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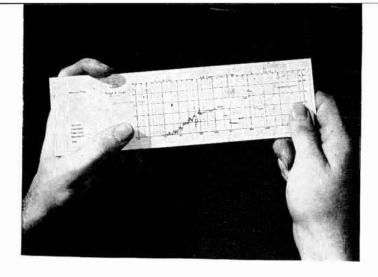


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## Search for Growth

Many venture capital groups are in electronics. They look for firms with proprietary products

VENTURE capital groups have invested between \$100 and \$200 million since the war in small companies with outstanding growth prospects.

Electronics has a substantial share. Four of eight large groups are especially interested in electronics: Payson & Trask, American Research and Development, Donner Foundation and Electric Bond & Share. Laurance Rockefeller's organization, primarily in aviation, also has sizable electronics investments.

Some electronics companies using venture capital money are: Trans-Sonics, CGS Laboratories, Vacuum Tube Products, Interference Testing and Research, Airborne Instruments, Stavid Engineering, Aircraft Radio, Induction Motors, High Voltage Engineering, Machlett Labs.

Venture capital investment is as old as capitalism, but only recently has it become an organized, continuing business. Most venture capital groups have been established by wealthy individuals seeking capital gains rather than income taxable profits. Several investment trusts have joined them.

Venture capital investor looks for companies with proprietary products in a rapidly growing area of the industry, says W. Hardie Shepard, a partner in Payson & Trask. Guided missiles, infrared equipment, transistors and computers are examples of rapid growth areas. A proprietary product has an exclusive customer position due either to patents, advanced scientific position or special production know-how.

Companies most eligible for venture capital are usually past invention and development stages but not quite large enough to raise money publicly.

Usual sizes of initial investments range from \$100,000 to \$250,000. One group sets \$500,000 as a maximum limit. Payson & Trask sometimes makes investments as low as \$25,000.

In addition to mouey, company gets experienced and competent counsel. Venture capital groups often place a representative on the board.

# SHARES and PRICES

POTENTIAL market for medical electronic equipment for next 10 years is \$1 billion, says W. G. Damroth, vice president of Nucleonics, Chemistry and Electronic Shares fund. NCES recently made an intensive study of medical market.

At one time x-ray and diathermy accounted for almost all electronic medical sales. In recent years many conventional medical tools have been made electronic. Also many

new research, diagnostic and therapeutic tools have been developed.

Innovations range from electronic thermometer and hi-fi stethoscope to betatrons for cancer research. They also include electroencephalographs, electrocardiographs and calorimeters, electronic surgical instruments, blood-pressure recorders, fluoroscopes and microscopes.

Several groups are studying applications of computers to the medical field. In one project computers are revealing new knowledge of heart disease. Another aims to store all known signs and symptoms of disease in a computer.

Smaller and less expensive devices will come into widespread use soon. Damroth predicts. More complicated and expensive equipment will take longer. But shared use by hospital and medical groups within a community should help.

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# Warehouse Controls

# Cold-cathode tubes speed flow of goods to retail outlets

AUTOMATIC controls are directing the receiving, separating and shipping of goods in the warehouse for the 124-store Mangel chain. The new warehouse was unveiled in New York City late last month.

The system provides a continuous flow of merchandise from point of receipt from 9,000 different suppliers to point of discharge to truckers for delivery to the chain of women and children's apparel stores.

It combines manual, electromechanical and electronic elements in one system. Key electronics unit is a control panel using cold cathode tubes and relays for grouping merchandise destined for individual stores.

Labor savings will pay for the \$400,000 system in less than five years, says Sidney Mangel, vice president of the chain. In addition, indirect savings will result from faster handling of merchandise, which speeds merchandise turnover rate.

Dasol Corporation, which designed and installed the Mangel system, is preparing similar systems for Catalina Swim Suits on the West Coast and Bobbie Brooks, Cleveland manufacturer of dresses and sweaters. These installations will utilize IBM's RAMAC and 650 computers to take over much of the control work left to humans in the Mangel operation.

## More Automation

# Only way to raise labor productivity says planning director

FUTURE labor shortages will be offset by increased use of automation, predicts Westinghouse planning director W. C. Allen.

Gross national product is now advancing at double the rate of the work-force. Automation, permitting each man to increase his rate of productivity, is the only answer, said Allen.

Speaking before a power association group, he called upon utilities to prepare for increased power demands by automated plants of the future.

There need be no fear of labor displacement, he said. Population will double in the next 50 years. But increase will be outside the labor force.

Impact of automation on the wage carner, Allen said, will be to upgrade his skills and make the job physically easier.

Automation has already brought many changes in industry's approach to product planning and design, said Allen.

# MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS and FINANCE

- Bell & Howell's electronics division sells phonograph-radio-type recorder console line to Columbia Records for an undisclosed price. Money received is being used for expanding photographic and taperecorder lines. Only six phonograph-radio-type recorder console models ranging in price from \$595 to \$1,800, are included in the sale. Both Bell & Howell and Columbia will each continue to manufacture its own line of tape recorders.
- Tung-Sol Electric acquires Chatham Electronics division of Gera Corp. Located in Livingston, N. J., Chatham manufactures tubes, selenium rectifiers, aircraft power supplies and radium detection equipment. Chatham will become a division of Tung-Sol.
- Collins Radio stockholders get rights to subscribe to \$7.9 million of 5 percent convertible subordi-

- nated debentures, priced at \$100. Debentures are convertible into Class B common at \$26.50 per share. Class A and Class B common stockholders are given right to subscribe to \$100 principal amount for each 19 shares held. Kidder, Peabody & Co. and White, Weld & Co. head the underwriting group. Proceeds are being used to reduce bank loan and for additional working capital needed for growing commercial and military business.
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- and Tucker, Anthony & R. L. Day head the underwriters.
- F. C. Huyek, planning to concentrate on engineered products, sells its blanket business to Chatham Manufacturing Co. Last year, Huyek acquired Waldorf Instrument at Huntington Station, Long Island, N. Y.
- Ampex Corp., tape-recorder manufacturer of Redwood, Calif., acquires a 25-percent interest in Orradio Industries, tape-making firm of Opelika, Ala. Additional financial details were not disclosed. The two firms will team engineering and research facilities to produce high-quality magnetic recording tape for video, computer and instrumentation use. Ampex president, George 1. Long, feels that advances of the magnetic-recording art have been limited until now by the tape itself.



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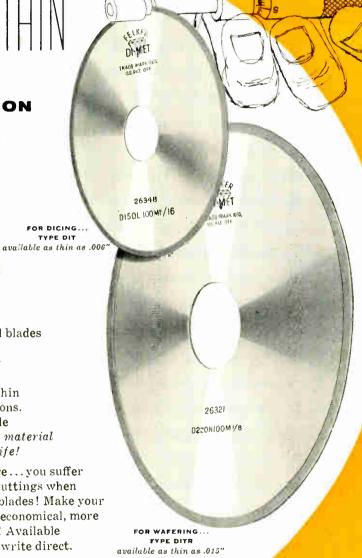
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# WASHINGTON report

MILITARY buying of electronic equipment may be curbed somewhat by Defense Dept. orders to halt so-called installment buying by Air Force and other services.

The new policy bans letting contracts on a project until money to pay for all parts of it has been appropriated by Congress and apportioned to the service by the Budget Bureau and Pentagon comptroller.

In the past, Air Force has awarded contracts piece-meal as money became available in partial amounts.

But the new policy does contain a loophole: long-time components such as a certain electronic systems may still be ordered in advance.

Right now, Air Force is battling with Defense Secy. Wilson's office. Air Force argues that a strict view of the policy could mean a cut of S2 to S4 billion in scheduled plane and missile buying next year.

Behind the controversial order is this factor: despite the clamor about military appropriation cutbacks, defense spending will remain high.

For the past four months, military spending has been running at an annual rate of \$42 billion. Total spending for 1957 will hit upwards of \$38.5 billion—at least \$2.5 billion over the administration's original budget estimate. This can go on even though appropriations are cut because of heavy carryover funds, money appropriated in previous years but still not committed. Close to \$11 billion is being carried over to fiscal 1958; \$8.1 billion or more will be carried over to fiscal 1959.

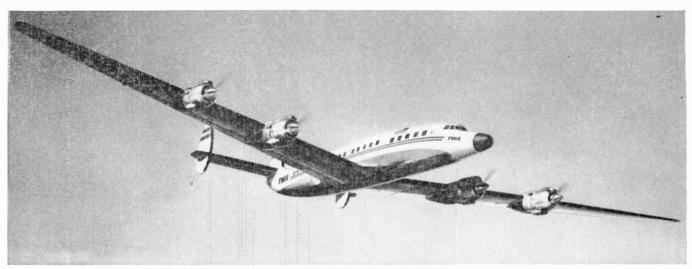
The administration has ordered the Pentagon to hold expenditures in fiscal 1958 close to \$38 billion, the spending level originally set for the new budget last January. To do this, Wilson issued the ban on installment buying. In addition, he has held back \$500 million worth of new contract awards that were to be let this month.

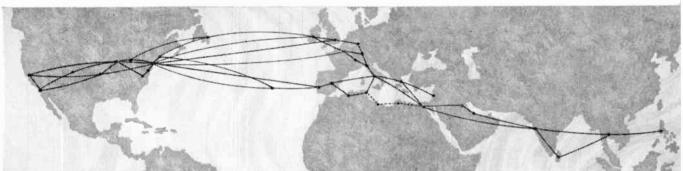
- Army has beaten Air Force in the race for the first successful test launching of a prototype IRBM; a Jupiter test vehicle was fired May 31, reaching a distance of about 1,500 miles and an altitude of 300 miles. The missile reportedly was not completely fitted with guidance, controls and other components. Air Force has flopped in three test firings with its Thor IRBM so far. Insiders still say that the Air Force's Thor, possibly equipped with certain Jupiter components, will be the IRBM eventually put into volume production.
- European and Japanese electronics manufacturers may find a new market in Red China for certain types of gear as a result of the British decision to reduce the curb on China trade to the level applying to trade with the European Communist bloc. The British are expected to be followed quickly by other European nations and Japan. The U. S., however will maintain an embargo on exports of all kinds to Red China. Most electronic items are embargoed for shipment to the Soviet bloc because they are strategically important.

A small number of items, however, may be shipped to the bloc in small amounts or are on the so-called watch list of commodities which may be shipped in any amount under surveillance by COCOM, the 15-nation international strategic controls body in Paris.

Items which formerly were barred from the China trade and now may be exported to China by Britain include radios, hearing aids and telephone and telegraph equipment.

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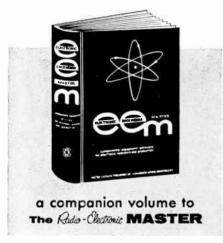
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# **EXECS** in the news



# Pioneer Hyland\*: radar reflections . . .

This YEAR's Pioneer Award goes to Lawrence A. (Pat) Hyland, v-p and general manager of Hughes Aircraft. IRE's Professional Group on Aeronautical and Navigational Electronics gave him the prize for 1932 demonstrations of radar at Naval Research Laboratories.

Oddly enough, Hyland—who was born in Nova Scotia 60 years ago this August— never got through college. A friend says of him "he's never needed it. Pat Hyland seems to have an intuitive understanding of the nature of things."

He did spend a year in Boston University law school, left to go into the Army in 1917. On his return from France he became a U.S. citizen, promptly joined the Navy and went into radio. In 1926 Hyland put the uniform in mothballs and went to work for NRL.

Six years later, after he had helped convince the Navy that radio waves would bounce off planes, he formed a Washington research firm, served as its vice president until 1937. Then he went to Detroit to work for Bendix Radio. When he left in 1954, he was Bendix's engineering v-p, had a raft of inventions to his credit. The spark-plug shield that keeps aircraft radio communications clear is his baby.

