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## CROSSTALK-

#### Cadillac or Tricycle?

**ANNOUNCEMENT** of a manned orbiting laboratory (MOL) is greeted by dramatic newspaper headlines. To the cursory reader it looks like a giant step forward in developing a military capability in space.

Careful reading of the actual announcement is recommended, however. Major billing goes to the estimated \$100-million saving over the present 1964-1965 military space program. This saving is achieved by cancelling Dynasoar—an action whose effects are played down by stressing the limited role of that program.

Apparently it is hoped people forget what Dynasoar might have been. In February 1961 we quoted USAF Deputy Chief of Staff-Development Lt. Gen. R. C. Wilson as saying "The Air Force considers Dynasoar the most important R&D project it has. It will open a new era. It is the first step toward practical man-inspace flight."

The same article went on to quote Lt. Gen. Bernard Schriever's statement that later versions of the reentry vehicle could be made to orbit the earth many times and then reenter the atmosphere for a specific mission. "Such a vehicle could be used as a satellite interceptor to inspect, board and disable hostile satellites," he said.

What have we to replace Dynasoar? At his press conference announcing the MOL program, Defense Secretary McNamara emphasized that MOL is an experimental program not related to a specific military mission. It is proposed, he said, "because we feel that we must develop certain of the technology that would be the foundation for manned military operations in space should the specific need for those ever become clear and apparent" (italics are ours). The DOD news release on the program ended with a statement that if results of the MOL and the unmanned reentry programs warrant, a new and more advanced ferry vehicle program may be initiated some years in the future (italics again ours). Furthermore, the release also stated that "Preliminary ground or aircraft simulation will be made in all cases before full commitment to space experimentation."

We believe the MOL is an important project both for its own potential, which is tremendous, and because it apparently gets the Air Force firmly into space —a step we have been advocating for a long time. Nevertheless, the many ifs and maybes surrounding the initial announcement make us fearful that its full potential may never be realized. Other programs of great potential have fallen by the wayside. If the same fate is not to befall the MOL, the Air Force personnel who have been pushing for this assignment will have to work fast to develop the hardware which, once in orbit, we are confident will finally convince doubters of the need for a military role in space.

We wish them luck, for if this program too is side-



tracked then the gloomy prophecy of the one Air Force colonel will have come true. When first told of the decision he said: "We traded off a Cadillac for a promissory note on a tricycle."

**MARKETING.** While gathering data for this week's special report, we were constantly reminded by executives and marketing men of the increased reliance on product planning.

One marketing vice president of a major electronics firm relates that a few years ago he was given 20 minutes at a top-level meeting to outline the future needs of the electronics industry and how his firm could best serve it at a profit. The head of manufacturing held forth on his problems and forecasts for two hours.

In a very recent top-level executive meeting of a similar nature, the marketing executive was called on to provide marketing information, including forecasts, for three hours. The same manufacturing executive provided counsel for only 45 minutes.

This underlines the growing dependence on what should be manufactured, rather than how it will be manufactured. Manufacturers concede that products can be created to serve any desired market.

The problem today is identification beyond doubt of the product desired by customers, determining the form it will take, where and how best to manufacture it, how to sell it, how best to service it if required. Competition within the electronics industry is accelerating swiftly. Along with cost cutting in manufacturing operations, industry experts agree that marketing —from planning through sales—provides the solution to healthy profits and assured growth.



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#### SPACE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

I note in your Nov. 22, 1963, issue that an article is included on space frequencies, entitled, ITU Allocations: Final List (p 14). I also note that the article does not include those frequencies that were made available to the aeronautical services when employing space telecommunication techniques. The arrangements made at the Space Conference are:

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CHARLES A. BROOKS Chief International and Allocation Branch Frequency Management Division

Federal Aviation Agency Washington, D.C.

• The list we printed was as received from the International Telecommunication Union in Switzerland.

#### CASCODE FOLLOWER

Reading R. W. Johnson's article, Circuit with a Twist; The Cascode Follower, (p 69, Dec. 6, 1963) was like meeting an old friend. A search revealed essentially the same circuit at the end of Chapter 6, p 120, of the first edition of Seely's "Electron Tube Circuits" (McGraw-Hill).

Hewlett-Packard audio oscillators Models 200C and 200D use essentially the same circuit to provide a stable low-source-impedance output amplifier. The circuit there used differs, however, in that the tubes are in parallel as far as the power supply is concerned.

Los Altos Hills, California

LAWRENCE W. JOHNSON

This follower circuit is not exactly a new one, although it does deserve to be better known. In this country it is usually called a "White" cathode follower. At least three other references come to mind.

GRANINO A. KORN

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I found the article on the cascode follower very interesting. This is a very useful circuit. Your application note states that a transistor version should be possible. We have been using one for several years. This connection is unsurpassed for low impedance driving.

JOHN K. DIXON

Bendix Research Laboratories Southfield, Michigan

• Several other interested readers have pointed out that the cascode follower has a long and honorable history of service (the author himself supplied one reference), and that a transistor version is not only possible but has been used successfully.



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## Latin America's Communications

Main routes, 18,851 miles long, will be ready by 1967 instead of 1969

**MEXICO CITY** — Despite Latin America's traditional revolutionary character and political instability, mail service and telecommunications, where they exist, have rarely been interrupted for more than 24 hours at one time.

For this reason, among others, financing of the vast new Interamerican Telecommunications Network has been progressing virtually snag-free. The network is heading for completion in 1967 of its main routes of 18,851 miles costing \$232 million. This is two years ahead of original estimates, which called for a completion date sometime in 1969, and that was once a seemingly visionary estimate.

An additional 7,976 miles of auxiliary routes, valued at \$87 million, should be completed before the end of 1970, according to the plan's originator, Carlos Nunez A., chief of the International Affairs Department of Mexico's Telecommunications Secretariat.

Carlos Nunez' new pet project, which he has just started to develop



fully, is to put the Interamerican network, once completed, into the space age, by connecting it to other networks with communications satellites.

Main Routes—More than 25 percent of the most important portion of the system has already been completed (see map). Most of the remaining portion is under construction or ready to get underway almost immediately.

The first main routes are designed to connect every country of Central and South America, except British Guiana, Surinam and French Guiana, where only second-class lines now exist. These countries will go on the circuit later, as, it is hoped, will the rugged areas of northern Brazil.

The plan for such a telecommunications network was conceived in 1956, presented to the Organization of American States two years later, and acted upon favorably in 1959. A group of Latin American communications experts met in 1960 to draw together the individual plans of various countries through a directive body which would work with regional groups within each country.

Last November, a new commission formed in Sao Paulo called CITEL (Commission Interamericana for Telecomunicaciones) under the auspices of the OAS, to further promote and implement the plans for integrating international telecommunications systems in Latin America. Once again the OAS put its full weight behind the program.

**Overwater Links**—The system will be made up of submarine cables (120-60 channels) through the Carribean, microwave equipment (960-120 channels and 120-60 channels) overland, and scatter systems (120-60 channels) between Mexico and Havana, and Santiago de Cuba and Haiti (other scatter paths on map are alternate routes).

It has been conceded that the cables are not likely to be built. Most of the Caribbean linkage has

# **Network Nears Completion**

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already been established, with AT&T underwater cables from Miami to Jamaica and the Leeward Islands, and from Jamaica to Colon, Panama. Meanwhile, AT&T and the Columbian government have agreed to another from Colon to Barranquilla on the coast.

A microwave route from Barranquilla to the south will link the Carribean and Central American systems to that of the South American continent. There are to be 44 international switching stations and 12 regional ones.

**Country by Country**—Mexico, with more than 2,000 miles of microwave circuit within the system, has just completed its final section from Mexico City to the Guatamalan border, making it the first country to complete all its requirements. The northern terminus of the network is San Antonio, Texas.

The Central American republics of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatamala have not yet built a component. but the World Bank Mission has just finished a study to establish a Central American Corporation to build and manage the Central American section, cost of which is estimated at \$9 million. If all goes as smoothly as expected, the Central American section should be ready to operate in two and a half years. Latin Americans have been quick to see the advantages of the communications network.

The main bottleneck at the moment is Ecuador. That country has done nothing to start a program and has made no overtures to do so. Colombia on the north and Peru on the south are building to the Ecuadorian border, expecting that mountainous little country to carry its share of the load. If it doesn't, however, the country is small enough to bypass easily. A straight line from Lima to Bogota avoids Ecuador completely and could be drawn without affecting the operation of the Interamerican network one whit.

Chile has just finished drawing up

its plan for a line from Santiago to the Peruvian border, nearly 1,500 miles away, and is now seeking financing. Chile expects to be in operation in three to three and a half years.

**Equipment**—One of the most important problems confronting the builders of the system is that the majority of repeater stations are located at high altitudes in the mountains, which lack facilities and electrical power. This problem in itself represents half the total investment, since it requires construction of roads through difficult terrain, in addition to special buildings and towers.

There has been no pattern in choosing suppliers for the network. Equipment is being supplied by the Japanese, Italians, England, the United States and others, and most manufacturers are quite willing to finance the equipment and train technicians. The training requires patience, time and expense.

In Mexico, frequencies are fixed at recommendations of the CCIR. The radio equipment operates on the band from 3,800 to 4,200 Mc. Separation of adjacent transmission and reception channels is 29 Mc. To increase the isolation between the transmitting and receiving equipment at repeater stations, alternate vertical and horizontal polarization is employed. Typical of the radio equipment selected by Mexico is the wideband type FM 960/TV-4000, made by Standard Elektrik Lorenz, of West Germany, and the French CSF's FH610 equipment. The SEL systems use two klystrons, for transmitting and receiving, in terminal stations, and single klystrons in repeater-amplifier stations.

Standardization—The Comité Consultivo International Telegráfico and Telefónico (CCITT) and the Comité Consultivo Internacional de Radiocomunicaciones (CCIR) have made technical recommendations that the countries are expected to follow.

Main microwave routes are sup-



STATION built in the State of Mexico for the microwave system and to handle international Telex traffic via RCA Communications



ANTENNA TOWERS. Reflectors are mesh to reduce wind loading

posed to operate at 4,000 and 6,000-Mc bands and have enough bandwidth for 960 channels, or a ty channel or equivalent. Secondary international routes can use systems mutually acceptable to the countries concerned. Where frequencies differ the countries can decide among themselves how to make the interconnection.

Other CCITT and CCIR recommendations outline codes to be used and operating and supervisory procedures. For measurement and regulation, a pilot signal at 8.5 Mc is used.

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# **NASA Upgrades Mercury Network**

#### NASA's \$50-Million Dilemma

NASA'S PROPOSED \$50-million space electronics center has been sent into political orbit. Where it will come down, no one knows.

Two more states, New York and Iowa, have put in their bid for the research facility, citing advantages similar to those mentioned by the previously-announced candidates. Massachusetts and Michigan (p 19, Nov. 22). These include the presence of industry, universities and a large number of scientific and technical personnel.

In the beginning, where to locate the center was no problem. NASA said it wanted to build it in the Boston area and that seemed to be that. Then came charges of political favoritism and the eventual decision by NASA to appoint a special panel to study possible locations (p 17, Oct. 25). That opened the door to other candidates.

In Massachusetts, there is talk that the center should be built in the late President Kennedy's home state as a memorial to him

#### Antenna Uses Passive Dish

токуо—Circularly polarized microwave antenna for space applications has been developed by Toshiba. The conical scanning unit needs no rotary transmission line joint or feeder lengthening, but instead scans by means of a rotating, parabolic subreflector. The passive sub-dish is mounted face-to-face with the main dish at its focal plane, while a helical reflector, arranged on the main dishes' principal axis, radiates a circularly polarized wave-illuminating the sub-dish with a plane wavefront. From the sub-dish, reflected energy converges at its focal point to act as the main dish's primary source. For conical scanning, the sub-dish is de-focused and rotated around the principal axis of the main dish. A micromotor powers the rotation. Because it is passive, the sub-reflector requires no connections.

#### Aerospace Flying High

AMERICAN aerospace industry sold approximately \$20 billion worth of goods and services during 1963 and should sell \$20 to \$21 billion in 1964, according to Karl G. Harr, Jr., president of Aerospace Industries Association. The total for 1962 was \$19.5 billion. Harr says the government/ civil ratio will continue at about 85/15 percent. Increased sales are expected for jet freighters, helicopters and general aviation aircraft.

Harr reports that as of Sept. 30, the backlog of unfilled orders for 67 aerospace companies was approximately \$14.7 billion, compared with \$13.1 billion on the same date in 1962 GROUND STATIONS in the Project Mercury tracking and communications network are being improved and expanded by NASA for the more difficult task of tracking both Gemini and Agena stages.

Pcm equipment, by Electro-Mechanical Research, will replace Mercury f-m gear because of the large amount of telemetry data required for Gemini. And, Bendix Radio will supply the acquisition bus systems that will slave all of each station's radars to each other.

Eleven display console systems, to be built by Bendix-Pacific, will be grouped in clusters of five with positions for two doctors, two flight controllers (one for each vehicle) and one maintenance console to handle timing, telemetry, and command signals. Bendix has a \$4,750,000 contract.

#### Air Force Will Airlift Tiros Ground Stations

HANSCOM FIELD, MASS. — An airtransportable version of the Fairchild-Stratos APT ground station (p 20, July 26, 1963) has been developed here for use by the Air Force Weather Service. Twenty of the stations will be deployed around the world, to receive from Tiros weather satellites facsimile pictures of cloud cover over the region. The pictures will be used by local operators for weather analyses.

#### 6-Inch Color Tv Set Employs Dichroic Mirrors

TOKYO—Mitsubishi Electric has introduced a 6-inch color tv receiver with three 6-inch cathode-ray tubes and dichroic mirrors. The set will sell here for the equivalent of about \$255, less than half that of conventional sets.

One picture tube, with green phosphor, faces forward with face-

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plate about halfway back from front of set. In front of it are two dichroic mirrors slanted 45 degrees from vertical. Below each mirror is a picture tube with faceplate pointed up. Faceplate of vertical tube nearer front of set, with red phosphor, is below that of other picture tube, with blue phosphor, so that optical paths from all three tubes to viewer's eyes are equal.

Mitsubishi says the set is ten times brighter than color sets with shadowmask picture tubes and can be easily viewed outdoors.

#### **One-Watt Radio Buoys**

#### Transmit Data 600 Miles

**VERY-LOW-POWER** radio-equipped buoys anchored off Bermuda have been used to transmit oceanographic measurements to a station in Long Island, N. Y., ITT said last week. More than 280 successful experiments were conducted with the buoys, which transmit at 6,970 kc with an output of less than one watt. ITT said it found relatively small seasonal variations in signal strength over the 600-mile path.

#### Fluid and Glass Amplifiers Studied for Computer Use

CORNING will build fluid amplifier analog computing components for the Army's Harry Diamond Laboratories. Objective will be to make components that will perform multiplication by a constant and by integration. Corning and Diamond Labs had previously used chemically machined photosensitive glass in devel-

#### MEETINGS AHEAD

- RELIABILITY-QUALITY CONTROL NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, IEEE, ASQC, ASME, EIA; Statler Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C., Jan. 7-9.
- ENGINEERING INSTITUTE: LASERS, University of Wisconsin; University, Madison, Wisconsin, Jan. 9-10.
- INTEGRATED CIRCUITS SEMINAR, IEEE New York Chapter; Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey, Jan. 15.
- CHARGE TRANSFER COMPLEX SYMPOSIUM, USAF Scientific Research Labs; Denver, Colo., Jan. 19-24.
- ANTENNA RESEARCH APPLICATIONS FORUM, Midwest Electronics Research Center; University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., Jan. 27-30.
- MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE, ERA; New Orleans, La., Jan. 28-31.
- ANNUAL MEETING-SEMINAR, Precision Potentiometer Manufacturers' Association, Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood, Fla., Jan. 29-31.
- INSTRUMENTATION SYMPOSIUM, ISA North Central Area; New Sheraton-Ritz Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 30-31.
- MILITARY ELECTRONICS WINTER CONVEN-TION, IEEE-PTGMIL; Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 5-7.

- ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, FNIE, SDSA; Paris Exhibition Park, Paris, France, Feb. 7-12.
- PHYSICAL METALLURGY OF SUPERCONDUC-TORS MEETING, AIMMPE Metallurgical Society; Hotel Astor, New York, N. Y., Feb. 18.
- INTERNATIONAL SOLID STATE CIRCUITS CONFERENCE, IEEE, University of Pennsylvania; Sheraton Hotel and University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 19-21.
- NUMERICAL CONTROL PRESIDENTS' CON-FERENCE, Numerical Control Society; Hotel Plaza, New York, N. Y., Feb. 20-21.
- SCINTILLATION-SEMICONDUCTOR COUNTER SYMPOSIUM, IEEE, AEC, NBS; Hotel Shoreham, Washington, D. C., Feb. 26-28.

#### ADVANCE REPORT

MICROELECTRONICS THIRD ANNUAL SYM-POSIUM, IEEE St. Louis Section: Chase Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis. Mo.. April 14-15; Jan. 15 is deadline for subritting in triplicate 100-word abstracts, 350-word summaries, and brief biography to Mr. Thomas F. Murtha, Program Chairman, P. O. Box 4104, St. Louis, Mo. 68136. Some lopics inchide vapor deposition processes, advanced semiconductor development, device packaging parameters, interconnection systems and methods, diffusion processes, photoetching and masking, materials development and application, plus advanced concepts in molecular engineering. oping multistage, thermally laminated devices with relatively high gain. Present work should result in a rudimentary five-stage analog multiplier utilizing feedback circuitry thermally fused in a single block.

#### Design Specs Given For Laser Space Link

IBM SAYS the experimental injectionlaser communications system it is building for NASA (p 17, Dec. 13) will provide a one-way voice link over a slant range of 1,500 nautical miles. The gallium-arsenide laser in the transmitter will be a forwardbiased semiconductor diode without cryogenic cooling. It emits energy at a wavelength of 0.9 microns at room temperature. The transmitter will use pulse-frequency modulation and have pulse-code potential. Power requirement will be 10-w peak and 10 milliwatts average from a selfcontained battery. Signal-to-noise ratio will be at least 10 db at maximum range. The optical receiver will include a folded reflector with a diameter of 2 to 3 feet on a Nike-Ajax pedestal slaved to FPS-16 tracking radar. The pedestal will be modified by Metric Systems Corporation.

#### Microelectronic SCR's Used in Decoder Module

GENERAL ELECTRIC reported today it has built a microelectronic version of a Navy decoder output module. It uses thin-film passive circuits with attached semiconductors and is believed to be one of the first applications of microelectronic silicon controlled rectifiers. The decoder, developed for the Applied Physics Lab at The Johns Hopkins University, will be used for evaluation as a microelectronic equivalent subsystem and for possible flight test on a developmental missile. All values of the original system were maintained or improved upon, and manufacturing time compared favorably with that for the conventional decoder. GE said

#### GAO Blames Army Agency For Buying Faulty Radiacmeters

WASHINGTON—Army bought 59,776 faulty gamma radiacs from several firms over five years at a cost of \$2.9 million, says the General Accounting Office; 10,800 have already been scrapped and none of the ones left is acceptable.

GAO blames the Army Electronic Materiel Support Agency at Fort Monmouth on these grounds: early tests (1958) showed that the instruments, for determining troop exposure to nuclear explosions, failed to meet shock, immersion sensitivity and calibration requirements. Accuracy, supposed to be within 10 percent plus or minus, was really 67 to 78 percent inaccurate, the GAO report says.

Too, jarring adversely affected the tube filament and after some use, the batteries showed unusual voltage drops—making accuracy unreliable. But despite these deficiencies, GAO says that during and after the first production contract, four more contracts were let on the hope that the failures could be worked out during the production period.

#### Good Year for NASA, 0.933 Batting Average

WASHINGTON—Stricter adherence to reliability standards was credited by NASA at year's end for the space agency's record of 10 successful satellite launches in 10 attempts, and five other launch tests, four of them successful—a batting average of 0.933 for the 15 attempts. NASA also chalked up a record of 70 successes with sounding rockets launched from Wallops Island, Va. Five years ago, NASA had only one success in five tries.

