Remington-Rand for guidance, Aerojet-General Corporation for propulsion.

Important positions in connection with these activities are now available at STL for scientists and engineers with outstanding capabilities. Inquiries and resumes are invited.



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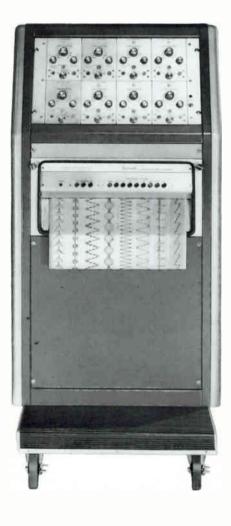
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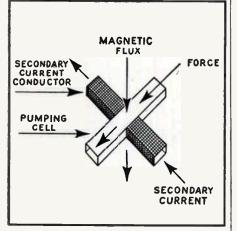
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DEVELOPMENTS IN NICKEL AND NICKEL ALLOYS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

Grade "A" Nickel bus bar keeps molten metals flowing at 1000°-1600° F

CALLERY, PA.—In nuclear reactor systems, molten metal coolants must be pumped safely and effectively. To do this, the MSA Research Corporation has developed an interesting ac conduction-type electromagnetic pump. It has no moving parts, packing glands, or throttling valves. This pump can handle molten sodium, potassium, NaK, lithium, and mercury at temperatures up to 1600°F.

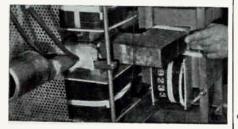
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WHEN A CURRENT is passed through the molten metal, perpendicular to a magnetic field, a force is produced on the liquid metal that results in motion within the pumping section. This motion is at right angles to the current and flux. (See diagram above.)

Current is conducted into the liquid metal by connecting the secondary of a current transformer in the pumping section. In the 1000°-1600°F range Grade "A" Nickel is used for the bus bar secondary because it is corrosionresistant, and has satisfactory electrical conductivity.

A pump of this type will effectively pump fluids having a lower electrical



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TRANSFORMERS OPERATE AT 600°C ...ENCLOSED IN LOW CARBON NICKEL

WALTHAM, MASS. — Missiles and rockets have created environmental conditions which can destroy or seriously impair the operation of presently available electronic parts. There are two approaches to the solution of this problem. The first is to create an artificial atmosphere to support the *present* type component. The second is to create *new* components that will give reliable operation under high temperature environments.

Raytheon Company has designed and tested transformers of four basic types – plate, radar pulse, audio and high-voltage plate and filament – for operation at temperatures in the vicinity of 600° C for 1000 hours.

To eliminate effects of oxidation and other environmental factors, hermetic sealing in inert dielectric gas is used. Extensive evaluation tests were undertaken on various types of materials. Included in these tests were magnet and lead wires, layer and barrier insulation, sleeving and core materials, ceramic terminals, high temperature brazing materials and container metals.

Winner of the container metal test was Low Carbon Nickel because of 1) resistance to oxidation, 2) high temperature creep strength, 3) ease of degassing, 4) general strength and 5) ease of brazing and welding.

Softer than pure Nickel, Low Carbon Nickel does not work harden as rapidly, and for this reason finds wide use in the fabrication of articles and in coining operations. Low Carbon Nickel is somewhat more ductile than

resistance than that of the pumping section wall.

The flow rate of all MSA Research Corporation conduction type EM pumps is positively controlled from zero to maximum flow by an adjustable autotransformer. A capacitor is used for power factor correction due to the high magnetization current required.

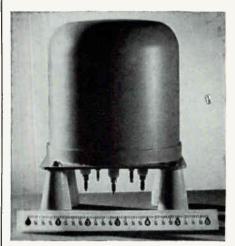
Conduction type EM pumps may be used to pump any liquid metal which will wet the pumping section and which has a high conductivity.

Pertinent Literature: Booklet, Nickel Alloys for Electronic Uses.



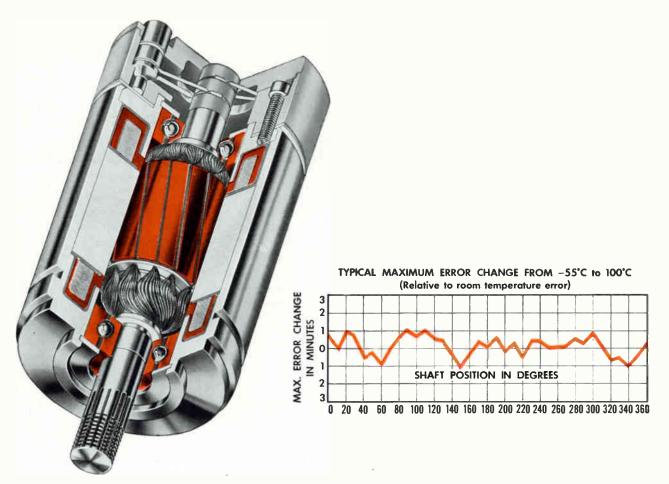
Nickel, and its mechanical properties, particularly the yield strength and the elastic limit of annealed material, are lower.

Pertinent Literature: Electronic grades of Nickel and Nickel Alloys – with their applications – are fully described in our booklet, Nickel Alloys for Electronic Uses. Write us for a copy.



STANDS HEAT. Some military applications call for a transformer that can operate at temperatures as high as 600°C. Raytheon's approach to this problem was to create an artificial atmosphere (such as nitrogen or argon) to support the unit. Transformer and atmosphere are then enclosed in a container of Low Carbon Nickel. This material was selected because of its resistance to oxidation, its high temperature creep strength, its general strength and ease of degassing, and the readiness with which it is brazed and welded.

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tion and moisture is achieved because stator is potted in housing. Bearing bores and stator are machined simultaneously to accept rotor.

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- Ketay techniques of manufacturing, assembling and precise testing with highly accurate equipment assure product reliability of the highest quality available.

For more information about the size 11 line or other synchros from size 5 through size 31 please write to



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Varian Sales Up 27% in First Half

SALES INCREASE of 27 percent and earnings rise of 25 percent are reported by Varian Associates, Palo Alto, Calif., for first half of fiscal 1960 as compared with the similar period of 1959. Sales for the period were \$22,022,715, up from \$17,378,142. Net income was \$1,-398,605 or 45 cents a share on 3,134,204 shares outstanding. This compares with \$1,112,530, or 36 cents a share on 3,134,204 shares oustanding in the same period of 1959. Order backlog for the period ended April 2, 1960, was in excess of \$23 million.

Fischer & Porter Co., Warminster, Pa., reports highest sales and shipments in company history and earnings double those of the past year for the fiscal period ended April 30, 1960. Sales this year were \$17,120,000, as compared with 1959's \$15,353,000. Net profit for 1960 was \$306,250, and for 1959, \$165,876. Per-share earnings for the 1959 total were 37 cents, as compared with 85 cents this year.

Taylor Instrument Co., Rochester, N. Y., in making its nine-month report for the period ended April 30, 1960, discloses net income of \$1,240,642, per-share earnings of \$3.13, working capital of \$11,303,-605. For the comparable period of 1959, the figures are net income of \$408,360, per-share earnings of \$1.03, working capital of \$10,754,-000. Orders for 1960 period increased 9.4 percent over last year and sales rose 13.1 percent.

Collins Radio, Cedar Rapids, Ia., for the nine months ended April 30, 1960, reports earnings of \$5,-901,605 on consolidated sales of \$138,991,830 stated without audit and subject to year-end adjustments. This represents \$2.96 per share on 1,983,194 shares outstanding. A total of 169,847 common shares were issued during the period, largely from conversion of preferred stock and debentures. Figures for the comparable 1959 period: Earnings of \$2,050,509 on sales of \$78,069,658 representing per-share earnings of 95 cents.

Lindly & Co., Mineola, N. Y., manufacturer of electronic automatic control equipment for the textile industry, announces net sales for the first quarter of 1960 rose 29 percent over those of 1959's first quarter. Total sales for 1960 are expected to reach about \$600,000, as compared with the 1959 total of \$459,000.

Specialty Electronics, Syosset, N. Y., reveals sales of \$3,578,946 for the nine-month period ended April 30, 1960, resulting in per-tax income of \$323,734 and net of \$151,334. In the fiscal year ended July 31, 1959, net sales were \$1,-567,000, income before taxes was \$114,000 and net income was \$102,-000. The company was formed in May of 1959, so nine-month figures are not available for last year.

25 MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

	WEEK	ENDING	JULY	8
	SHARES			
•	IN 100's)	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Gen Tel & Elec	1,548	301/4	287/8	29¾
RCA	1,199	66	63	64%
int'i Tel & Tel	1,179	42¾	393%8	423/8
Sperry Rand	1,146	251/4	241/8	241/4
Sterling Precision	1,061	3¾	33⁄8	3%
Bulova Watch	821	203/8	18¼	197/8
Victoreen Inst	797	151/2	13%	144/2
Standard Kollsman	737	263%8	227/8	237/8
Amer Tel & Tel	716	905%	891/8	903 ₈
Avco Corp	620	151/8	1444	141/4
Ampex Corp	617	401/2	38¼	381/4
Univ Controls	616	183/a	171/8	171/8
Gen Inst	605	491/4	43	45
Teletro Ind	589	161/8	13¼	16
Hoffman Electronics	554	30¼	26%	274/8
Philco Corp	459	291/8	273/8	281/2
Westinghouse	458	59¼	571⁄2	59
Loral Electronics	439	981/2	75%	7742
Collins Radio	407	731/4	661/s	6734
Litton Ind	407	96	85	86%
Amer Mach & Føry	399	67¼	63	64%
Burroughs Corp	396	37¼	343/4	36
Edo Corp	381	243⁄4	211/8	213/8
Varian Assoc	311	64	57	5934
Emerson Radio	280	1734	15%	163%8

The above figures represent sales of electronics stocks on the New York and American Stock Exchanges. Listings are prepared exclusively for ELECTRONICS by Ira Haupt & Co., investment bankers.

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Tarzian Type	Amps DC (100°C)	PIV	Max. RMS Volte	Recurrent Peak	Surge (4MS)			
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20J3N 20J3P	12	200	140	60	150			
30J3N 30J3P	12	300	210	60	150			
40J3N 40J3P	12	400	280	60	150			

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20J1	1.5	200	140	10	100			
30J1	1.5	300	210 10		100			
40J1	1.5	400 280		10	100			
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The 10-amp J2 SERIES

is stud mounted (Stud is negative) with wire lead (cathode) Negative Base Only

				Max. /	Amps
Tarzian Type	Amps DC (100°C)	PIV	Max. RMS Volts	Recurrent Peak	Surge (4MS)
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20J2	10.0	200	140	50	150
30J2	10.0	300	210	50	150
40J2	10.0	400	280	50	150

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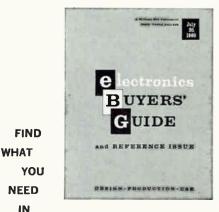
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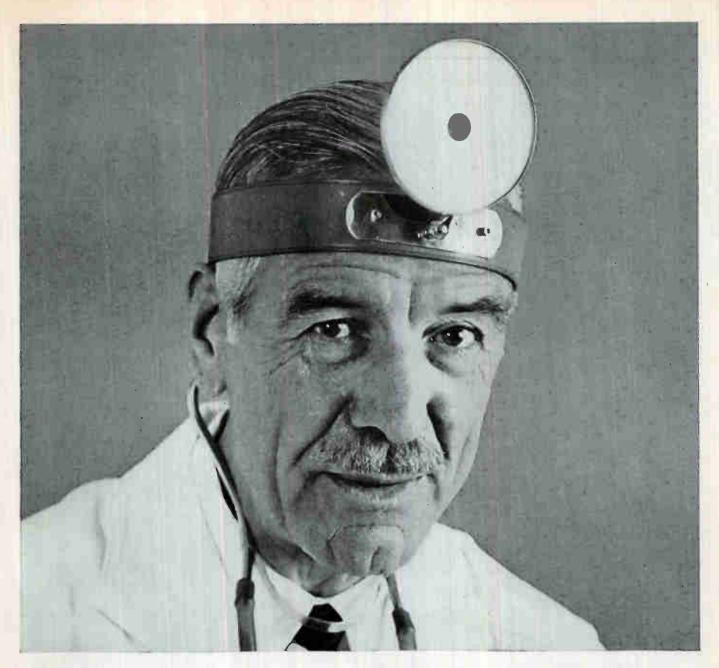
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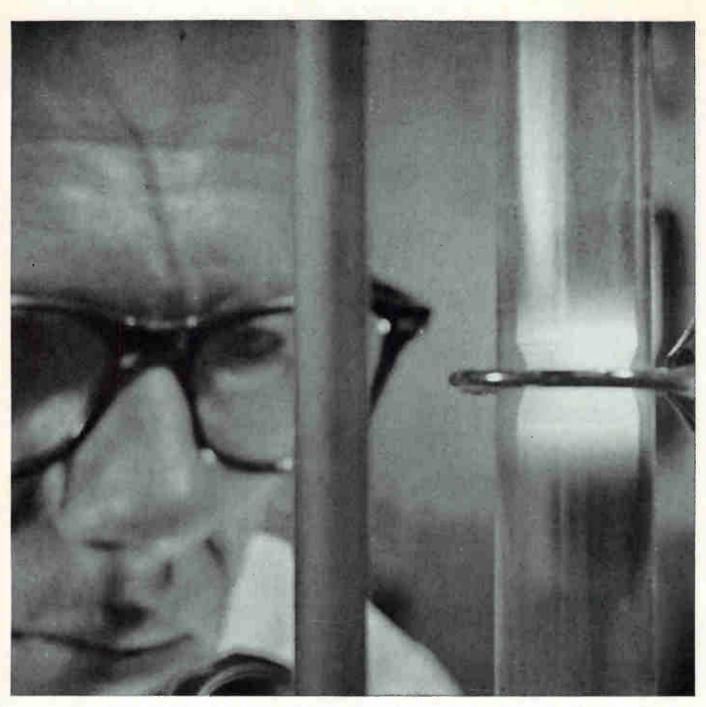
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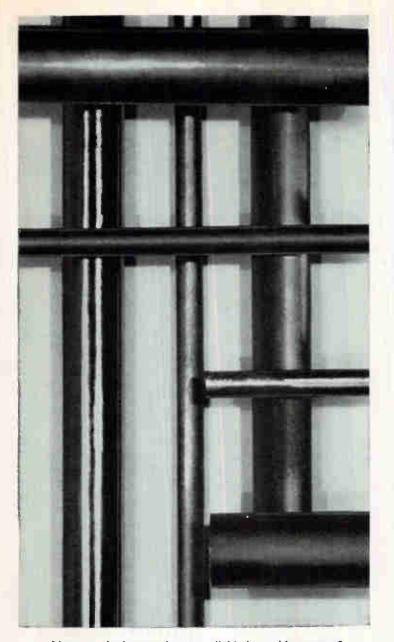
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Static Relay Sales to Rise Fast

THERE IS much talk in the industry today that static relay sales will loom large at some indefinite date in the future.

To help clarify this fuzzy picture of future sales, ELECTRONICS recently interviewed Richard F. Blake, manager of the Walter Kidde electronics department. Kidde, a leading manufacturer of static relays, holds development contracts from all three services and makes a line of packaged relays.

At present the annual market is small, says Blake, about \$4 million, practically all military R&D. However, sales will rise rapidly in the next two years and should total \$15 to \$20 million in 1963, he adds. At that time, R&D work will be only a small part of the total and sales to military and industrial-commercial customers will be about equal.

Meaning of these estimates is limited unless you define static relays, says Blake. They use semiconductor components to achieve relay operations with fast response, long life and high reliability under severe environmental conditions.

However, they differ from static switching, gating and amplifying circuits because of three exclusive characteristics: 1. Snap action on and off. 2. Electrical isolation between actuating and load circuits. 3. No interaction between actuating and load signals.

About 50 percent of projected static relay sales will be for types using silicon controlled rectifiers, 40 percent for transistor types. Diode and photoconductor types will account for remaining 10 percent, according to Blake.

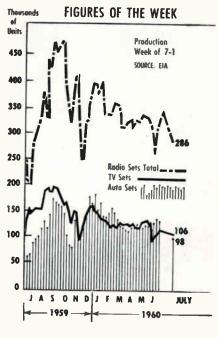
They are already finding applications in premium performance areas, such as missiles, aircraft, computer, teletypes and controls. It is expected they will be used in the near future for signal control and power switching.

Substantial price reductions are expected in the next few years. Present minimum price is slightly under \$100; median price is \$200 and maximum is \$500 to \$600. By 1963, Blake looks for minimum price to drop to \$25 and median to between \$50 and \$70. Maximum price is not expected to change materially.

Size of static relays today is generally larger than equivalent mechanical relays. But future use of micromodular techniques should reduce size to same or smaller than equivalent mechanical types.

Big question in the minds of many is the effect static relays will have on mechanical relay sales. Only a minor effect, says Blake.

He estimates that about onethird of the \$15 to \$20 million of static relay sales expected in 1963 will come from replacement of mechanical relays, and he adds that these replacement sales represent only about five percent of noncaptive mechanical relay sales. Remaining two-thirds of projected static relay sales will come from new applications, he says.

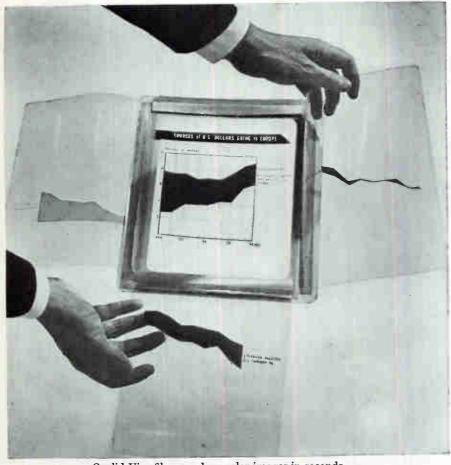


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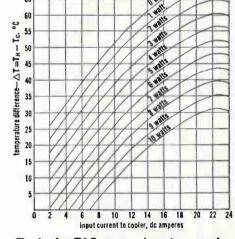
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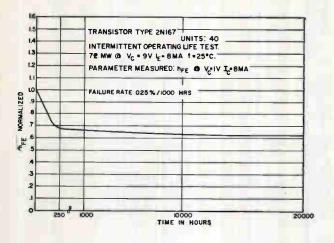
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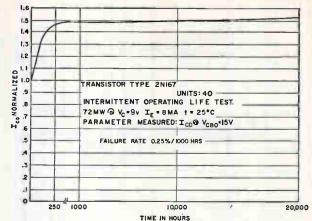
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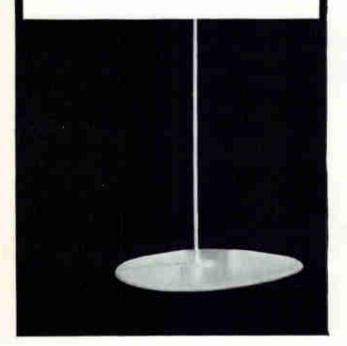


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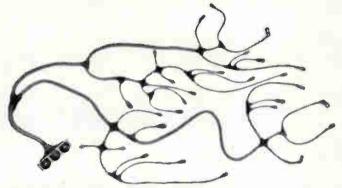
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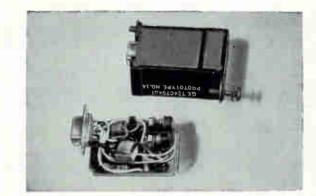


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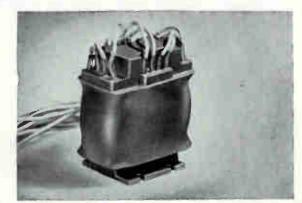
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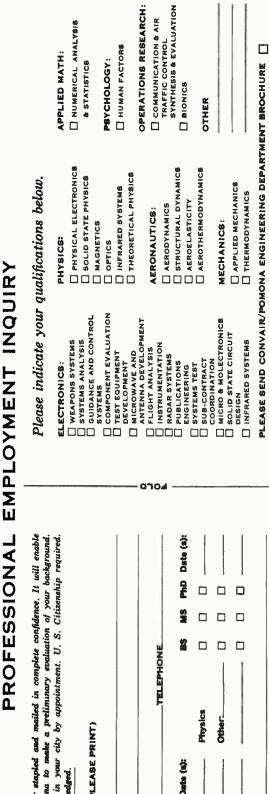
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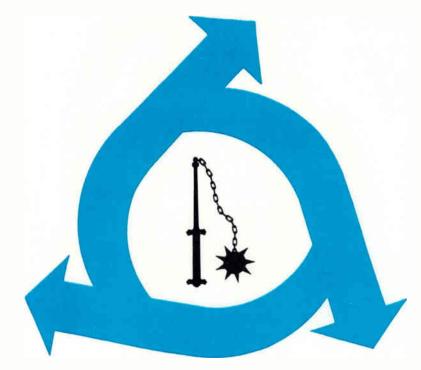
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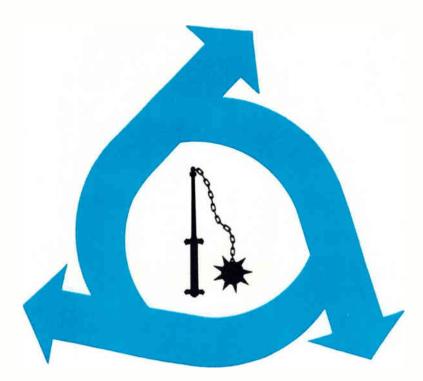


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HOW COURIER SATELLITE'S

Communications between a fixed ground station and a high-flying fast-moving satellite presents some knotty problems. Here's how they were solved

GROUND SYSTEM for the Courier delayed-repeater communications satellite was ready and waiting to go into operation this week, with launch date now tentatively set for August.

Once in orbit, Courier will provide exchange of complex information between distant ground stations by an active repeater satellite. Later, more satellites will be added, including high-altitude hovering satellites that will provide continuous world-wide coverage.

Ultimate goal of the Advanced Research Projects Agency program is a permanent global satellite communications network for military use. Technical direction of the project is by the Army Signal Research and Development Laboratory, Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Two Stations

The ground system that will check the feasibility of the Courier prototype consists of two stations. One is at Army's Salinas Training Area, near Ponce, Puerto Rico, and the other at the Army Signal Corps Astro-Observation Center, Fort Monmouth. More ground stations will be built if the Courier system proves itself.

ITT has responsibility for the ground communications system with Radiation Inc. supplying the antenna installations. Philco is prime contractor for the satellite payload.

Solutions to many problems were devised in designing a ground system that would compensate for the limitations inherent in a high-flying fast-moving satellite 51 in. in diameter.

The satellite accepts information, stores it, and, when interrogated, retransmits it to the interrogating station. During each revolution around the earth, Courier will store messages of 15 million bits a station from several ground stations. The total information capacity is equivalent to 40 teletypewriter channels operating continuously at 100 words a minute.

Operating frequencies will be both vhf and uhf. Acquisition and telemetry will be in the vhf band while the communication channel will be uhf.

Message Processing

Messages on teletypewriter tape are sequentially fed to a high-speed, photoelectric tape reader that reads each character in parallel form. A magnetic tape machine records characters in this parallel form at slow speed. Until now, all processing is accomplished while the satellite is below the horizon.