A quiet and modest man, Hyland is always careful to point out work others have done, keeps himself out of the limelight. Quietude characterizes even his private life: he likes to "putter around the house and garden—and read books."

\* At left, with PGANE awards chairman Sandretto of IT&T

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#### Air Suarl: Cabinet Function?

From my experience on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, I am convinced that the recommendations of Mr. Curtis for an Air Modernization Board and Federal Aviation Agency will probably reinforce and accentuate rather than eliminate the conflict of interests between military and civilian users of airways. One reason we do not have modern safety devices on our airports today is the conflict between these points of view on the Air Space Panel.

The mere fact that Commerce and Defense departments are represented on the Air Modernization Board does not in my opinion change the conflict, because the Secretary of Defense certainly would not go contrary to the advice of the chief of staff of the Air Force, nor would the Secretary of Commerce go contrary to the Civil Aeronautics Administrator.

It would seem to me that the best solution would be to organize a Department of Transportation and Communication with a cabinet officer at the head. In this way you would have a representative of civil aviation sitting with the cabinet, which would tend to smooth the differences between the civilian and military users.

The great difficulty now from an administrative standpoint is that we have independent agencies such as FCC, and CAB which legislate, administer and perform quasi-judicial functions. I believe that they should be brought under the control of the Executive as a cabinet function.

J. Arthur Younger, M. C. House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

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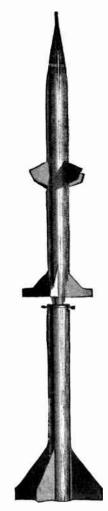
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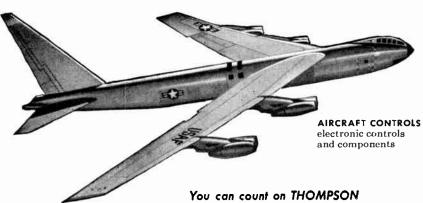
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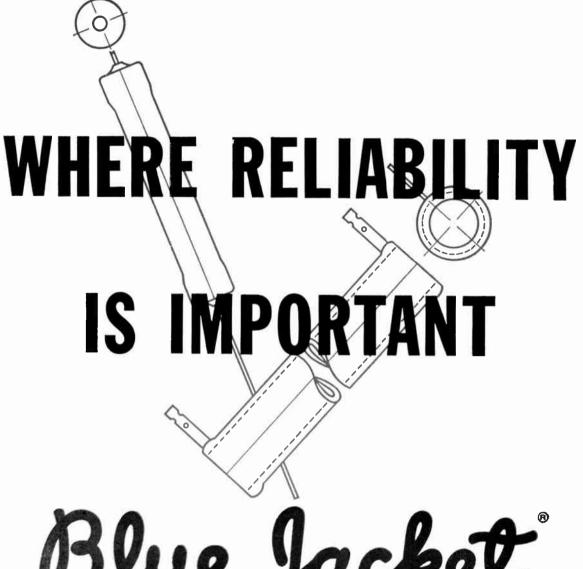


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#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION SPENDING FOR IGY: to date

|                        |             | . (FISCAL YEARS) |              |              |
|------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| YDUT                   | 1955        | 1956             | . 1957       | TOTAL        |
| Aurora and Airglow     | \$ 250,000  | \$ 530,288       | \$ 732,552   | \$1,512,840  |
| Cosmic Rays            | 11,000      | 356,035          | 482,500      | 849,535      |
| Geomagnetism           | 15,000      | 1,003,200        | 336,800      | 1,355,000    |
| Glociology             | 4,000       | 367,500          | 288,600      | 660,100      |
| Gravity Measurements   | ••••        | 1,53,670         | 86,230       | 239,900      |
| Ionospheric Physics    | 240,000     | 1,330,970        | 664,430      | 2,235,400    |
| Longitude and Latitude | ••••        | ••••             | 11,000       | 11,000       |
| Meteorology            | 28,000      | 1,177,515        | 577,345      | 1,782,860    |
| Oceanography           | ****        | 378,700          | 1,230,105    | 1,608,805    |
| Rockstry               | 17,000      | 1,161,300        | 104,000      | 1,282,300    |
| Seismology             | 18,975      | 399,575          | 239,440      | 657,990      |
| Satellite              | 1,172,000   | 7,309,640        | 8,117,375    | 16,599,015   |
| Related Support*       | ••••        | 178,174          | 405,700      | 583,874      |
| Solar Activity         | 32,000      | 134,250          | 56,250       | 222,500      |
| Administration         | 127,000     | 309,000          | 329,400      | 765,400      |
| TOTALS                 | \$1,914,975 | \$14,789,817     | \$13,661,627 | \$30,366,419 |

\*World Data Center, etc.

BALANCE \$8,633,401

13 sciences, \$39 million, long-range results . . .

# What's in IGY for Us?

- Congress granted \$39 million for participation in world-wide scientific program. Electronics got a good slice of it
- Long-range significance reaches deeper. IGY may uncover information vitally affecting our industry

International Geophysical Year, which begins on July 1 this year, means a great deal to our industry—from two standpoints.

- This monumental experiment in scientific cooperation hopes to uncover information directly affecting communications, navigation, weather prediction, instrumentation.
- Part of gear that will perform \$39-million experiment is electronic. Some of it has been custom built by universities and research groups. Much more

has been bought. By the end of fiscal 1956, over \$3 million of IGY funds had bought electronic products.

This project is first of its kind and natural successor to the two International Polar Years in 1882 and 1932. IGY deals with global geophysics, where IPY's dealt mostly with the Arctic.

As midsummer opening of IGY nears, work on the dozen-odd sciences (see chart) is picking up tempo all over the world.

National Academy of Sciences, acting as coordinat-

ing body for U.S. participation, split up the nation's part among 46 academic and research groups. Funds were acquired from Congress through National Science Foundation in fiscal years 1955 and 1956.

NSF grants are only part of federal government's spending on IGY. All three armed services, the Weather Bureau, other federal agencies are providing logistic support which will cost an estimated \$50 million more.

Navy is responsible for biggest single project, construction and launching of half a dozen Vanguard satellites. This project used up more than half the NSF budget, still needed—and got—extra money from Navy's other funds. Air Force will provide launching facilities at the long-range test center in Florida.

Government agencies will also provide support for:

- Antarctic expeditions investigating ionosphere, auroral disturbances, geomagnetism, extraterrestrial "whistler" noises.
- Communications, such as links between Vanguard trackers and computers, U.S. portion of world warning network.
  - Rocketry program at Ft. Churchill, Canada.
- Most of meteorological, ionospheric and oceanographic experiments.

The 46 investigating agencies include 6 independent scientific groups, 7 defense agencies, 5 nondefense Federal bureaus, 27 colleges and universities and one private investigator. Individual is Herman Yagoda, who was granted \$1,900 to investigate low-energy primary cosmic rays.

At least 10 percent, and probably 25-30 percent, of the \$30 million so far spent has gone for electronic equipment. Estimated 88 percent of electronic purchases have been end equipment. Rest-including satellite instrumentation—has been custom built by researchers.

More important than immediate commercial significance will be results of IGY. Many areas under investigation present problems to our researchers. Communications, broadcasting, scatter techniques, information-handling, navigation, all are affected by weather, magnetic storms, ionospheric disturbances, other geophysical phenomena.

Geophysics is a sparkling mass of questions. Precise answers to some of these would be priceless to electronics:

- How do solar storms affect ionosphere's 4 lavers?
- What effects do aurora and ionospheric variations have on radio transmission?
  - What is the effect of magnetic storms on wire

transmission? on magnetic tape, wire or drum recordings?

• How do solar and terrestrial forces interact in affecting ionosphere, atmosphere, earth magnetism?

Standards Bureau's Central Radio Propagation Lab says ionospheric studies during IGY may help communications. Aid would be in predicting when transpolar and intercontinental radio transmissions can be made directly, when to bypass direct routes.

Other questions international enterprise may answer concern size and shape of the earth, how and where weather is generated, why pull of gravity varies over the earth, where earthquakes originate.

# IGY Scientists Teach Cooperation

To the world's diplomats in the steel-and-glass slab of UN headquarters, scientists provide an object lesson. To achieve cooperation, find a common project and work on it.

Global cooperation in projects of the International Geophysical Year is "noted with pleasure" by the special international committee for the project. Fifty-six nations join in the effort. More than 5,000 scientists employ their talents to probe the common problems of earth physics.

U.S. will have 24 stations in the sensitive Arctic regions. U.S., USSR and the Scandinavian countries cooperate in studies of snow-and-ice cover of the Arctic basin.

At the other end of the globe, a Russian meteorologist will be part of the complement of the U.S. weather central. An American scientist will work in the Russian weather station.

Five Antarctic bases and an air facility are manned by Americans, besides a joint U. S.-New Zealand station at Cape Adare, Other 35 stations on the subzero subcontinent belong to Great Britain, France, Russia, Japan, Chile, Argentina, the Scandinavian countries, Australia, New Zealand.

Japanese and Filipinos join U.S. scientists in investigating the equatorial Pacific. Western hemisphere nations cooperate in picking up data from the satellite.

Solar observatory in Brazil will be manned by Norwegians and Brazilians. South Africa and Australia join in observations from whaling ships in the Roaring Forties, the violent seas of 40 degrees south latitude. Sweden and Britain jointly operate the world auroral data center.

Says an officer of the National Academy of Sciences, U.S. coordinating agency, "scientists are getting together without hesitation wherever they have a common problem."

# Missiles Boost Telemetry

- Though earth-satellite telemetry has gained the spotlight, military sales are booming
- Firms expect 50 percent rise in sales for 1957; 75 percent of airborne equipment is nonrecoverable

PRODUCERS of military telemetering equipment are optimistic over sales for 1957. Business is soaring with need for accurate, thorough and recorded data from tests of missiles, rockets and aircraft and for ground tests where distance is needed for safety of personnel.

Equipment included in survey is limited to mobile telemetering equipment: temperature probes, accelerometers, other transducers, amplifiers, encoders, keyers, transmitters, antennas and associated ground-station gear such as receivers and decoders. Excluded are recording systems and data-reduction equipment.

Five leading manufacturers of telemetering equipment expect for fiscal year ending June 30, 1957 an average sales increase of 50 percent over fiscal 1956. Total volume of \$28.5 million is expected this year compared to \$18.9 million last year. One company expects an increase of 200 percent.

Seventy percent of telemetering equipment is used with missiles. Flight testing of aircraft takes 25 percent, with remaining 5 percent divided among radiosondes, airships and ground testing equipment.

Continual market is assured since 75 percent of airborne telemetering equipment is nonrecoverable.



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For example, twenty X-17 test missiles for Atlas and Titan have been fired to date, each shooting away \$100,000 worth of electronic equipment. Large share

## Technical DIGEST

- Measurement of water in jelly beans, gum, marshmallows and other confections during manufacture is being made with nuclear magnetic-resonance equipment at Corn Products Refining Co. A Schlumberger NMR analyzer is being used. Method is said be accurate, rapid, nondestructive and requires little or no sample preparation.
- Application of 25,000 volt pulse to special Myriatron image dissector tube gives effect of high-speed shutter. Device is used for making movies under Arditron flash-tube illumination at rate of 50

- pictures per microsecond. Ordinary movie camera is aimed at real screen of tube. Work is continuing at Atomic Weapons Research Establishment in England.
- Aircraft collision-avoidance system proposed by Nevada Air Products employs eight tiny blisters on wing-tips and fusclage. Each contains an infrared detecting element (uncooled lead sulphide cell). Range is obtained by triangulation and angular information by sequential switching of the infrared domes. Transistors keep system weight below 30 lb. Range is 20 miles in good weather, 1 mile in heavy fog.
- Portable guided radiotelephone for coal mines picks up signals in

- 100 to 150-ke range from pipe or other good-conductor path in up to 3 miles of tunnel. It uses 2-ft diameter single-turn flexible loop as autenna. Final transceiver design by A.T.&E. in England uses hearing-aid tubes and transistors, weighs only 6½ lb complete with 200-hour batteries.
- For airborne early warning search, a saucer-shaped rotating radome over 30 feet in diameter has been built by Zenith Plastics. It has been flown successfully on a Lockheed Constellation. The foilstrip autenna array is molded integral with the glass-reinforced polyester skin, using over a ton of resin. Total weight of radome alone is over 3 tons.

of this \$2 million went for f-m/f-m telemetry. Telemetry for Martin's Matador cost \$1½ million during research and development. Cost of telemetry for each Nike test is \$1,000 to \$6,000.