#### Billion-Dollar Market Seen for EDP in 1964

ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING industry should grow 15 percent over 1963's \$900-million total, said Walter W. Finke, president of Honey-

#### Laser Makes Accurate Thin-Film Resistors

PULSED RUBY laser is now being used to vaporize metal from thinfilm resistors—achieving accuracies of one part in 2,000, says its developer, Maser Optics Inc. of Boston. The firm says that its use at the Daven Company, N. J., marks the first use of a laser as a "practical production tool"

well's electronic data processing division, last week. "The number of general-purpose EDP systems installed should pass the 15,000 mark, an increase of about 3,000 systems," Finke said, "with the total cumulative market easily exceeding \$5 billion."

#### Apollo Fuel Cells Supply Power and Drinking Water

THREE PROTOTYPE fuel cells, to supply the Apollo moon spacecraft with on-board electricity and-as a byproduct-water for drinking and component cooling, have been delivered by Pratt & Whitney. Already vibration and vacuum tested, the units will aid three powerplants driving Apollo's guidance, communications, and environmental controls. The firm said that acceptance tests will come next to assure power output conforming to NASA criteria; i.e., in a range of about 500 to more than 2,000 watts. Also under development is a smaller fuel-cell system for the Apollo Lunar Excursion Module being built by Grumman Aircraft.

The powerplants being developed by Pratt & Whitney use hydrogen as fuel and oxygen as oxidizer. Hydrocarbon types are planned.

#### IN BRIEF

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- NORTH AMERICAN is conducting feasibility studies for the Air Force on a three-man, lightweight capsule to rescue crewmen from damaged, orbiting space stations.
- SWEDEN will supply Argentina with 12 automatic, omnidirectional radio beacons. They'll help modernize shipping control between Buenos Aires and Tierra del Fuego.
- TV AND RADIO production rose in October, EIA says, but only tv showed gains during January-October, compared with the same period last year. Phonograph sales were up also that month but picture tubes dropped.
- SOVIET radar has been bounced off Jupiter, says the Communist newspaper Pravda, setting a long-distance record in radar astronomy. The experiment was to study the planet's surface reflectivity and long-distance radiowave propagation.
- AIRPORT DEFICIENC!ES, not traffic-control inadequacies, are the main cause of airline flight delays, says a study made for the FAA. Traffic control does play a part, however; so does weather.
- RELAY II, NASA's second medium-altitude communications satellite, has been scheduled for launch Jan. 21.
- NASA WILL negotiate with Control Data for \$25 million in computer systems. Equipment would be used in Apollo preflight checkout.
- ISRAEL is planning to cut customs duties on electronic components to encourage industry expansion.
- AIR FORCE'S radio-relay network from England to Turkey has been completed with the acceptance of the troposcatter station at Athenai Airport, Greece.
- MITSUBISHI will make and install in the U.S. two neutron diffractometers by the end of 1964. They're Japan's first to get AEC approval for use here.
- AEC HAS ORDERED the first digital computer for solvent-extraction control. The GE 412 will be installed at Hanford labs.
- \$1.2-MILLION in studio telecasting equipment will be purchased by Subscription TeleVision Inc. from RCA.

#### WASHINGTON THIS WEEK

**Officials sitting in when** the administration pared Project Rover back from \$200 million to \$150 million for the next fiscal year figure that backers of the nuclear rocket engine program were lucky to save it at all. Difficulties with nuclear reactors and lack of a clear purpose for the program made it vulnerable for the cutback to no more than \$70 million for the year, recommended by Jerome Wiesner, the President's science adviser. Only President Johnson's keen interest in the program preserved it at the \$150-million level, according to these reports.

Lockheed Missile & Space Co. was the big loser in the Rover slowdown. The decision to confine the deep-space engine to ground R&D, wiping out the reactor flight test (Rift) portion of the program, cost the company a job that called for big spending in future years, even though it has only brought the firm \$14 million in work in the last two years. Lockheed will try to absorb the 400 people who have been working on Rift. Lopping off Rift will save \$182 million in funds this year and next, including National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Atomic Energy Commission spending.

Kiwi, Rover's ground reactor project, will be phased into the higher-powered Phoebus graphite reactor system, while Nerva (Nuclear Engine for Rocket Vehicle Application) will have its flight plan deferred. NASA said it will delay work on flight systems for Kiwi and Nerva until knowledge already gained from them is firmly established.

Sharp stimulation of industrial demand for sensing, sampling and monitoring equipment for the control of air pollutants is expected from the new clean air law. The legislation gives the government broad enforcement powers, and will stimulate state and local pollution control programs. Over the next several years, this is expected to double or triple the industrial investment —now running at several hundred millions of dollars annually—in pollutioncontrol devices and their electronic components, such as sensors, transducers, electrostatic precipitators, control circuits, and the like.

The government itself will spend more on development of new control devices and techniques. For instance, \$50,000 a year is now being spent in R&D work on electrostatic precipitators. This should grow to \$250,000 within two years. Community purchases of monitoring equipment should also be spurred by federal grants for local control programs. Congress may appropriate up to \$5 million to upgrade local control programs in the next budget, increasing it gradually in succeeding years.

**President Johnson is seeking** to give some centralized direction to separate efforts by government agencies to plumb the economic impact of reduced defense spending. He has named a high-level committee to review and coordinate the various studies, and to pin down where and to what extent defense cutbacks will be felt most severely. The next step will be working out a program to minimize the disturbances. A member of the Council of Economic Advisers will head the group. The Departments of Defense, Labor and Commerce, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Budget Bureau, the Atomic Energy Commission and the Arms Control Agency will be represented. The inter-agency group will report directly to the President, and also give its findings to Congress. The Senate Manpower Subcommittee expects to recommend specific legislation early next year aimed at encouraging the application of defense technology to civilian needs.

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COMPARISON of direct and reflected and refracted signals is made aboard space probe carrying receiver end of bistatic radar system. Data on planetary atmospheres or surfaces is telemetered back to earth

# Radar's New Partner: SPACE PROBE

By LAURENCE D. SHERGALIS, Regional Editor, San Francisco

Bistatic radar system's receiver will travel millions of miles away

**PALO ALTO, CALIF.**—Two of the most useful tools available for space research are bistatic radar and interplanetary spacecraft. Scientists here are working up plans for a unique combination of the two, to investigate lunar and planetary surfaces and atmospheres and solar winds.

Radiosciences Laboratory of Stanford University is planning a series of bistatic radar experiments, using a transmitter on earth and receivers in a Pioneer space probe. Later experiments may employ the Lunar Orbiter spacecraft.

**Bistatic Radar**—Unlike conventional or monostatic radar, in bistatic radar the receiver is some distance from the transmitter. This system has several advantages: effectiveness of transmitted power is multiplied since the reflected signal path is greatly reduced; effects of the intervening medium are minimized; variations in polarization of the signal, intensity and pulse shape, provide information about the media through which signals travel.

With a Space Probe-Pulse or wave trains from the transmitter on earth are reflected from the surface of the planet under study, and may also be refracted by the medium surrounding the planet. Receivers aboard the spacecraft pick up both the direct signal from the earth transmitter, and the reflected signal from the planet. Equipment aboard the probe measures the time interval between arrival of the direct and reflected signals. It may also compare polarization of the two signals, phase difference of modulated signals and the shape of the pulses. This information is telemetered back to earth in real time.

Stanford researchers use two different radar systems. Frequencies of 49.8 Mc, and 8½ times that or 423.3 Mc were chosen because commercial equipment is available, and the frequencies were available in the radio astronomy spectrum allotment. Two frequencies are needed because one serves to calibrate the other. Plasma measurements are made at the lower frequency, with the higher one mostly for calibration.

Work at Stanford is presently directed to getting this equipment aboard the Pioneer probe.

Experiments—Three major experiments are planned.

Highest priority experiment aboard Pioneer will be the measure

#### One More for Command and Control



THIS IS FIRST PHOTO released for publication of data-processing system that Librascope is building for Air Force's 473L command and control system. System includes mass-memory disk file (left), central computer (center) and magnetic tape consoles (left and right). This system is to be used in the Pentagon

of electron density with time, or phase path measurement. Both frequencies will be beat together aboard the vehicle and the beats transmitted back to earth. Phase velocity of radio waves changes when the content of electrons over the path changes.

The second experiment calls for modulating both frequencies at 10 kc. They are modulated at the earth station in phase. Passing through a dispersive medium, they get out of phase. This phase difference gives an average value of electron density.

Third experiment, measure of polarization, indicates average bulk velocity of the solar wind. The vehicle will spin around its axis at about 1 rev/sec. An antenna, tilted from the spin axis, will have a linear pattern that will tilt and spin with the vehicle. A circularly polarized signal transmitted from earth will pass through the ionosphere without change. But solar electron streams will change polarization from circular to elliptical to linear and back through several cycles along the way from earth to the probe. The spinning antenna will detect the state of polarization at any instant and telemeter changes.

One other experiment may be possible. Stanford has asked NASA to schedule the launch date so that the probe will pass behind the moon on its trajectory. Stanford hopes to measure the time difference between cutoff of the two signals (50 and 400 Mc). This time depends upon refraction caused by the moon's ionosphere, and would thus give a very sensitive measurement of the moon's ionosphere. Several seconds difference is expected.

Future Studies-Stanford researchers plan to use the bistatic radar technique for solar probes. They expect to measure the sun's corona and gas density. Planet surface measurements are an exciting possibility because of higher frequencies that are possible at reduced transmitter powers. Stanford looks to the Lunar Orbiter program for detailed studies of moon's surface. This is best done using higher frequencies -possibly to 10 Gc-for better resolution. Better receivers are needed. Also there are mechanical problems such as vibration in the vehicle that are still bothersome.



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RADAR CHRONOGRAPH for measuring shell velocity is aligned on gun's boresight axis before firing. Jeep mounting is also used.

# C-W RADAR Measures Artillery Ballistics

IN SPITE OF MODERN techniques of rocketry and bombing, field artillery is still one of the most valuable methods of delivering explosives to the enemy. Field artillery advantages over other means of firepower are superior accuracy, greater reliability, and ready availability. Principal advantage of the other techniques is the capacity to deliver large amounts of explosives at great distances. In warfare with limited areas of battle as in brushfire wars, artillery is still needed.

Firing tables, prepared by the Ordnance Corps for each type of artillery piece, are based on data gathered from extensive test firings. The tables give the range of the projectile for elevation of the piece at standard conditions of material and weather, and give corrections for some nonstandard conditions. Presumably, if a weapon is fired in accordance with the tables, a hit will be scored every time. Normal dispersion is not a miss in this context.

In actuallity however, conditions are seldom standard and the degree they are nonstandard is frequently unknown. Thus the first projectile rarely hits the target. Normally, observers or spotters observe the firing and communicate results to the weapon commander. Bracketing, commonly used, consists of deliberately firing beyond the target, then firing short of the target; by extrapolation the third round is adjusted to hit the target.

Improvement in first-round hit probability would



Portable c-w radar develops doppler frequency of projectile in flight and gives velocity directly by counting during a preset interval. Changes caused by gun wear and ammunition aging can then be compensated for

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save many rounds and would preserve the advantage of surprise.

Variations from standard conditions affect both interior and exterior ballistics. The most significant exterior ballistic factor is the state of the atmosphere or weather. Interior ballistic factors determine muzzle velocity. The radar chronograph measures muzzle velocity, and all errors in estimating effects due to ammunition aging and gun tube wear are thus eliminated. Using measured rather than estimated muzzle velocity gives a large improvement in first round hit probability, as proved by tests at various proving grounds.

Under battlefield conditions, one radar chronograph

#### AIMING A CANNON

When a cannon is fired, the path the projectile takes is determined primarily by the angle of elevation and the square of the velocity of the projectile as it leaves the gun, although atmospheric conditions such as rain, wind, and air density also affect the path. Impact point is of course the intersection of the ballistic path and the terrain. Thus if the muzzle velocity can be estimated accurately before the gun is fired, the angle of elevation can be adjusted accordingly to improve first-hit probability. Doppler radar has shown that it can be used for such measurements to measure muzzle velocity would be assigned to each artillery unit. Measurements would be made prior to engagement, either during a special firing specifically for measurement or during previous tactical firing. No physical contact is made with the weapon so measurements can be made without disturbing tactical firings.

**Operation**—The chronograph illuminates, with an r-f signal, a cone centered on the weapon's boresight axis. When the weapon is fired, the projectile is illuminated and the reflection is detected by a receiver in the chronograph. The frequency of the reflection signal is different from the illuminating frequency due to the doppler phenomena. Difference frequency is measured by a counter and converted to a direct read-out in meters per second.

In use, the chronograph is positioned near the weapon and aligned in azimuth and elevation, as indicated in the photograph. A microphone is placed on the ground beneath the muzzle and the weapon is fired. A precise time after the microphone detects the muzzle blast the counter circuit in the chronograph is enabled for a precise interval. During this interval cycles of the difference or doppler frequency are counted. The counting interval is such that the count corresponds to velocity in meters per second. The chronograph displays this velocity on an in-line decimal readout as x,xxx.x until manually reset. Once initial alignments have been made, operating the reset button is the only action required of the chronograph operator. A telescope and azimuth and elevation scales are provided for alignment.

The klystron—top, right, in Fig. 1—is an X-band oscillator whose output is about 500 milliwatts or

+ 27 dbm. Klystron output is applied to a hybrid junction through a coupler with a loss of less than two per cent. At the hybrid the signal is divided in two parts: half goes to the horn antenna through the tuner and half to the modulator through an 11-db attenuator. Power output at the antenna is about 200 mw.

The balanced modulator receives an X-band signal of +27 - 11 - 3 or +13 dbm and a 45-Mc signal of about 0.4 volt rms. The carrier and all sidebands of order greater than one are suppressed by 10 db; the only significant signal passed by the bandpass filter is 45 Mc higher than the transmitted signal. Output of the filter is then applied as the local oscillator signal to the balanced mixer.

**Receiver**—The signal reflected from the projectile enters the antenna and passes through the tuner to the hybrid, where half is absorbed by the klystron and half goes to the balanced mixer. Mixer output of interest is 45 Mc minus the doppler shift. This shift is less than 200 Kc in all cases so the output frequency is essentially 45 Mc. This is amplified and coupled to the synchronous detector, whose output is a signal at the doppler frequency. This signal is amplified, passed through an audio filter, and applied to the counter through the doppler gate.

The microphone picks up the audio shock wave when the weapon is fired. Time between projectile emergence from the gun tube and actuation of the microphone is a few milliseconds, and change in projectile velocity is negligible for this interval.

The microphone signal is amplified and causes the gate generator to open the oscillator gate. This permits the output of the 95.648-Kc oscillator to be



C-W RADAR DEVELOPS doppler frequency from moving projectile and feeds it to counter circuit. Gates in counter are opened by signal from microphone and allow counting for an interval that gives direct readout—Fig. 1



applied to the 4,096 divider; the divider has 12 binaries in cascade.

Thus the frequency applied to the delay gate is 23.3 cps; the period is 42.8 milliseconds. A logic circuit in the delay gate counts until a preselected period occurs and then operates the doppler gate. The doppler signal then feeds the counting circuits. The first circuit, the thirds counter, counts to three, then actuates the next circuit, the units counter, which is a conventional decade counter as are the tens, hundreds and thousands circuits. The count is displayed on neon numeric indicators and retained until manually reset. To maintain decimal readout, the thirds counter has displays of 0, 0.3 and 0.7.

**Frequency Control**—Since the doppler frequency varies directly with transmitter frequency, both long time (milliseconds and up) and short time (microseconds) stabilities are critical. An Invar microwave cavity is used as the reference element in an automatic frequency control loop. This reference element is a dual mode cavity operating in two orthogonal TE<sub>11</sub> modes. Tuning screws distort the symmetry sufficiently that the modes are tuned to slightly different frequencies. Two coupling apertures, one for each mode, feed detectors. One detector is reverse polarity compared to the other, so combined output is a typical discriminator S curve. Discriminator output is amplified by a differential d-c amplifier, Fig. 2, and applied to a 230-Kc oscillator to vary output  $\pm$  20 percent. This is stepped up by a voltage sextupler, filtered, and applied to the klystron as reflector voltage.

Loop gain is sufficient to maintain klystron frequency within a few tenths of a megacycle. Stabilization is obtained within 50 milliseconds to accomplish long-time stabilization. Short-time stabilization is concerned with any shift in transmitter frequency between transmission and reception of the r-f signal. This time is of the order of 10 microseconds. Allowing 0.1 Mc as the maximum allowable drift, a drift rate of  $0.1/10 \times 10^{-6}$  or 10,000 Mc/sec<sup>2</sup> is obtained. Since 0.1 Mc/sec<sup>2</sup> would be a pessimistic value of klystron drift, no special short-time stabilization is required.

**Other Features**—Since actual operating time of the chronograph is only 43 milliseconds for each firing, tests or adjustments during this time are impractical. Self-checking the transmitter-receiver section is obtained by waving a hand in front of the antenna; the audio counter circuits are checked by applying a 75-Kc crystal-controlled test signal to the audio circuits and tapping the microphone. The counter should give a count of 1,070.3.

A problem common to all c-w radars is leakage from transmitter to receiver. Since the receiver is tuned to the transmitter frequency, leakage can saturate the i-f amplifier and cause false doppler indication due to noise components. The two main sources of leakage—terrain reflections and reflections in the chronograph waveguide—can be considered a single reflection appearing at the balanced mixer. A tuner, installed between the hybrid and the antenna, introduces another reflection whose amplitude and phase are variable. When adjusted, cancellation of the original reflection is achieved; this is part of the initial adjustments.

The chronograph uses replaceable modules. Major components—i-f amplifier, afc chassis, audio amplifier, counter and power supply—are removable in less than one minute. The i-f amplifier is shock mounted but everything else is rigidly mounted to the main frame. Front-panel indications are sufficient to localize trouble to a replaceable module. Test points are provided on a slide-out rack for higher echelon maintainance.

# New High-Frequency Antenna: The Passive Network Array

The passive network array (PNA) is a physically small antenna using a hybrid and two matched baluns as the passive circuit with which it spans the 2 to 30-Mc frequency range with an overall gain of 9 to 11 db

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**MOST RECEIVING** antennas in the h-f range are too large and costly for their applications—are too efficient. A new approach, indicative of good engineering principles, dictates that for most h-f applications the antenna need be only large enough to receive sufficient atmospheric noise (assuming signal received is above atmospheric noise) to mask receiver input noise for optimum reception efficiency.

This, the principle criterion used

FIBER GLASS 20-foot mast supports an 8-foot wide by 12-foot high array



in the basic PNA (passive network array) design, has been recognized for years. However, little effort appears to have been expended so far in the area of actually applying this criterion to produce a practical antenna.

Antenna Size vs Noise-Small antenna size (8-feet wide by 12-feet high) is possible because of the intensity or amount of atmospheric and man-made noise in the h-f Atmospheric interference range. is propagated by the ionosphere in the same manner as radio transmission. A technical report published by the Navy concluded: "The commonly accepted receiver-antenna design criterion is that the antenna should be long enough to collect sufficient minimum atmospheric noise to exceed receiver noise.... The (system) signal-tonoise ratio will not be impaired if receiver noise is small compared to atmospheric noise. A 5-foot tuned antenna is satisfactory 100 percent of the time . . . over the 0.5 to 30-Mc band, for a nominal field intensity of 1  $\mu$ v/meter."<sup>1</sup>

Other investigators also reported similar conclusions, recommending small antennas for h-f receiving applications.<sup>2</sup> PNA design, using this basic criterion, limits overall size to that which effectively satisfies necessary system signal-to-noise requirements using a receiver with a maximum noise figure of 10 db. (A statistical reliability of 90 percent and a geographical location within a noise grade of 2 or higher are assumed.)<sup>3,4</sup> Theory—The PNA (patent pending) is an end-fire couplet array consisting of two closely spaced end-loaded dipole elements with currents of equal amplitude having a relative phase difference equal to 180 degrees minus the dipole spacing in electrical degrees. The spacing between the elements in electrical degrees varies from approximately 6 degrees at 2 Mc to 90 degrees at 30 Mc. Although the physical length of the dipole elements is only 12 feet, an electrical length of approximately 25 feet is achieved by the effect of the 1-foot radius end-loading disks. The super-gain principle is used to achieve the degree of directivity gain realized from the small aperture employed.<sup>6</sup> Figure 1 shows the basic electrical 'hook-up' of the PNA antenna. Both elements are fed or driven by the transmission line. A normal two-element array can be made to exhibit good directivity and a high front-to-back only over a relatively narrow bandwidth, that is, 10 percent, largely because of certain undesirable currents which tend to flow through the feeder circuit. These currents are the result of the mutual coupling between the two elements; the value of the current is a function of what is termed the mutual impedance. The effect of the mutual currents is to make the feed point impedance of one element different from the other element in a manner which varies with frequency. A hybrid combines two separate signal inputs into a single output while maintaining a high isolation between the two inputs. As used in the feed system of this array,
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This small rotatable antenna is said to offer major advantages over larger fixed-azimuth antennas in that it not only allows the operator to null-out both interfering signals and noise, but also provides the same coverage over the 2 to 30-Mc h-f range as a rosette of four log-periodic monopole antennas, requiring a 130foot tower and some four acres for installation

it suppresses mutual-current flow and allows wide-band operation. The hybrid, in conjunction with two matched broadband baluns, forms the essential passive circuit of this antenna.