Just before the satellite arrives at the horizon, the ground antenna system operates to acquire the satellite. The 28-ft ground antenna picks up the satellite's beacon transmitter on 108 Mc as the satellite rises above the horizon at an average altitude of 650 miles.

Automatic tracking starts when the satellite rises above the horizon. This is done by a spinning dielectric lens, used successfully in the Tiros tracking system (ELECTRONICS, p 57, Apr. 15).

After the ground antenna has locked on to the satellite, the ground vhf transmitter starts the satellite's uhf transmitter and receiver system.

For ground-to-satellite transmission, the magnetic tape is played back at high speed and converted to serial form before modulating the uhf ground transmitter. The uhf receiving system on the ground may simultaneously be receiving messages from the satellite. These messages are processed in the reverse manner from messages being transmitted. A control console functions as a switching and control facility for the radio and antenna tracking equipment.

Uhf Receiving System

The uhf receiving system (Fig. 1) uses low-noise parametric converters and a four-fold diversity combining scheme to overcome selective frequency fading and polarization shift caused by discontinuities in the atmosphere and by satellite tumble.

Two nonphase-coherent frequency-modulated uhf transmitters are used in the satellite. Polarization diversity is done with two predetection phase combiners, and baseband combining is used for frequency diversity.

The receiver is fail-safe and can be operated in polarization diversity if one frequency only is transmitted from the satellite.

The parametric converters are dual-channel, lower sideband, upconversion units providing for the reception of carrier frequencies over at least a 100-Mc range. The units use hermetically sealed variable-capacitance silicon diodes and an X-band pump to obtain a 2-db noise figure with a gain of approximately 20 db. One channel in each converter is used as the received signal path. The second channel contains a tunable 2-Gc local oscillator and generates an X-band localoscillator signal to drive the first mixer. In this manner, the intermediate frequency is not a function of pump frequency.

Automatic Phase Control

The 2-Gc local oscillator is controlled by automatic phase and frequency control from the phasecombiner circuit to maintain approximate phase coherence between the i-f signals to be combined. The afc signals also permit tracking the local oscillator frequency to the received carrier frequency. Doppler

GROUND SYSTEM WORKS

shift and satellite instability may cause as much as a \pm 150-Kc shift of the carrier, and accordingly the afc makes possible minimum receiver i-f bandwidth.

The phase-combined signals of each polarization diversity pair are f-m detected and combined by equal-amplitude linear-limiter combiners. The combining scheme enhances the input-per-channel median carrier-to-noise ratio by approximately 4 db.

Since a tracking signal must be provided for the antenna system, the phase-combined signals are also a-m detected. Diversity reception of the tracking signal is achieved through combining of the detected envelopes. Signals from the combiner are also used for automatic gain control in the receivers.

Vhf Receiving System

The vhf receiving system, shown in Fig. 2, permits the narrow-band acquisition of the low-power satellite beacon and, subsequently, automatically switches to a wider band for telemetry. The voltage-controlled oscillators in both channels of the polarization diversity system are independently swept over a \pm 10-Kc range at 1-cps rates until phase lock is established in both channels. This swept afc system nullifies doppler shift and instability both in the satellite transmitter and ground station local oscillator.

After a phase is sensed, the phase-lock loop is closed to provide fine afc control of the voltage-controlled oscillator frequency. Upon completion of phase lock, the detected signals in the agc paths are combined for use in the antenna complex for manual acquisition. The 1-Kc filter is automatically replaced by the 6-Kc filter for telemetry, when the receiver senses that the satellite has switched to its higher power or telemetry mode.

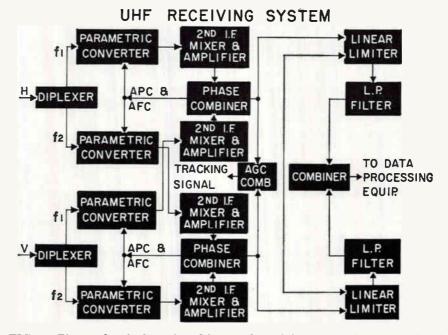


FIG. 1—The quadruple diversity uhf ground receiving system has a 200-Kc i-f bandwidth, system noise figure of S db and a dynamic range of -140 to -100 dbw

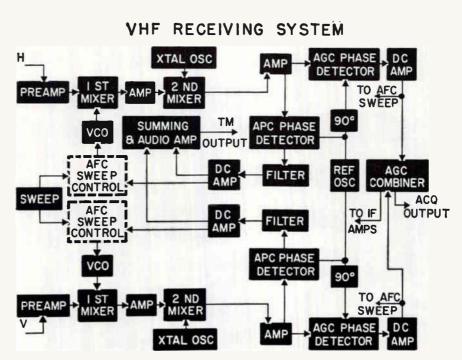


FIG. 2—The dual diversity vhf ground receiving system has a 6-Kc i-f bandwidth, system noise figure of 4 db and a dynamic range for telemetry of -145 to -90 dbw

Gamma Rays Cause Sporadic Mischief

Experiments demonstrate that high dose-rates cause intermittent malfunctions in electronic equipment

HEAT, BLAST and permanent physical damage from radiation are not the only nuclear bugbears that haunt electronics engineers. High radiation dose-rates occurring well beyond the distances formerly thought safe for electronic gear may cause intermittent malfunction, spurious information, and even permanent component failure.

Experiments conducted during the last two years in several big research laboratories have demonstrated that these sporadic ailments can be brought about by radiation dosages at levels hitherto thought safe for electronic equipment. Cause: increased conductivity induced by neutron and gamma bombardment.

Defense Department has been quietly looking into the results of a few of these research efforts in the last few months, is reported to be evaluating several research proposals to find ways of either fighting or using the radiation-induced phenomena.

Prompt Gamma Rays

Equipment located five miles from a 20-kiloton nuclear blast (the "nominal bomb" of the type dropped on Hiroshima) or 100 miles from a one-megaton explosion, can be exposed to nuclear doserates in excess of 10' roentgens per second. Although this lasts only about a microsecond, the peak value alone causes malfunctions. At these distances, blast and heat effects are negligible and permanent physical damage to equipment from radiation is rare.

Of the 198 million electron-volts of energy released by the fission of an atom of uranium-235 or plutonium, 5 mev is the kinetic energy of fission neutrons and 5 mev represents prompt gamma rays. The prompt gammas are released in the first instant of fission; the peak release in an atomic bomb precedes the fireball and passes within just over a microsecond. The neutrons are released a little later and spread over slightly more time.

At a mile from ground zero, the gamma dose-rate may be of the order of 10° to 10° roentgens per second for a 20-kiloton weapon, 300 times as high for a one-megaton weapon.

Gamma radiation and neutrons

Digitizer Speeds Contour Mapping



Data from stereoplotter observation of aerial photos are recorded on punched tape by Airborne Instruments Labs' digitizer for computer processing. System was developed for consulting engineers Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett

striking any material ionize it in part, creating both positive and negative charge carriers. As a consequence, conductivity rises.

Induced Conductivity

Many normally nonconductive materials become conductors under gamma bombardment. The effect has been produced by high dosages —of the order of a million roentgens or more—but the recent experiments demonstrate that short, intense bursts of gamma rays also bring it about.

In these experiments, bursts were under 100 microseconds long, and the cumulative dose about 10,000 roentgens—about one onehundredth the value normally associated with changes in electrical properties. The dose-*rate*, however, was of the order of 100 million roentgens per second, and produced significant changes in conductivity.

During a gamma burst, resistance of carbon-composition or deposited-film resistors varied inversely as the flux. A 10-megohm 2-w carbon composition resistor, for example, exhibited a drop of almost 9 megohms under a gamma burst of 13 million rads per sec. (A rad is a unit of energy absorbed, equal to 100 ergs per gram. A roentgen of gamma radiation will usually deliver about 93 ergs per gram in tissue.)

Principal cause of the resistance drop is the creation of parallel leakage paths in the surrounding ionized air and through insulation materials; these paths form a temporary shunt of the order of hundreds of kilohms. In resistors smaller than 100,000 ohms, measured changes were small since the shunt path was substantially larger than the test resistance and the change in conductivity of the material itself became significant. A 1,000-ohm resistor in a gamma flux measuring 16 million rads per sec showed a drop of 17 ohms, less than the resistor's tolerance figure.

The same ionized-air shunt around a capacitor added the equivaleat of a 100,000 to 300,000-ohm resistor in the circuit in similar ionizing fluxes. Glass dielectrics, judging by one series of tests, do not change under irradiation as much as other dielectric materials. Permanent changes in capacitance and dissipation factor have been recorded, but available data indicate that the changes may not be due to the gamma bombardment alone.

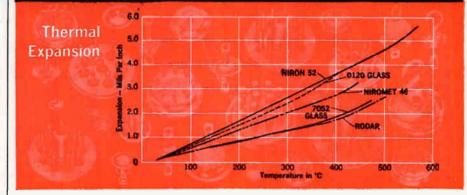
Transient effects in vacuum-tube diodes showed increases of as much as 400 microamperes in platecathode leakage current, with no measurable after-effects. In thyratrons, the existence of shunt paths is compounded by increases in the ionization level of the gas in the tube, with further lowering of the tube's impedance.

Time Delay

Organic nonconductors exhibit another problematic effect. After the removal of the ionizing radiation, the conductivity does not return to its preirradiation value anything like instantaneously. To return to within 10 percent of equilibrium value after 10⁷-roentgenper-minute irradiation, polyethylene takes 3 min, polyterafluorethelene 6 hr, polystyrene 3 hr and polymethylmethacryalate 10 hr. The same materials settle to within 1 percent of equilibrium after 30 min, 35 hr, 20 hr and 50 hr respectively. Free radicals are created by the ionization of organic materials; these are quite longlived in the common plastics and may account for the pronounced time lag before decay of induced conductivity.

In semiconductors, the conductivity induced in a reverse-biased p-njunction can cause especial damage. Leakage across this junction can result in permanent damage to the transistor. Gain degradation for high-speed germanium transistors is much less than for high-speed silicon transistors.

In one series of tests, transistors exhibited a second leakage peak following the one directly associated with the radiation pulse. The second pulse was only a tenth to a hundredth as severe, but lasted between 10 and 100 seconds, compared to 100 microseconds. The second peak may have been caused by radiation effects on the semiconductor surface, in turn resulting from water vapor in the housing. specialized alloys for glass hermetic seals RODAR[®] NIRON[®] 52 NIRON[®] 52 NIROMET[®] 46



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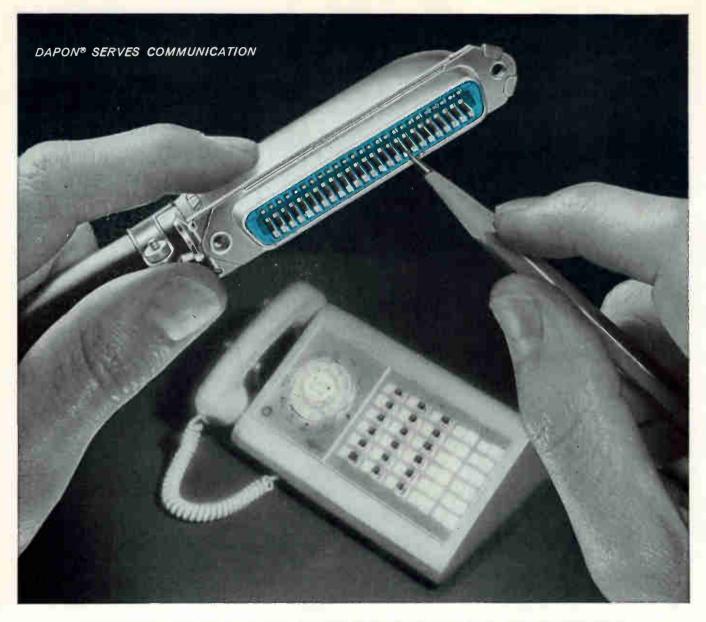
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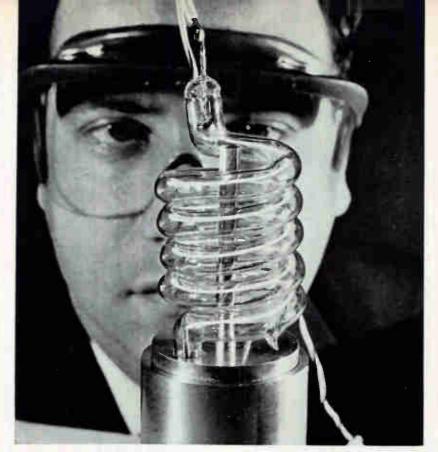
USABLE COMMUNICATIONS channels in the electromagnetic spectrum may be extended by development of an experimental optical-frequency amplifier announced by Hughes Aircraft a few days ago. Full development of this solid-state device, called a laser (the acronym for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation), could also open the way for new experiments in biology and medicine.

The laser is an outgrowth of Hughes' work with ruby masers. However, the maser operates in the microwave region, while the laser operates at optical frequencies. The laser is a developmental model with only a millisecond pulse output.

A number of U. S. organizations have been working with quantummechanical amplifiers in the optical and infrared regions—among them are the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Columbia University, the Lincoln Laboratories, Philco Corp. and the Technical Research Group in Syosset, Long Island.

A crucial problem in development of a true light amplifier has been the getting of a coherent light source. Coherence denotes the sharpness of the frequency band with which one is operating. Ordinary light sources such as incandescent lamps generate energy over a large part of the electromagnetic spectrum (that is, they are incoherent), and much scientific effort has been directed at developing a sufficiently coherent exciter light. In their studies of the optical properties of synthetic ruby crystals, Hughes scientists working under Theodore Maiman exploited the capacity of these crystals to absorb energy over a 700-Angstrom band in the green light region (about 5,600 A.) By irradiating the ruby (aluminum oxide doped with 0.05 percent chromium) with an incoherent green light source, they found it possible to produce regenerative light amplification.

The lamp source they used is a gas-discharge spiral tube circling the ruby rod which, Maiman says, is similar to an electronic photoflash tube; inference is it may contain a mixture of krypton and neon gases. This lamp energizes the chromium ions in the ruby from their ground state (about 11 Gc) to a higher unstable energy state from



Synthetic rod-shaped ruby crystal sits in metal casing. Excitation energy comes from spiral gas discharge lamp

Light Amplifier Extends Spectrum

Experimental optical-frequency amplifier could make possible many more communications channels

which they make a radiationless transition to two slightly lower metastable states called R levels. At least half the population of ground-state ions must, on the average, be raised up and allowed to descend to these two metastable states before regenerative amplification can take place. Once this condition has been achieved, these ions are stimulated by incident light to reradiate their absorbed energy. The ruby rod, which is silvered at both ends, is a cavity that resonates at the output frequency. The output pulse of energy appears predominantly in the so-called R₁ line, 6,943 A (red light). Some energy also appears in the R_z line, 6,929 A. The 6,943 A radiation, which occupies less than an Angstrom bandwidth, moves in an almost parallel beam and has a peak power of about 10 kilowatts with

a peak power input of one megawatt. Thus, efficiency of this developmental model is about one percent, although efficiencies up to about 10 percent are expected. Amplification is about four or five times.

Because the laser output is so highly coherent, its use in an optical radar could provide a picture of a target, even in outer space, with a clarity unattainable with frequencies in the microwave region.

According to Maiman, his group has done no work as yet on focusing the laser output beam. Nor, he said, have they investigated the optical properties of other solids—the synthetic ruby has proved itself sufficiently interesting.

Full technical results on the laser are described in a paper by Maiman which will appear in the *Journal of Applied Physics* and in *Nature*.



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Incentive Fund Improves Quality

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The new approach centers around a reciprocal bonus plan, wherein production employees are rewarded or penalized, through a bonus fund, as product quality rises or falls.

Company payments to the quality bonus fund, or withdrawals from it, are determined by comparing the monthly cost of repairing returned instruments to a quality "standard," based on the established average monthly repair bill.

One key aspect of the plan is that it makes quality control the intimate concern of all production workers-not merely of engineers. inspectors and supervisory personnel.

The company says the plan has saved approximately \$16,600 in the eight months it has been in effect. Half of this amount has been divided among about 200 eligible production employees.

Each month the fund gains onehalf of company savings, or loses one-third of estimated company losses. Employees base pay is not affected by the system. Corresponding one-third deductions are made from the general profit-sharing pools for key men and company officers. Neither key men nor officers share directly in the special payoff for better quality, however.

"The quality trend went in the wrong direction in the very first month of the plan's operation", reports John D. Saint-Amour, company president. "In every month since then, though, quality has improved."

Recent company reports indicate a monthly repair cost slightly more

than one-third of the allowable "normal".

To help enlist employee support from the beginning, the entire plan was described to all employees at a special dinner meeting. Then to keep interest high, one quarter's bonus was dramatized by being paid in silver dollars, distributed in a wheelbarrow pushed by Saint-Amour through the plant.

Other recently established quality control incentives for the firm's employees include an award system where employees may nominate fellow workers who have submitted usable suggestions.

NAVY is exploring the concept of a countermissile designed to intercept and destroy missiles smaller than strategic ICBM systems.

Program, nicknamed Semper by the people working on it at Pt. Mugu, Calif., has been in existence for about a year. It aims to explore the weaknesses of its prospective targets, use analytical and mathematical techniques to determine what can be done in a Navy environment to kill incoming birds.

Seek Countermissile For Tactical Missiles

"Our first problem," an official told ELECTRONICS, "is to define the problem." No decisions have yet been made as to fuel type or guidance method, the official said, "but our philosophy is KISS--'Keep It Simple, Sir'." Probabilities are that the missile, if one ever develops from the program, will be solidfueled (so as to operate with equal efficiency from surface or subsurface launchers), guided by infrared or some equally simple system.





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Navy to Get Underwater Drone

Tv-guided underwater workhorse, designed to retrieve torpedoes, has many commercial uses

PRACTICE TORPEDOES shot from the U. S. Torpedo Station, Keyport, Wash., will soon be recovered by a rugged underwater robot, called Solaris, that sees its way along the sea bottom with 500-watt floodlights and a tv camera.

Guided by a shipboard operator watching the ty monitoring screen. the deepsea drone will be able to swim at a speed of 1.7 knots to depths of 2,000 ft, fasten its claw on objects weighing as much as 7,500 lb, and bring them to the surface.

Solaris, now being designed by Vitro Laboratories under Navy contract, also has commercial potential. The work attachment can be a general-purpose claw for retrieving a variety of objects-sunken treasures, aircraft and ship wreckage; for scooping a cable or pipe from the ocean floor for inspection, or for planting explosives. An electromagnet can be used for salvaging scrap iron. Large floodlights might be used to inspect channel bottoms, ships' keels, bridge pilings and fouled ship propellers.

Solaris will be connected to the surface ship by a pair of cables. One is a half-inch steel line for supporting the 500-lb vehicle and its catch. The other is an array of power, instrument and ty transmission cables.

Four 500-watt floodlights will normally provide the tv camera with a 15 to 25-ft range. Under ideal conditions, the camera should spot a one-inch-diameter cable at 50 ft. Vitro's design now calls for a Dage 63-AR vidicon system with random interlace. In turbid waters, with visibility reduced to three feet, a high-resolution sonar system will augment the tv visual system, enabling operations to continue.

The vehicle consists of a 3-ftdiameter sphere, two propellers on top, a work attachment below, a tv camera in a watertight case, depthmeasuring equipment, operating instruments and a hydraulic mechanism.

Space Medicine Spurs Telemetry Research

HOW MAN ACTS under stress in various environments is a growing problem, and electronics is being asked repeatedly to help figure out answers.

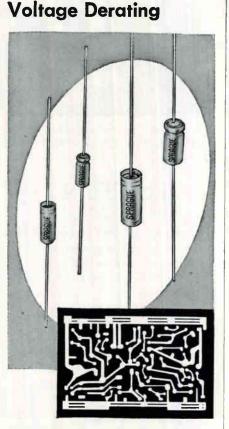
USAF's School of Aviation Medicine has contracted with 2-year-old Spacelabs Inc. to develop a physiological monitoring system for astronauts to wear. The system as it now takes shape will be built into a lightweight elastic vest. A tiny radio transmitter and rechargeable batteries will telemeter cardiovascular and respiratory data to flight surgeons. Sensors held in place by the skintight garment will pick up heart action, breathing signals and other physiological data.

Federal Aviation Agency meanwhile figures on using a similar but more complex system for recording physiological and psychological data during an exhaustive series of environmental tests aimed at finding out what shakes up an air traffic controller. A telemetry system envisioned as a "two-pound wireless device worn on the body" will allow FAA's Bureau of Aviation Medicine to create a series of controlled adverse environments, watch the effect of volunteer controllers while they work.

British Spending 11.9% for R&D

BRITISH electronics industry spends 11.9 percent of its income on research and development, judging from a recent survey of almost 300 electronics manufacturers. Overall electrical industry expenditure was 9.8 percent; precision instrument makers spent 10.7 percent, and the aircraft industry, leading all British manufacturers, spent 35.7 percent.

Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, which made the survey, estimates that all British industry spent about \$900 million on research and development in 1958, 95 percent of which was in industry laboratories, with the rest chalked up in payments to cooperative research institutes, universities, and the like. Less than half of the expenditure was paid for by defense contracts. (Advertisement) New Miniature Tantalum Capacitors for 125 C Operation Without

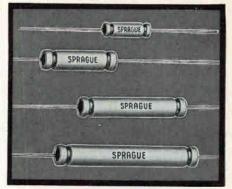


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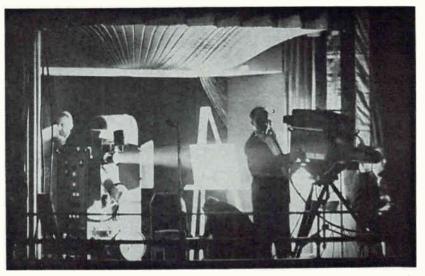
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Lay Plans for Tv Projector Sales

PRODUCTION MODELS of large-screen color ty projectors are being imported and demonstrated in the U.S. this week, ELECTRONICS learns.

According to R. L. O'Connor, president of Eidophor, his company will receive 40 projector systems during 1960-61 which will arrive here at the rate of four a month.

Production lines are in Zurich, Switzerland, where design and manufacture is conducted by parent company, CIBA, Ltd. Units are priced at \$23,000 each for blackand-white; \$27,000 each for color.

Present ratio of imports is one

color unit for each three black-andwhite. Plans currently in formulation promise to explore the industrial and military markets for a variety of data display purposes.

Hardware is reportedly in development which will allow the creation of visual images from a variety of input signal sources by use of this principle. Full details are not yet available, but researchers are thinking of the possibility of using output pulses from computers, and from a variety of analog devices, to translate into large-screen visibility a variety of data displays.

