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# Is Peace Breaking Out?

JUST IN CASE your hometown newspaper did not publish the atomic test treaty provisions in full, read what the United States, British and Russian representatives state in the preamble:

"Proclaiming as their principal aim the speediest possible achievement of an agreement on general and complete disarmament under strict international control in accordance with the objectives of the United Nations, which would put an end to the armaments race and eliminate the incentive to the production and testing of all kinds of weapons, including nuclear weapons, ...."

As our news report on p 18 last week said, the treaty is as yet only symbolic of possible disarmament moves. So far, it is of immediate business concern to just a particular segment of the electronics industry—it will directly affect companies supplying instrumentation and services to the atomic test program. An overall cutback in defense systems—which would affect the entire electronics industry—is not planned, officials say.

But the electronics industry must recognize that if the mood of the treaty prevails through future disarmament negotiations a moratorium on the arms race and an eventual beginning of disarmament is a distinct possibility.

We must be alert to this possibility. Whatever our individual personal opinions of the treaty—hopeful sign or sucker play—we as an industry should be watchful.

The question "What if peace breaks out?" is one that the electronics industry has largely ignored throughout the cold war. But we cannot afford to ignore it indefinitely. As urged—though for different reasons—in this column on June 28, the electronics industry and its sister industries must make a determined effort to become less dependent on military procurement by more actively developing civilian products and seeking new civilian markets.

Historically, munitions industries have been subjected to the feast or famine of war and peace cycles. If peace does break out, let us not regret it. There could be no sadder commentary on the electronics industry than that it was unprepared for peace.

PRIVATE CONFERENCES. One of our WESCON stories this week (p 29) points out that future meetings may formally recognize private company seminars and allot time for them. The reasons: to avoid conflicts and competition with regular sessions, and to serve an apparent need.

Some companies do not approve of competing with conferences they support. Others consider simultaneous company seminars appropriate and a fair number of conference goers want to attend such seminars to satisfy immediate and practical information needs. So company seminars do exist and do compete with conference sessions for an audience.

Is this bad? It is if you are the volunteer who has worked hard and long to develop a conference program, or if you are an author speaking to a half-empty auditorium. It is bad if you are Joe Smith, the conference goer, who wants to but cannot be in two places at the same time. It is not bad if you are a marketing manager with something important to say to an important group already on the ground.

In their study concerning the feasibility of providing time for company seminars conference planners will, we hope, take the long view: the primary reason for a conference is to inform the conference goers. If a substantial portion of conference goers want to attend company seminars as well as conference sessions why not make it easier for them to attend both?

### Coming In Our August 16 Issue

MICROWAVE'S LATEST. A new tube under development will be shown for the first time next week. It applies advanced magnetic and energy-conversion techniques to convert microwave energy into millimeter wavelengths.

- Other feature articles next week will describe:
- Infrared system for detecting intruders
- Schmitt trigger to drive low-impedance loads
- Talking computer. Inquiries are answered by a digital-to-voice translator.

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### COMMENT

### **Metric System III**

Finn Poulsen's suggestion of a method of introducing the metric system into ELECTRONICS (p 4, June 7) is but one of the many "cries in the wilderness" published in our leading electronics journals.

However, few of these letters propose a date for Poulsen's Phase II, when the metric measurement would be given first. I hereby propose that we celebrate the centennial of the legalization of the metric system by the U.S. government by beginning to use it. The Act of Congress legalizing the metric system was dated 28 July 1866, so that we have over three vears for Poulsen's Phase I. (See NBS Technical News Bulletin, Vol. 42, March 1958, pp 41-45. Also, "Weights and Measures Administration," NBS Handbook 82, 22 June 1962.)

By 1966, even the stodgy old U.S. Army will be using the meter to express all linear measurements for survey, fire direction, and fire coordination equipments used outside the continental U.S. (See Army Regulations No. 525-8 and No. 700-75.) Many U. S. industries other than electronics will also have converted by then.

Traditionally, engineers have not minded being a decade or two behind the scientists. However, I suspect that our children will be ashamed to be over a century behind our congressmen, and even behind our generals.

Since almost all of your readers use the metric system in school, I believe that the principal source of inertia has been our conception of miles as the distance to the grocery store, and pounds as the way one buys meat. To placate the "old dogs" who "can't learn to think in the metric system," I propse the following table of "old dog's equivalents":

old dog's equivalents :
U.S.A. Ancient
1 meter1 yard
1 km <sup>1</sup> mile
1 cm <sup>1</sup> inch
5 gWeight of a nickel
1 kg2 lb
1 literEconomy-size quart
LEE E. DAVIS

Portola Valley, California

### **Thermal Resistance**

In defense of the critical views expressed by Canadian correspondent Soanes regarding thermal resistance (p 4, June 14), may I quote from EIA-JEDEC Publication No. 19, "Measurement of Thermal Resistance," Nov., 1960?

"The parameter most frequently used for thermal resistance measurements is  $I_{cbo}$  or the saturation current of a reverse-biased junction. This temperature-sensitive parameter is adequate, but not completely reliable, for germanium, and is completely unreliable for use as a temperature-sensitive parameter for silicon."

"The voltage drop across a forword-biased junction is a temperature sensitive parameter which is equally reliable for both silicon and germanium devices. The variation of this drop with temperature can be determined both analytically and and experimentally."

R. C. GRAY Space Technology Laboratories, Inc. Redondo Beach, California

### Seismometer

Your June 21 New Products column (p 101) says, "Ultra-sensitive seismometer detects  $10^{-7}$  mm of motion, accelerations of  $10^{-8}$  g, change of tilt to better than 0.1 second of arc, change of azimuth better than 0.2 second of arc, temperature variation of 0.1 F and magnetic field strength and ripple of 0.1 gauss."

Although Geotechnical appreciates your making a super-sensor out of our seismometer, it makes the engineers who designed the tilt, azimuth, magnetic and temperature transducers very jealous. They insist that a device with such acceleration and motion-detection capabilities needs no fringe benefits, and demand separate recognition of their instruments.

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## Experts Disagree on Nuclear Test Ban

SAN FRANCISCO — The only way to detect testing of nuclear weapons in space is to develop monitor satellites, Edward Teller said in an interview here last week. Before the Senate ratifies the nuclear blast treaty, it must be learned whether such systems can be developed, he warned.

He also said small atomic shots in the atmosphere are hard to detect and it is possible to conduct secret tests of weapons up to several megatons. These data could be applied to detonations in space that would block oncoming missiles, he said.

WASHINGTON—There is so little question about enforcement of the nuclear test ban treaty it's hard to see how any objection can be raised on technical grounds, the Federation of American Scientists said here last week. "There is almost no chance that a nation could perform a series of militarily important nuclear test explosions without being detected," FAS said.

Existing equipment for probing the ionosphere will detect, by the signature in the very low frequency range, any high altitude test. Extremely minute quantities of radioactive debris from a surface or near-surface test can be detected, dated, evaluated and identified.

Ground-based equipment can detect megaton tests a million kilometers in space. Larger tests can be detected further out. If satellite detection systems are deployed, detection beyond the sun and behind the moon, by delayed gamma radiation, is also feasible.

### Microwave Device Detects Plastic, Metal Mines

FORT BELVOIR, VA.—A microwave device capable of locating nonmetallic as well as metallic mines has been developed by the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Laboratories here. Details are classified but basically, a spokesman said. the device distinguishes differences in reflectivity between the mine and surrounding soil.

Stones and other objects in the ground can be differentiated from mines "by the particular design of the antenna and the manner in which the output is presented in the binaural headset," the spokesman said. Models now being troop-tested at Fort Knox and Fort Benning were made by Dalmo Victor Co. under a \$110,000 contract.

### Computer Command Post Received by Army

COMPUTER-ORIENTED electronic command post, designed to provide field commanders with all information necessary for battlefield decisions, has been delivered to the Army by Philco (p 32, April 12). Operations Central AN/MSQ-19 takes datalink. telephone, radio, and couriersupplied data and displays it in seconds on back-lighted screens in command headquarters.

Acceptance tests are scheduled to last two to three months. Major suppliers and subcontractors are:

### Spur to Mars



POWER for electronics systems and ion engines aboard Mars-mapping vehicle could be supplied by Spur (Space Power Unit Reactor), a 350-Kw nuclear-powered turbine, says Garrett AiResearch of Phoenix, which is putting the system through development tests

Sylvania, Mobidic computer and mass memory; Goodyear, inflatable rubber shelters; and General Dynamics, telephone system links.

### Data System Will Ease Air Controller's Load

NEW SYSTEM being developed by Burroughs under a \$2.1-million FAA contract will process radar

### Danger-Reflected Laser Beams

BOSTON- Scientists and engineers who would never think of looking directly at a laser beam are often careless around diffusely reflected beams, a biophysicist warned at the second Boston Laser Conference here last week. Gerald Grosof, of TRG Inc., said these beams have a dangerous energy density at virtually any angle. He recommended the wearing of safety glasses (p. 27, Jan. 26, 1962).

A speaker from the floor said there are no documented cases of retinal burns to laser experimenters, but only because companies and institutions where the injuries occurred have kept the information to themselves. He said researchers in the field know of at least five cases of damage to human retinas and one case of skin damage. Of the five retinal burns, three of the patients recovered completely, the damage is transient in the fourth case and permanent injury was inflicted in the fifth case

### WESCON AWARD WINNER

Donald K. Weaver, professor of electrical engineering at Montana State College, has been 1963 Electronic voted the Achievement Award by the Sixth Region IEEE. Weaver, 39 years old, established a graduate program in electrical engineering at Montana State, helped finance it by securing R&D contracts, then helped set up a company to hire local EE graduates. The award will be presented at Wescon's annual allindustry banquet



and beacon data to automate some of the functions of the air traffic controller. The system will filter data at the radar site and transmit the information to the control center over telephone lines, instead of using a microwave transmitter and repeater links.

Although the inputs to the processor will still be monitored at the radar site, Burroughs says the system will free the controller from many of his sorting tasks and permit him to concentrate on controlling air traffic.

### Cradle Would Land Crippled Aircraft

WOODBURN, OREGON—A radio-controlled, rocket-powered cradle that would enable aircraft with crippled landing gear to touch down safely, has been proposed here by Joseph Uphoff, retired inventor, and Arch F. Brusch, president of the Pacific Coast Institute of Technology. An airport's control tower would steer the cradle and direct planes onto it. Doppler radar would ascertain the difference between aircraft and cradle speeds. Cradle cost is estimated at \$250,000.

### Ground Position System Uses Magnetic Logic

LONDON—Airborne ground position indicator system developed by Plessey Ltd. uses multiaperture ferrite cores for its logic operations. The indicator system is fed speed and flight-track data from doppler navigation equipment, and also heading information from a sine-cosine digitizer fitted to the aircraft compass.

Each pulse in the doppler information trains represents a fixeddistance quantum. As each pulse occurs the heading sine-cosine values are extracted and summed by a computer. The processed information feeds a counter-type digital display showing distance travelled in north-south and eastwest directions. The processing system includes corrections for the doppler frequency change occurring between land and sea flights.

### All-Planar Construction Increases SCR Sensitivity

SILICON controlled rectifiers made by planar instead of conventional diffused construction techniques are to be introduced at WESCON by Texas Instruments Incorporated. The company says the use of planar techniques improves sensitivity, gain, output, and heat and radiation resistance. Characteristics include forward-current ratings of 350 ma at 55 C, surge currents up to 6 amp at 150 C and typical speeds  $(t_{on})$  of 0.3 µsec. Applications such as high-speed ring counters. and Nixie and electroluminescent display drivers are anticipated.

### Flexible Superconductor Goes Into Production

NATIONAL RESEARCH CORP. reports this week it is now in commercial producion of flexible superconducting ribbon made by putting a thin layer of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn on a niobium ribbon (p 19, March 1); Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn is normally brittle. The company says the new material, called Niostan (niobium stannide), can be used to build 100kilogauss magnets. In an applied field of 100 kilogauss, the film will carry 200,000 amp per square cm, the company says, and maximum field is about 250 kilogauss.

### In Brief . . .

- D. BRAINERD HOLMES, outgoing head of NASA's manned space flight program (p 22, June 21), will join Raytheon Oct. 1 as a senior vice president. Industry observers said the move underscores Raytheon's attempts in the last 18 months to obtain a larger share of the nation's space work.
- SYNCOM II will be in its appointed position sometime today or tomorrow thanks to a maneuver that killed three birds with one stone. Pulses sent to the satellite brought temperature up to normal (p 8, Aug. 2), reoriented the antenna and speeded up westward drift.
- TWO MORE Japanese companies have ratified the agreement on minimum prices for tv sets for export to the U. S. (p 7, Aug. 2). This brings the total to 19, and EIA-J expects two more firms to join.
- FRENCH government has bought an APT ground station (p 20, July 26) from Fairchild Stratos. It will be installed at Lannion, Britanny, in time for use with the Tiros VII satellite this fall.
- SINGER is acquiring the assets of Empire Devices.
- GENERAL DYNAMICS sold an airborne display console to the Navy for use in designing a system for sub-killer aircraft.
- GULTON Industries has acquired Servonic Instruments.
- SUBSCRIPTIONS to pay tv in the Hartford area have increased sharply over the past two months. According to RKO General and Zenith, more than 3,000 homes now carry the service.
- AEROSPACE Industries Association's report on the Defense Department-industry program for technical manual cost reduction states that savings of "millions of dollars per year" have been achieved.
- PILOT RADIO CORP., which suspended tv production in 1952, will produce color tv receivers this fall.



## How Sylvania checked "purple plague" and boosted reliability

What you see above represents a victory over an insidious cause of semiconductor device failure – a problem faced by the whole industry – the "purple plague."

On the left, the blotches are a goldaluminum-silicon alloy formed by reaction between the gold wires and aluminum base areas of the chip. Accelerated by high temperatures, this reaction increases series resistance and weakens the leads -bad news when reliability is essential.

Sylvania engineers departed from standard industry practice and developed a technique of bonding <u>aluminum</u> wires to aluminum, illustrated at the right. After long testing at worse-than-actual conditions, the clean Sylvania junctions confirm: no chemical reaction, no purple plague at the chip—a big step forward that means greater system reliability.