Construction-The balun uses a multiturn bifilar winding on a high permeability toroidal core. The winding yields an impedance transfer of 4:1 with a balanced input and an unbalanced output (300 to 75 ohms). Each antenna requires an identical pair of baluns. This pair must have exactly the same vswr, phase, insertion loss, and balance ratio characteristics as a function of frequency over the entire 2 to 30-Mc range. The baluns must also exhibit characteristics that fall within narrow tolerance limits for all the parameters. The difficulty of the pair selection problem has been reduced, by at least an order of magnitude, by the design of special test equipment permitting rapid differentialtype balun comparison.

The hybrid circuit yields equal conjugate impedances, high isolation, low input vswr, and low insertion loss. Both baluns and hybrids are potted in a low-loss epoxy compound.

The phase delay line used consists of a length of 75-ohm Teflon coaxial cable (RG-140/U) packaged as a coil sealed in a tubular container to assure mechanical rigidity and electrical stability. The magnetic field insulators are small diameter, high permeability, cylindrical cores having a length of approximately one inch. The insula-



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BASIC electrical hook-up of the passive network array antenna-Fig. 1



CALCULATED and measured patterns plotted for 10-Mc frequency-Fig. 2

tors are arranged concentrically along the outside of the coax and make no electrical contact with the outer or inner conductor. Each core acts as a lossy one-turn magnetic loop, effectively preventing the magnetic component of any electromagnetic wave from propagating further along the outside of the coax.

To preserve symmetry within the antenna system, it is necessary to use an insulated support mast at the center of the antenna that is approximately 10 feet in length. The PNA uses a glass-fiber mast for support, and the magnetic-field decoupling devices are evenly positioned at intervals of approximately 2 feet along the length of the top section of coaxial feed line.

Without tight tolerances on the matched baluns and the hybrid the design of a practical array would be impossible without compromising overall performance — particularly front-to-back ratio.

**Performance** — Measured patterns under actual field conditions over a 7-mile range using the carrier of NBS station WWV at 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 Mc indicated a minimum front-to-back ratio of approximately 15 db. Measured patterns are in very close agreement with theory. Based on  $f_o = \cos [(S^u/2)] \cos \phi + (\alpha/2)]$  where:  $S^u$  equals the spacing in electrical degrees between the elements and a equals the phase shift between the currents in the elements, the calculated H-plane pattern is shown in Fig. 2 for a spacing of 30 degrees and a phase shift of 150 degrees. For comparison, the measured pattern for the same parameters (corresponding to a frequency of 10 Mc) is also shown.

The free-space directivity gain of the antenna above an isotropic varies from over 6 db at 2 Mc to approximately 5 db at 30 Mc. The exact theoretical gain was calculated at 2 Mc based on the expression  $r\theta\phi = \frac{1}{2}\sin\theta (1 + \sin\theta\cos\phi)$ which describes the shape of the antenna pattern in spherical coordinates. Using the expression

$$G_{db} = 10 \log \left[ \frac{4\pi}{\int_0^{2\pi}} \int_0^{\pi} r^{2}_{\theta,\phi} \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \right]$$

integration over the entire sphere yielded a free-space gain of 6.35 db above an isotropic. Over a perfectly conducting ground, the antenna gain would increase by approximately 3 db at 2 Mc and 6 db at 30 Mc above an isotropic. Thus, a system gain of from 9 to 11 db is realized over the entire h-f range. This is nearly the same as a log-periodic monopole array having an alpha angle of 30 degrees with a height of 123 feet and a length of 210 feet. Note that the gain of a vertical dipole element above ground can realize a gain of as much as 3.5 db above a vertical monopole element.6

Since the antenna is designed only for receiving it is necessary to define the equivalent vswr or mismatch for reception only. The system loss due to the mismatch between the self-impedance of the dipole elements and the impedance at the balun input to the array feed network has been accounted for and included in the absolute gain calculation and measurement. The most meaningful vswr or mismatch rating should therefore include the entire feed network and transmission line harness

The maximum vswr of the entire array, measured at either balun input, was found to be better than 1.3:1 over the 2 to 30-Mc range with antenna output terminated in a 50-ohm load. This low vswr is essential to achieving a high front-toback ratio and uniformly high directivity gain over the entire operating frequency range.

The effectiveness of the antenna in the presence of atmospheric noise is illustrated in Fig. 3. The value of thermal noise (KTB) corresponding to a temperature of 290 deg is normalized to 0 db. The equivalent input noise of a receiver having a noise figure (NF) of 6 db is shown as being 4.7 db above KTB ( $NF_{db} =$ 10 log 1 +  $t_r/t_o$  where  $t_r = \text{tem}$ perature of receiver and  $t_o = 300$ deg). The curve of rms atmospheric noise power available at the output terminals of the PNA-2A system is shown as varying from + 3.5 db at 2 Mc to a peak of 21.4 db at approximately 15 Mc to just over 4.7



EFFECTIVENESS of antenna in the presence of atmospheric noise-Fig. 3

db at 30 Mc (bottom curve).

However, a more meaningful parameter for practical applications is the level of average atmospheric noise peaks, which is shown in the curve just above the rms power curve.<sup>7</sup> The design of the antenna has been optimized in relation to efficiency so that the average-peakatmospheric-noise-to-receiver-inputnoise ratio is essentially constant at 20 db over the 2 to 30 Mc frequency range. The top curve depicts the amplitude of signals received by the array based on "Minimum Required Incident Field Intensity to Assure Radio Telephone Communication 90% of the Time in the Presence of Atmospheric and Cosmic Noise."<sup>4</sup> The small effective capture area of the PNA-2A, calculated and measured as being 61 db less than that of an isotropic radiator at 2 Mc, is offset by the high intensity of average peak atmospheric noise, 83 db above KTB at the terminals of an isotropic radiator.

In actual use, the directivity gain of the array is most evident in improving the signal-to-noise ratio of weak signals as compared to an omnidirectional, vertically polarized reference antenna. The system has been successfully used to determine the general direction of arrival of atmospheric noise at frequencies as low as 2 Mc.

Other Designs—The basic design may be considered a building block for more elaborate designs. Examples would be: a four-element end-fire array using two PNA antennas arrayed in a plane and fed 180 degrees out of phase; a monopole version above a ground plane for fixed-station applications; or a large circularly disposed array or Wullenweber array using the basic PNA design as an element.

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# INTRODUCTION

- Industrial and commercial electronics are bright sales areas. Communications, computers, data reduction and process control are pace setters. Medical electronics will attract increasing commercial attention.
- Military spending continues at a high level, but slackening in some areas is evident. Command and control, limited warfare, and aviation electronics will receive major funding. Most government and industrial experts hope for at least a plateau in spending this year, but expect a possible decline after that. Research and development funding may be the first to reveal this trend.
- Space electronics spending is increasing with equipment for ground support, telemetering and tracking among the largest markets.
- Consumer electronics will see a rising year, with color tv the big money maker. Inexpensive smallscreen b & w sets will imprint a new pattern of sales on the industry.
- \*Manufacturing overcapacity in components will cause dropouts of manufacturers in various conventional-component markets. Microelectronics will make major technical advances and take on increasing commercial importance.
- International opportunities, and domestic competition in the electronics industry, will draw more U.S. firms deeper into world trade, seeking markets now served by foreign manufacturers.





INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITIES—The attractive profit margin in industrial electronic products is inducing many firms to concentrate more of their operations in this area. However, it's becoming one of keen competition. Slackening of military spending is driving many electronics firms that serve the military primarily, into industrial operations. The often limited profit possible on military contracts is providing an additional fillip. Some experts predict that in time, more firms will be attempting to serve industrial customers than will be required. They point out that the concept that there are a host of industrial and commercial markets awaiting exploitation by the electronics industry, is a largely platitudinous one, which neglects to consider the finite limits of the requirements of various portions of these markets. Most agree that firms must uncover areas that have been relatively untapped until now-but more important, they must actually create new needs to bring into being markets that have not existed until technology and marketing created them.

Selling industrial equipment and systems requires that firms show an economic advantage over competitors, not



HYBRID COMPUTER developed by Electronic Associates, Inc., performs both analog and digital operations. Inclusion of digital aids in analog computers is emerging trend in large-scale simulation systems

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always a factor in dealing with the military. Designing for best possible performance is required in military contracting, and elaborate engineering is used. Such procedures are too expensive for industrial products where customers look for simple engineering solutions with attendant monetary savings.

According to Robert B. Liepold, Vice President and General Manager of Automatic Electric Sales Corp., a unit of GT&E, there will be a fall out of equipment and systems firms now operating in industrial electronics. Firms will require better and more sophisticated engineering practices in the future, and an effective marketing organization able to go into the field and sell. Success here will require improved advertising, market research, product planning, line selling effort and staff engineering support. Liepold also predicts that many of the huge multidivision electrical-electronics firms, will begin to operate heavily in industrial electronics.

Experts feel that many of the big airframe manufacturers are planning to enter the electronics field on a large scale. They also hold that foreign competition for U.S. industrial and commercial electronics markets will further challenge the profitable operation of domestic firms in the future. It is suggested by many international marketing experts that U. S. firms should seek to operate on an international basis if at all feasible, thus offsetting the problems created by purely domestic manufacturing and sales practices.

An example of the range of problems to be overcome in civilian sales is given by Lawrence J. Straw, Marketing Vice President for Sylvania Electronic Systems, a unit of GT&E. He points out that companies like his own that have extensive and long-term experience in consumer and industrial products, will maintain their advantage in the coming competition for nonmilitary business. The firm also expects to maintain profitable growth in their military and space operations due to continued application of commercial business techniques to government program management. Mr. Straw looks to fierce competition among firms that will attempt to operate in the commercial and industrial market of the future. Conversion from military to commercial operations will present problems to many firms. While some of these difficulties will be unforeseen, others can be readily identified. These include achieving effective management, distribution, advertising, technical recruitment, and economical use of facilities. This last may require loft-like operations with basic facilities, in contrast to the sometimes ornate buildings of some firms selling to the military.

Among the most promising industrial electronics market areas for the future are communications of all kinds, computers and their applications, data processing including information storage and retrieval, instruments for test and measurement, process control, medical electronics, and laser machining.

**COMMUNICATIONS**—Most industry observers feel that communications, in the broadest sense, represents the segment of the electronics industry which holds the greatest potential for growth. There will be continued effort to advance satellite communications to practical, everyday operations. This will require solving political and international difficulties. Some observers note that the major market resulting for electronics will not be in orbiting equipment but in ground facilities.

The largest market for two-way mobile radio is to taxicab fleets, with several firms now participating. Selling practices are highly competitive, and some firms have lost money in taxi radio operations. Two-way radios for construction site use, railroad operations, and a plethora of other uses are expected to grow.

Data communications, linking computers and business machines, represents an important future market. Development and sales of interface equipment, to couple business machines to existing wire and microwave facilities will continue to gain impetus.

One of the most promising new markets for television is in the educational field. Educators are still resolving their preferences for either local school service—or statewide (or regional) coverage using long lines and microwave. Right now more money is being spent for statewide systems, and by 1965 it is expected this will become the dominant format. General Electric Co. has supplied cameras, transmitters, antennas and other equipment for Alabama's statewide educational system. A market for additional studio equipment to make educational video tapes is expected to emerge with the growth of educational tv.

Specialized applications for closed-circuit tv include use in psychological clinical studies and applications in medical schools. Security systems using closed-circuit tv are gaining popularity, with many banks installing equipment to forestall robbery.

Electronically controlled telephone exchanges using solid-state devices for control and dry-reed switches for the cross points of the system will find increasingly greater application in the future.

LASER COMMUNICATIONS—Use of the laser for commercial communications continues to receive attention. Many feel the laser may find its greatest commercial application here. During the past year, progress has been made in laser modulation and demodulation. The extremely high information-carrying capability of the laser underlines its appeal for communications. Application of the laser to intercity communications awaits its commercial advantage over existing wire and microwave systems. It may require a heavy rate of future information traffic to achieve this turnover. In linking cities with laser communications, a pressurized pipe may be used to exclude fog and dust. Known as a surveyed system, it would employ mirrors at turns, perhaps with servo systems to maintain alignment. Beam spreading may require recollimation with image intensifiers or amplifying lasers used as repeaters.

Injection electroluminescent devices are under study for communications systems and show promise. Both coherent and noncoherent devices are being considered, with several experimental systems already tested.

**DATA PROCESSING**—One of the highest growth rates in the electronics industry will be experienced in data processing. It will expand on an interplant, and an intraplant basis. Information storage and retrieval will gain along with this upsurge, though some experts question whether heavy expenditures for information storage and retrieval development by some firms will pay off. New methods for storage of bulk material will be offered, and thin-film memories will appear in new computers as well as high speed ferrite memories.

**PROCESS CONTROL**—The process industries are making greater use of the analog computer than in the past. They are used where control of multivariable inputs and multivariable outputs are required. The analog computer provides continuous and dynamic control of processes, instead of inspecting set points and then applying corrections, as is done with digital control. Often though, in process work, digital computers are basically data loggers, and a man makes the correction to the system. Digital computer control is expensive and may be too slow. Additionally, analog computers are now smaller and more reliable than in the past, both factors helping them to gain acceptance.

To make process control and telemetering sales, firms will have to take the systems approach more often in the future. Thus in a gas pipe line they will be required to do the systems engineering consisting of microwave communications, computers and most other elements.

ANALOG COMPUTERS—The market for analog computers of all types is growing rapidly. Included are largescale simulation systems, small-scale—generally desktop—instruments, and process-control computers. The large-scale instruments are used for simulation in aerospace, electronics and process industries, as well as government research operations. These computers now have digital logic and memory functions built into them to permit high-precision solutions of problems which could not formerly be solved with pure analog computers. An example is the space-age requirement for long-term integration of altitudes from a few feet to thousands of miles. The resulting hybrid computers now solve a broad range of simulation problems which could not be handled with straight analog or digital computers.

According to Robert L. Yeager, Manager, Computer Product Sales, Electronic Associates, Inc., one of the most significant trends in the analog computer field is the use of small machines in colleges and universities. Over the last four to five years over a thousand smallscale analog computers have gone to government, military and universities, indicating that more people are learning to use analog machines. The ones going into universities are being integrated into the curricula. This will have the effect of training more engineers to express systems mathematically and put them on computers for design solutions. It will satisfy the need to get away from basic handbook designs.

**DIGITAL COMPUTERS**—One of the fastest growing markets in dollar volume is digital computers. The field is still led by IBM, which holds the major portion of the market. Computers are being applied to a kaleidoscopic variety of new tasks, and many firms are expanding their sales and programming operations to sell to the new markets. However, few firms in this field operate at a profit, though most hope that when income from leasing rolls in through the years, that may change.

Applications for computers abound, ranging from bookkeeping operations for all manner of business such as accounting and payroll through more esoteric uses, such as employing a recorded vocabulary to reply vocally to a Wall Streeter's query for a stock quote. Applications of computers to PERT-like scheduling in industry and government are gaining. Computers are helping advertising men select media, farmers in their agrarian planning pursuits, medical researchers in treatment planning, and engineers and scientists in a broad spectrum of endeavors.

**INSTRUMENTS**—The instrument market is attracting much attention, and there are a flood of new instruments appearing. Those which are designed to serve a specialized research need are expected to do particularly well, in part due to the government's increasing attention to research.

The trend begun last year of requiring increased accuracy in test and measuring instruments is moving ahead even faster this year. In test and measuring instruments such as voltmeters, signal generators and similar equipment, along with improved accuracy, new designs now employ solid-state components such as transistors and optical choppers as a matter of practice. This is possible through the lowering of component prices, and reflects a desire to achieve increased reliability. Solid-state components produce less heat and operate with less power. No moving parts are required; as for example in use of mechanical choppers compared to optical choppers.

Laboratory standards are an even bigger market this year than last, with smaller firms as well as large prime contractors now having to up-grade their lab standards facilities and techniques.

Along with the need for increased measurement accuracy there is a growing shortage of skilled technicians able to make these measurements. Data obtained and recorded must be done by knowledgable, technically trained personnnel. Human engineering and automation of test equipment will help here, but cannot solve the problem.

According to Emil G. Nichols, Director of Planning at Weston Instrument and Electronics Div., Daystrom Inc., within the general area of indicating panel meters two distinct classes of instruments are evolving. The first is a class of measuring instruments designed for increased accuracy, resolution, stability, and repeatability. All four requirements must be met to satisfy the general concept of accuracy as broadly understood in the industry. The second class of indicating panel meters is designed for relative readings—go, no-go; level of battery charge without reading in absolute values. However, reliability is of high importance, while at the same time inexpensive meters are demanded.

**MEDICAL ELECTRONICS**—The largest market for medical electronics today is still in the area of x-ray equipment. Though many tasks are discussed for electronics to aid the medical profession, volume applications gain momentum slowly as physicians spell out their needs and equipment is developed and field tested. Many electronics firms facing the slackening expenditures on military electronics have declared themselves anxious to turn to medical electronics products. There are indications that keen competition for this market will result.

Among the areas receiving heavy attention are patient monitoring facilities for post-operation recovery rooms with many firms developing equipment and techniques. Some feel that in time this will be a large market. Development of prosthetic devices, such as artificial limbs which



**REMOTE POSITIONING** of patient is provided in GE fluoroscope system. Instrument uses closed circuit tv to Intensify image, and present it for study by radiologist in shielded viewing area. Cine recordings are made if desired

LASER CUTTING of extremely hard tantalum metal. Hughes ruby laser pierces metal sheet in under one thousandth of a second



are controlled by servo amplifiers tied to body muscle signal voltages are receiving attention.

Medical electronics will gain from advances in microelectronics—in prosthetic devices for the most part, and also in diagnostic devices. It may prove possible to place sensors in artificial fingers, making them capable of detecting temperature and position, as well as obtaining motion by tie-in to muscle voltage.

Diagnostic techniques using infrared sensors are receiving much attention, but it has been pointed out by experts that practical application awaits further research.

Extensive research is being carried out to develop the laser as a practical medical device. Experiments on the eye, where the laser is employed as a precise surgical tool used to weld retinas, have been carried out. The laser beam also appears to be useful in treating diseased human tissues.

There is commercial interest in a class of medical instruments designed to induce sleep in humans. By application of controlled currents to the brain, and without surgery being required, what appears to be true sleep has been induced in humans. Transistor operated instruments are manufactured right now for this use. It may be that such instruments will eventually lead to reduced slumber time requirements in humans under certain conditions. Another application for this class of instruments may be in treatment of certain mental and related physical disorders, where treatment is aided by induced sleep.

Work on developing surgical anesthesia techniques using electrical currents is being carried out, and shows promise. Instruments used for these studies include transistor constant-current generators and have proven effective on animals.

LASER MACHINING—High volume applications of lasers for welding and machining operations are about five years away. This is considered by most experts to be the area of greatest promise for industrial application of the laser. The device will find favor in the cutting of refractory metals. High precision machining and welding will eventually be done best by lasers. Many jobs now done with electron beam welding could be handled with the laser, and without the requirement of operating in a vacuum. Most of the high power lasers used for these tasks employ Q-spoiling techniques to increase the peak power of the laser, for a given amount of available energy.