Another big use of nonrecoverable telemetering gear is the radiosonde. Radiosonde sales per year total about \$4.5 million. Seventy to 85 percent of this equipment is nonrecoverable.

Price of equipment varies. A fairly complete 90channel ground station and airborne data-acquisition system would amount to approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000 per telemetering channel.

Complete 90-channel ground station including facilities for full instantaneous or "real time" data read-out, as well as necessary receiving and decoding equipment would sell for about \$160,000. Fully equipped airborne data-acquisition system would list for approximately \$15,000.

Blind spots for manufacturers are not knowing

what the customer does with certain shipments of telemetering gear nor how well it performed. These conditions do not lead easily to improved equipment design or predictions of marketing trends.

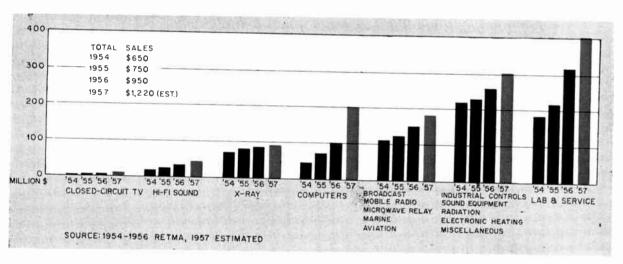
Not knowing the final application also requires that equipment be sufficiently flexible for a number of applications. Flexibility is also required to get larger volume sales.

Here are some design trends:

Smaller and lighter gear is selling better for obvious reasons. One: 14 extra pounds of instrumentation in third stage of Lockheed's X-17 would add one ton to gross take-off weight. Another: telemetering equipment must be miniaturized when a missile becomes operational to make room for the warhead.

Sales are increasing for pulse-code modulation systems. Wide-band data transmission and operation at greater distances is becoming common. Close mechanical tolerances are being required.

# PRODUCTION and SALES



# Industrial Sales to Rise in '57

Rising capital expenditures by businesses should sharply increase industrial electronic equipment sales in 1957.

Industrial equipment sales amounted to \$950 million in 1956, according to RETMA. Present indications are they will total about \$1.2 billion in 1957.

All businesses plan total capital expenditures of \$41.0 billion in 1957, 12 percent more than 1956, the McGraw-Hill Survey of Business Plans for New Plants and Equipment reveals. Electronies'

share of capital expenditures is increasing. Research and development expenditures in 1957 will total \$7.3 billion for all industries, 20 percent above 1956.

Computer sales of \$200 million are expected in 1957, double those of 1956.

Sales of \$400 million are estimated for group comprising industrial controls, sound equipment, radiation, electronic heating and miscellaneous industrial equipment. Group sales in 1956 were \$316 million.

Laboratory and service equipment sales of \$180 million are predicted for 1957, about \$30 million more than last year's \$150.7 million,

Sales of the group comprising broadcasting, microwave relay, marine and aviation equipment and mobile radio are expected to increase from \$260 million in 1956 to \$300 million in 1957.

Closed-circuit tv, x-ray and hi-fi, which accounted for sales of \$123.3 million in 1956, should register sales of \$140 million in 1957.

# Manhunt for Management

- Rapid electronics expansion forces firms to hire outside even though it may rough up company morale
- Some firms find their best source for executive manpower lies in contacts and personal recommendations

INDUSTRY is feeling the manpower pinch in several uncomfortable spots. One of the sorest is the shortage of management men. Companies in our industry, not exempted from the general rule, are being forced to look outside for executives.

Recruiting managers was once taboo. "It wreaks havoe with morale of incumbent executives," says a management consultant. Today it's frequently a necessity.

According to a survey by American Management Association, 85 percent of industry recruits exces from outside. Two out of five fill more than 10 percent of their executive vacancies through recruiting. One out of twenty gets more than half its executives this way.

One personnel manager calls it a "mad market," another says "it's catch-as-catch-can jungle warfare." Problem is tied up with the engineer shortage, complicated by rapid growth in electronics in the last 15 years.

Generally, most firms would prefer to stay out of the market: recruiting is not only bad for morale, it's also costly. But they're driven into it by new prodnets, new services, expansions requiring either more manpower or talent of a kind not found in the existing lineup.

Two of the reasonably hish limiting grounds for executive manpower are constantly stalked:

- The armed services. Every year, 300 flag officers and 2,000 commissioned officers retire. Military rolls also number many highly skilled people to whom industry salaries look good. Hiring brass is good business in an industry that needs liaison with Defense Department.
- Diversified industries, especially big ones with development programs, management in depth, and more security than greenbacks in their reimbursement packages. Such companies grow managers, occasionally slip into and out of various product lines, leaving men available.

First step in a recruitment program: plan what's to be done, how many people of what kinds are needed.

Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing, in planning

expansion, surveyed its personnel structure, found a correlation between the number of managers on the rolls and total company sales. This correlation and normal turnover ratio became the basis for recruiting. After three years, the plan still works with less than one percent error.

Promises to prospective managers should be realistic, within the company's reach, or else prize recruits will soon leave payroll. An instrument firm's placement manager points out that pirates couldn't function if people were satisfied with their jobs. "Top management," he says, "makes incredible promises sometimes, and when the blue sky dissolves into shadows, the hired become the dissatisfied and go back on the market."

#### Three most productive aids to recruiters:

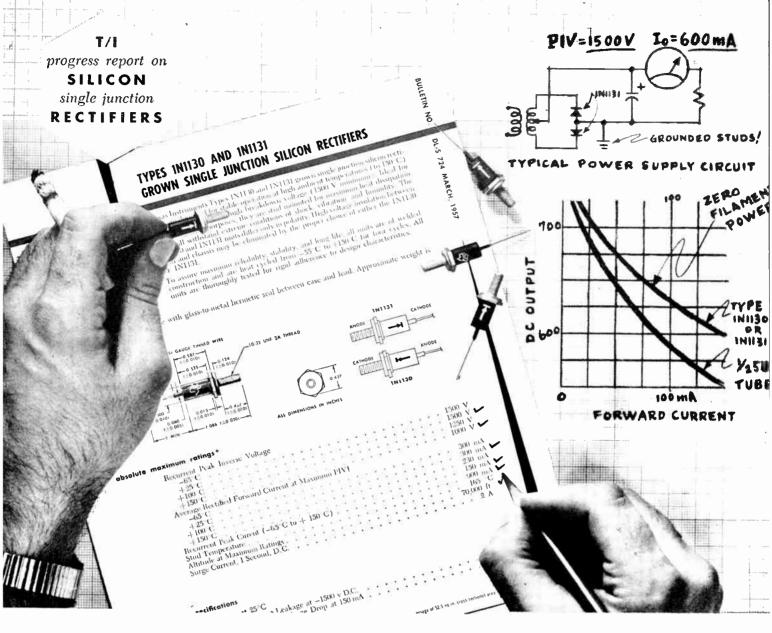
- Contacts in industry: a primary source of executive manpower. Many companies keep complete files on executive moves reported in their business.
- Personal recommendations: time-honored, sometimes troublesome, requiring checks, interviews, screening.
- Advertising: third best for executives. Display ads best, classified second, radio-tv advertising not very useful.

Search consultants are retained by two out of five firms. "But they're not very good at finding managers for electronics activities," points out a personnel man, "especially specialists like engineering managers."

Antipirating agreements have diverted business into the laps of consultants. They keep company names out of the deal until it's closed, also charge for their services whether or not they deliver.

Commercial employment agencies are seldom used for top-management recruiting, more often for middle management. College placement services and professional associations are rewarding sources for some exces, particularly specialists.

One electronics firm does 70 percent of its recruiting from unsolicited applications coming in over the transom. Not practical for many firms, this is considered the best source for executives by several large companies.





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|---|---------|-------------|
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| I <sub>f</sub> (at max. PIV with heat sink) | 300 mA  | 150 mA      |

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# Vacations-Close or Stagger?

- This summer 60 percent of electronics plants will close down for vacations. Others will stagger staff's time off
- They give good reasons for both techniques. Catch up on maintenance, says one; uninterrupted delivery, says another

A FELLOW ONCE said: "A vacation is no picnic." Maybe he ran an electronic firm. This business of vacations—when? how?—bothers all.

Total of 206 electronics plants, a representative sample of our industry, replied to a RETMA vacation survey. Percentage of plants shutting down for vacation dropped from 64 percent in 1956 to 60 percent in 1957.

Figures on close-down lengths? The two-week period is way ahead but the one-week span is gaining. In 1956, 85 versus 15 percent. This year, 82 versus 18 percent.

July, the chart shows, is by far the biggest vacation month. Last year, 91 percent of electronics plant closedowns were in July. This year, 87 percent.

As for leading close-down weeks, all four top ones come in July. The fourth week holds an edge over the third.

Vacation shutdowns have drawbacks. Many workers do not like having time off dictated. Production stops. Employees with working spouses have trouble vacationing together. Work and orders pile up.

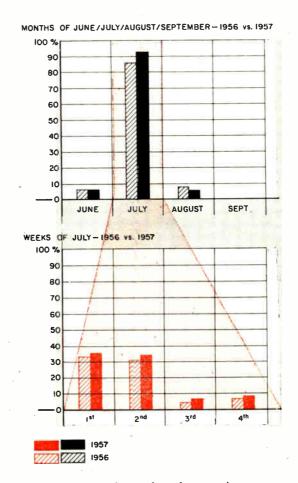
On the other hand, Microwave Associates uses the shutdown to catch up on maintenance. Trans-Sonics finds the period ideal for installing new equipment. The A. W. Haydon Co. points out shutting completely avoids seniority disputes over vacation dates. This helps morale.

Most firms using the close-down system say employes voice few complaints. Raytheon emphasizes all workers enjoy a prime vacation time.

Skeleton forces of some kind are common in plants that close. New employees not entitled to full vacations usually are placed on these forces. Sales, office, mails—these are departments where minimum operations continue.

Alternative to shutting down is staggered vacation plan. Staggering vacations isn't fool-proof. Criticisms include: "The company's on a perpetual vacation—business suffers." "Key people are always out." "My production line falls apart."

Yet there's much to be said for staggering vacations. Some firms find it easier to fill small gaps rather than cope with big work-order backlogs. It's

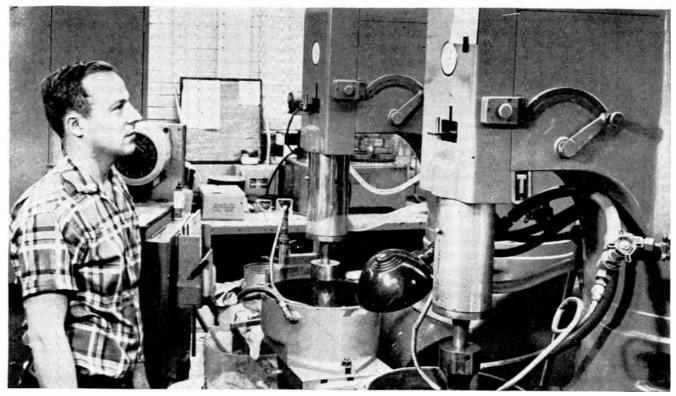


When electronics plants close for vacation

said the carried-over workload increases cost of doing business for a month after vacation. It's also claimed every department's efficiency decreases for the same period.