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	1 to 10 <sup>5</sup> in decade steps	
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FCC TOUGHENS RATE POLICY, UTILITIES R&D MAY BE SLOWED

ANTIMISSILE PROSPECTS CALLED DIM

CONGRESS SET TO BATTLE ON NASA FUNDS

ANOTHER SQUEEZE ON R&D MONEY SHARP CHANGE in Federal Communications Commission policies bears watching because it can affect communications carriers R&D efforts. Their revenues may be reduced by firmer rate-making policies.

Newton N. Minow, former FCC chairman, felt that with technology evolving so rapidly the carriers require generous earnings to attract the capital to keep pace. But Minow's successor, E. William Henry, is changing things. Last week, he and three other commissioners gave an accounting ruling that may be the first step toward shifting to utility customers, rather than the companies, the tax credit that Congress voted last year to stimulate investment in equipment. Congress, however, may pass a new bill effectively reversing the ruling.

Earlier, Henry and two other Kennedy appointees tried to force AT&T to drop its developmental rate for Wide Area Data Service while a new rate structure was designed. FCC had already rejected the rates, and Henry, Lee Loevinger and Kenneth A. Cox didn't want them charged AT&T customers while new rates were being fixed.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY has undercut efforts to establish operational antimissile-missile batteries. "Developing a defense against a missile is beyond us and beyond the Soviets technically," he said last Thursday. This seems to relegate Nike Zeus and newer Nike X development (ELECTRONICS, p 24, March 8) to R&D status almost indefinitely. Zeus R&D has already cost \$1.5 billion; this year's expected funding is \$89 million. The new Nike X effort is funded at the \$250-million level. Nike X is rated higher than Zeus. Its better discrimination radar techniques and faster, shorter-range missiles hopefully can separate warheads from decoys and destroy the warheads in time. Nothing in the new nuclear test ban, the President said, will interfere with this effort.

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS Committee is preparing to support its colleagues on the House Space Committee in the coming battle with the Senate on NASA appropriations. There is a chance the purse-controlling group may act this year—as it did last year—even before an official NASA authorization bill reaches it. Two issues are knotty: the House passed an authorization cutting 8 percent from NASA projects while the Senate Space Committee sent to the floor a 1-percent cut; and the House tied strings to its \$3.9-million authorization for the Boston electronics center while the Senate group, under pressure from the White House, reversed earlier action and approved the project. Differences on money can be cut down the middle; differences of "principle" like the politics-tied electronics center—sought by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D.-Mass.)—may prove knottier. House Appropriations Committee will probably have the last word.

CONGRESS is beginning to look more critically at the government's sprawling \$14-billion R&D effort. Powerful members of the Rules Committee of the House of Representatives—both Democrats and Republicans—now favor a top-to-bottom investigation, aimed at cutting waste and duplication. This would cut across all the departments engaged in R&D.

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# ComSatTacklesProblems-

Operating a commercial satellite system by 1967 is a \$600-million job

By SETH PAYNE McGraw-Hill World News

WASHINGTON — The tranquil setting of the 26-acre estate, Tregaron, belies the bustle that permeates the improvised headquarters of the new Communications Satellite Corporation—or the controversy around it. ComSat officers are trying hard to whip into shape a billion-dollar corporation with a target date of 1967 for an operating satellite system. But they face mountainous problems aggravated by governmental criticism.

The stately mansion, once the home of the late Joseph E. Davies, is now being dubbed the "house of questions." "Right now it is nothing but an endless string of questions," says one official, "But before long we've got to hammer out the answers."

• What kind of satellite system?

• How much will it cost?

• What kind of international agreements are to be made?

• How do new countries enter the system?

These and a dozen or more such questions face the new corporation. Solution to almost any question is so interrelated to the others that all must be dealt with almost simultaneously.

As if this was not complicated enough, the corporation by its quasi-government status must please just about everyone. The administration wants a show piece for democracy with early service to underdeveloped countries; Congress wants wide public ownership without domination by any single company; the Federal communications Commission will regulate rates and contracting. FCC is already pressing for a stock issue (ELECTRONICS, p 12, Aug. 2).

Underlying all this is the corporation's obligation to come up with a profitable system.

To insure against slip-ups, the

White House recently set up an *ad hoc* committee, headed by Deputy Attorney General Nicholas de B. Katzenbach, to coordinate related government agency actions. Some reports say the committee also keeps a close eye on corporate progress for the White House. Other agency members include the FCC, State Department and NASA.

**ORGANIZATION** — Four months ago, Leo D. Welch, former chairman of Standard Oil of New Jersey, and Joseph V. Charyk, former Air Force Under Secretary, became ComSat's chairman and president. Now there is a 27-man staff, a 100-man staff is expected in a year. and officials won't guess at future size. Some key men are Sidney Metzger, manager for components development and systems research. At RCA, he was responsible for radio communication engineering and equipment for Projects Score, Tiros and Relay. S. H. Reiger, manager for systems analysis, headed Rand Corp. studies on satellite system economics.

Financial coordination is handled by Lewis C. Meyer, a former top financial analyist for the Air Force. Temporary consultants are J. P. Ruina, former director of the Pentagon's Advanced Research Projects Agency, and Milton U. Clauser, vice president of Space Technology Laboratories. General counsel is Allen E. Throop, formerly with the New York law firm of Shearman & Sterling.

WHAT KIND OF SYSTEM?— Determining the kind of satellite system to install is the key to many other decisions; for example, how much stock to sell. Agreements with foreign countries are also needed to apportion costs. The corporation has several choices of systems:

• Orbiting 30 or so satellites at altitudes of around 3,000 miles. This is virtually ruled out—too many satellites are needed

• Using 15 to 20 satellites in medium-altitude orbits around 6,-000 miles high. This is the probable choice, at least at the outset

• Or using 3 satellites in 22,300mile-high synchronous orbits. This

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has a low priority. There is little experience with this type of satellite. To date, there is a built in time delay and echo in communicating with satellites at the distance. If perfected, these may be used.

**TECHNICAL PROBLEMS**—While the corporation seems likely to adopt the medium-altitude system, there are still many technical matters to be solved. Metzger divides the problem into four parts: ground stations, communications equipment carried in the satellite, the overall satellite, and the launch booster.

Ground stations are not too difficult a problem. At least three are



L. C. MEYER, financial chief

planned for the U. S.—AT&T's station at Andover, Me.; another in the southeast, probably in Florida; a third on the West coast, probably near Seattle. FCC will determine whether the ground stations are owned by communications carriers or the corporation. Overseas, most major countries are expected to have their own station, with regional stations for smaller countries.

Launch booster will probably be the Atlas-Agena. A multiple-launch technique being developed by Air Force will put about a half-dozen satellites into orbit by a single booster.

The spacecraft and its communications require the most work. A key factor is the ability of multiple ground stations to communicate simultaneously. Telstar and Relay can only accommodate two ground stations at once; for example, the U.S. can talk with France or England, but not both.

Industry has already been put to work developing a multiple-access system, but it is a knotty problem. Each new station in the system would reduce the number of channels available to each station throughout the entire system.

The problem must be settled before foreign negotiations can go ahead or costs of the system predicted. Other problems, such as orientation and improving power efficiencies must be solved before satellite life and costs are known.

Despite these formidable problems, the corporation has set a tight schedule. By the end of the year it wants to evaluate the proposed solutions and start research contracts. It wants to freeze on a satellite system design by next summer, have a prototype in orbit by the summer of 1965, and be in full operation by 1967.

THE COSTS—While it is still too early to set actual costs the best thinking of the corporation runs like this: assuming a medium-altitude system with a 600-voice-channel capacity is adopted, it will cost close to \$600 million to get the system into service.

Monthly costs would be around \$1 million to \$3 million in the early phases, \$5 million to \$15 million in the hardware stage, \$10 million to \$20 million in the flight test phase. Spread over a four-year development period, estimates Lewis Meyer, costs could average out to \$10 million to \$20 million per month.

To finance the program, the corporation is borrowing on a \$5-million line of credit from 10 banks. It is expected to issue stock next spring, possibly earlier—as soon as times and costs for solutions to technical problems are predictable.

Initial exploratory talks were held this year with Canada, England, Germany, France and Itlay. New rounds of talks will be started as soon as a solution to the multiple access problem seems possible. Best guess is that these talks can be started by late fall. Basic principles for negotiating with foreign countries are being worked out now.



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A \$4-billion year—and a new space center are Western targets

### By HAROLD C. HOOD Pacific Coast Editor (Los Angeles)

SAN FRANCISCO—First returns from a pre-WESCON business survey of member companies by the Western Electronics Manufacturers Association (WEMA) indicate a somewhat cheerier economic atmosphere for the upcoming convention than the slightly-betterthan-gloomy one that pervaded last summer's meeting in Los Angeles.

Based on dollar volume of order billings, the survey shows that this year's third quarter should be considerably better than the second, and should show an appreciable gain over the third quarter of 1962.

WEMA reports that its smaller companies, with annual sales under \$1 million, are leading the apparent rise. Taking into account that several of the responding companies in this category were formed during the past year, and consequently somewhat distorted the true growthin-sales picture, WEMA spokesmen feel this is an indicator of an acrossthe-board increase in sales.

SALES UP—They are optimistically looking for a probable hurdling of the \$4-billion mark this year by the 13 western states.

Seventy-two percent of all companies returning the questionnaire predict a brighter third than last year's, and 74 percent look for an increase over the quarter just past. Corresponding percentages for the smaller companies are 86 percent and 63 percent.

Earlier statistics compiled by WEMA had set the 1963 sales figure at \$3,885 million, or slightly more than one-quarter of the country's total electronics output. This represented an increase of 8 percent over 1962 sales, and an attendant increase in employment placed the number on the industry's western payroll at slightly over 260,000, a rise of 15,000 since 1962.

A geographical breakdown reveals that Arizona presently leads the other electronics centers in growth rate, with projected 1963 sales of \$240 million, or 26 percent above last year's figure. Second in the growth race is the Greater Los Angeles area with an 8.5-percent increase over 1962 and accounting for 59 percent of all sales in the West. The Pacific Northwest follows with a 6-percent gain over last year's \$165 million. Next comes the San Francisco Bay area with a 5.3-percent increase, boosting its output to slightly over \$800 million. San Diego, hard hit by defense contract cancellations, anticipates little increase over the 1962 figure of \$185 million.

**PROFITS** DOWN — Depending heavily upon aerospace dollars, the West has reflected the general belttightening process in evidence across the nation among companies involved in defense and space exploration. A recent Arthur D. Little report, based on the balance sheets of 51 aerospace firms, points out that net profit in 1961 for these companies amounted to 2.1 percent of sales contrasted with 4.8 percent for all industry. This represents a formidable decline from the 1956 figure of 3.7 percent. Over the same period of time the Arthur D. Little researchers discovered that sales had increased 26.7 percent, while net profit had dropped 25.9 percent.

While the number of electronics companies in the West was up 50 to a total of 1,190, several fell by the wayside. Number of bankruptcies was roughly one-fifth the national total of 92 just reported by Dun & Bradstreet. Political pressure for relocation of defenseoriented industry away from California is blamed for some.

SPACE CENTER SOUGHT—California industry, notable for its willingness to wage battle for its interests, is starting to apply some pressure of its own on another issue certain to affect western electronics. The question to be settled is whether the much-publicized U. S. Space Recovery Center will be located at California's Edwards Air Force Base or at other proposed sites in New Mexico, Texas, or Florida.

NASA, operating under a certain amount of political influence, reportedly favors Corpus Christi, Texas. The Air Force is believed to have made up its mind that Edwards is the logical choice for a base of operations for its controversial Dyna Soar, and for future programs.

This week, Harold W. Wright, general manager of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, commenting on the findings of a chamber study, declared that final settlement on Edwards will save taxpayers an estimated half-billion dollars. This figure, he says, covers only the initial outlay and does not take into consideration the \$15 million in operating costs which would be saved each year.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Four topics of particularly wide interest have been selected for WESCON's afternoon invited-papers sessions, designed to present the latest information on advanced—or future—engineering fields. Session topics are:

• Extraterrestrial Life, Detection, Communication and Exploration, on Tuesday, August 20

• Information Processing in Living Systems, on Wednesday—a topic new to WESCON and heavily oriented to the biologist and psychologist working in electronic areas

• Recent Advances in Lasers, on Thursday

• Active Communications Satellites, on Friday, presenting reports on Telstar, Relay, Syncom and discussions of military and commercial communications satellite systems.

WHO GOES THERE?—One opening day speaker, Bernard Oliver, of Hewlett-Packard, says that if there is technologically advanced life on another planet, man can try to communicate by searching for extraterrestrial messages, or by attempting to transmit messages to the planet. One of Oliver's theories



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is that a race able to intercept interstellar messages must possess eyesight and might respond to a crude picture comprised of an array of binary 1's and 0's imparting basic information about our civilization.

Elliot Levinthal, session chairman, in discussing the detection of life within our planetary system, will describe the Multivator, being developed at Stanford Medical Center for experiments on the surface of Mars. The 15-chamber device uses a multiplier phototube as the output transducer for most of its biochemical experiments.

The problem of attaining relativistic velocity, so that interstellar trips may be completed within the lifetimes of the initial crew, crops up in another paper, by R. W. Bussard, of Space Technology Laboratories. He proposes an interstellar ram-jet, fueled by hydrogen atoms existing in space and operating on thermonuclear fusion principles, as a possible solution.

LASERS—In the laser session, George Dacey, of Sandia Corp., will contrast the assimilation within the industry of semiconductor and laser developments. Because of vacuum tubes, he says, the transistor found a built-in market. But lasers have opened a whole new frequency range and the production of usable hardware is bound to take more time.

Too much effort, he feels, goes into attaining dramatic rather than immediately possible achievements. As examples of practical hardware, he cites a new laser interferometer displacement measuring device developed by Sandia, and Sperry's laser gyro (ELECTRONICS, p 82, June 28), to be described by Warren Macek.



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SIZE OF AUDIENCE drawn, to Texas Instruments Incorporated seminar, in Boston, indicates appeal company seminars can have

# AT WESCON: Watchful Eye on Company Seminars

Officials, concerned by rump-session competition, may program them in 1964

SAN FRANCISCO — When the doors open on WESCON August 20, convention authorities plan to keep a watchful eye on one of the mavericks sired by this largest of Western trade shows. The company-sponsored technical seminar, believed by some participating firms to be a necessary supplement to their efforts in the exhibit booth and technical sessions, could get out of hand.

WESCON concern is borne of the possible dilution of interest in and attendance at its own technical sessions, and is catalyzed by the apparent rise in enthusiasm and acceptance of various seminars being held around town.