ADAPTIVE TRAINING—A new technique now under study in the field of teaching machines is that of adapt-

ARMY TESTS field radio, one of a series developed by RCA. Transmitter-receiver uses micromodule packaging technique, similar to sample displayed in inset



ive training. The concept may prove useful in teaching motor skills such as eye-hand coordination. Adaptive training techniques may be employed in the design of simulators, such as one intended to teach flight control of helicopters. In an adaptive trainer, special internal circuits are used to automatically change the difficulty of the task being learned, depending on the student's learning rate. Dr. Edwin Hudson, head of Human Factors at Otis' Defense and Industrial Div., points out that in learning initial stages of complex skills, adaptive learning techniques may prove invaluable, saving both time and money. He suggests that adaptive learning machines may be useful as a selection tool, to indicate how fast a potential trainee may learn. Still under study, adaptive training is regarded as a potentially efficacious technique, which if successful could lead to its use in simulators by 1965.

ADAPTIVE TRAINER which automatically adjusts to efficiency level of the operator, is a new teaching machine concept under study. Internal circuits in this Otis Defense and Industrial Div. system, speed learning of motor skills by adjusting difficulty of positioning spot on oscilloscope





**MILITARY FUNDING**—The electronics industry in recent years has found the major portion of its market in sales of military products and services. The upward trend of military electronics procurement, and research and development, appears to be at an end. And during the coming year, most experts predict a slackening of military expenditures for electronics, primarily in research and development.

The dominant planning factor in sales to the military, is geopolitics. Any significant change in the international situation, reflects itself in military spending. The hoped for easing of cold war tensions, or sudden hot war conditions, can wreck attempts at forecasting future military electronics markets. Additionally, a change in the Administration, or a shift in its policies will also distort market predictions. Barring these uncertainties a trend to leveling military electronic equipment and systems procurement for this year is clearly defined. Money spent for operations and maintenance will go up in the future. Spending for military research, development, test and evaluation, will go down after the coming year, and may slacken this year.

However, observers note that announcement before year's end of a major military weapon system, using extensive electronics is possible. This too, may alter the military marketing picture. Additionally, it may be that money already appropriated for existing military projects, but not released, will be released to contractors later this year, offsetting slackening military expenditures.

Future money spent for exotic electronic research and development activities by the military will be distributed even more carefully than in the past.

Efforts by the government to channel military R&D efforts into nonmilitary endeavors is an observed trend. However, some observers feel that for reasons of maintaining the general defense posture of the nation, military spending will not go down in the next few years, and that only a beginning effort will be made to reduce spending after that time.

**COMMAND AND CONTROL**—Within the category of military command and control is found the broadest framework of opportunities for future electronics sales to the military. Included are communications, data processing and display. The most important single market for high volume sales of equipment and services to the military is for communications, in the broadest sense. Included are all modes of communications, radio and wire, analog and digital, speech and data. Right now extensive procurement, and research and development efforts for military global communications are being advanced. Specialized communications for limited-warfare operations are of continuing high importance.

The requirements of modern warfare demands com-

mand and control capabilities stretching from global strategic systems through small tactical systems. Ability to couple the highest priority government directives into a command and control network which filters down to local field military operations is required.

**COMMUNICATIONS**—The market for communications equipment for all three armed services is growing. Army is particularly well funded. The service demands equipment to satisfy its increasing mobility, and quick reaction time capability. They also require a smooth transistion in all operations, should a small war grow to a larger one. Reliable field operation without need for field engineering, even when the equipment is first placed in service, is also a requisite. Additionally, the service's communications must operate in a time frame of seconds, compared to commercial practices of hours or even days. The jungle environment, that Army is often forced to operate in, places stringent demands on equipment. A means of penetrating the presently radio-opaque tropical vegetation is sought. New techniques for over the horizon communications are desired. Use of repeaters, such as satellites, or balloons are possibilities here.

**LIMITED WARFARE**—The second largest market for military electronics lies in the area of equipment to satisfy the needs of limited warfare. Major funding will go to the Army, to increase its capability in brushfire war. DoD is anxious to see microelectronics techniques employed in equipment designed for this application.

Robert J. Brown, General Manager of Defense Programs Operation, General Electric Co., suggests that the weapon system approach be applied to man, to aid him in penetrating defenses and carrying out his mission. The weapon-system technique used with aircraft has produced outstanding results. Brown suggests that many of the major disciplines in electronics, such as bioelectronics, sensory electronics, and human engineering can be applied to man to make him a more effective weapon system. Determining man's intrinsic needs in a military field situation is the key to long range planning in this area. The great number of men can lead to a healthy market for successful firms.

Surveillance techniques which include a great variety of sensors are receiving heavy attention. These include photographic, infrared, radar and low light level systems. In radar, for example, more effective moving target identification is sought as well as other means to help determine the military significance of a target, such as examination of surface texture.

AVIATION ELECTRONICS-High performance military aircraft for limited warfare and broader scale operations is creating an important market for avionics, for all three services. Again, the growing needs of Army and increased funding to that service provides an important market. Army aviation is being developed to transport troops into enemy territory, and armed with offensive weapons is an important program. Aircraft electronics requirements include identification equipment, more effective air navigation systems, as well as communications advances. Electronics for the Air Force-Navy TFX aircraft now in development will use present state-of-the-art electronics now, go to microelectronics in later versions. Evolving V/STOL aircraft demands advanced electronics. The next generation manned bomber which Air Force proposes requires extensive electronics also.

**MISSILES**—Updating of Minuteman and Polaris are continuing, but represent a limited future market. Titan III may represent a big opportunity for microelectronics companies, however. Two possible future missile projects are the mobile medium range ballistic missile and an antimissile defense system based on Nike-X. The MMRBM is intended for targets roughly 2,000 miles from the launch point. Possible ship deployment of MMRBM's under NATO control is being considered. A go-ahead on this missile could result in heavy electronics funding. However, a decision in favor of the medium range missile might eliminate a next-generation manned bomber.

The Nike-X system is an outgrowth of Army's Nike-Zeus and would probably be used for point defense of military and civilian targets rather than blanket national protection. It would incorporate a short range missile, Sprint, as well as the Nike-Zeus. Right now, development work on the system is under way, but production and deployment await future government decisions.

MILITARY AIRCRAFT-Development of a next-generation manned bomber is still advocated by Air Force. They see important advantages in the option to recall a bomber, which is under continuous human control compared to ICBM's which drive on inexorably to a target. A manned bomber may gain favor because discrimination techniques will not advance quickly enough to permit determination of the mission of suspect objects in space, or the atmosphere, within the 15 minutes required by the ICBM philosophy. Right now three XB-70 supersonic aircraft are in prototype development, but prospects of flight testing remains uncertain. Other variations of a next generation manned bomber include a craft designed to operate at very low altitudes at target areas, thus come in under enemy radar, after high altitude approach. Another craft, designed for extended loitering ability is also under study. Development work on one of these versions appears probable, based on latest DoD attitudes toward them.

The development of supersonic military transports seems fairly definite. Their creation would also serve to advance this country's position in the international commercial air transport market.

MILITARY SPACE-Spending for military space electronics will continue roughly at its present level, until DoD sees definite future system needs beyond present communications and navigation systems. An important forthcoming space effort will be Air Force's manned orbiting space laboratory. It will be carried out in cooperation with NASA with the space agency paying Air Force for desired experiments. Military use of a space station could include early warning systems, communications, weather prediction and ballistic missile defense. Manned flight of the Air Force orbiting laboratory by 1967 is considered possible. The project is intended to provide data on man's military usefulness in space. A modified Gemini will be attached to the manned orbiting laboratory during launch. A Titan III will lift the laboratory into orbit.

Some military planners believe a manned space interceptor is needed to assure the nation's security. The craft would take off from earth, carry out its mission in space, such as inspecting or destroying a hostile satellite, and return to a controlled earth landing.

Armament of the manned spacecraft would include rockets. A more favorable climate toward development of such a weapon system is expected by some market planners.

**ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE**—Navy continues to depend heavily on sonar for surveillance and weapon system control in ASW operations. However, the number of sonars needed is limited and up-dating of equipment, such as higher power transducers, deep dip sonars,



ANTISUBMARINE DUTIES may evolve for a class of hydrofoil boats designed to "fly" above the surface at speeds over 100 knots. Boeing developed this craft, which uses electronic stabilization of submerged foils



NAVY'S NUCLEAR powered aircraft carrier, Enterprise. Electronic scan radar including rows of diagonal bars, encircle a portion of the island. Other radar, communications, and navigation gear bristles from the control center



ROCKET PLANE X-15 under full power. Air Force craft is holder of many speed and altitude records continues to gather data on high altitude flight and reentry heating problems

HIGH SPEED printer is part of mobile digital computer system developed by Sylvania for Army. Data processing support of maintenance items is provided with system, evolved under technical direction of Army



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and more sensitive receivers, is not expected to provide an important new market. Increasing use of magnetic anomaly detectors which record changes in the earth's magnetic field for target pinpointing and discrimination purposes, is expected. Use of higher sensitivity MAD equipment such as protron free precession magnetometers is under study.

A brand new submarine detection technique must be discovered to produce a sudden change in the ASW marketing picture. Much effort is being expanded here by Navy. Possible new techniques include temperature measurement of the water's surface with airborne infrared equipment to detect the heat imparted by a submarine's passage. Inspection of dead microbiological life may be possible using ultraviolet techniques to reveal bioluminescence. Measurement of: radioactivity in water caused by an atomic sub, generation of voltage produced by dissimilar metals in sea water, nature-generated lightning which penetrates water, and reflection of high intensity light in water, may all be under study as possible means of detecting submarines.

Much effort will be expanded to develop greater knowledge of the ocean medium as an aid to ASW system development and operations.

Navy will use microelectronics in future ASW equipment. This will permit including more and varied equipment within the space limits of a single aircraft or vessel.

Mine detection equipment may not achieve volume

status because in modern warfare, the airlifting of troops and supplies may preclude the need for some mine-sweeping operations.

**ASW ATTACK SYSTEMS**—Navy looks to development of extremely long range torpedoes, able to destroy submarines at any depth. The SUBROC format may be used, which employs a rocket fired by a submerged submarine that reenters the water to attack enemy subs. The slower airborne weapon system using helicopters guided by radio are finding qualified acceptance.

Use of aircraft carriers as control centers for ASW operations is producing greater emphasis on integrated command systems for these vessels. Advanced data processing systems and possible use of communications satellites are expected for future ASW carriers.

Navy is testing hydrofoil boats designed to fly with their hulls above the surface at over 100 knots for possible ASW service. Navy would outfit these craft with advanced ASW weapons and electronics, for tracking and destroying high speed submarines. Extensive electronic stabilization systems are used with the craft in the foil borne mode. Various electronic sensors provide information on roll, pitch, heave-rate, altitude and other parameters, which are fed to amplifiers that operate control surfaces on the submerged foils. A larger ocean-going hydrofoil boat is also under development by Navy, and it too requires electronic stabilization. A class of hydrofoil



**CIVILIAN SPACE**—The electronic portion of NASA's fiscal 1964 budget of roughly \$5 billion, will be of the order of \$2 billion. Of this expenditure, the greatest segment will be spent for electronics used on the ground. Within areas of NASA space effort it is estimated that forty to sixty percent of a booster's cost is for electronics, while roughly seventy percent of the money spent for space craft is for electronics. The latter reaches eighty percent of the money spent for ground tracking and data acquisition is for electronics. This includes ground-support equipment such as pre-launch instrumentation.

The largest amount of electronics spending will go to the Apollo project, which extends through this decade. Included are instrumentation for the spacecraft and Saturn booster, plus additional tracking and data facilities. Apollo requires a new mission center, additional tracking stations, more tracking ships, and new instrumentation at the launch area. Some boosters have as many as two thousand instrumentation points requiring standard test equipment and specialized test instrumentation. Government space efforts will see increased emphasis on electronic component reliability. Albert J. Kelley, Director, Electronics and Control, NASA, points out that this need is based largely on NASA's requirements for a high single shot probability of success. He looks for more attention to qualification and test of individual components to help achieve the agency's goals.

Right now, in-being equipment and components are often used for space efforts, including ground systems, but in the late sixties a new market for equipment designed for the space environment will evolve. When a high volume of space shots are reached, equipment designed for a given task rather than adaptations will be a must. Components and technology which are up to the state-of-the-art will be demanded by NASA.

NASA will join the DoD in the manned space station project planned for the Air Force. Gemini will also see combined military efforts.

Some industry spokesmen feel that the market for space is for people and not equipment. There is a feeling amphibious landing boats using electronic stabilization is under development for the Marines.

LASER RANGING—Short-range laser ranging units will become a large volume item with the military. Lightweight units capable of a high degree of accuracy and able to penetrate fog better than standard optical instruments will find broad use. The high intensity light possible with a laser can be many times that of the sun for a given bandwidth, and aids in piercing fog and smoke. Army is evaluating one-man portable laser ranging units with digital readout, right now.

Secure communications using laser light beams are of interest for battlefield use. However, submillimeter systems may be pre-eminent for secure communications, because they attenuate rapidly, as well as provide a narrow beamwidth, and are not subject to attenuation by fog or smoke.

**OPTICAL DEVICES**—Locating a camouflaged enemy under brushfire war conditions is creating a demand for ir systems that sweep an area to reveal hot spots. Flash detectors to record battlefield flashes, perhaps using a low-level tv detector, computer and display, could become a mass produced item for front-line use by observers. There is continuing need for efficient low-light-level nightdriving equipment for Army.

The possibility of developing military antipersonnel or

antimateriel weapons using high energy light, sound or other format remains an important prospect. The high intensity laser beam which has many times demonstrated steel plate piercing ability is much discussed. Possible application to anti-ICBM systems designed to destroy re-entering warheads is not precluded by military electronics experts. High energy ultrasonic beams are also being discussed as a possible antipersonnel weapon.

Some observers feel that a satellite discrimination network will eventually come into being. Passive and active detection will be used to aid in determining a satellite's mission. The ability to tell that a single satellite has suddenly proliferated a hundred additional units could signal a dangerous action.

**PHASE-SCAN RADAR**—The technique of inertialess scanning and beam forming without mechanical techniques will find major application in multipurpose radars. An example is radar able to search and track a number of targets simultaneously. However, when a single task is to be performed, a moving dish antenna is cheaper and will be chosen for this reason.

Side-looking radar for airborne surveillance use, employing synthetic aperture antennas, will be a high volume market. Computer techniques are used to produce a continuous map during reconnaissance. Forward-looking airborne radar using side-looking techniques is being developed for Army.



TIROS METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE is prepared for orbit at RCA. Television cameras are adjusted for focus and field of view using large targets

that space electronics will not begin to take up the slack in military electronic spending. They also point out that one communications space satellite replaces many ground repeaters, and a single weather satellite may replace many weather stations now in operation. However, the command and control market required to operate remote stations, correlate and transfer data, is increased.

**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**—The upcoming era of supersonic commercial transports will probably lead FAA to develop extensive electronics systems to meet the complex needs of supersonic flight operations. Areas where activity will be directed include

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through film distributors. General Electric Corporation has a theater projection system called Talaria, a color light valve projector. Two projection output beams project three primary colors on the theater screen, to produce a full color image. The firm is selling the equipment overseas, as well as to the domestic market.



**COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE** designed for synchronous earth orbit undergoes test at NASA. Hughes-designed active repeater will hover in space as relay station

creation of an all weather landing system to assure passenger safety and airline profits. Right now, at subsonic velocities, aircraft detouring beyond fogged-in airports represents an economic strain. At supersonic speeds this problem could not be borne. Advances in electronic altimeters to afford precision altitude measurement seems certain. Improvements over present readout technique, such as digital formats, are considered desirable.

A complete, well organized, air traffic control system for supersonic flight is a must. Reliance on altitudes reported by radiotelephone is already an obsolete technique. Greater reliability as well as speed of operations will be needed. SLATE, or equipment of similar format will be developed, to automatically respond with flight





identification and altitude. Ground radar, which also provides altitude information, perhaps in digital form, appears to be desirable.

When V/STOL aircraft come into being for commercial aviation, the air traffic control problem will take on formidable proportions. The shilling to prove the second

RADAR ALTI-METER under de-





# ELECTRONICS MARKETS Microelectronics Turns Corner

**COMPONENT COMPETITION**—The electronic component industry will continue to see a reduction in the number of firms, with pressure on marginal suppliers. Intense domestic competition and growing foreign imports continues to reduce profits for some items. More component firms will accept merger situations or other failure-avoidance arrangements.

Advances in microelectronic techniques are occurring rapidly, with the military, government agencies, and the electronic industry itself, showing extraordinary interest in the emerging technology.

Right now, the requirements of military and space electronics are providing a market for microminiature component packaging techniques. An example of such high density packaging is Cordwood. As thin-film and integrated semiconductor circuits advance in application, use of discrete components will fall off. However, hybrid techniques combining discrete components, such as inductors and capacitors, with microelectronics, will continue. Circuit techniques to eliminate inductors and capacitors in microelectronics are being researched. These include negative capacity, R-C phase shifting, and digital approaches.

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amphibious landing boats using electronic stabilization is under development for the Marines.

LASER RANGING—Short-range laser ranging units will become a large volume item with the military. Lightweight units capable of a high degree of accuracy and able to penetrate fog better than standard optical instruments will find broad use. The high intensity light possible with a laser can be many times that of the sun for a given bandwidth, and aids in piercing fog and smoke. Army is evaluating one-man portable laser ranging units with digital readout, right now.

Secure communications using laser light beams are of interest for battlefield use. However, submillimeter systems may be pre-eminent for secure communications, because they attenuate rapidly, as well as provide a narrow beamwidth, and are not subject to attenuation by fog or smoke.

**OPTICAL DEVICES**—Locating a camouflaged enemy under brushfire war conditions is creating a demand for ir systems that sweep an area to reveal hot spots. Flash detectors to record battlefield flashes, perhaps using a low-level tv detector, computer and display. could become a mass produced item for front-line use by observers. There is continuing need for efficient low-light-level nightdriving equipment for Army.

The possibility of developing military antipersonnel or

antimateriel weapons using high energy light, sound or other format remains an important prospect. The high intensity laser beam which has many times demonstrated steel plate piercing ability is much discussed. Possible application to anti-ICBM systems designed to destroy re-entering warheads is not precluded by military electronics experts. High energy ultrasonic beams are also being discussed as a possible antipersonnel weapon.

Some observers feel that a satellite discrimination network will eventually come into being. Passive and active detection will be used to aid in determining a satellite's mission. The ability to tell that a single satellite has suddenly proliferated a hundred additional units could signal a dangerous action.

**PHASE-SCAN RADAR**—The technique of inertialess scanning and beam forming without mechanical techniques will find major application in multipurpose radars. An example is radar able to search and track a number of targets simultaneously. However, when a single task is to be performed, a moving dish antenna is cheaper and will be chosen for this reason.

Side-looking radar for airborne surveillance use, employing synthetic aperture antennas, will be a high volume market. Computer techniques are used to produce a continuous map during reconnaissance. Forward-looking airborne radar using side-looking techniques is being developed for Army.



TIROS METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE is prepared for orbit at RCA. Television cameras are adjusted for focus and field of view using large targets

that space electronics will not begin to take up the slack in military electronic spending. They also point out that one communications space satellite replaces many ground repeaters, and a single weather satellite may replace many weather stations now in operation. However, the command and control market required to operate remote stations, correlate and transfer data, is increased.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION—The upcoming era of supersonic commercial transports will probably lead FAA to develop extensive electronics systems to meet the complex needs of supersonic flight operations. Areas where activity will be directed include



**COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE** designed for synchronous earth orbit undergoes test at NASA. Hughes-designed active repeater will hover in space as relay station

creation of an all weather landing system to assure passenger safety and airline profits. Right now, at subsonic velocities, aircraft detouring beyond fogged-in airports represents an economic strain. At supersonic speeds this problem could not be borne. Advances in electronic altimeters to afford precision altitude measurement seems certain. Improvements over present readout technique, such as digital formats, are considered desirable.

A complete, well organized, air traffic control system for supersonic flight is a must. Reliance on altitudes reported by radiotelephone is already an obsolete technique. Greater reliability as well as speed of operations will be needed. SLATE, or equipment of similar format will be developed, to automatically respond with flight identification and altitude. Ground radar, which also provides altitude information, perhaps in digital form, appears to be desirable.

When V/STOL aircraft come into being for commercial aviation, the air traffic control problem will take on formidable proportions. The ability to maneuver in another dimension rapidly will see military-like command and control systems developed for commercial VTOL aviation.

