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EIA Report

By Basil Jackson, A.R.Ae.S., Tech. M.C.A.I.

Questions and answers on electronic components

A press conference was held after the Components Division meeting at the Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club in Scarborough, Ontario, recently. The conference was organized to underline the vitally important contribution the components segment of the electronics industry makes to the advancement of the industry as a whole, and to emphasize the fact that components are essential for the construction and successful operation of all end products, including home entertainment products, military, commercial and industrial electronic equipment.

Eight very enlightening questions about Canadian electronics components were asked by members of the trade press and were answered by authoritative speakers from the Components Division of the Electronic Industries Association of Canada.

The questions, with their answers, were as follows:

What electronic components are now being made in Canada which were not manufactured here five years ago?

During the past five years over fifty additional different types of electronic components have gone into production in Canada. This is shown by comparing the 1952 edition of the EIA Trade Directory with the 1957 edition (the latest). Some of these additional components now manufactured in Canada include television distributing amplifiers, antennae couplers, picture tube bases, certain types of capacitors, connectors, crystal bases, semi-conductor diodes. ceramics, focus devices, glass-tometal headers, hydrophones, klystrons, magnetrons, microphone and pickup cartridges. printed circuit sheet material and printed wiring boards, certain types of relays and resistors, kinescope sockets, transformer laminations, television horizontal output transformers, transistors, transistor headers and bases, television traps. automatic tuning units, television tuning units, and television deflection yokes.

There are many others which are not mentioned in this list. However, the components listed give a good idea of the ability of the components segment of the industry to advance with the development of the art and science of electronics.

Approximately how many new electronic component manufacturers have started manufacturing operations in Canada during the past five years?

It is estimated that there are about 40 per cent more electronic component manufacturers in Canada today than there were five years ago.

In general are there any types of electronic components, not now made in Canada, which it would be desirable to have manufactured here?

Yes, there are, but the great majority of electronic components are now made in Canada. However, within the types of components made in Canada there are special types that are not manufactured here. While it would be desirable to make these in Canada, the volume so far does not make this possible. However, to the degree that the EIA adoption of the "Made In Canada" campaign and the tariff policy are followed, this should eventually be achieved.

What is the approximate percentage of components, used by the Canadian electronics industry, imported from other countries?

Of the electronic equipment manufactured in Canada, the "Canadian-content" is about 80 per cent, but it is estimated that, of the overall use of electronic components in Canada, about 50 per cent is imported.

What is the annual dollar sales value of the Canadian electronic components manufacturing industry?

We believe the annual sales volume of the Canadian electronics components manufacturing industry to be in excess of \$50 million.

Some television service technicians complain about the inaccessibility of some components in the narrower television sets. Has there been any attempt to separate the various circuits so that they may be removed as separate units or sub-assemblies of components, as may be done with a tuner?

A television receiver is designed for ease of servicing. Items which are not soldered are usually located for accessibility and ease of replacement. The idea of modular construction is being given consideration continuously.

Will the EIA Office compile sales statistics on transistor radio receivers to be listed separately from portable tube-equipped radios?

The EIA Office issued forms for members to report transistor radio sales beginning with the July statistics.

EIA Report

Has any progress been made in the development of a flat television picture tube — one that can be hung on a wall — as forecast a few years ago?

Yes. During the past three years the back-to-front dimensions of television picture tubes have been shortened considerably and progress is still being made.

EIA sponsors TV servicing course

The first industry-sponsored television servicing night-school course in Canada for technical and vocational schools started at the Ryerson Institute of Technology in Toronto on October 15. Sponsored by the Electronic Industries Association of Canada, the course takes sixteen weeks, at two nights a week, to complete, and is an upgrading course for practicing service technicians. Some of the workbench equipment has been supplied by EIA member companies.

The EIA Service Committee organized the course, and it is intended to extend it, ultimately, right across Canada. This will be done by forming local industry advisory groups which will work in co-operation with the boards of education in the various cities and towns.

Over the years the EIA has assisted television service technicians to upgrade their technical knowledge to keep abreast of the rapid technological developments of the electronics industry. For many years EIA, in co-operation with the Ryerson and other educational institutes, organized the Town Meetings of Service Technicians. each a three-day concentrated course of instruction on television servicing. These meetings were very successful, and they were held in many cities and towns right across Canada, from Halifax to Vancouver.

The current course is an extension of this upgrading educational program, and an industry-recognized certificate of proficiency will be awarded to technicians who pass the final examinations. It is intended to issue progress reports on the course on a monthly basis.

EIA film well shown

The EIA film entitled "Electronics In Canada", which received its premiere on February 15, 1956 in Montreal before the Board of Directors and Receiver Division, has since been shown to over 5,000 people at various meetings. The audiences have included cabinet ministers, schoolchildren, electronic technicians, and audiences made up of EIA member companies personnel, members of religious organizations, a science film club, Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Air Force, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, technical institutes, Gordon Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects, Department of Defense Production, Canadian Arsenals, Canadian National Telegraphs, Canadian IRE Show, Department of Citizenship and Immigration and others.

This 16 mm. sound-color film gives a narrative account of the achievements of the Canadian electronics industry, its production capacity and potential, and gives some glimpses behind the scenes of Canadian research activity.

The film may be borrowed, free of charge, by service clubs, schools and other educational groups, film clubs, or any other interested groups. Just drop a line to the EIA Office, 200 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto 7, Ontario, mentioning the date most desired for showing the film.

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★ Two Canadian scientists, Leonard Kelly, B.Sc. and James Hutter, B.Sc., department heads at the surface milling plant of Bicroft Uranium Mines, near Bancroft, Ontario, have devised an apparatus for the sorting of ores that will reduce the amount of waste rock being treated with the ore. The inventors claim that any type of ore having physical properties distinguishable by means of electronics can be treated with the K and H electronic sorter and thus reduce labor costs very materially. The electric eye mechanism and radiatron counter in the equipment were designed and developed by Electronic Associates of Toronto.

At a total cost of \$134 million, the Remington Rand Company has begun the installation of an electronic "brain" in the head office premises of the London Life Insurance Company in London, Ontario. Univac II will occupy 4,000 sq. ft. of floor space and is expected to require some 20 to 30 highly trained personnel to operate it.

★ In the opinion of R. M. Robinson, president of the Electronic Industries Association of Canada, swift action should be taken by the Canadian Government to standardize radio frequency use and thus counteract the possible overcrowding of the radio spectrum. When the full operation of the St. Lawrence Seaway takes effect next year, permitting ocean-going vessels, using many different types of radio communication, to penetrate into Canadian waters, this condition could seriously interfere with Canadian frequencies already being used; furthermore, the whole electronics industry in Canada would be seriously threatened by such interference.

★ In an address on "Manufacturing Perspective: 1958" before the Manufacturers' and Service Clubs' Day Luncheon at the Canadian National Exhibition, J. Herbert Smith, president of Canadian General Electric Company Ltd., said: "A strong Canadian defense establishment is an absolute necessity, yet it is one toward which for a variety of reasons — Canadian manufacturers have not yet been able to contribute their full potential. There has been recent evidence of movement in the right direction in this vital area. The Estimates Committee of the House of Commons has recommended that the Defense Production Department: (1) encourage, assist and co-ordinate the growth of technical skills and knowledge in Canadian industry as a program of industrial preparedness; (2) distribute purchases as broadly as possible in Canada; (3) use the maximum of Canadian equipment and parts possible; (4) make available the technical assistance offered to larger corporations to smaller Canadian companies; (5) provide Canadian companies with every opportunity to tender on defense contracts."

★ Canada's highest power television satellite (booster station), located at Elk Lake, Ontario, which began commercial operations in mid-August, is powered by a General Electric 1500 watt modular transmitter. The Elk Lake satellite receives its signal from its parent station, CFCL-TV, in Timmins and rebroadcasts it to homes in the area, extending approximately 30 miles in all directions.

The Royal Canadian Naval Establishment at Halifax, N.S., is to have an ingenious training device which can simulate under-sea, surface and air actions. Named the Action Speed Teacher, it has been ordered from the United Kingdom company of Redifon Ltd. at a cost of \$900,000, and will be supplied by Redifon (Canada) Ltd. of Montreal. It is expected to take a year to build and a further six months to complete the installation in a specially constructed Establishment building.

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General view of the Jodrell Bank telescope and close-up of the control desk.

The Jodrell Bank telescope computer and control

In use the radio telescope is required to carry out relatively complex motions. In this article the method of computing and controlling these movements is described.

The 250 ft. diameter radio telescope built for the University of Manchester at Jodrell Bank, Cheshire, weighs approximately 2,000 tons of which some 700 tons comprise the bowl and bowl structure.

The bowl or mirror is parabolical in shape and its aperture is 250 ft. in diameter; the focus lies in the aperture plane. The bowl surface is constructed of sheet steel welded plates and the aerial is carried on a tower 60 ft. high. The bowl is pivoted on bearings at the top of two towers some 180 ft. high and is rotated by four 50 h.p. motors (2 to each pivot) through circular racks which were taken from gun mountings on the battleship 'Royal Sovereign.'

The two towers are each mounted on 4 bogies running on double tracks laid on concrete, the bogies being driven by four 50 h.p. motors.

A central pivot is provided about which the structure

revolves in azimuth and all power and signal cables are taken up through the pivot. Immediately above the pivot is the motor room housing the Ward-Leonard sets and motor control gear.

Suspended immediately below the centre of the bowl is a swinging laboratory housing pre-amplifying equipment, etc.

The basic movements are in azimuth—about a vertical axis—and, elevation—about a horizontal axis, the movements being independent; the azimuth movement is restricted to a total of 420° from Az— 90° to Az+ 330° , and the elevation to 400° , 20° either side of vertically downwards.

Acknowledgment is made to Electronic Engineering magazine, London, England, in which this article was first published, and to the United Kingdom Information Office for their co-operation in making available to Electronics and Communications magazine the first North American publishing rights for this article. During operation of the telescope the aerial is, of course, always above the horizon, provision for tilting downwards being made for maintenance purposes and for the changing of aerials and aerial tubes.

Automatic stops are provided to prevent the telescope from moving beyond the pre-set limits on either co-ordinate.

The automatic control equipment is housed in a control room in the main building some 100 yds. from the telescope.

The telescope is remotely controlled and has the following basic facilities:---

(a) It is capable of being locked in any given azimuth and elevation.

(b) It is capable of continuous motion in azimuth with fixed election and vice versa and at different rates of azimuth and elevation.

(c) It is capable of continuous sidereal motion for following a particular star.

(d) It may be driven to follow several scanning motions (described below).

The control equipment comprises a central console at which the 'controller' sits and two groups of panels with indicator dials visible from the desk.

While the telescope is capable of movement in only two basic co-ordinates, azimuth and elevation, in following a star it is necessary to set up the control in its fixed co-ordinates-right ascension and declination-and a complex computer is required to convert these into the motions of which the telescope is capable; similarly, it is required to be able to scan across or along the Milky Way employing another set of co-ordinates-Galactic latitude and longitude. Again, it will sometimes be necessary to scan in azimuth and elevation and to be able to read off the positions in the other two pairs of co-ordinates-right ascension/declination and Galactic latitude/longitude. The computer must, therefore, be capable of solving instantaneously and continuously, the fundamental equations of spherical trigonometry and to be capable of control in any one of the three pairs of co-ordinates RA/Dec-Az/El-Long/Lat.

The computer takes the form of an electrical ana-



Rear view of the Azimuth coordinate panel showing four resolver amplifiers, servo amplifier and servo motor.

logue in which Magshp resolvers (giving output signals proportional to the sine and cosine of the angle through which their rotors are turned) are employed to solve the trigonometrical equations. The resolvers employed are Muirhead type 2, in which excitation is applied to the stator windings through feedback amplifiers, the feed-

Rear view of control desk showing galactic computer, reference phase selector and servo motor controls.













Figure 3. Velodyne amplifier and Velodyne circuit.

back voltage being derived from auxiliary stator windings. The function of the electronic amplifier is to obviate the non-linearity in output due to electrical losses and unwanted flux. Fig. 1 shows the type of twin high gain two-stage RC coupled amplifier employed in the computer.

A typical example of the computation required may be seen from that employed to compute E (elevation) from the known quantities L (latitude of station), D (declination) and H (hour angle, which is the difference between the right ascension of a given star and sidereal (star) time). The equation may be written:—

 $\sin E = \sin L$, $\sin D + \cos L$, $\cos D$, $\cos H$.

The three known terms are derived from resolvers and combined to provide an 'error' signal given by—

 $F = \sin E - \sin L$, $\sin D + \cos L$, $\cos D$, $\cos H$, the error signal being fed to an RC coupled amplifier with phase sensitive rectification (Fig. 2) whose output drives a d.c. motor generator (via a d.c. amplifier, incorporating feedback control (Fig. 3)) to which is coupled the E Magslip, in such a sense that a positive value of F drives E towards zero. The basic circuit is shown in diagrammatic form in Fig. 4.

Unfortunately, since no single equation gives sufficient accuracy of control over all parts of the sky, it has been necessary to provide a number of equations which are brought into operation according to the position in the sky of the target. For this purpose cams are provided on the RA, Dec. Az. El. Lat. and Long. shafts which automatically switch in the appropriate equations.

In all, 14 different equations are employed in the computer:—seven being for calculating azimuth and elevation from hour angle and declination and vice versa, and seven for calculating longitude and latitude from right ascension and declination and vice versa. A block diagram showing the former is shown in Fig. 5, that for solving Long./Lat. from RA/Dec. being very similar.

When a body near the earth is to be observed such as the moon, since the equations are computed on the assumption that the viewer is at the center of the earth while the telescope is mounted at its periphery, a correction for parallax must be made to the elevation. For this purpose an additional elevation resolver (Elp on Fig. 5) is employed, the amount of parallax correction required, which may be taken from the Nautical Almanac, being set upon a calibrated potentiometer on the control desk.

While the position of the stars in right ascension and declination, remain, for all practical purposes constant, those of the sun, moon and planets are continually moving across the sky. It is, therefore, necessary to apply corrections in right ascension and declination when observing these bodies. The amount of correction—per



Figure 4. Schematic layout of co-ordinate control.

hour or per day—is shown in the Nautical Almanac in sec/arc for declination and sec/time for right ascension. The required quantities are set up on the control desk which cause motors coupled through differential gears to the right ascension and declination computing mechanisms to revolve the required number of seconds of time per hour or per day for right ascension and seconds of arc for declination respectively. The impulses for driving the correction motors are selected by switches from impulses generated by commutators on the sidereal time shaft.

The motors driving the resolvers for the three pairs of co-ordinates are coupled also to indicator dials which indicate in degrees and minutes of arc, and hours, minutes and seconds of time. In addition, sets of dials are provided to indicate sidereal time, universal time and the repeated back position of the telescope itself in azimuth and elevation.







Figure 7. Step unit, scanning and auto set (AZ, RA Long)

Also coupled to and driven by the motors on the azimuth and elevation shafts are coarse and fine Magslip transmitters (geared 90:1 to each other) which are electrically connected to coincidence transmitters driven by the telescope itself. The output of the coincidence transmitters, which is proportional to the error between the required position given by the control transmitters and the actual position by the coincidence transmitters is fed to servo amplifiers controlling the Ward-Leonard sets and telescope driving motors in such a sense as to cause the telescope to be driven so as to reduce the error signal to zero. Similarly, transmitters driven by the telescope are coupled to coincidence transmitters on the repeater shafts in the control room to control the repeater drive motors. The fine Magslips, which make one revolution per 10° of the telescope, are provided so that during normal operations where a high degree of accuracy is required, the signal from the fine Magslips gives a tight and accurate control. On the other hand, should the telescope be moved while the control is switched off, as must happen on occasions, the coarse Magslips are required to ensure that control is never lost. Valve operated relays are provided to switch automatically from fine to coarse control according to the displacement between the required and actual positions.