"If you're aiming at a specific, tight audience," remarked one WESCON official, "this is an ideal vehicle for reaching them." Companies know this and some plan to capitalize on the anticipated



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35,000 attendees by corraling various groups to harken to their own latest corporate developments.

While no WESCON official will admit the outside sessions pose a "threat" to the convention's success, all of those approached by ELECTRONICS were aware of "a potential trouble area," and one reports that there have been discussions about allocating noncompeting time at future conventions.

WESCON manager Don Larson indicates that there had been some concern, after the heavy participation in outside seminars at the March IEEE Show in New York. that this apparent trend might pick up momentum and be evidenced in force at San Francisco this year. "But judging from conference room reservations at the hotels, and from the dearth of seminar notices that have come to our attention this is not going to materialize," he says. "The seminars we've observed in the past constitute acceptable sales and educational efforts on the parts of their sponsors, and in the frequency we anticipate, are not a bad thing,"

One WESCON board member observes that recent increased interest in outside seminars, both in New York and the West, might be a rubbing off of the more product-oriented format of AIEE conclaves. "And this might be good. A slight shift from the lily-white science stand that some people have doggedly held to, won't hurt anyone."

A VOTE FOR—Texas Instruments is one firm that believes strongly in presenting their own forums at industry conventions. "There's so much being done and so much emphasis on new products," said a highly placed spokesman, "I think many people, TI included, forget that we have a basic communications job aimed at the engineer who's working with dayto-day products. The primary purpose of our seminars is to present something useful, even though the end result, hopefully, is sales."

TI is having three seminars at WESCON, on design and manufacturing using semiconductor networks, on solid-state, low-level, lownoise amplification, and on advanced semiconductor devices and technology. "Frankly, these seminars will conflict somewhat with WESCON attendance," the TI man said.

It is this type of conflict that prompted one WESCON spokesman to suggest that WESCON look at the possibilities of integrating this kind of seminar into the program in the future.

"In other words," he said, "to take some part of the program and let people bid for it on the basis of the technical merit of what they want to do. You don't block these people out and you don't let them run away with the show." He denies this proposal smacks of an "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" solution.

A VOTE AGAINST—On the other side of the coin, Beckman Instruments will not hold technical sessions outside of WESCON's programmed papers. A company spokesman quotes Karl E. Heller, marketing manager of Beckman's Helipot Division, as saying they will not do anything to dilute interest in, or to compete with, WESCON. Heller said they would rather cooperate with WESCON as much as possible



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by taking part in their technical sessions and not do anything that would detract from the show's efforts. Three of Beckman's divisions will maintain exhibits at the show.

At the IEEE show in New York last March, several companies conducted their own technical gatherings outside the program. Among them were Alpha Metals, Texas Instruments, Amelco, P. R. Mallory, Motorola Semiconductors and Litton Industries. A spokesman for Litton notes that all of the outside seminars were "too much distraction from the main show, and IEEE was rather unhappy. Litton has never held any outside seminars in conjunction with WESCON." He added that they will not do so this year either.

CATCHING ON—A critical evaluation of technical programs, including WESCON was offered by a WESCON official. "There's too much stress, on the number of papers, the number of sessions, and not enough on the caliber and quality of these sessions," he said. "WESCON has examined this and investigated and has tried to do as much as it could along this line, being at a disadvantage in some respects, because of the commercial aspects, the exhibits and technical aspects from the program angle. When compared with a sound technical seminar, WESCON is at a disadvantage from a pure high-level technical standpoint."

"I think the company seminars are catching on," he continued, "as a reflection upon the lack of completeness and high quality of the format of the existing technical programs. The manufacturer, when he conducts his own seminar, deals with the state-of-the-art, the advancements. The seminar is bound to be slanted to what the company is dealing with, but by attending several of these outside seminars a very complete picture of the industry will emerge. Any one seminar will not be of much value in itself." He indicated that widespread attendance of these seminars does not indicate a dissatisfaction with the WESCON technical format.

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### TRONICS, p 42, March 3, 1961.)

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Rude Pravo also reported that the Solid-State Physics Institute has completed Czechoslovakia's first gallium-arsenide diode laser, nine months after their development in the U. S. (ELECTRONICS, p 24, Nov. 16, 1962). Injection-current pulses several milliseconds long were applied while the diode was cooled by liquid nitrogen. The diode was described as a prism  $0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.6$ mm in size.

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## THE LONE NOMINEE—His Views

Here's the thinking of the apparent shoo-in for the IEEE presidency

#### By DAN SMITH Assistant Editor

CLARENCE H. LINDER, who will probably be the next president of the IEEE, hasn't yet crystallized his thinking about the job. "But very broadly the basic problem still is the consummation of the merger," he told ELECTRONICS during an interview at his home in Schenectady, N. Y.

"There are a great number of problems that haven't been thought through yet and solved—some haven't even been formulated," he said. "These first four or five years are going to be critical." Linder, a past president of the AIEE, was active in the merger of the AIEE and IRE, which brought the IEEE into being at the beginning of this year.

He feels the IEEE must not be an "ordinary combination" of the AIEE and IRE but "something new." "We must take a new look at problems and come up with new answers," he said. A tall, lean white-haired man, he talked softly but earnestly in his ground-floor den, darkened in an unsuccessful attempt to keep out the late July heat. Perhaps the biggest challenge facing the IEEE is the need to improve communications among the various engineering disciplines, Linder said. "An engineer interested in a certain field must go to far too many meetings before he feels he has come into contact with all the competence that can be brought to bear on the subject."

Unless the IEEE can do something about this, it will have been "an exercise in frustration", he added.

MORE MERGERS—He feels there will be more mergers of engineering societies in the near future. However, he can see none in the offing for the IEEE. But the IEEE should not hesitate, he said, to recognize new "focal points" for technology and science. Where other professional societies are concerned, it should take the initiative in setting up cooperating committees. "We're in the communications business," he said. Where only its own members are involved, it should not be backward in making allowance for new interests.

He recalled that the IRE had started as a splinter group of the AIEE but "if the IEEE moves creatively and vigorously there will be no need for splintering now."

FINANCES—Moving on to another area, Linder said he hasn't seen the figures yet but is certain the IEEE will end up with a deficit this year. "I haven't seen the estimates for next year either," he said, "but the financial problems of the merger won't disappear overnight."

He stressed that the IEEE's long-term finances was one item among many that the merger committee had not mapped out completely. "Our finances will depend on our policies regarding many things. Our needs can't be estimated until detailed objectives are worked out."

Asked if an increase in dues is likely, he said:

"I just don't know how to predict this today."

THE ELECTION-Linder is the only nominee for president chosen by the IEEE's nominating committee. Nominations can also be made by petition until August 15 but there have been none so far and an IEEE official said he would be surprised if there are any. If there aren't, Linder for all practical purposes will be presidentdesignate for 1964, although he cannot be named officially until after the election. Ballots will be mailed out at the end of the month and the results will be made known October 30.

**PERSONAL**—Linder retired as vice president for engineering at General Electric early this year but is finding it hard to take it easy. "I'm terribly busy," he said.



BOOM AT RIGHT carries microwave passive reflector and inner corona test wheel into chamber

### Four-in-One System Tests Plastic

CHICAGO—Four nondestructive test techniques are combined by Magnaflux Corp. in a new system for testing nonmetallic structures. The first CEBM (Corona-Eddy current-Beta ray-Microwave) system was scheduled for delivery last week to Aerojet-General. It will be used to test automatically the soundness, resin-to-glass ratios

and wall thickness of Polaris A-3 motor chambers.

Aerojet-General has been testing the chambers with a six-man crew, taking five to six hours and using a 25-Mev betatron. The new system is expected to take a twoman crew less than eight hours.

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CANDIDATE, C. H. Linder

"The only thing is, I'm not on a payroll—but there are just so many interesting and challenging things to be involved in." A list of the committees he belongs to would fill the page. Among other things, he is chairman of the National Academy of Sciences' Commission on Science and Technology —the Railroad Industry; a member of the National Commission for Cooperative Education, and a member of the executive committee of the Thomas Alva Edison Trustees.

An alumnus of the University of Texas, where he received both the bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering, he went to work for General Electric in 1924. In the course of his career, he managed both engineering and manufacturing operations for a variety of products, ranging from heavy apparatus to consumer goods. In 1951 he became general manager of the company's activities in the large appliance field. He was elected vice president in 1953.

### Structures

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• Meanwhile, the beta-ray backscatter tester, using strontium 90, measures skin density and thickness to 0.04 inch. Backscatter betaray variations are recorded on a strip chart and translated into specific glass-to-resin ratio data

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• Portable eddy current tester uses a ferrite core and reflector combination to measure impedance variations with distance between its elements—thus determining wall thickness of the inner rubber core on ends of the missile motor case. The eddy tester's probe reports insulation thickness directly on a drum dial. Defects actuate audible alarms, mark faulty spots with colored chalk and record their locations on facsimile paper for the other three test modes.

#### Computer Control Center Planned for Satellites

PROGRAM definition studies for a satellite communications control center will be made by RCA's Surface Communications division, under a new contract from the U.S. Army Satellite Communications Agency, Fort Monmouth, N. J. The computer system will schedule available communications links through the satellite system. Data flow from the center will enable terminals to aim receiving and transmitting antennas at an appropriate satellite within their field of view.

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- INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONICS CIRCUIT PACKAGING SYMPOSIUM, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo., Aug. 14-16.
- WESTERN ELECTRONICS SHOW AND CON-FERENCE, WEMA, IEEE; Cow Palace San Francisco, Calif., August 20-23.
- DATA PROCESSING NATIONAL CONFER-ENCE & EXHIBITION, Association for Computing Machinery; Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colo., Aug. 27-30.
- AUTOMATIC CONTROL INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, International Federation of Automatic Control; Basle, Switzerland, Aug. 27-Sept. 4.
- MILITARY ELECTRONICS NATIONAL CON-FERENCE, IEEE-PTGMIL; Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., Sept. 9-11.
- ELECTRICAL INSULATION CONFERENCE, IEEE, NEMA; Conrad-Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Sept. 10-14.
- JOINT ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT CON-FERENCE, IEEE, ASME; Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, Sept. 12-13.
- INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ANA-LOG COMPUTING, AICA; Brighton College of Technology, Lewes Rd., Brighton, England, Sept. 14-18.
- INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS ANNUAL CON-FERENCE, IEEE, ISA; Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., Sept. 18-19.
- NATIONAL POWER CONFERENCE, IEEE, ASME; Netherland-Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 22-25.
- INTERNATIONAL TELEMETERING CONFER-ENCE, IEE, IEEE, ISA, ARS, IAS; London, England, Sept. 24-27.
- PHYSICS OF FAILURE IN ELECTRONICS SYMPOSIUM, Armour Research Foundation and Rome Air Development Center, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Sept. 25-26.
- ELECTROCHEMICAL SOCIETY FALL MEET-ING, ECS; New Yorker Hotel, New York, Sept. 29-Oct. 3.
- SYMPOSIUM ON PHYSICS AND NONDE-STRUCTIVE TESTING, Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 1-3.
- INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION MEETING: ION SOURCES AND PULSED ACCELERATOR TECHNIQUES, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Oct. 3.
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### How the strength of Sylvania's Strap Frame Grid improves tube performance

Tube grids in service never get the exact rack torture shown here, but it illustrates a point.

The conventional grid, on the left, depends on its winding for rigidity (which automatically imposes a minimum size limit on the wire). With any rough treatment of the sort encountered in missiles and planes, distances can easily change between the winding and the cathode it surrounds.

By putting metal braces across the back-

bones, the Strap Frame Grid is formed, which is rigid with <u>or without</u> the winding. With no physical support requirement, the wire can be smaller (allowing more turns per inch) and placed a short, precise distance from the cathode—permanently. This closeness greatly improves transconductance, Gm-to-Ib ratio, gain, bandwidth and noise figure. And physical stability translates into electrical stability, even with jarring or environmental changes. Sylvania was several years ahead of other U. S. tube manufacturers putting Strap Frame Grids in subminiature tubes. And industrial and commercial versions in miniature size have been star performers for even longer.

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COPPER ELECTROLYTIC solution is injected into one of the electrochemical circuit elements employed in the neurons that make up an Adaline

## WESCON WE E S C O N The Technical Highlights

Forecasting weather with Adaline, new nanosecond switching circuits, system design with coherent light diffraction, and latest techniques in microelectronics and lasers are among the advances

By HAROLD C. HOOD, Pacific Coast Regional Editor, Los Angeles

IN THE SAN FRANCISCO Bay Area where WESCON is being staged Aug. 20-23, the months from January through April make up the "rainy season," and give weather forecasters the most trouble. Recently, a 100-input Adaline (Adaptive Linear Neuron) dataprocessing system was assigned the task of predicting "tomorrow's weather over an 18-day trial period.' Data inserted consisted of samples of "today's" pressure patterns from 48 geographical divisions. On the 18th day results showed that Adaline had chalked up a score of 83 percent accuracy against the official forecast's 67 percent.

Details of this and other equally impressive applications of adaptive data-processing systems will be aired in one of four papers in the session on trainable systems. A total of 20 technical sessions and approximately 85 papers, covering the industry spectrum from



ADAPTIVE SPEECH recognition system can identify new word samples with 95 percent reliability—Fig. 1



SPECTRAL STRUCTURE of the spoken word "zero"-Fig. 2



COMPUTER PACKAGING trend for 1960 through 1970—Fig. 3

component reliability through microelectronics and new laser techniques to the latest theories on plasmas, will be presented in morning sessions during the fourday conference at the Cow Palace. A sampling of the highlights is presented here.

ADAPTIVE SYSTEMS — Linked with details of the weather prediction system mentioned above will be the description of a real-time adaptive speech recognition system, Fig. 1, that can correctly identify new samples in its 18word vocabulary with better than 95 percent reliability after training on only 8 samples a word. This level drops somewhat when interrogation is made by new voices. but reliability still averages better than 85 percent.

Input to the pre-processor section is by voice microphone and goes through an audio amplifier and automatic level control to a bank of eight bandpass filters spaced throughout the audio spectrum at intervals of roughly 200 cps. Spectral power is quantized and sampled to form a 240-bit pattern for each spoken word. Variables which are quantized and presented to Adaline are frequency, energy and time. Outputs of each filter are rectified and integrated to produce waveforms similar to the "slices" shown in Fig. 2 for the word "zero."