**NUCLEAR ELECTRONICS**—Continued building of nuclear reactors, for university research and commercial power generation, provides an unflagging market for nuclear electronic controls. The SNAP series of nuclear electric power generators for space, and possible military use, also requires electronic controls. Test instrumentation will continue to expand with the production of nuclear equipment of all types. The test ban treaty which restricts atomic testing to underground facilities, is providing a stimulus for increased electronic instrumentation to advance this nation's ability to detect underground tests. RADAR ALTI-METER under development at Sperry Gyroscope operates in C band. Instrument uses f-mtechnique to obtain aircraft altitude at low levels within accuracy of 2 feet





COLOR TELEVISION-The outlook for consumer electronics during the coming year is bright, with sales of color television receivers leading the uptrend. Roughly 1.4 million color sets will be built by the end of 1964, with a million or somewhat more sold by year's end. Several firms are now producing color tubes, and also the special yoke required. However, the number of sets that receiver manufacturers would like to produce, will be limited by the supply of components, primarily the color tube. As technical experience is gained, tube makers will increase their production. Some price cutting of receivers has begun, but stable prices for most of the year are expected. The addition of more programming by the networks, and a healthy financial climate are combining with consumer enthusiasm for color tv, to force sales up. Good profits are expected by color tv set manufacturers, and sales of color sets represent a chance to make money for the first time in a long time in the tv receiver industry.

Black and white television sales for the year may go down in total, but healthy new product trends are developing. Personal, portable receivers are finding acceptance by the consumer, the low cost providing a fillip to sales. Manufacturers see a pattern developing of several b & w sets sold to each family. General Electric's portable 11 inch receiver is an example of a set produced to satisfy this trend.

Tiny portable television receivers, using transistors and able to operate from battery packs, are selling well. The sets, with screens down to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches, are produced primarily by foreign manufacturers.

ALL CHANNEL TV—Edgar Messing, Vice President of F. W. Sickles Division of General Instrument Corp. points out that a big change in the entertainment picture lies in the required production of all-channel tv sets starting May 1, with the resultant impact on uhf broadcast station growth. The fact that the new sets will be able to receive all 82 channels could be a stimulant to set sales. Messing observes that the use of separate uhf tuners with various forms of control linkage to the vhf tuner will be the major design during 1964 and probably most of the following year.

Automobiles are selling well, and another good year for auto radios is expected. Semiconductor devices are finding increased use in automobile electrical systems. An example is transistor-operated ignition. High-volume use of transistor ignition probably awaits a price comparable with conventional ignition systems.

The more expensive types of high-fidelity equipment are beginning to use transistors. This represents one of the first major applications of the device to the home entertainment field. The often cited advantages of smaller size and less heat are among the reasons for increased use in hi-fi systems, though snob appeal may have something to do with it.

Small table model radios are also beginning to use transistors to a greater extent.

Increased f-m stereo broadcastng services are providing sales gains for stereo radios.

In the amateur radio (ham) market, single sideband is finding increased application, with gear designed for this form of modulation selling well. Transceivers for mobile and fixed applications are in favor. Vhf and uhf operations for short distance communications are expanding.

Sales of microwave electronic ovens for use in restaurants and other commercial operations are an important new market, with rising sales. Use of these ovens in homes however, has not become prevalent.

FUTURE MARKETS—The leveling off of military spending, and possible decline in the future, is sparking interest in consumer products by military electronics firms. While it is considered a wise move to gain capability in consumer products, experts point out the limited size of the market at present, and domestic and international competition now and in the future. Another factor is the discovery by researchers that man has spent roughly the same portion of his income for entertainment during recent times. Decades ago it may have been stereopticons and pianos, today it may be tv and electronic organs, but the total is roughly the same. An important goal is to find new entertainment concepts to gain a larger portion of the wage earner's income. With the free time that modern technology is making available to man. certain to increase in the future, electronics is considered to have a glowing opportunity to capitalize on the need to avert boredom.

THEATER TELEVISION-Color television projection for possible use in nationwide closed-circuit theater hookups appears to have a bright future. Several firms may be producing this equipment; and sales on an international basis are possible. Experts feel that by 1966 the color tv theater projection industry will be an important one. Operating in existing theatres, it would permit broadcasting live theater and cultural events from major cities to small towns. It would allow the viewer to dress up and go to the theater in his home town, perhaps watching a broadway opening as it occurs on the boards, considered an important psychological factor which will contribute to the format's success. Alternately, video tapes of special performances of live shows may be routed to theaters through film distributors. General Electric Corporation has a theater projection system called Talaria, a color light valve projector. Two projection output beams project three primary colors on the theater screen, to produce a full color image. The firm is selling the equipment overseas, as well as to the domestic market.



**COLOR PICTURE TUBES** move along conveyor at RCA plant. Glare-proof windows are bonded to face in this operation



**PORTABLE TV SET** with **11** inch screen, by General Electric, is representative of inexpensive receivers gaining favor. The tv industry looks to a new pattern of b & w set sales, with several sets to a family becoming the norm

UHF TUNER for all channel television receiver coverage is aligned by technician. Transistor-operated designs, such as this General Instrument Corp. unit, are creating a new market for semiconductors





## ELECTRONICS MARKETS Microelectronics Turns Corner

**COMPONENT COMPETITION**—The electronic component industry will continue to see a reduction in the number of firms, with pressure on marginal suppliers. Intense domestic competition and growing foreign imports continues to reduce profits for some items. More component firms will accept merger situations or other failure-avoidance arrangements.

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THIN-FILM resistors are used in General Instrument Corp. eight transistor logic circuit (inset) shown undergoing microscopic study



**INTEGRATED CIRCUIT** built on a silicon chip no larger than a transistor chip. Sylvania circuit forms logic gate that replaces four diodes, a transistor, and a resistor

cally. However, production applications are not expected for some time.

**COLOR PICTURE TUBES**—Several firms will produce color tv tubes this year to meet the heavy demands of receiver manufacturers. Well over one million tubes will be built in 1964, with RCA turning out from 800,000 to one million tubes. Some new color tube manufacturers are experiencing production problems but most look forward to a profit by the year's end. Unlike black and white picture tubes where the glass envelope is the major expense, technical labor is the greatest expenditure in color tubes. For economic and technical reasons the 70 degree tube will be standard for 1964, with a 90 degree rectangular appearing toward the end of the year.

Extensive uses for coherent and noncoherent injection electro-luminescent devices, are expected. Tom Bray of GE's Electronics Laboratory observes that computers using light emitting diodes show promise. Advantages would include high speed and inherent electrical decoupling. If such computers fulfill their promise field operation by 1970 is possible.

Electroluminescent displays are turning up in industry and the military at an increasing rate. Use of bar graph el instruments are gaining favor, with several firms in the field. A bar graph uses a series of tiny el strips which are excited progressively, to provide a vertical display, similar to the format of a mercury thermometer. A translator is used to convert digital or analog input information to the form required by the bar graph. Several bar graph instruments side by side can give comparative readings readily.

Alpha numeric, cold cathode, gas readout tubes are also finding favor. They employ several cathode segments to form characters, similar to the display format of el character displays.

**GOING INTERNATIONAL**—The fervid goal of an increasing number of U. S. electronic firms is to become truly international companies. They seek to capture a larger portion of the world market for electronics products. Growing competition within our domestic electronic industry, coupled with production overcapacity, is providing U. S. firms with the stimulus to pursue foreign markets aggressively. Increasing exports to this country, of electronic products—mostly consumer items—is providing further awareness of the need to go international.

The impressive advances in international electronic sales made by the Common Market countries, by Japan and the United Kingdom, are providing additional motivation to American firms. Many U.S. electronic companies have long been active in foreign markets, and a number

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have operated plants overseas for years. These firms now seek to broaden and intensify their operations.

The traditional export department within a domestic firm is grossly inadequate today. It has become mandatory to create local manufacturing and sales operations, in, or near, the country that forms the major market for a product. As well as providing transportation and tariff advantages, the foreign manufacturing and sales operation is able to operate as a local firm. Staffing the company with managers who are nationals of the host country multiplies effectiveness of the operation. It permits an easy relationship with government officials and military leaders, wherein all share the same goals. The barrier of a different set of mores, and attendant language problems is broken. A firm maintaining a world network of manu-



JAPANESE TRANSISTOR production supplies a large part of the world market. Tokyo Shibaura Electric Co. turns out 50 million transistors a year in air-conditioned factory

**OVERSEAS MANUFACTURING** plant of Leeds and Northrup Co. This subsidiary turns out electronic recorders, thermocouples and other equipment in Birmingham, England

facturing plants will produce a product in the country best suited for that operation, and sell it in the country that affords the best market.

These business concepts have long been the format of succesful international business complexes, begun in Europe many years ago. They have been outstandingly successful in the electronics field.

Smaller American firms, operating exclusively in this country, are also seeking entree into foreign sales. For bantam sized companies, an exporting firm may be the only possible means of participating, though it is considered the least effective way. Smaller electronic companies are often preoccupied with survival, and may not be researching broader international sales concepts. One way for them to participate is to hire an international sales licensing firm to guide them in selling their U.S. produced products, and in making licensing agreements.

**CONSUMER PRODUCTS**—Because the military is the major customer, U. S. electronic firms have been preeminent in developing manufacturing techniques to serve it. This includes emphasis on high reliability of electronic products, complex engineering, and attention to evolving microelectronics techniques and sophisticated automation. Because the international market is largely one for consumer products, these techniques and this orientation will be of limited immediate usefulness. However, on a long term basis, the same technologies will assure this nation's leadership. Only by staying ahead of international competition on a technical and manufacturing technique basis, can we hope to gain a greater share of foreign markets, many experts hold.

But foreign firms tend to copy our military and industrial electronic technology, thus undermine our lead.

Executives with international experience point out that foreign firms tend to gather generous amounts of technical information from American firms, largely by sophisticated probing techniques used in visits to our plants and talks with our engineers.

It is believed we should try to gain more technical information from European firms than has been our habit, using of course, ethical methods.

Experts advise the granting of licenses only where a market will not be lost as a result. Some firms will be less anxious to grant them in the future.

**JAPAN**—The Japanese electronic industry is expected to gain an even greater portion of the world market in the future. A key to this nation's success has been their willingness to please customers, rather than seek to force products on them.

The Japanese are beginning to concentrate more attention on producing industrial electronic products. Toshiba, for example, a leading exporter of consumer electronics items, is pressing ahead with a line of electronic medical instruments, including portable x-ray equipment. They are also producing process control equipment, but for use at home, right now.



# ELECTRONICS MARKETS

#### BEHIND THE MARKET FORECAST

Forecasting the market for electronic products is far more difficult than forecasting the market for most commodities. This difficulty arises from the size, breadth, diversity and complexity of the electronics industry. Electronics is more than an industry. It is also a field of technology impinging upon many industries.

#### WHAT IS THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY?

Portions of the electronics industry may be found within several of the basic two-digit Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC) of the Dept. of Commerce. Electronics constitutes about 38.5 percent of classification 36—electrical machinery. It also represents about 14 percent of SIC 37—transportation equipment, mostly airborne electronics. Electronic computers make up about 1.5 percent of SIC 35—machinery, nonelectrical. Scientific and medical electronic instruments make up about 33.3 percent of SIC 38—instruments. Electronics, mostly missile guidance systems, makes up about 20 percent of SIC 19—ordnance; while electronic photographic devices and electronic organs constitute about 20 percent of SIC 39—miscellaneous manufacturing. The percentages are based on a detailed analysis of the 1958 Census of Manufacturers. They should be applied to "value added in manufacturing" totals rather than "value of shipments". This helps to avoid multiple counting of intraindustry sales.

#### PROBLEMS IN FORECASTING

The major problems in forecasting the market for electronic products are: definition of electronic products, handling intraindustry sales, measuring the Federal market, and identifying exports and imports.

The first specific problem in forecasting the electronics market is a definition of electronic products. ELECTRONICS magazine defines an electronic product as either (a) a piece of equipment that depends for its operation on the functioning of electron devices such as tubes and semiconductors or (b) a component or basic part used in the fabrication of such equipment.

Traditional reporting practices make it impossible to be altogether consistent in applying these rules. The tower of a broadcasting station would be counted as an electronic component; the building would not, nor would emergency generators or batteries. However, the figure for a military radar system might include vans, shelters and generators.

The machine bed, prime mover and cutters of an electronically controlled machine tool are excluded yet tape handlers, punched card, tape and typewriter inputs to a digital computer are in-



cluded. Sales of time and talent by broadcasting stations and common-carrier message tolls are not counted; however, sales of phonograph records and prerecorded tape are included.

Only the value of replacement parts is counted out of income arising from servicing of radio and tv sets, industrial and commercial equipment. Yet, the Operation and Maintenance figures and the Research Development, Test and Evaluation figures from the Department of Defense undoubtedly include sales of services as well as products.

The second major problem in measuring the market for electronic products is that of intra-industry sales. It has been said that a capacitor may be sold five times or more before it appears in an end product. This report is based on factory sales of original equipment and replacement components; rebuilt equipment and components and parts used in manufacturing are specifically excluded.

Nevertheless, it is impossible to avoid inadvertently counting certain items twice or even more. For example, a recording potentiometer may be counted when shipped from the factory and again after it has been built into an industrial-control console.

A related and even more difficult problem is measuring the Federal market. Spending by the Dept. of Defense and other agencies is estimated as a portion of Federal Budget categories. This technique is essential because reporters obviously cannot ask contractors how much radar, sonar or countermeasures equipment they shipped or will ship. However, many items bought by the Dept. of Defense, for example, replacement parts, test equipment and instruments, may be counted also among the "industrial" products shipped by manufacturers. Furthermore, Federal Budget figures may include costs that inflate the estimated value of military hardware above basic factory price.

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MARKETS				
		1963	1964	1967
		(Bil	lions of Dolla	rs)
NTCS	TOTALS	16.506	17.764	21.029
	Consumer	2.432	2.605	3.150
	Industrial	3.883	4.504	6.150
	Federal	9.516	9.945	10.949
NICS	Replacement Components	.675	.710	.780

Thus the necessary practice of adding Federal market figures to industrial market figures may count some items twice or even more.

Finally, although this study is intended to include only domestically produced products to be sold within the United States, it is, as a practical matter, impossible to exclude exports and imports entirely. All forecasts are reported, in so far as possible, in constant 1963 dollars.

#### METHODOLOGY OF FORECASTING

Our principle technique for estimating current and future markets is the use of a mail survey. A random sample of electronics manufacturers stratified as to size of company, geographical location and principal product is selected and a questionnaire sent to the marketing manager or corresponding corporate planner. These questionnaires request estimates of the total market for specific products for the current year, the next year and for four years hence. The questionnaires are distributed during the third guarter of the current year.

Naturally, all estimates do not agree and a measure of central tendency must be computed in each category. First the arithmetic mean and median are computed for each category having four or more respondents. In small-sample cases, a formula such as

$$m = \frac{2a + 3b + c}{6}$$
 or  
$$m = \frac{3a + 2b + c}{6}$$

where m is the adjusted mean value, a is the highest estimate,

**b** is the lowest estimate and **c** is the "most likely" estimate may be used. Choice of weights depends upon whether the analyst has more confidence in the respondent contributing the highest or the lowest value.

Sometimes it may be necessary to exclude one or two data points. This is done only when it is felt that the data may be erroneous—such as a firm reporting its own sales rather than its estimate of total industry sales or reporting in inflated dollars.

Next, independent market estimates and projections are made based upon benchmark figures such as: Census data; Business and Defense Service Administration reports for the past year and for the first quarter of the current year projected, in some cases, on a full-year basis; Electronic Industries Association factory shipment reports issued during the current year, adjusted for seasonal and projected on a full-year basis; Internal Revenue Service excise taxes collected from manufacturers; license applications filed with the Federal Communications Commission during the preceding year; Dept. of Defense Controller's Status of Funds reports adjusted from their fiscal to a calendar-year basis; and public statements of leading figures in government and industry.

These projections are correlated with the concensus of marketing managers responding to the mail survey. As a final check, staff members conduct personal interviews with certain market forecasters having reputations for accurate prediction over the years in specialized areas and make final modifications in the data.

ELECTRONICS market survey is not infallible. But it is felt that, within its limitations, no market study short of a complete census of manufacturers is as comprehensive or of more value to the electronics industry.

### CONSUMER

# **ELECTRONICS**

### PRODUCTS

	1963 (millio	1 <b>96</b> 4 Ins of do	19 <b>67</b> ollars)
CONSUMER ELECTRONICS TOTAL	2,432	2,605	3,150
TV Receivers Total Monochrome Color	<b>980</b> 730 250	1, <b>070</b> 640 430	1,440 550 890
Radio Sets Total A-M & F-M Auto	<b>385</b> 175 210	<b>380</b> 170 210	<b>350</b> 150 200
Phonographs Total Monaural Stereophonic	4 <b>08</b> 32 376	415 31 384	<b>450</b> 30 420
Tape Recorders	76	95	150
Records & Tape	255	280	330
High Fidelity Components	78	80	85
Organs, Electronic	1 <b>6</b> 5	175	180
Kits	45	50	60
Nonentertainment	40	60	105

• The figures are listed so that the amount shown after each heading is the total of its subdivisions; all totals read upwards

# **ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS**

	1963 (millio	1964 ins of do	1967 Illars)
COMPONENTS TOTAL	4,049	4,587	5,141
Antennas & Hardware	200	252	278
Capacitors Total Paper & Film Electrolytic Mica (Incl. Glass and Vitreous Enamel) Ceramic Variable	347 126 123 33 36 29	362 127 129 36 38 32	<b>398</b> 128 140 50 42 38
Complex Components* (Incl. Microminiature)	170	4 <b>70</b>	660
Connectors Total Coaxial Standard Miniature Cylindrical Rack & Panel Printed Circuit Special Purpose and Fused	<b>289</b> 38 21 17 1 <b>02</b> 70 39 40	<b>325</b> 45 24 108 77 45 50	<b>373</b> 59 29 30 123 84 59 48
Delay Lines	17	20	22
Electroluminescence	5	6	9

Includes packaged components — two or more components packaged and shipped as a single unit but not a complete circuit function; mod-ules with several components packaged and shipped as a single unit comprising a complete circuit function; and integrated circuits — mono-lithic chips.