Markem Machine Co. favors staggering because "our fast deliveries aren't interrupted." Technicraft Laboratories contends: "It produces happier employees and customers."

Combining the two vacation methods is done too. Laboratory for Electronics has 700 employees. A staggered plan would practically halt production lines, so these groups close down. All other departments follow a staggered schedule. LFE reports the dual way "is most economical for us."



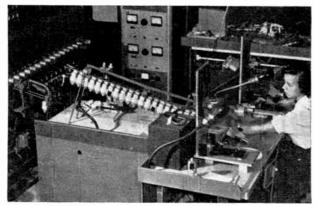
Ultrasonic energy slices semiconductor crystals (Texas Instruments)

# Transistor Makers Mechanize

- Burgeoning sales volume makes manufacturers turn from hand-assembly operations to mechanized production
- Easy-to-read testers speed up inspection; clips, racks and conveyors reduce assembly time

HANDWORK is still important in transistor manufacture. But expanding sales are forcing automatic assembly and test devices. Some examples:

- Philco machines handle nine production steps and intermediate cleaning, prepare and solder leads and whiskers, test seven parameters.
- Sylvania uses slicers which can handle several ingots simultaneously. One of its machines makes
- 1,600 transistor case bases an hour, another exhausts or fills the case, welds it and attaches the base at the same rate.
- Transitron feeds germanium wafers, indium and base electrodes into a continuous belt furnace for one-step fusion.
- Texas Instruments speeds up transistor matching with a panel of glass containers which light up ac-



Carousel joins stems, leads, transistor (Philco)



Conveyor for transistor assemblies (Motorola)

cording to electrical characteristics of transistor.

• Minncapolis-Honeywell testers flash results with pinball-like lights.

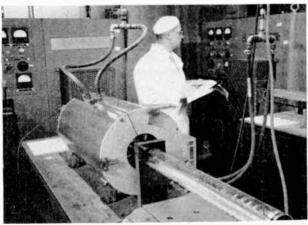
Transistor makers are also transistor users. Motorola has transistorized production test equipment. Delco feeds clips of transistor assemblies into transistorized etchers.

Mechanization is more advanced in semiconductor diode production. CBS-Hytron uses a machine which accepts raw material, ejects finished diodes.

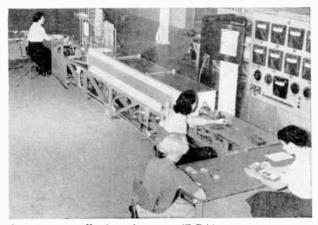
Pacific Semiconductors has a diode sorter which handles up to 8,000 diodes hourly. Hughes Aircraft packages diodes in belts to speed assembly.



Gaging 3,600 transistor dice an hour (Sylvania)



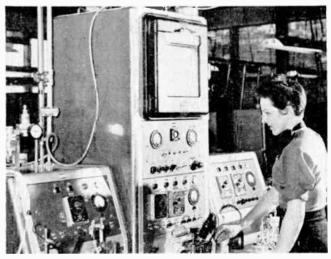
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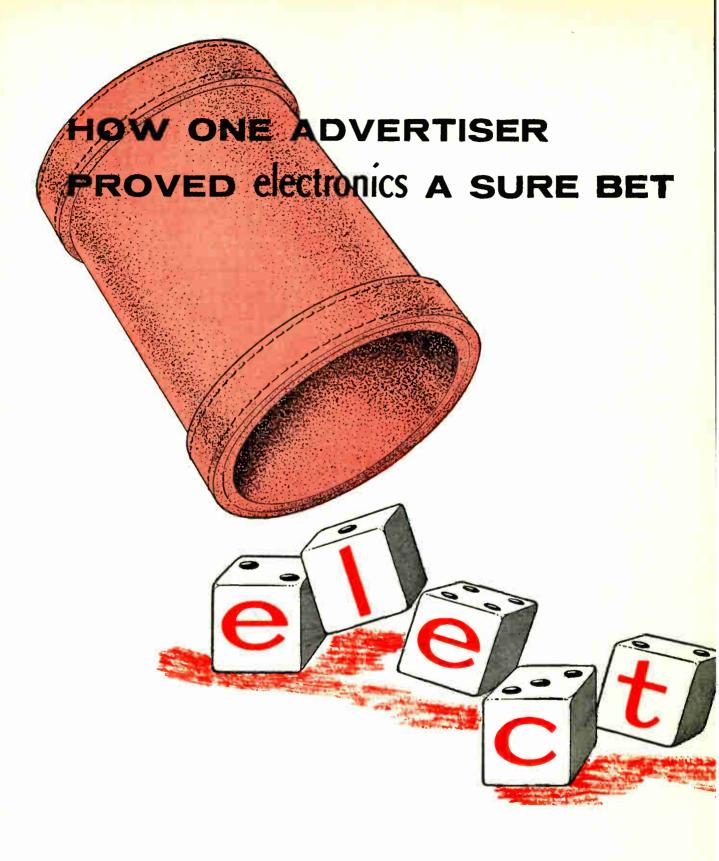
Continuous alloying furnace (RCA)



Reducing germanium in continuous furnace (GE)



Etcher pares germanium to 0.0001 in. (Sprague)



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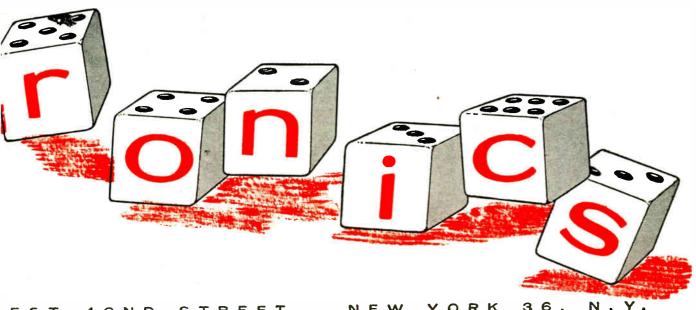
MEMO TO: Sales Representatives

: Frank H. Rockett From Subject: Current Advertising

November 26, 1956

This (the geographic distribution of inquiries from  $\underline{\text{electronics}}^*$ ) indicates that the quality of inquiries from electronics. because they come proportionally from all market centers, is high. The tabular results also show that the circulation of electronics reaches as representative a cross section of the electronic market as do the other magazines combined. For this reason, we will continue to use electronics as the main stay of our advertising in 1957. This will include a regular schedule in the new business editions as well as in the established technical editions.

> \*These conclusions of Mr. Rockett, Advertising Director for Airpax Products Company, result from an analysis of inquiries from advertisements and press releases over an 18-month period (January, 1955 through June, 1956).



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# Behind the Curtis Report

- Everybody agrees the report points the way to unsnarling air traffic. But it's not all sweetness and light
- Suggested reorganization may burn some bureaus—and some bureaucrats. Timetable is uncertain

LAST WEEK, House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee was deliberating on the first legislative step of Edward Curtis' multipronged plan for air traffic control. While hearings were going on, observers could sense a quiet groundswell of opposition, hardly noticable during Senate hearings that wound up before Memorial Day.

Nothing much can be done to translate the Curtis plan into law before adjournment, and by fall the opposition may consolidate. But whatever ultimately happens, electronics stands to gain materially from concern over crowding in the airlanes. As FCC general counsel Warren Baker put it, "the heart of any plan will have to be an electronic system."

Bringing traffic control systems up to date may entail half a billion dollars for electronic gear alone. Annual spending to keep abreast of growing air technology will be an estimated \$40 million.

Traffic system envisaged by Curtis' planners is full of electronics:

- Airspace will be divided into blocks defined electronically by a navigation system.
- Air situation will be determined by position reports from aircraft and a three-dimensional ground-surveillance system.
- Communication will be essentially automatic among all elements of the system.
- Processing, storage, communication and display of data used by controllers to make decisions will be mechanized.
- Computers will facilitate scheduling and expedite flow of traffic.

Curtis committee plan results from 15 months of study, projection and evaluation. It accurately analyzes air traffic problem. With facit White House approval, it naturally got a good reception at first. Everybody agrees that it hits the mark as far as saying what's wrong and recommending improvements.

Not everybody agrees on how the problem should be tackled, and that fogs up the timetable. Crux of disagreement is the legislation that the Curtis report recommends:

- Creation of an Airways Modernization Board, three-man body representing the President and Departments of Commerce and Defense. AMB would press forward with R&D programs for new approaches to air traffic control. It would function as an interim planning group until its 1960 expiration date.
- Creation of a Federal Aviation Agency which would take over CAA, CAB, absorb the Modernization Board in 1960. FAA would have policy-making and regulatory authority over every aspect of air, with specific exception of weapons, international affairs, economic regulation.
- Adoption of a nser's tax, possibly levied on fuel, to help government pay for modernization program.

Rep. J. Arthur Younger (R., Cal.), member of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee, may become center of opposition to Curtis plan. He regards AMB as "piecemeal legislation," told Electronics: "We've had all that before. It's time we took some real action to solve the problem instead of setting up just one more independent agency to recommend and investigate."

Younger has a bill pending in the House that would create a Department of Transportation and Communication. He feels a cabinet-level post would fill the needs of all the agencies now stirring the soup, be more in keeping with our form of government. He objects to independent air agency, says air traffic is "perfectly capable of standing on its own feet. It no longer needs special treatment."

One high government official says "that's the direction in which we must ultimately move." Another officer in the same federal department disagrees: "I think Curtis' plan makes more sense."

Although AMB may not have a terribly hard time, many people are getting the wind up already about FAA. This agency, as presently conceived, would absorb much authority now diffused around Washington. It would need a voice in FCC, the Weather Bureau, USAF's Air Weather Service. It could become a free-wheeling authority over everything above the ground.

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# Plan Color TV Push

RCA opens up its biggest campaign to get public acceptance of color television. Test run in Milwaukee raises sales 800 percent

BIG PLUNGE into color tv begins. Wraps have been taken off campaign to sell color tv sets across the nation.

RCA, having spent \$100 million and more for development and promotion of color ty sets, has opened up its coffers to make 1957 a "color year."

Preliminary to the nationwide sales effort was merchandising test run in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "We pulled the stops out," says William Boss, RCA color coordinator. "We tried every promotion scheme conceivable."

Results in Milwaukee: Before campaign started in May color to set sales averaged 12 a week. Campaign boosted figure to 106 a week for 800 percent rise. 70 percent of sales were for models costing more than low price of \$495. Most expensive set costs more than \$800. Black-and-white set sales also profited. They rose 11 percent.

One of the most effective promotional techniques used in Milwaukee, says Boss, was telephone solicitation program. Six attractively voiced girls spent time placing calls to phone subscribers. The girls suggested that a color set be installed on a trial basis.

More than 35 percent of those contacted said okay; 60 percent of the yeas bought.

September begins a major push. All 80 RCA distributors are expected to take part. They will have Milwaukee results boiled down to a working plan in August.

RCA sees five other major tv set makers entering sales picture on a major scale by December.

## Radar Death Calls For Caution

RECENT report on death of a technician caught in beam of a radar transmitter is frightening: radiated energy in less than a minute literally cooked the man's viscera. But common-sense precautions can prevent injury. Besides, opportunities to stand directly in the beam of a live radar are rare.

As reported in May California Medicine, a 42-year-old man stood within ten feet of a powerful antenna. In a few seconds he felt heat in his abdomen. Heat became intolerable within a minute and he moved away. Half an hour later he had acute abdominal pain and vomited.