Real-time sampling, initiated and terminated by a voice-controlled trigger, takes place at about 250 samples a second. Most of these are discarded, and normalized patterns are formed by taking 10 samples at evenly spaced time intervals throughout the utterance. The amplitude and time normalization techniques used are believed to reduce error rate for a wide variety of test situations by a factor of from 5 to 10.

A third application, potentially useful as a reliable diagnostic aid for heart disease, uses a Madaline (Multiple Adalines) for distinguishing abnormals from normals among EKG vector cardiograms. After training on 100 cases, the reliability was 81 percent when tested on 57 new cases not contained in the training set.

MINUTEMAN-Discussion of microelectronics and USAF's advanced Minuteman<sup>2</sup> is expected to attract considerable attention from systems management and design engineers contemplating implementation of integrated cirtechnology into other cuits programs. The author points out that decreased size, while perhaps the most obvious benefit derived from integrated circuits, is frequently dwarfed by advantages in increased reliability and lower power requirements. He also stresses the need for a complete reappraisal of long-accepted basic design concepts in order to fully exploit the potential of integrated circuits.

"Planning must extend to the loftiest reaches of preliminary engineering concepts," he warns. "Efforts to predetermine solutions at the component level can only result in badly compromised systems in terms of performance, reliability, cost, and operational support factors."

Studies conducted at Autonetics Division of North American Aviation indicate that packaging densities of one-half million equivalent parts per cubic foot are currently realizable using semiconductor integrated circuits, including memory, power supply, interconnecting wiring, and overall chassis envelope (see Fig. 3). The theoretical maximum is 10-30 million. Autonetics has not pressed for the ultimate in packing density on Minuteman; in the guidance and control computer fewer than onehalf the maximum possible number of integrated circuit packages per square inch of board surface was called out.

The study discloses that discrete parts displaced by integrated circuits in typical digital equipment applications falls between 75 and 98 percent, depending upon input, output and power supply requirements. To achieve satisfactory functional operation over certain military equipment temperature ranges, some memory circuits require hybridizing of integrated circuit and discrete components. Displacement figure for the advanced Minuteman's computer is 93.6 percent. Memory electronics are mechanized with 10 integrated circuit types, of which 4 are logic elements common to the arithmetic section.

While linear circuits account for but a small percentage of the total of Minuteman's integrated circuits, a significant number are being used in the Flight Control and Inertial Measurement Unit sections of the guidance and control system. In the former, 68 percent of the up-stage electronics is integrated, in the latter 45 percent or 73 percent if hybrid circuits are included.

The general purpose amplifier in frequent use throughout these two sections, points up the versatility possible with an integrated circuit linear amplifier. This highgain, small-signal device uses active common-mode offset control and is easily adaptable to many applications requiring d-c and audio frequency amplification.

Autonetics feels that since Minuteman integrated circuits are fabricated in exactly the same manner as silicon planar passivated transistors, much of the extensive data acquired from the Minuteman high-reliability component program can be adapted for reliability predictions. The technique of "step-stress" testing has been widely used to assure the absence of new failure modes.

To date, more than 10' device hours have been chalked up in ele-

vated temperature tests by companies involved in the Advanced Minuteman program, and no new failure modes have been identified. Operational failure rates of 0.0002 to 0.001 percent per 1,000 hours have been extrapolated from achieved failure rates of 0.01 to 0.5 percent per 1,000 hours at elevated temperatures, and it is felt that eventually these may be improved by factors of from 2 to 10. (The contention that integrated circuits will have failure rates closely approximating those of individual discrete transistors has been fairly well substantiated.) Minuteman design philosophy dictates that the basic throw-away package is an integrated circuit.

In the areas of yield and cost, studies indicate that semiconductor network yields will be 25 to 80 percent that of the transistor being used when manufactured as a discrete device. These figures imply that average circuits having two or more transistors will cost no more than the discrete transistors used to make them.

SUBNSEC SWITCHING—A precision bilateral Lewis gate employing gallium arsenide diodes, Fig. 4, provides the nucleus of a recently designed precision sample and hold circuit having a switching time of less than one nanosecond and capable of maintaining the held waveform flat to



PRECISION SAMPLE AND HOLD circuit is built around bilateral Lewis gate using gallium arsenide diodes—Fig. 4

within one part in 5,000 or onetenth of a quantizing step."

The circuit forms the link between a band-limited signal source and an analog-to-digital converter in a high-speed 9-digit pcm system, designed to handle either one NTSC color television signal or 1,200 frequency division multiplexed telephone channels.

The gate diodes are characterized by subnanosecond recovery time, capacitance less than 1 pf, and large forward conductance. The diode bridge is driven from a d-c coupled preamplifier with very low impedance and the gate is switched at 12 Mc by a fast driver circuit. Charging interval is about 20 nanoseconds of the sampling period, and holding is maintained over the remaining 60nanosecond interval. Test results on the system have confirmed expected performance including a s/n ratio of a few db better than theoretical rms signal-to-quantizing noise ratio for an ideal 9-digit pcm system.

Because of stringent speed and accuracy requirements, physical embodiment of the circuit is critical. Wherever possible, miniature components are used, and all lead lengths have been minimized by triplate construction for the amplifiers. The upper printed circuit plate contains all signal paths, and all components and devices are sandwiched between it and the power supply printed circuit plate.

**TDCT LOGIC**—The evolution of high-speed computing circuitry recently led to the compromise measure of combining the tunnel diode, which could operate with stringent tolerance requirements, and a complementary device giving interstage current gain.<sup>4</sup> The most obvious answer to the latter requirement was the transistor, but it was soon discovered that by combining the tunnel diode and transistor the circuit operating bandwidth was reduced to that of the transistor.

A new approach that can tolerate a tradeoff between speed and current gain without the need for a power amplifying device is the combining of storage diodes as charge transformers and tunnel



GAIN-BANDWIDTH tolerance comparison of high-speed logic devices— Fig. 5

diodes as charge amplifiers. Since the frequency limit of most present logical devices is charge-controlled, and since the combination of these two devices can achieve charge transformation, the approach appears promising. Considerable gain-bandwidth advantage can be exploited in nanosecond circuits by using the new combination (see Fig. 5).

General-purpose high-performance AND, OR and NOR circuits, and a simple charge transformer recirculating register have been developed, and provide evidence that practical nanosecond high-gain circuitry is now possible with considerable system flexibility for the logic designer.

**INTEGRATED CIRCUITS** — Fabrication of the metal-oxide-semiconductor field-effect transistor (MOST) and its use in digital systems will be described during WESCON'S session on integrated circuits.<sup>5</sup> The author points out that densities of over 10,000 active devices per square inch are currently possible.

Simple in structure, the device is fabricated from single crystal *n*-type silicon by planar diffusion. Adjacent *p*-type islands are diffused into the *n*-doped wafer, and a thin SiO<sub>2</sub> layer grown over the separating area. After contact holes are etched through the SiO<sub>2</sub>, metal gate, drain and source electrodes are vacuum deposited. Gate input impedances exceeding  $10^{15}$  ohms and input capacitances of about 2 pf enable large fanouts.

Figure 6A illustrates the transfer characteristics of the MOST that can be exploited for integrated digital systems. Drain current is plotted against drain-source voltage with gate voltage a parameter and it is significant that no drain current is flowing at zero gate voltage. However, considerable current flows by biasing the gate with the same polarity as the drain. Rarely found in other active devices, this enhancement mode of operation makes it possible to couple between units without the need of level shifting resistors.

For logic applications, large arrays reportedly can be diffused with their load resistors and without isolation problems almost as simply as fabricating one device. The silicon wafer can be at a common ground potential and acts as a natural shield between active regions.

Also, since MOSTs are voltagecontrolled devices with no fixed voltage offset between the source and drain when conducting, seriesparallel logic combinations can easily be implemented. In series applications, several gate electrodes span an array of diffused pislands with contact being made only at the source of the first device, the drain of the last, and the diffused load resistor for the supply voltage. In the parallel case, the desired number of gate electrodes extend over the region be-



MOST starts conducting when gate voltage is below -5v (A). Circuit in (B) performs several logic functions, is 0.03  $\times$  0.03 inch—Fig. 6

tween the two elongated p regions. Versatility of MOST circuitry is demonstrated by the circuit shown in Fig. 6B which, by appropriate connection of its internal leads, will perform the logical functions of half-adder, shift register stage, flip-flop, NOR-NAND gate, and many others.

M-O-S DIODES—Performance of high input impedance reactance amplifiers and systems requiring reduced 1/f noise in low-level amplifiers reportedly can be enhanced by the use of newly developed metal-oxide-silicon diodes.<sup>6</sup> Silicon dioxide serves as a dielectric barrier between the silicon and a metal, permitting exceptionally high capacitance versus voltage ratios and low leakage characteristics.

Units have been constructed which exhibit conduction currents below  $10^{-16}$  amp at one volt in either polarity. By optimizing diode materials and dimensions, a device may be made which exhibits capacitance changes as high as 1,200 pf per volt when passing through zero voltage.

A solid-state electrometer has been selected as an example of devices for which the unique characteristics of the M-O-S diode may be exploited. The basic electrometer balanced ratio transformer bridge circuit is shown in Fig. 7.

Performance of the circuit includes input impedance above  $10^{17}$ ohms in shunt with 150 pf, freBASIC CIRCUIT for solid-state electrometer using metal-oxidesemiconductor diodes—Fig. 7

TYPICAL AR-RANGEMENT for simulating large antenna patterns (A) produces two-dimensional far-field pattern (B)— Fig. 8











POLARIZATION modulation-demodulation transmission system (A) uses detection process shown in (B)—Fig. 9

quency response from d-c to above 5 Kc when driven by a low impedance source, baseline stability of 15 microvolts per deg C, no observed 1/f noise down to 0.001 cps, noise level below 10 microvolts with reactive input filters shorted, and overall voltage gain above 50 db.

**COHERENT LIGHT** — Entirely new approaches to electronic systems design are predicted by using coherent light diffraction effects.' Constructing scale models of giant antenna arrays and instantaneously measuring radar-target tangential velocity are two typical problems that may be solved.

Recently a novel method was proposed for adapting the classic "slits and pinholes" diffraction demonstration to scaling models of antenna arrays. By substituting a hole in a conducting plate for each driven element in the array and illuminating the back side of the plate with radiation of the appropriately scaled microwave frequency, a pattern similar to that produced from active radiating elements was generated on the front side of the plate. The advantages of such a method over the practice of actually assembling the array with waveguide or coaxial feedlines connected to each element are obvious.

An extension of this technique, using a helium-neon c-w laser, is proposed. Operated in the visible region (6328 angstroms) the laser beam furnishes a stable source of plane waves over a large cross-section of roughly 1,580 wavelengths per millimeter. Circular polarization reportedly may be obtained by using 4-angstrom plates, and phase or amplitude distributions can be controlled by wedges or variable density filters.

Operator of the setup shown in Fig. 8A can see the actual pattern distribution on the camera's ground glass or it can be directly recorded on photographic film. (See Fig. 8B.) More conventional antenna plots may be obtained by scanning the negative with a densitometer. Surprisingly small backand-forth movements of the ground glass cause quite abrupt transitions between Fresnel and Fraunhofer regions. It is reported that by using the above technique antennas of hundreds or even thousands of wavelengths in diameter may be scaled on a measurement range the size of a large laboratory workbench.

The latter half of the paper describes experiments conceived to substantiate B. M. Oliver's hypothesis that coherent light reflected by a diffusing surface produces a complex, random, but *stationary* diffraction pattern, and also to prove that severe amplitude fluctuations at the detector in optical radars will be caused by relatively small translation of the diffusing surface (or target) because of the new relationship demonstrated between typical size of target surface irregularities and wavelength.

Feasibility of using this phenomenon for direct measurement of tangential target velocity, and hence to provide a rapid tracking capability, is pointed out, and it is believed that the monumental problems associated with acquisition and tracking by proposed optical electronic systems will be simplified. Using an array of detectors with proper correlative interconnection, the sweeping motion of the random field pattern would be a direct function of the tangential velocity vector of the target in the beam, and angular tracking information on a nearly instantaneous basis should be obtainable. Since it is possible to modulate the beam to obtain range and radial velocity data, continuous tracking in three dimensions could be accomplished.

LASER MODULATION — Polarization modulation may have some distinct advantages over the other modulation schemes for laser communications.<sup>8</sup> Initial investigations indicate that, unlike intensity modulation systems, all components of the polarization vector are detected and the 50 percent loss

attendant with the former is not present. The full power of the transmitter is, therefore, effective at all times and the range over which information may be transmitted is substantially greater. In addition, interference due to linearly-polarized background light is negligible, and the transmitter and receiver comprising the system need only be aligned axially to initiate transmission.

Basic parts of an experimental polarization modulation system are shown in Fig. 9A. A He-Ne c-w laser and a Pockels cell modulator make up the transmitter. Output light is linearly polarized by means of Brewster-angle end windows and is passed through the Pockels cell along the Z-axis of the crystal and at 45 degrees to the cell's electro-optic axis.

Modulation is achieved by continuously varying the voltage across the Pockels cell along the Zaxis, alternately converting the incident linearly polarized light to right- and left-circularly polarized components.

At the receiver, the polarization of the incident light is changed to linearly polarized beams by a quarter-wave plate. Figure 9B shows that the emergent beams are at 90 deg to each other. Spatial separation of the two linearly polarized components is accomplished by a Wollaston prism. and they are detected as variations in intensity of photocell current.

CONFOCAL RESONATOR-The recently developed 2-mm confocal resonator shown in Fig. 10 is reported to have a sharper resonance dip than commercially available wavemeters and to be useful in extending microwave concepts into the millimeter (and smaller) wavelength region.<sup>9</sup> In the experimental receiving system pictured, a parallel beam of modulated 140-Gc energy enters from the right and is received by a Fresnel zone plate lens which focuses it to the waveguide receiving horn. Energy is transmitted from this horn through the waveguide past the wavemeter (the cylindrical object bearing calibration marks) to a harmonic mixer fed from a 4-mm klystron. The detected 60-Mc output signal



CONFOCAL RESONATOR wavemeter is installed in experimental receiving system. The resonator consists of two spherical mirrors with electromagnetic energy propagating between them. An infinite number of distinct field distributions can exist between the mirrors-Fig. 10

is then supplied to an i-f strip.