Overseas Facilities Interest U.S. Firms

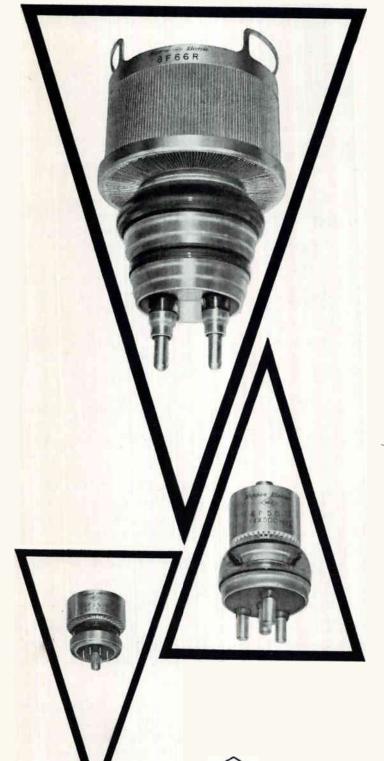
MAKE ANYWHERE, sell anywhere, is becoming the philosophy of U.S. electronics companies as one way of meeting foreign competition. Industry will increasingly see production lines set up in less costly overseas labor markets.

In one recent move, Admiral International announced a tie-in with Collier & Beals Ltd., Wellington, N. Z., for manufacture of Admiral tv sets in the island dominion. Tv is new to New Zealand, which recently adopted the 625-line Western European standard. Admiral's international experts expect high sales "limited only by government

restrictions on importation of essential components." The Chicago firm has manufacturing arrangements with companies in nine other countries.

ITT, which has espoused the make-anywhere-sell-anywhere philosophy, recently formed a Delaware corporation called Interna-Telephone & Telegraph tional Europe, with headquarters in Brussels. ITTE will fall under the wing of ITT's International Standard Electric Co. The Belgian firm will act as coordinator and liaison office for the ITT system's several European companies.

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Production of high-power transmitting tubes began at NEC in 1933. A number of "firsts" marked these early years: 1933, first 15 KW short-wave transmitter tube; 1934, first 100 KW standard broadcast tube; 1938, first 50 KW short-wave transmitter tube. In recent years, NEC has been following designs of U.S. Manufactures and concentrating on improving tube life.

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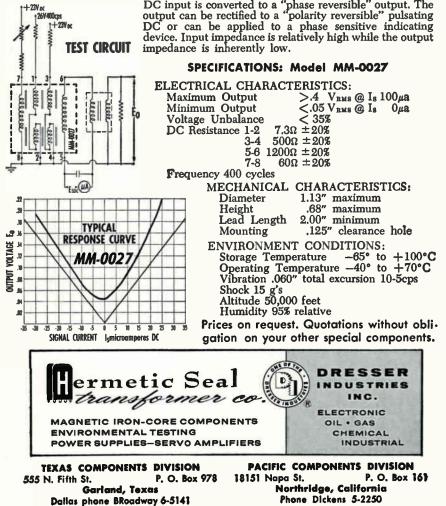
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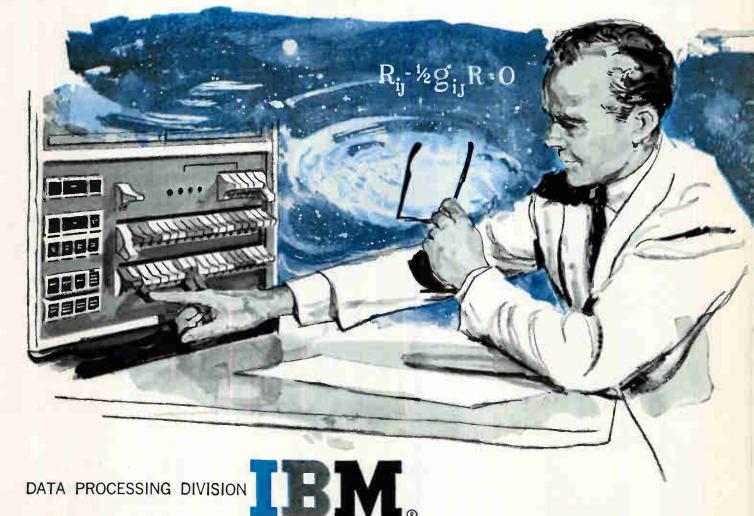
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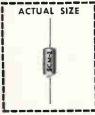
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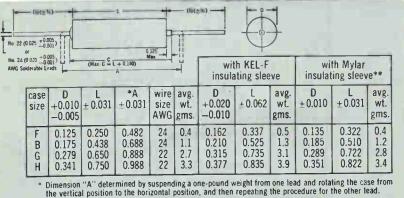
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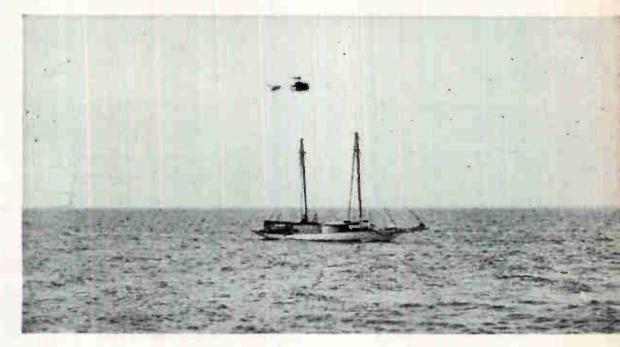
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Sea-Going Lightning Generator

Studies of low frequency propagation over long distances may have practical applications in long range communication, navigation. Artificial lightning atmospherics are produced by sea-going generator

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SCHOONERBORNE million-volt artificial lightning generator with a 10,000 foot helicopter-supported antenna is being used to produce high-power low-frequency radiated pulses similar to lightning atmospherics. These pulses provide for studying low-frequency propagation over long distances with possible practical applications in the fields of long range communication and navigation. At present the technique is primarily a research tool for vlf propagation studies; it permits better ionospheric measurements and studies of whistlers, normally associated with lightning strokes, by producing artificial

sferics at specific locations. A long high antenna is required to simulate lightning discharges since such discharges may progress for several miles before ending at ground or in other clouds.

The one million volt generator is capable of producing a peak power of about 30 Mw with a 3,000 meter antenna. This power could be increased to about 100 Mw by increasing the generator voltage. At the peak voltage of one million volts, the calculated field strength of a 20 Kc pulse at a receiver 1,000 kilometers distant would be about 20 millivolts per meter. Even at 10,000 kilometers (6,200 miles) the

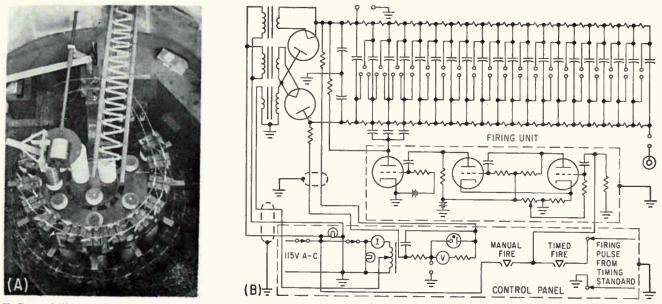


FIG. 1-Million volt impulse generator installed on schooner, seen from above (A), and the generator and controls (B)

signal strength is about 100 microvolts per meter.

The schooner that was used for this research is shown in the photo. Its center mast was removed to make room for the high-voltage generator amidships and the cabin height was increased. The cabin roof slides forward to provide clearance for the high-voltage antenna. A top view of the high voltage impulse generator is shown in Fig. 1A.

The artificial lightning impulse generator, shown schematically in Fig. 1B, is a Marx-type parallel charge and series discharge arrangement of capacitors, charging resistors and switching spark gaps. The generator can be triggered manually or from a time standard. The time standard is synchronized with WWV and the high-voltage pulses can be triggered to within 0.1 millisecond of the start of the WWV time ticks. The drift of the time standard is of the order of 1 millisecond per day (1 part in 10^{*}) and its short term stability is one part in 10°. Normally the time standard is synchronized with the average of the WWV time ticks before generating each sequence of pulses. A block diagram of the transmitting and receiving equipment is shown in Fig. 2A.

The frequency standard crystalcontrolled 100 Kc oscillator is divided to 100 cycles and then fed to a phase shifter and power amplifier

which drive a synchronous clock motor. Synchronization with WWV is effected by varying the phase of the 100-cycle frequency standard output with a self-synchronized phase shifter, shown schematically in Fig. 2B. This circuit consists of a power supply, inverter, phaseshifting Selsyn, 100-cycle filter and output amplifier. The output feeds the power-amplifier section. The clock uses a light source and photocell transducer to produce trigger pulses at either one a second or one a minute. These pulses have a rise time of the order of 10 μ sec, and trigger the impulse generator (see Fig. 1B).

Similar timing equipment is used in a receiving system to trigger the trace of a recording oscillograph. The antenna has a series filter to remove both broadcast and power frequencies, which may interfere with the reception of the waveform. Receiving equipment of this type has been installed in a mobile vanette installation, which is equipped with a 50-foot vertical receiving antenna. The vanette has a 110 v d-c battery bank, charged from an engine driven generator, supplying motor-driven regulated a-c generators which, in turn. supply power for the equipment. Thus both the generator and receiver are mobile and can be moved to optimum locations for studies. The schooner must be located where it can carry on high-wire operations

without interfering with air traffic or small craft. The vanette can be moved to vary the propagation distance and type of terrain (land or ocean) but should also be located in a relatively interference-free region.

The generator antenna system consists of a 10,000 to 12,000-foot wire suspended from a helicopter and attached to the sea-going bronze-hulled schooner by a controlled torque reel used to keep a relatively constant tension on the wire and to reel it in or out. The wire stranded copper-weld. is equivalent in size to about No. 15. and has a high breaking length of about 30,000 feet. A 100- to 200foot polyethylene leader isolates the helicopter from the top of the antenna. A release mechanism permits the helicopter pilot to drop the wire quickly in an emergency situation. The antenna current is continuously monitored to detect excessive field gradients which could result in a natural lightning stroke to the wire. Thunderstorm conditions are avoided for helicopter or balloon supported antenna work but these conditions are required for other researches. Normally the antenna hangs fairly vertically near its helicopter or balloon support, drooping into a catenary above the schooner. Other possible orientations shown in Fig. 3A and 3B may be useful for the generation of whistlers.

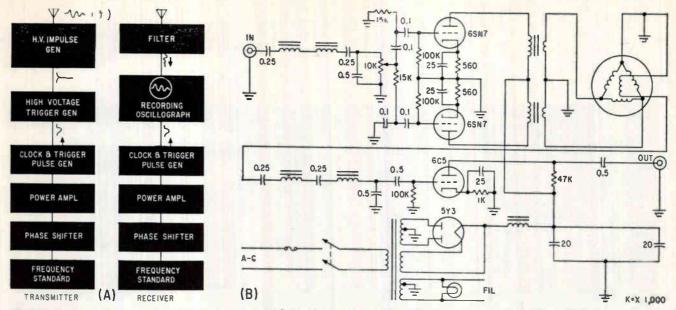


FIG. 2—Artificial atmospherics propagation and receiving system (A), and schematic of phase shifter (B)

The propagated pulse waveform is essentially a damped oscillatory waveform. The frequency and decrement are affected primarily by the generator constants, wire size, wire length and capacitive loading such as may be provided by balloons. A typical waveform of a 25 Kc pulse received at AFCRC during preliminary tests over a distance of 110 kilometers is shown in Fig. 4. This pulse, which overloaded the measuring oscillograph, was received without precise timing by using a continuous sweep and moving film technique over several seconds. Its peak amplitude was of the order of 200 millivolts per meter corresponding close to the level expected theoretically.

A rocket may also be used to provide temporary support for the antenna. The rocket would carry the antenna to a high altitude. The antenna would be pulsed near its peak altitude and also, as it settled slowly, retarded in falling by a small parachute. Another use for this antenna is in the study of natural lightning strokes. Lightning studies from the tops of high buildings, such as the Empire State building, encounter the difficulty of prior draining of the nearby cloud charges thus reducing the severity of the discharge. This cloud-field disturbance can be minimized by projecting a wire probe into the cloud field with a rocket. If the rocket is launched when the field

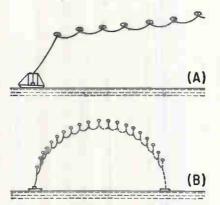


FIG. 3—Antenna configurations for the generation of whistlers: inverted L (A), and semicircular (B)

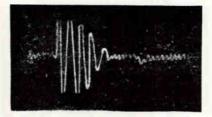


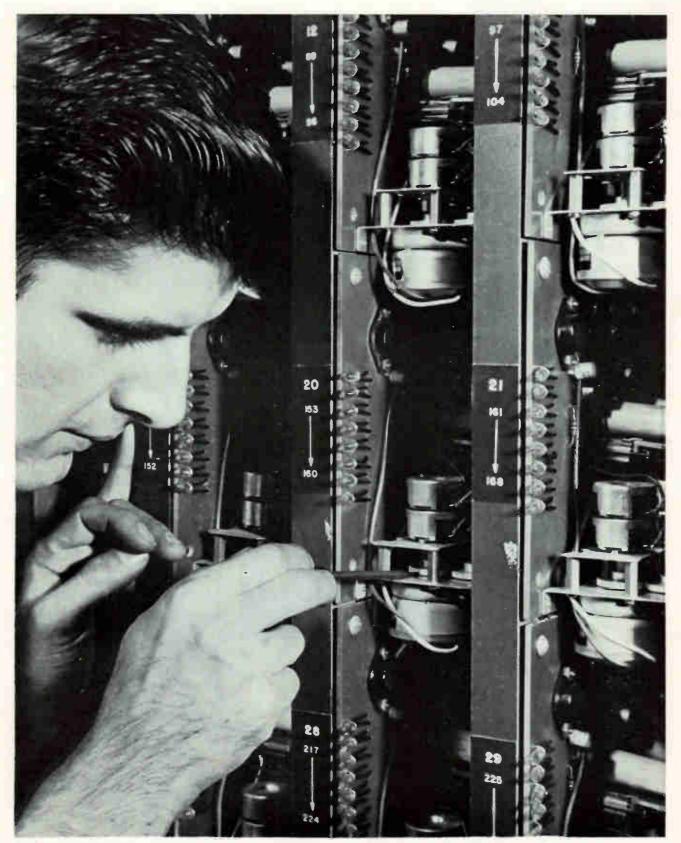
FIG. 4—Waveform received at distance of 110 km

gradient near the ground is high, there would be a high probability of triggering a lightning stroke to the wire. A current shunt and oscillograph would record the current waveform of the stroke. The lower end of the wire could also be connected to the high voltage generator which would superpose a known discharge into the lightning channel for oscillographic studies of the surge impedance, propagation velocities, and other parameters of the lightning channel itself. In intercepting a lightning discharge it is expected the conductive wire will fuse; however, the path will remain ionized to complete the discharge.

A truck-mounted artificial atmospherics generator was designed for the U. S. Army Signal Research and Development Laboratories, Fort Monmouth, based on the experience of the ship-mounted impulse generator tests sponsored by Cambridge Air Force Center, and a coordinated program on reciprocal pulse propagation is being proposed by Lightning & Transients Research Institute, Minneapolis, Minn. with these two organizations. Included in this program will be an effort to reproduce artificially the whistler mode of propagation channeled by the Earth's magnetic field. Other significant applications of the artificial pulse generator might include calibrating of lightning atmospheric directional equipment and checking accuracy of navigational systems.

The main support in this study of the Air Force Cambridge Research Center, Electronics Research Directorate is acknowledged. Companies contributing to the cost of basic research and equipment used on this program include Joslyn Mfg. & Suppply Co., General Cable Corporation and Copperweld Steel Corporation.

THE PERCEPTRON—



Technician checks d-c motor-driven potentiometer in one of 512 A-units in the Mark I perceptron

AN EXPERIMENT IN LEARNING

Basic perceptron concept, previously simulated on high-speed computers, is now demonstrated and proved out on an experimental machine. This is a limited-capacity version of what may become a family of efficient pattern recognition systems

By WILLIAM E. BUSHOR, Associate Editor

EXACT KNOWLEDGE of the biological functioning of the brain remains inadequate even in this age of satellites and nuclear energy. Understanding of this process has been aided with the development of the perceptron Mark I by Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory. (See ELEC-TRONICS, p 43, June 24, 1960.)

The perceptron is a minimally restrained artificial nerve network consisting of logically simplified neural elements, or signal generating units, and the connections between them. This synthetic network has been shown capable of learning to discriminate and recognize perceptual patterns and is expected to provide data on the performance of actual physical systems for comparative study.

A simplified version of a mammalian visual system is shown in Fig. 1A. The retina, a mosaic of light-sensitive points, transmits signals to the visual projection area in the cerebral cortex. Several intermediate relay stations exist in a typical biological system (not shown) which preserve topological characteristics of the stimulus in a reasonably intact form. Beyond the projection area, however, connections appear to be largely random.

Impulses are delivered through a large number of paths to the association areas of the cortex where local feedback loops are activated so that activity may persist for some time past the termination of the original visual stimulus. Signals are then transmitted from the association area to the motor cortex which has a topological organization corresponding to the location of muscle groups to be controlled.

Elementary perceptrons used to simulate the biological network are organized as shown in Fig. 1B. The sensory units (S-units) are threshold devices used to translate a stimulus, in this case a light pattern, into a discrete set of electrical signals. Each of the association units (A-units) is a threshold device coupled with a value storing device and receives as an input the sum of a group of the electrical signals from the S-units. These sets of S-unit output signals to be coupled to A-units are available on a patch panel so that various interconnection schemes can be used.

Since the S-unit electrical output signals may be either positive or negative (excitatory or inhibitory)

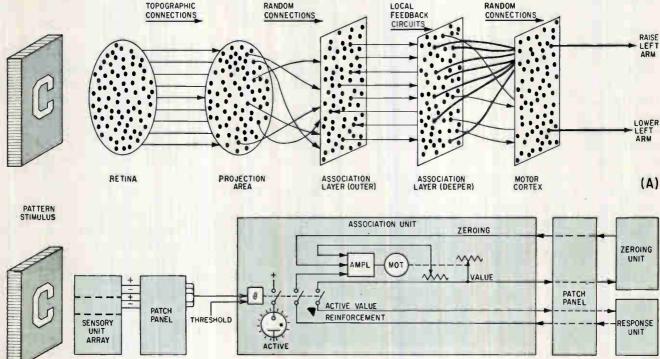


FIG. 1-Simplified version of a mammalian visual sytem (A) and perceptron simulating the biological network (B)

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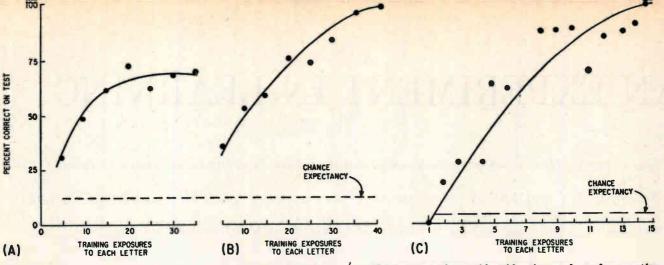


FIG. 2—Forced learning curve (A) and corrective training curve (B) for eight-letter identification task, and corrective training learning curve for 26 letters (C)

the A-unit input may be either positive or negative. If the A-unit input exceeds the arbitrary threshold which is set in manually, that A-unit becomes active. An active A-unit supplies its value as an output signal to the response units (**R**units) to which it is connected.

The R-unit input signal is the sum of a set, called the source-set, of A-unit outputs. In this case each R-unit source-set is disjunctcompletely separate from all other R-unit source-sets. The R-unit provides a visual indication of its state (the perceptron output) and, in addition, transmits a reinforcement signal to its source-set of Those A-units in the A-units. source-set which are active integrate the reinforcement signal to increment their value. The A-units which are not made active by the particular stimulus do not integrate the reinforcement signal.

The sensory device is a 20×20 square matrix of photoresistive cells mounted in a phenolic base plate. Photocell currents actuate transistor-driven relays which supply the excitatory and inhibitory (plus and minus) S-unit output signals. Each photocell which receives sufficient light supplies both signal polarities to a patchboard. Since 20 A-unit connections are made available for each signal from an S-unit, and since there are 400 S-units with bipolar outputs, the patchboard has $400 \times 20 \times 2$ or 16,000 available output connections.

Inputs to the A-units are also transistor-driven relay circuits. Provision has been made for a second input, the threshold of which is common to all A-units. This arrangement allows manual adjustment of the number of excess excitatory inputs needed to make the A-unit active. When an A-unit does become active, its relay closes and connects the A-unit value to the output. Also, the integrator input is connected to the reinforcement signal lead from the R-unit and a voltage is applied to a neon lamp for visual indication of its activity.

The A-unit integrator consists of a d-c motor driving a potentiometer. Voltage at the potentiometer arms provides a measure of Aunit integral or value. A second potentiometer on the same shaft provides a local feedback loop to allow decay of the A-unit value with time. Normally, the decay voltage is applied only during the resetting of the A-unit to its zero position for the start of tests.

A-unit outputs are summed in groups of eight for convenience and brought to a small patch board constructed like the one between the Sunits and A-units. At this patch board, the source-sets for each R-unit are made up and the connection for A-unit output sums and reinforcement feedback are made. Zeroing connections (to be described later) are also made on this board.

An R-unit is another bistable device consisting of a d-c amplifier driving a relay. This relay causes an indicator to show the condition of the R-unit, 0 or 1, and also provides the reinforcement signal for the source-set of A-units.

Accompanying each R-unit is a zeroing unit (Z-unit) which is identical in construction. The input of the Z-unit, however, is the sum of all the A-units in a source-set whether they are active or not. The Z-unit output also goes to every A-unit in the source-set in reverse phase. This operation tends to drive the sum of all A-unit values toward zero with the result that the entire source-set cycles about zero as a relay servomechanism.

The perceptron contains 400 Sunits, 512 A-units and eight Runits and Z-units. To make operation of the machine as easy and versatile as possible, switches are provided to control most of the functions which act on A-unit values. Timing devices are used to determine the reinforcement period. The switches allow the reinforcement voltage to be made one polar-(monopolar reinforcement), itv two polarity (bipolar reinforcement), reversed or removed. The decay voltage can be removed as can A reset the zeroing voltage. switch allows the A-units to be put into their starting position with the previous learning completely erased. Resetting is done by supplying one polarity of zeroing voltage so that all A-units are driven to one side of their zero position then following by normal zeroing with decay so the A-units cycle about their individual zero positions.

Switches are provided to force the R-units into either their 0 or 1 state so that the reinforcement voltage for any stimulus may be determined by the experimenter. The procedure of setting the R-unit and allowing reinforcement with each stimulus is called force learning. For testing the state of learning achieved, the R-unit is allowed to go to the state dictated by the stimuli but with the reinforcement

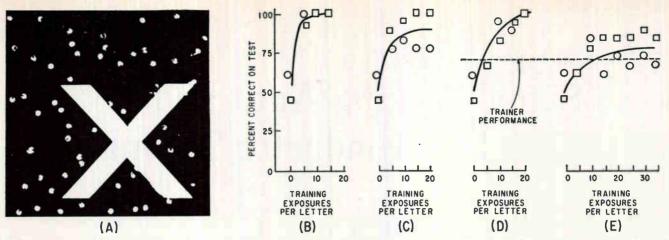


FIG. 3—Example of noisy target display (A), and effects of noiseless and noisy displays with perfect trainer (B and C) and of noiseless and noisy displays with trainer 30 percent wrong (D and E)

turned off so that the A-unit values remain unchanged.

Alphabet learning is of interest in showing how well a perceptron system can learn to perform a nontrivial human task without being provided with any special input. The task consisted of presenting Roman letters of a standard type one at a time to the retina. Their location can be anywhere within a certain region although they are always placed in an upright orientation. To do this, Mark I is subdivided into parallel elementary perceptrons as needed-that is, if eight letters are to be identified, at least three independent binary outputs or three elementary perceptrons are needed.