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Electron Tubes Total	886	872	822	Relays Total	204	212	233
Receiving Tubes	304	270	154	Electromagnetic	104	108	113
Power & Special Purpose	319	337	383	Telephone Type	33	3/1	- 26
High Vacuum	71	74	82	Crystal Can	14	12	18
Gas & Vapor	27	28	31	Stenning	12	12	12
Klystrons	60	62	66	Thermal	13	13	13
Magnetrons	39	38	37	Other (Dry Reed & Mercury Wotted	/	0	0
Traveling Wave Tubes (Incl. BWO)	55	62	86	Motor Driven)	22	27	AF
Light Sensing	20	22	26	INIDIOL DUAGII)	33	3/	45
Storage Light Emitting Display	30	22	36	Semiconductors Total	571	607	682
Ather	17	10	10	Transistors	305	317	320
TV Picture Tubes	262	200	19	Silicon	125	155	210
I V I ICIUIE I UDES	203	200	260	Germanium	170	160	110
Ferrite Devices	17	19	23	Diodos & Postifiore	100	102	110
		10	20	Silicon	100	190	233
Filters	45	53	66	Cormonium	130	143	180
				Selenium & Conner Ouide	39	3/	30
Loudspeakers	65	66	68	Selenium & Copper Uxide	19	18	81
Ab				Special Devices	/8	92	129
Magnetic Tape	80	91	130	Silicon Controlled	21	30	59
Audio	22	23	27	Microwave & Variable			
Instrument	52	61	92	Capacitance Diodes	9	11	13
Video	6	7	11	unnel Diodes	2	2	2
Ations Original to				Light Sensitive	13	14	15
wicrowave components		0.5		Voltage Reference & Regulator			
(Less Tubes & Antennas)	60	65	90	Diodes	33	35	40
Quartz Crystals	27	34	46	Servos & Synchros Total	65	67	62
				Resolvers	7	7	6
Resistors Total	326	359	384	Gyros	13	12	9
Fixed	172	190	186	Servo Motors	16	16	15
Composition	65	74	69	Synchros	23	24	22
Carbon, Deposited	29	28	22	Rate Generators	3	4	-5
Metal Film	25	34	43	Motor Generators	3	4	5
Wirewound	53	54	52	Timing Devices	6Ŭ	69	82
Variable (Potentiometers)	128	140	163	0		50	02
Nonwirewound	120	45	50	Transducers Total	158	167	207
Wirewound	84	95	113	T ( ) O D			
Attenuators, Meter Resistors	8	33	10	Transformers & Reactors	216	215	217
Other (luc) Varistors & Thermistore)	18	20	25	Wire & Cable	0.41	250	000
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## **FEDERAL**

### **ELECTRONICS**

### **EXPENDITURES**

	1963 (millio	1964 ins of d	1967 ollars)
FEDERAL ELECTRONICS TOTAL	9,516	9,945	10,949
Department of Defense Procurement Aircraft Missiles Ships Mobile & Ordnance Electronics & Communications Research, Development, Test & Eval. Operations & Maintenance Other (Incl. Construction)	8,123 4,521 1,297 1,549 533 93 1,049 1,935 1,568 99	8,068 4,374 1,309 1,520 420 95 1,030 1,988 1,610 96	8,900 4,600 1,500 1,500 100 1,000 2,470 1,730 100
National Aeronautics & Space Adm.	1,195	1,674	1,800
Federal Aviation Agency	160	165	210
Atomic Energy Commission	38	38	39

• The figures are listed so that the amount shown after each heading is the total of its subdivisions; all totals read upwards

# **INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS**

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INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS TOTAL	3,883	4,504	6,592	Industrial Controls Total	320	383	538	Computers & Related Equipment Total	1 570	1 700	2 470
Test & Measuring Total Spectrum Analyzers Signal Generators Oscilloscopes Recording Instruments Voltage, Current & Power Meters (Multimeters) Components Testers (Tube, Transistor, Etc.) Calibrators, Instrument (Standards) Power Supplies (Lab Type) Counters	<b>550</b> 9 39 70 45 18 18 27 40 35	<b>600</b> 10 42 75 51 20 19 28 45 37	730 12 54 90 66 23 22 31 60 40	Induction & Dielectric Heating Welding Controls Industrial Rectifiers Numerical Controls Ultrasonics Photoelectric Controls Computer Control Infrared Temperature Controls Other Process Controls	22 20 85 43 24 30 25 9 59	25 22 94 60 28 4 40 29 10 71	30 30 110 120 40 5 60 41 12 90	Digital Analog Peripheral Equipment Converters A to D Converters D to A Converters Card to Tape Readers, Paper Tape Readout Devices Magnetic Tape Equipment Other	1,300 70 200 40 29 1 20 10 80 20	1,400 90 300 100 48 25 15 85 25	2,470 1,740 170 560 200 156 4 40 30 100 30
Panel Meters, Indicating Microwave Test Equipment Digital Voltmeters Spectrophotometers Other	24 30 24 7 164	26 32 30 10 175	32 40 40 14 206	Closed Circuit TV Total Industrial Educational Telemetry Equipment	25 20 5 65	26 20 6 75	39 27 12 90	<b>Communications Equipment Total</b> Land Mobile Microwave & Radio Relay Terminal & Switching Marine	1,023 130 105 45 10	<b>1,275</b> 140 120 48 11	1,807 170 155 60 13
Nuclear Instruments & Controls Total Reactor Controls Amplifiers Detecting Heads Portable Survey Instruments Power Supplies Monitoring Instruments	<b>102</b> 17 4 4 8 8 7	120 22 5 6 10 10	189 38 9 11 17 20 12	Dictating Devices Medical Equipment Total Radioactive Tracer Equipment X-Ray Equipment Hearing Aids Electrocardiographs	30 198 2 95 53 11	<b>35</b> <b>200</b> 3 100 55 12	45 225 5 120 55 14	Facsimile Airborne Carrier Current Intercom & Sound Navigational Aids A-M Station Equipment F-M Station Equipment TV Station Equipment	12 80 15 175 205 24 24 24	14 85 17 180 210 28 44	21 92 21 185 215 36 59
Other Equipment	42	45	25 57	Monitoring Systems Other	4 33	5 25	9 22	Amateur & Citizens Digital Communications	65	68	80

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# ELECTRONICS MARKETS

#### BEHIND THE MARKET FORECAST

Forecasting the market for electronic products is far more difficult than forecasting the market for most commodities. This difficulty arises from the size, breadth, diversity and complexity of the electronics industry. Electronics is more than an industry. It is also a field of technology impinging upon many industries. WHAT IS THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY?

Portions of the electronics industry may be found within several of the basic two-digit Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC) of the Dept. of Commerce. Electronics constitutes about 38.5 percent of classification 36-electrical machinery. It also represents about 14 percent of SIC 37-transportation equipment, mostly airborne electronics. Electronic computers make up about 1.5 percent of SIC 35-machinery, nonelectrical. Scientific and medical electronic instruments make up about 33.3 percent of SIC 38-instruments. Electronics, mostly missile guidance systems, makes up about 20 percent of SIC 19-ordnance; while electronic photographic devices and electronic organs constitute about 20 percent of SIC 39-miscellaneous manufacturing. The percentages are based on a detailed analysis of the 1958 Census of Manufacturers. They should be applied to "value added in manufacturing" totals rather than "value of shipments". This helps to avoid multiple counting of intraindustry sales.

#### PROBLEMS IN FORECASTING

The major problems in forecasting the market for electronic products are: definition of electronic products, handling intraindustry sales, measuring the Federal market, and identifying exports and imports.

The first specific problem in forecasting the electronics market is a definition of electronic products. ELECTRONICS magazine defines an electronic product as either (a) a piece of equipment that depends for its operation on the functioning of electron devices such as tubes and semiconductors or (b) a component or basic part used in the fabrication of such equipment.

Traditional reporting practices make it impossible to be altogether consistent in applying these rules. The tower of a broadcasting station would be counted as an electronic component; the building would not, nor would emergency generators or batteries. However, the figure for a military radar system might include vans, shelters and generators.

The machine bed, prime mover and cutters of an electronically controlled machine tool are excluded yet tape handlers, punched card, tape and typewriter inputs to a digital computer are in-



cluded. Sales of time and talent by broadcasting stations and common-carrier message tolls are not counted; however, sales of phonograph records and prerecorded tape are included.

Only the value of replacement parts is counted out of income arising from servicing of radio and tv sets, industrial and commercial equipment. Yet, the Operation and Maintenance figures and the Research Development, Test and Evaluation figures from the Department of Defense undoubtedly include sales of services as well as products.

The second major problem in measuring the market for electronic products is that of intra-industry sales. It has been said that a capacitor may be sold five times or more before it appears in an end product. This report is based on factory sales of original equipment and replacement components; rebuilt equipment and components and parts used in manufacturing are specifically excluded.

Nevertheless, it is impossible to avoid inadvertently counting certain items twice or even more. For example, a recording potentiometer may be counted when shipped from the factory and again after it has been built into an industrial-control console.

A related and even more difficult problem is measuring the Federal market. Spending by the Dept. of Defense and other agencies is estimated as a portion of Federal Budget categories. This technique is essential because reporters obviously cannot ask contractors how much radar, sonar or countermeasures equipment they shipped or will ship. However, many items bought by the Dept. of Defense, for example, replacement parts, test equipment and instruments, may be counted also among the "industrial" products shipped by manufacturers. Furthermore, Federal Budget figures may include costs that inflate the estimated value of military hardware above basic factory price. Thus the necessary practice of adding Federal market figures to industrial market figures may count some items twice or even more.

Finally, although this study is intended to include only domestically produced products to be sold within the United States, it is, as a practical matter, impossible to exclude exports and imports entirely. All forecasts are reported, in so far as possible, in constant 1963 dollars.

#### METHODOLOGY OF FORECASTING

Our principle technique for estimating current and future markets is the use of a mail survey. A random sample of electronics manufacturers stratified as to size of company, geographical location and principal product is selected and a questionnaire sent to the marketing manager or corresponding corporate planner. These questionnaires request estimates of the total market for specific products for the current year, the next year and for four years hence. The questionnaires are distributed during the third quarter of the current year.

Naturally, all estimates do not agree and a measure of central tendency must be computed in each category. First the arithmetic mean and median are computed for each category having four or more respondents. In small-sample cases, a formula such as

$$m = \frac{2a + 3b + c}{6} \qquad o$$
$$m = \frac{3a + 2b + c}{6}$$

where m is the adjusted mean value, a is the highest estimate,

**b** is the lowest estimate and **c** is the "most likely" estimate may be used. Choice of weights depends upon whether the analyst has more confidence in the respondent contributing the highest or the lowest value.

Sometimes it may be necessary to exclude one or two data points. This is done only when it is felt that the data may be erroneous—such as a firm reporting its own sales rather than its estimate of total industry sales or reporting in inflated dollars.

Next, independent market estimates and projections are made based upon benchmark figures such as: Census data; Business and Defense Service Administration reports for the past year and for the first quarter of the current year projected, in some cases, on a full-year basis; Electronic Industries Association factory shipment reports issued during the current year, adjusted for seasonal and projected on a full-year basis; Internal Revenue Service excise taxes collected from manufacturers; license applications filed with the Federal Communications Commission during the preceding year; Dept. of Defense Controller's Status of Funds reports adjusted from their fiscal to a calendar-year basis; and public statements of leading figures in government and industry.

These projections are correlated with the concensus of marketing managers responding to the mail survey. As a final check, staff members conduct personal interviews with certain market forecasters having reputations for accurate prediction over the years in specialized areas and make final modifications in the data.

ELECTRONICS market survey is not infallible. But it is felt that, within its limitations, no market study short of a complete census of manufacturers is as comprehensive or of more value to the electronics industry.



IMPEDANCE METER with direct readout of magnitude and phase angle

# **DIRECT-READING METER** Gives Impedance and Phase Angle

Impedance magnitude is measured by comparing current through a calibrated resistor with the current through an unknown impedance. Phase angle is determined by reading the vector sum of the two currents on a calibrated meter

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**THE** Grützmacher impedance measuring bridge, which is commonly used in Europe, has several advantages over impedance measuring bridges based on a null method. The Grützmacher bridge<sup>1</sup> offers convenient and fast operation because no tedious null-adjustment is necessary as with the well-known Wheat-

#### ADVANTAGES OF THIS DIRECT-READING METER

- Fast and convenient operation because only one variable resistive standard is used, eliminating tedious null adjustment and achieving a fast convergence
- The impedance is measured in terms of magnitude and phase angle, which in many applications is the most convenient representation
- Negative impedances can be measured
- Voltage-dependent impedances are easily measured
- Guarded, balanced to ground and d-c polarized measurements can be made

stone bridge, and it presents the result in terms of magnitude and phase angle. However, the Grützmacher bridge has some drawbacks that limit the performance when, for example, the impedances to be measured are balanced to ground or d-c polarized, or if a guard circuit is needed.

Described here is the principle of a new direct Z- $\theta$  reading impedance meter, in which the above disadvantages have been overcome and some improvements introduced.

**Basic Principle**—The impedance meter is based on a modified principle of the Grützmacher bridge, the voltage measurement of the latter being changed into a current meas-



MEASURING CIRCUIT in simplified schematic; dotted circuit and components refer to d-c polarized measurements—Fig. 1

urement. The operating principle appears from the simplified schematic diagram in Fig. 1. With switch  $S_1$  in position Z, current  $I_Z$  through the unknown impedance Z is measured by the milliameter. Similarly, with the switch in position R, current  $I_R$  through standard resistor R is measured. If R is adjusted so that the magnitude of these two currents are equal, the magnitude of Z is equal to that of R if the primary of the differential current transformer  $T_1$  is strictly symmetrical, and that the impedance of the two halves is negligible. Therefore, the magnitude of the unknown can be read directly from the standard resistor dials. By keeping generator impedance  $Z_{G}$  sufficiently low compared with the impedance of Z and R it is possible to adjust R in the first or second trial.

The new principle makes possible a more convenient adjustment than does that of the Grützmacher bridge, especially when measuring voltagedependent impedances.

Phase angle  $\theta$  of the unknown impedance can be determined by setting switch  $S_1$  to position  $\theta$ . Then the milliameter indicates a current

 $I_D$  that corresponds to the vector difference  $|\overline{I}_Z - \overline{I}_R|$ . Phase angle  $\theta$  can now, in accordance with the vector diagram shown in Fig. 2A be determined from

$$\sin\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{I_D}{I_Z}$$

The milliameter can be calibrated directly in degrees. If the sensitivity of the milliameter is adjusted so that current  $I_z$  causes a deflection to a reference mark determined as  $1/\sqrt{2} = 0.707$  of full-scale deflection ( $I = I_{max}$ )

$$\sin\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{I_D}{\sqrt{2} \cdot I_{\max}}$$

Full-scale deflection corresponds to 90 degrees, and the reference mark to 60 degrees. A further calculation will prove that the phase angle scale turns out to be practically linear. In addition to the 90degree scale, a 26-degree scale can be had by increasing the sensitivity by  $\sqrt{10} = 10$  db when difference current  $I_D$  is measured.

Finally the sign of the phase angle

can be determined. When switch  $S_2$ in Fig. 1 is set to position + or to position -, a stepwise variable capacitor  $C_v$  is connected in parallel with R or Z, respectively. The sign of phase angle  $\theta$  is then indicated by the switch position that causes the highest meter deflection. This appears from the vector diagram of Fig. 2B and 2C.

For physical reasons the principle is not suited for measurements of either very high or very low impedances because the standard resistor may have to be as high as 1 megohm or as low as 1 ohm, respectively. However, by using an unsymmetrical current transformer, a wide measuring range can be obtained with reasonable values of the standard resistor. The modified current transformer is shown in Fig. 3A, where the number of turns is stated in brackets. The four multipliers 0.1, 1, 10, and 100 make possible a measuring range from 1 ohm to 1 megohm with a standard resistor ranging from 10 ohms to 10 kiloohms.

Measuring Modes—The new principle makes it possible to adopt



VECTOR DIAGRAM for determining phase angle (A); with S<sub>2</sub> in plus position (B), C<sub>v</sub> in parallel with R; with S<sub>2</sub> in minus position (C), C<sub>v</sub> in parallel with Z. Phase angle is negative because the absolute value of  $I_{D'}$  is greater than that of  $I_{D'}$ —Fig. 2

three measuring modes. Switch  $S_a$  in Fig. 3B connects the ground either to the guard terminal (for direct measurements of floating impedances), or to one of the Z terminals (for measurements of grounded impedances), or it leaves the circuit floating (for measurements of the compound impedance of balance-toground impedances). In the first two modes, components  $Z_{10}$  and  $Z_{20}$ of the unknown impedance Z are disregarded, because they are connected as a load of generator G only and across the low-impedance winding of  $T_1$ , respectively. In the third mode the compound impedance; that is,  $Z_{12}$  in parallel with  $Z_{10}$  +  $Z_{20}$ , is measured. Here it is necessary that the measuring circuit be balanced to ground, and this can be achieved by a double screening system.

Contrary to the Grützmacher bridge, the new principle makes possible impedance measurement on d-c polarized components. This is achieved by adding to the circuit choke D and two blocking capacitors  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  as shown in Fig. 1. The d-c current is passed through choke D to Z, the two blocking capacitors preventing the current from flowing back through generator G or standard resistor R. As the current will pass through and magnetize the current transformer, the latter must be designed with care, as a high permeability core material is used.

An impedance meter based on the principle described can be utilized

for the measurement of negative impedances. This necessitates a minor modification of the basic circuit, the R-part of the current transformer's primary being accessible for connection of the unknown. The magnitude is determined in the normal way. When, however, the phase angle is to be determined, the unknown must be connected to the Rpart instead of the Z-part of the current transformer's primary because of the reverse phase condition. In this manner it is possible to determine the phase angle in the range 180 deg to 180 deg  $\pm$ 90 deg.

Using The Principle—The new principle is utilized in the type GB11 impedance meter, with new measuring convenience and facilities in the determination of complex impedances which can be balanced to ground. floating, grounded, or grounded and d-c polarized. It is briefly characterized by measuring impedances in magnitude and phase angle from 1 ohm to 1.1 megohms and from 0 to  $\pm 90$  deg, respectively. Also negative impedances are measured in terms of magnitude and phase angle from 1 ohm to 110 kilohms and from 180 deg to 180 deg ±90 deg, respectively. In the basic frequency range from 25 cps to 100 kc, a built-in oscillator supplies 12 spot frequencies, and with an external oscillator the impedance meter may be operated at any frequency from 25 cps up to 1 Mc. Test current may



CONSTRUCTION of 10-ohm variable capacitor

be varied from 3.2 µamp to 1 amp. Optional plug-in filters make possible selective measurements.

The principle of operation was suggested by Professor J. Oskar Nielsen of the Technical University of Denmark<sup>2, 3</sup>. The author thanks J. Gilat of Radiometer's Development Laboratory for his assistance in the development program.

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EXTENDING the measuring range with an unsymmetrical current transformer (A); simplified schematic of mode switching (B), with switch position 1 for balanced to ground, 2 for one terminal grounded, 3 for grounded guard-Fig. 3



TWO SETS of series-connected silicon transistors rapidly switch, input to output, voltages from a microvolt on up, in low and medium frequency applications

# **TRANSISTOR BRIDGE** Switches Microvolts

Lowers emitter-to-collector conductance gap to zero

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**IDEAL** transistor switching characteristics would be infinite impedance during off-state, and high conductance, starting from zero applied voltage, during on-state. Such characteristics are desirable when small signals are to be switched from an input to an output, or, when a charged capacitor is to be discharged down to zero at a constant rate.

Silicon transistors with low leakage in off-states are available, but they have a gap of collector conduction, with undesirable transfer impedance variation. By arranging a bridge circuit with these types of transistors, as illustrated, even a microvolt can be switched from input to output. The bridge circuit was originally for a special switching arrangement. A slave capacitor had to be switched directly to a charging capacitor, at the instant of its zero value, for parallel charging, and disconnected at a given voltage value. It was then switched to different charged capacitors in series with prefixed timing resistors. These capacitors, in turn, had to be discharged to zero value. Available switching transistors did not work, but the bridge circuit did.

The circuit is shown in universal form, so that it may be modified as needed. The circuit consists of two set of series-connected npn and pnp transistors,  $Q_1$  through  $Q_4$ , connected across the voltage supply,  $B_1$ . When these transistors are highly conducting, the voltage between the junction points of  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ , and  $Q_3$ ,  $Q_4$  is zero, because of the bridged arrangement. Since the input and output load impedances across these two zero points are divided to a common ground terminal, any voltage applied to the input must cause a current flow in the output circuit, by an amount sufficient to restore zero balance. During the on-states of the transistors any voltage level above zero can be transferred from the input to the output terminal. During off-states the input is isolated from the output, except of course, by a certain amount of leakage current.

Input and output terminals may be taken either from the junction points of  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ , and  $Q_3$ ,  $Q_4$ , or, between  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ , and a center tap on supply voltage  $B_1$ , depending on circuit use in a floating or grounded application. A reset flip-flop, such as shown, can be used for the onand-off operation of the transistors. When this circuit is used in the floating application, the inputs of the flip-flop may then be excited by pulse transformers.

When the circuit is to be used in a floating arrangement, the inherent capacity to ground of the power supply must be considered. In its original use, the slave capacitor was connected to a center tap of  $B_1$ , and the total capacity was adjusted to the desired value, so its presence was nullified. For this reason, it may be best to use a low impedance input source, and connect it to a center tap of  $B_1$ , taking the output from one of the junction points of the switching transistors. In this case, the output resistor may be 100K, or higher, when applied to a field-effect transistor.

The balance of the circuit is maintained within the operating curves of  $Q_1$  through  $Q_4$ , where they act as variable resistors linearly with varying collector voltages. The center of this curve is generally about 0.1 to 0.2 volt, and the voltage of  $B_1$  may therefore be adjusted between 0.2 and 0.4 volt. Similar transistors can be matched much more accurately than complementary ones. Only npn transistors (2N2102) were used, and perfect balance was obtained. But this required an extra flip-flop, with an extra power supply, for controlling each of the series-connected transistors separately. However, complementary transistors can also be matched, and a 50- to 75- ohms pot will provide the required balance.