The device, which can be operated nonconfocally, can be calibrated to an accuracy of about 0.2 percent directly from the physical dimensions. Indications point to its practical use as a filter element in narrowband filters as its passbands are narrow but sharp. Other reported advantages include ease of construction and of suppressing higher order modes.

VLF ARRAY-Recent requirements for long-range communications and other long-range electromagnetic systems have brought about a resurgence of interest in very low radio frequencies.<sup>10</sup> The disadvantages of high natural noise environment and difficulty of radiating power inherent in vlf systems make it imperative that receiving antennas used have high directivity.

The principle of superdirectivity can be effectively applied in reducing the size of antenna structures necessary for the desired high directivity at vlf, where wavelengths are measured in miles. The usual detrimental characteristics associated with superdirectivity fortunately are minute in superdirective vlf receiving arrays.

The three-loop array is shown to

have greater directivity than the more familiar two-loop array. Beamwidth is narrowest, front-toback voltage and power ratios are greatest, and position of the back lobes and nulls are most invariant when closely spaced loops are used. Null positions, which are a function of only the inserted delay and the free space delay between loops, are located so that unwanted signals may be excluded.

This array is particularly useful for receiving sferics because of its broad bandwidth.

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## New Deflection Circuit Uses

Limitations of transistor sweeps and tube power consumption overcome in new design

A HIGH-POWER horizontal sweep circuit, newly devised and using a silicon controlled rectifier as a switch element, makes it possible to overcome both the limited sweep ability of transistors and the large power consumption of an electron-tube circuit.

The scanning power achieved is large with an  $LI^2$  product as high as 40 mha<sup>2</sup>, which surpasses the sweep power requirement of large-face color kinescopes. A driver stage is no longer needed because of the high trigger sensitivity of the silicon controlled rectifier (scr).

HOW IT WORKS—The fundamental circuit is shown in Fig. 1A. The scr is fired by a trigger



FUNDAMENTAL circuit using scr (A), actual sweep circuit using an autotransformer (B), and low supply voltage variation (C)—Fig. 1

pulse at the beginning of the retrace time for every horizontal scan and sends to the deflection yoke  $L_y$ the energy stored across the retrace capacitor C, which has been charged during the sweep period just before. When this energy transfer has been completed at the end of the retrace cycle, the damper diode turns on and the energy just transferred begins to return to the power supply source, resulting in a linearly varying sweep current through the yoke.

The scr current decreases suddenly to zero when the yoke current is switched to the damper diode and is completely extinguished by the reverse current supplied from the circuit residual inductance  $L_z$ . In principle, this inductance must be inserted into the circuit as shown in Fig. 1A, but in actual circuits, the flyback transformer offers enough leakage inductance for this purpose.

The sweep circuits so far considered can not be driven by the scr, because these circuits necessitate intentional switch-off from the high current state. In the new circuit, however, the retrace capacitor is charged through the choke coil resonantly or linearly and hence no current switching is required.

Consider the behavior of this circuit in more detail. The retrace capacitor C may reach a voltage of about  $2E_1$  at the end of the sweep period, where  $E_1$  is the supply voltage. Then the stored energy of  $C(2E_1)^2/2$  joule is driven into the yoke coil in a retrace time of about  $\pi \sqrt{L_v C}/2n$ , or in a quarter cycle of the ringing frequency, where n is the transformer step-up ratio. This energy transfer establishes a peak yoke sweep current of approximately

$$I_{pp} = \sqrt{\frac{C}{L_y}} \quad (2E_1)$$

When the damper diode turns on, the linear sweep current with a slope  $E_1/L_y$  begins to flow. The next start of the retrace time must coincide with this sweep end and hence the relations

$$\sqrt{\frac{C}{L_y}} \quad (2E_1)/t_{\rm SW} \cong E_1/L_y$$

from which are obtained

$$C \simeq t_{\rm SW}^2/4 L_y$$
 and  $n \simeq \frac{\pi}{4} \left( \frac{t_{\rm SW}}{t_{\rm RET}} \right)$ 

**PRACTICAL CIRCUITS**—The circuit of Fig. 1A may be rearranged to the circuit of Fig. 1B and 1C using autotransformers. In Fig. 1C the sweep voltage,  $2(E_1 + E_2)$ , automatically develops across C', an electrolytic capacitor. In the circuits of Fig. 1B and 1C choke coil inductance is to be so chosen that the retrace capacitor gets its energy by linear charging, that is choke coil inductance should be large compared with the case of resonant charging

## SCR, Saves Power

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for which the relationship is  $(L_z >> t_{sw^2}/C)$ . High voltage for the cathode-ray tube may be taken from a secondary winding either on the transformer or on the choke coil.

**EXPERIMENTS**—All developments were carried out using the circuits given in Fig. 1B and 1C.

Rectifier types 2SF62 and 2SF69 were used, corresponding to General Electric's C35 and C36 series, respectively. It seems likely that the C40 type scr would also be well suited to horizontal sweep applications. High-power operation of the high-E type circuit giving an  $LI^{a}$  output of about 41  $mha^{2}$  is shown in the oscillogram, Fig. 2A. In Fig. 2B is the 32  $mha^{2}$  deflection case for the low-E type of circuit. The power supplies are 64 volts and 13.6 volts respectively. The yoke inductance is  $200\mu$ h in both cases. Ultimate circuit performance has not yet been determined but an efficient heat sink is required for the highest power operation.

**CIRCUIT CONSTANTS**—Considering the partial energy return back to the retrace capacitor C owing to series inductance  $L_x$ , more accurate expressions can be obtained for circuit component values. For example, in the high-E type circuit, the approximate values of C and n in actual circuits become

$$\sqrt{\frac{C}{C_{id}}} \sim \sqrt{\frac{1+b}{b}} \left( \sqrt{1+a\frac{1+b}{b}} - \sqrt{a\frac{1+b}{b}} \right) \sqrt{\eta}$$
(1)  
$$\frac{n}{n_{id}} \sim \sqrt{1+a\frac{1+b}{b}} \left( \sqrt{1+a\frac{1+b}{b}} - \sqrt{a\frac{1+b}{b}} \right) \sqrt{\eta}$$
(2)

where,  $C_{1d} = t_{sw}^2/4L_{\nu}$  and  $n_{1d} = \pi t_{sw}/4t_{\text{NET}}$  as obtained elsewhere, and  $a = L_x/L_{\nu}$ ,  $b = L/L_{\nu}$ . (Fig. 1A). The symbol  $\eta$  means power transfer ratio, the ratio between the actual power transferred from C and the required total reactive power, which is smaller than unity, because of the charge storage effect of the damper diode. In actual circuits, a is about 0.1, b is 5 to 10, and  $\sqrt{\eta}$  is about 0.9, so  $C/C_{1d}$  becomes about 0.5 and  $n/n_{1d}$  about 0.7, hence  $n \sim 3$ . For the low-E type circuit  $\sqrt{C}$  and n are further de-

#### SWITCHING POWER TO 100 KVA

Using the silicon controlled rectifier as a switching element, a new solid state circuit for magnetic horizontal deflection has been devised for large crt's. Compared with electron tube circuits, much less power is dissipated. The restricted deflection available from present conventional power transistor circuits is likewise overcome. Trigger sensitivity is high





(B)

WAVEFORM of yoke sweep in high-E type circuit with  $L_{\nu} = 200 \ \mu h, C = 1.27 \ \mu f$  and n = 2.5 (A), low-E circuit with  $C = 0.96 \ \mu f$  and other circuit constants as above (B). Vertical axis is 100 v and 4 amp per cm and horizontal is 10  $\mu sec$  per cm—Fig. 2

creased by the factor.

$$1 \left(1 + \frac{E_1}{E_2}\right)$$

YOKE INDUCTANCE—For a 200 microhenry deflection yoke, 40 percent of supplied power is dissipated in the scr and damper diode. For optimum, minimum loss, design the yoke inductance should be the highest possible value, because the circuit loss can be reduced by decreasing the forward loss of scr and damper diode.

If an scr of 400-volt maximum rating is used, optimum inductance may become about 1.7 millihenries and the supply voltage ranges from 105 to 115 volts for 18 to 20 mha<sup>3</sup> deflection. In this case the semiconductor loss may be greatly lessened, say about 8 watts, and further examination of various circuit components may reduce the total power loss to 20 watts or less. Preliminary experiments using a 960 microhenry yoke has substantiated this figure. So the overall horizontal deflection and high voltage system will dissipate about 24 watts or less.

**COMPARISON**—The scr sweep circuit features high power swing capability yet requires small triggering power. Its circuit loss is large compared with the transistor circuit but much less than the conventional electron-tube circuit. Considering typical overall horizontal and high voltage supply system d-c power demands, a transistor circuit takes 16 watts, the scr circuit, 22 watts and an electron-tube circuit, 60 watts for 18 to 20 mha<sup>a</sup> deflection.



AUTOCON SYSTEM showing portions of the accompanying magnetic measurement system, with author in foreground; typical contour plot (inset) taken from the 11-by-11 matrix for a vertical dipole located 10 feet above the matrix planc-Fig. 1

## LATEST ANTISUBMARINE AID Magnetic

Hybrid analog-digital apparatus receives analog point data from a single input and generates a complete contour response surface

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#### HOW NAVY MAY USE AUTOCON

- 1. To study shipboard magnetic fields (including stray, permanent and induced fields), locate their sources and reduce them.
- 2. To evaluate, locate and reduce sources of submarine acoustic noise.
- 3. Hull pressure distribution and advanced design studies.
- 4. Electromagnetic propagation study and analysis.
- 5. Analog computer simulation, network analysis, and node distribution.

Other possible uses are in tactical search, classification and location. Sonar input could create a continuous crt display of a moving submarine, as a contour rather than a single blip. Autocon may also find a use in displays for guidance, navigation and alarm systems by presenting three-dimensional information as grid lines and outstanding terrain features

THE CONTOUR RESPONSE surface has long been an important means of data presentation. To meet the need of immediate data display in the specialized form of the contour plot, a new hybrid analog-digital system of automatic contour display called Autocon has been developed. This system receives sequential single-point analog data from a plane of measurement points, and through a series of scanning, analog storage, and interpolation operations, simultaneously converts this data into an interpolated surface over the entire measurement plane. As this surface is generated, a voltage comparison generates a series of pulses that represent the positions of the contour lines on the measurement plane. These pulses form the z axis for a high-resolution cathode ray tube and, along with simultane-





<sup>•</sup> CONTOUR CONSTRUCTION techniques, showing a sample matrix of data with contour lines superimposed (top, A) and profile determination of contour-line intersections (bottom, B)—Fig. 3





## **Contour** Display System

ously generated x and y axis signals, create a pattern of moving dots and dashes on the crt face to form a complete contour plot.

A photograph of the complete system, showing part of the magnetic-field measurement system, is shown in Fig. 1. The inset illustrates a typical contour display for an 11-by-11 matrix of data taken directly from the permanent film record. Included in this final display are the contour lines themselves, horizontal and vertical scale lines whose intersections represent the data matrix from which the contour was obtained, and electronically generated characters that identify each contour level, the experiment run number, and the sensitivities at which the data was taken.

**INPUT**—The inputs to the Autocon system come directly from the magnetic-field measurement system. This system is able to gather vertical component d-c magnetic field data from three matrix data planes whose data point sizes are 11 by 11, 7 by 7, and 5 by 5. Magnetic field investigations are carried out on only one of these planes at a time, the particular one being selected to meet experiment requirements. While the Autocon system generates contour plots from all three data matrices, examples given here will be frequently in terms of the 5-by-5 matrix for simplicity.

The primary input to the Autocon system is a series of d-c voltages proportional to the magnetic field sensed at the matrix measurement points (Fig. 2A). These voltages are in the sequence obtained by scanning the matrix row-byrow, starting with the first row and reading the data points for each individual row from left to right. In addition, the Autocon system receives two synchronizing inputs from the measurement system. The first of these (Fig. 2B) consists of a single pulse at the beginning of each new matrix row. The second synchronizing input (Fig. 2C) consists of a single pulse for each reading whose trailing edge occurs at the valid part of the reading.

THEORY-An understanding of the basic theory of operation of the Autocon system is easily obtained by considering one particular method of manual contour construction. Figure 3A shows a sample matrix of data with the contour lines superimposed upon it. These contour lines are usually obtained by a process of linear interpolation between data points to determine the intersections of the contour lines with the rows and columns of the measurement matrix. The contour lines are then "faired in" between these points of intersection.

One method of linearily interpolating between each reading is to graphically construct a "profile" of the readings in a particular row or column. Figure 3B shows such a profile of the center row of the example matrix.

The Autocon system uses a variation of this plotting method. Contour-line intersections are determined for the rows only of the matrices. However, to determine column intersections and to provide greater resolution, a number of "interpolated" rows are linearily constructed at selected locations between the actual rows of the matrix. This process can be expressed as a general formula: (1 - k) $A_{n-1} + kA_n$ ,  $(1 - k) B_{n-1} + kB_n$ ...,  $(1 - k) E_{n-1} + kE_n$ , where  $A_n, B_n, C_n, D_n$  and  $E_n$  represent the data points of the most recent row, n, and  $A_{n-1}$ ,  $B_{n-1}$ ,  $C_{n-1}$ ,  $D_{nL1}$ , and  $E_{n-1}$ represent the data points of the earlier row, n-1 Quantity k is an "interpolation factor" and is defined as the ratio of the distance of the interpolated row from row n-1divided by the total distance between row n-1 and row n. The number of interpolated rows can, of course, be any amount. The Autocon system itself forms 32 such interpolations between each pair of rows for the 11-by-11 matrix and 64 interpolations for the 7-by-7 and 5-by-5 matrices.

Thus, for each of these interpolated rows, a profile is constructed and the intersections of the contour lines with the axis of the interpolated row are determined as before. Therefore, two types of interpolation are required. The first is "rowto-row interpolation." The second is required to obtain the straightline segment profiles of a particular interpolated row and is called "column-to-column interpolation."

The final process of determining the points of intersection of the contour lines with the axis of the interpolated row is termed "discrimination."

SYSTEM—A block diagram of the Autocon system is shown in Fig. 4. The three identical row storage units provide the analog storage necessary to accomplish row-to-row interpolation between two rows of data while a third is being read in. The basic system logic is as follows: An input commutator selects a particular row storage unit for data read-in. A commutator at the row storage unit outputs selects the other two units containing stored analog data from the previous two rows. Inasmuch as the system must generate 32 or 64 interpolated rows during one row read-in, the row storage read-out occurs at a rate 100 times faster than the read-in. The fast read-outs of the two storage units are then fed to the other system components which perform the function their designation implies. At the end of a row read-in, the row interpolation process between the previous two rows is also completed.