For example, the perceptron is shown the letter D while simultaneously it is told the identifying response by forcing the response to the correct values and reinforcing them. Then the perceptron is shown another letter, or perhaps the same letter in a different position. Each time the correct response is forced. After a number of forced learning trials, the perceptron is tested by presenting the letters and asking it to identify them-that is, R-unit values are determined by the A-unit. Figure 2A shows the learning curve for identifying eight letters in a relatively large field.

The results shown in Fig. 2B were obtained using a corrective training technique. In this case the A-units are allowed to determine the response unit values from the beginning of training, but when a mistake is made the correct response values are forced and reinforced. Figure 2C shows the learn-

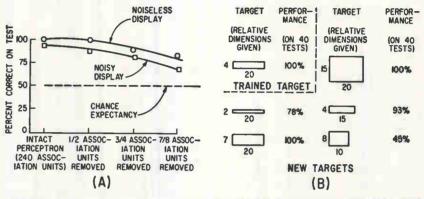


FIG. 4—Effect of A-unit removal on trained E-X discrimination (A) and generalization of horizontal-vertical discrimination to new target (B)

ing curve for identifying the alphabet when all letters are confined to one fixed position.

A series of experiments to study the effect on the learning curve of three main types of interfering conditions were performed. A standard task was used which is rapidly learned under optimal conditions. This task is to identify the letters E and X when they are free to occur anywhere within a small retinal region. Although this task can be performed by a single elementary perceptron, the Mark I was subdivided into two independent elementary perceptrons so that it could be determined how two of them perform the same task.

Noise in the target display is introduced as shown in Fig. 3A. Figures 3B and C compare the learning curves for the E-X discrimination task under noiseless and noisy display conditions. Data points are for the two independently trained perceptrons, each possessing 240 A-units.

To study the case wherein the trainer makes mistakes, random errors were introduced into the training program. Specifically, the probability of the perceptron being told the correct answer during training was made 70 percent. Figure 3D shows the learning curve for the E-X discrimination task when there is no display noise but the trainer is 30 percent wrong. Figure 3E shows the learning curve when stimulus noise is present and the trainer makes mistakes.

Stability of perceptron performance under damage conditions was simulated by simply removing Aunits from a perceptron trained on the E-X discrimination. Figure 4A shows the decline in performance as A-units were removed. To determine how the perceptron could discriminate between noncongruent images not confined to a limited region of the retina, a more extensive generalization was tried. An elementary perceptron of 422 A-units was formed from the Mark I. A performance level of 100 percent measured over 40 test stimuli was rapidly reached. Then various other rectangles were tested with the results shown in Fig. 4B.

Signal-Seeking Auto Radio Uses Semiconductor Tuning

Replacing conventional tuning capacitors with silicon semiconductors permits savings in weight, size and cost of radios. Remote and nonmechanical signal-seeking are other advantages

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SEMICONDUCTOR VARIABLE capacitors have made possible and practical radical design changes in the tuning mechanism of radio receivers. In automobile radio receivers, savings in size, weight and cost as well as such advantages as nonmechanical signal-seeking and remote tuning are possible.

The semiconductor capacitor is a semiconductor diode whose capacitance can be varied by varying an externally-applied bias voltage.

The semiconductor junction can be considered as consisting of three distinct zones; the p zone with an abundance of positive carriers, the n zone with an abundance of negative carriers and a thin depletion

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Thus the junction assumes the characteristics of a parallel-plate capacitor. The p and n zones represent the plates of the capacitor and the depletion zone represents the dielectric between the plates. When the potential is applied across the junction in a direction

which would not normally cause conduction, the carriers will be pulled away from the depletion zone to a distance that is a direct function of the applied potential. The higher the potential, the further the carriers are pulled away from the depletion zone. Therefore, the higher the potential, the further the parallel plates are pulled apart and the lower the capacitance.

In the case of an abrupt junction —abrupt transition from the *p*zone, to the depletion zone, to the *n*-zone—such as the case for alloyed junctions, the capacitance varies according to $C = K/(V_{\bullet} + V)^{\bullet}$ where *C* equals capacitance, *K* is a proportionality constant, *V*. is the contact potential, *V* is the externally-applied voltage and *n* is **a** characteristic exponent.

For alloyed junction silicon capacitors, V_{\circ} is approximately 0.5 v, n is approximately 0.46 and K

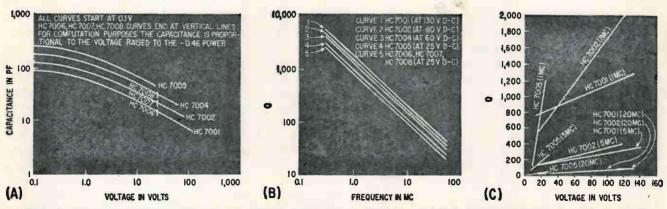
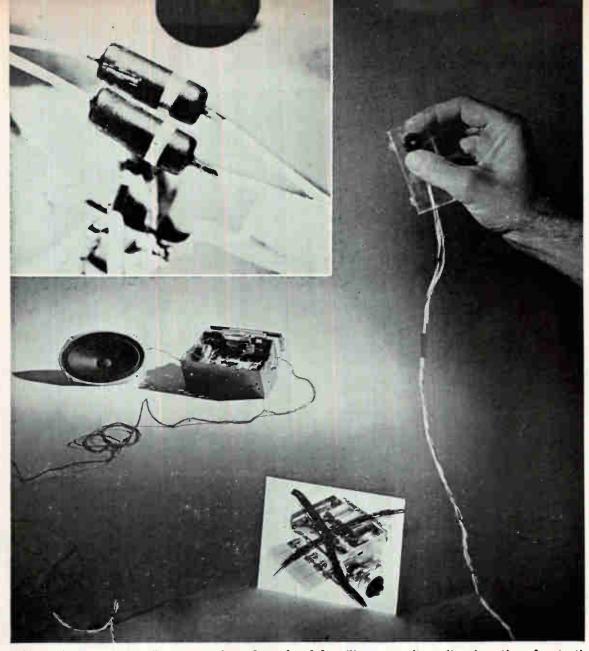


FIG. 1—Variation of capacitance by applied voltage (A), variation of Q with frequency (B) and variation of Q with voltage (C) of typical silicon voltage-variable capacitors



Bulky tuning components (lower insert) can be replaced by silicon capacitors (top insert) and potentiometer (held in hand)

varies from device to device with its value depending primarily on the resistivity of the silicon material and the size of the junction.

Figure 1A shows some typical curves for different types of silicon voltage variable capacitors.

Although the curves of Fig. 1A show applied voltage down to 0.1 v, the bias voltage can be reduced to zero and even be reversed and increased up to 0.4 v (thereby partially cancelling the contact potential) with the effect of still further increasing the capacitance of the unit.

Maximum to minimum capacitance ratios of 35:1 have been attained though not all of this range is usable. The silicon capacitor is not a perfect capacitor. In addition to capacitance, the device also has series and parallel resistance as well as series inductance as shown in Fig. 2A.

Series inductance L_* is usually negligible and parallel resistance R_p

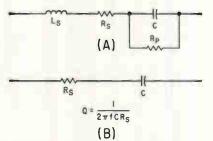


FIG. 2—Equivalent silicon capacitor (A); simplified equivalent circuit (B)

can be thousands of megohms at room temperature. The equivalent circuit can be simplified to that shown in Fig. 2B.

Series resistance R_* is the determining factor of the Q of the device. The Q of a capacitor used in a resonant circuit should be as high as possible. If the Q is too low, then voltage gains in tank circuits will be low, resonance curves will be flat and nonselective and some circuits will not work at all. At present, the Q of available silicon capacitors is relatively low.

According to the relation $Q = 1/2\pi F C R_{s}$, frequency and capacitance both have an effect on the Q. Since capacitance is dependent on the applied voltage, voltage will

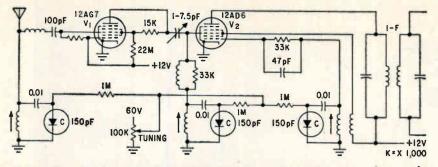


FIG. 3—Circuit of receiver front end showing method of tuning when replacing conventional tuning capacitors with silicon semiconductors

have an effect on Q. Since R, is essentially the physical resistance of the conducting portion of the silicon crystal and this conducting portion becomes thinner as V is increased, the applied voltage has an effect on R, and therefore on the Q. Variation of Q with frequency and voltage is shown in Figs. 1B and 1C.

Although the absolute capacitance at a given voltage varies from device to device, the rate of variation of capacitance with voltage is constant provided care is taken in forming the junction.

In the application of the silicon capacitor to radio circuits, there are two parts to the circuits using the capacitors; the controlled circuit which is usually a signal circuit affected by a change in capacitance of the silicon capacitor and the controlling circuit that changes the bias across the silicon capacitor to vary its capacitance.

In the controlled circuit, the highest Q will be obtained with the highest bias voltage. This limits the capacitance range since most of the capacitance change takes place at the lower bias voltages. A compromise is necessary to obtain maximum Q and suitable capacitance range.

By keeping the bias high compared to the signal voltage, distortion due to parasitic changes of capacitance due to the signal can be reduced. Again, a compromise has to be made to reach acceptable capacitance variation without excessive distortion.

The controlling circuit must create bias change to obtain capacitance change without interfering with the normal function of the controlled circuits. These requirements can usually be met by designing the controlling circuit so that it produces just the voltage variation required and by inserting a large resistance (one megohm or larger) between the controlling and the controlled circuits. The only current flowing through this resistance is usually the leakage current of the silicon capacitor which is seldom more than one microampere.

The partial schematic of a typical receiver shown in Fig. 3 uses a silicon capacitor in each of the tuned stages—r-f amplifier, mixer input and local oscillator—and uses a single potentiometer to bias the three tuning capacitors simultaneously.

Tracking is achieved by adjusting the cores in each of the coils being tuned. Due to the constancy of the exponent n in the silicon capacitors used, no specification of

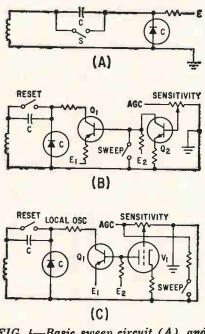


FIG. 4—Basic sweep circuit (A), and signal-seeking circuits (B) and (C)

silicon capacitors other than by basic capacitance had to be made.

A voltage variation of from approximately 3 to 60 v d-c was required to cover the broadcast band from 535 to 1,610 Kc. Since the car radio used did not have a high-voltage supply (12-v type tubes), a transistorized supply was used. Because of the low leakage current, mercury batteries could be used.

Unlike remote-control car radios that use saturable reactors, no hysteresis affects were observed with the silicon capacitors. Stations appeared at the same point on the dial whether tuned from the low end of the band to the high end, or from the high end to the low end.

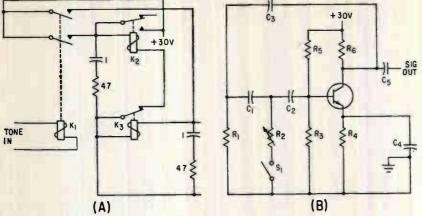
Pushbutton tuning can be applied by using voltage dividers with individual trim potentiometers to preset voltages.

A signal-seeking radio receiver can be made by replacing the tuning potentiometer with an R-C time constant network as shown in Fig. 4A. As capacitor C charges exponentially, the entire broadcast band can be swept within a few seconds. When a station of sufficient signal strength is reached, agc voltage can be used to cause the charge voltage to stop or at least reduce it sufficiently to compensate for leakage losses from charging capacitor C. The receiver will then remain tuned to that station.

To resume signal seeking, pushbutton S is momentarily closed shunting out the gate that previously had stopped the charge current and causing the time-constant curve to continue on its sweep. The process of stopping the charge is repeated at the next signal reached.

Thus, the receiver will automatically tune itself from station to station every time the pushbutton is depressed until the top of the band is reached and capacitor C is fully charged. At this point, an automatic discharge device such as a neon bulb can be used to bring the bias voltage back to the beginning of the time-constant curve and resume the signal-seeking cycle.

Two typical circuits that may be used for the charging current gate are shown in Figs. 4B and 4C. One uses a vacuum tube and a transistor while the other uses two transistors.



close test loop (A) when correct FIG. 2-Data from one source can

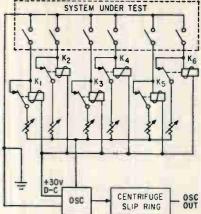


FIG. 1—Reed relay K, energizes K_* to close test loop (A) when correct tone is provided by oscillator (B) to reed relay coil

be distributed to many readouts

Reed Relays Simplify Monitoring

Only three leads are required to remote system under test using reed relays and tone-encoded signals. No analog or digital detection needed

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SYSTEM TESTING often requires remote monitoring and control involving many information channels. When a system is not readily adaptable to other methods, information can be transfered using reed relays. Large amounts of information can be monitored simultaneously or consecutively over a single channel without the expense of digital or analog detection.

This monitoring method involves radio or wire transmission of toneencoded signals that are deteced by the reed relay. Associated circuits provide switching to complete the information loop.

In the typical system in Fig. 1, d-c coil resistance of reed relay K_1 is about 7,500 ohms. A tone from a generator in the system under test must provide about 20 volts peak-to-peak to energize the relay. The generator is a simple R-C oscillator with reasonably small drift and is keyed by closure of system test contacts. These closures shunt different preset resistances into the oscillator grid circuit causing generation of a frequency associated with that particular test closure. The oscillator in Fig. 1B has proved satisfactory.

Each reed of reed relay K_1 in Fig. 1A is cut to a different frequency. Excitation of the coil causes only one reed to be excited by a particular received tone. When the lower reed of K_1 is excited, a pulsating +30 volts d-c is applied across the coil of K_2 . Because of the network across the coil, voltage is more than adequate to energize the relay. When K_2 is energized, it is latched by one of its own contacts. For momentary-type readout, the latching feature can be eliminated.

After the monitoring cycle, the circuit can be reset remotely by a tone of the same frequency as the second reed of K_1 . Intermittent closure of this contact pulls in K_2 , opening the coil circuit of K_2 .

This method can also be used to channel digital information from a single source to a number of readout devices. A single slip ring can distribute a complete information group involving up to a dozen types of information.

Closing a contact in the system

under test in Fig. 2 is comparable to closing switch S_1 in Fig. 1B. One variable resistor corresponding to R_2 in Fig. 1B is used in the oscillator for each system contact. Each resistor is preset for a tone in the readout circuit without interaction with other reeds.

Closure of a system test contact energizes the oscillator. After an adequate time lapse, the oscillator is disabled by one of time-delay relays K_1 through K_2 . A time delay relay is energized by closure of a test contact, and sufficient time is provided for reed response to activate the detection circuit. If closure time is insufficient, separate oscillators must be provided. However, oscillator tones can be transmitted simultaneously. The tones can be deciphered by the reed relay simultaneously if they are separated by at least 30 cps and if no harmonics are within 30 cps of any reed frequency.

This system of monitoring requires only three leads through the centrifuge slip rings—two for power and one for a signal. However, response time is not satisfactory for timed tests except when tolerance requirements are low.

DESIGN OF STATIC

Static relays provide an alternative to electromechanical devices, have superior characteristics for some critical applications

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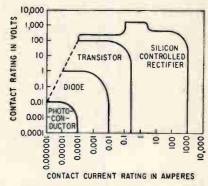


FIG. 1—Voltage and current ratings of static contacts

MECHANICAL relays have been widely used throughout the electrical industry for many years. Basically simple devices, they perform well when used in appropriate environmental conditions. Relay shortcomings are due to the use of a mechanical contact; any component with a moving part has certain inherent limitations which may be minimized but never completely eliminated.

In particular, relay performance or life may be unsatisfactory when the application requires fast response or long cycling life; when shock or vibration are severe; when an inductive load causes contact arcing; and in low-voltage, low-current circuits where contact contamination can affect performance.

With the development of the transistor, and, more recently, the controlled or gated rectifier, the possibility of producing relay-like action using only static components became feasible.

For a device to be considered a true static relay, as distinguished from a static switch, isolation between the signal and power circuits must exist, and on and off snap action must occur. Basically, in a static relay circuit, a semiconductor's impedance must change from high to low when a certain signal level is reached, and change back from this low value to the high value when the original signal level is restored. To simplify the discussion, this semiconductor will be referred to as the contact.

Figure 1 illustrates the rating ranges of four semiconductor element types suitable at the present time. These ratings take into account both presently available characteristics and development types expected in the near future. Of these semiconductor contacts, only the controlled rectifier provides snap action without additional circuits. At least two other contact elements are possible: the magnetic amplifier and the vacuum The former requires a-c tube. power and will, in general, be larger and slower than a controlled rectifier circuit. The latter has comparatively short life, requires filament power, and can, of course, be replaced by a transistor in most cases.

Snap action can be provided by two alternate methods. The first method uses regenerative elements such as the controlled rectifier, unijunction transistor, four-layer diode and the newly developed tunnel diode. The second method uses nonregenerative elements connected in regenerative circuits such as the blocking oscillator, Schmitt trigger and bistable multivibrator. For a d-c signal and no regenerative element or circuit in the power side, isolation of signal and power circuits requires an oscillator that becomes regenerative when some d-c level is reached. When a regenerative element or circuit is present, the requirement is to develop pulses of opposite polarity at two specific d-c signal levels.

Static relays using only transistor amplifiers require an oscillator. Since a transformer is required for isolation, the simplest oscillator circuit requiring only a single transistor is the blocking oscillator.

Figure 2A illustrates the simplest possible static transistor relay. Collector and base voltage are both provided by the input signal. To provide the low base voltage at a higher collector voltage, a zener diode is provided in series with the base. When the input level exceeds the zener voltage by approximately 0.4 v, the gain of transistor Q_1 increases until the loop gain exceeds unity and oscillations are produced. The oscillations are converted to d-c in the secondary by half-wave rectification. They drive transistor Q_2 well into saturation. When the input voltage is reduced to the point where loop gain is less than unity, oscillations cease and the transistor drive is removed.

RELAYS for Signaling and Control

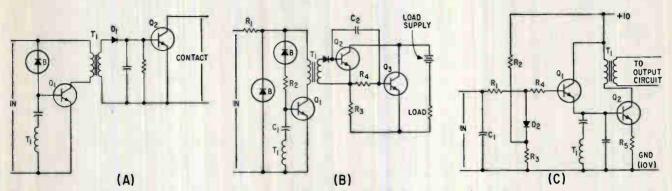


FIG. 2—Simple static relay uses transistor in oscillator circuit (A); modification (B) increases current rating and provides overload protection. Sensitive relay (C) requires only 4 μw control power at room temperature

Half-wave rectification can be used without the capacitor since storage and fall time can maintain Q_z in conduction when diode D_1 is not conducting. The contact may pull out of saturation at low ambients with certain transistors; the storage capacitor eliminates the need to select contact transistors. A static relay produced with this design is rated at an output of 20 ma at 28 volts, an input of 3 ma at 10 volts, and an ambient temperature range from -40 to +100 C. Operation is satisfactory to about 20 Kc.

Modification of this simple relay, as shown in Fig. 2B, provides a contact rating of about 250 ma and input overload voltage protection.

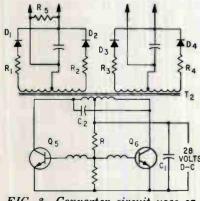


FIG. 3—Converter circuit uses capacitors and resistors to reduce transients and circulating currents A resistor-zener diode combination and R_z provide overload protection and an intermediate contact transistor is added to increase the output current rating. Capacitor C_z is connected to the end of R_i away from the emitter of Q_z to increase the R-C time constant and reduce the size of the capacitor required. Auxiliary power to the collector of Q_i would reduce the required input current to about 500 μa .

One need was a static relay with a contact rating of 250 ma at 28 volts requiring a signal power of less than 50 microwatts. To reduce the input power to this level, an additional stage of amplification and a separate source of collector voltage were required (see Fig. 2C).

Since isolation had to be maintained, the contact supply voltage was used as the input to a d-c to d-c converter whose output was used as the collector supply. The separate supply permitted the elimination of the zener diode in series with the base. The final units had a signal power requirement of under 4 μ w at room ambient and a maximum of 23 μ w at -55 C. Elimination of the zener diode with the resulting reduction of signal voltage to about 0.7 volt at room ambient complicated the overload protection problem. Because of the voltage level, a zener diode could not be used. The zener diode voltage was replaced by the forward drop of diode D_{2} in series with a voltage obtained from the collector supply by voltage divider R_2 and R_{s} . To avoid applying even the voltage that could be developed across this combination directly to the Q_1 and Q_2 base-emitter junctions, resistors R_4 and R_5 were added. The result is that a signal voltage of over 15 volts can be applied over the entire temperature range without interfering with the operation of the final contact.

The final d-c to d-c converter for the collector supply is shown in Fig. 3. Modifications of the standard circuit keep the switching of the converter from interfering with the sensitive input circuit or from appearing in the d-c power line or the signal or contact circuits. Capacitor C_1 keeps the switching from significantly affecting the power line; C_2 increases the rise time of the square wave and reduces the higher frequency components. Resistors R_1 to R_4 and fast recovery diodes D_1 to D_4 prevent the heavy circulating current which would otherwise occur in the transformer secondaries when inverter switching takes place. This current must be minimized or the resulting field may couple into

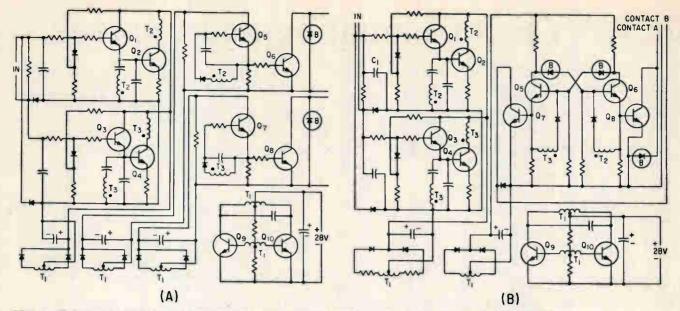


FIG. 4-Polar relay (A) is essentially two simple relays. Latching polar relay uses multivibrator (B)

other circuits through stray capacitance or magnetic coupling.

Four variations of the basic sensitive relay were developed. The purpose was to duplicate the functions of other than simple spst relays.

Figure 4A is a schematic of a polar relay. This is simply two spst relays whose inputs are connected with opposite polarity to the signal circuits. Both input circuits use the same converter secondary and the input diodes block the reverse signal polarity when the normal voltage is applied to the other input. In addition, these diodes prevent the secondary from being short-circuited through the common lines. Separate secondaries were used on the individual output circuits to permit either spdt or dpst connections. Because of differences in mechanical construction, resistors in series with the converter diodes were not required in this unit.

Figure 4B is a schematic of a latching polar relay. The latching function is performed by a bistable multivibrator. The blocking oscillators are used to switch the state of the multivibrator rather than to provide constant base current drive.