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ON-LINE application of Hitachi 3010 is demonstrated at show

DIGITAL TRANSMISSION system similar to Bell's Dataphone is also a telephone. Made by Nippon Electric, it has automatic dialing to prevent prohibited use on ordinary local telephone lines

# U.S. Licensing Spurs Japanese Computer Industry

Manufacturers nailing down domestic market, see exports in 2 years

By CHARLES COHEN McGraw-Hill World News

**TOKYO**—Japan's digital computer industry is driving hard toward a dominant share of the domestic market and hopes to begin exporting computers in two years.

The industry is already producing a variety of small and medium-sized computers—both domestic-designed and American-licensed models and expects to come out with large systems in a year.

Imports now represent slightly more than half of the growing Japanese market, estimated at \$75 million for 1963 (for earlier reports, see ELECTRONICS, p 18, Dec. 14, 1962, and p 26, Sept. 7, 1962). Rentals are estimated at \$2.4 million for 1963.

Exports When?—No Japanese manufacturer is exporting computers

yet. The most frequent answer to the question "when?" is two years. Hitachi says it has already received inquiries from West Germany for "small, good computers," and that even computers build under RCA license can be exported to all countries except the U. S. and Canada. Other domestic manufacturers are also optimistic, and IBM definitely plans to export its 1440, which it has started to assemble here.

Why U. S. Licensing?—Although computers built here under license are identical to their U. S. prototypes, the Japanese are not building them because they can't design hardware. Japan's big problem is a shortage of software, and lack of funds and personnel to turn it out quickly enough. American licenses enable manufacturers to offer proven hardware and software very quickly.

Behind the industry-government drive to build up the industry rapidly are plans to remove in 1965 all government restrictions on use of funds to buy imported computers. International pressure is responsible for this. Domestic manufacturers are striving to become strong enough to retain the majority of sales of small and medium computers, despite liberalization of imports. They do not expect to compete across the board against American large computers.

Seven Favored Companies-Manufacturers of domestic digital computers are Hitachi, Fujitsu, Nippon Electric, Toshiba, Oki Electric, Mitsubishi Electric and Matsushita, and also IBM's Japan branch. It is the policy of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) to prevent an increase in the number of manufacturers. Companies outside the seven get no government help in obtaining capital to float computer rental, and no government-sponsored loans or subsidies for computer development. However. industrial control firms, such as Hokushin Electric and Shimadzu Seisakusho, might make specialpurpose digital computers for control.

Domestic Designs—While all Japanese computer manufacturers are

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COMPUTER SHOW crowd gathers around Toshiba's small scientific and control computer (left). Americans will be able to inspect the Fujitsu 231 (right) at the New York World's Fair. Small sign says "genuine domestic product"

licensed under basic IBM patents, Fujitsu and Matsushita have no direct ties with any U. S. company and say they use little foreign technology in their computers.

Fujitsu says its line of small and medium-size computers were developed with almost no use of foreign patents. Fujitsu claims its 231 is comparable to the IBM 1620. The standard 231 sells for 13.55 million yen (\$37,639) and rents for 300,000 yen (\$833). Fujitsu also makes computers the size of IBM's 1410 and 7070. The 231 is to be shown at the New York World's Fair.

Matsushita is still not an important factor in the industry. It has sold several small computers for scientific use, but only just finished the prototype for its first mediumsize general-purpose computer.

The most ambitious, purely Japanese computer now in the works is a joint effort by Fujitsu, Oki Electric and Nippon Electric to build the Fontac (Fujitsu Oki Nippon Electric Triple Alliance Computer), which will be the same scale as IBM's 7090. The prototype is scheduled for completion by the end of this year.

Licensed Computers—At the Computer Show in late 1963, both completely domestic and licensed computers were shown by those manufacturers having license agreements.

Hitachi showed the Hitac 3010, a domestic version of the RCA 301, and the Hitac 201, a small computer. Next year it plans to start selling the Hitac 4010, the domestic version of the RCA 3301. The 3010 has been selling well, causing a sharp increase in Japan's imports of computerquality transistors and diodes in the first half of 1963. Hitachi is also working on its Hitac 5020, a scientific computer with speed similar to the IBM 7090. Kyoto University will get the first one in 1965.

Nippon Electric showed their Neac-2400, its version of the Honeywell H-400, and the Neac-1201A, a small computer. Next year Nippon Electric plans to market the Neac-3400, a domestic version of the Honeywell 1400.

Oki Electric showed its 5090H, a higher-speed version of the 5090 series, which has been the mainstay of the company's computer business.

Oki Electric formed a joint venture company with Sperry Rand Univac last fall at a capitalization ratio of Oki 51, Univac 49. The joint venture company will produce the Okitac 5090, future Oki computers and Univac computers, starting with the 1004. All the computers will be sold by Oki.

Toshiba showed its Tosbac-4200 medium-size general-purpose, Tosbac-1100 (IBM 632 size) business machine, and Tosbac-3300 small scientific computer. Toshiba had an agreement with Sperry Rand, but has broken with it and is now negotiating one with General Electric. Toshiba desires to share GE's know-how in the control field, and will probably produce one or more GE computers when the agreement, now awaiting MITI approval, is concluded.

Mitsubishi showed the Melcom 1530, a domestic version of the TRW 530, and the Melcom 1101, a small scientific computer.

**One-Word Characters**—No new technical developments were revealed at the Computer Show. Some manufacturers claimed originals, but nothing startling. Toshiba, for example, says its computer requires



ANOTHER domestic small computer is Neac-1201A

only one word of memory for each character that must be stored. Imported machines generally require two words per character because of the large number of characters required of Japanese computers: Roman alphabet, Arabic numerals, about 50 Japanese kana characters, and other symbols.

The emphasis was on proven circuits and devices. Japanese developments such as woven matrix memory and the Esaki tunnel-diode memory or logic circuits were not used in the computers on display. An exception were the parametrons in some small computers.

### Light-Helicopter Model Uses Much Electronics

PALO ALTO, CALIF.—Hiller Aircraft has delivered to the Army the first light-observation helicopter, the OH-5A, in a three-firm contract competition for 4,000 aircraft. The Army won't say when the other firms, Bell and Hughes Tool, will deliver their versions. One-third of Hiller's model, which costs \$60,-000, is electronics equipment. This consists of an inverter module and pitch and roll channels.

The static-inverter part of the stability augmentation system converts 28 v d-c to 400 cps a-c to satisfy power requirements. A selfexciting oscillator sets a-c reference and drives power output stage. A saturating toroidal transformer drives two low-power transistors and output is fed back positively to the transformer primary to create the oscillation. Zener diodes are used to regulate oscillator frequency. The inverter is frequency regulated.



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The system will be mounted on a single-base circular casting behind the third-stage Athena engine. The entire package, 18 inches in diameter and 14 inches long, will be



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The Athena project is expected to provide a controlled test environment for reentry body and decoy feasibility studies as well as for development of advanced reentry systems. Air Force plans 77 launch-Honeywell will produce 78 es. central systems under a \$4.5-million contract from Pan Atlantic Research Corp. announced last month.

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AKRON, OHIO-Electronic-optical refinements of Mace microwave missile correlation techniques have developed a 99.9 percent accurate positioner for space photography at Goodyear Acrospace Corporation.

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A daylight photo positioner is already being flight tested by Research Technology division of the Air Force Systems Command at Dayton. A more sensitive night version, still in development, will be delivered during 1964.

An electronic storage tube holds successive images of ground scenes. recorded while a satellite progresses along its orbit. Simultaneous vidicon scans of the area covered are correlated with the reference images on the storage tube, to derive velocity over height as output of the correlator's longitudinal channel.

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### Life-detector systems

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may provide the answer

### By JOEL A. STRASSER Assistant Editor

WASHINGTON—NASA is expected to decide soon what kind of extra terrestrial life detectors will go on the first voyages to Mars. There are at least eight candidates for the job.

Three of the proposed life detectors are earmarked as possible experiments on Mariner B, scheduled for launch in 1966 or 1968. The Voyager spacecraft will carry one of the other five devices, in 1969, 1971 or 1973. Both of these spacecraft are to soft-land on Mars instrument



GULLIVER would tag organisms with radioisotope

packages that would telemeter data back to earth.

Mariner B Devices—Possible experiments for Mariner B are Gulliver, designed by G. V. Levin, of Resources Research, Inc., and the multivator and vidicon microscope experiments designed by Dr. Joshua Lederberg, of Stanford Medical Center.

Upon landing on Mars, Gulliver would fire three strings coated with a sticky substance, then reel the strings in. Any adhering microorganisms would grow in a nutrient broth, tagged with radioisotopes, and thus produce a radioactive gas. A miniature geiger counter would detect the gas.

The multivator is designed to analyze dust samples for microscopic organisms. Twelve chambers contain reactive materials to amplify certain metabolic processes. An enzyme reaction would produce a fluorescence measurable with a multiplier phototube.

The vidicon microscope experiment would seek visible signs of life with a lens system able to cover an object field of 100 microns with a 0.5-micron resolution. Pictures, in at least four shades of grey, will be transmitted to a miniature telemetry system for relay to Mariner and then back to earth.

Voyager Life Detectors—Candidates for the second trip to Mars on Voyager include: the Wolf Trap by

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Soil samples are drawn up into Wolf Trap by vacuum and drop into culture tubes. If bacteria are present, changes in turbidity would be sensed by a photoelectric cell and changes in acidity by a pH electrode.

Optical-rotation experiments would detect deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), a substance that exists only where life exists. Absorption spectroscopy would detect DNA, using photoelectric cells. DNA can be detected by measuring wavelength absorption and energy absorbed per unit weight. The nitrogenous base of DNA has an absorption band at 2,600 Å. Finally, optical rotation is used to find evidence of an adeninesugar chemical bond—a positive check on the presence of DNA.

J-bands are intense absorption bands of extremely high wavelength. They are positive evidence of protein, and thus probably life. In the J-band life detector, when protein from interplanetary dust mixes with a dye solution, a J-band forms. Absorbed light energy changes the electric current generated by a metered detector.

Melpar's u-v spectrophotometer will look for proteins and peptides. MIT's mass spectrometer would detect amino acids, principal components of proteins.

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### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT-

# Atom Smasher Beams 10<sup>11</sup> Protons

Argonne accelerator will double world's particle research capabilities

By CLETUS WILEY Regional Editor, Chicago

**MOST** intense beam of particles ever delivered by an atom smasher yet, 3 to 10 trillion protons a second at 12.5 billion electron volts, is produced by Argonne National Laboratory's new ZGS (Zero Gradient Synchrotron) proton accelerator.

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SECTION through r-f cavity, filled with ferrite frames and biased with d-c bias winding. Proton beam is accelerated between each pair of electrodes

After injection into the doughnut-shaped synchrotron, an r-f cavity at a gap in the magnet ring (see diagram) delivers a 10-Kv boost each time the circling beam passes. As the proton speed increases, magnetic field is gradually raised from 500 to 22,000 gauss to keep the protons in orbit while they circle 1.5 million times.

The r-f cavity at the magnetring gap tracks closely, from the 500-Kc proton injection frequency up to 1.75 Mc at maximum energy.

The resonant r-f cavity is powered from anodes of a hard-vacuumtube amplifier, which ranges from 4 to 14 Mc—eighth harmonic of the orbiting protons. Accelerating voltages are applied across insulating spacers in the vacuum chamber of the synchrotron. The cavity is loaded with high-frequency ferrite, biased by a coil which can be energized with a programmed current flow.

Permeability of the ferrite can be changed by applying a magnetic field. The adjusted permeability then tracks the frequency of the cavity as required to keep accelerating the bunches of protons.

The r-f cavity contains three accelerating cells in series, along the path of the proton beam. Up to 10 Kv may be applied across each of these gaps to produce nearly 30 Kev as maximum proton energy gain per orbit of the accelerating system.

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foremost manufacturers of scientific equipment 1515 Sedgwick St., Dept. 906, Chicago 10, III. deflecting magnets. Protons may also be used to bombard targets in their direct path. Resulting secondary particles may be studied in an experimental area, or diverted to a bubble-chamber building where the particle tracks can be photographed.

The vacuum system of the ZGS is said to be so efficient that over 93 percent of the injected protons survive the 1.5 million orbits during the one-second cycle.

Argonne, Northwestern University and Carnegie Tech investigators are studying the possibility of using superconducting magnets up to 50,-000 gauss to form fields around bubble chambers.

Argonne's applied mathematics division is cooperating with physicists to develop electronic means to scan and analyze photos of particle tracks from the bubble and spark chambers.

Pulses every four seconds provide opportunities to photograph particle tracks from up to five simultaneous experiments, each requiring as many as 100,000 pairs of stereo pictures.

ZGS has been planned so it can run 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### UV Gauge Monitors Width of Strip Steel in Mill

DEVELOPED to measure the absolute width of hot or cold strip steel during processing, the optical-scanner width gauge, by Gulton Industries, provides digital output with absolute accuracy up to 1/16 in. on strips to 80 in. wide, regardless of cold edges, strip speed and temperature.

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### New Explanation Suggested For Whistler Behavior

SEATTLE, WASH.—Behavior of whistlers, an ionospheric phenomenon caused by the electric discharge of lightning, drew considerable attention at the fall URSI meeting in December at the University of Washington.

J. F. Walkup, of Stanford University's Radioscience Laboratory, took issue with a generally held view that whistlers that return from one hemisphere to the other are reflected by the ground. Studies of some 10,000 echo trains at the Dartmouth College whistler station contradicted theoretical predictions about absorption of whistler-mode waves, Walkup said.

Since the echo of a daytime whis-

# Helmet Subject to 5,000 G Impacts



FOOTBALL PLAYER'S helmet gets impacts greater than 5,000 g's, according to Northwestern U. scientists. Telemetry equipment in special helmet measures impacts and transmits data to sideline equipment — see chart, above. Studies are expected to aid in designing safer head-gear for football players tler would make several more passes through the absorbing D-region than the whistler itself, whistlers occurring around noon should have fewer echoes than whistlers occurring at night, under the ground reflection theory. The Dartmouth studies, however, show that although the average whistler rate is much higher at night than during daytime, the probability of a whistler having an echo shows virtually no change from midnight to noon.

Furthermore, intensity of an echo varied only a few db from its noontime whistler, much less than theoretical predictions indicate. Walkup discounted the possibility that whistler echo could be magnified in the magnetosphere, pointing out that "in no cases studied by us has the whistler echo been more intense than the whistler itself."

"A model consistent with our results would be one in which a large fraction of the energy of a downcoming daytime whistler is reflected above D-region heights," Walkup said. "In this model, a whistler may be pictured as bouncing back and forth between the ionospheres of the two opposite hemispheres, with some of the energy leaking through to the ground at the end of each bounce."

Whistlers are under study because of the fluctuations they are considered to affect in reception of VLF transmissions.

### British Develop New Way To Find CRT Resolution

LONDON—A new method of quantitative determination of crt resolution has been developed by the Royal Radar Establishment, Malvern, using as an independent standard a grating with equal-sized opaque and transparent bars covering the spatial frequency of 10-300 cps per centimeter in seven discrete steps.

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### -COMPONENTS AND MATERIALS-

# **New Plastic Fillers Solve RFI Problems**

Conductive plastic, used in caulking compounds, gaskets, forms low-cost seals

A LOW-COST method, developed for making electrically-conductive plastics, involves imbedding spherical metal particles in plastic forms. The filler consists essentially of copper spheres, coated with silver (see diagram).

The process for making these plastic forms was developed by John E. Ehrreich of Chomerics, Inc., Cambridge, Mass.

Conductive metal fillers can be incorporated in various plastics to provide a variety of adhesives and caulking compounds. Conductive plastics are now being successfully applied to difficult radio-frequency suppression and shielding problems and are being used on major military programs.

The recent development of highperformance silver-coated conductive metal fillers ranging in sizes from 2-3 mils to 12-16 mils, has reduced the cost of stable conductive plastics, in some cases, to less than \$6 per pound.

Conductive plastics in the form of putty-like caulking compounds have been used to seal seams and static joints in shielded rooms, equipment cabinets, and other enclosures in place of welding, soldering, clamping or knurled surfaces and similar methods (ELECTRONICS, June 15, 1962, p 70).

Final Forms — Radio-frequency caulking compounds are now available as thermosetting adhesives, thermoplastic putties and nonsetting resins. The molded forms are available in homogeneously-conductive systems or as a unitary gasket containing a conductive area and a rubbery area for sealing at very low pressures. Whatever the form, ade-



SPHERICAL and coarse nature of new inexpensive metal fillers improves the performance of conductive resins in rfi applications

quate particle-to-particle contact of the metal filler must be obtained within plastic mass to insure good conductivity.

Conductive gaskets are used for O-rings or as replacements of rubber-metal shields where the geometry of the fittings allows a groove to contact the gasket and application of high pressures for sealing. The shielding effectiveness of this type of gasket runs between 94-100 db at microwave frequencies.

Plastics filled with spherical conductive metal fillers have overcome three different problems which are prevalent in making an effective electrical seal: insulating oxide coatings on the fillers; insulating films created by the plastic; insulating films on the surface to which the conductive plastic is applied.

The silver coated spheres have a clean, stable surface which allows the powder to be conductive in freeform even after long-term aging.

The tangential contacts of the spherical fillers allows high point pressure contacts. In addition, the conductive filler makes up about 90 per cent of the total weight of the system, giving the system the extra mass which is often needed. The plastic binder serves as a moisture barrier in preventing galvanic action from taking place between dissimilar metals.

The presence of insulating films on the metal surface is a major reason why conventional conductive plastics filled with metal flakes are usually ineffective in making r-f type joints, and why grittiness imparted by the silver-plated spherical powders is an advantage.

Waveguide gaskets in the form of an electrically-conductive plastic reinforced with a wire screen have proven successful. These provide a pressure seal as well as an electrical seal at microwave frequencies. This form of material can be used as conductive washers and seals in other applications.

**No Fade**—The large area of interest for conductive plastics, at present, is rfi shielding. Attenuations obtained from Chomerics' conductive plastic systems are in the range of 75 to 100 db over the frequency range of 50 Kc to 10 Gc. Volume resistivities run as low as 10<sup>-4</sup> ohm-cm. The conductive plastics are extremely effective at frequencies over 7 to 8 Gc where mesh gaskets tend to fade out.

A conductive plastics caulking



Westinghouse radar will guide the first orbital rendezvous



### Westinghouse is working on advanced radar systems for other space missions

When the Gemini two-man spacecraft first performs rendezvous and docking maneuvers in earth orbit, a new Westinghouse radar system will help assure the success of the mission.

The Gemini spacecraft itself, one important mission of which is the perfection of rendezvous techniques, is being built by McDonnell, prime contractor for the Gemini project, under the technical direction of NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center.

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### Rectifier Firms Eye Sales, Get Standards

NEW YORK—SALES of rectifiers and silicon controlled rectifiers are expected to reach a combined total of \$86,300,000 in 1964, and to surpass that figure by \$8,300,000 in 1965.

It is anticipated that sales of these two products will total \$79,200,000 this year.

This bright view of the industry's future was forecast here by representatives of the Power Semiconductor Component Section of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA). This group also announced publication of the first set of comprehensive standards for silicon rectifier diodes and stacks.

The new standards were prepared by the JS-1 committee on power rectifier diodes of the Joint Electron Device Engineering Council (JEDEC), which is sponsored by NEMA and the Electronic Industries Association (EIA).

Purpose of the standards is to clear up the confusion which has existed in manufacturing and specifying diodes and stacks because of wide variations in testing and rating methods.

The 65 page book on NEMA-EIA Standards for Silicon Rectifier Diodes and Stacks sells for \$5 per copy and can be obtained from NEMA, 155 East 44th Street, New York 17, N. Y. Standards were made posible because of close cooperation between semiconductor manufacturers, Department of Defense, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and other large industrial groups during the two years the standards were in preparation.

### Arc Melting Furnace Features Third Hand



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Unit shown can be used to melt virtually all metals in the laboratory, according to manufacturer, the MRC Manufacturing Corporation, Orangeburg, New York.

### Data Verifies Merits Of Integrated Circuits

INTEGRATED circuits used in digital applications are potentially as reliable as a single discrete transistor used in digital applications.

This finding resulted from a program to determine quality assurance requirements for specific semiconductor devices. The program was conducted by ARINC Research Corporation with the cooperation of the JS-11 Committee on Sampling Procedures of the Joint Electron Device Engineering Council, representing device manufacturers.