The hour angle Magslips are driven by the right ascension motor on the one hand and a synchronous motor running at sidereal time on the other. The synchronous motor is controlled by an RC coupled regenerative oscillator through a power amplifier (Fig. 6). The speed of the motor is compared every 30 sec. with a pendulum driven master clock and is arranged to drive very slightly faster than the required sidereal time. If, at the time of checking, the motor-driven clock is in advance of the master clock, a check capacitor is closed across the input to V; (see Fig. 6) thereby reducing the frequency of oscillation and the speed of the motor, bringing it back into coincidence with the master.

At any given time, one of the three pairs of co-ordinates (Az/El, RA/Dec, Galactic Long/Lat) is the controlling set, the other two sets being obtained from these by means of the computer. In following a star or planet the controlling pair is RA/Dec, and they may be required to remain constant as in following a star, or, to vary very slowly as in the case of following a planet, the sun or the moon as described above.

On the other hand, it may be required to scan a given area of the sky in a regular pattern in any of the three sets of co-ordinates. Means are provided for scanning in a number of different ways and for setting up the required positions of the driving co-ordinates.

In Fig. 7 with switch S_1 in the normal position, a continous drive, whose speed is controlled by the potentiometer R_{10} , is applied to the motor generator of the controlling co-ordinate, the sense, positive or negative, of the drive being controlled by operation of S_2 or S_3 .

By operation of the "auto set" switch S_0 , the position of the co-ordinate may be set up automatically. Upon operation of this switch valve V_2 becomes a single stage amplifier which drives, via the phase sensitive rectifier V_1 , the selected co-ordinate motor until coincidence be-

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Developments in reverse breakdown of silicone diodes

An analysis of recent studies in the breakdown phenomenon of silicon diodes

by Morton B. Prince *

This article will consider new developments in the reverse breakdown voltage characteristics of silicon p-n junction diodes. The two phenomena that are currently accepted for causing the breakdown will be reviewed briefly; the control of the breakdown voltage will be described; the impedance in the breakdown region will be considered; and the switching speed from the high impedance condition before breakdown to the low impedance condition after breakdown will be discussed.

Current voltage characteristic

Figure 1 shows a typical current voltage characteristic of a silicon p-n junction diode. In the forward direction, the diode will start to pass considerable current after the voltage reaches 0.6 volt. In the reverse direction, the diode will conduct only a very small current until the voltage reaches a value near $V_{\rm b}$, the breakdown voltage. At $V_{\rm b}$ the current increases extremely rapidly and the device is said to go into the breakdown region. This breakdown is not destructive and one can cycle the diode into and out of this breakdown condition indefinitely as long as the unit is kept within the thermal limitations.

Breakdown mechanisms

The earliest explanation of the breakdown phenomenon is due to Shockley; he explained the phenomenon by the zener mechanism of breakdown in insulators. This phenomenon is due to the internal field emission of electrons from the valance band to the conduction band in the presence of strong electric fields. A necessary condi-



Figure 1.

tion for this phenomenon is a narrow space charge region. Recently it has been shown by several workers that the zener mechanism is responsible for the breakdown phenomenon at voltages less than 6 volts. A second explanation has been forwarded by McKay and his co-workers based on an avalanche mechanism. This is the same phenomenon that takes place in a gaseous discharge. During a mean free path a charge carrier in the high field space charge region will pick up enough energy to cause ionization on collision leading to mobile charge multiplication. This mechanism requires moderate space charge widths. The avalanche phenomenon accounts for breakdowns at voltages greater than 6 volts. In the region of 6 volts both phenomena are taking place simultaneously. The temperature variation of the breakdown voltage for Please turn to page 25

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★ One of the latest developments in the field of mobile radiotelephone service in British Columbia is the establishment of terminals at Dawson Creek and Fort St. John, providing coverage along the Alaska Highway between these two centers and within a 30-mile radius of them.

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 \bigstar By means of teletype equipment provided by the British Columbia Telephone Company in a six-station network, the Powell River Company Ltd. now has communication between its B.C. and U.S. offices. Five to six hundred messages a month are passing back and forth, and the company says the network is bringing it into closer contact with customers and opening the way to more efficient service.

★ A question posed at a recent press conference with the Electronic Industries Association of Canada elicited the opinion that of the electronic equipment manufactured in Canada, the "Canadian-content" is about 80 per cent, but it is estimated that, of the overall use of electronic components in Canada, about 50 per cent is imported.

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An electronic device, intended for industrial or military use where heat control is a factor, was recently exhibited by I.T. & T. Corporation, an associate company of Standard Telephones & Cables Mfg. Co. (Canada) Ltd. It is claimed that the value of this device, a "magic eye" using advanced infrared techniques, lies in its ability to measure heat accurately and to "inspect" large numbers of items passing in front of it, such as occurs on industrial conveyor lines. The device has proved effective in detecting overheated railroad car journals as the cars move rapidly before it, enabling immediate journal replacement. I.T. & T. engineers envision applications of this technique in paper manufacturing, glass molding, electric motor operations, furnace control, and even for fire alarm systems.

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Silicone diodes

voltages greater than 6 volts shows that the breakdown voltage increases with increasing temperature. At voltages less than 6 volts the breakdown voltage decreases with increasing temperature. This can be explained on the basis of the two phenomena that have just been described. For higher temperatures the forbidden energy band is reduced in energy and thus a lower electric field is needed to cause the zener breakdown. At higher temperatures the mobility of charge carriers is reduced and thus higher electric fields are necessary to cause charge carriers in a mean free path to pick up enough energy to cause the multiplication or avalanche phenomenon. This is one of the observations that have enabled workers to distinguish between the internal field emission effect and the avalanche effect.

Control of breakdown voltage

The breakdown voltage is controlled by two parameters, (1) the resistivity in the more lightly doped region of the p-n junction and (2) the gradient in the impurity concentrations in the vicinity of the junction. For diffused junctions made with p-type silicon into which phosphorus is diffused at 1250°C for 16 hours. Table 1 gives the relationship between the resistivity and the breakdown voltage. It is possible to get much lower breakdown voltages for the listed resistivities by diffusing the impurities for an extremely short time.

	Table I	
ρ	\mathbf{V}_{b}	V minimum
ohm - em	Volts	Volts
.01	10	5
.1	28	10
1	75	25
10	210	60

These voltages are given in the third column of



the table. It is seen that the breakdown voltage can be controlled from 5 to 210 volts by variation of two parameters; resistivity of starting material and diffusion time. Thus it is possible by the diffusion technique to control quite accurately the voltage at which breakdown will occur.

Impedance in the breakdown region

For the diodes under consideration to be used for regulation purposes the impedance in the breakdown Please turn to page 64



rigure 4.



Figure 1. Ultrasonic generator (left in photograph) produces high frequency (38 kc) vibrations which are sent to transducer in bottom of stainless steel cleaning tank. Cavitation produced in liquid removes all vestiges of oil, dirt, dust, contaminant which would interfere with operation of crystal.

Quartz crystal measures its own cleanliness

The quartz crystal is its own best detector of cleanliness, being capable of measuring a trace of soil half a billionth of an inch thick.

by Ernest B. Lewis*

Cleanliness is a matter of degree, but no one is more concerned with achieving the ultimate in decontamination than the designer of electronic parts. You can't see the soil, smell it, or weigh it, but a way has been found to measure it: quartz crystals.

A simple formula relates the thickness of the crystal to its resonant frequency: $F \times T = k$, where F is the frequency in kilocycles, T the thickness in millimeters, and k a constant, equal to 1670 for A. T. cut quartz. The shape of the curve for this relationship is

a hyperbola.

If we make appropriate substitutions, we find that for a 25-mc quartz crystal, the thickness must be 0.0668 mm, or 0.00253 in. Now, if we reverse this process, and increase the thickness of the crystal by 0.1 per cent, the corresponding frequency will be 24,975,025 cps. In other words, if there is soil or contaminant on each side of the crystal, only $1\frac{1}{4}$ millionths of an inch thick, the

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resonant frequency will change by 24,975 cycles. (We are assuming that the constant for soil is the same as for the crystal, which is of course a rough approximation, though the magnitude of the change is likely to be correct.)

These calculations show that in the quartz crystal we have a fabulous tool for measuring cleanliness, particularly because there are instruments which permit us to measure its resonant frequency to within a single cycle. Theoretically, therefore, it should be possible to detect a layer of dirt 0.0000000001 in. thick.

Ultrasonic equipment for high-speed cleaning

John Rameika, chief engineer of the E. B. Lewis Company, first developed this method of testing for contaminants when it was required to check the efficiency of Branson Ultrasonic Corporation's cleaning equipment installed by the E. B. Lewis Company. To find just how fast the Sonogen ultrasonic generator, transducer, and tank will work, the frequency of crystals which had been cleaned of lapping compound and cleaned in chromic acid was first checked.

The same crystals were then immersed in the ultrasonic bath for 5, 10, 15, 20 seconds, and so on, and after each exposure the resonant frequency was again measured. The results of one such test are shown in the graph, Fig. 1. Note, particularly, that the frequency increases very rapidly at first, and begins to stabilize at its final value after only one minute.

These findings have led to a change in the entire cleaning procedure at the E. B. Lewis Company with several important benefits. First, the new method takes less time. Second, it is easier to handle. Third, less toxic fumes are generated because there is no longer any need to let the chromic acid boil for ten minutes. Fourth, few crystals are broken again because of the elimination of the violent agitation in a boiling solution. Fifth, the new method is perfectly reproducible, with always identical results.

These are certainly worthwhile reasons for cleaning with ultrasonics. But the single most important advantage is the fact that high-speed agitation by the Sonogen equipment forces acid or detergent between the perfectly flat crystals, even though hundreds of them are heaped on top of another. Formerly, it was necessary to boil the solution to get some penetration, or else to rack crystals individually. Now, large batches of quartz



Figure 3. When only a few custom-built crystals are cleaned, they are racked before being immersed in ultrasonic bath, as shown here. In mass production, batches of several hundred crystals are processed at once without racking, yet all come out uniformly clean.



Figure 4. Some crystals are so delicate that they are best picked up with a moist finger. Yet, despite their thinness (as little as 0.001 in.) ultrasonic cleaning does not crack or shatter them.



Figure 2. Lapping brings quartz crystals down to final thickness, sometimes no more than 0.002 in. All traces of oil and compound must be removed if crystal is to function dependably.



Figure 5. Crystal is its own best detector of cleanliness. For a 25-mc crystal, for example. a minute trace of contaminant (1¼ millionths of an inch thick) will change frequency by 24,975 cycles.



Immersion to Sonogen cleaning equipment, seconds (cold tap water in tank)

crystals are deposited in the ultrasonic tank; they all come out consistently clean, resulting in a minimum of rejects due to pull-away of the silver coating later applied. For the sake of comparison, both methods are outlined below.

Former method of cleaning quartz crystals

- Remove lapping compound with hot water rinse.
 Boil in chromic acid for ten minutes, to cut grease, organic matter, lint.
- 3-Boil in detergent solution, up to one hour.
- 4-Rinse in tap water, five or six times.
- 5-Rinse in distilled water.
- 6-Dry in oven at 400 F.
- 7—Inspect carefully. If any spot is visible on any one crystal, reclean entire batch. (This used to be necessary in about one out of 20 batches.)

Present method

- 1-Remove lapping compound.
- 2—Immerse in hot (not boiling) chromic acid for ten minutes. Up to 300 crystals at a time may be processed. Drain acid, for later re-use.



- 4—Immerse in ultrasonic cleaning bath—hot tap water — two to three minutes. Watch spread of yellow color, indicating removal of chromic acid traces.
- 5—Drain, repeat with fresh hot tap water several times, until no yellow stain is obtained.
- 6-Rinse in 140 F detergent solution for 10 minutes.
- 7—Three fast rinses in hot top water, followed by an ultrasonic rinse.
- 8-Three 5-minute rinses in distilled water.
- 9-Dry crystals in oven at 400 F.

Actually, though the newest method seems to have a greater number of steps, the total time taken is less and, more important, there are almost no do-overs necessary. The crystals come out of the oven looking like so many soap flakes, snowy white, and absolutely clean. See Fig. 6.

Although breakage of quartz crystals during cleaning has been reduced, the high-speed ultrasonic vibration detects crystals-having an incipient crack. These will break, thus automatically eliminating crystals which might later fail in service.



Figure 6. For comparison, two circular quartz crystals before cleaning (left) and after. The snow-white crystal (right) looking much like a soap flake. has gone through complete cleaning procedure.



Figure 7. After cleaning, silver contacts are vacuum plated onto crystals. Holder can handle four at one time.

The graph on page 28 illustrates the increase in frequency of a crystal, as it is cleaned ultrasonically. There is, however, another measurement, which again allows the checking of soil removal, i.e., "activity", as measured by a standard government oscillator and in accordance with specification MIL-C-3098B.

The following values are typical of results that have been obtained. The sample in this particular test was a 9-me over-tone quartz crystal.

TABLE I

		Frequency.	Activity.
		kc	microamp
1)	After boiling in chromic acid	29,926	42
2)	Scrubbed with tooth brush, and		
	detergent solution	29,928	44
3)	Ultrasonically cleaned in clear		
	water for 5 minutes	29,936	90

Table I brings up two interesting points. First, hand-scrubbing with a toothbrush, often resorted to in the past, is no longer necessary. Second, the frequency and activity achieved after 5 minutes in the Sonogen equipment remained essentially the same after further immersion, indicating that almost all the soil is removed in the first few minutes.

The silver plate demonstrates the power of ultrasonic agitation in another way. When plated crystals are subjected to an ultrasonic bath, the silver itself can be removed by the high-speed, high-energy implosions within the liquid. If left in the bath for only a moment, perhaps up to five seconds, no change is visible. Should the crystal be immersed for fifteen seconds, however, erosion of the silver will begin, as shown by the two test samples in Figure 9. The same power of ultrasonic energy can be similarly demonstrated by immersing the foil from a cigarette package in the liquid; holes will shortly appear in the foil. Therefore if plated samples are to be ultrasonically cleaned, precautions must be taken not to expose them too long.

Principles of ultrasonic cleaning

Ultrasonic cleaning, itself, is a development of the electronics engineer. To produce a very intense scrubbing action in the cleaning medium, high-frequency energy is needed. A Sonogen model of AP-25-B generator transforms 110-v a-c into 38-kc power by means of one vacuum tube, a heavy-duty transformer, and an oscillator coil. An 11-position rotary switch is also incorporated which, together with a variable inductor, permits fine selection of frequency for highest cleaning efficiency.

A number of piezoelectric transducers, bottommounted in the type T-52 stainless steel tank, receive the electrical impulses and convert them into mechanical vibrations of the same frequency. Although completely inaudible, these sound waves are transmitted into the solvent, detergent or other liquid, where they produce cavitation.—Cavitation is a phenomenon resulting from repeated build-up and sudden collapse of localized pressure cells.—Because of the myriads of implosions within the liquid, even insoluble soils are quickly removed from any surface in contact with the cleaning agent.

The quartz crystal is its own best detector of cleanliness, a trace of soil half a billionth of an inch thick being measurable. Although we cannot guarantee that ultrasonic cleaning will remove the very last vestige of contaminant, we do know that it gets our crystals cleaner, in less time, and with less operator attention than any other method we have ever tried.