The entire process then repeats itself between the new row pair consisting of the most recently read-in row and the one that immediately preceded. Data read-in now takes place with the storage unit that previously held the contents of the oldest of the three rows. This procedure continues until each row of the matrix has been read in, read out, interpolated, discriminated and presented on the final display.

The principal component of the system that permits this approach to be taken is the row storage unit. The simplified diagram of Fig. 5 shows the three basic parts of the unit: the storage capacitors, the switching circuits, and the access logic. During read-in, the input to the unit is connected through the input commutator to the magnetic field measurement system. The scan pulse input to the four-stage binary counter is the same as the waveform shown in Fig. 2C with an extra pulse added at the beginning. At the start of read-in, the unit is in the reset position. The added first scan pulse takes the unit out of reset and activates the first NOR gate, resulting in -10 volts at the NOR gate output. This -10 volt signal in turn activates the associated diode switching circuit, grounding the capacitor in storage position 1. This causes the capacitor to charge up to the value of the first reading of the data input.

This process continues with successive scan pulses until the last scan pulse occurs, which returns the unit to the reset position. Except for the NOR gate inputs, circuits for all storage positions and the reset position is identical to that shown for storage position 2 in Fig. 5.

**READ-OUT**—During data readout, the input to the row storage unit is left open by the input commutator. Internal logic of the system provides scan pulses to the binary counter which occur every millisecond, as contrasted with the 0.1-second duration per reading during read-in. This permits a number of identical fast scan readouts to be generated during the time required for one read in. The read-out switching action is identical with the read-in. The output waveform, therefore, is the same as the input waveform (without noise) shown in Fig. 2A except that it occurs 100 times faster than the input.

The row-to-row interpolator consists of a six-stage binary counter, each stage of which switches in and out various portions of a passive resistance network. The binary counter receives a fast-scan count pulse at the end of each completed fast scan. During a 10-msec waiting period between fast scans, the appropriate relays switch to the next configuration dictated by the counter. This process continues for a total of 64 fast-scan read-outs from the two row-storage units. The unit performs exactly the function described by the general rowto-row interpolation formula mentioned previously, the interpolation factor, k, being changed in increments of d<sub>4</sub> for each fast scan. The passive network, however, causes the output to be attenuated by a factor of 3.

The 1.25 seconds required to read in a single row of data (Fig. 2A) limit the number of interpolations which can be carried out. Consequently, 64 interpolations for the 11-by-11 data matrix which requires 21 msec for each fast scan (11 readings at 1 msec per reading plus 10 msec wait time) cannot be achieved. In this case, the first stage of the counter is disabled, resulting in a 5-stage unit which performs only 32 row-to-row interpolations.

Similar circuits provide an analog voltage of the position of a given interpolated row between two data rows. In this case, two constant voltages are fed into a second resistive circuit. The output then becomes the desired voltage analog. Four additional stages are added to provide a voltage that can traverse the entire data matrix. As is indicated, this signal is used as a "y axis" to vertically position a crt trace.

The column-to-column interpolator makes use of the fact that the time spacing between readings is always constant at 1 msec per reading. The process of generating straight line segment profiles from data of this form can be described  $f(V_{i+1} - V_i) dt = (V_{i+1} - V_i) t + V_i$ 



where  $V_i$  equals the *i*th reading and  $V_{i+1}$  equals the *i*th plus one reading; that is, the reading which immediately follows.

Thus, the interpolator consists of a conventional analog integrator which is fed by a "difference generator" that performs the  $V_{i+1} - V_i$  function.

The output of the column-to-column interpolator consists of a series of ramp-like profiles similar to that shown in Fig. 3B and is fed to eleven discriminator circuits in parallel. The voltage of the system at this point is  $\pm 5$  v full scale, corresponding to a full-scale reading on the magnetometers of  $\pm 100$ meter divisions. Contours were desired at 20-percent increments of full scale; hence the discriminators are individually set in one-volt increments from -5 to +5 volts, for a total of eleven reference voltages, one for each discriminator.

The discriminator circuit is a voltage comparator that performs the function

$$V_{\text{out}} = \begin{cases} \text{a constant, for } V_k - \epsilon \leq V_{\text{in}} \leq V_k + \epsilon \\ 0 & \text{, for all other } V_{\text{in}} \end{cases}$$

where  $V_k$  is the reference voltage and  $2\epsilon$  the small interval around  $V_k$ within which the discriminator operates.

**OUTPUT**—The eleven discriminator outputs are then combined into a single output of pulses which represent the intersections of the contour lines with the axis of the interpolated row (Fig. 3B). This output forms the major portion of the z axis for the output display. The operation of the discriminator circuit is such that pulse width varies with the slope of the input ramp voltage. In addition, the output display receives an x-axis trigger that generates a linear sweep proportional to the fast-scan time base to horizontally position the crt trace.

The net result, as seen on the face of the crt, is a series of dashes moving in and out along a horizontal line that travels down the vertical axis of the crt. When viewed as a complete picture of all data rows, the lines drawn on the crt face by the moving dashes are the contour lines of the data matrix being read in. Pastoriza Electronics, Boston, worked on the analog portions of the Autocon circuit and R.M.S. Associates, of Mamaroneck, N. Y., provided the output display.

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COPPER shield enclosed in a mahogany box protects the tuned circuit from short-term ambient temperature changes and improves stability

## **R-F OSCILLATOR**

Variable frequency oscillator stability is parameters. Here is a method of getting in conventional circuits

FREQUENCY stability of variable-frequency r-f vacuum-tube oscillators is easiest to maintain when the frequency of oscillation depends primarily upon a stable high-quality resonator. Requirements for obtaining resonator (LC circuit) stability, through the maintenance of high Q and mechanical and electrical dimensions, are well known; greatest difficulty lies in reducing undesirable effects from the electronic (or "driver" and output) portion of the oscillator due to variable phase shift, harmonic generation, thermal and capacitance changes, variable resonator loading and supply-voltage changes, etc.

Clapp, Lampkin, Franklin, and others, have achieved high frequency stability by isolating the resonator from the driver or load; still others have chosen various methods of compensation for changes external to the resonator or have evolved combinations of these approaches.

These oscillators have disadvantages in complexity, requirements for special components, critical adjustments, or limited tuning range. A slightly different approach, leaning heavily upon existing circuits in principal, permits construction of a relatively simple oscillator that is nearly independent of parameters external to the resonator. The circuit lends itself well to both transmitter and receiver frequency control, and to various generators and instruments.

**DECOUPLING**—Common methods of resonator isolation involve coupling the vacuum tube as loosely as possible through a capacitive network, as in the Clapp circuit shown in schematic A or inductively, as in the Lampkin circuit of schematic B. This oscillator uses Lampkin's system of tapping tube circuits across a portion of the coil, but to further reduce resonator loading and the influence of external capacitances, it excites tube circuits from the resonator through a high impedance and feeds power back at a point of low impedance. The circuit in schematic C is an economical, workable, high-stability oscillator.

The circuit consists of a pair of cathode-followers in cascade, the

first being driven by the voltage appearing across a small portion of the resonator coil (which may be as little as 10 percent of the total) and the second, by the voltage across the r-f choke in the cathode of the first tube. Driving power is supplied to the resonator without phase shift by the cathode of the second tube. Both tubes are biased by  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  for class A operation. A tube with a high amplification factor will oscillate with least coupling to the coil. A dual triode, such as the 12AT7, performs.

The largest external capacitance shunted across any part of the frequency-determining LC circuit is the heater to cathode capacitance of the driver tube. The simplest method of minimizing this variable is to feed the heater current through a small bifilar r-f choke as shown in diagram C. The choke

#### **R-F ISOLATIONIST**

Oscillator stability is important in modern electronics equipment. Where price is no object, many sophisticated schemes permit the design of variable oscillators with crystal dependability.

In this article, the author shows how to get high vfo stability by isolating conventional circuits from external effects and controlling factors such as heater to cathode capacitance

## Has Improved Stability

usually influenced by a number of circuit and external greater stability by carefully controlling design factors By ELBERT ROBBERSON, Marine Electronics Consultant, Setauket, New York

should have a value that places the heater and cathode at the same r-f voltage above ground. When this is the case, changes in heater to cathode capacitance due to heatercurrent fluctuations have minor effect upon frequency.

**CIRCUIT** — Output may be taken from points 1 or 2 without appreciable difference in operation. However, improved isolation of the output load from the oscillator is obtained by the circuit shown in circuit D.

This circuit is used as the variable r-f oscillator in a dual-conversion receiver, covering the range of 3.000 to 3.550 Mc. Output is uniform over this band and, with no temperature compensation or thermal shielding, stability is sufficient for adequate single-sideband reception after a 30-second warmup. In 15-minutes, the drift drops to less than one-cycle per minute; after 30minutes of operation, frequency remains as constant as room temperature. Under reasonable room temperature and line-voltage conditions, drift is about one part-permillion over long periods of time.

The inductor in this particular oscillator consists of 27 turns of a  $2 \times 2$ -inch coil that is enclosed with bandset and tuning capacitors in a 6-inch-square aluminum box as shown in the photo. Additions to

the basic oscillator are minimal; one is grid resistor  $R_{i}$ , that eliminates any tendency toward instability due to oscillation at both the frequency of the entire LC resonator and in a vhf mode corresponding to the number of coil turns at which the tube is tapped. The choice of grid resistor also permits fine adjustment of the amount of drive to the isolation tube when taps on the coil cannot easily be adjusted to The cathodefractional turns. resistor bypass capacitor  $C_1$  permits the cathode tap of  $V_2$  to be more closely connected to the ground end of the coil. The plate r-f choke and coupling capacitor on  $V_2$  provides electron-coupled output. Although voltage regulation was not found essential with the line-voltage fluctuations normal to the location where this oscillator is used, B voltage is regulated to allow for occasional extreme changes when machinery in the building is started. Tubes and associated parts are installed in a  $2 \times 2 \times 5$  inch aluminum box separated from the coil shield-box by small spacers to minimize heat conduction.

In other applications of the oscillator, greater freedom from ambient and adjacent-equipment temperature changes has been obtained by enclosing the coil-shield in foamed-plastic or porous wood insulation.



POPULAR variable-frequency oscillators include the Clapp circuit (A), and the Lampkin circuit (B). Author's oscillator is a modified Lampkin operating between 3.5 and 4 Mc (C). Refined version has highest stability (D)

#### FINISHING THE JOB

In our issue of June 26, p 47, the author discussed the various ways to measure transistor beta ( $h_{\rm FE}$ Here he rounds off the job with a simple nomograph to convert to the desired quantities

# Quick Way to Find Beta $(h_{FE})$ , Alpha $(h_{FB})$ , and $h_{FC}$

#### By RONALD M. MANN

Texas Instruments Inc., Dallas, Texas

AFTER BASE and collector currents have been obtained from test equipment, the accompanying nomograph quickly converts the measurements to beta, alpha and  $h_{rc}$ .

A straight line passing through base current and collector current gives transistor beta on the scale at right. The next two columns give alpha and the common collector or  $h_{FC}$  value.

**BETA** CALCULATION — To measure beta for any transistor, set  $V_{cE}$  and  $I_c$  for conditions specified. For a 2N1305, for example,  $I_c$  can be set at 10 ma and held constant and base current  $(I_u)$ measured. If 100 microamp is obobtained for  $I_u$ —a typical reading —a line from 100  $\mu$ a on the  $I_u$  scale through 10 ma on the  $I_c$  scale will intersect the beta scale at 100, alpha at 0.990, and  $h_{Fc}$  at 101.

CIRCUIT DESIGN-One of the first steps in designing an amplifier stage is to choose the transistor and a desired collector current. If a 2N1305 were chosen and a collector current of 10 ma were dictated by circuit requirements, then, to obtain a worst-case condition of base current required, the minimum data sheet value for beta is selected. The minimum beta for a 2N1305 is 40 at 10 ma collector current. A line from 40 on the beta scale through the 10 ma point on the  $I_c$  scale gives an  $I_a$  of 250 microamp; this is the maximum

current needed to turn the transistor ON to 10 ma collector current.

Assume a switching application for the 2N1305 and determine if the combination of maximum leakage current and highest possible beta would turn the transistor ON. Let the desired  $I_c$  be 10 ma. From the data sheet, maximum beta at 10 ma is 200. A line through the two values gives an  $I_n$  of 50 microamp, which is many times the maximum leakage current of the device. Leakage current therefore, would not be a problem.





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Circuit design approaches are needed that minimize system level radiation effects, and yet do not severally penalize system size, weight and power consumption.

TAPE RECORDER—A radiationhardened satellite tape recorder, has been developd by the Controls Division of Leach Corporation. It is capable of recording up to 220 minutes of d-c to 128-cps square-wave data on two channels, at 3.75 ips, readout at 48.75 ips. The radiation resistance goals were 10<sup>13</sup> neutrons/cm<sup>2</sup>/year, or 10<sup>8</sup> carbon rads/year, or twenty times the



COMPARISON between standard satellite data tape recorder head drive circuit, (A), and its radiation-hardened counterpart for interplanetary use, (B), shows radiation-hardened circuit uses more transistors, but operates in spite of component parameter deterioration


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**RADIATION TESTING**—The system was successfully radiationtested first in breadboard form, then as a completed assembly, indicating that those circuits that had been completely tested with components having maximum variations expected after irradiation had no difficulty in meeting the radiation requirements.

**CIRCUIT DESIGN**—An example of radiation-proof circuit design is the 40-percent f-m record amplifier used in the recorder, compared here to a similar Leach satellite tape recorder circuit that was not radiation hardened. Both circuits perform with p-a-m input data, have similar center frequencies and dri similar record heads; their di ferences are due only to the n clear radiation requirement. Bot circuits can be broken into thre main parts: d-c amplifier, multiv brator and head driver. The tw circuits are compared in the di gram.

**D-C AMPLIFIER**—The d-c ampl fier in the non-hardened circuit h a d-c input resistance above 10 kilohms if  $Q_1$  has an  $H_{FE}$  of at lea 130. As seen by the multivibrato this stage has voltage gain of abo two. In the radiation-hardened ci cuit, a d-c input resistance of  $2^F$ kilohms minimum is provided wi a minimum  $H_{FE}$  of 5 to 10. Tra sistor  $Q_{14}$  compensates the  $V_B$ change in  $Q_{11}$  over temperature an also increases voltage gain as Hdecreases.