Figure 5 is a schematic of a dpst relay. Transistors Q_1 to Q_4 func-

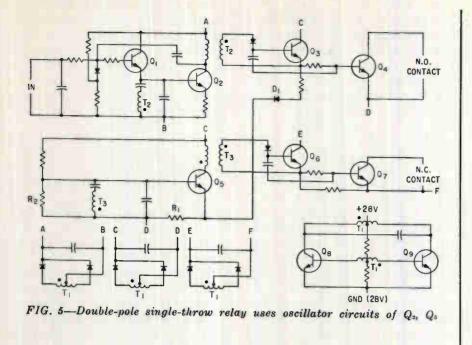
tion as in the spst relay. In addition, the emitter of Q_3 is returned to the converter ground through D_1 and R_1 . When Q_3 is conducting, the voltage across R_1 cuts off Q_3 and hence Q_7 . When the oscillator using transformer T_2 is in a nonoscillatory state, the other oscillator is kept on by the base voltage developed across R_2 .

Figure 6A is a schematic for the conversion of the original spst relay output circuit to yield spdt operation. With the oscillator off, transistors Q_1 and Q_3 are not conducting. The voltage appearing at the collector of Q_3 is large enough to cause zener diode D_1 to conduct and deliver base current to Q_{ij} , thus closing the normally closed contact. When the oscillator is activated, Q_{2} is saturated and the normally open contact is closed. In addition, when Q_1 conducts, causing Q_3 to conduct, the voltage at the collector of Q_s falls to a value low enough so that D_1 will block, and the base current of Q, is reduced to zero, opening the normally closed contact.

Variations of the basic spst circuit are possible. Many other types of oscillators may be substituted for the blocking oscillator. Rectification of the oscillator's output may be full-wave rather than halfwave. The oscillator's preamplifier may be coupled to the oscillator in other circuit configurations, though the arrangement actually used was found to require the minimum input power of all combinations tested. Additional amplification may be added in the output circuit.

The development of controlled rectifiers of various ratings and verification of their reliability and long life within the last six to twelve months has established this type of element as excellent for static relay contacts for all but the lowest current ratings. Their high gain and regenerative action are highly desirable characteristics when they are used as contacts. Their primary shortcoming is the difficulty of turnoff. Although controlled rectifiers of special design permit some turnoff by reversal of the signal on the gate (the Trigistor, Transwitch and Thyristor), these are basically low current devices, with low ratio of load current to turnoff gate current. Actually, all controlled rectifiers can be assisted in their turnoff by this method at low load current levels. At high current levels, turnoff can only be accomplished by removing or reversing the applied cathode to anode voltage for a period of time.

One method of accomplishing turnoff is shown in Fig. 6B. Pulses of opposite polarity will trigger the



controlled rectifiers alternately. Turnoff is accomplished by capacitor C_1 and inductor L_1 , with diodes D_1 and D_2 assisting in improving turnoff characteristics. After the main controlled rectifier Q_1 is triggered, the capacitor will become charged to line potential. When the auxiliary controlled rectifier Q. is then triggered, the capacitor will discharge through the load. As its current increases, the current through Q, will decrease until turnoff occurs. As the current due to L_1 and C_1 continues to increase, the excess current will flow through D_{i} , preventing a significant increase in load voltage at this point. When the current through L_i and C_1 decreases again and can no

longer maintain the load voltage above the load supply voltage, the normal voltage across Q, starts to increase. If a long enough period has elapsed between the turnoff of Q, and the reapplication of voltage, the controlled rectifier will stay off. Capacitor C_1 will recharge to the full-load supply voltage with opposite polarity, preparing to retrigger Q_1 and turnoff Q_2 . Turnoff can be accomplished without the inductor but the capacitance required will be much larger. The inductor, in addition, permits a resonant reverse charging of the capacitor. causing rapid fall-off of load voltage to a low value before the slower decay occurs. The inductor also limits the peak diode current.

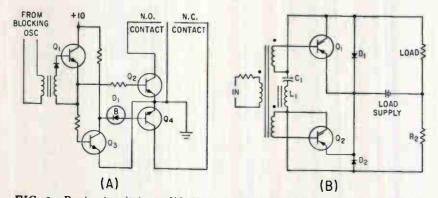


FIG. 6—Basic circuit is modified to give splt operation (A). Gated rectifiers are used in (B) for spst relay

is for spst operation. Resistor R_{*} can be made much larger than the load and the power loss is small. For spdt operation, the second load can be substituted for R_{*} . For multipole relays, the output circuit can be duplicated and extra transformer secondaries added.

The circuit illustrated, Fig. 6B.

For this type of output current and with d-c signals, circuits producing pulses of opposite polarity at certain signal levels are required. These pulses can be produced by regenerative elements such as unijunction transistors, controlled rectifiers, four-layer diodes and tunnel diodes, or by regenerative circuits such as bistable multivibrators. Some possible circuits that require no auxiliary power are shown in Fig. 7A. Some circuits using an auxiliary supply are shown in Fig. 7B. The latter naturally require less signal power for operation.

One limitation of controlled rectifiers as contacts is the maximum holding current. Below this value of current the contacts can be made to close but cannot be held closed when the triggering pulse no longer exists. The minimum load current must exceed the maximum holding current that can occur for any unit at the minimum ambient temperature. Thus controlled rectifier contacts cannot be used for low-current application.

Mechanical relays are limited in their ability to pass low voltages owing to the film which may form on their contacts. Such low-voltage a-c dry-circuit relays can be called signal relays.

One objective of the present static relay development is the investigation of signal relays. There are at least three circuits to be studied. Figure 8A illustrates one circuit upon which some study has previously been done. A symmetrical transistor is used as the contact. When the blocking oscillator is activated, base drive is provided to produce saturation and low bilateral impedance, and to apply the signal to the load with little attenuation. Diodes D_1 and D_2 provide a return path for the base current. If these diodes are perfectly balanced or series resistance is added to provide balance, no d-c

insertion occurs in the load.

Using a germanium symmetrical transistor, operation with signals as low as 50 millivolts is good. When the blocking oscillator is deactivated, the signal is attenuated at the load by a factor of several hundred to one. Increased leakage occurs through the diode at high frequencies (above 5 Kc) because of the recovery time of diodes D_1 and D_2 .

The second approach is shown in Fig. 8B. A photoconductor is used as the contact and the control voltage is used to light or extinguish the lamp, changing the impedance of the photoconductor approximately from ten megohms to 100 ohms. This circuit is attractive because of its simplicity; and isolation is obtained without a transformer. Although the control power will be high compared to the load signal power, this is not the fundamental problem, and amplification of the control power may be added when an auxiliary supply is provided.

The third circuit is shown in Fig. 8C. This may not be the most practical approach, because of the large number of extra circuit components required, but it illustrates the possibility of using biased diodes as contacts. When a diode is conducting forward current it will pass a reverse current up to the value of the forward current. A d-c to d-c converter provides isolation and transforms the control voltage to the voltage required by the diode. A four-layer diode provides snap action to energize the converter. When the control voltage is low, diodes D_1 to D_4 are not conducting forward current and only negligible signal current can be passed.

The forward paths through the diodes and capacitor C_1 are blocked by the zener diode. When the control voltage exceeds the switching voltage on the four-layer diode, the converter oscillates and passes forward current through the diodes. If this forward current is high compared to the load current, the flow

of load current will barely unbalance the diode bridge and produce a small drop. This attenuation can be reduced almost without limit by increasing the forward current.

Static relays have already reached a state of development where their feasibility cannot be questioned. At present, static relays are in general, larger than equivalent mechanical relays. However, micromodule techniques should make them equal to or smaller than equivalent mechanical relays. Although their cost may always be higher, static relays can be built to do jobs that mechanical relays cannot do.

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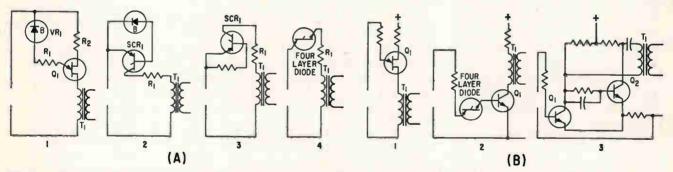


FIG. 7—Pulse producing input circuits requiring no anxiliary input power (A); similar circuits with auxiliary input power need less signal power (B)

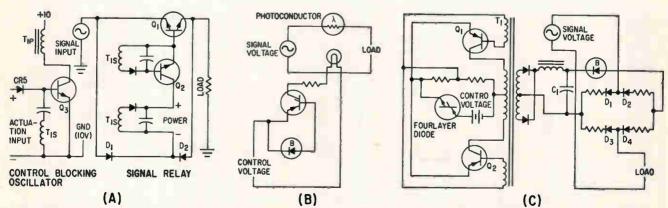
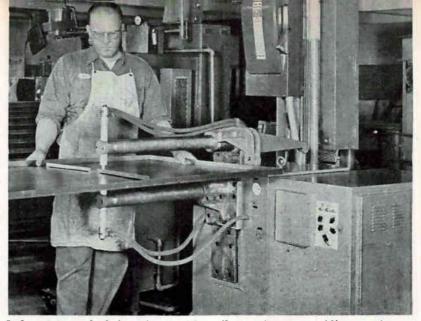


FIG. 8—Symmetrical transistor relay operates with input signal of 50 mv (A). Photoconductor operates as load contact in special purpose relay (B). Biased diodes operate as contacts in experimental circuit (C)

Using Voltage Spikes in Resistance Welding



Industrial work being done with spike resistance welding equipment

Capacitor in series with welding transformer is used to obtain voltage peaks of up to four times line voltage. Specially designed coaxial ignitron and welding transformer are employed

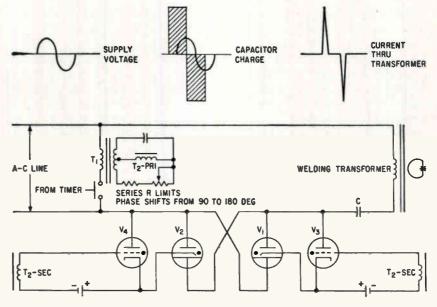


FIG. 1-Circuit indicates method of generating power pulses

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THE CONCEPT of pulse power is not new. For many years, engineers have been aware of the many advantages inherent in high-current, short-pulse welding. However, the disadvantages encountered, such as slow production rates and the need for large, cumbersome equipment, limited its use as a practical production tool. These limitations have been overcome through the development of new circuits and new components. The result is a practical system of pulse power welding that produces welds of higher quality and uniformity. When this spike power system is used for resistance welding, power is fed to the welding transformer in a series of high voltage, highcurrent pulses. Each pulse has a duration of from 1 to 3 milliseconds, the pulses occurring once during each half cycle of supply line frequency. Thus, if the supply is at 60-cycle line frequency, single phase, there will be a 120-pulse rate applied to the welder. Conventional weld timing is used. Since two pulses are developed for each cycle of line frequency time, with the timer set at 3 cycles, 6 pulses will be developed.

The circuit used for this type of welding is similar to that used for power-factor corrections. Phase shift is used, in a manner different than that used for 60-cycle welding, to obtain power control.

A circuit using thyratrons controlling the firing of ignitron tubes (Fig. 1) is used to generate the power pulses. Each thyratron (V_{s} , V_{i}) is biased to about -50 volts and the a-c from the phase-shift network can then overcome the bias at various points on the voltage wave depending on the setting of the R in the phase-shift network.

Ignitron tubes are usually used as the switching means for the welding operation; however, both thyratrons and gated rectifiers have been used for smaller applications.

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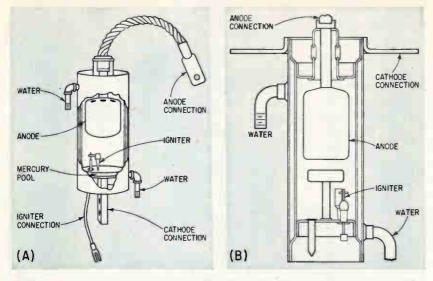


FIG. 2-Conventional ignitron tube (A). Baffled coaxial ignitron (B) passes higher currents

ply-voltage wave is the highest potential obtainable from the supply. Using a 230-volt line, this point represents slightly over 300 volts. To obtain maximum output, the ignitrons are delayed in their firing on each half cycle until the 90degree point on the wave.

During the first half cycle of weld timing, ignitron V_1 fires and charges capacitor C to a voltage higher than the supply voltage. This is because of the series L and C in the circuit. In the process of charging the capacitor, power is fed through the transformer. The capacitor now remains charged to this value until the next half cycle.

When the negative half cycle of the supply reaches 90 degrees, ignitron tube V_2 fires. Now, the voltage supplied consists of the charge on the capacitor from the previous half cycle plus the peak of the line voltage. The current pulse through the transformer now has greater amplitude than the first pulse generated. Each succeeding generated pulse has an increasing amplitude until the steady-state value is reached. The final peak value is dependent on both the resistance and the inductance in the circuit.

For fast repeating welds, the charge developed during the negative half cycle is left on the capacitor. With this charge, the next weld is started on the positive half cycle and the first pulse of that weld now has the steady-state value and is of the same amplitude as succeeding pulses. A precharging circuit which will give the steady state values to all pulses can also be used.

By controlling the point on the voltage wave at which the ignitrons are allowed to fire, the voltage supply can be changed to give power control. The peak of the wave will always give the highest power and by phase shifting back in the wave, lower amplitude pulses can be generated. Precharging the capacitor allows a power ratio control of 400 to 1 from a 460-volt line. This represents a peak voltage change from 2,000 to 100 volts.

The frequency of the generated pulses is a function of both the Land the C in the circuit. Base width of one pulse is roughly one half cycle of the frequency that will be developed. A rough approximation of frequency can be made by multiplying the base width of one pulse (in milliseconds) by two, then dividing this result into 1.000.

Base width t of the current pulses can be obtained by the formula $t = \pi \sqrt{L C}$ with C being farads and L being henries. As an example, with an L of 640 μ h and a C of 250 μ f, the base width of the pulse is about 1.2 milliseconds. This time represents one half cycle of a frequency of about 420 cps. The pulse width remains the same regardless of the supply voltage. Thus, the frequency presented to the transformer will be the same regardless of the power chosen by the phase-shift control.

By multiplying the line voltage by the series combination of L and C, pulses can be developed which will have from 3 to 10 times the value of the peak line voltage. With a 230-volt a-c supply line, pulses will have peaks from 900 to 3,000 volts. In practice the multiplication factor for resistance welding is usually held to between 3 and 4.

Voltage multiplication can be determined by first finding a figure of merit K of the system. The factor K takes into consideration the L, R and C in the circuit and can be found with the formula $K = 1 + e^{-at}$ where e = 2.7, a = R/2L and $t = \pi (L C)^{1}$.

After determining the K factor, the peak voltage across C (peak V_c) and L (peak V_L) can be found by

Peak $V_C = K V_{supply}/(2 - K)$ and

Peak
$$V_L = 2 V_{\text{supply}} / (2 - K)$$

The peak voltage developed across the L in the circuit includes all the voltage drop of the supply lines plus the voltage drop across the transformer. A weak supply line will have a larger drop across the line and less across the transformer while stiff supply lines will allow most of the voltage to be developed across the transformer.

The K factor of the system also influences the time it takes for the pulses to reach their maximum or steady state value. While no mathematical expression has been derived for this function, it seems that the rise time follows the voltage multiplication as established by K. With a low K factor the voltage multiplication is low and the maximum voltage peaks are reached within two pulses (one cycle). With a K factor of about 1.8 the multiplication is about 10 times and it takes nearly 10 cycles (20 pulses) of time to reach the peak or steady-state value.

Both resistance and inductance from the secondary circuit of the welding transformer are reflected back as a portion of the primary load (by turns ratio squared). In fact, the resistance and inductance properties of the secondary circuit may have greater importance in determining the K factor than the primary by itself.

In using the K formula, it is found that an increase in L will cause the K factor to increase. As the K factor increases, the voltage multiplication of the system also increases.

With conventional 60-cycle resistance welding, any inductance added in the secondary circuit causes a decrease in secondary current. Because of this, a weld made with a large mass of metal in the throat area will be made with less current and will be weaker. Special phase-shifting compensation circuits are often used on welders which accept large masses of metal in the throat while welding. These controls automatically phase shift ahead in the wave as inductance is added in the secondary circuit.

With spike power, inductance added in the secondary circuit causes the K factor to increase. This automatically raises the voltage across the primary which in turn raises the current passing through the electrodes. Tests indicate that this feature accomplishes current regulation to an accurate degree for any changes in inductance in the secondary circuit.

Because of the short pulses of power, special transformers are used with this process. Conventional 60-cycle transformers offer too much inductance, so the transformers are made with considerably less core material. As an example, a 100 Kva spike transformer has about $\frac{1}{6}$ the core material of a 100 Kva 60-cycle transformer.

By limiting the pulse widths to

1 millisecond, the transformer can be made for 500 cycles. If the pulse is made to have a base width of $1\frac{1}{2}$ milliseconds, the frequency would be 333 cycles. These pulses do not occur as full 333 or 500cycle frequencies, but the wave fronts offered to the transformer represent these rates.

Because of the higher than usual voltages involved, the ignitron and firing circuits are insulated for a minimum of 5,000 volts. Highvoltage thyratrons are used in the firing circuit. While usual thyratrons used in resistance welder service are rated at 1,500 volts inverse breakdown, the thyratrons used in this system are rated at 3,500 volts inverse.

Special ignitrons were developed for this type service by the power tube division of General Electric Co. These special ignitrons are designed to give a magnetic guiding effect on the arc column which allows higher currents to be passed through the tube.

Regular ignitron tubes have their cathode connection coming out of the bottom of the tube as shown in Fig. 2A. With this method of construction, the arc column has a tendency to spread to the wall of the tube, increasing the probability

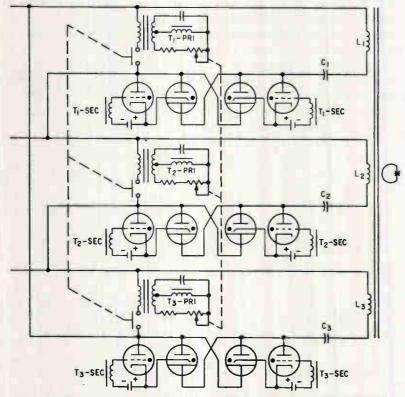


FIG. 3—Three-phase circuit speeds welding operation. Typical application is in seam welding

for arc back. The current limitation of the B size ignitron is about 1,200 to 1,400 amp when used for pulse service.

With the GE coaxial ignitron tube, Fig. 2B, the cathode connection is made at the top of the tube using the metal walls of the tube to carry the current to the mercury pool.

The magnetic effect created by passing current along the walls in an opposite direction to the arc column flow tends to keep the arc away from the walls of the tube. The peak current rating of these tubes is at least 60 percent greater than the conventional ignitron tube of the same size. Baffles inserted in the tube between the anode and the cathode pool also decrease the tendency to arc back.

Previous limitations for the use of pulse generation were the current limits presented by the components. With the spike method of pulse generation, the voltage is amplified to give the power gain and still keep within the current limitations of the components. As an example, consider the case where a 1-megawatt peak pulse is to be developed using only the peak of the line voltage (230 volts). The 300volt peak will require over 3,000 amp to give this peak power. By using the spike method, 3,000 volts can be generated and only 333 amp will be used to obtain the same 1-megawatt peaks.

Using three phase power, it is possible to apply pulse power at a rate of 360 pulses a second to the welder. Figure 3 shows the circuit used to obtain this capability.

Only one transformer is used and it is designed for the pulse frequency but will be roughly three times as large as the single-phase transformer due to the additional power developed. Phase-shift controls for all phases are ganged.

Each set of ignitron tubes is operating at the 60-cycle rate to prevent undue strain on the ignitor circuits and each portion of the transformer is operating as an independent pulse supply with a capacitor in each leg of each phase.

Additional industrial applications for this type of power include arc welding, plating, metal reduction, induction heating and motor drives.

Solid-State Pulse Modulator

Unconventional modulator uses silicon gated diodes, not thyratron tubes, to pulse a beacon transmitter. Modulator functioning and design are described

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THIS PAPER describes a tubeless, rapidly recovering pulse modulator for use in the Aerobee Multipurpose Beacon. The beacon employs a type 5893 pencil-triode transmitter tube which, at present, is plate-pulsed by hydrogen-thyratron line-pulsing modulators. Because of the long recovery time inherent in this type of modulator, it is now necessary to use three modulators in rotation to accommodate the required pulse rate. The high filament-current drain of the three thyratrons is eliminated in the new pulse modulator by using silicon gated diodes as switches. Recovery time of the gated-diode switch is less than 50 μ sec.

The silicon gated diode is a three-terminal, three-junction, semiconductor device which behaves similarly to a thyratron. The principal difference is that in the gated diode, triggering is achieved by a current pulse flowing from the gate terminal to the cathode, instead of the grid-voltage pulse used to trigger a thyratron.

Rapid recovery is achieved by using a second silicon gated diode as a switch $(S_2, Fig. 1A)$ to replace the charging choke of a conventional modulator $(L_1, Fig. 1B)$. The function of this second (recharging) switch is to hold off the supply voltage while these actions occur: pulse-forming network PFN discharges through discharging switch S_1 and the primary of output transformer T_{i} , thus producing the output pulse: discharging switch S, turns off. After a suitable time, recharging switch S is triggered into conduction by a time-delay circuit, recharging the PFN rapidly.

After S_2 has turned off, the modulator unit is ready to be triggered again. Comparison of the waveshapes of Fig. 1A and B shows that the two-switch circuit is capable of more rapid recovery than the conventional circuit since the charging choke (Fig. 1B) has to have sufficient inductance to allow the switch to recover before the charging current reaches the holding-current value of switch S_1 .

The circuit is shown in Fig. 2. Resistors R_1 and R_2 and breakdown diode D_1 produce d-c voltages of +18 v and +10 v at points A and B, respectively. In the quiescent state, point C is at +270 v and all the diodes except D_1 are cut off. Points D and E are at +18 v, and Q_2 and Q_3 are cut off.

To produce an output, a negative trigger is applied. The pulse goes through C_1 to emitter-follower stage Q_1 , which provides a high input impedance. Transistor Q_2 now goes into conduction, triggering discharge switch D_2 . The *PFN* discharges through D_2 and the output load (D_a is cut off at this time), producing an output pulse. This action brings point C to ground

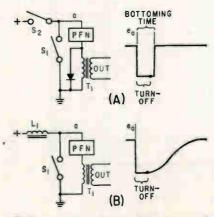


FIG. 1—Simplified diagrams of new modulator (A) and conventional modulator (B)

potential, where it remains during the bottoming time; bottoming is about 2 μ sec, long enough to allow D_2 to turn off. (The sum of the currents through R_3 , D_4 and C_2 is much less than the holding current of D_2 .) At the end of the bottoming time, recharge switch D_3 is triggered. enabling $C_{\mu\nu\gamma}$ to rapidly recharge through L_1 , R_1 , D_3 , and D_3 .

Here's how the triggering of recharge switch D comes about. During the bottoming time, when point C is at ground potential, diode D_{i} conducts, holding point D at ground potential. Point E, which quiescently was at +18 v, now undergoes an exponential decay toward ground, the time constant being $R C_1$. (The side of C_1 connected to point B can be considered at a-c ground for this discussion.) When point E reaches +10 v, transistor Q_a turns on. Its collector current passes through D_{e} and triggers recharge switch D_{2} .