Figure 8. Ultrasonic cleaning is very powerful, as evidenced by these test samples. If a quartz crystal with its flash plate of silver is kept in the ultrasonic bath for more than a minute, the silver will begin to wear off, as in the sample at the right. Left, a plated crystal which was ultrasonically cleaned for about 15 seconds. Silver has not been affected.



Figure 9. Another application for ultrasonic cleaning: the finished crystal. Water soluble soldering flux is quickly removed ultrasonically to achieve a bright, shiny product.



Figure 10. Crystals, after soldering, are ultrasonically cleaned to achieve a bright, shiny end product.



A continuing search is being conducted in laboratories to bridge the auditory recognition gap between man and machine.

Artificial auditory recognition in telephony

While giant strides have been made in the art of telephony in recent years, researchers look forward to the day when machines may not only record and repeat the human voice but interpret it too.

by Edward E. David, Jr.*

The difficulty of achieving efficient communication between man and machine has become almost legendary among communication scientists. Men are adept at reading handwriting, understanding speech, associating two-dimensional pictures with their three-dimensional counterparts—abilities at which machines are notoriously inept. Such abilities are commonly described as pattern recognition or sensory Gestalt. If machines could perform like functions, man-machine communication would be considerably aided.

It is appropriate that telephone research has long

been concerned with recognition since problems of auditory recognition crop up often in telephony. The telephone system is a complicated machine which must be precisely controlled. A person controls the machine by communicating through a dial or perhaps by voice to an operator. In addition, during conversation, the voice signals themselves may control parts of the telephone apparatus. For instance, devices called speech detectors which recognize when speech, as contrasted to noise, is present on transmitting lines are used to remove dis-

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turbing echoes which sometimes occur on long circuits. Speech detectors are actuated by the human voice and so in this sense perform a human-like function, namely discriminating between speech and the variety of other sounds they might encounter. Even though speech detectors are relatively simple devices in both their decision criteria and in their instrumentation, they can lead to great advantages in communication systems.

For instance, the traffic capacity of multiple-channel communication systems can be increased by taking advantage of the one-way characteristics of conversations. Usually in a conversation only one person talks at a time, and therefore a connection need be provided only in that direction. Commonly, circuits in both directions are simultaneously available for a conversation. Thus, one circuit is often idle. In addition, there are usually many circuits or channels in each direction between two cities, for example, so that many conversations can be handled simultaneously. If in each conversation one party is silent, there will always be, on the average, idle circuits in both directions. Thus a sufficiently intelligent switch at each terminal can make use of the idle circuits to the other terminal for further conversations. In addition to this "conversational" factor, the natural pauses in a person's speech permit a further gain. In fact studies have shown that about 90 conversations can be handled simultaneously over a 36-channel system without objectionable interference. This method for utilizing the natural characteristics of conversations is known as TASI*. Speech detectors provide the sensory input to TASI. They sense who, among the potential talkers at each terminal, is speaking at a particular instant so that the programmed switch can provide a suitable connection for each active talker to the correct listener. Such man-machine coupling yields rather substantial dividends in communication efficiency.

Thus, the utility of machines to emulate human sensory functions seems firmly established. In fact, many researchers think that an essential link in the ultimate human-communication channel is such a recognizer. For instance, coupling between people at a distance might ideally be performed by a man-recognizer link at the transmitter followed by a functionally inverse link at the receiver or destination. The voice-coding philosophy originated by H. W. Dudley incorporates just such features.

Dudley proposed several devices known as vocoders whose recognizer-analyzers might be likened crudely to the ear and brain of a listener, and whose receiversynthesizers might be thought of as analog vocal tracts. Ideally such a system hears and analyzes the talker's voice, selecting from it certain perceptually important features, transmitting a description of these features to the receiver which then reproduces the talker's utterances. In an elementary vocoder, the features to be described by the transmitted signals might be perceptually important components of the speech frequency spectrum. In a more ambitious vocoder, the signals might denote the sounds of speech, or words from a specified vocabulary, these having been recognized at the analyzer. In this case, of course, the signals could actuate a "voice typewriter" or some other voice-operated device.

A number of working vocoders have been built and demonstrated. Typically they reduce the channel capacity necessary to transmit articulate speech by a factor between 10 and 30. In one of the most recent applications of the vocoder principle, high-quality speech of 10 kilocycle/second bandwidth was transmitted over a **3** kilocycle/second channel. However, vocoder analyzers still cannot perform recognition functions sophisticated enough to carry the principle very far. Indeed, yet unsolved is one of the most elementary, and yet fundamental, recognition problems, that of sensing a talker's voice pitch and inflections under the variety of conditions often found in communication situations.

Features which might be utilized to describe the voice, could we recognize them automatically, are displayed visually on so-called sound spectrograms, or visible speech displays. Just how each of the features, which are often visually conspicuous, contributes to the perceptual value of an utterance is not well understood, although for vowel sounds particularly the frequency location of prominent energy concentrations, known as formants, are the determiners of phonetic value.

After long training, people can learn to associate these visual patterns with the corresponding utterances. A rather complex set of rules has been drawn up to aid the learning process. These concern the individual sounds of speech, the phonemes. However, it has been shown that if the spoken vocabulary is suitably restricted, much simpler rules for identifying spectrograms can be formulated. These rules address longer segments of speech than the phonemes. Such a process is probably more nearly akin to human speech perception under ordinary conditions. A set of rules for ten spoken numbers are presented. They were tested by naive subjects who applied them without practice to 330 utterances taken from 13 men, 7 women, and 10 children, achieving over 90% success in identifying the utterances.

These rules concern rather gross properties of the spectrograms and require no very precise measurements. Rather it is the relation between spectral features as well as between successive intervals of the same features that is important. Further, the identity of each word does not depend exclusively on any one of its properties. To confuse one word with another requires the simultaneous confusion of several features. These characteristics of the rules are essential to their success, and probably have a correspondence in human auditory perception.

However, the rules are couched in terms of spectrographic features, which themselves must be recognized. As in the case of pitch, no method rivaling human ability to recognize these features has been demonstrated. Yet with a limited vocabulary very elementary methods have achieved some success. For instance, highly simplified versions of spectrograms, displaying spoken numbers, were achieved by representing all areas of the picture as being entirely black or entirely white. Relatively light grey areas were converted to white, while darker grey areas were assumed to be black. An ensemble of 140 utterances of ten individual digits by 9 men and 5 women was considered. Two master patterns for each digit, one black and one white, were compiled from the ensemble of samples. When the simplified patterns were matched against the masters it was found that the utterances could be successfully identified in over 99% of the cases. This result again shows the utility of the "many gross feature" or diversity approach, and is indicative of present capabilities with a limited vocabulary and a small population.

Whether the spectrographic features are to be recognized for word identification or for transmission, the spectral analysis should not introduce artifacts which might confuse the recognizer. It can be shown that current methods for spectral analysis tend to introduce *Please turn to page 57*

* Time Assignment Speech Interpolation



Figure 1. Basic transistor power module: this new Pylon design concept eliminates former difficulties in locating and replacing defective transistors and makes possible for the first time the construction of practical power equipments embodying large numbers of transistors.

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Transistor power units of giant capacity

by Stanley E. A. Pinnell, M.Sc.*

In recent years transistor power units have eome into widespread use, particularly in aircraft, as D.C. powered converters or inverters. The transistor units offer important advantages in efficiency, reliability, and the elimination of maintenance. These units are available as compact packages with a peak eapacity of about 500 watts. The objective of increasing this eapacity to adapt the transistor units for service as prime power sources is one which is being actively pursued by a number of laboratories in North America.

The possibilities are intriguing. The efficiency and reliability are so high and the idle drain so low that converters may be considered as effective for general reserve supply purposes as a prime battery supply. A communications station employing this type of supply may be visualized as having one single reserve battery supply, probably 130 volts if the power requirements are large. This battery is floated continuously from the A.C. mains, and its entire output is fed to a single giant transistor inverter which provides 60 cycle 115 volt A.C. output. This output may then be suitably regulated or stabilized if required. Heavy duty converters consisting of transformer rectifiers with brute force filtering provide other standard D.C. voltages at heavy current, for example, 24 volts, 48 volts, 60 volts or 180 volts. Ordinary transformers provide proper heater voltages for various vacuum tubes and pilot lights. During a power failure the only change that occurs is that the battery is not floated, but transfers its reserve power through the power unit to the load.

Unfortunately, serious difficulties have been encountered in the past in extending the power capacity of these transistor units to a range which would permit this type of power plant layout. These may be briefly summarized as follows:

- (1) The maximum allowable collector to emitter voltage limits the D.C. input which may be applied to a transistor power switch. For a collector to emitter rating of 80 volts the maximum allowable D.C. input voltage may be taken as 32 volts. This is not adequate for service in conjunction with battery potentials of 48 volts or 130 volts which are standard in higher capacity supplies.
- (2) Recurrent waveform spikes, of however short duration have a serious effect on transistor life. Recurrent pulse peaks result in 'slow death' of transistors. Please turn to page 63

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tween the position setting Magslip and a coincidence Magslip on the co-ordinate shaft is reached.

Again, the controlling co-ordinate may be arranged to scan across a given arc about a pre-determined center, the center being established by the position setting Magslip which is again coupled to the coincidence Magslip on the controlling co-ordinate. The output of the coincidence Magslip is coupled to and compared with the pre-set amplitude bias on the relay valve, the amplitude of the bias being set by R_{12} . The bias determines the limit of the scan by operating or releasing relay A_4 when the Magslip error signal exceeds that of the bias. Operation and release of A_4 changes the sense of the driving voltage, the speed being governed by the setting of the scan speed control R_{10} .

While one of the co-ordinates is scanning about a given center, in order to provide a second dimension to the scanning raster, the other controlling co-ordinate can be varied by a finite amount. The variation may be initiated each time the first co-ordinate reverses direction or by time impulses which are set upon the control desk. The source of initiation is selected by operation of S_4 . If the stepping motion is to be initiated by reversal of direction of scan of the first co-ordinate, operation and release of A_5 equivalent to A_4 in duplicate unit controlling the first co-ordinate) causes a relay A_{10} to pulse. Pulsing of A_{10} operates A_{θ} and A_{θ} which connect the driving voltage to the motor generator. The step commutator on the co-ordinate shaft is driven round until an earthed segment is reached which causes A_s to release which in turn releases A_0 which breaks the driving signal to the motor generator, As will remain released until a further pulse of A_{10} . The size of the step is decided by the commutator segment which is selected by S_2 . When it is desired to step on a time-base, relay A_{θ} is operated by impulses received from the timer instead of by pulsing of A_{10} .

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such artifacts when these methods are applied to a broad population of talkers. A scheme for overcoming this defect is presented. It requires that analysis be carried out synchronously with the voice pitch. From this standpoint, pitch recognition is fundamental to the whole problem of speech analysis, and very likely to speech recognition for a wide population of talkers and a large vocabulary.

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Item 2103

The LS 104 is a new sub-miniature, multiturn, infinitely adjustable limit stop for use in miniature servo and instrument mechanisins.



The new unit is the smallest of a standard line of mechanical limit stops. It is .625 line of mechanical limit stops. It is .625 inches in diameter, $l_{3/2}$ inches long, synchro mounted, and has a torque rating of 18 ounce inches. It can be set to limit rotation to any angle from 0 to 20 revolutions by means of an external screw at the end of the unit. Precision ball bearings provide low starting torque.

Of anodized aluminum alloy and corrosion

resistant steel construction, it meets the requirements of MIL-E-5400. The new stop is a predesigned component for the miniature mechanisms field. It provides a combination of extremely small size. large turns capacity, and simplicity in range setting. Its use eliminates the time, cost, and engineering effort required to develop limit stops for each new application.

Precision Mechanisms Corporation, Newbridge Ave., East Meadow, N.Y., U.S.A.

Mini-E connectors pass resistance tests

Item 2104

New Amphenol 67 Series Mini-E Connectors have been engineered specifically for

The aircraft and missile industry. This series of connectors are manufac-tured to pass tough altitude, moisture resistance tests and feature: (a) Environmentally sealed with the utilized back and feature the back and the second seco

- back and grommet which me utilized back and grommet which meets altitude moisture resistant requirements of MIL-C-5015C. Paragraph 4521.
 (b) Spring loaded coupling providing a posi-tive locking action in the bayonet slot.
 (c) Stellogg deel bayonet slot.
- (c) Stainless steel bayonet slots and pins to reduce wear.
- (d) Flattened inclined angle bayonet slots reducing mating force requirements. (e) Face seal gasket with individual barriers
- to isolate each contact. (f) Hard insert dielectric to positively re-
- tain contacts.
- (g) Test voltage 1500 volts RMS 70,000 feet on sealed connectors.
- on sealed connectors.
 (h) Vibration per method 204 of MIL-STD-202A 10-20,000 CPS at 20 g's.
 (i) Temperature cycling range per MIL-C-5015C paragraph 453 increased to 257°F maximum and minus 67°F Minimum.
 For further information write to Amphenol Canada Limited, 300 Campbell Ave., Toronto 9 Ontario.

Toronto 9, Ontario.

Transistor test set

Item 2105 The Transistor Tester Type 236 is a general purpose instrument designed to measure the small signal, low frequency parameters of P.N-P transistors of either parameters of P-N-P transistors of either junction or point type over a wide range of operating conditions. The instrument is entirely mains operated and enables static tests to be made up to a current of 40 mA with a maximum collector voltage of 80 volts, In addition, certain small signal parameters are measured directly by a bridge system at 420 cps.

Resistance measurements are extended by Resistance measurements are extended by a multiplier switch to give a complete range of measurement from 0.1 ohm to 10 meg-ohms. The same dial and ratio switch is used to extend the range of ratio measure-ments to give an overall range of ratio from 0.1 to 1,000. A bridge oscillator and detector is incor-ported in the instrument and focilities error

porated in the instrument and facilities are provided for an external oscilloscope to be connected to detect distortion and check the linearity of the small signal measure-Inents, or telephones may be used for aural null detection of bridge balance. Airmec Limited, High Wycombe, Bucking-hamshire, England.

Quick reset counter

Item 2106 The Trumeter Predetermined Counter can be used on looms, spinning machines, knitting machines, presses, coil winding machines, etc.; in fact, for any counting operation. It controls overruns and underruns, thus preventing waste.



The control is provided by a non-inductive micro-switch operated by the counter mechanism. The switch contacts have a maximum rating of 600V 2 amps, and can be operated on 110 volt supply with a maxi-num current of 10 amps. Other values of supply voltage may be used with a propor-tionate reduction of the current rating. The counter operates at 5000 R.P.M. or 1000 Strokes/minute. Other features include oil impregnated sintered iron bearings — the finest available, die cast base and cover, and Quick and Positive Reset Lever. Quick Reset is not a new feature of Tru-

Quick Reset is not a new feature of Trumeter counters: however, improvements are constantly being made. By depressing the lever 45°, the counter is immediately reset. Of interest is the fact that the resetting can take place while the machine is in opera-It should also be noted that once the tion. control impulse is given it is sustained until reset.

Since the shaft runs in covered bearings the Predetermined Counter is virtually maintenance-free.

Further details may be obtained from the Technical Products Division of Dominion Electrohome Industries Ltd., of Kitchener, Ontario. Electrohome is the Canadian representative for Trumeter.

Servo components

Item 2107

Two new ranges of servo motors have been developed by Evershed and Vignoles Limited, of London, England, and sample motors are available at short notice. The first range conforms to International and NATO standards in both dimension and performance. At present it comprises:

Size 15 Mark VII Mod. 1. 400 c s 115V motors & V. reference FAB1-E.