Blood-count, x-rays and general appearance of the man showed doctors what seemed to be peritonitis. They operated, removed his appen-

dix, noted unusual discoloration in abdominal organs.

For ten days patient remained under hospital care. On the tenth day his abdominal wound gave way. Immediate operation did no good; he died within 24 hours.

Medical science indicates human tolerance to radiant power is lowest in S and C bands (around 3,000 and 5,000 me) where energy is dissipated as heat a few centimeters below the skin. Organs with little blood-cooling ability, such as the eye, gall bladder, urinary tract, are susceptible to irreversible damage.

Dangerous power level is somewhere near 3 watts (average) per sq cm. One report indicates 0.01 watt per sq cm as recommended tolerance level, undoubtedly with an eye to cumulative effect of long

exposure. The man in the California case was working on a set believed to emit 2.5 megawatts peak. If so he received radiated energy of about 25 to 50 watts per sq cm.

Radiation is not so dangerous to flesh or muscle tissue because blood action keeps tissue cool.

#### Russian Buildup Seen U. S. Match

Russia can match U.S. electronics production in ten years if her economy can support it, says an electronics executive home from a trip to the Soviet Union.

John N. Dyer, vice president of Airborne Instruments Laboratory, Mineola, Long Island, sees no reason why the Russians will not solve present production problems. He says their technical manpower and laboratory equipment compares favorably with that in the U.S.

Technically, says Dyer, the Russians have their high spots, but in some areas they lack years of activity and background.

Development of color tv is being pushed vigorously at Leningrad's Television Institute, Dyer reports. Studio equipment for tv stations is also being made there. The Russians, he says, are making image orthicon and super iconoscope tubes and have built many color tv systems.

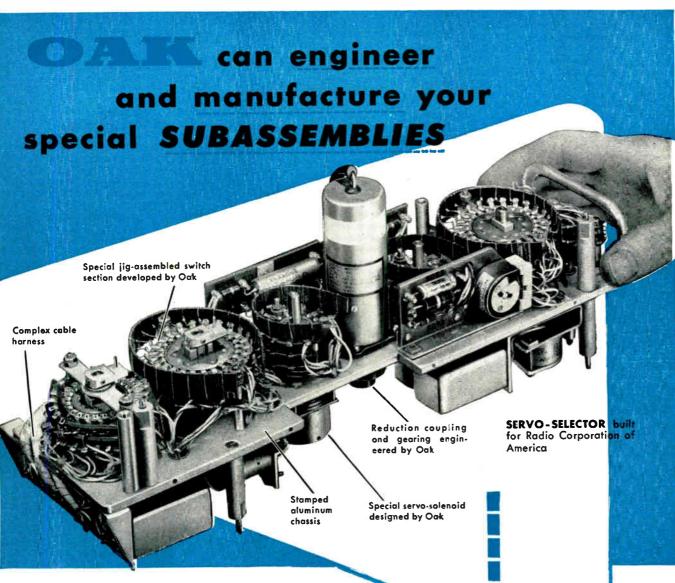
According to information given Dver, Russia's tv outlook is this:

Receiver production in 1957 will be 2.5 million and double that next year. Tv stations will be increased from 17 this year to 70 by 1960.

There has often been a gap, however, between the number of sets planned for production and the actual output. In 1956 planned production of both radio and ty sets was 5,415,000. Actual output was 4,300,000.

Dyer and three others visited a transistor factory which turns out a few thousand units a month, and brought home samples for evaluation. Some are said to be good to 100 mc.

They saw an experimental transistor radio and dip soldered units, presumably the first step towards printed circuits.



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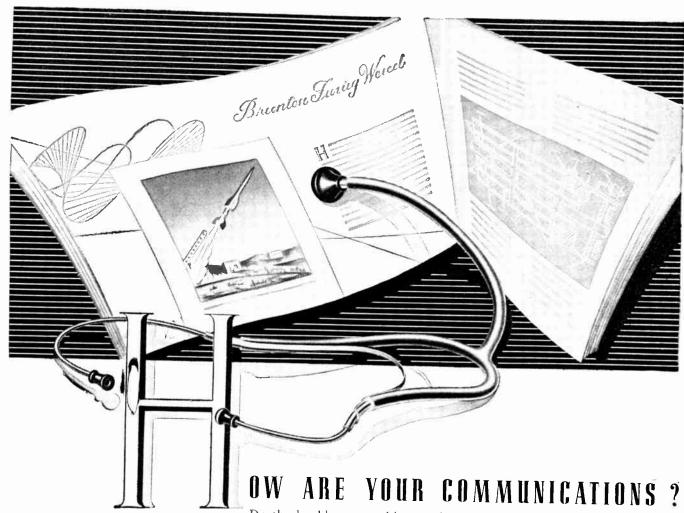


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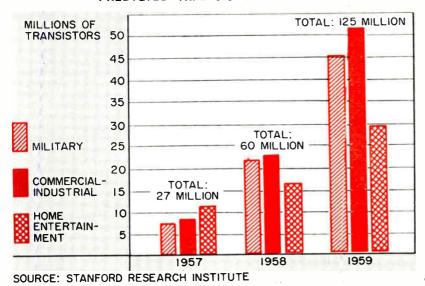
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# Transistor Sales Rise

Electronic equipment makers see 125 million units sold in 1959. Silicon transistors continue to grow in popularity

Transistor market will multiply almost five times in the next three years, predicts Stanford Research Institute. SRI recently completed a transistor market survey among 80 electronic equipment manufacturers for Philco.

Stanford researchers estimate 125 million transistors will be sold in 1959. For 1958, sales of about 60 million units are expected. The 1957 estimate calls for 27 million units.

Entertainment products, including auto radio, are currently biggest user group. They will take 11 million transistors in 1957, 42 percent of total market.

Commercial-industrial users will take 8 million units or 30 percent. Military needs call for about 7 million units or 28 percent.

By 1959, commercial-industrial products will be the biggest factor in the transistor market. They are expected to use about 51 million transistors in 1959, or 41 percent of total market. Military is expected to take 45 million units or 36 percent. Entertainment with 29 million units will then represent 23 percent of market.

Use for silicon transistors is growing rapidly in commercial-industrial and military market segments. Because of cost, entertainment use of silicon type is negligible.

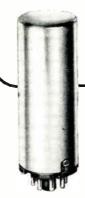
Predicted silicon transistor market for 1957 is 2.3 million units or eight percent of entire transistor market. By 1959, silicon transistor market is expected to be 19 million units or 15 percent of total.

Military use is expected to increase from 2.0 to 18.0 million silicon transistors over the three-year period. Commercial-industrial use is similarly expected to increase from 250,000 to 2 million units.



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Man-made crystals having same crystal structure as popular gem stone will aid microwave transmission, boost business in ferrites

FERRITE business in our industry is expected to multiply 10 times to almost \$50 million in 10 years. Playing a key role will be a justannounced newcomer to electronics—the garnet.

Expected to have much military importance, the garnet is a man-made ferromagnetic material having same crystal structure as the gem stone. New applications of garnets are revealed by C. Lester Hogan of Harvard University's Division of Engineering and Applied Physics. Tenfold jump in ferrite business is predicted by Ernest Wantuch, v-p of Airtron, Inc.

Importance of garnets compares to that of titanates, says Wantuch. In radar and other microwave equipment, earlier ferrites doubled efficiency in the range above 1,000 mc. Garnets, having a long relaxation time, promise to extend lower limit to 100 mc.

Bell Laboratories' Harry Suhl recently proposed a type of microwave amplifier using single crystals of garnet. It would provide low-noise operation at room temperature. And in microwave mixing, garnets (believed more rugged) may substitute for crystal rectifiers.

Cost of a garnet bar (\$100-\$120) is termed nothing in comparison to the material's many advantages. Moreover, only a small quantityabout \$2 worth—is used in a component selling for \$100 to \$500.

Three years ago, ferrite business was almost nonexistent. Today, it is in the S3-S5 million class. And when it hits \$50 million, experts say, garnets will account for 25 percent of that total. They are ready for commercial applications now.

# Military Gear Shrinks

Top Army, Navy and Air Force brass wandering through the basement exhibit hall of Washington's plush Sheraton Park hotel last month got a bird-colonel's eye view of what cooks in military electronic equipment. One big trend was clear. The transistor is here to stay and it's making military electronic equipment smaller, lighter, more reliable, less power hungry.

Several transistorized items held the spotlight at the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association convention and show. Here are just a few highlights, A new general purpose ppi (plan position indicator) repeater by Westinghouse for Navy ships is half as heavy, uses 10 the power and performs better than some current equipment.

The equipment, designated AN/

SPA-25, has completed service testing. It uses 57 transistors and 4 tubes-two sweep drivers, cathoderay tube and one glow tube.

All-transistor digital computer RECOMP by North American Aviation brings data processing down to desk-top size, speeds design of jet aircraft. Unit occupies 6 en ft, weighs 210 lbs. consumes 600 w. It offers 16 arithmetic operations, 17 logical and transfer instructions and 8 input/output instructions, stores 4,032 40-bit words in a magnetic-disk memory. Computer adds in 1.04 milliseconds, multiplies in 20.8.

Four-channel multiplex system by Lenkurt can speed military communications over either wire or radio circuits. It operates on frequency-division principle and uses about 60 transistors.



Flight simulator for four-jet KC-135 stratotanker

# Analog Computers Train SAC Pilots

EVEN before the planes are built AF pilots will be racking up flying experience in the big four-jet KC-135 stratotankers designed to refuel SAC B-52 bombers in midair.

Erco's flight simulator, consisting primarily of analog computers and costing \$1.8 million, is making this advanced training possible on the ground.

In appearance, the simulator's cockpit is identical to the actual Boeing KC-135. Controls are wired to a panel that feeds in actual flying conditions. Simulated conditions include: fuel controls, problem of handling plane under varying load conditions as fuel is pumped out from tanker into B-52, plus other normal and emergency conditions such as adverse weather and mechanical failures.

Current contract calls for eleven simulators to be built at a total contract price of \$6,239,000 and placed at various SAC bases. The first, which took two years to build, is already in use at Castle AFB, Calif. Second simulator is scheduled for delivery in August. Remaining ten simulators will follow at one month intervals.

Ereo foresees big increase in demand for simulators. Right now, Ereo officials say, electronic simulating systems account for about 75 percent of the division's work, amounting to \$15 to \$16 million a year.



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# Big Missiles: \$1 Billion

Ballistic missile business filters down through 17 prime contractors and 200 subcontractors to thousands of vendors

Care and feeding of the ballistic missile family—Atlas, Titan and Thor—will be a billion-dollar-a-year business in fiscal 1957. It will filter down through 17 prime contractors, more than 200 subcontractors and thousands of suppliers of material and equipment.

Thus says Brig. Gen. Ben I. Funk, AMC's deputy director for ballistic missiles and weapons system manager for logistics for the AF ballistic missiles program.

A large but undisclosed percentage of the \$1 billion spent for the three big birds during fiscal year 1957 went to the electronics industry.

Thirty-five percent of all ballistic missile spending to date has gone to subcontractors.

Five years ago, less than 0.1 percent of total AF procurement was for missiles. Today, missile ratio

is nearer 10 percent of all AF procurement and still climbing.

Atlas, Titan and Thor contribute heavily to industrial development. Facilities provided by AF to contractors since late 1954 amount to \$154 million. July 1957 is expected to bring the figure to \$200 million. Contractors have spent \$100 million.

Psychology behind a program that involves three separate systems and 17 prime contractors is based to some extent on value of competition.

Two prime contractors work on each of the four subsystem areas: airframe, propulsion, guidance and nose cone. Effort of each contractor is geared to one or more of the missile designs. In case of need, swapping competing developments is possible with minimum change of design.

Example: Guidance system being developed for Atlas is in competition with that being developed for Titan and Thor. Besides these systems there are still other basic guidance systems under development that could prove more successful than those now slated for Atlas or Titan-Thor.