Another finding of significance is that the distribution of field removal rates for diodes in regulator and rectifier applications is about the same as the distribution of field removal rates for transistors used in amplifier or high-power applications. On the average, the removal rates for devices in analog (amplifier) applications are approximately 300 times higher than the rates for digital applications.

Eight manufacturers supplied test data on 24 popular types, or 20 families, of semiconductor devices. Data analyzed represented 10,300 individual devices and approximately 200,000 individual life test measurements.

### New Polyester Glass For Die Molded Parts

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A HERETOFORE unobtainable combination of properties of high track resistance plus arc-suppressing action is claimed for a new polyesterglass molding material offered by Thiokol Panelyte Industrial, Trenton, New Jersey. Company's Premix material is said to be flame resistant and self-extinguishing within 30 seconds after flame source is removed. Toughness is due to glass fiber reinforcement, according to report.

Inorganic filler content, 40 to 70 per cent, reduces shrinkage in curing operation. Inorganic glass fiber and resin content is 20 to 40 per cent. Fibers impart strength, the resins are binding and act as flow agents.

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# **Tube Is Own Vacuum Gage**

Count of released ions in operating tube predicts probability of arcing

By FRED KOHLER Thermatool Corp. New Rochelle, N. Y.

**RESIDUAL** gas in vacuum tubes has long been a problem to both the manufacturer and consumer. Opposing actions of the getter to the release of gas by metal tube elements and diffusion of gas through the envelope cause the pressure inside the tube to rise or fall during periods of high dissipation. A difference in pressure of only 10<sup>-2</sup> Torr is enough to cause internal arcing.

There are many gages available to determine gas content but using the tube being tested as its own vacuum gage is simple and accurate. This non-destructive test is particularly important to both manufacturers of high-voltage tubes and end users.

**Principle**—The same principle used in a commercial high vacuum gage, enables the vacuum tube to become its own gage.

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CALIBRATION curve of a typical tube acting as its own vacuum gage against pressure in torr

the grid. On their path through the tube, they produce collision ionization with remaining gas molecules. The number of ions produced is proportional to the product of the number of gas molecules left in the envelope and the quantity of electrons flowing to the grid. The positive ions so produced can only be attracted to the anode. As no electrons are collected by the negative anode, the current measured in the anode circuit is basically a positive ion current and will, consequently, at any given value of grid current, be proportional to gas pressure.

**Evaluation**—It is possible, for any particular vacuum tube, to calibrate the tube when used as its own ion gage against a true vacuum gage reading. This can be done while the tube is being pumped by connecting auxiliary power supplies and at the same time comparing the readings obtained with a high vacuum gage connected to the pumping system.

It is not generally necessary to actually know the true vacuum inside the tube. Ion current readings for a number of tubes that are known to perform well are used as standards. These readings may be compared with those of faulty tubes that have a tendency towards internal arcing. Generally, the gas

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current of such tubes will be much higher. On the basis of many readings there is a good correlation between gas current readings obtained by the method described and the tendency of the tube to arc internally during use. Simple equipment (see illustrations) is used to actually measure the gas current of a large power tube in a high frequency oscillator. This method permits monitoring of the condition of the vacuum in a tube at regular intervals and actually permits prediction that a tube is likely to give trouble before it occurs. It also permits use of tubes for long periods of time on the basis of consistently low gas-current readings.

Conventional Method - Manufacturers generally specify a different method for measuring so-called gas current. This method is usually part of the Mil Specs. In this method, the tube is run at rated anode voltage and a current sufficient to produce the full rated plate dissipation. Positive ions are again produced by collision, and are attracted to the grid. The grid current obtained under these conditions is taken as gas current. The primary grid emission current must first be subtracted. But, this test has two major drawbacks. It cannot readily be used in the field where tubes are installed in equipment, as large power supplies



BASIC METHOD of testing for gas with tube used as its own vacuum gage. Negative anode collects ions produced by collision of electrons with gas molecules. Positive ion anode current is proportional to gas pressure



CONVENTIONAL method using large power supplies measures collision ions as grid current

and some handling skill is required. Also, the method has an inherently high x-ray limit. Bombardment of the anode, at relatively high-voltage

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and drawing heavy current produces these x-rays inside the envelope. Intercepted, the rays cause photo emission of electrons from the grid and are measured as part of the so-called gas current. This photo emission cannot be distinguished from the gas current because x-rays are proportional to current. When the vacuum in the tube is better than about 1 x 10<sup>-7</sup> torr, most of the socalled gas current measured is actually photo emission current and it is difficult to distinguish a tube, with high-vacuum of 1 x 10<sup>-9</sup> torr, from a tube, which has a low-vacuum in the order of 1 x 10<sup>-7</sup> torr. At high voltage, the difference between these two pressures causes a significant change in the probability of an internal arc during a given time period.

Self-Gaging Method-The self-gaging method of measuring the residual gas also has an inherent x-ray limit. This is due to x-rays generated at the grid as a result of the electron bombardment and these x-rays produce photo emission of electrons from the anode. However, due to the much lower energy of bombardment at the grid, the x-ray limit inherent to this negative anode method of gas testing is between 1 and 2 orders of magnitude lower than that of the conventional method. This is enough to make a crucial difference in evaluating the quality of high vacuum tubes used in critical applications.

### Lithography Feasible on New P-C Laminates

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Extracting Tool for Handling P-C Boards

A BASIC TOOL for reliable extraction and handling of circuit boards is announced. Manufacturer has designed a tool to fit most boards; however, modifications can be made at reasonable cost to fit almost any application. Hewson-Waltz Corp., 3851 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, Calif. (359)



Vacuum Oven Made of Stainless Steel

LOW-COST stainless-steel vacuum oven, 24 in. in diameter by 30 in. long, has been developed. Complete package includes removable heavy gage shelf, vacuum pump, gages, instrumentation and controls, and is suitable for continuous operation at temperatures up to 400 C. It can be used for either hard or soft vacuum; requires 10 kw at 220 or 440 v, single or 3 phase. Tri Metal Works, Inc., 1600 Bannard St., Riverton, N. J. (306)



### Tiny Connectors Have 40 Contacts Per Inch

LINE of sub-subminiature card receptacle connectors which accepts a double-sided  $\frac{1}{32}$  in. printed-circuit board is announced. Center-to-center contact spacing is 0.050 in. which allows 20 connections per side with an overall 1-in. length giving a total of 40 contacts within 1 inch. Contacts are gold plated over nickel and are terminated with soldering tails, or provisions for weld terminations can be made. The new sub-subminiature design is available for various card lengths and mounting configurations. National Connector Corp., Science Industry Center, Minneapolis 28, Minn. (307)

### UHV System With Modular Design

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less than 5X10<sup>-9</sup> Torr. Lower pressures can be attained with bakeout. Heart of the system is the Cryosorb cold trap, which prevents release of previously-trapped particles and eliminates oil creep into the vacuum system. Granville-Phillips Co., Boulder, Colo. (308)



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### Microwave Switches Provide Low Loss

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range is -60 C to +100 C, and life exceeds 100,000 operations. Manual and remote (solenoid-operated) models are available. Sage Laboratories, Inc., 3 Huron Drive, Natick, Mass.

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### Tiny Thermistors Are Spherically Shaped

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### Centrifugal Blower Offers Adaptability

MODEL D-201 squirrel cage centrifugal blower is adaptable to almost any type of power supply with the large variety of driving motors now available. Motors for 1 or 3 phase, 50-60 cps, 400 cps, 350-1,000 cps



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- Requires no twisting motion to lock firmly in place.
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- Simple adapter permits retrofitting to JAN socket with tube in place.
- Meets or exceeds all applicable requirements of MIL-S-19786C (Navy), MS-24233 and MS-24233 revised.

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Complete specs and prices available in Atlee Bulletin S-1.



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and 115, 200, 208-v operation can be provided. A special type of induction motor called the Altivar, which will change shaft speed inversely with air density to provide constant mass flow at all altitudes, is also now available. The D-201 is recommended for installations requiring high static pressures to overcome the airflow resistance, such as those involving duct work, forced air-cooled high power electronic tubes, and airborne instrumentation systems. Rotron Mfg. Co., Inc., Woodstock, N. Y. (312)



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### Power Supplies Offer All-Silicon Design

ALL-SILICON, wide range d-c, precision regulated bench or relay-rack type power supplies are available. They feature the use of silicon transistors and semiconductors which provide for maximum stability, maximum protection against over-loads and surges, and stable operation at extended temperatures. Off-the-shelf models operate with



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### Power Divider Features Small Size

MODEL D2029 measures 7 by 4 by 1½ in. and features three equal outputs, frequency range 150 to 200 Mc with maximum vswr 1.2. Small size is achieved through the use of semi lump constant circuitry. Price is \$113. Radar Design Corp., Pickard Drive, Syracuse 11, N.Y. (315)



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### Chip Transistors Have High Gain

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#### Varactor Diode Handles High Power

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#### Reed Relay Uses Flat Sealed Contact

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#### LITERATURE OF THE WEEK

- PREAMPS AND AMPLIFIERS Radiation Instrument Development Laboratory, 4505 West North Ave., Melrose Park, Ill., has published a 48-page book entitled "Preamps and Amplifiers for Nuclear Instrumentation." Single copies will be sent in reply to letterhead requests.
- NOVAL SOCKET Connector Corp., 6025 No. Keystone Ave., Chicago, 111., 60646. Data sheet 25A illustrates and describes type 422 all molded noval socket's pin circle keyway feature which permits 20 design options. (360)
- SUBMINIATURE CONNECTORS 1TT Cannon Electric Inc., 3208 Humboldt St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90031. Catalog RD-1 describes the Royal-D line of subminiature connectors. (361)
- SWEEP FREQUENCY GENERATOR General Radio Co., West Concord, Mass., has issued a mailing piece illustrating and describing the 1025-A standard sweepfrequency generator. (362)
- PAPER TAPE READER Ohr-Tronics, Inc., 289 Huyler St., So. Hackensack, N. J. Bulletin on the model 119 paper tape reader includes isometric drawing, photograph, electrical schematic, dimensions drawing, general description and technical specifications. (363)
- COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS Vitro Corp. of America, 261 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y., has issued a brochure containing full data on its telemetry and other electronic communication systems. (364)
- SILICON RECTIFIER STACKS Tung-Sol Electric Inc., One Summer Ave., Newark 4, N. J., has published a catalog covering high current silicon rectifier stacks. (365)
- DELAY TIMER Leesona Moos Laboratories, Community Drive, Great Neck, L. I., N. Y. Technical data sheet describes the Betachron model D5307 acceleration-actuated delay timer. (366)
- VACUUM FURNACES Brew Vacuum Furnace Division, Richard D. Brew & Co., Inc., Airport Road, Concord, N.H., has available a 6-page brochure illustrating and describing a line of high temperature vacuum furnaces. (367)
- SYNCHRO TESTING BRIDGES Theta Instrument Corp., Saddle Brook, N. J. A series of experimental procedures for evaluating synchro and resolver testing bridges is outlined in a new 6-page bulletin. (368)
- COMPUTER MODULES National Transistor, 500 Broadway, Lawrence, Mass., has issued an engineering bulletin describing two computer modules recently registered with JEDEC. (369)
- ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS Interstate Electronics Corp., Anaheim, Calif. A 24page brochure provides source material for those engaged in the procurement and application of electronic instrumentation data systems for defense and space-age programs. (370)

- PHASE LOCK REPORT Polarad Electronic Instruments Div. of Polarad Electronics Corp., 34-20 Queens Blvd., Long Island City, N. Y., has available a technical note describing phase locked signal generators and spectrum analyzers. It can be obtained by writing on company letterhead.
- TOROID COIL WINDER M-Y Co., P. O. Drawer M, Jerome, Ariz. Bulletin 103 describes a low cost toroid coil winding machine designed for prototype and moderate production uses. (371)
- AUDIO ISOLATION TRANSFORMER Solar Electronics Co., 5909 Melrose Ave., Hollywood 38, Calif. Bulletin 110 describes an audio isolation transformer designed for screen room use in making a-f susceptibility tests. (372)
- SYSTEMS BROCHURE Scientific Data Systems, Inc., 1649 Seventeenth St., Santa Monica, Calif. Brochure discusses the company's policy of free digital systems engineering and checkout programming, which can reduce total systems cost by as much as 25 percent. (373)
- CORE MEMORY STACK Electronic Memories, Inc., 12621 Chadron Ave., Hawthorne, Calif. Technical bulletin describes a 30-mil., 4096-word core memory stack. (374)
- PROXIMITY SWITCH SYSTEMS Micro Switch, a division of Honeywell, Freeport, Ill. A 24-page catalog 85 presents specifications and ordering information on a broad line of proximity switch systems for detecting ferromagnetic metals. (375)
- THERMOELECTRIC TEMPERATURE STABILI-ZATION Carter-Princeton, Electronics Division of Carter Products, Inc., 178 Alexander St., Princeton, N. J. A brochure, "When to Specify Thermoelectric Temperature Stabilization", is complete with charts, figures, examples and definitions. (376)
- LINE VOLTAGE REGULATORS George Kelk Limited, 5 Lesmill Road, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada, has published a brochure on Stedivolt a-c line voltage regulators. (377)
- PRESSURE TRANSDUCER Consolidated Electrodynamics Corp., 360 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calif. Operational characteristics of type 4-390 high output pressure transducer are described in a bulletin. (378)
- TOROIDAL CORES Genalex Division, Connolly & Co., Inc., 914 Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View, Calif., has prepared a 16-page design handbook for application of toroidal magnetic cores over a range of 200 cps or 200 kc. (379)
- IR DETECTORS Philco Corp., Landsdale, Pa., has made available a 16-page brochure entitled. "Indium Antimonide Infrared Detectors." (380)
- GROUND-BASED DATA PROCESSING SYSTEMS Radiation Inc., Melbourne, Fla. A 12page brochure discusses ground-based data processing systems. (381)



#### PEOPLE AND PLANTS



## **Cutler-Hammer To Build New HQ**

**CUTLER-HAMMER** president Philip Ryan has announced plans for the construction of a new headquarters building in Milwaukee, Wisc.

The seven-story office and research center, expected to be completed early in 1965, will contain 216,000 square feet of floor space and will accommodate about 1,000 employees. It will house administrative, development, production planning and marketing personnel now located at two of the company's other plants in Milwaukee. The building will cost over \$3 million, according to company officials.

A 33,000-square-foot addition to another of the firm's plants, adjacent to the new office and research center site, was completed and occupied in November. Ryan said the addition provides extra engineering and sales department floor space.



#### Bendix Promotes Weingarten

MURRAY WEINGARTEN has been promoted to vice president for operations at the Bendix Field Engineering Corporation, Owings Mills, Md., subsidiary of The Bendix Corp.

In this new position, Weingarten will be responsible for the operation

and direction of programs under Department of Defense contracts of all the military agencies. He also will retain his responsibilities as manager of field-engineering programs on space projects to NASA.

## EAI Names Baumann Chief Engineer

DONALD A. BAUMANN has been appointed chief engineer of Electronic Associates, Inc., Long Branch, N.J. He succeeds William Kindle who recently was named new product program manager.

Since 1957, Baumann has been engaged in research and development for analog-digital computer linkage systems as a senior electronics engineer for EAI.

#### General Electric Advances Cross

HERSHNER CROSS has been advanced to vice president and group executive in charge of General Electric Company's Industrial Group. The Industrial Group, with more than 50,000 employees, accounts for roughly a quarter of GE's total business.

Cross formerly headed GE's Radio & Television division, with headquarters at Electronics Park, Syracuse, N. Y., since 1959. His new office will be in New York City.



Litton Industries Elects Adler

ELECTION of Benjamin Adler as vice president of Litton Industries has been announced.

Adler was president of Adler Electronics. The latter firm, with plants in New Rochelle and Pelham Manor, N. Y., has been acquired by Litton Industries, and now is a part of Litton's Systems Group headed by George T. Scharffenberger, senior vice president of Litton.

#### IBM Announces Two Promotions

THE PROMOTION of Arthur G. Anderson to assistant director of the Research Division of International Business Machines Corporation, Yorktown, N.Y., has been announced. He was previously manager of IBM's research laboratory in San Jose, Calif.

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#### Houston Instrument Promotes Bravenec

FRANK BRAVENEC has been appointed vice president of engineering to head up the newly-expanded engineering department of Houston Instrument Corp., Bellaire, Texas. He had been chief engineer for the firm for three years.

Houston Instrument Corp. manufactures electronic test equipment, x-y recorders, industrial instruments and geophysical recording heads.



## Grohe Moves Up at Northrop Nortronics

APPOINTMENT of Lester R. Grohe as a vice president of the Nortronics Division of Northrop Corporation and manager of its Precision Products department in Norwood, Mass., has been announced.

Grohe, previously deputy manager of the Precision Products department, was named to the post following the resignation of William A. Jones, who left to establish his own company.

At Nortronics, Grohe has been instrumental in the development and

production of gyroscopes and accelerometers used in shipboard inertial navigation systems, satellites and missiles for programs such as Polaris, Minuteman and Agena.



Optics Technology Elects Schawlow

ARTHUR L. SCHAWLOW, Stanford University physics professor and a co-developer of the optical maser, has been elected to the board of directors of Optics Technology, Inc., Belmont, Calif.

Optics Technology conducts advanced research and development in the field of optics and manufactures special optical devices, including lasers and fiber optics instruments.



Burke Advances at Standard Kollsman

JAMES W. BURKE has been elected vice president and general manager of the Tuner Division of Standard Kollsman Industries Inc., Melrose Park, Ill. He joined the company in 1955, and was assistant to the president since 1962.

Standard Kollsman Industrics is a diversified manufacturer of precision electronic and electrical products for defense, industry and the consumer.



Trent Raised to Vice President

ROBERT L. TRENT has been named to the new position of vice president for research and development of National Semiconductor Corp., Danbury, Conn., manufacturer of silicon transistors and integrated circuit devices in standard and microminiature packages. Trent has been director of research and development at NSC since 1961.



Duncan Electronics Appoints Wyman

APPOINTMENT of John C. Wyman, Jr., as vice president of marketing at Duncan Electronics, Inc., has been announced.

For the past three years, Wyman has served as sales manager of the Costa Mesa, Calif., precision potentiometer manufacturer.

#### GPI Announces Promotions

PROMOTIONS of Joseph W. Barron to vice president-administration and planning, and Robert J. Campbell to vice president-marketing of Link Division of General Precision, Inc.'s Simulation and Control





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 Group, have been announced.

Concurrently, it was announced that John M. Hunt was elected to the board of directors of General Precision, Inc. Hunt is senior vice president and technical director of the Simulation and Control Group.

Barron previously was vice president, administration and marketing at Link. Campbell previously was manager, marketing.

General Precision, Inc. is the principal operating subsidiary of General Precision Equipment Corp., Tarrytown, New York.

#### PEOPLE IN BRIEF

Richard G. Zens moves up to v-p and g-m of Electrolab Printed Electronics Corp. William F. Kamsler, formerly with Astrodata, Inc., appointed mgr., advanced systems design for Scientific Data Systems. J. M. Sterling advances to director of Honeywell's EDP-International. Robert F. Martin, previously with GD/Electronics, named mgr. of quality control by Electrolab Electronics Corp. Robert Lord promoted to computer research mgr. for the Berkeley div. of Beckman Instruments, Inc., succeeding Maxwell C. Gilliland, now chief of a mathematical analysis group to serve all company divisions. Arnold Sherman elevated to exec v-p of College Hill Industries, Inc. David W. Pertschuk raised to corporate director of reliability and quality assurance for Fairchild Stratos Corp. John Carge moves up to mgr. of technical services at Brush Instruments, div. of Clevite Corp. Allan Q. Mowatt, from Atlee Corp. to Electronics Metals and Alloys, Inc., as mgr. of product development with the Sweet Industrial div. James Gray, ex-Univac, named mgr. of the electronic design dept., Research and Engineering div. of Xerox Corp. Robert E. Rutherford Jr. advances to chief engineer of CBS Laboratories Electron Tube dept. C. A. Norman Johnson, asst. to the president of Blackstone Corp., elected v-p. William L. Peffer elevated to president, and Lars M. Runbeck to chief engineer of Resistance Products Co.

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