The second range consists of units based on long established E. & V. designs, but adapted to provide fixing and mounting facilities, shaft details, etc. in compliance with International Standards. These com-

prise

rise: Size 15 A.C. motors—E. & V. FAM. FT, FV and FAH range. Size 18 D.C. motors—E. & V. FAR. Size 23 A.C. and D.C. motors—E. & V. FC, FZ, FD, FAF A.C. motors, and FP. FQ, FAD and FAG D.C. motors are under development. These will have perform-ance similar to those shown on sheets ance similar to those shown on sheets 3 and 5 of the existing Publication

No. 301 1. The exact International type of mount-ing is retained for units up to and in-cluding size 18 only. An integral square flange is provided for larger motors.



D.C. servo motors can now be supplied D.C. servo motors can now be supplied with field windings requiring from 50-1,500 mA for full torque. The preferred values are 50, 80, 200, 500, 800 and 1,500 mA. Arma-tures can be wound for 220, 110, 50 and in some cases 28 or 24V supplies. Armature supply units Evershed PA11 series for con-nection to 230V 50/60 c/s supplies are now available for most D.C. motors. A.C. motors and motor generators are

A.C. motors and motor/generators are now available with windings for 50V 50 c/s or 115V 50 60 c s supplies. Control windings for direct coupling to the output stages of valve or transistor amplifiers have been developed. For the transistor windings the preferred collector to collector voltages are 15V 50 c s and 24V 400 c/s, but alternative valtages could assily be accommodated if voltages could easily be accommodated if required. Most motors can also be wound for three phase supplies.

The range of amplifiers to control servo motors has also been extended and type PA25C D.C. amplifier is suitable for all Evershed split field motors. This amplifier produces full torque with an input of 250 mV D.C., and has an initial gain of 600 mA per volt. For 50 c/s A.C. systems amplifiers

6, 12 and 28 watts output are available. Evershed and Vignoles Limited, Acton Lane Works, Chiswick, London, W. 4, England.

Universal breakdown tester

Item 2108

A new model of breakdown tester which can truly be termed "Universal" is now available from the manufacturers, Canadian Research Institute, Toronto, Canada,

This compact portable tester covers all of the requirements for testing dielectric strength to the specifications of the Canadian Standards Association, the Hydro Elec-tric Power Commission or Underwriters' Laboratories, for the maker of all types of electrical and electronic equipment, house hold appliances, industrial motors, etc.



The unit, designed for simplified speedy productions testing, is housed in an attractive sturdy steel cabinet with rounded corners, only 17° x 9" x 8". Test voltages continuously adjustable from 0 to 5000, indicated directly on a large 3" meter, are available at 500 volt-ampere rating, permitting testing to CSA requirements. A fuseting testing to CSA requirements. A fuse-less circuit breaker and large indicator lamp are provided.

Easy operation with a high measure of safety is provided by long flexible high tension test leads and oversize prods, fitted with plastic guards so that the operator's hands are kept away from the high tension, which, as a further safeguard, is completely isolated from the power line and from the cabinet.

The universal breakdown tester is designated the Model RM-7 and is made in Canada for 115 volt operation, either on 60 or 25.60 cycle, the latter requiring no conversion.

For further details write to Canadian Re-search Institute, 46 St. George St., Toronto 5. Ontario.

Higher rotational-life potentiometer

Item 2109

new improved design giving higher rotational life, plus the ability to take tough environmental specifications, has resulted in the new H-751 potentiometer. Features:

- 1. Improved quality at no extra cost.
- 2. 50 to 25,000 ohm resistance range with tolerance as low as 1%.
- Rotation 350° minus 0 plus 4° . Linearity to $\pm .5^{\prime}i$ for most resistance 4
- values. Temperature co-efficient -5. -20x10to-
- per degree centigrade for all standard resistance values.
- Power rating 1 watt. Net weight 1 ounce.
- 7.

For further information write to Infernational Resistance Co. Ltd., 349 Carlaw Ave., Toronto 8, Ontario.

Epoxy-bonded fibre glass antennas

Item 2110

New omnidirectional high gain fixed sta tion antennas for use in the 150 and 450 megacycle bands have been announced by Dielectric Products Engineering Co. Inc., of Raymond, Maine. Named the "Heliphase" Line, these epoxy-bonded fibre glass an-tennas feature a new type of feed system which reduces internal loss and greatly improves electrical performance.

VSWR is less than 1.5 to 1 for all models, which are available with a gain of 5.5 db at 150 mc, and 5.5, 7.5 and 10 db in the 450 mc band.

For further information contact Canadian representative: Dayrand Limited, Room 301, 901 Victoria Square, Montreal 1, Quebec.

AM transmitter

Item 2111

The RCA type BTA-500R IR is a truly new transmitter both electrically and physically. Color doors and modern functional styling will blend the BTA-500R/IR with the radio station's decor. New electrical developments make it more efficient and economical to operate.

Only 11 tubes including rectifiers are used in the BTA-500R/IR. A common exciter chassis employed in both the 500 and 1000 watt transmitter simplifies power change. Tetrodes are used throughout to eliminate neutrodes are used throughout to eliminate neutralization and to simplify tuning. The low voltage and bias power supplies use selenium rectifiers, while the high voltage supply employs two type 8008 rectifiers. Modern vertical chassis construction per-mits ease of maintenance. All operating controls are on the front of the trans-mitters. By connecting the RCA type RTR-114/2004 remote control system to the

BTR-11A/20A remote control system to the BTA-500R/IR remote terminal bus, the transmitter can be operated completely by remote control.

The BTA-500R and the BTA-IR Transmitters are available for delivery in thirty days.

Further particulars available from Broadcast Equipment Marketing Department, Engineering Products Division, RCA Victor Company Ltd., Montreal 30, Que.

Variable reluctant diaphragm type transducer

Item 2112

A miniature, single coil, variable reluc-tance, diaphragm type transducer to be used as the variable inductor in commer-cially available inductance and reactance oscillator oscillator controlled FM/FM sub-carrier oscillator systems has been announced by Ultradyne, Inc., P.O. Box 3308, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Differential, gage and absolute models are offered with a wide selection of pressure ranges between 0-10 psi and 0-5000 ret psi.

psi. Called the S-60, the unit combines very low sensitivity to shock, vibration and accel-eration (.001%/g to .01%/g, or less, depend-ing on pressure range) with a rise time of 75 to 150 microseconds. The basic size is T_8 " diameter x T_8 " long. This model can be supplied with a wide variety of fittings and orbita adaptore. It is also available as a cable adaptors. It is also available as a water cooled unit. High overload rating and high diaphragm burst pressure protect the gage where transient overpressures exist.

Standard deviation is $\pm 7\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}$ ($\pm 5\frac{1}{2}$) for all RDB bands unless otherwise specified by the customer. Operating temperature range is from -85° F through $+240^{\circ}$ F.

These units are suited for a wide variety of telemetering applications. Their high reliability under extreme acceleration, vibration and shock conditions qualifies them for missile and nuclear applications.



Since the coil and pole pieces are isolated from the main pressure port by the dia-phragm, conductive and corrosive fluids, sand, dirt and other foreign matter may be applied to the main pressure port without effect on transducer operation.

S-60's are mechanically adjusted at the factory for $\pm 1\%$ linearity and the correct deviation for the sub-carrier oscillator type

specified by the customer. Ultradyne, Inc., P.O. Box 3308, Albuquer-que, New Mexico, U.S.A.

Transistorized DC to AC inverter

Item 2113 The "Transverter" series of DC to AC The "Transverter" series of DC to AC inverters announced by Vibration Research Laboratories Inc. of Tuckahoe, N.Y., em-ploys a radically new transistor circuit which makes the output frequency inde-worder of invurbance and Newsing pendent of input voltage or load. Nominally rated at 115 volts 60 cycles output, the frequency is adjustable by means of a cali-brated dial to any figure between 55 and 65 cycles.



Transverter models are available for volts input, output capacities 30 to 150 watts; for 12 volts input, capacities from 40 to 250 watts; for 24-28 volts input, capacities from 120 to 500 watts; and for 32 volts input, capacities from 130 to 500 watts, Weights vary from 3 lbs. for the 30/40 watt models, to 28 lbs. for the 500 watt models. Efficiency of over 90% is claimed, as well as complete freedom from RF noise and transient spikes.

Represented in Canada by Tele-Radio Systems Ltd., 3534 Dundas St. W., Toronto 9. Ontario.

Electrolyte tantalum capacitors Item 2114

The development of a broad new range of solid electrolyte tantalum capacitors has been announced by the Swiss electronic firm Chimel, S_{-} A. of Geneva, one of the pioneers in the development of sintered tantalum capacitors. A product of long laboratory research, the new Chimel products have capacitance values of several times those known previously any place in the world. The new series includes capaci-tors of up to 400 microfarads at 6 volts; 220 microfarads at 10 volts; 150 microfarads at 15 volts; 100 MF at 20 volts; and 22 MF at 35 volts.

These units supplement the wide range of existing Chimel solid electrolyte tanta-

lum capacitors. For further information write Chimel S.A., 5 Quai de l'Ile, Geneva, Switzerland.

"Sensistor" silicon resistor Item 2115

An entirely new dimension was recently added to the field of electrical components by Texas Instruments Incorporated with the announcement of a completely new solid state device—the "Sensistor" silicon resistor.

The most significant characteristic of the new "Sensistor" silicon resistor is that it has a $0.7\%/^{\circ}C$ positive temperature coefficient of resistance. Now, for the first time, a device is conimercially available which responds to an increase in temperature with an increase in resistance that rises rapidly along a stable, retraceable characteristic curve.

Because of this large positive temperature coefficient, the "Sensistor" silicon resistor is expected to have wide application as a temperature compensating device in miniaturized amplifiers, servos, computer switch-ing circuits, magnetic amplifiers and power supplies. The new "Sensistor" silicon re-sistor is also ideal for use as a temperature sensing element for automatic controls and other precise temperature indicating applications. Previous temperature sensing devices, such as thermistors, have been characterized by a decrease in resistance with a rising temperature.

There are two configurations of the new "Sensistor" silicon resistor. The TM 1/4 is an axial lead molded device which is linearan axial lead molded device which is linear-ily derated at full load from 100° C to 150° C. The TC 1/8 is encased in a TO-5 round-welded package and is derated linearily at full load from 125° C to 200° C. Both units are immediately available in commercial quantities in standard resistance ratings ranging from 100 to 1,000 ohms at 25° C. Texas Instruments Incorporated, Semi-conductor-Components Division, P.O. Box 312, Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.

Radiation - shielded temperature sensor

Item 2116

Designed to permit air-temperature measurements substantially independent of & Whitley Temperature Sensor includes a triple-shielded enclosure integrated into a support arm together with an aspirating blower.

Located within a vertical cylindrical enclosure (at left, as illustrated), a thermal sensitive element is surrounded by an inner shield with a high surface-to-mass ratio and fabricated from 0.003-in. stainless steel. Surrounding this combination is a second

cylinder of 0.062-in. thick aluminum. This outer shield is of different material to reduce the effect of secondary radiation and also serves to provide mechanical protection for the assembly. A third shielding element, hat-shaped, is included for the further reduction of maximum solar radia-tion error. The blower and motor are located at the remote end of the mounting arm.



In laboratory testing as well as in service, this combination shield (which is based on a design of Pacific Division of Bendix Aviation Corp.) provides radiation shielding effective to a maximum temperature devia-

tion of 0.2 deg F. Beckman & Whitley, Inc., San Carlos, California, U.S.A.

Multiple preset counters Item 2117

Development of the new 2020 Multiple Preset Counters for counting and control applications has been announced by Freed Transformer Company, Inc., Brooklyn, New York. These Freed Preset Counters can be supplied with multiple groups of presetting controls for use in all vital industrial opera-

with the new 2020 Preset for wind-ing multiple tapped coils or for any event which requires a machine controlled at different predetermined counts.

Freed 2020 Multiple Preset Counters can be supplied with various inputs, including photocell, mechanical contacts or pulses and operated at counting speeds up to 30,000 per minute. Dimensions for Type 2020-4-6 Preset Counters, illustrated, are: 13" high, 11" wide by 8½" deep. Complete unit weighs 9 lbs.

For further information about the new 2020 Multiple Preset Counters and Freed's new Catalog No. 581 write directly to manufacturer, Freed Transformer Company, Inc., 1716 Weirfield Street, Brooklyn 27, New York, U.S.A

Saucer fan

Item 2118

Engineering catalog sheet illustrates and describes unique "saucer" shaped fan developed by Rotron Manufacturing Company of Woodstock, N.Y., expressly for cooling electronic console equipment.

The unit features an electrical driving motor built into the propeller hub reducing the axial length of the fan to more than

the thickness of the propeller. Air delivery for the fan is 260 CFM against 0 static pressure. Airflow in either direction can be obtained by reversing the fan end-to-end.

Write for catalog sheet No. 50109-1 to the Canadian Representative—The Hoover Com-pany Ltd., Gage and Barton Streets, Hamilton, Ontario.

Capacitors break heat barrier Item 2119

Development of a new electronic com-ponent that breaks the heat barrier by exceeding the highest temperature limitations for all existing capacitors, is announced

tions for all existing capacitors, is announced by Dr. Leslie K. Gulton, president, Gulton Industries, Inc., Metuchen, N.J. Called Glennite Hi-T units, the new ultra-thermic, glass-coated, ceramic capacitors are designed for continuous operation at temperatures ranging from $-60^{\circ}C$ ($-76^{\circ}F$) to $+225^{\circ}C$ ($+437^{\circ}F$). With the development of these units the maximum operating tem. of these units, the maximum operating tem-perature for capacitors has been increased from a previous high of $+150^{\circ}$ C. The units for $+150^{\circ}$ C operation were also a Gulton Industries' development.

According to Dr. Gulton, "present day electronic equipment cannot operate accurately at elevated temperatures because of the limitations of many of their basic components. Research, as it progresses, is dem-onstrating the continuing extension of the operating temperature range of our capacitors, is supplying the answers to many of these problems". The new Glennite Hi-T units have success-

The new Glennite Hi-T units have success-fully passed 1000 hour life tests at $+225^{\circ}$ C at twice their rated voltage. Subminiature in design, they have leads of pure silver to provide ease of soldering, greater flexibility and corrosion resistance. The capacitors have an insulation resistance of 10,000 Megohms at $+25^{\circ}$ C and 100 VDC. For further information contact the Gulton Canadian Representative: Lake En-cineering Co. Ltd., 767 Warden Ave., Scar-

gineering Co. Ltd., 767 Warden Ave., Scar-borough, Ontario.

Arc-angle meters

Item 2120

The Stark 250° Arc-Angle Meters, with accuracy up to 1% and scale $2\frac{1}{2}$ times longer than conventional meters, are specifically designed to save up to 60% in panel space.

A 31/2" 250° meter has the scale length and readability of a conventional 6" meter. Can be supplied in all DC ranges and AC rectifier types. They are manufactured in conventional panel, aircraft, sealed or rug-gedized from $2\frac{1}{2}$ " to $5\frac{1}{2}$ " case size. Pres-ently being employed by Avro in flight testing the Arrow.



For further particulars contact Stark Electronic Instruments Ltd., Ajax, Ontario, Canada.

Patch-cord programming system Item 2121

Virginia Electronics Company Incorpor-ated of Washington, D.C., manufacture the

Velco Patch-Cord Programming System. This is an uncomplicated method of rapidly changing from one pre-determined circuit arrangement to another and fea-tures: flexibility, compactness and simplicity of design.