**MULTIVIBRATOR**—The multiv brator stage of the non-radiatio hardened system operates well a long as the  $H_{FE}$  of  $Q_i$  and  $Q_s$  r mains over 140, and operates on low enough voltage that  $V_{EB}$  of th transistors is not approached. Fo  $H_{FE}$  lower than 140, frequency 1comes erratic, since the transisto no longer remain saturated. Thi happens when the highest inpu voltage is applied to the d-c ampli fier, since this condition producminimum voltage output.

The radiation-hardened circui operates with  $H_{FE}$  variations fro 5 to 200; extra transistors  $Q_{15}$  an  $Q_{29}$  provide another  $H_{FE}$  term to reduce the required base current in the on-condition to  $Q_{16}$  and  $Q_{18}$  by the  $H_{FE}$  of the transistors. Rapid charging of the time-constant capacitors is accomplished by  $Q_{17}$  and  $Q_{19}$ ; these transistors also reduce the collector current switched by the complementary pair on each side of the multivibrator. Reliable starting is provided by  $Q_{26}$  in an OR circuit using diodes  $CR_1$  and  $CR_2$ . Switching transistors  $Q_{21}$  and  $Q_{22}$ compensate for temperature and the drop in  $H_{FE}$  due to radiation.

**HEAD DRIVER**—This stage is quite similar in both circuits, using two transistors in a complementary switch, and one transistor to isolate the multivibrator and provide gain for the complementary circuit.

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# Probes Can Take Nuclear Blasts

## Nuclear rocket programs call for new series of hardened instruments

SOME SUCCESSFUL tests have been recorded for radiation-resistant transducers that are planned to take as high as  $10^{22}$  fast neutrons per cm<sup>2</sup> at energy levels well in excess of 1 Mev, according to spokesmen of Giannini Controls Corp. These units are still under development. Giannini will unwrap their radiation-resistant instrumentation at special showing during WESCON week August 20 to 23.

Present impetus for radiationresistant probes is result of nuclear rocket programs. Table gives details of some of the latest transducers that the Navy has tested for nuclear environments. Several transducer firms are involved.

Giannini is now supplying pressure and acceleration transducers to Aerojet for the Nerva program (nuclear engine for rocket vehicle application). Nerva should show step-up activity this year, and Rift (reactor in flight tests) earlier next year. These and other proposed nuclear vehicles will require temperature, pressure, acceleration and velocity transducers.

Giannini began developing radiation-resistant components about three years ago. Company will soon market a limited selection of high and low pressure transducers, accelerometers, temperature probes and an accelerating switch. These components meet present

	Neutron Dose	Gamma Dose	Tempe	erature		
Component	fast neutrons/cm <sup>2</sup>	photons/cm <sup>2</sup> or erg/gm	С	F	Status ª	
Accelerometer,	$3.6 \times 10^{16}$	$1 \times 10^{18}$ photons/cm <sup>2</sup>	-54 C	-65 F	Successfully tested at approximate	
a-c output; air damped	E = 1 MeV	E = average 1 Mev $4.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ ergs/gm}$ E = ave. 1 Mev	300 C	572 F	uesign ievers	
Accelerometer,	$7 imes 10^{16}$	$1.8 \times 10^{17} \text{ photons/cm}^2$	-18 C	8 F	Test in progress	
potentiometer output	E>1 Mev	E = ave. 1 Mev	to	to		
gas damped; pendulous type, high natural frequency		$8.1 \times 10^9 \text{ erg/gm}$ E = ave. 1 Mev	149 C	300 F		
Integrating switch	1017	$2.22 \times 10^{18} \text{ photons/cm}^2$	24 C	75 F	Successfully tested at approximate	
transducer integrates acceleration over a given detection range	E>1 Mev	E = ave. 1 M 10 <sup>11</sup> ergs/gm ave. $E = 1 Mev$			design levels	
Pressure transducer	$5 \times 10^{15}$	$8.89 \times 10^{17}$ photons/cm <sup>2</sup>	25 C	78 F	Successfully tested at approximate	
Bourdon tube potentio- metric type: range 0-100 psi min to 0-1,000 psi max; suitable for abso-	E>1 Mev	E = ave. 1 Mev $4 \times 10^{10} \text{ ergs/gm}$ E = ave. 1 Mev			design levels	
lute, differential or gage	E N/ 1015	9.90 × 1017 - hotons (cm2	25 C	79 F	Test unsuccessful Cause not de-	
Pressure transducer,	5 X 10 <sup>16</sup> E \ 1 Mor	$E = ave_1 Mev_1$	20 0	tor	termined but thought to have been	
potentiometric; range, 0-15 min to $0-150$ max, suitable for absolute, differential or gage		$4 \times 10^{10}$ ergs/gm E = ave. 1 Mev	300 C	572 F	in external wiring; failure not credited to instrument	
Pressure transducer	1017	$2.22 \times 10^{18} \text{ photons/cm}^2$	300 C	572 F	Test in progress	
Bourdon tube potentio- metric; range, 0-300 psia	E>1 Mev	E = ave. 1 Mev 10 <sup>11</sup> ergs/gm				

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requirements for nuclear environments, spokesmen say.

HARDWARE-Military specifications for nuclear environment instrumentation usually call for hardware that can take fast neutron intensities of 10<sup>15-17</sup> per sq cm at energy levels greater than 1 Mev, and gamma radiation of 10<sup>17-18</sup> photons per sq cm at average intensity of 1 Mev, according to Joseph Smith, chief engineer at Giannini's Transducer Division, Duarte, California.

Some materials used by company in its radiation-resistant components include stainless 303, 347, 410, aluminum, ceramics, polystyrene, lava, and boron-free glass.

When turned out in production quantities, radiation-resistant components should cost approximately 10 percent more than comparable non-radiation hardened components. But significant production is at least several years away. Giannini says.

Chief market for radiation-resistant instrumentation appears to be for nuclear space programs. Healthy production of components



AXIAL accelerometer is assembled prior to test at radiation levels of  $1.5 \times 10^{\prime\prime}$  fast neutrons/cm<sup>2</sup> (Giannini)

for these systems will have to wait until nuclear rockets reach hardware stage.

Smith cited problems involved in making probes for nuclear systems. He analyzed two comparable transducers: one radiation hardened, the second not radiation resistant. Design and function of the two units were the same. Modifications in materials were necessary. Although in some components it is sometimes necessary to alter the functional design. Smith says the bulk of alpha and beta particles is usually filtered out by instrument casing.

One of Giannini's radiationhardened absolute pressure transducers uses a Bourdon tube element. The non-radiation hardened equivalent would fail within 3 to 4 hours in a nuclear environment. For nuclear systems, the silicon oil damping fluid was eliminated. Under radiation this would become butter-like in consistency. The Teflon insulation on the hook up wire was replaced with boronfree glass braid. Teflon would break down under bombardment. Only boron-free glass is used throughout. Boron contamination makes glass brittle and could crack, losing vacuum. All plastics in coil form are replaced by ceramic. The pot is space wound, enamel insulation is kept from breaking and causing short.

**PARAMETERS** — These material modifications change the transducer's parameters. Resistance to vibration is reduced from 75 g's at 2,000 cycles, to 20 g's at 2,000 cycles. Resolution of the transducer changes from 0.25 percent to 0.40 percent, and hysteresis changes from 0.50 percent to 0.80 percent. Other parameters remain the same.

The materials know-how involves detailed knowledge of the response of specific quantities of selected materials to varving radiation levels and exposure time. Extensive reactor test time is necessary to establish untoward effects.

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RADIATION-hardened, gasdamped, pendulous accelerometer is now being evaluated for nuclear rocket (Giannini)

platinum, is held to a minimum.

Some materials can take neutron and electron dosages, but may be quite susceptable to gamma radiation. Reactions are not always straightforward. Under radiation, some metals become stronger, and their elastic limits are increased. Or their tensile and compressional limits may be changed. Furthermore. though the functional properties of a material may not be affected by radiation dosage, it may acquire a high degree of radioactivity, making repair or replacement difficult or impossible.

Of those components which are used in radiation-resistant design, transistors and diodes remain the biggest headache, Smith says. Much development work is still to be done to increase reliability of these components.

Giannini doesn't see a sizable market for radiation-resistant instrumentation in stationary nuclear power plants. Here weight penalties from use of thermal and radiation shielding are not at all critical.

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## Pressure Transducers Picked for Gemini

A NEW LANDING system, employing a Rogallo-type paraglider, is planned for the Gemini spacecraft. Inflation of the paraglider will be controlled by Fairchild TP-175 transducers. Important airspeed computation during the 25 to 75 knot glide descent will be provided by a Fairchild TP-350 airspeed transducer. Unit has pressure range of 0 to 0.236 psi.

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# Micro-Packaging for Microelectronics

Two Wescon papers update high-density module fabrication

TWO APPROACHES to microminiature-circuit packaging are being presented at Wescon.

One technique, to be reported by W. H. Ayer and T. E. Kirchner, of Sippican Corp., uses welding to achieve assembly densities of 50 to 60 standard integrated circuits per cubic inch.

The other technique, to be described by E. M. Davis, W. E. Harding and R. S. Schwartz, of IBM's Component division, uses solder balls and a solder-immersion process to join active components to passive components on a ceramic substrate, rather than compressive bonding.

WELDING—Ayer and Kirchner discuss several techniques for integrated circuit interconnections, including matrix film layers, photoetched circuit boards and chemically etched nickel-Mylar layers.

In the latter method, nickel sheet is etched to provide circuit paths and tabbed for interconnection to weld posts for any crossthrough welds and for connections to terminal pins. This technique, they report, is readily adaptable to the high-density thermal-structural design approach employed by Sippican. A compressive-beam type of structure results.

The weld posts (Fig. 1) are

fabricated in a comb form, stamped from 10-mil hard nickel. After the etched nickel-Mylar layers are welded to the posts as shown the entire assembly is encapsulated with the post ends left exposed.

The weld-post concept, according to Ayer and Kirchner, lends itself to automation and provides an orderly and easily reproducible method for interconnecting integrated circuits and wiring layers. All the integrated circuits in an assembly can be located in one exterior plane for easy access and replacement.

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**TYPICAL ASSEMBLY**—One assembly using these techniques is shown in Fig. 1. It consists of eight encapsulated modules, electrically connected by wire-wrap terminals to a single wiring module that includes the system input/output connector.

The modules are assembled as a compressive beam by a single tension bolt and two clamping plates. The clamping plates have tapped inserts so the assembly can be mounted to a base plate. Metallic foils, brazed to the base plate, are inserted between the modules to conduct heat from the encapsulant. A cover plate protects the wirewrapped connectors.

The assembly contains 272 integrated circuits and occupies a total volume of 9.3 cu in, and may



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Each of the 8 modules has 34 integrated circuits arranged in a  $5 \times 7$ -element array with 5 rows of weld posts, 6 signal wiring matrices, 3 power and shielding planes, wire-wrap terminal pins and the encapsulating materials.

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2DR-2	\$1950	rack mount 2D-2
2DR-2A	\$1950	rack mount 2D-2A
2DR-2AM	\$1950	rack mount 2D-2AM
2DR-2M	\$1950	rack mount 2D-2M
2DR-3	\$2050	rack mount 2D-3
2DR-3M	\$2050	rack mount 2D-3M
2DR-4	\$1490	rack mount 2D-4
2DR-4M	\$1490	rack mount 2D-4M
2FR-A	\$3575	high impedance, two-pen, 11" x 17" x-y <sub>3</sub> y <sub>3</sub> recorder, rack mount

Model	Price	Unique Characteristics
6S	\$3150	10" x 10" rack mount, automatic chart advance
7	\$6500	30" x 30" x-y recorder
135	\$1650	compact, $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" paper, occupies less than $\frac{1}{2}$ cu. ft. 16 ranges plus variable, each axis
135A	\$1650	high impedance 135
135AM	\$1650	metric scaled 135A
135AMR	\$1650	rack mount 135AM
135AR	\$1650	rack mount 135A
135C	\$1190	10 ranges, usefulness with simplicity
135CM	<b>\$119</b> 0	metric scaled 135C
135CMR	\$1190	rack mount 135CM
135CR	\$1190	rack mount 135C
135M	\$1650	metric scaled 135
135MR	\$1650	rack mount 135M
135R	\$1650	rack mount 135
136	\$2650	two-pen 135 (x-y <sub>1</sub> y <sub>2</sub> )
136A	\$2800	high impedance 136
136AR	\$2800	rack mount 136A
136 <b>R</b>	\$2650	rack mount 136

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The entire module is immersed in a solder bath to ensure good electrical connections between pins and lands and to provide solder for joining active elements. Abrasive trimming of screened resistors tailors them to tolerances of better than  $\pm 1$  percent.

Similar techniques are used to produce cross-overs, capacitors and inductors. A lower conductor is printed and fired. Next, a small square of high-temperature glass frit is screened over this conductor and fired, then a second conductor is screened over the glass. Through the use of small cross-over areas and thick glass the capacity is kept at less than one pf with voltage ratings of 300 volts. Capacitors are fabricated with this technique allowing capacitances of 75,000 pf/square inch and voltage ratings of 200 volts. With abrasivetrim tailoring, tolerances of 5 percent are obtained. Inductors are similarly formed by multiple printing of conductors and magnetic materials.

Semiconductor chip devices are joined to substrate solder lands simultaneously, after passive components have been tested. Fig. 2 shows a semiconductor chip sitting on the module solder lands before soldering. Flux is used to hold the chip in position. Heat is applied to melt the solder, which forms a fillet to the ball on the semiconductor chip.



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# Welding Permits Longer Longitudinal Lines

MAGNETOSTRICTIVE delay lines, using 0.005-inch nickel-iron wire for the transmission medium and a cobalt-iron alloy wire through the transducers, are being constructed for delays up to milliseconds using the longitudinal mode of supersonic transmission by GE's Hirst Research Centre, England. Resistance-welding is employed to join the two alloys causing virtually no change in their relevant characteristics and introducing minimum losses, says the company.

Welding is performed under a microscope fitted with a welding jig on the stage. Wires are cut with square ends in a specially designed tool before insertion in the jig. The operator sets them in correct axial alignments and the ends are then brought together. Physical contact initiates a resistance-welding pulse accurately controlled for current amplitude and time duration. A light spring pressure keeps the wire in compression to produce the desired slightly barrelled joint. Welding is performed in an ambient neutral atmosphere for argon or nitrogen to avoid contamination of the allovs.