The network formed by C_2 , R_4 and D_{τ} provides the means of recharging C_1 rapidly and readying the circuit for another input pulse. During the bottoming time, C_{2} discharges through D_{a} and R_{a} . When recharge switch D_5 is triggered, point C rises rapidly to +270 v, charging C_2 through D_7 and C_4 . The value of C_2 is chosen so that the capacitive voltage-divider action raises the voltage on C_1 from 0 v to +8 v. its quiescent value. Thus the circuit can be retriggered as soon as recharge switch D_3 has recovered.

If, however, the circuit is retriggered before the recharge switch has recovered. the circuit will be placed in a runaway condition. In this state, both switches are closed, forming essentially a short-circuit across the power supply. Neither switch can turn off because of the current passing



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When the supply voltage is first applied, a runaway condition can also be initiated if an input pulse arrives at the gate terminal of D_{z} before the circuit can reach the quiescent state. This results from the fact that, with C_1 not charged to the quiescent 8-v value, the bottoming time may be reduced sufficiently for D_{z} to be triggered before D_z has recovered. Branch $C_z R_z$ guards against this possibility. When power is applied to the circuit, the current charging C_{\circ} raises the base voltage of Q_1 , holding it well in the cut-off region. Thus, pulses are prevented from reaching the gate terminal of D_x until C_x charges to essentially its quiescentstate voltage.

Circuit performance is affected by temperature. Below about +10 C, gated diode D_s is not triggered reliably. This failure occurs because, for gate pulses shorter than about 6 μ sec, the trigger charge must exceed a certain value to trigger the diode and the required trigger charge increases as the temperature decreases; this charge equals the product of gate current and pulse width.

Since the gate current builds up

charge across the PFN, the available trigger charge is less than $E_{B}C_{PFS}$, the product of the voltage at Point B and the capacitance across the PFN. Thus it appears that low-temperature operation can be improved by either connecting a capacitor from Point C to ground, or raising the voltage of Point B. The first alternative is of questionable merit, being very wasteful of supply power. The second alternative entails use of a higher-voltage type transistor for Q_{I} and some redesign of the circuit, and has not been attempted at the time of this writing.

Above about +40 C, the circuit is apt to go into the runaway state upon triggering. This effect is due to an increase in turn-off time of the gated diodes with temperature. Therefore, high-temperature failure can only be overcome at the expense of increasing the recovery time of the modulator.

Circuit performance is also affected by peak-power and maximum-pulse-rate considerations. The peak output power is given by (1/4) (E_c^2/r_c) , where E_c is the voltage of point C when D_{z} is triggered, and r_c is the characteristic impedance of the PFN. The upper limit of E_c is set by the voltage rating of D_2 . Gated diodes rated at 400 v are available at present. It may be feasible to connect two or more gated diodes in series; these diodes would have to be shunted by suitably chosen resistors or capacitors to divide the voltage equally. In such a connection, it may suffice to trigger only one of the diodes.

allowing the others to fire due to the resulting overvoltage. However, probably the more practical method for increasing the peak power is to lower r_c . This method can be carried out with impunity, since the surge-current rating of the gated diodes is of the order of 100 amp. Thus, the limit in this direction is probably set by design considerations of the output transformer (not shown in Fig. 2).

At 5,000 pps, the gated diodes are operating nowhere near their maximum power rating, and the maximum pulse rate is set by the dissipation in R., which is a 2-w resistor at present. For higher pulse rates, a higher-power-type resistor could be used for R_4 , or R_4 could be omitted, the charging current being limited only by L_1 . This latter scheme, which offers increased efficiency, would result in a voltage step-up due to the resonancecharging action of L_1 . On the other hand, it would to some extent make output amplitude a function of the interval between pulses, due to loss of charge of the PFN by leakage through the diodes.

Table I lists performance characteristics.

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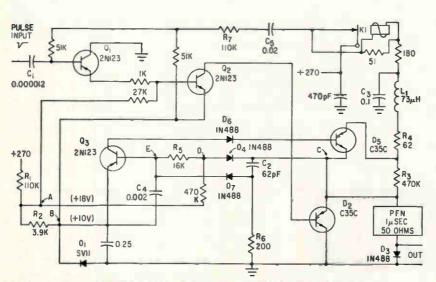


FIG. 2-Negative input pulse triggers the solid-state modulator

TABLE I-Performance(6)

Input

Impedance: 300 K, 10 pF Pulse width: 1 to 10 µsec Min. pulse spacing: 35 µsec Max. pulse rate: 5,000 pps

Output

Across 50-ohm load: 135 v Peak power: 360 w Delay, input to output: 1.3 µeec Jitter: 0.01 µsec.

Power

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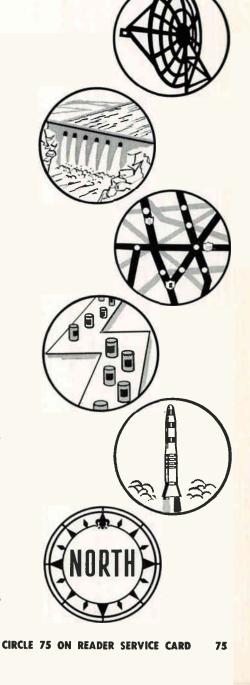
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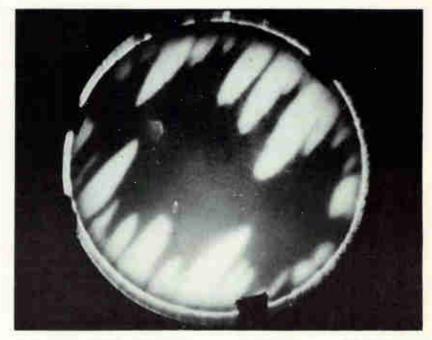
Technique Makes Superconductivity Visible

SUPERCONDUCTIVITY may be better understood as a result of a newly developed technique for studying the phenomenon. Information being acquired through use of the method is expected to speed development of practical electronic devices based on superconducting materials. Computers, aircraft and missile guidance systems and other electronic equipment could benefit directly from superconducting components operated at temperatures near absolute zero.

The new technique has been developed at the General Electric Research Laboratory, although the approach was originally used at the Naval Research Laboratory. It permits direct visual observation of transformations between the normal and superconductive states.

The experimental technique uses a combination of magnetic and optical effects to make visible the changes taking place in the intermediate state, a condition in which portions of the sample are superconductive and other portions are not. Structure of the superconductive sample and the manner in which it changes when subjected to a magnetic field are strongly affected by impurities and by metallurgical treatment of the specimen. The scientific significance of being able to observe the intermediate state directly is that it will provide a better understanding of the factors affecting the specimen. The final result is the possibility of faster development of practical electronic devices based on superconductivity.

The new test method has already produced a great deal of information. It has permitted both observation of previously unexplored phenomena and more rapid and complete study of known phenomena. In particular, this technique has provided data about the motions of normal and superconducting domains that could not be observed before. It has also provided a fast and accurate method for measuring basic magnetic properties of super-



Dark areas of cold-rolled tantalum are superconductive while light normal areas are elongated in rolling direction

conductors.

The method is based on the principle that a sufficiently strong magnetic field can change a material from the superconducting to the normal state. However, as long as the material remains superconductive, it is a perfect magnetic insulator.

In the test setup, the specimen to be observed is usually prepared in the form of a flat disk or plate, although vacuum-deposited thin films have also been studied in this manner. A plate of special cerium phosphate glass about one-hundredth inch thick is placed on top of the sample. When magnetized, this type glass has the property of rotating the plane of polarized light. A beam of monochromatic polarized light is beamed on the glass, and the reflected light is viewed through a polarizing filter that can be rotated to any desired angle.

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The portions of the glass plate directly above the superconductive areas are shielded by them from the magnetic field. Therefore, these parts of the glass are not magnetized. However, portions of the glass directly above normal areas in the sample are not shielded and therefore are magnetized.

Those parts of the glass that are magnetized rotate the plane of polarized light reflected by them, while the parts that are shielded do not. By adjusting the polarizing filter through which the reflected light is observed, the magnetized portions of the glass can be made to appear dark and the unmagnetized portions to appear light. The opposite affect can also be achieved.

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THEORETICALLY, machines could reproduce themselves, with the offspring an improved version of the original machine. The second machine could in turn produce an improved design of itself. The process could continue indefinitely with size and its consequences determining a practical limit.

The self-improving series of machines were described by Professor John Myhill of Stanford University during a two-week computer seminar at the University of Michigan. Although little has been heard of the concept, it is not new, having been pointed out by John von Neumann and others.

The original machine, a computing system programmed to reproduce itself and to improve its offspring, would be man-made. Improvements would be based on devising better circuits, so that the second machine would operate faster and more efficiently than its parent. Although the same basic components would be provided to each machine, improvements would stem from better selection and proper assembly of the components into circuits.

The logic system could also prove theorems. Because of increasing improvements, successive descendants could prove more theorems and perform more computations than their predecessors.

Practical limits to the reproducing process would be related to size. Successive machines would become increasingly larger requiring additional power. Eventually increasing size would increase switching time because signals would have to travel greater distances.

Practical engineering problems are not presently being considered because a definite approach to physical realization of the system has not been evolved. However such computers are theoretically possible and practical implimentation is believed feasible. Professor Myhill believes the self-reproducing computer will be built when someone wants to built it and has the available funds.

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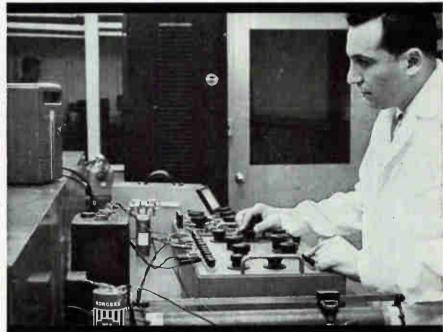
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THE ADVANCED Research Projects Agency. Department of Defense, disclosed that Cornell University, University of Pennsylvania. and Northwestern University have been selected to set up vastly enlarged programs for the expansion of basic research in the science of materials.

Under an unprecedented longterm contract Cornell will receive \$6.1 million for the first four years of this program, according to Cornell President Deane W. Malott.

The contract provides for interdisciplinary research and graduate student training in materials, and will combine the efforts of portions of five departments in two colleges at Cornell. Cornell University will organize a Materials Science Center to administer the ARPA contract and to expand basic research and training of Ph. D. research scientists in materials.

"Materials science" is the investigation of physical and chemical processes in solids such as metals. The design of new materials for nuclear reactors, rocket engines, transistors, and other modern devices is based on this knd of research.

Cornell will construct a new \$4million building on its campus within the next three years. The building will house graduate research of the Laboratory of Atomic and Solid State Physics, the administrative offices of the Center, and several of the common technical facilities such as electron microscopes. ARPA will reimburse Cornell for construction costs of this building over a 10-year period after it is occupied.

Cornell may build a substantially larger building, of which the ARPA construction would be a part, to house in addition a physics and chemistry library and some of the other activities of the Department of Physics.

The four-year headway of the ARPA-Cornell pact will be maintained—the fifth year's financial support to be discussed next fall, and further support annually. A substantial part of the \$6.1million contract will go into research equipment, including about \$700.000 for individual research projects and \$1.2 million for common facilities. The facilities will permit Cornell graduate students and staff to work with the most modern physical, chemical, and metallurgical techniques available.

The basic research scientists who comprise the initial staff of the Center also will have use of a new atomic reactor being build by the University, the new \$5.7-million research library nearing completion, and other outstanding facilities already extant at Cornell.

The staff of the ARPA project will be faculty members and research associates already at the University. Additional faculty will be added during the next few years. Teaching and supervision of graduate student research will continue to be the main tasks of these scientists.

Initially, the work of the Laboratory of Atomic and Solid State Physics will comprise the largest part of the Center. This Laboratory, which was organized a year ago, includes faculty and graduate students from the Department of Physics and the Department of Engineering Physics. Later, the greater growth of Metallurgical Engineering and Engineering Mechanics and Materials will make these departments equally important.

Cornell was one of the first universities to enter solid state physics, which generally was not recognized as a distinct science until after World War II. Substantial parts of the work at Cornell are concerned with imperfections, transport processes, magnetic resonances, internal friction, photochemical processes, surface pheferroelectrics, magnetic nomena. phenomena in dilute alloys, optical processes in the far ultraviolet, X-rays, cooperative phenomena, ferromagnetism, many-particle theory, and thermal conductivity.

A second area of emphasis in the Center is chemistry, with about a quarter of the current staff. This research is concerned with electron and X-ray diffraction, inorganic polymers, solid-vapor reactions, electronic processes in oxides, diffusion in polymers, polymers under high pressure, catalysis, photoconductivity, and theoretical physical chemistry.

The third participating field of endeavor is metallurgy, with about a sixth of the staff work on metallurgical science in the fields of intermetallic compounds, freezing transformations, solid-solution strengthening, nucleation, properties of and phenomena in iron-base alloys, plastic deformation, and fracture.

The fourth substantial research area represented is mechanics and materials, making up a tenth of the staff. Scientists in this field will deal with elastic constants as functions of pressure, ferroelectrics under impulse loading, and diffusion and creep under hydrostatic pressure.

The number of professors in the Center will be increased from about 30 to about 60 in the next ten years. Four more areas of scientific investigation, namely mathematics, industrial engineering, geology, and electrical engineering, probably will be added to the Center's research program in the near future.

The Cornell Materials Science Center will enable interdisciplinary cooperation in the fields mentioned, and the increased staff will permit the University to train about twice as many Ph.D. scientists in these areas of study. The entire research program conducted by the new Center will be integrated with the program for training graduate students on a personal basis in the use of methods and equipment that will be as modern as that in any industrial laboratory.

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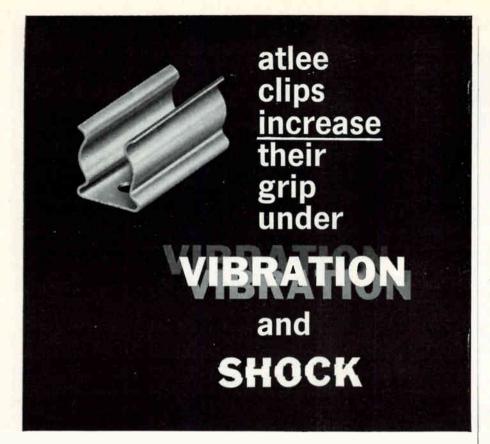
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sions within Cornell's present structure. The creation of the Center will make research that crosses department or even college lines easier and more productive.

One of the objectives of the program is to stimulate the understanding necessary to exploit solidstate physics, chemistry, and physical metallurgy to produce new materials or develop promising new processes.

The daily operation of the Materials Science Center will be the responsibility of a director, an associate director, and an administrative assistant to be selected in the next few weeks. Individual scientists of the Center will retain the responsibility for planning and operation of the individual research programs.

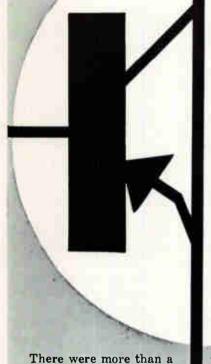
The Executive Committee will determine the scope and direction of the Cornell materials science research and training program through its approval of individual projects that are to be supported in any way by the interdisciplinary laboratory contract. The Committee will be responsive to annual review sessions and to the advice of the representatives of ARPA and other Government agencies, which will continue to support much of the Cornell work in this field.

Cornell contract negotiations with ARPA were headed by President Malott, Provost Atwood, and Theodore P. Wright, vice president for research, with the aid of Dean Corson and Henri S. Sack, professor of engineering physics.

Reinforced Teflon Is Abrasion Resistant

WIRE INSULATION made from a new type of fluorcarbon resin (Teflon) offers improved resistance to abrasion, plastic flow, cutthrough and heat. This extension of standard Teflon properties has come about through a special process developed by W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc., Newark, Del.

Basically, the process for making Type AR insulation, as it's called, consists of adding mineral-fiber particles to Teflon-the particles average about 1 micron in diameter and 500 to 1000 microns in length. Improved resistance to do you know what's expected from semi-conductor materials?



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abrasion and cut-through is the result of orienting more than 90 percent of the fibers parallel to the wire surface (random orientation would average about 50 percent).

Parallel orientation of fibers supports concentrated loads and resists penetration of sharp edges. This obviates the need for glass fiber wrapping or braid for surface protection; thus, it saves space, reduces weight and provides an all-Teflon insulation with uniform dielectric properties.

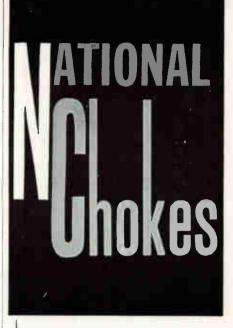
How well the new material performs is borne out by tests run in accordance with military specifications. Standard Teflon insulations achieve an abrasion-resistance rating of 35 in. when tested in accordance with NAS 703; the specification calls for a minimum of 48 in. Type AR attained a rating of 52 in., with none of the 8 trials falling below the minimum required for the rating.

Tested under MIL-W-7139A, the AR composition's abrasion-resistance rating is 35 in., well above the specified minimum of 22 in. which ordinary Teflon constructions are normally hard put to meet.

Cut-through resistance about three times as great as that of standard Teflon was established in still another test series. Moreover, the AR composition compares favorably with straight PTFE in dielectric constant, and remains about equal in volume resistivity.

Perhaps of greater importance in many aircraft and space-vehicle applications, the new fiber-filled compound increases Teflon's heat resistance. Mechanical properties remain satisfactory for many hours -probably even weeks-at temperatures of 325 C to 400 C, as opposed to a useful life measured in minutes for standard PTFE under moderate compressive stress. Even if the Teflon burns away, the protective mat of mineral fibers continues to prevent shorting of the conductor: the fibers themselves have longterm resistance to temperatures of about 2,000 F.

Type AR insulation is available in the form of Mono-Tet AR singleconductor wire, Multi-Tet AR multiple-conductor fiat ribbon cable, and in shielded and coaxial conductors.



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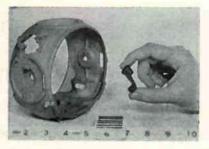
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Castings weighing 84 pounds are currently being shell-molded by Arwood Corporation, New York, N.Y., which believes castings of 100 to 200 pounds are practical. Weights given are for steel; the process is also used for lighter metals. Arwood showed its production methods at its Groton, Conn., plant.

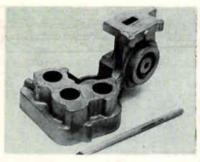
Among the process advantages reported by the firm are: parts can have more intricate coring or shape, there are no restrictions on location of gates and risers and other restrictions in the casting setup are reduced, less time and material is required, and the castings have finer grain and finish.

Wax or plastic patterns are made by conventional methods. The pattern is fitted with a pipe handle and dipped into a refractory slip made of alumina, zirconia and silica. After excess is drained, the coating is stuccoed with fine refractory grain to provide a mechanical bond for the backup coating. The backup coating is also stuccoed. Several coatings, usually 6, are applied and the shell is dried for about 24 hours.

The shell is flash dewaxed at 1,800 F and fired for 30 minutes at 1,600 F. The mold can be cast



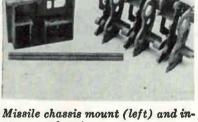
Shell-molded gyro part dwarfs small investment casting



Rotary antenna coupler is cast in aluminum



Pattern with gating is given several coats of ceramic



strument housing



Gating system is wax-welded to the pattern



Sand provides mechanical bond between ceramic coats

while the shell is still hot, or the shell can be stored and reheated before molding. Sand is used to support the shell while the molten metal is poured. After cooling, the shell is vibrated to crack it off and the casting is heat-treated, finished and inspected.

Servo Winder Improves Space Factor of Coils

By W. H. ATWOOD, Avo Ltd., London, England

COILS WOUND on bobbins have slight variations in the number of turns per layer. Geared winding machines, with direct connection between drive mandrel and traversing carriage, permit crossed turns when the wire gets in advance of the feed due to the variations.

Crossed turns can be eliminated and space factor utilization improved 8 to 10 percent by servo control of the wire angle in relation to the coil winding. This feature is incorporated in the machine illustrated top p 87, which handles wire sizes between 1.2 and 0.05 mm (approximately AWG 16 to 44).

Speed of the traversing mechanism's drive motor is electronically controlled so that the wire is fed to the coil from the correct position with a predetermined angle of lag. The angle, adjustable between 0.1 to 1 degree of lag on the coil, is set by experiment before winding.

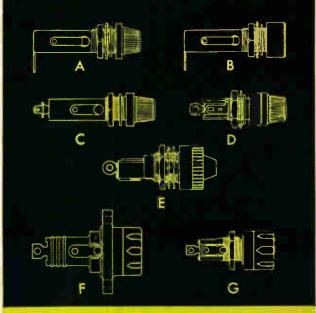
The angle is monitored by a moving coil detector as shown in Fig. 1. The wire feeds over a pulley and is spring-pressed against a reference face on the pulley. From the pulley, the wire passes through a follower arm free to rotate horizontally. The arm varies the position of a moving coil rotor in an a-c field, producing an output proportional in amplitude and phase to the angle moved.

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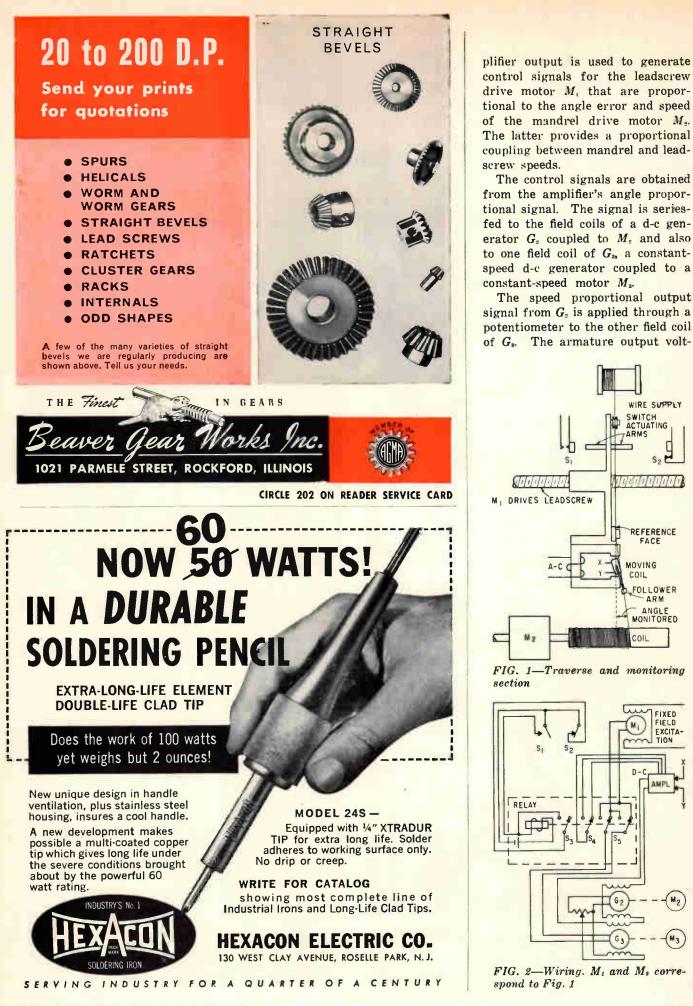
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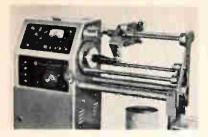
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Wire feed angle is monitored by traverse mechanism

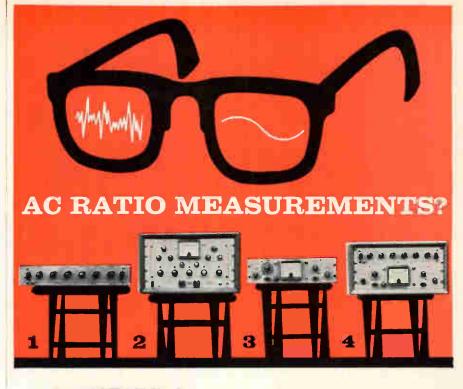
age of G_3 is thus proportional to both the wire lagging angle and the mandrel drive speed. The output powers the armature of the leadscrew drive's constant field, shunt-wound d-c motor M_3 . Varying the ratio of the proportional angle and speed signals varies the wire angle lag. Lag can be controlled between 0 to 1 degree.