The system is adaptable for use with: Analog and digital computors; telemetering systems; automatic test equipment; communication systems; automotive machine tools.

For further information write to J. R. Longstaffe Company Limited, 300 Campbell Ave., Toronto 9, Ont., who now represent Virginia Electronics Company in Canada.

Magnetic "hold-in" switch

Item 2122 A completely sealed, momentary-action toggle switch that can be converted to a maintained-contact switch by means of a built-in solenoid has been developed_by Micro Switch, a division of Honeywell Con-trols Limited. The precision single-pole double-throw

switching unit and a 28 vdc solenoid are contained in an environment-proof unit measuring slightly over three inches from the top of the toggle lever to the bottom of the case. Diameter of the case is one inch. This small switch (designated 5ETI-6) is designed for aircraft and electronic uses. No auxiliary relay is required, making it ideally suited for application where space is a critical factor.

When the toggle lever is operated, and the solenoid is energized, the solenoid holds the lever in the operated position. This magnetic "hold-in" feature permits remote electrical release of the lever, returning it to the unopened position. Immediate release is possible by manually over-riding the toggle lever.

toggle lever. To insure constant operating characteris-tics, regardless of changes in atmospheric conditions, the solenoid and switching unit are sealed within a cylindrical shaped en-closure that has been evacuated and filled with an inert gas. An elastomer seal at the base of the toggle lever keeps out dust and moisture



The switch may be wired either normallyopen, normally-closed or double-throw. En-vironment-proof magnetic hold-in switches are rated at 4 amperes, 28 vdc, resistive load. They are available with either wire leads or side-facing screw terminals. Enquiries should be directed to: **B. Col-**

well, Merchandising Department, Honeywell Controls Limited, Toronto 17, Ontario. Ask for Data Sheet No. 121.

Sub-miniature switches Item 2123

Engineering data sheets on various types of sub-miniature switches are announced by International Instruments Incorporated of New Haven, Connecticut. These data sheets provide full description

of the following: Sub-miniature double deck rotary switches and spring return (Series 5000 and Series SR 5000); Sub-miniature 5000 and Series SR 5000; Sub-minature 7000 and Series SR-7000; Sub-miniature lever and spring return lever switch (Series L-7000, L-5000 and Series SRL-7000, SRL-5000). These switches are designed for use in

transistorized or miniaturized equipments, where space saving is a prime considera-tion, at no sacrifice to versatility or reliability.

Double-wiping silver alloy contacts assure low resistance and guarantee long life. Large number of distributing contacts pro-vides unusual switching flexibility. All materials have been selected for their in-herent corrosion resistance or are treated for protection.

For additional particulars apply to the Canadian representative: E. E. Whittaker, Box 3255, Arnprior, Ontario.

Hematocrit centrifuge Item 2124

Chicago Surgical & Electrical Co., Division Chicago Surgical & Electrical Co., Division of Labline, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, is now in production on its new model 31 Hematocrit Centrifuge. This unit incorporates ball-bearing motor lubricated for life; automatic electric brake stopping the centrifuge smoothly in 1½ minutes; and an ultra-soundproofed cast aluminum housing giving practically noiseless operation.



Two heads arc available, one head holding 36 standard Hematocrit tubes, and a combination head holding 8 Hematocrit tubes and 8 75 mm x 1.75 mm tubes. Speeds up to 12,000 RPM are obtainable. Cover also has double safety latch with built in switch preventing operation of centrifuge unless cover is in closed operating position.

A new type Hematocrit reader, developed by Dr. Samuel Natelson, is made of plastic with special slide to provide easy reading of Hematocrit tubes. Reader is $7^{1}2^{"} \times 12^{"}$, and because of size eliminates the necessity

and because of size eliminates the necessity of magnifying glasses and other devices. Write for Bulletin 326 to Chicago Surgical & Electrical Co., Division of Labline, Inc., 3070-82 W. Grand Ave., Chicago 22, Illinois, U.S.A.

Spectra-striper

Item 2125 The Spectra-Strip Wire & Cable Corpora-tion (formerly Organic Development Cor-poration Spectra-Strip Division) announces a new version of its Spectra-Striper. This is practically a pocket sized machine; the chassis only measures 41₂ inches x 8 inches. This apparatus is entirely hand operated

chassis only measures 4% inches x 8 inches. This apparatus is entirely hand operated and will put a color stripe on vinyl covered wire as fast as the wire can be drawn through the guides. It uses the same inks as the larger machine so that no drying tower or heat of any kind is required.

The unit was developed to meet the needs of many users who only require one stripe in their coding operation. The list price has been brought down pretty close to the cost of production and distribution, in order cost of production and distribution, in order to promote the wider use of Spectra-Ink. Details and prices can be had by writing Spectra-Strip Wire & Cable Corporation, P.O. Box 415, Garden Grove, Calif., U.S.A.

World Radio History

Item 2126 Modular connectors

Methode Manufacturing Corp. of Chicago. Ill. has introduced a novel line of Uno-Link modular connectors, variations of which are available for (1) standard wire harness arrangements; (2) the firm's Plyo-Duct film insulated multiconductor cable; and (3) printed circuit card receptacles.

Multiple unit construction permits the designer to specify the exact number of connecting links desired with resultant economies in space and cost. The mating in-line arrangement of plug pins and socket contacts utilize nesting insulator segments which are combined in any numbers from two to thirty modules. The long creepage distances embodied in the modular construction permit maximum power applications in high density packaging requirements.



Ribbon type plug blades are engaged in wiping socket contacts and the spring characteristics of both members provide easy insertion and withdrawal with low contact resistance ratings. End segments

provide positive polarization. Printed circuit card receptacle types (as well as rack and panel variations) available with right angle and in-line terminals. Ter-minal types for card plug-in, standard solder lead attachment, and taper pin connection. Uno-Link connectors are available with melamine-phenolic and diallyl phthalate in-

sulation, brass, phosphor bronze and beryllium copper terminals, and cadmium, silver and gold finishes.

Represented in Canada by P. J. Heenan Limited, 804 Mount Pleasant Rd., Toronto 12, Ontario.

Adapter takes phono plug

at each end

Item 2127

Demand by sound technicians and Hi-Fi enthusiasts for an adapter that will accept a phono plug at each end has prompted the addition of this Part No. 349A to their large line of adapters by Switchcraft, Inc. of Chicago, Ill.

Deliveries are now being made to distributors.

Full details may be obtained by writing the Canadian Factory Representatives – Atlas Radio Corporation Ltd., 50 Wingold Avenue, Toronto 19, Ontario.

High-impact phenolic laminate

Item 2128

A new high-impact phenolic laminate for rocket and missile applications has been

rocket and missile applications has been announced by Spaulding Fibre of Canada Ltd., Toronto, Ontario. The new modified XXXP has been desig-nated XXXP-793. It has an Izod impact strength more than four times that of NEMA grade XXXP. The high impact strength makes this material particularly suited to printed circuit applications and minimizes cracking and breaking under shock or impact loading. XXXP-793 values are 1.5 ft. lbs./in. of

shock or impact loading. XXXP-793 values are 1.5 ft. lbs./in. of notch with the grain and 1.2 ft. lbs./in. of notch against the grain. This compares favorably with typical XXXP values of .35 with the grain and .30 against the grain. Spaulding XXXP-793 is available in fabri-cated parts, sheets or copper-clad. Its cost is slightly higher than standard XXXP. Further enquiries to: Spaulding Fibre of Canada Ltd., 70 Coronet Road, Toronto 18, Ontario.

Ontario.

"Surface shield" panels

Item 2129

Bud Radio Corp. announces a new line of blemish-free aluminum rack panels for the electrical and electronic industry. Each panel is covered on both sides with

sturdy self-stick white paper to protect against surface damage. The paper provides an excellent surface for indicating size of drilling, punching or milling. These opera-tions may then be done while the paper is still in place, thus minimizing the possibility of surface damage and elimination of surface soil. The paper, which is no way affects the surface, is not removed until the panel is ready for installation.

For complete information write for Bulletin 3458, Bud Radio Corp., 2118 East 55th Street, Cleveland 13, Ohio, U.S.A.

Rectilinear recorder

Item 2130 Readily installed in any standard (19" wide) rack-panel cabinet, this 12¼" high Readiline Procession wide) rack-panel cabinet, this 1244" high Rectilinear Recorder writes on true rec-tangular coordinates for ease of examina-tion. Write-out is by the heated stylus method with an individual stylus heat control for each channel. Available with from 2 to 6 recording channels, the instrument features flat frequency response to 70 cps. It will faithfully record almost any known phenomena. A pop-out, sliding chart-drive unit slashes paper-loading time and mini-mizes interference with the recorder com-ponents. A second set of rugged drawer slides facilitates recorder and galvanometer maintenance.



easy-to-use electric Speed Changer An provides instantaneous selection of eight chart-drive speeds ranging from 250 mm/sec down to 1 mm/sec. Optional accessories include Time and Event Markers, a 10:1 speed reduction device and a special unit for total

remote controlled operation. Weighing only 60 lbs., the instrument is constructed of aircraft-grade aluminum. All parts subject to exposure or heavy wear are of stainless steel.

Edin Company, 207 Main Street, Worcester 8, Massachusetts, A Division of Epsco In-corporated. Represented in Canada by A. C. Wickman Limited, P.O. Box 9, Station "N", Toronto, Ontario.

L-band isolators

Item 2131 Airtron Canada Limited announce the manufacture of a new series of L-band, WR-650 resonant absorption Ferrite Isolator which provides constant uni-directional transmitter to load isolation for low, medium and high power microwave applica-

tions in lower microwave frequency ranges. The WR-650 Ferrite Isolator furnishes sufficient isolation between the transmitter and the RF energy reflected from line mis-matches to ensure optimum frequency stability and power output, thus affording protection to transmitter tubes and eliminating the necessity for mechanical adjustments of phase shifters to correct "Long Line" effects.

All units are WR-650 waveguide size and operate over a frequency range from 1250 to 1350 mc/s with a high degree of performance.

While the low and medium power ver-sions do not require cooling, the high power unit requires either forced air or a liquid cooling agent. Recommended liquid flow is one gallon per minute with the cooling

liquid at a maximum temperature of 65°C. For further information please write to Airtron Canada Limited, 300 Campbell Ave., Toronto 9, Ontario. Request catalog sheet No. 3550.

Mobile radio power supply

Item 2132 A fully transistorized high-voltage power supply specifically designed to replace the dynamotor in mobile FM transmitters is announced by Vibration Research Labora-tories, Inc., Tuckahoe, N.Y.



Delivering 500 volts DC at 200 ma, continuous, the model 12TP1 comes in a pack-age only $3'' \ge 4\frac{1}{2}'' \ge 2\frac{1}{2}''$ and weighing $2\frac{1}{4}$ Mounting centers coincide with those lbs. of most dynamotors,

The 12TP1 also provides an output tap delivering 250 volts at 100 ma. for the mobile receiver; a built-in relay changes the output from receive to transmit. Model 12TP2 is available less this relay if preferred. An unusual feature is the protection circuit which removes the B_{+} voltage in case of a short and restores it instantly when the short is removed, without the need to re-

short is removed, without the need to re-place fuses. Available for 12 volts only, the 12TP1/2 has a maximum battery drain of under 13 amperes at full output. Model 12TP3 is also available for receivers or low-power transmitters; its output rating is 250 volts at 100 ma. Enquiries for further particulars should

be addressed to the Canadian representa-tive: Tele-Radio Systems Ltd., 3534 Dundas St. West, Toronto 9, Ontario.

Sub-miniature amplifier

Item 2133 Endevco Corporation offers a new subminiature AC instrument amplifier, Model 2618, to satisfy latest requirements of missile signed for application with Endevco piezo-electric accelerometers, the new Endevco amplifier provides variable gain, 6 to 20. It is completely sealed and will operate continuously in ambients of 250°F under normal flight vibration and shock. Fully compensating feedback reduces har-

monic distortion and non-linearity to less than 1% with a gain stability of $\pm 1\%$. This amplifier withstands vibration and shock to 100 g's without shockmount.



For additional technical information write the Endevco Corporation, 161 East Califor-nia Street, Pasadena, California, U.S.A.

New low noise mixer diode

Item 2134 Improves receiver noise figure in the 300 mc to 4000 mc frequency range. The manufacturer, Microwave Associates, Inc. of Burlington, Massachusetts claims typical Burlington, Massachusetts claims typical noise figures of 5 to 5.5 db are now being achieved by the electronics industry with their new MA-421B crystal when used in conjunction with a 30 mc IF of 1 db noise contribution.

Some applications for this diode are in UHF scatter communications, low noise UHF TV, telemetering, microwave link, radio navigation, amateur radio receivers, long range radars, and radio astronomy. A cost reduction in the manufacture of UHF receiver RF front ends can be achieved with this diode by eliminating RF vacuum tube pre-amplifiers and their associated power supplies previously needed to achieve

low noise figure performance. Life of the MA.421B is indefinite in applications where incident RF signal levels are limited to I50 milliwatts or less. The crystal requires no dc bias.

crystal requires no de bias. Recoiver noise figure improvements ob-tainable in low noise receivers equipped with the MA-421B when compared to the best valuable low noise RF preamplifier vacuum tube are as follows: at 300 mc, 0 db; 500 mc, 1 db; 700 mc, 2.5 db; 1000 mc, 3 db; 2000 mc, 6.5 db. These figures in-clude .5 db preselector losses and assume an IF noise figure of 1.0 db. Typical conversion loss and noise tem-perature values for this crystal are 4.0 db

perature values for this crystal are 4.0 db and 1.05 times. The MA-421B maximum and 1.05 times. The MA-4215 maximum receiver noise figure is specified to be 1 db less than the IN21E. In receivers designed for the 1N21C or 1N21E types maximum noise figure improvement can be obtained by retuning the RF match, adjusting local oscillator injection for lowest noise figure and adjusting the IF matching transformer for the lower IF impedance characteristics of the MA-421B. For minimum receiver noise figure the MA-421B should be matched into a cascode IF strip using tubes similar to the 417A, etc. Tight VSWR and IF impedance specifica-

tion limits insure crystal-to-crystal uni-formity thus allowing holder and IF matching circuits to be more closely controlled for improved and uniform receiver noise figure performance.

This new diode is available in production quantities. For further detailed information contact E. G. Lomas, 227 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa 4, Ontario, Canada.

Canadian relay service

Item 2135 Stegg Electric Limited of Belleville, On-tario, now offers a complete Relay Service, starting with the design of a relay for any particular application and following through to ultimate delivery in line with a customer's requirement.



Stegg is a 100 per cent Canadian owned and operated company. In the past two years the company has designed and sup-plied relays for special applications which even the American relay manufacturers could not furnish economically. Many relay users are still going to the large American relay manufacturers with their problems because, up to recently, this was the only recourse, as there was not an adequate Relay Service available in Canada.

The sales representatives of Stegg Elec-tric Limited—Lake Engineering Co. Limited, of 767 Warden Avenue, Scarborough, On-tario—are equipped to discuss the subject further with those seeking advice.



Figure 2. 300 watt transistor converter model CX48A: this unit accepts 48 volt battery input and provides outputs replacing 130 volt plate battery. 24 volt signalling battery and 24 volt talking battery. An automatic transfer facility is included.

Higher energy pulses quickly break the transistors down. This latter effect may be easily demonstrated by keying the input of available transistor power units. Unless special precautions are taken this action will cause a complete breakdown in a few seconds.