# **MILITARY** electronics

- System for operating helicopters on instruments, called electronic road map, consists of combination of Bendix-Decca navigator, Bendix sonic altimeter, improved attitude display and glide path indicator. Developed by Bell Helicopter and Bendix, equipment enables pilot to fly to any spot within 100-mile area, make instrument approach to within 10 feet of ground and land without looking outside.
- Raytheon is making both bombing and navigational radars for Convair's B-58 Hustler. Forward 10 feet of Hustler as well as other sections of plane are Raytheon's responsibility.
- Theme of Army Signal Corps' 97th anniversary celebration on June 21 will be Army Signal Corps contributions to the American standard of living. Signal Corps developments directly benefiting living standards include: printed

- circuitry, Auto-Sembly of electronic parts, storm-detector radar, magnetron tubes, portable ty cameras, techniques for microwave radio relay communications and radio and ty electron tubes.
- Small rockets may make weather balloons obsolete. They carry a 6-pound warhead of electronic equipment 60 miles above sea level. Fired from a five-inch rifle, the HASP (High Altitude Sounding Projectile) has successfully reached 110,000 feet. New version, under development at Naval Ordnance Lab, is expected to add another 200,000 feet to present record.
- Minneapolis Honeywell announces new inertial navigation system for automatic guidance of manned or unmanned aircraft. Developed under Navy contract, system is called ISIP (Inertial System, Indicating Position).

# CONTRACTS awarded

Wayne-George Corp., Boston, formerly Applied Electronics, will begin research and dvelopment under AF contract of digital position-readout system for preparing inputs for large-scale digital computer. System will go into Askania cinetheodolite, high-speed optical-tracking device used for testing guidance systems.

Boeing gets \$7,109,195 AF contract for production models of Bomare (IM-99) ground-to-air interceptor guided missile.

Transitron will sell signal generators to Aviation Supply Office totaling \$531,135.

Polarad Electronics gets \$254,850 contract with Aviation Supply Office for 133 radio test sets.

Bendix Friez will sell transosondes (large radiosondes) to BuAer under \$302,329 contract.

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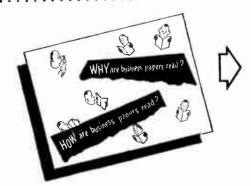
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ACF Industries gets \$172.224 contract with Army Signal Corps for radio beacon AN/DPN-42, spare tubes and crystals.

Wilcox Electric gets \$477,187 contract with Army Signal Corps for radio transmitting sets. AN/FRN-22.

Ameco wins \$355,187 contract with Army Signal Supply Agency for frequency meters, AN/URM-80.

Stavid Engineering will work with Naval Ordnance Test Station on radar for bomb director AN/ASB-S under contract amounting to more than \$1,000,000.

Beckman Instruments will develop electronic instrumentation to detect excessive moisture in rocket fuels for AF.

Wiley Electronics gets \$200,000 AF contract for classified research on passive detection techniques for surveillance.

GE will supply Rome AP depot with modification kits for radar course-directing group, AN/GPA-37, for \$417,846.

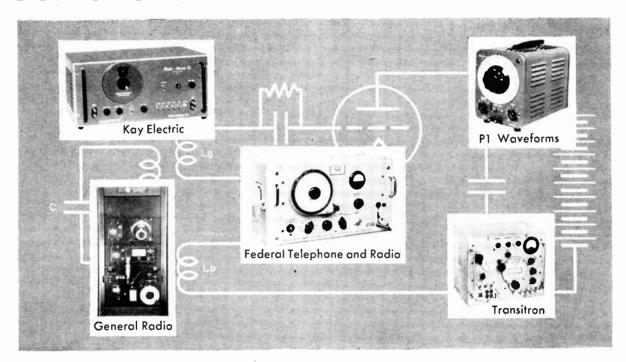
Brush Electronics wins \$225,000 contract with BuShips for navigation data recorders.

Ryan will supply Navy with KDA-l Firebee remote-controlled jet target drones amounting to \$4 million.

Western Electric will supply Philadelphia Ordnance District with Nike spare parts and components under contracts totaling \$255,206.

BJ Electronics will furnish AMC, under a \$34-million contract, high-power standard signal generators.

# Oscillators Lead Parade



# Units Supply R-F, I-F, A-F

OSCILLATORS in their almost infinite varieties are the heart of much electronic apparatus. Andio oscillators by Waveforms (P1) operate from 10 cps to 100 kc and deliver ½ watt into 600 ohms. Sweeping oscillators produced by Kay Electric (P2) for radar i-f's have 24 crystal markers and center frequencies from 1 to 260 mc.

S-band signal generators developed by Transitron (P3) cover 1,800 to 4,000 mc for testing microwave communications and radar receivers. A one-megacycle capacitance bridge designed by General Radio (P4) measures capacitances of 1,000 micromicrofarads and less. Federal Telephone and Radio (P5) announces a vhf signal generator that supplies at least 3 volts over the frequency range from 30 to 300 mc.

#### Other Products

MEASUREMENT of pulsed or c-w power in the frequency range between 1,120 and 40,000 mc is possible with F-R Machine's (P6) thermistor mounts. . . Two 250-watt ceramic and metal tetrodes, the 4CX250K and 4CX250M, are available from Eitel-McCullough (P7).

Altitude and airspeed are sensed by a 2-ounce electronic device offered by Borg-Warner (P8) for flight evaluation testing of supersonic aircraft. . . . DuMont (P9) announces a 27-pound 3-inch oscilloscope designed for use in the field or rack mounting in the laboratory. . . . Machining of germanium, ceramics and ferrites in the mamfacturing of electronic components can be done with an ultrasonic impact grinder available from Raytheon (P10).

Miniature indicator lights are

offered by Eldema (P11) to accommodate neon or incandescent plugin lamps from front of mounting panel.... Operation over temperature range of -65 to 125 C is claimed for RCA's (P12) 204W1 relay for military and industrial applications.

Mylar 1-mil thick is available from Sillcocks-Miller (P13) for electronic parts manufacturers. . . The type 12EL6 double-diode detector and high-mu triode is designed by Sylvania (P14) to operate with 12-volt auto battery as plate supply.

An English-made quartz-crystal x-ray goniometer marketed by Jarrell-Ash (P15) is said to enable unskilled operators to orient crystal surface and lattice planes within an accuracy of 30 seconds of arc.

Three high-speed switching transistors (Types 2N356, 2N357, 2N358) are offered by General Transistor (P16) for digital computer applications. . . . A line of Dale Products (P17) type RSE precision resistors is available with ratings to 10 watts, resistances to

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An oscilloscope for field and laboratory applications is announced by Lavoie Labs (P18) and features dual calibration of amplitude and time. . . . Over-temperature recorders for jet engines by Avien (P19) provide a permanent log of engine operating temperatures. . . . A frequency, period and time-interval meter announced by Electro-Pulse (P20) features modular construction and printed wiring.

Individual assemblies for fabrication of magnetic shift registers are available from Magnetics Research (P21) for computing, telemetering and communications equipment. . . . Genisco (P22) announces are accelerometers for missiles, fire-coutrol and flight-control systems. . . . Silicon rectifiers are used in miniature are relays made by Union Switch & Signal (P23) for high-temperature applications.

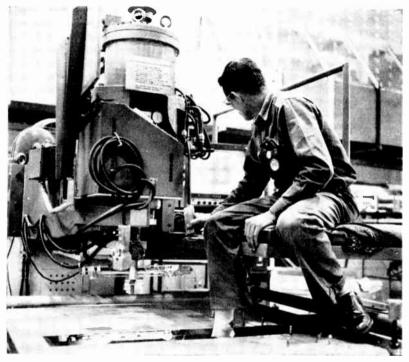
Teflon-insulated magnetic wire is offered by Tensolite (P24) in a

variety of gage sizes in kit form to provide samples for R&D.... WacLine (P25) offers coaxial dummy loads to provide 50-ohm terminations for transmitter outputs of 500 watts.

A medium-mu twin triode (type 6350) is announced by Vickers (P26) for such applications as control of temperature in electric furnaces. . . . Variable delay line offered by Advance Electronics (P27) is said to have a delay accuracy of ±1 percent at any point.

Burroughs (P28) announces two current drivers designed for testing square-loop, tape-wound bobbin cores. . . . Transistorized hermetically scaled servo amplifiers are available from M. Ten Bosch (P29) for operating size 15 400-cycle servo motors. . . . Stud-mounted silicon rectifiers are announced by GE (P30) for use in military and commercial equipment power supplies.

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#### Welder's Third Eye

Closed circuit tv by GPL at Ryan Aeronautical plant lets spotwelder operator see two sides of aircraft skin panel. Camera replaces man who used to watch quality of welds on panel's underside

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# F-m Picks Up

Stations increase in 1957, Large cities near saturation, as f-m optimism grows strong

More f-m stations are broadcasting today than a year ago. This reverses a pattern that persisted since 1948 when there were more than 700 stations on the air. Each succeeding year saw the total drop until it hit low of 546 on June 30, 1956.

For year ending June 30, 1954, comparison of stations going off the air and those going on showed net loss of 32 f-m stations. In 1955 loss was 17.

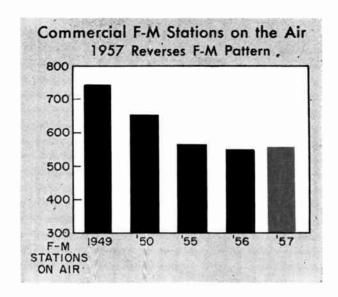
By June 30, 1956, 36 more stations had folded; 30 had started, for a net loss of only six.

As of May, 1957, gain had become the important word. Nine more f-m stations are operating. Grand total is boosted to 555.

In two cities, Los Angeles and New York, there are more applicants for f-m channels than there are channels available. Five hopefuls compete for three channels in Los Angeles, five compete for two in New York.

FCC notes that activity in seeking f-m channels has risen to point where each week sees one or two grants given out, and an additional 15-20 applications on tap.

Commission has brought into play for f-m a rule originally set up for crush of tv applications. When more than one applicant competes for f-m channel, a hearing—a sort of judicial competition—is automatically scheduled. When only one applicant asks



for a given f-m channel, there is no hearing. Major population centers are nearing full-up status in f-m stations. New York, N. Y., presently has 18 channels allocated, 16 of them taken. Los Angeles has 20 channels, 17 stations. Chicago has 18 channels, 13 stations.

Same sort of distribution is true for most large metropolitan areas. There is, however, one exception. San Francisco has a long way to go before reaching saturation. Allocated 17 channels, it has only 7 stations.

Large majority of f-m stations are run as subsidiary operations of a-m stations. Broadcast executive Fred Barr of WWRL and WWRL-FM, New York, N. Y., explains: "In most cases f-m is financed by the a-m operation. We're operating at a loss looking to the day when f-m becomes a financial success.

#### **FCC** actions

- Reduces frequency separation in vhf flight test band from 200 kc to 100 and 50 kc, depending on area.
- Delegates authority to chief of Common Carrier Bureau to make decisions when a carrier owns more than 50 percent of stock of another or other carriers, or when a person owns 50 percent or more of stock of two or more carriers.
- Looks at radiation interference limits. Proposes to increase ulif tw receiver radiation limit from 500 to 1,000 microvolts per meter. Also proposes to raise power-line interference limit from 100 microvolts

- to 1,000 microvolts in range 10 me to 25 mc.
- Sets up rule for f-m station applications that formerly applied in television. Automatic hearings go into effect when more than one applicant requests grant of a channel. No hearings are needed when there is only one applicant for a given channel.
- Ponders on whether to permit electric utilities to establish fixed stations which would be automatically activated by an electric power line failure. Breakdown would be announced by transmission of a distinctive signal.