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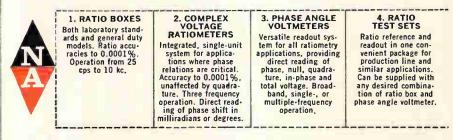


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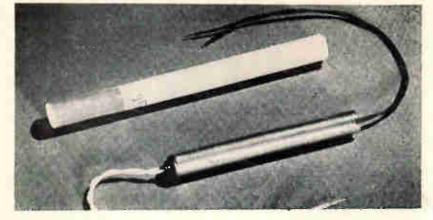
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CIGARETTE-SIZED electrooptical relay that can perform the work of a substantial portion of relays, potentiometers and commutators presently in use will be introduced by Raytheon Company, Industrial Components Division, Newton 58, Mass., at the Wescon Show in August.

Tubular in construction and without moving parts, the new unit, called Raysistor, has a conductance on-off ratio of 1,000,000 to 1; it can perform up to 100 operations per second. The device includes a light source in the control end, which when excited, actuates a photoconductor in the signal end, allowing either a-c or d-c information to pass.

Raysistor has an on life of 2,500

hours, irrespective of the number of switching operations. The unit is nonpolar and its input is isolated from the output. Used in series or parallel combinations, without the introduction of common-ground problems, it may be applied to logic circuits and matrices for telemetering or signal commutation. The Raysistor can switch without introducing transients in the signal circuit. As a potentiometer it is free of contact noise.

Developed to provide a highspeed, nonmechanical commutator for use in the Rayspan spectrum analyzer, the device is useful for high-speed repetitive scanning of small banks of filters.

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NEW LINE of micro-resistors, reportedly based on a novel concept and process, has been announced by Wilrite Products, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio. The resistors can be solderpot dipped, and tinned ends can be soldered into submicromodules without changing the resistance value.

These microminiature resistors, measuring 0.125 in. length and 0.020 in. in diameter, are rated at 1/4 watt with resistance values of 100,000 ohms at 1-percent tolerance. Units having resistance values up to 500,000 ohms are expected to be available shortly.

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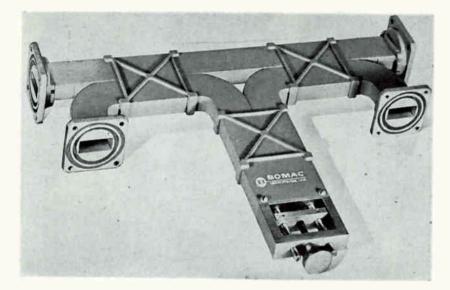


values available on special order. The pulse generator can also be synchronized with an external sine wave or pulse generator; an outlet is provided for synchronizing external equipment with the repetition rate of the modulator. Many characteristics can be altered with minor modification.

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sensing is used in the high voltage supply; time delays and automatic sequencing circuits ensure proper operation and adequate warmup. Interlocks immediately shut off and discharge all high-voltage circuits; there are no external high-voltage leads. The modulator is priced at \$9,375.

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VARIABLE power divider provides a variable signal useful for microwave testing. The device can also be used to mix two signals while maintaining considerable isolation between them. Isolation of 25 db or more between transmitter and receiver is possible, through a common antenna and without switching. The power dividers are manufactured by Bomac Laboratories, Inc., Salem Road, Beverly, Mass.

The unit shown, when provided with two suitable loads, will transmit microwave energy to the output

Tape Recorder

FOR MISSILES

MEDIUM-SIZED airborne tape recorder, designed for reliability over a wide temperature range under extreme shock and vibration conditions, has been announced by the Leach Corp., Special Products Division, 516 E. Compton Blvd, Compton, Calif. The recorder, called MTR-800, can be used to eliminate lapses of memory that missiles develop in telemetry during reentry terminal at a level which may be varied from zero to essentially full input power. Either of the two terminals opposite the input terminal can be used as the output terminal. A load capable of receiving full transmitted power is then attached to the remaining arm. Adjusting the knob will gradually shift output from one terminal to the other, giving a variable power level at the selected terminal.

Four models are available, frequency range from 2.6 to 17.0 Gc. CIRCLE 304 ON READER SERVICE CARD

phases (due to ionization) and in over-the-horizon transmissions.

The MTR-800 weighs nine pounds, measures 7[§] by 5[§] by 4[§] inches and can be made to record on 7 or 14 channels. It can be used on land, in air or in space.

Tape speeds are 0.25 ips to 60 ips; wow and flutter is less than 0.5 percent rms at 60 ips (static condition); tape capacity is 300 feet of

one-mil Mylar; tape widths are $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or 1 inch; recording time is 60 sec at 60 ips and 4 hrs at 0.25 ips; starting time is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ second; and reversing time is less than 1 second at 15 ips.

The unit can withstand vibration (without shock mounting) of 15 g from 5 to 2,000 cps; acceleration of 200 g; impact of 1,000 g; temperatures from -50 F to 200 F; and humidity from 0 to 100 percent RH with condensation. Power requirement is 400 cps, 115 v, 30 w (at 60 ips).

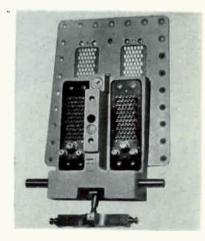
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Umbilical Connector COOLING CONNECTIONS

COMBINING 126 pins and two $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. cooling lines, umbilical connector is used to activate the Polaris missile. Disconnect is accomplished by a shearing action.

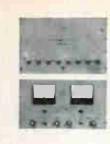
Spring-leaf contacts (No. 4 through No. 20 contact size) and two $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. water-methanol electronic cooling lines are integrated into one compact connector plug which mates with an airborne receptacle that is an integral part of the missile. Up-



ward movement of the missile disconnects the umbilicus during launching and causes retraction of the connector into a cavity within the launch tube.

The connecting surface of the receptacle on the missile is electrically isolated upon disconnection.

The connector was designed and is built by E. B. Wiggins Oil Tool



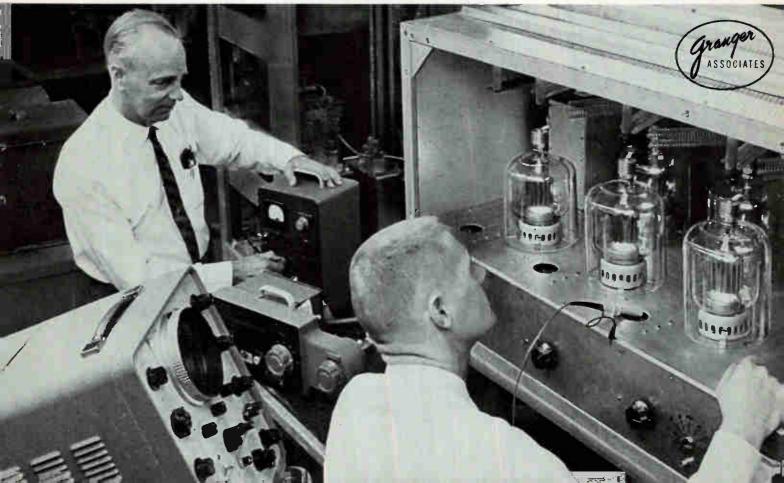
Specifications | Model 125 Amplifier Pass band 64 Mc Pulse power output ..., 0.5 kw (nominal) Power gain, 20 db (nominal) Maximum pulse width 2000 µsec Prime power 115 v, 10, 60 cps Dimensions : Amplifier rack panel. . .10.5" h, 19" w, 28" d



Specifications | Model 116 Amplifier Pass band 4 - 32 Mc Pulse power output 100 kw (nominal) Input impedance 50 ohms Output impedance 50 ohms Maximum pulse width 2000 µsec Dimensions : 2 cabinets, each 64" h, 49" w, 32" d

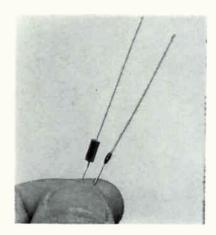
Frequency-independent high power transmitting systems are now possible for the first time with this new line of amplifiers. Available in output power levels from 10 watts to 100 kilowatts, G/A's amplifiers offer power gains up to 24 db over 16:1 frequency bands in the hf range. These performance characteristics are ideal for system applications in ECM, propagation research and ionospheric radar where fast frequency change over extreme band widths without retuning is essential. They are already incorporated in a complete G/A-developed ionosphere sounder system—a good example of the company's capability in high power radio equipment. Related system "building blocks" from Granger Associates include wide-band antennas, baluns, multicouplers, T/R switches... special hardware conceived and produced by men who understand its purpose. Thorough knowledge of theory and application backed by design experience: that's the type of system capability offered by G/A. Send for further technical information, or inquire

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ULTRASMALL capacitors are useful in airborne and space equipment and in solid-state computers. One type, called Ceramin, is being manufactured by Electronics Corp., Cliff at Cedros, Solana Beach, Calif.

Measuring (less leads) only 0.025-inch long, Ceramins are 0.098inch diameter for capacitances from 47 to 560 pf and 0.125-inch diameter for capacitances from 680 to 1,200 pf when fully encapsulated in glass. They are also temporarily available encapsulated in flexible epoxy for use in unitized, user-potted assemblies for critical spaceweight conditions.

The barium-titanate capacitors are precision-tuned to 5-percent tolerance to 125 C, or 10-percent tolerance to 150 C, and meet requirements of MIL-C-11015A and EIA-SMC-1 specifications.

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Two-Pointer Meter MAXIMUM, CONTINUOUS

TWO POINTS are used to show both the maximum reading and the in-

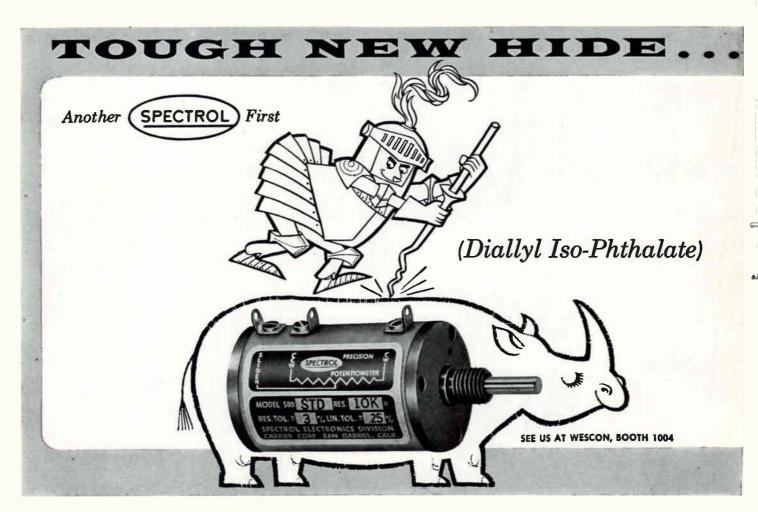
stantaneous reading of the circuit being monitored. The meter includes sampling circuits to determine the maximum signal; it is available from Assembly Products, Inc., Chesterland, Ohio.

Until reset, the adjustable pointer remains at the maximum signal



reached over any period of time. The other pointer provides continuous signal indication. Any variable that can be expressed as an electrical signal can be measured.

In operation, the adjustable pointer is set manually anywhere on the dial. The signal pointer then rises to the maximum reading



pointer and kicks it upscale in short bursts until the signal remains constant or declines. This action is accomplished with self-releasing circuits that sample the signal.

The meter is available in ranges from 0-10 ma to 0-50 amperes, or 0-5 mv to 0-500 volts, a-c or d-c.

Cases are $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. round and $4\frac{1}{2}$ -in. rectangular, black Bakelite. Circuit components are mounted in a housing in back of the meter.

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Gear Drive Unit PRECISION-BUILT

M. SWEDGAL, 258 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y., sole U. S. agent for Jackson Bros. (London) Ltd., announces an all new gear drive unit no. 5160. Spring loaded gears and ball bearings insure permanent freedom from backlash. The ratio is precisely 56.25:1. Positive end stops for 180 deg travel of driven spindle. Maximum torque, 18 oz in. Spindles are stainless steel; frame, steel; gears, brass.

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Inverter

D-C TO A-C

FREED TRANSFORMER CO., INC., 1718 Weirfield St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y. Chief feature of this d-c to a-c inverter is an output wave form that is a sine wave, with a maximum distortion of 5 percent, which can work into a wide range of leads from 0 to full output. Output voltage varies with input voltage if the inverter is not used with a transistorized regulator. Freed offers regulators for use in this connection. The inverter can be hermetically sealed for military applications.

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Transistor Holders FOUR-PIN DEVICES

SEALECTRO CORP., 139 Hoyt St., Mamaroneck, N. Y. The TC-400T "Press-Fit" four-pin Teflon transistor holders feature fast and economical chassis insertions. They are constructed with extra-long terminals which act as a heat sink and permit soldering of transistors in place with greatly reduced danger of damage to the transistor elements. They are available in

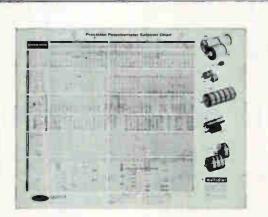
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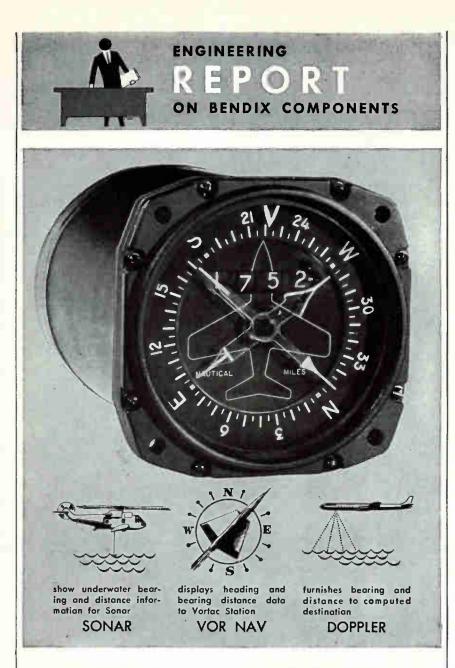


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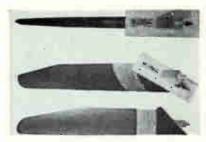
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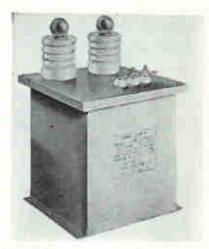
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Low VSWR Antenna BROAD FREQUENCY RANGE

LAND-AIR, INC., 7444 Wilson Ave., Chicago 31, Ill. Model LA 80-320 is a very broad frequency range receiving antenna designed for use on high-speed aircraft. In the 80 to 400 Mc range it presents a vswr of less than 4:1; from 70 to 420 Me (using a 50 ohm transmission line), the vswr is less than 7:1. The antenna features a resin-impregnated fiberglass sleeve which provides the important electrical separation between the stub and the base, and concomitantly provides a sturdy, reliable dielectric coupling. It measures 351 in. long, 511 in. wide, 1% in. thick, and weighs only 81 lb. It withstands the vibration. shock and mechanical stress requirements of MIL-A-18376A.

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H-V Power Supply LOW CURRENT

THE FOTTER CO., 1950 Sheridan Road, North Chicago, Ill. New h-v d-c power supply provides infinitely

variable output from 0 to 30,-000 v d-c at 1.0 ma rated current output. Designed for operation up to 85 C, the model PHV 30-1M60V has all components immersed in high quality oil and sealed to insure long life, minimize corona and provide dependable operation. Its applications for laboratories and other industrial users include dielectric testing, electrostatic paint spraving, capacitor chargers, c-r displays and electronic dust precipitators. Input voltage can be varied from 0 to 118 v to obtain the required output voltage. Ripple is less than 1 percent at full rated output. Both input and output terminals are made with high grade ceramic. The h-v output terminals are insulated from the case to provide either positive or negative polarity voltage. Price is \$169.

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Band Pass Filters PRECISION UNITS

BARKER & WILLIAMSON, INC., Bristol. Pa. New "F" series of band pass filters are available in 90, 150 and 180 cps models designed for navigational aids, instrument landing systems, receivers, control units, monitors and associated test instruments. Units feature precise response curves. At 1 db down, the 90 cps filter has a bandwidth of 8 cps. At the same level, the 150 cps filter has a 11 cps bandwidth, and the 180 cps filter a bandwidth of 12 cps. Insertion loss, input and load impedances are the same for the three units in the series, permitting operation in identical or parallel circuitry. Manufactured to MIL and FAA specifications, the filters are

hermetically sealed in metal cases measuring 3 by 31 by 318 in. high. Ambient temperature range is -20to 60 C.

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Magnetrons BOWL-MAGNET DESIGN

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., Schenectady 5, N. Y., has developed a compact, light-weight bowl-magnet design for its line of voltage-tunable magnetrons. An example is the new Z-5337 VTM which operates as a complete r-f power source in the 2,900-to-3,100 Mc frequency range. Its weight is 1.5 lb. It has a diameter of slightly over 3 in. and height of less than 1 in. The Z-5337 has a minimum c-w power output of 4 w across its designed frequency range and may be electronically tuned over all or part of the range. Tuning rate is 2.6 Mc per volt.

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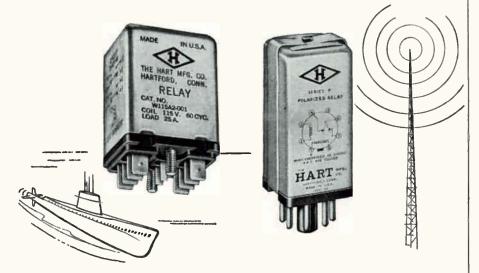
Calorimeter Bridge HIGH POWER

ELECTRO IMPULSE LABORATORY, 208 River St., Red Bank, N. J., announces a new series of calorimeter bridges from 10 w to 5,000 w full scale with 2 percent or better accuracy and frequency range from d-c to 12,000 Mc coaxial or waveguide. Designed for continuous operation at full scale power, these bridges are direct reading on all scales. They require no thermometers or flow meters and are selfcompensating for wide changes in ambient temperature. Provisions are made for external galvanom-





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Demodulator PHASE-SENSITIVE

GENERAL KINETICS DIVISION Of Hydra-Electric, Inc., 3151 Kenwood St., Burbank, Calif. Model SD127 has been designed for use in highperformance electrohydraulic and other servo systems. Four highquality germanium transistors are employed in a full-wave switching configuration of highly linear output. Units are available for airborne as well as ground-based service. Unit may also be used as a modulator. Carrier frequency may be 60 cps to 5 Kc. Null voltage is less than 5 mv. Output impedance is less than 600 ohms. Temperature range is -55 C to +85 C. Price is \$102.98.

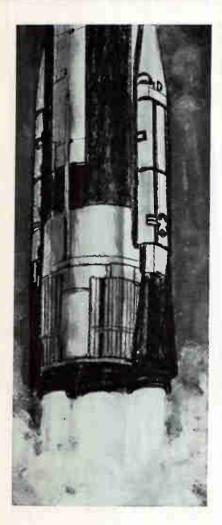
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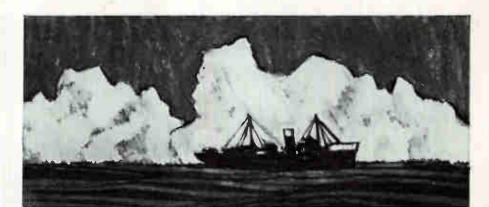


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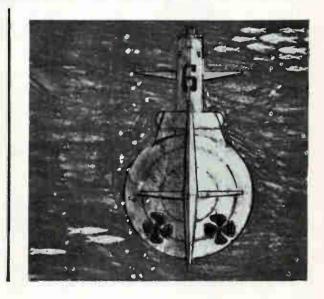
GENERAL AUTOMATICS INC., 2443 Ash St., Palo Alto, Calif. This transistorized tolerance detector's high sensitivity, fast response and wide range of application make it a logical automative installation. Discriminating on the basis of weight, gage or in any application where measurement is converted to voltage, this sensor remains insensitive to positive levels, reacts in less than







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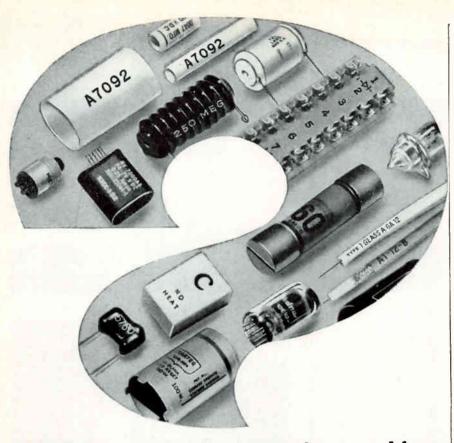
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TWT Amplifiers BROADBAND

MICROWAVE ELECTRONICS CORP., 4061 Transport St., Palo Alto, Calif., is offering broadband X-band twt amplifiers for test instrument application. The M2201-A operates over the 7,000-12,400 Mc frequency range; the M2201-B, over the 8,000-12,400 Mc range. The M2201 series of tubes utilize metal-ceramic construction, low temperature oxide cathodes and ceramic rod-supported helices. As a result of these fabrication techniques, the tubes provide long life, very low spurious modulation and high mechanical and elec-The tubes are trical stability. priced at \$850 each.