- (3) Transient overloads cause transistor breakdown. Transistors have maximum current ratings which cannot be exceeded, even momentarily, without risking destruction of the junction.
- (4) High power capacity means operation of large numbers of present day transistors in parallel. The current gain of production transistors varies from unit to unit over a considerable range and is in addition markedly dependent on temperature. When a number of transistors are placed in parallel, particularly in switching service, it is found that some units draw excessive current and others are not pulling their share. Unfortunately, this effect is amplified by the fact that the units which draw excessive current tend to become heated and draw even more current until they are overloaded. The effect is similar to that of "thermal runaway" in single transistor circuits, but is greatly increased in the parallel type of operation.
- (5) A second danger in parallel operation is that of catastrophic or chain reaction failure of an entire complement of transistors. If one transistor becomes overloaded and breaks down due to continuous high load or a transient effect, the load must be shared amongst the remaining units. The possibility exists and has been a source of difficulty in the past, of a chain of failures wiping out the entire transistor complement. Some manufacturers of transistor power units advise their customers that there is no means available of guarding against transient overload or chain reaction failure.

As a result of these difficulties, high power units have not been available to the communication industry.

Recently, however, following almost two years of research and development by Pylon Electronic Development Company Limited of Montreal such equipment is now available on a custom engineered basis. These power units completely overcome or circumvent the basic limitations outlined above, and there is no technical upper limit to the power capacity for which they can be engineered. These units are distinguished by the following exclusive features:

(1) Standard design input voltages are 24, 48, and 130 volts, D.C.



Figure 3. Power assembly model 206: this assembly accepts 48 volt battery input and provides outputs replacing 130 volt plate battery, 24 volt signalling battery and 24 volt talking battery. A.C. outputs provide 20 c/s ringing current (automatically timed 2 seconds "ON" 4 seconds "OFF") and 1000 c/s signalling tone. Full standby is incorporated on all outputs with automatic transfer.

- (2) The units have a maximum capacity of 190% of rated capacity.
- (3) The transistors cannot be damaged by accidental or deliberate overload, including short circuits.
- (4) Chain reaction failures are eliminated, failure of any transistor, either open or short, cannot in any way affect the life of the remaining transistors.
- (5) Transistors are fully guarded against transient voltage peaks by a method which is not subject to conceivable failure. Under these conditions, bearing in mind that modern power transistors never die but are murdered through misuse, it can be anticipated that transistor replacement problems should be vir-

tually eliminated during the service life of the equipment.

- (6) Transistor operation may be checked in service and units may be replaced without shutting the equipment down.
- (7) The cost of equipment in higher capacities is approximately 80 cents per watt of rated capacity, and for certain types of D.C. to D.C. converters may be as low as 50 cents per watt of rated capacity.

These units are a result of an entirely Canadian development which represents an outstanding achievement in electronics and users who install this equipment are pioneering a new type of power operation.

Silicone diodes - Continued from page 25

region should be as small as possible. Figure 2 shows the relation between the resistance in the breakdown region as a function of the current in the breakdown region for several devices with different breakdown voltages. The figure shows that the impedance varies anywhere from .3 ohms to about 30 ohms depending upon the current and voltage levels. In the case of a reverse biased diode it is the majority carriers that cause the current flow; thus it is not possible to conductivity modulate the resistivity in the vicinity of the junction. One would expect to be able to obtain resistances of the order of the bulk resistance of the device. The equation for the bulk resistance is given as

 $R = \frac{\rho 1}{A}$ where ρ is the resistivity of the more lightly

doped region, 1 is the thickness of the diode and A is the cross sectional area of the device. For the devices under consideration 1 = .02 cm and A = .01 cm², thus $R = 2\rho$. However, such low resistances are not seen in the experimental diode. The reason for this is based on the fact that the avalanche breakdown takes place through pulses of current of the order of 100 microamperes in regions having diameters of the order of 1 micron. These observations have been made by McKay and his colleagues. Thus the resistance in the breakdown region is due to the spreading resistances of these avalanche regions in parallel. The spreading resistance is approximately the resistivity divided by the diameter of an avalanche spot. The number of spots is approximately the current divided by 100 microamperes. Thus the resistance in the breakdown region, \mathbf{R}_{b} is given approximately by the resistivity expressed in ohm-cm divided by the current, 1, expressed in amperes. Typical examples are given as follows:

1.	V _b	$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{h}}$
100 ma	10 volts	0.1 ohm
100	56	5
20	56	25

From the above numbers and Figure 2 it is seen that most of the observed breakdown resistance is accounted for. Figure 3 gives another plot of the same data in a different form; the breakdown impedance versus the breakdown voltage for different current levels. A figure of merit for the regulation ability of these devices can be expressed as the fractional change in voltage divided by the fractional change in current. Figure 4 is a plot of the figure of merit for four different voltage diodes as a function of the power dissipation in the diode. It is observed that the figure of merit is approximately 0.01 for these devices. For gaseous regulator tubes the figure of merit is approximately 0.1 and thus the semiconductor devices can give much better regulation than the gas tubes.

Switching times

Another application of these breakdown diodes is their use in switching circuits. Instead of switching a diode from a forward conduction state to a high impedance reverse conduction state where one is troubled with hole storage transient one can switch from a high conductance breakdown condition to low conductance condition below the breakdown voltage. There is no hole storage phenomenon associated with this switching mechanism and the time associated with this mode of switching is limited only by the dielectric relaxation time of the semiconductor. This time is of the order of 10⁻¹⁰ seconds. Another way of calculating the switching time is to consider the drift time necessary to sweep out the carriers from the space charge region. The limiting velocity of carriers in the space charge region is approximately 107 cm per second and the width of the space charge region is of the order of 10⁻³ cm. Thus the drift time is of the order of 10⁻¹⁰ seconds. Reports on the use of such diodes have been given by Salzberg and his colleagues.

Conclusion

A review of the breakdown phenomenon has been given and the effect of the avalanche mechanism on the dynamic impedance in the breakdown region has been discussed. It is believed that diodes are now being made that approach the ultimate in low impedance in the breakdown region and high speed for switching in the breakdown region.

Electronics and Communications 5th Annual Directory and Buyers' Guide

Canada's established Buying Guide for the electronic and communications market. This Directory will be published in December 1958 to serve our readers and advertisers during the following twelve months.

Newsletter

Canadian Radio Technical Planning Board

Who's Who In The Planning Board No. 7 — Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario was founded in 1906 and endowed by the Power Commission Act of 1907 with authority to administer a co-operative enterprise, which includes the municipalities, to supply electric power throughout the province. It does this by generating and purchasing electricity and transmitting it over a province-wide network for re-sale by the associated municipal utilities. A second aspect of its function is direct service to some two hundred industrial customers, to rural areas and to a large part of northern Ontario.

Ontario Hydro supplies electricity at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound economic administration. It is also responsible for preserving the water powers of the province in the public interest.

The retail distribution systems are owned and operated by the municipal utilities which are administered by local hydro-electric commissions'. They exist in most cities and towns, many villages and certain township areas. Ontario Hydro is empowered to approve and control certain features of their operations, including their rate structures, accounting practices, financial actions, and capital construction. Each cost contract utility has an equity in the assets of Ontario Hydro to the extent of its contribution to the sinking fund, a levy which is included in Ontario Hydro's wholesale cost of power to them. For administrative purposes Ontario Hydro has subdivided the province into nine regions, each with a regional office.

Recent CRTPB Meetings

The Microwave Task Force on Communication System Parameters met in Toronto on August 27. Under discussion was the future area of work of the task force. It was decided first to investigate the overall system requirements for various services such as telephony, telegraphy, and television and then proceed to equipment requirements and measurements. A further meeting of this task force on October 7 dealt with radio spectrum use, performance of specific channels, and proposed methods of measurement.

The Executive Committee met in Toronto on October 6. A budget comparison for the nine months ended August 31 showed operating costs to be within \$38.00 of the budget for the period, which was considered to be very satisfactory. The cost of the monthly Newsletter was reflected in the printing and stationery account; actual expenses for the nine month period amounted to \$516.90 compared to the \$350.00 budget for twelve months. This situation was due to increased distribution of the Newsletter as requested by contributing sponsors.

President Pounsett reported on the meeting he and the General Co-ordinator, Ralph A. Hackbusch, had had

with DOT officials in Ottawa on October 1 to discuss possible CRTPB participation in the forthcoming CCIR-ITU conferences. It was pointed out to DOT that CRTPB was not in a position to render financial assistance in connection with Canadian representation at the conferences while DOT said that it would be unable to give financial assistance toward CRTPB representation. At the October 6 meeting the Executive Committee recommended that the General Co-ordinator set up a special committee to consider CCIR-ITU activities.

The status of a number of DOT specifications was discussed in detail.

It was reported that G. A. Muir, Chief Engineer, Manitoba Telephone System, had accepted the chairmanship of the newly formed Amortization Committee. Mr. Muir will, in effect, be chairman of all ad hoc committees which will be formed periodically to deal with amortization problems in connection with various specifications.

On October 22 the Executive Committee again met, this time to complete the draft revisions of the constitution which will be presented to the annual meeting in December for approval.

14th annual meeting

The 14th Annual Meeting of the CRTPB will be held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel, Salon "D", on Thursday, December 11, 1958 commencing at 9:30 a.m. Contributing sponsor representatives are urged to plan now to attend this important meeting. Hotel reservations should be made direct with the Chateau Laurier.

FCC permits private microwave links

The FCC in the United States recently ruled that station licensees may install their own private microwave links or use common carrier facilities. Previously, it was mandatory that common carrier facilities be used when available. Also, broadcasters who installed their own microwave links had to cease using them when common carrier facilities became available.

It is expected that this FCC ruling will benefit state educational television networks and commercial broadcasters who will now be able to join with other stations to produce programs of a type which they could not produce alone.

Frequency allocation chart available

Copies of the Canadian Radio Frequency Allocations Chart are available from the CRTPB Office at 50 cents each. Measuring 34 in. by 30 in., the chart is in full color, has a color key, table of frequency nomenclature, a colored band showing microwave absorption characteristics, and general explanatory notes on the frequency allocations.

This is the only chart available in Canada which shows the radio spectrum allocations, and is the best fifty cents' worth of data anybody connected with electronics can obtain.

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News Report

A monthly roundup of news and personnel changes in the Canadian electronics industry

IRE Toronto Convention declared "best yet"

Despite the setback caused by defense contract cancellations, Canada's \$500,000,000 electronics industry can look forward to renewed growth and expansion in the opinion of exhibitors and technical personnel who participated in the Institute of Radio Engineers 1958 Canadian Convention and Exposition.

New government radio links in Canada's northland, defense radar installations, and new applications of electronics to business and industry were among the reasons for confidence advanced by exhibitors and delegates. IRE officials, however, warned that commercial industry could not absorb all the electronics experts displaced by cancellation of the Sparrow contract.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of new electronic equipment, products and components was displayed in the IRE Exposition covering the spacious floor of the CNE's Automotive Building. With registration of technical personnel at the Convention up several hundred over last year, commercial exhibitors expressed satisfaction with the results of their participation. General opinion among exhibitors was summed up by D. Provan, Canadian representative of General Radio Co., Cambridge, Mass. He reported that "this year has brought more serious queries from people approaching our booth and many appear to have a definite program in mind. We are quite happy with the results of the show.'

The effects of the build-up of two previous Conventions were also noted by exhibitors. G. E. McCurdy, president of McCurdy Radio Industries Ltd., Toronto, suggested that it had made an important contribution to the success of this year's Exposition, which he described as "the best yet".

The IRE award for the outstanding Canadian electronic product developed during 1958 was presented during the Convention Banquet to R. Wilton of Bach-Simpson Limited. The prize-winning product was a new oscilloscope which the London company put on the market in February.

At the close of the Convention it was announced that Eric L. Palin will succeed Dr. George Sinclair as Chairman of the IRE's Executive Committee responsible for Convention planning. Mr. Palin is Administra-

Slaves - robots or engineers Swinton asks IRE members

tive Assistant to the Principal, Ryerson Institute of Technology, Toronto.

Too much emphasis on guided missiles and not enough on guided thinking was the main thought behind Kurt R. Swinton's talk at the Institute of Radio Engineers' 1958 Convention banquet recently in the Royal York hotel, Toronto.

Speaking as an engineer, Mr. Swinton, who is vice-president of Encyclopaedia Britannica of Canada, suggested that almost everything is possible through electronics, including chaos. The key to the control of nature is now via electronics — a woman married to a radio engineer could in all seriousness claim that she had married a superman, he pointed out.

Tracing the world's scientific progress through the "childish optimism of the 19th century" and its appreciation of a mechanical model of the universe — as opposed to a spiritual one — the speaker said the main event of this century was the Henry Ford principle of mass production. Because scientific progress had not philosophically integrated with social changes, we now find ourselves working with 18th and 19th century ideas in the middle of the 20th century.

"If the 19th century saw the death of God, the 20th century may well see the death of man as an individual," he warned.

"Man is puzzled nowadays", said Mr. Swinton, "when he seeks for the symbol of authority. When even the authority of the Church is questioned, man finds himself led by an amorphous anonymous authority, largely represented by the term 'conformity'. Radio engineers greatly helped to bring about this situation by making mass media available — seventy million people saw Eisenhower explain the latest trip to the brink."

Referring to the further danger of brainwashing, Mr. Swinton quoted Norbert Wiener's sensational 'feedback' principle by which behavior



KURT R. SWINTON

of the public can be modified by surveys scientifically analyzed.

All the great threats to our world civilization are recognized by society, but society itself cannot avert the dangers if the individual is overlooked, concluded Mr. Swinton. To admire the institutions of government, education and science instead of recognizing the individuals who compose them, tends to produce a routine world instead of a creative core of people. Society by its attitude toward the creative person can actively insure its own constant invigoration and regeneration.



Canadian university engineering students who this year won the all-expense trips to the Canadian IRE Exposition and Convention sponsored by the IRE are shown above. They are: Fred Schrack, UBC; Gary Jopling, Institute of Technology and Art, Calgary; Peter Kupin, University of Alberta; Norman Reid, University of Saskatchewan; Robert Long, Ryerson Institute of Technology; Blake Cherrington, University of Toronto; Robert Gelineau. University of Ottawa; and Jules Delisle. Laval University.



Head table quests at the 1958 IRE Convention banquet are shown above. From left to right they are: Donald G. Fink, president of the IRE; A. B. Oxley. Director Region 8, IRE: F. H. R. Pounset. president. Canadian Radio Technical Planning Board; Dr. George Sinclair. general chairman, IRE Convention executive committee; His Worship the Mayor of Toronto. Nathan Phillips; Lt. Col. Kurt R. Swinton, banquet speaker; Professor G. F. Tracy. Dr. B. G. Ballard vice-president scientific. National Research Council: and W. H. Jeffrey. president Electronic Industries Association of Canada.

Donald Fink Re-affirms Remarks

Mr. Donald G. Fink, IRE President, met with the IRE Toronto Section Executive for luncheon and a roundtable discussion following the recent IRE Convention.

One of Mr. Fink's stated policies during his term of office is to visit as many of the IRE Sections as possible.



DONALD G. FINK

This meeting with the Toronto Section now completes over 50 per cent of his visits to Canadian Sections.

Mr. Fink amplified some of the points he made in his official opening address for the IRE Canadian Convention. He stressed that we must not bring pressure to move towards cheapening the technical quality of the IRE Proceedings. The addition of one or two review or tutorial papers for each issue is a move which is presently being studied. In radio and electronics where a stable technology has not been achieved it is essential that the Proceedings provide current working tools for specialists and as such it is not unreasonable that many members would find "a large number of unreadable papers". Mr. Fink pointed out that one of the ways in which he tries to put this across at mixed gatherings is to speak specifically to engineers' wives, pointing out that they must not encourage the destruction of Proceedings but rather champion their retention by telling the engineer of the house that five years later he may be able to understand them.