# STATION moves and plans

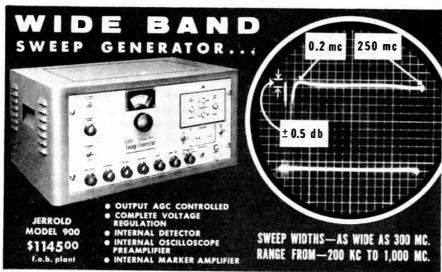
WGN-TV, Chicago, Ill., intends to install new 50,000-watt transmitter in modernization move. Changes will run up bill of \$110,-000.

WRC-TV and WRC, Washington, D.C., begins to build \$4-million studio and office headquarters. Three deeks high, it will contain three tv studios and three radio studios.

KCBQ, San Diego, Calif., plans new transmitter.

ABC Television Network begins transmitting test signals during program time. Amplitude reference sig-





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WBZ-TV, Boston, Mass., operates from tall new antenna tower, 1,349foot one in Needlaan Heights.

WGBH-TV, Cambridge, Mass., gets \$15,000 grant to direct programming toward Boston school system. An educational station, it's in its third year of operation.

**DuMont** Broadcasting arows it will buy enough stations to reach FCC limit of ownership of seven radio and seven tv. It has six radio stations and four tv stations to go,

WLCR, Torrington, Conn., changes ownership from Litchfield County Radio to Electronic Maintenance, Inc. Price is \$73,000.

WDBO-TV, WDBO and WDBO-FM, Orlando, Fla., changes hands from Orlando Broadcasting to Cherry Broadcasting, Cherry pays \$3 million.

WBRC-TV and WBRC, Birmingham, Ala., switches owners, WBRC, Inc., pays Storer Broadcasting \$6,350,000. Also included in deal is f-m construction permit.

WLOU, Louisville, Ky., aps power five fold to 5 kw.

WPEO, Peoria, Ill., is sold by WPEO, Inc., to Dandy Broadcasting for \$170,000.

WAAM, Baltimore, Md., will be part of television holdings of Westinghouse Broadcasting, WAAM, Inc., gets \$4.4-million worth of stock.

KNPT, Newport, Ore., plans new transmitter and increase in power.

KVOS, Bellingham, Wash., installs auxiliary transmitters.

**KLAK**, Lakewood, Colo., installs new transmitter, plans to use old transmitter as auxiliary.

WEBY, Milton, Fla., plans new transmitter.

WFCR, Fairfax, Va., installs new transmitter.

## Parts Price Cuts Hurt

Distributors see shrinking profit margins in '57 despite 10-percent sales hike. Industrial sales show biggest gain: 30-35 percent

NUMBER ONE problem for distributors in the electronics industry is price cutting. Distributor costs are going up continually. The manufacturer's tendency is to "shrink the distributor discount." Thus says Herbert Hedeen, executive officer, National Electronic Distributors Association.

During the Electronic Parts Distributors show just ended in Chicago, distributors showed intense interest in boosting their industrial sales.

"Hit the engineers directly for bigger industrial sales" was part of the advice given distributors in closed-door sessions. Distributors were urged to sell the engineering staff as well as the purchasing agents, who may have little technical knowledge of the products they buy.

Sales picture for distributors looks good.

- A 10-percent rise in total distributor sales for 1957 is forecast. The industrial end of the business, "going like mad," is expected to be 30 to 35 percent better at 1957's end.
- Distributors display enthusiasm for high-fidelity products. Many feel packaged hi-fi products in 1957 will show at least a 30 percent improvement in sales over 1956.
- R. M. Brumfield, president of Potter & Brumfield, notices "soft spots in industrials sales," but says, "the military is taking up the slack."
- A distributor noted "dealer business is off 10 percent in some southern states, but industrial business is going up. Antenna tv installations have decreased sharply throughout the U.S. But repair business by servicemen for consumer sets is good and holding up components."
- Some distributors are facing the problem of underfinancing. "So many new products are being added and older ones being made obsolete, our inventory and sales problems mushroom," says one.

Harvey E. Antley of Cartwright & Dean, Tampa, Florida, says "Tight money is making it harder for distributors to expand and open branches in other towns. Distributors are wising up, too slowly in some cases, to the fact that they can stop cutting each others throats."

## Medical X-ray Holds Lead

Doctors and hospitals still buy more than 90 percent of all x-ray units made in the United States. NEMA members sold 4,439 medical units, including fluoroscopes, in 1955 and 4,791 units in 1956.

Dollar value of x-ray sales isn't recorded by NEMA. Census of Manufacturers figures show x-ray equipment business has been edging from \$50 to \$60 million during past decade.

With more equipment in use, tube sales are rising. NEMA says six firms sold 31,250 tubes in 1955 and the four firms reporting in 1956 sold 42,049.

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# Tests Get Rougher

Environmental tests push to new limits as the Defense Department learns more about the life and times of a missile up there

Rock it, shock it, knock it, do everything to it but hock it. That roughly describes what happens to electronic gear and components in environmental test chambers. Add the word harder to each of the first four clauses. That's the trend.

As the Defense Department learns more about the environment in which its equipment will perform, it stiffens requirements for test chambers simulating that environment. Latest Armed Services Electro-Standards Agency List 100, 19 close-writ pages of tests for electronic parts, "is 25 percent closer to reality," says an ASESA expert.

Basic Army, Navy, Air Force environmental test requirements are laid out in a document known as MIL-E-5272A. Most popular test is vibration. Temperature tests (high and low), altitude, acceleration, shock and humidity are next. At the bottom of popularity scale are radio noise, rain, explosion, sand and dust, salt spray, sunshine, fungus.

Combination tests are used increasingly. Vibration and extremes of temperature are packaged together as are altitude and temperature.

Missile specifications threaten to drive environmental test limits beyond capabilities of extant test gear. Some test gear manufacturers believe they'll have to build chambers that will simulate conditions in altitudes higher than 300,000 feet. Once, 45-60,000 feet was high enough.

Recent addition to tests is white noise. A vibration test covering all audible frequencies duplicates booming shock waves from jet engine exhausts and sound of air going over aircraft skin.

The word is not in yet on what happens to parts in missiles pushing through outer space. Number of companies are still studying the environment. Latest Vanguard tests will give them information.

Manufacturers of environmental chambers think that these studies may make specifications even rougher. "It depends," says one, "on whether they think there's a critical difference between altitudes of 150,000 and 250,000 feet." The difference is small in pressure and temperature but in test chambers it will boost manufacturing cost at least 25 percent.

The difference in the test gear and the need for new gear may increase these makers' present gross take of \$50 million a year two to three times.

# **Trade Shows Growing**

EXHIBITORS spent more than \$1 billion on 3,000 public exhibitions and industrial shows held during 1956 in the U.S.

Trade shows are gaining in popularity. Manufacturers see advantages in a central market place to supplement other advertising. Technical views can be exchanged. Developments of competitors can be

appraised. Products can be sold.

Participation by electronic firms in these shows is growing. Some firms get in 300 or more shows a year. Reason is that electronic products are used in so many areas of industrial, business and home life.

Structural Display, designer of many exhibits at the annual IRE show, has this advice for manufacturers exhibiting at trade shows:

- Decide beforehand how much you want to spend.
- Reserve space early and determine size and height limitations.
- Select items to be shown early enough to tie in exhibit with advertising program.
- Choose new and unusual products. If redesigned products are used, try to show improvements.
- Avoid showing so much that booth looks congested.
- Strive for motion, actual demonstrations of products and audience participation,
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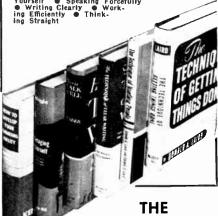
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# **British Plants Buzz**

#### Increased reliability and new designs are trends in burgeoning electronics industry in Britain

Onward and upward is the trend for Britain's radio and component manufacturers, according to statistics of The Radio Industry Council in London.

British radio and component production last year amounted to \$226.8 million, compared to \$207.2 million in 1955. In ten years, 1946-56, production has increased sixfold.

Exports rose more than seven times in the same period and more than that in value.

U. S. imports of British sound reproducing equipment alone amounted to \$6,720,000 in 1956; imports of components reached \$798,000. Total: \$7,518,000—113 percent higher than 1955 and 278 percent higher than 1954.

The council spots two major technical trends in the equipment of 160 firms and two government departments.

- Increased reliability in conventional components.
- New designs in subminiature work and printed circuitry.

Conventional components are still used in large numbers, says the Council. Their reliability is being upgraded without changing their overall characteristics,

In the printed circuitry field, there is concentration on production of suitable mountings and "clipin" arrangements for heavier components such as electrolytic capacitors and output transformers.

British manufacturers also gave attention to easy removal of components with a number of fairly rigid connections; designs to achieve this are now appearing.

Council notes new tubes and semiconductors, xenon rectifiers with enclosed anode and modified anode seal for high gas pressure operation; traveling wave tubes for r-f heating; 100-v subminiature diodes for industrial uses; power amplifiers for tests of guided missile components and aircraft.

## **Developments ABROAD**

- South African uranium mines are using electronic sorting equipment to pick out uranium from waste material on ore conveyor belts. Two scintillometers beneath belt are sensitive to gamma rays, set off bells and a light indicator when uranium-bearing ore passes. Further along, native sorters with probes and geiger counters can then find the uranium quickly. Fourteen mines are said to use the equipment or have it on order.
- Britain's Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation introduces new system of checking airport radar landing aids. Camera placed near touch-down point photographs normal landings; synchronized photo of radar screen is taken for comparison.
- Venezuela's Institute of Neurology & Brain Research is building an experimental computer using 200,000 cryotrons instead of

- electron tubes. Government-financed center may take two years to build. Cryotrons will operate at temperatures close to absolute zero.
- In West Germany Siemens and Halske has developed a combined transmitting and receiving facsimile machine which reportedly uses telephone lines and doesn't require special paper. Black and white values are reproduced without halftones. Picture lamp and photocell comprise scanning unit; 1,000 picture points make up one square centimeter. Sheet size is 7.48 by 5.4 iu., takes 3½ minutes to transmit.
- In Britain Marconi announces test instrument for color ty called a Vectorscope. It displays the chrominance component of the NTSC-type color ty signal and monitors color signals. Marconi says it helps set up coding systems correctly and match characteristics of color cameras.

# EXPORTS and IMPORTS

NATO Europe will get a military communications system combining beyond-the-horizon tropospheric scatter and line-of-sight radio relay. It will stretch from eastern Turkey to northern Norway. International Standard Electric Corp., an IT&T overseas subsidiary, and Hyeon Eastern signed contract at SHAPE estimated at \$9 million for engineering and installation. New system will tie together national and international installations and agencies.

Planning and supervision will center in Paris. Equipment will be procured on international competitive bidding basis to the maximum practicable extent, says IT&T. NATO nations will participate directly and contribute engineers and technicians.

Worldwide assets of Philips Incandescent Lamp Works, Eindhoven, Holland, are reported at \$849 million (3,227 million guil-

ders) in 1956 from \$725 million (2,756 million guilders) the previous year. Firm's annual report says its production setup is being constantly modernized around the world to meet international competition.

Turkey signs a contract with two French companies for a 1,740 mi, radiotelephone link between Izmir and Batman. Equipment will be supplied by Societe Francaise Radio-Electrique, a CSF affiliate, and Societe Anonyme de Telecommunications. A link was recently installed between Ankara and Kagna. New one will give Turkey total of 2,485 miles of radio network. It's f-m, will have 60 relays, carrier frequency of 2,000 mc and 120 channels.