Delay lines with a 1.3-millisecond delay time that can handle a digit rate of 1 Mc was developed at the research center using this technique. This delay line will be part the new time-division-multiplex electronic exchange to be installed for the G.P.O. at Goring-on-Thames, England.



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# Pulse Laser Yields 100 Megawatts

Kerr-cell unit has 10-milliradian beamwidth, 5-nsec rise time

ANNOUNCED by Korad Corporation, 2520 Colorado Ave., Santa Monica, Calif., model K-1Q is a Kerr-cell controlled laser intended for studies in communications. chemistry, optical radar, radiation effects and non-linear optics. Typical pulse output at room temperature is 1 joule with a peak output power of 50 to 100 Megawatts. While the laser head is normally operated as a Kerr-cell controlled oscillator, the cell may be easily replaced by an external mirror, permitting operation as a conventional laser oscillator. In this mode of operation, an output of 15 to 20 joules may be obtained. If both external mirrors are removed, the head can function as an amplifier. Moreover, ruby or other laser material can be substituted without disassembly of the head.

The systems electronics will store up to 4,750 joules of energy in a 380  $\mu$ fd capacitor bank. Energy level is presettable and the 5,000 volt charging supply is automatically disabled when the selected level is reached. During normal operation, 3,500 joules are used to trigger the lamp and the current pulse into the flashlamp is fed through a pulseshaping coil to prolong lamp life. A 0 to 45 Kv trigger supply is provided and the unit contains a Qspoiler (Kerr Cell) power supply and sync controls.

Operation of the model K-1Q can be either manual or semiautomatic. Automatic repetitive operation is available with an accessory trigger generator. Remote control is also available as an accessory and both the laser head and electronics are provided as separate units.

Having high output and small size, the laser head features a simple external control for orientation of beam polarization plane and a spring-mounted crystal to reduce strain. It may be used as a Qspoiled system, conventional oscillator or an amplifier. The laser electronics unit features presettable energy storage level, variable charging rate, fast charging time of 10 sec to full energy, capacitor values of 140, 240 or 380  $\mu$ fd and pulse-shaped output for prolonged lamp life. It has a maximum en-



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ergy storage of 4,750 joules, a high voltage charging supply delivering 0 to 5 Kv at 160 ma, a Kerr-cell supply of 0 to 25 Kv at 1.5 ma and discharge time between 0.1 and 5 millisec depending upon load. The Kerr shutter delay varies between 50 and 1,000  $\mu$ sec, 300 v pulse output and the sync pulse is 150 v with 30  $\mu$ sec duration. The model K-1Q sells for \$22,000.

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# Compact DVMs Have 0.1-Percent Accuracy



MANUFACTURED by Harmon-Kardon, Plainview, New York, Reporter series solid-state digital voltmeters are available in three models and will be shown for the first time at WESCON. All of the models (Reporter 33, 34 and 35) have a unique regenerative voltage comparator that combines the functions of a precision ramp generator. voltage comparator and memory circuits into one accurate and reliable circuit. According to the manufacturer, it is this circuit that makes possible a precision





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Reporter series DVMs also feature fully automatic polarity switching and indicating, automatic ohm indication, tracking illuminated decimal point and high over-voltage protection on both resistance and voltage scales. The units weigh 20 pounds, operate on 115 or 230 va-c at 40 to 400 cps and consume only 20 watts. Reporter 33 measures voltages between 0.01 and 999 and resistances between 1 ohm and 999K. Model 34 reads voltages from 0.001 to 999 and resistances from 1 to 999K. Model 35 is similar to model 34, except that it incorporates outputs that permit its use as a basic analog to digital converter. Model 33 sells for \$495, model 34 for \$595 and model 35 for \$695.

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#### Process-Viewer Develops 35-mm Moving Film

MODEL 3800C Rapromatic Film Processor-Viewer recently announced by Analab Instrument Corp., Div., The Jerrold Corp., 15th & Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., will photograph, develop and display 35 mm films of scope patterns in a 70 second shoot-to-view process. According to company engi-



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STROMBERG-CARLSON A DIVISION OF GENERAL DYNAMICS 114 CARLSON ROAD • ROCHESTER 3, N. Y. neers, the new device solves a major problem in high-capacity filming of scope displays and will prevent any possibility of having to redo test setups or experiments because films of results are a washout. The entire process takes place in the thermostatically controlled chamber within the model 3800C. The shutter of the continuous-motion camera remains open, as the film advances at a speed of 10 inches per



second. Other discrete, faster speeds are also available. Once the film is shot, it is mated with a glassfiber web that is the same length and width as 35 mm film, Called a Raproroll, the web is saturated with monobath photographic developer and fixer. The exposed film and the chemical web are mechanically pressed together by pressure rollers so that the film emulsion and chemicals are in constant contact until the image is fully developed. The processor-viewer automatically strips the film from the roll and pulls it before the viewer for inspection. The film can then be further analyzed or stored for later use if satisfactory. Model 3800C is priced at \$2,000 and Model 3625 camera at \$920. (303)

#### Millimeter Power Source Produces 0.1 to 50 Watts

MILLIMETER wave power source being introduced by Litton Industries Electron Tube Div., San Carlos, Calif., will provide c-w or pulsed power for any of a number of liquid-cooled floating drift tube

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According to the manufacturer, the new unit is ideal for applications such as RFI research, component testing, antenna range testing, space communications and plasma research. Called the model 258, the device is manually tuned and consumes 1,800 watts of primary power at 115 or 220 volts a-c. Pulse modulation duty is rated up to 100 percent. The unit weighs about 500 pounds and is supplied in a standard 19" rack and panel configuration with casters to facilitate moving it about.

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## Test Instrument for **Integrated** Circuits

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ually operated, this machine is priced for laboratory or limited production. Cutting is done with a stainless-steel wheel that has the inside diameter of a 0.006 or 0.008-in.-thick diamond cutting edge. Wafers are produced with superior finish, flatness and parallelism. Kerf loss is said to be reduced 40 to 50 percent over other slicing techniques. The DoALL Co., Des Plaines, Ill. (323)



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- SERVOAMPLIFIERS Helipot Division of Beckman Instruments, Inc., 2500 Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, Calif. Data sheet 63542 covers three models of transistorized servoamplifiers. CIRCLE 343, READER SERVICE CARD
- THIN-FILM FLIP-FLOP Halex, Inc., 139 Maryland St., El Segundo, Calif. Specification sheet on model 1010FF microminiature thin-film flip-flop provides complete specifications with diagrams. (344)
- D/A CONVERTER Scientific Data Systems, 1649 Seventeenth St., Santa Monica, Calif., has published an information bulletin describing a simplified method of digital-to-analog conversion. (345)
- COAXIAL DIRECTIONAL COUPLERS Philco Corp., Sierra Electronic Operations, 3885 Bohannon Drive, Menlo Park, Calif. Bulletin describes eight coaxial directional couplers which provide overlapping coverage of frequencies from 1 to 1,200 Mc at power levels up to 1,000 w. (346)
- THERMISTORS Victory Engineering Corp., 122-48 Springfield Ave., Springfield, N. J., offers a data sheet on ultra-small, ultra-sensitive Micro-Bead thermistors. (347)
- MICROMINIATURE ACCELEROMETERS Columbia Research Laboratories, Woodlyn, Pa. Data sheet covers latest models in the 606 series of high sensitivity, very high frequency response microminiature accelerometers. (348)
- HEATING EQUIPMENT C. I. Hayes. Inc., 800 Wellington Ave., Cranston 10, R. I. A 4-page bulletin describes and illustrates practically every type of industrial heating equipment used in the manufacture of solid state electronic devices. (349)
- RECORDER/REPRODUCER Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., 360 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calif. Capabilities of the type VR-3600 predetection magnetic tape recorder/reproducer are described in a 4-page bulletin. (350)
- GALLIUM ARSENIDE Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Towanda, Pa., announces availability of a technical information bulletin on gallium arsenide. (351)
- CABINET COOLING PANEL Rotron Mfg. Co., Inc., Woodstock, N. Y., has made available a technical data sheet on the Twinpax-2 cabinet cooling panel. (352)
- AMMETER AND AMPLIFIER Kin Tel division, Cohu Electronics, Inc., Box 623, San Diego 12, Calif. The 203A d-c microvolt ammeter and amplifier is described in data sheet 16-5. (353)
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- DATA REFERENCE FILE Hammarlund Systems and Instruments Co., 185 Dixon Ave., Amityville, L. I., N. Y. File contains information on systems and components for: industrial tone signaling; data acquisition, logging and readout; modular electrical instrumentation. (355)
- D-C AMPLIFIERS Cemco Instruments, P.O. Box 355, Alamo, Calif. Data sheet No. 3 covers model 1502 silicon transistor and 1503 germanium transistor d-c amplifiers. (356)
- TRANSDUCERS Endevco Corp., 801 South Arroyo Parkway, Pasadena, Calif., has published a specification comparison sheet that organizes differences for handy reference between its 25 piezoelectric transducers. (357)
- INSULATING MATERIALS Westinghouse Electric Corp., Micarta Div., Trafford, Pa. Information on 19 insulating materials—varnishes, impregnating resins, and enamels has been issued in the form of individual loose-leaf technical data sheets. (358)
- FERROMAGNETIC PLASTICS The Polymer Corp., 2120 Fairmont Ave., Reading, Pa. A 10-page manual provides design and engineering data on ferromagnetic plastics. (359)
- RANDOM NOISE GENERATOR Quan-Tech Laboratories, Inc., Boonton, N. J., is offering a technical data sheet describing the model 420 random noise generator. (360)
- STORED PROGRAM SIMULATOR Telemetrics, Inc., 12927 So. Budlong Ave., Gardena, Calif., has released 4-page data sheet No. 42 on model 513 stored program simulator. (361)
- FREQUENCY CONTROL HANDBOOK Hill Electronics, Inc., Mechanicsburg, Pa. A 44-page handbook and catalog lists standardized crystals, filters and frequency sources. (362)
- STATIC INVERTER Microdot Inc., 220 Pasadena Ave., South Pasadena, Calif., has available a data sheet on the laboratory model 1S106 250 v-a static inverter. (363)
- TUBES AND SEMICONDUCTORS Thor Electronics Corp., 287 Morris Ave., Elizabeth, N. J. A 16-page catalog lists over 4,000 tubes and semiconductors by type along with their prices. (364)
- TRAVELING-WAVE TUBES Calvert Electronics Inc., 220 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y. Bulletin No. 616 describes two new English Electric Valve traveling-wave tubes for microwave links. (365)

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A-C LINE VOLTAGE STABILIZERS General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. Bulletin GEA-7376 discusses voltage stabilizing devices for sophisticated and highly automated equipment. (366)



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# WESCON TEAM: Townsend and Granger





SHARING top responsibilities for this year's WESCON are two native-born Midwesterners who have long been prime movers behind the dramatic growth of the electronics industry in the San Francisco Bay area:

• John V. N. Granger (right) who heads up the Palo Alto firm bearing his name, is chairman of the convention's Executive Committee

• Calvin K. Townsend, board chairman of Jennings Radio in San Jose, is serving as chairman of WESCON's Board of Directors.

GRANGER-Named "The Outstanding Young Electrical Engineer of 1952", Granger earned his AB Degree in physics and mathematics from Cornell College in his home state of Iowa, went on to receive an MA in communications engineering at Harvard. The early days of World War II found him Army and instructing Navy officers at Harvard's pre-radar school and he later served in France as a technical advisor in radar countermeasures to the First Tactical Air Force.

Returning to Harvard after VE Day, he earned his PhD with a thesis on low-frequency aircraft antennas, then moved West to organize an antenna research program at Stanford Research Institute. Prior to forming Granger Associates in 1956, he established a reputation as a top authority in several areas of electronics, including advanced communications techniques, ECM, and aircraft antennas.

Granger's early interest in a career in journalism and art are evident in his current activities. The articulate recipient of IRE's Seventh Region Achievement award in 1955 has served on the Board of Governors of the Committee for Art at Stanford, and is much in demand as a toastmaster and after dinner speaker. He readily delegates responsibilities in his fast-growing organization, but points out that he personally is "the principal keeper of the corporate image."

"John has an over-riding interest in people," comments a longtime business associate. "He likes to get to know people in depth, and probably has as many truly close friends as anyone in the industry."

**TOWNSEND**—One of these friends is Cal Townsend, who for the past four years has been a fellow member of the WESCON

Board. Born in Lima, Ohio, he graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, and for the next 18 years, was active in the field of business organization in Northern California. He teamed up with Jo Emmet Jennings in 1942 to found the company today 'recognized as a basic supplier of non-thermionic devices in the Western World. Jennings Radio, recently annexed as a wholly-owned subsidiary by ITT, has also made substantial inroads in the communications field, and manufactures high-power electrical devices for public utilities and other industrial electrical customers.

Long active in Bay Area industry affairs, Townsend was an early advocate of a strong industrial association for the Western states and was instrumental in forming what is now the Western Electronics Manufacturers Association. He served successively as its treasurer, vice president, and president (1957) and is a past chairman of its San Francisco council.

Townsend is a staunch supporter of the trade convention concept for cross-fertilization of ideas. "No amount of reading of journals and papers," he claims, "can ever quite equal the extraordinary good that accrues from face-to-face trading of information and ideas, at seminars, and in formal meetings, at booths and in corridor conversations." He hastens to point out that the "Western" in WESCON can be misleading-60 percent of this year's booth space will be occupied by companies from East of the Rockies.

An astute businessman, and shrewd judge of people, Townsend admits that some of his talents may be inherited. Years ago his paternal grandfather introduced Townsend's Snake Oil, a product which is still being distributed in Kentucky. One of the product's more promising salesmen was a poetically inclined youth named James Whitcomb Riley.

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The announcement was made by Charles W. Hosterman, manager of manufacturing for the eastern operation of Sylvania Electronic Systems, a division of the company. The Muncy facility produces a variety of electronic component assemblies which are used in military systems produced by the operation. Payne succeeds Orville Jensen who has resigned.

# Name Emanuelson Vice President

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Engineering Corp., Burlington. Mass.

Emanuelson joined the company in 1949 and has served in several key posts. Most recently he has been responsible for developing the insulating core transformer, a major new product of the company.

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