A specific example was pointed out in relation to Armstrong's Wideband FM System which was published in 1935 and which was taken by many at that time to be a "crackpot" approach.

Mr. Fink also pointed out the urgent requirement for advancement of engineering curricula in the basic areas of mathematics, physics and information theory. For too long now, "the electronics engineering curricula has been dominated by the existing style of planning in the conservative, stable technologies of Civil and Mechanical Engineering."

The Lighter Side

On the last day of the IRE Show in Toronto recently, when the public was admitted, a small boy was seen at the U.S. exhibit listening to the recording of the countdown of the U.S. Explorer satellite when it was fired from Cape Caneveral. He was overheard to synchronise his treble voice with the solemn voice of the announcer-"... five, four, three, two, one--BLAST OFF --- and there goes Mighty Mouse!"

There was also the beautiful young thing who, on passing the lecture hall labelled "Pulse Room," in which papers on medical electronics were being presented, said to her escort, "John, let's go in and get our pulses taken—maybe we can give a pint of blood."

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A man looking at the radar screen of the weather, transmitted by relay from the radar scanner at Malton Airport to the roof of the IRE Show building, was heard to say, "Look Joan, those dark shadows are rain clouds around the building. We'd better stay indoors until it stops."

It was a beautiful autumn afternoon outside, blue sky and an horizon studded with white cumulus.



ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS, October, 1958

Milton J. Stark visits Orient electronics industry

With the object of seeing first hand some of the startling product developments of the Orient's electronics industry, Milton J. Stark of Stark Electronics Instruments Limited, Ajax, Ontario, recently completed a tour of the Japanese and Indian industries as part of an itinerary which took him from Vancouver to Tokyo, Bombay, Israel, France, England and back to Canada.

In an interview with Electronics and Communications Mr. Stark pointed out some statistics and characteristics of the electronics industry in the far east where in Tokyo, for instance, no less than 500 businesses crammed into a two city block area comprise Tokyo's famed Radio Row known as Akihabara and where any desired radio part may be purchased from the out door street stalls in true "Orient bazaar" fashion. In contrast to this mode of business however one wholesaler operating from modern premises employs no less than 80 salesmen who ring up an annual sales volume in excess of \$12,000,000.



Typical of the outdoor radio stores in Tokyo's "Akihabara" is the above stall specializing in the sale of radio tubes.

In contrast to the concentration of the Japanese industry the Indian electronics business is more widespread among the larger cities. In Delhi, for instance, in the Bhagirath Palace area there is estimated to be in the neighborhood of 50 to 60 electronic shops where the turnover of a dealer may be from 20,000 dollars annually to 400,000 dollars annually.

Unlike the Japanese industry which manufactures many components the Indian industry imports from England, Germany, Italy, Japan and recently has imported some equipment from China and Hungary.

Toronto Section, IRE announces 1958-1959 officers

The Toronto Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers has recently completed its organization for the coming season's technical and social meetings. As heretofore, Monday night will be IRE night in Toronto.

Elected officers for the 1958/59 season are: Chairman — H. F. Shoemaker, Radio College of Canada; Vice-chairman — R. J. A. Turner, Philips Electronics Industries Ltd.; Secretary-treasurer — K. MacKenzie. McCurdy Radio Industries Ltd.

Recently appointed standing committee chairmen are: Meetings and Papers - G. T. Quigley, Philips Electronics Industries Ltd.; Membership - W. H. Anderson, P.Eng., Ryerson Institute of Technology; F. A. Ford, P.Eng., Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd.; Entertainment — A. H. Secord, P.Eng., Sinclair Radio Labs. Ltd.; Education - C. R. Oakes, University of Toronto; University of Toronto Student Branch Representative - Dr. J. L. Yen, University of Toronto; Ryerson Institute Student Associate Branch Representative - E. L. Kerridge, Ryerson Institute of Technology; Section Editor, Region 8 Publication - G. G. Armitage, Rogers **Electronics** Tubes.

Complete supper meeting and technical program details will be announced when available.

E. E. Whittaker opens Central Ontario branch

Announcement is made by E. E. Whittaker, electronic manufacturers' representative, of P.O. Box 3255, Arnprior, Ontario, of the opening of a Central Ontario branch office at Dundas, Ontario. This branch office is intended to serve the industry in the general area of Toronto, Hamilton and Kitchener for the purpose of furnishing information regarding technical details and price and delivery data on quotations or orders.

The new branch office will be under the management of J. (Jim) F. Scammell, who is a graduate of Ryerson Institute of Technology. Mr. Scammell has had several years of experience with Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd. on the Pinetree project. Immediately prior to joining Mr. Whittaker's organization, he was with the Canadian Westinghouse Co. Limited, Electronics Division, Air Armament Department.

Correspondence and telephone calls for the Dundas Branch office should be routed to: E. E. Whittaker, 12 Glenmorris Drive, Dundas, Ontario.

L. B. Kiely vice-president of Zenith of Canada

Lloyd B. Kiely has been elected vice-president by the board of directors of Zenith Radio Corporation of Canada, Ltd., as announced by Hugh Robertson, president.

Mr. Kiely joined Zenith of Canada early in 1958 as general manager of



the radio-TV-electronics division. From headquarters now set up in Toronto, the organization handles sales of Zenith radios, television receivers, stereophonic high-fidelity instruments

and phonographs to independent Canadian distributors in the provinces of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia and to dealers in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Previously, Zenith hearing aids were the only product distributed in the Dominion by the Canadian corporation, Mr. Robertson said.

New head office location for Northern Electric Co.

The Northern Electric Company Limited have announced that the head office of the company is now located in The Northern Building, 1600 Dorchester Street West, Montreal.

TV manufacturers sponsor service course

The first industry-sponsored television servicing night-school course in Canada for technical and vocational schools started at the Ryerson Institute of Technology in Toronto on October 15. It is sponsored by the television manufacturers through the Electronic Industries Association of Canada.

For practicing television service technicians, this advanced upgrading course will enable technicians to learn the latest servicing theories and techniques. Some of the workbench test equipment has been supplied by members of the Electronic Industries Association of Canada. Technicians who pass the final examinations will be awarded an industry-recognized certificate of proficiency.

The course, of sixteen weeks' duration — two nights a week — will be extended to cities and towns across Canada next year through the formation of local industry advisory groups working in co-operation with local boards of education.

Union Carbide Canada changes Polyethylene marketing

Effective immediately, marketing responsibilities for Thermoplastic products, including Polyethylene and Polystyrene, formerly sold by Bakelite Company, Division of Union Carbide Canada Limited, are being transferred to the Carbide Chemicals Company Division, according to an announcement by F. Perry Wilson, Vice-President of Union Carbide Canada Ltd.

Bakelite Company will continue to market Thermosetting products including phenolics, silicones and epoxy resins.

"Designed to improve customer service, the move integrates sales with the Division responsible for the manufacture of the product, thus permitting greater efficiency in the developing and marketing of new applications and materials", Mr. Wilson stated.



W. S. Berry A.

A. A. Allan, Jr. concerned with

Personnel formerly concerned with the marketing of Thermoplastic products in Bakelite Company are continuing in the same capacity with Carbide Chemicals Company. A. A. Allan, Jr., has been appointed Sales Manager — Plastics for the latter firm, a position he previously held in the Bakelite group. W. S. Berry assumes the position of Sales Manager for Bakelite Company, with responsibility for the marketing of Thermosetting plastics. Both will continue to make their headquarters at 40 St. Clair Avenue East in Toronto.

Also contained in Mr. Wilson's announcement is a statement to the effect that "Bakelite" Polyethylene will in future be marketed under the trade name "Union Carbide" Polyethylene.

Change of address for J. W. Ellis Industries

Effective September 25, 1958, The J. W. Ellis Industries, formerly at 42 Lombard St., Toronto, Ontario, moved to new, larger and more convenient premises occupying the whole main floor of 80 Richmond Street East, Toronto 1. The new location is half a block east and one block north of the previous address.

The telephone number remains unchanged — EMpire 6-1434.

US. firm seeks Canadian representation

General Devices, Inc. of Princeton, N.J., who design, develop and produce multichannel, electronic and mechanical switches, data handling and telemetering systems, and other equipment suited for multichannel instrumentation, is in the process of securing additional representation, particularly in the United States and Canada, and welcomes inquiries from interested manufacturer's agents.

Upgradings in membership announced by Toronto IRE

H. F. Shoemaker, chairman of the Toronto Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers announces recent upgradings in Section Membership. Upgradings through Student, Associate, Full Member to Senior Member result from demonstrated experience in radio engineering or allied fields.

G. T. Quigley, Philips Electronics Industries Ltd., now qualifies as a Senior Member, while the following have been promoted to Members: A. G. Breckenridge, Philips Electronics Industries Ltd.; C. J. Brown, Canadian General Electric Company Ltd.; J. H. N. Denyer, Canadian Aviation Electronics Ltd.; A. G. Dodge, Canadian Arsenals Limited; H. B. Dulmage. Collins Radio of Canada Ltd.; T. G. Gracey, The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada; H. E. Graham, Ted Graham Appliances; J. L. Jordan, North York Hydro; R. D. Leask, International Nickel Co. of Canada Ltd.; and W. B. Pugh, Cannon Electric Canada Ltd.

Fellow grade is awarded as an honor of recognition to those who have made outstanding contributions to the science of technology of radio or allied fields. At present the Toronto Section has six Fellows on its roll.

The grade of Senior Member, open to Professional Engineers and Scientists of considerable achievement in radio or allied fields, is the highest grade for which application may be made.

The grade of Member is provided for the Professional Engineer and others who do not fully meet all the requirements of the Senior Member grade.

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Head table guests at the recent annual golf tournament of the Electronic Industries Association of Canada are shown above being introduced. They are, from left to right: E. W. Leaver, EIA Vice-President and Chairman of the Electronics Division; J. Key, EIA Vice-President and Chairman of the Components Division; R. M. Robinson, EIA President; C. D. Murdock, Chairman, 1958 EIA-IRE Golf Tournament Committee; H. Shoemaker, Chairman, Toronto Section, Institute of Radio Engineers; E. A. Thomas, Chairman, Hamilton Section, Institute of Radio Engineers; S. B. Brownlee, EIA Vice-President and Chairman of the Receiver Division; and F. W. Radcliffe, EIA General Manager.

EIA-IRE golf tournament well attended

The fairways of the Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club again survived the joint attack of EIA and Institute of Radio Engineers' members on September 25. Over a hundred golfers took part in this annual event and nearly two hundred people sat down to the dinner in the evening. After dinner, the presentation of the frophies took place together with the award of many lucky draw prizes which had been generously donated by member-companies of EIA.

Photographic Survey Corp. adds to directorate

Announcement was recently made by Douglas N. Kendall, vice-president of Hunting Associates Limited. of the appointment to the board of directors of The Photographic Survey Corporation Limited of E. W. I. Keenleyside.

Mr. Keenleyside has been with The Photographic Survey Corporation since 1948. and for the past eight years has been the Ottawa representative of Hunting Associates Limited of which The Photographic Survey Corp. is a member.

Philips Electronics represent Julie Research Labs

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Automatic Electric appointment

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Mr. Stewart is a graduate of the School of Electronics, Ryerson Institute of Technology and, after sales and technical experience with other firms, headed up the Radio Section of Head Office Carrier and Radio Sales for Automatic Electric.

Defense contracts awarded to Canadian firms

A list of unclassified defense contracts for \$10,000 or more awarded to Canadian firms by the Department of Defense Production, Ottawa, during the first half of September included 68 contracts with a total value of \$4,872,477. The contracts covered such items as fuel oil, clothing, ammu nition, aircraft navigation equipment. coal. and medical supplies. nents for electrical control purposes. Now, instead of taking the compo-

nents off the telephone equipment production line, products for industrial use will be engineered, manufactured and assembled in the Industrial Products Division. The company expect their new, self-contained facilities will greatly increase the supply of the entire range of these devices for industrial applications.

The products will be distributed in Canada by Automatic Electric Sales (Canada) Limited, Toronto, through their sales offices in principal cities.

During the same period six contracts for \$10,000 or more amounting in total to \$763,144, were placed by Defense Construction (1951) Limited.

The combined value of contracts for \$10,000 or more placed by both the Department of Defense Production and Defense Construction (1951) Limited, totals \$5.635,621.

EIA and IRE hold radio fall meeting

The Thirtieth Radio Fall Meeting. sponsored by the EIA (Electronic Industries Association) Engineering De partment with participation by IRE professional groups, convened in the Sheraton Hotel, Rochester, N.Y., from October 27 to 29 inclusive.

The program included sessions on such subjects as engineering management, component parts panel reorganization, "Let's Speak English—Standards or Specifications," quality improvement and reliability, radio and television (broadcast receivers and TV receivers), and electron devices (tubes and transistors).

Social events were arranged by courtesy of the Sprague Electric Company and the Stackpole Carbon Company.

The Radio Fall Meeting Dunner, held on Tuesday, October 28, had as its guest speaker, D. R. Hull, president of the Electronic Industries Association, whose subject was "Engineering Maturity."
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Toronto section, IRE plan busy agenda for November meeting

A meeting of the Institute of Radio Engineers will be held on Monday evening, November 3, at 8 p.m. in the Bell Telephone Equipment building at 15 Asquith Avenue, Toronto (Bloor-Yonge).

Representatives of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada will provide an individually guided tour of facilities in the recent addition to their Asquith building. New equipment was recently cut into service there as a direct result of the increased space demands for Toronto's direct distance dialling equipment.

Technical Personnel will be on hand to answer specialized questions.

Robert C. Poulter, P.Eng. will address the supper meeting of the Institute of Radio Engineers, Toronto Section, at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 3, at Hart House. He will give an illustrated talk on "Mexico, the Land of Contrast". He will show colored slides taken during his visit to Mexico in the spring of 1958 and will make some remarks about the history of Mexico and its early Aztec culture.



Montreal hi-fi exposition

The annual hi-fi exposition sponsored by the Dominion High Fidelity Association will take place in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, from October 29 to November 1, inclusive. Last year's show was held in Toronto.

R. C. Kahnert, association president, says that plans for this year's exhibition have been most extensive and that a number of new and interesting developments in the high fidelity music field will be on view at the show.

Forty-three exhibitors have booked 57 salons and rooms to demonstrate their wares and answer questions on high fidelity music. The exhibition will be officially opened at 6 p.m. on October 29 and will remain open from 1 to 10 p.m. on the subsequent three days.

Two prominent British hi-fi specialists will be among the many experts on hand at the exposition. R. Merrick, managing director of the British Ferrograph Recorder Company will visit the show prior to undertaking a series of TV broadcasts with the CBC. The second visitor, Harold Leak, also from England, managing director and design engineer of the audio amplifier which bears his name, will present a series of lectures in Canada and will be on hand at the show for informal chats in connection with the exhibit of his amplifiers.

APPOINTMENT



E. H. Hayes, who has been appointed director of planning, reporting to A. B. Hunt, general manager of the research and development laboratories of Northern Electric Company Limited. A graduate of the University of New Brunswick, where he took the degree of B.Sc. Electrical Engineering in 1928, Mr. Hayes joined Northern Electric upon graduation.