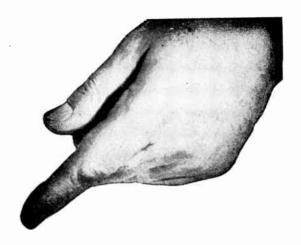
Sandi Arabian import duties on many electronic items rose recently, according to Department of Commerce figures. Duty on radios went from 20 to 30 percent, on loud-speakers from 35 to 40 percent. For meters, transformers and other electrical and electronic apparatus the tariff was hiked from 15 to 20 percent.

In Montreal Bell Telephone Co. of Canada announces it will build 200-mile microwave link between Ottawa and North Bay, Ont., for telephone and tv use. Facility will extend Canadian Broadcasting Corp. French network tv service to Rouyn and Timmins in 1959.

Anstralian firm Australian Controls Ltd. wants manufacturing license for temperature control items. It already makes thermostats. Firm prefers to form joint-venture company with U.S. investor for manufacture of light engineering items.

Scottish firm Atkins, Robertson & Whiteford Ltd. of Glasgow, wants a license agreement with a U.S. firm, would like details of a system for counting and batching small items.

Long Island City sound equipment maker Masco appoints Morhan Exporting Corp. exclusive export reps for worldwide distribution of full line.



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# PLANTS and PEOPLE



Watch the watchmakers!

# **Bulova Jumps into Electronics**

During the Korean emergency, Bulova Watch Co., 80-year-old Woodside, N. Y., timemarking business, made crystal frequency controls for the government. Now it's in the electronics business to stay.

Bulova still sells crystals for defense computers and missiles, is expanding into miniature component ovens, packaged oscillators, quartz filters. What started as the crystal division is now called the electronics division.

Operations are now settling into new quarters in Woodside, General manager is John J. Carpenter (at right in the picture, with cohorts, left to right, Frank Cheli, head of electronic devices, Barney III, sales manager, and H. Buckman, head of crystal manufacturing).

Electronics is also a concern of subsidiary Bulova Research & Development Corp. which has Omar Bradley as board chairman. Brainchildren of the R&D outfit will be produced by electronics division.

The watchmaking company now has an international distribution organization for electronics products, is trying out pilot marketing and advertising programs. During

last twelve months, Bulova doubled its electronic business.

#### NCR Realigns Top Slots

CHANGING some titles, National Cash Register Co. moves president Stanley C. Allyn up to board chairman, with executive vice president Robert S. Oelman moving into the president's chair. Allyn has been president since 1940, remains chairman of the executive committee and chief executive officer.

Financial v-p Gordon A. Lowden succeeds Ochman as exec v-p and

#### Business MEETINGS

June 24-28: 11th International Management Conference, Paris, France.

June 26-28: National Machine Accountants Association, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

takes a seat on the executive committee. NCR's board stresses that changes do not represent "any shift in management responsibilities."

# New Officers at Du Mont

Two NEW officers move up in the ranks of Allen B. DuMont Laboratories. Longtime DuMont-man Stanley J. Koch, director of tube research division, becomes v-p for tube operations. Retired USAF Major General Raymond C. Maude, who has been general manager of the firm's government division, is now v-p for government operations.

In Chicago, John J. Frawley moves up to become general manager of DuMont Illinois, midwest marketing organization of the Clifton, N. J., manufacturer. His regional sales manager will be Norwin J. Eisenman, former field service representative.

#### Sylvania Aligns Sales Regions

In a realignment of distributor and equipment sales regions. Sylvania's electric products sales department is consolidating east-central and central sales regions into single midwestern area.

Headquarters of midwest region is in Melrose Park, Ill. East central manager J. P. Mallen moves out from Cincinnati to take over combined operations, with R. A. Starek as his assistant. L. A. Wheelock, former central region manager, becomes renewal sales manager for private brands.

In company's radio tube division, Paul A. Weiss moves up to become supervisor of plant accounting at the equipment development plant in Emporium, Pa.

#### Daystrom Execs Redistribute

SECRETARY-treasurer's job at Daystrom Inc. splits in two as 50-year veteran George S. Tiernan retires.

Treasurer's slot is filled by Roy Sandquist, who was assistant to the finance v-p, comptroller of subsidiary Weston Electrical Instrument

Assistant secretary Samuel M. Kinney Jr. moves up to the secretary's office, continues as corporation counsel. Assistant counsel Robert R. Whelan takes over office vacated by boss Kinney.

#### **PLANT Briefs**

FORT WAYNE, Ind., manufacturer Rea Magnet Wire Co. is pushing construction on a 100,000-sq ft production plant in Lafayette, Ind. Plant will case crowding at home base, allow for future expansions, provide some additional research space.

Techalloy Co., metal-drawing company in Rahms, Pa., is winding up construction of a 24,000-sq ft \$650,000 plant. Drawing equipment will start rolling in December.

#### **Executive MOVES**

AUTHOR Edward Streeter (Dere Mabel, Father of the Bride) takes a scat on board of Fairchild Camera & Instrument.

Oxford Electric moves general manager Hugo Sundberg into the presidency, sliding predecessor Joseph D. Ceader into board chairmanship.

Dale V. Cropsey, sales v-p of American Machine & Foundry subsidiary Potter & Brumfield, becomes a member of the P&B board and takes on new duties as director of marketing.

Samuel S. Anchincloss takes over as president and board chairman of Tracerlab Inc., moving in from presidency of one of AME's divisions. Retiring president William O. Faxon becomes consultant.

Borden Co.'s chemical division gets a new manager of government services as Louis J. Jaworski moves up.

Westinghouse sales v-p James II. Jewell takes on added duties with new title of marketing v-p.

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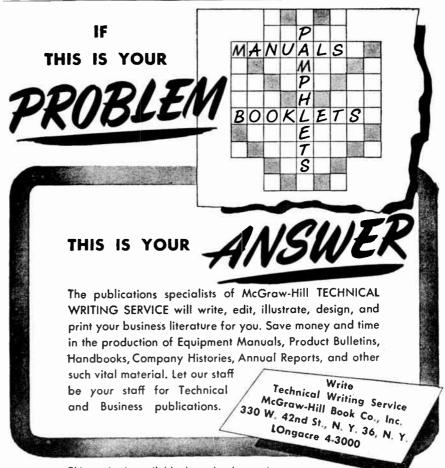
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# Reps Get Materials

ELECTRONICS manufacturers' reps do sizable business in basic materials used by our industry. Chicago rep Harry Halinton now adds alumina ceramic line of Diamonite Products Mfg. Co, Calton, O. Halinton covers Chicago environs and Wisconsin.

Mica Corp. now merchandises its Micaply epoxy-glass line through two divisions of Garrett Corp. Aero Engineering division handles the laminates east of the Mississippi, Air Supply Co. in the West.

In Wethersfield, Conn., rep Joseph A. Cannon takes on the Teffon products of Tri-Point Plastics, Inc.

New reps for the electronics tools of John Fluke Mfg, are Bivens & Caldwell, Atlanta, Ga., for the Southeast; Gene French, Albuquerque, N. M., for Arizona and

New Mexico: Lahana & Co., Denver, Colo., for Colorado and Utah; Harris Hanson, St. Louis, Mo., for Missouri and Kansas; Berg-Hedstrom, New York, N. Y., for Holland, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries, and Maurice Parisier, New York, for France, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

Potter & Brumfield closes its Chicago sales office, turns its relay line over to a pair of home-bred reps. D. L. Sisson, former P&B sales engineer, heads rep firm to handle jobber sales. Bierhans-Balhorn Sales, led by two former P&B salesmen, takes on industrial sales.

Chicago's Merit Coil & Transformer appoints two new reps: Anderson Sales in New England and W. H. Connors in the Mountain States.

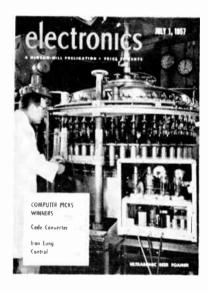
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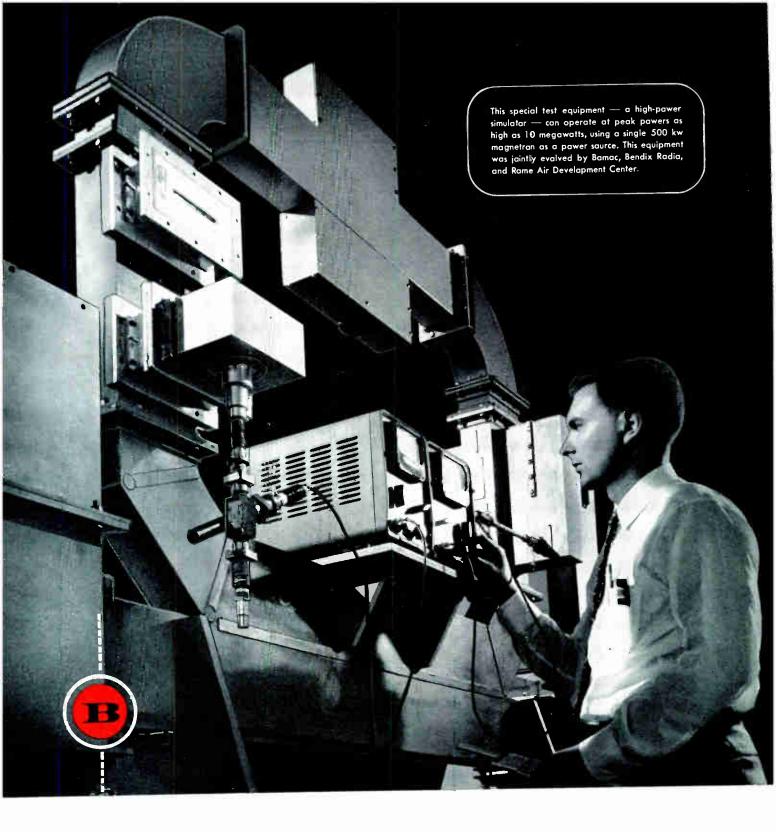
# Coming in Our July 1 TECHNICAL Edition ...

- Monte-Carlo methods, Messrs. Hayward, Bubb and Fenson of the British Post Office Engineering Department describe a premium savings bond scheme operating in England that randomly selects over 10.000 prize-winning numbers monthly from over 100 million bond numbers. Computer ERNIE, (Electronic Random Number Indicating Equipment) uses noise generators combined with counters and storage systems to provide printed list of purely random bond numbers. Authors describe circuits using transistors, ferrite-core binaries and printed wiring techniques.
- Bubbling beer. A. S. Davis of Mack Electronics tells how a magnetostriction transducer, driven by an ultrasonic generator, vibrates filled beer bottles during packaging to cause foaming that drives unwanted air out of the bottle just before it is sealed. The generator delivers 250 watts to the transducer, consists of a Wien-bridge oscillator feeding phase inverters that drive a push-pull final.



• Silicon transistors. Results of tests on 1-me amplifiers using silicon transistors show sensitivity to temperature that requires compensation. So says S. H. Gordon of Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratories. Article gives effects of impedance mismatch, feedback and thermistor compensation for grounded-emitter circuit in temperature range 20 to 100 C,

- Schoolroom tv. Large-screen display unit for classrooms, technical lectures and demonstrations can be built economically from television receiver components and tubes. O'Kelley and 'Todd of Alabama Polytechnic Institute tell how push-pull vertical and horizontal amplifier stages permit use of feedback to make deflection coil current waveforms proportional to input signal voltages. Circuit achieves full deflection of 10 inches at 18,500 cps; deflection drops gradually with frequency.
- Go-between, W. R. Smith-Vaniz and E. T. Barrett of CGS Laboratories describe a morse-toteleprinter code converter used between radio receiver and teleprinter. Instrument gives immediate copy of messages at speeds up to 100 words per minute. Signals are converted to five-digit teleprinter code by combination analog-digital computer using 92 tubes, 62 static magnetic memory units and conversion matrix of 448 neon tubes,



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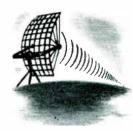
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