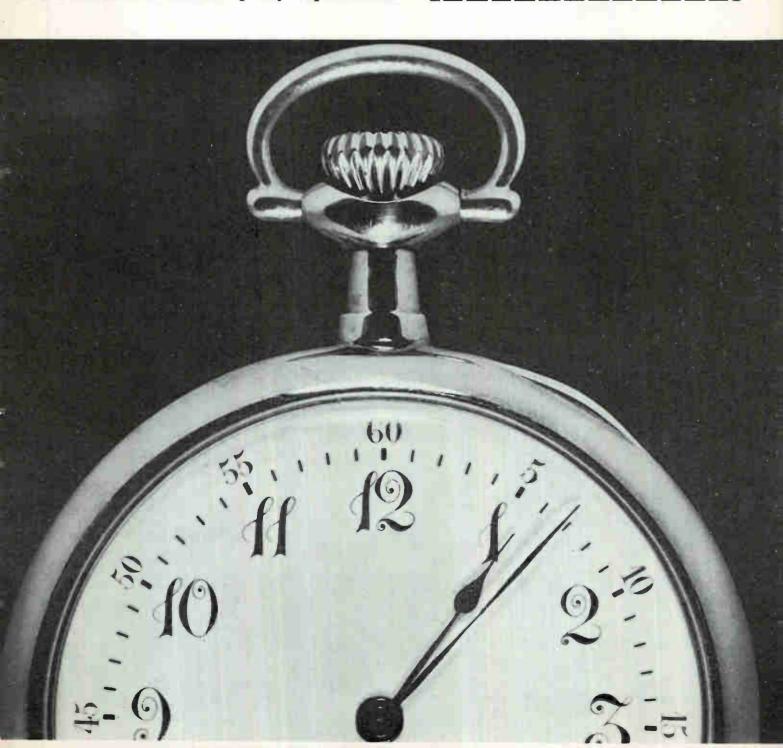
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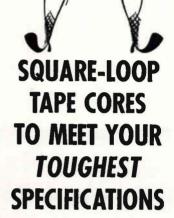


Power Supply HIGHLY REGULATED

MID-EASTERN ELECTRONICS, INC., 32 Commerce St., Springfield, N. J. Model ST100-10 transistor power supply is a high power output unit in the moderate to low price range. Rated at 0-100 v d-c, 0.10 amperes continuous duty, the output is continuously variable over the entire range. Vernier control provides approximately 1 v variation for full rotation at all settings. Line regulation is 0.005 percent for changes between 100 and 135 v a-c, and load regulation is 0.01 percent for TIME means both money and reputation to system builders. To help customers save both, over 10,200 klystron and traveling wave tubes have been shipped ON TIME from Sperry's Gainesville, Florida plant. If prompt tube delivery is vital to your system, call Gainesville, FRanklin 2-0411 collect, for full information about Sperry capabilities.







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Tape Splicer FOR FAST PROGRAMMING

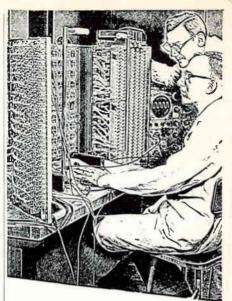
CALIFORNIA TECHNICAL INDUSTRIES, 1421 Old County Road, Belmont, Calif. Model 219 tape splicer is an ideal accessory unit for use with tape-programmed automatic test systems. It permits rapid splicing of punched tapes for editing, mending, or correcting. New information can be added and deletions can be made with no loss of desired information. Unit makes strong and accurate splices and, in addition, can clean clogged punch-holes with ease. By greatly speeding tapeprogram operation, model 219 adds still further efficiency and economy to automatic testing. Price is \$28.

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Differential VTVM HIGHLY ACCURATE

THE DECKER CORP., Forty-Five Monument Road, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., announces a true differential d-c vtvm capable of 1 percent accuracy throughout the scale. Model 410 features a zero center scale with full scale ranges of ± 0.3 , 1.0, 10, 30 and 100 v d-c, and a single input impedance of 20 megohms and 40 megohms differential. In transistorized circuitry the instrument readily provides off ground readings without loading. The 410 also can be used as a unit cathode fol-



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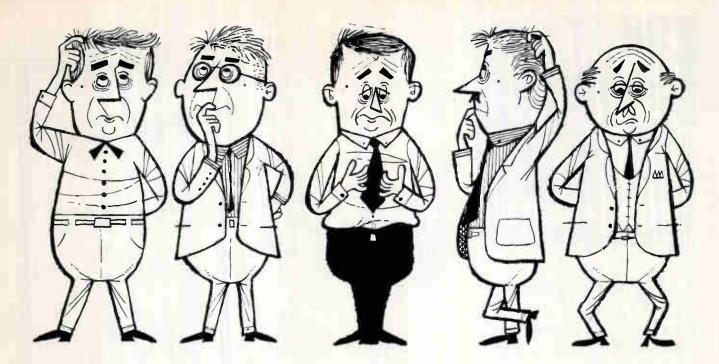
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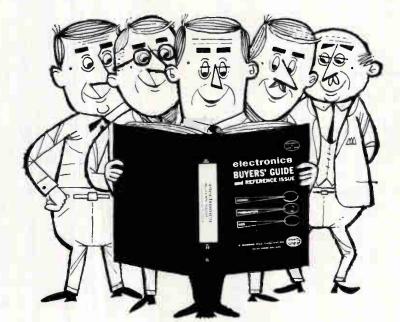
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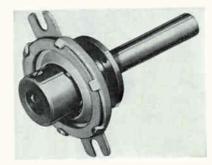
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Planetary Ball Drive PRECISION-BUILT

M. SWEDGAL, 258 Broadway, New York, N. Y., sole U.S. agent for Jackson Bros. (London) Ltd., announces a new planetary ball drive No. 4511/DAF. Simple and powerful epicyclic friction drive. Ball bearings. Ratio 6-1. Dimensions 1st in. diameter, 1t in. long, plus 1t in. shaft. 15-20 oz in.

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D-C Power Supply FOR GROUND SUPPORT

PERKIN ENGINEERING CORP., 345 Kansas St., El Segundo, Calif., announces model M-1216-1 d-c power supply with an output of 22-33 v at 50 amperes for aircraft ground support. The compact (8 by 16 by 10 in.) supply has an efficiency of 70 percent at 28 v and 25 to 50 amperes. All-static and reactorcontrolled, it maintains its d-c output at from 22 to 33 v, no load to full load, on an input of 220/440 v nominal +10 percent, -15 percent, 3-phase, 60 cps ± 5 percent. Ripple is less than 5 percent rms. Well suited for such applications as operating aircraft relays in test



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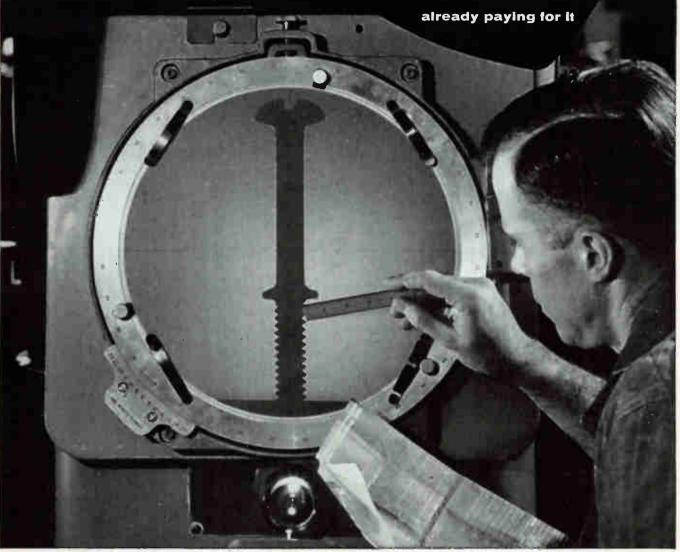
BSEE. Prefer 1-8 years in test, design, or related areas. Work involves testing specific unit systems, parts, or materials. May involve designing and building non-standard testing equipment; field or simulated field testing; tests on production instruments. All above openings are in Minneapolis area. For complete information, write Allan J. McInnis, Professional Manpower Staff, Ordnance Division, Honeywell, 600 Second St. North, Hopkins, Minn.



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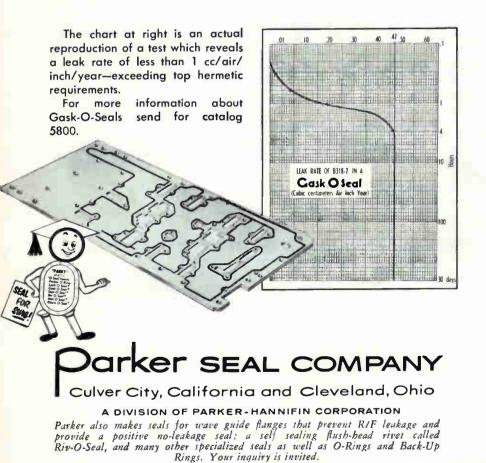
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V-T Voltmeter & VIDEO AMPLIFIER

KAY ELECTRIC CO., 14 Maple Ave., Pine Brook, N. J. Highly accurate, low level high frequency r-f voltages from 250 μ v to 1 v can be easily measured with the Microlter, a combination 50 Mc vtvm and wide-band video amplifier. Featuring improved stability over the entire frequency range the new unit provides direct readings within 1 percent accuracy on a large, full scale 6 in. mirror-back meter—with no tuning. Maximum output volt-

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Resistors

LOW INDUCTANCE

GB COMPONENTS, INC., 14621 Arminta St., Van Nuys, Calif., announces a new line of low reactance resistors in the total resistance ranges of its present high precision encapsulated wirewound product lines. Company says this development is a major breakthrough in making available to the industry an extremely accurate resistance product without the undesirable characteristics of high distributed capacitance and objectionable levels of electrical inductance.

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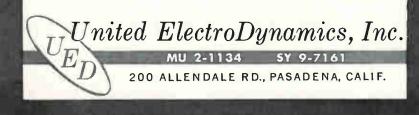




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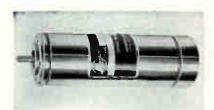
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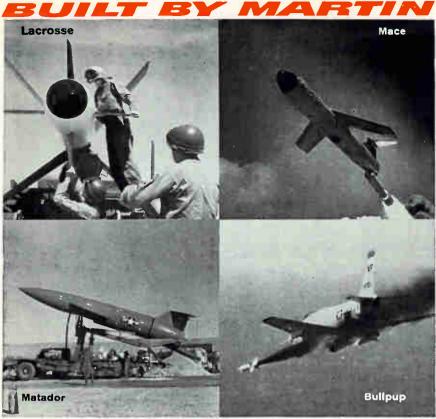
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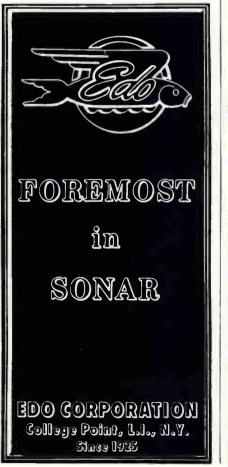
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CHART DRIVES Insco Co., division of Barry Controls, Hollis St., Groton, Mass., has published a catalog describing multi-speed chart drives for use with a variety of strip chart recorders.

CIRCLE 350 ON READER SERVICE CARD

TRANSISTOR CHARACTER-ISTICS Derivation And Tabulation Associates, 95 Harrison Ave., West Orange, N.J. A new brochure illustrates and describes D.A.T.A.'s transistor characteristics tabulation, a comprehensive digest of the world's transistors, completely updated twice a year with a supplement between complete editions. CIRCLE 351 ON READER SERVICE CARD

FREQUENCY DISCRIMINATOR Magnetic Research Corp., 3160 West El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif., has published an engineering data sheet containing complete details on its 115-v 400 cycle, 0-5

v d-c range frequency discriminator model 91-105-0. CIRCLE 352 ON READER SERVICE CARD

ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITORS Pyramid Electric Co., Darlington, S. C., has available a four-page engineering bulletin on the type ML subminiature aluminum electrolytic capacitors.

CIRCLE 353 ON READER SERVICE CARD

MICROPHONES The Astatic Corp., Conneaut, Ohio. Catalog M10 includes information covering specifications, applications and prices along with charts showing typical response-frequency characteristics of the company's microphone line. Accessories are also listed.

CIRCLE 354 ON READER SERVICE CARD

TIME DELAYS G-V Controls Inc., 101 Okner Parkway, Livingston, N.J. Technical publication No. 80 describes a new concept of versatility in transistorized time delays. CIRCLE 355 ON READER SERVICE CARD

DATA TRANSLATOR Electronic Engineering Co. of California, 1601 East Chestnut Ave., Santa Ana, Calif. A new data sheet describes the ZA-26965 data translator which

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the Week

converts coded input data recorded on punched paper tape into an alphanumeric code with a format directly acceptable to an IBM 704/ 705 data processing machine.

CIRCLE 356 ON READER SERVICE CARD

SWITCH CATALOG Cherry Electrical Products Corp., 1650 Deerfield Road, Highland Park, Ill. Technical engineering data and ordering information are contained in a new full line snap-action switch catalog. Enclosed and open stack switches are featured for practically unlimited precision snapaction switch applications.

CIRCLE 357 ON READER SERVICE CARD

WIRE AND CABLE Tensolite Insulated Wire Co., Inc., Tarrytown, N. Y., has published an up-to-date product catalog containing engineering information on wire and cable. A new self-reading code numbering system is employed which simplifies the identification of insulated wire and cable.

CIRCLE 358 ON READER SERVICE CARD

PRECISION GEARS Dynamic Gear Co., Inc., Dixon Ave., Amityville, L.I., N.Y. Master catalog No. F-128 lists over 50,000 Dynaco precision gears that are available from stock.

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ENVIRONMENTAL TEST EQUIPMENT Standard Cabinet Co. Inc., 56 Washington Ave., Carlstadt, N.J. Bulletin No. 60B illustrates and describes environmental test equipment for altitude, temperature, humidity, fungus, sand and dust, rain and sunshine, salt spray, and explosion.

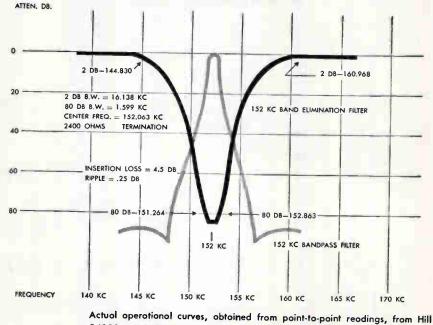
CIRCLE 360 ON READER SERVICE CARD

MICROMINIATURE TRANS-FORMERS James Electronics Inc., 4050 N. Rockwell St., Chicago 18, Ill. New catalog page gives complete technical specifications of model C-2650 microminiature transformer kit of 10 transformers covering the full range of input impedances and impedance ratios to conveniently apply transformers in transistor circuits.

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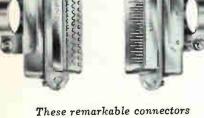
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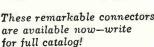
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McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York, 140 p.

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Perhaps the book's most remarkable quality is the impressive array of topics that are treated in very little space. It must be read slowly, but is well worth the reading.— MAURICE C. NEWSTEIN, Technical Research Group, Inc., Syosset, N.Y.

THUMBNAIL REVIEWS

Electrical Engineering Fundamentals. By J. P. Neal, McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York, 1960, 402 p, \$8.50. Avowed purpose of this

cal current, electrostatic, magnetic and electromagnetic fields; and electric network structure and analysis. Author assumes student has taken college physics courses in mechanics, electricity and magnetism, and mathematics courses in analytic geometry, algebra and calculus. The rationalized mks system of measures is used throughout.
 Cybernetics and Management. By Stafford Beer, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 211 p, \$4.50. Not a textbook nor technical treatise, this book is a general exposition explain-

textbook nor technical treatise, this book is a general exposition explaining the origins, nature and industrial potentiality of the new science of cybernetics. Content is addressed to scientifically educated and imaginative managers. Mathematical level never extends beyond algebra. Although this is a comprehensive, fundamental and lucid treatment, a supplemental reading of Norbert Wiener's "The Human Use of Human Beings" (not referenced by Beer) could be most profitable.

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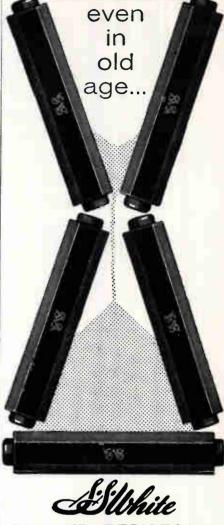
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to measures of electromagnetic

characteristics; vector concepts; lo-

- Vector Analysis. By M. Schwartz, S. Green and W. A. Rutledge, Harper & Brothers, New York, 1960, 556 p, \$7.50. Although written primarily to facilitate study by the beginning student, this book also will serve as a reference for advanced students and a self-study text for engineers. Authors consider vector analysis as both a mathematical discipline and a language of physics, thus chapters on applications are interspersed with mathematical theory and development throughout the text. This is a timely book published as the field takes on increasing importance to electronics engineers.
- Two-way Radio. By Allan Lytel, Mc-Graw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York, 311 p, \$9.50. This book concerns mobile-to-fixed or mobile-mobile communication, bearing mainly on introductory information for technicians handling receive-transmit gear. Unfortunately, the author's editors did not put the word mobile into the title; there are hundreds of thousands of fixed stations in two-way fixed communication. The text needs more than its sparse discourse on single-sideband radiotelephony. Moreover, the book's price is double that of better books on booksellers' shelves.

Correction. Price and pagination information given in review of "Physics for Students of Science and Engineering—Parts I and II" (p 130, May 13, 1960) applies only to Part I; Part II is 510 pages and costs \$6.



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"The reason why we are building in Berlin this moment," says Arthur K. Watson, president of the IBM World Trade Corporation, "is due to our conviction that the future of Berlin is closely linked to ours. But we don't build here for sentiment ... we do it for a good and sound business reason."

In a press conference preceding the ground breaking ceremonies, the general manager of IBM Germany, J. H. Borsdorf, announced that IBM sales in Germany increased 27.3 percent last year to DM336 million (approximately \$80 million) over 1958. A similar increase is predicted for this year.

IBM investments in Germany rose from some \$20 million in 1958 to \$27 million last year, according to Borsdorf, who pointed out that IBM Germany is the company's largest operation abroad. It has plants in Sindelfingen near Stuttgart and in Berlin. Employed personnel numbers 6,800.

The German IBM subsidiary's production program includes all types of IBM equipment: electronic computers and other data processing equipment, electric typewriters and time systems. The subsidiary manufactures approximately 27 percent of all IBM products throughout the world. IBM has 45 sales offices in Germany today.

The new building, scheduled for completion in October, is being erected on the Ernst Reuter Platz, one of the future show-places of Berlin. The 11-floor structure (9 floors above the street level) will be 180 ft long, 50 ft deep, and 110 ft high (above surface).

Construction plot size is 3,745 sq yd, to which might be added another 1,675 sq yd for parking space. Total covered area will be 10,510 sq yd.

The ground floor—5 ft above the surface and at the same level with a parking platform—will contain the data processing center.



Elect Anderson Executive V-P

ELECTION of Tore N. Anderson as executive vice president and gen-

eral manager of FXR, Inc., Woodside, N. Y. manufacturer of microwave and other electronic equipment, is announced.

He joined the company as assistant to the president earlier this year after 12 years with Airtron, Inc., a division of Litton Industries. He was named Airtron's chief engineer in 1951, a director and vice president in 1953, and director of engineering in 1956.

Anderson has been chairman of the Waveguide Connector Standardization Subcommittee of the Electronics Industry Association since 1954; participated recently in the Ulm, Germany. meetings in preparation of an international standard for waveguides and waveguide connectors. Since 1959 he has been a consultant to the Defense Department's Advisory Group on Electron Parts, Working Group on Transmission Lines.



Appoint Mallory to Newly Created Post

GEORGE L. MALLORY has been appointed to the newly created post of vice president-operations for Gates Radio Co., Quincy, Ill., 38year-old manufacturer of a-m/fm/tv broadcasting transmitters, automatic programming equipment and other electronic communications products.

Mallory was formerly manager of manufacturing for the electronic section of The Martin Company's Denver Missile division, and before that was assistant general manager of the Marine Products division of The Bendix Corp. in Los Angeles.

Parker S. Gates, president of Gates Radio, said the appointment of Mallory reflects the company's high rate of current business and 6¾" -

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CONVAIR/ASTRONAUTICS CONVAIR DIVISION OF GENERAL DYNAMICS its extensive future growth program. He also stated that Gates Radio is chalking up its second consecutive record year since joining Harris-Intertype in November 1957.



Name H. S. Wolff Laboratory Chief

HANNS S. WOLFF has been appointed chief of the new electronics laboratory at Republic Aviation Corp., Farmingdale, L. I., N. Y. The new facility which he will head is one of seven advanced research laboratories to be incorporated in Republic's new \$14-million research and development center.

Wolff has been active in the electronics field, both here and abroad, for 32 years. He comes to Republic from the W. L. Maxson Corp. where he had been a member of the engineering staff since 1956. Prior to this assignment he was vice president and chief engineer of Leetronics, Inc., and earlier was chief engineer at General Fuse, Inc.



Elco Corporation Hires Travis

LARRY R. TRAVIS has been appointed to the position of director of engineering and production at Elco Corp., Philadelphia, Pa. He will function under H. E. Ruehlemann, Elco's vice president of engineering and production.

Travis comes to Elco directly from Westinghouse, Metuchen, N. J., where he was manager of the mechanical engineering section. He served the latter company from 1954, following his assignment at Sylvania as supervisor of components engineering department; and prior to that, was senior development engineer with American Optical Corp.

Autronics Moves To Larger Quarters

AUTRONICS CORPORATION, a subsidiary of Interstate Engineering Corporation, has moved to larger quarters in Pasadena, Calif. The new quarters give this manufacturer of specialized time delay relays and other miniaturized electronic devices improved production and research facilities.



Telemeter Magnetics Appoints Criddle

LINDEN G. CRIDDLE was recently named director of manufacturing for the data equipment division of Telemeter Magnetics, Inc., Culver City, Calif. He will direct all phases of production of the firm's standard lines of magnetic core buffer memories and solid state memory systems.

Prior to joining TMI, Criddle served as vice president and director of operations for the Consolidated Systems Corp., a subsidiary of Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp. He also spent several years with American Machine and Foundry Corp. as head of their Tobacco Division's electronic engineering development laboratory.



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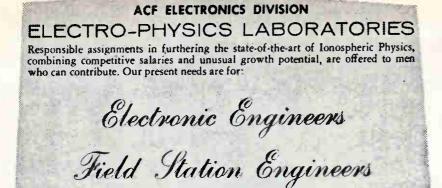
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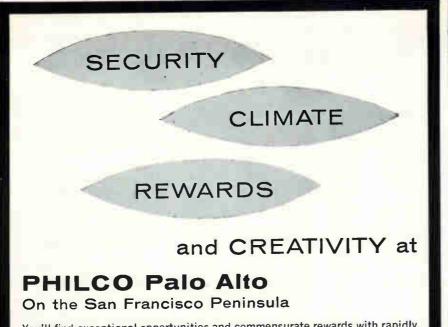
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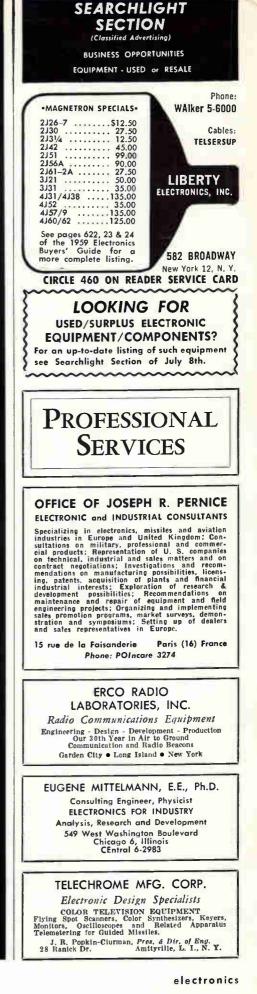
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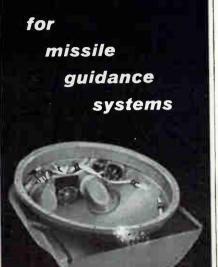
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