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CDC supply data processing system for RCAF Station

A contract for design and construction of a multi-location weapons system range data processing system for the Cold Lake RCAF Station, Grand Centre, Alberta, has been awarded to Computing Devices of Canada Limited, and Epsco Incorporated. CDC is the Canadian representative of the U.S. electronics firm.

The system is initially intended for use in forthcoming trials of the Sparrow II air-to-air missile and the CF-105 Arrow.

Some of the equipment is to be installed at Cold Lake, the rest at adjacent Primrose Lake. Test flight data is to be gathered at the Primrose Lake Primary Data Collection facility and relayed via a radio pulse code modulation link to the data processing installation at Cold Lake.

Housed in 18 racks, the equipment includes two Epsco high speed reversible analog-to-digital converters, ten of Epsco's Model FM-102 dual channel discriminators and a DR-704 digital computer format tape recording system.

Other equipment includes over 120 precision bandpass and lowpass filter units, several PDM-to-voltage converters, electronic multiplexers and a Time Code Translator Unit. Self-correction for errors in the analog tape mechanisms is provided by Epsco velocity deviation detectors.

Total value of the equipment to be installed is understood to be in excess of \$600,000.

Lake Engineering represents Transistor Electronics

Lake Engineering Co. Ltd., has been named the Canadian manufacturer's



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Lake Engineering has its headquarters at 767 Warden Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario. General manager A. Ain-

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P. J. Casella promoted to top U.S. post

The appointment of P. J. Casella, president, RCA Victor Company, Ltd. as executive vice-president of the Radio Corporation of America was recently announced by the Radio Corporation of America.

Mr. Casella will be responsible for the activities of the RCA Victor TV



Division, the RCA Victor Radio and "Victrola" Division and the RCA Victor Record Division. In addition to his new d u t i e s M r. Casella will continue as president of RCA Victor

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Mr. Casella has been president of RCA Victor Company, Ltd. since 1956 and prior to that was vice-president of the company's distribution operations. Later he was vice-president of consumer products which entailed development, production and sales of consumer products. Mr. Casella also served as managing director of the RCA Italian subsidiary.

RCA of Canada handles Keleket X-ray services

Malvern Gross, vice-president of Keleket X-Ray Corp. announced recently that as of October 3, RCA Victor Company, Ltd. of Montreal, Canada, would be the firm's exclusive sales and service agent throughout Canada.

RCA operates one of the largest electrical and electronic organizations in the western hemisphere and is active in installation and service of such complex equipment as radio and TV stations, radar stations, etc., and such fine medical equipment as electron microscopes.

Keleket is the pioneer firm in the X-ray industry in the western hemisphere having engaged in design and manufacture of X-ray equipment for radiologists and hospitals since 1900.

Key members of the RCA organization have just completed an intensive training course in the use and service of X-ray apparatus at the ultra modern Keleket plant in Waltham. Massachusetts, and are the nucleus of a staff which will operate through RCA's offices across Canada in Halifax. Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, London, Sudbury, Winnipeg, Calgary. Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria.



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the company's new operation in Europe.

Richard Matthews, a native of Canada, received his B.A. and B.S. degrees from Regina College and the University of Saskatchewan. He has had extensive experience in the field of communication and electronics, and is a registered professional engineer in the Province of Ontario. He also is a senior member of the IRE and a member of AIEE.

December meeting of Toronto Section, IRE

The next meeting of the Institute of Radio Engineers will be held on Monday evening December 8, at 8:30 p.m. in Room 252 of the Mechanical Building, University of Toronto. Dr. T. R. Hartz, Defence Research Board, will present "Measurements on Solar Corpuscles and their Relation to Ionospheric Storms".

Dr. Donald A. MacRae, Professor of Astronomy at the David-Dunlap Observatory, University of Toronto, will speak at the 6:00 p.m. Supper Meeting at Hart House. He will give an illustrated talk on his impressions of Russia received while attending the International Astronomical Union Assembly in Moscow during August 1958.

Toronto engineering student wins APEO scholarship

An 18-year-old graduate of Vaughan Road Collegiate, Toronto, Norman Marvin Kerbel, has been awarded the \$500 scholarship presented by the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario.

The scholarship, awarded alternately to students entering the University of Toronto or Queen's University, Kingston, is presented to the student entering university to take a course in engineering with the highest academic standing in Grade XIII.

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The special committee that had been set up to select the award winner was comprised of the following: II. Ross Smyth of the National Research Council; Eric Robinson of the National Research Council; George Glinski, Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Ottawa; Ross Freeman of Computing Devices of Canada Ltd. and Jim MacKay of the Department of Transport. This is the first occasion on which this award has been presented.

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Canadian Westinghouse designs defense operations equipment

A Canadian-developed system for long-range communications will provide a vital link in U.S. continental defense operations. The system super-high frequency "scatter" communications equipment that sends signals far beyond the horizon — has been developed and perfected by Canadian Westinghouse electronics engineers.

Initial use of the system will be in the establishment and testing of ground control to guide the advanced U.S. Bomarc "B" ground-to-air supersonic missile, according to W. J. Cheesman, manager of the Canadian Westinghouse electronics division at Hamilton.

Mr. Cheesman said the company has received an order for multi-channel voice and radar equipment to be installed as part of the ground control system. The order is part of a \$10 million contract awarded the Westinghouse Electric Corporation in the U.S. by Boeing Airplane Company, prime contractor for the U.S. Air Force on the Bomarc project.

Essence of the new "scatter" technique it employs is that when a very powerful signal is beamed toward the horizon, some of its power is scattered to earth hundreds of miles distant. Signals reach around the curvature of the earth in much the same manner that the glow of oncoming headlights is seen over a hill.

Canadian Westinghouse has also received a second U.S. order for its scatter communications equipment, it was disclosed. Slated for the U.S. Air Force, it will go into service in a tactical system capable of transmitting and receiving 48 voice conversations simultaneously.

Canadian technical services for powder metallurgy

For the first time, industry in this country has available from a Canadian source, technical and research services specifically organized to deal with powder metallurgy. These are being provided through the research division of Metal Atomizing & Processing Corporation Limited, whose executive offices are at 25 Adelaide Street West, Toronto.

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The Ontario Fire College radio station is the control unit for the Muskoka district mutual fire aid program. This program, established by Ontario Fire Marshal W. J. Scott, consists of a radio hook-up among neighboring fire departments so that when one department needs assistance, or advice, they have immediate contact with other departments in the district.

The Ontario Fire College erected a 200-foot steel tower atop a high hill overlooking the 92 acres of land occupied by the College. At the base is located the 250 watt G-E transmitter. Mounted on the top of the tower is a high-gain antenna which boosts the effective radiated power to 1,000 watts. A remote control unit is located 1,300 feet away in the main administration building, where D. E. Barrett, B.A., director of the college, sends and receives messages from his staff as they operate various apparatus.

Mr. Barrett makes the following comment on the purpose of the college: "Mobile radio forms a link between headquarters and the fire trucks operating at a fire. In turn, they provide a means of communication between the chief fire officer at the scene and the various pieces of apparatus under his command."

CNT purchases Yukon Telephone Co.

Acquisition of the Yukon Telephone Company by Canadian National Telegraphs was announced recently by John R. White, general manager, Canadian National Communications. The price was not disclosed.

Canadian National Telegraphs will now take over operation of the Yukon Telephone Company's exchanges at Whitehorse, Keno and Mayo.

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The conference was held in Montreal at the invitation of Northern Electric Company Limited and a number of plant tours were organized for the delegates.

Syndicated Films appointment

Graham R. Hampson, has been appointed operations manager at Syndicated Film Services Ltd., 103 Church Street.

In addition to his technical and production duties Mr. Hampson takes over as executive assistant to Mr. Pat Clever, Syndicated president.

Mr. Hampson, who has had several years' experience in film editing, lab operations and TV production, was formerly with S. W. Caldwell and Sponsor Film Services, in Toronto.

His appointment marks one of the first steps in Syndicated's plans for consolidation of their operations and departments.

Heath Company official wins award

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Book Review

Theory of Electrical Machines by W. S. Wood, B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E., Lecturer in Electrical Machinery, Royal College of Science and Technology, Glasgow, Scotland.

This book provides a complete text in electrical machines suitable for final - year electrical engineering students. It treats the subject in a general fashion without depart-ing from the conventional methods of analysis employing equivalent circuits and vector diagrams. Though little attention has been paid to constructional detail and to pure design problems, an appendix on the funda-mentals of design has been included, as such fundamentals have a contribution to make towards the understanding of electrical ma-chines. M.K.S. units have been used.

Theory Of Electrical Machines is published by Butterworth & Co. (Canada) Ltd., 1367 Danforth Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario, con-tains 317 pages, hard cover bound, price \$10.00.

An Introduction To Automatic Computers by Ned Chapin, Systems Analyst, Stanford Research Institute.

For the business man. accountant, systems engineer who wants a quick, sure understanding of the profitable use of an automatic computer, this clearly written guide by a noted authority will give the reader all

by a noted authority will give the reader all the basic facts he needs. It answers such perplexing questions as: What is an automatic computer? What can it do? How does it function? How is it pro-grammed and operated? How are computer applications prepared? How are they evalu-ated? How can the need for a computer be pinpointed? How can its use be justified? To know whether an automatic computer can be profitably used in one's business, the computer's functions, uses and limitations must be thoroughly understood. This book is intended to convey just such knowledge and

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An Introduction To Automatic Computers is published by D. Van Nostrand Company (Canada) Limited, 25 Hollinger Road, Toronto 16, Ontario, contains 525 pages, hard cover bound, price \$7.50.

Electric Machinery—A Coordinated Presen-tation of A-C and D-C Machines by Clifford C. Carr, E.E., Chairman of Curriculum and Head of Department of Electrical Engineering, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Written by an author who has been teaching electric machines as an integrated subject many years, this book provides a for ordinated one-volume presentation of electric machinery. It includes transformers as well as both direct — and alternating — current machines

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to all electric machines, such as types of windings, voltage relations, magnetic-field relations, energy losses, energy flow, effi-clency, ratings, and basic torque relations. The remainder of the book deals with the application of these basic principles and relations to the detailed analysis of the per-formance of the different types of machines.

Electric Machinery is published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N.Y., contains 537 pages, hard cover bound, price \$9.25.

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Elementary Statistical Physics by C. Kittel, Professor of Physics, University of California, Berkeley, California.

This book is a fundamental and modern treatment of statistical mechanics, including stochastic processes and transport theory. Throughout the presentation, the Gibbs method of ensembles is used, with detailed discussions of its applications.

In its coverage of a wide range of important applications of statistical physics, the work considers kinetic methods, the principles of detailed balance, the Boltzmann transport equation, thermal noise, and the thermodynamics of irreversible processes and fluctuations. Mention is also made of negative temperature, magnetic energy, density matrix methods, and the Kramers-Kronig causality relations.

Problems and examples are given which are applicable to many scientific fields nuclear physics, electrical engineering, solid state physics, metallurgy, and chemistry and are presented in a simple, clear, and understandable manner.

Elementary Statistical Physics is published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, N.Y., contains 228 pages, hard cover bound, price \$8,00.

Magnetic Recording Techniques by W. Earl Stewart, Chief Product Engineer, The Standard Register Company.

Here is a practical guide to the technology of magnetic recording methods and devices, for engineers and technicians concerned with their use in audio, video, communications, automation, computer, and other fields. Principles of the recording and reproducing processes; recording materials, including the theory of ferromagnetism; recording mechanisms; and established standards are all discussed at a realistic engineering level. The reader will find an orderly, easy-tounderstand development of design techniques for the various elements of magnetic recording systems. Included are definitions, tables, derivations of important formulas, and practical test circuits.

This treatment emphasizes the fundamentals needed to attain good performance in many new and opening fields of application. The author discusses the recording and reproducing functions separately to simplify the reader's understanding of the effect each has on the recording media and on the overall performance. Many recent developments are covered, including new formulas for magnetic oxide coatings. There are also sections on some of the lesser-known types of recording, such as boundary recording (computer memory work), the Factrol system (automation), flux-sensitive heads (special applications), transistor circuits, and TV recording.

Magnetic Recording Techniques is published by McGraw-Hill Company of Canada Limited, 253 Spadina Road, Toronto 4, Ontario, contains 272 pages, hard cover bound, price \$9.80.

Principles And Applications Of Random Noise Theory by Julius S. Bendat, Ph.D., Member of the Senior Staff, The Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation, Los Angeles, California, and Lecturer in Mathematics, University of Southern California.

The presentation includes discussions on probability theory, random noise analysis, random processes, engineering systems, correlation functions, power spectral density functions, and optimum filters. A great deal of the material relative to power spectra, optimum prediction and filter theory, analog computer techniques, detailed statistical error analysis for correlation measurements, advanced optimum time-variable designs, and the zero-crossing problem appears for the first time in book form.

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The cancellation of the Arrow Weapon System is now 'old hat' but its impact on the Canadian electronics industry will be sorely felt for some time to come. To be philosophical in a business sense about this matter, one may rationalize and claim with a reasonable degree of soundness that the Arrow Weapon System was not the 'be all and end all' of the Canadian electronics industry, but there is a deeper significance to the cancellation of this contract than can be measured with dollars and cents. More significant than the dollars and cents that are involved in the cancellation of this project is the disruption that will take place in the engineering and scientific complex that has been built up or that was in progress of being built up to handle this project but which now stands in jeopardy of being scattered to the four winds. This is not the first time this tragedy has befallen the Canadian electronics industry in the past few years and one wonders, with justification, how many more flops of a similar nature the industry can afford to absorb on behalf of the government.

This aspect of the situation is aptly treated in a letter to the Prime Minister which was made public on the occasion of the annual golf tournament and dinner of the Electronic Industries Association of Canada held recently in Toronto. The letter signed by R. M. Robinson, president of the Association, reads as follows:

Rt. Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada, Ottawa

Sir:

In view of the pending Government decision regarding the future of the Arrow Weapon System, we urgently request your consideration of the following significant implications which this important program has for the Canadian Electronics Industry.

Our industry, which consists of over 100 manufacturers of electronic equipment and components, employs 25,000 Canadians in engineering and production and supports an additional 25,000 in distribution, maintenance and service. Employment in this industry is down approximately 20 per cent over 1957 and indications are for continued reduction in this area.

The Electronics Industry, while attempting to reverse this trend through the normal growth of consumer and industrial markets requires in addition continued participation in major defense programs. These enable us to keep abreast of rapidly advancing technological progress and to retain the scientific and engineering personnel and facilities on which the industry depends for development of new products for domestic and foreign markets.

Military systems for ground, sea, or air defense, are becoming predominantly electronic and increasingly complex in nature. To meet this challenge and to fulfill these future defense system requirements, Canada's electronics industry must be strong, competent and self-sufficient. Scientific and engineering capabilities necessary to plan, develop and produce or even to operate and maintain these complex equipments, must be supported and continually utilized if this industry is to be prepared to play its vital role in any national emergency.

The Arrow Weapon System Program can provide in the immediate future the necessary Canadian defense electronic capability and continued employment of essential Canadian scientific and engineering personnel.

This program has been planned by the Government to retain a major share of the dollar expenditures in Canada, and to spread widely within Canadian industry the knowledge and experience not previously available in this country. Highly skilled teams of engineers and management personnel have already been assembled in many Canadian companies and the planned transition from a predominantly United States Program to a comprehensive Canadian Program is well under way.

It is our considered opinion therefore that the Arrow Weapon System Program is vital to the future of the whole Electronics Industry and in particular to its ability to satisfy future defense needs. It will provide increasing employment, a new competence and self-sufficiency in the handling of major Defense Electronic Systems, and provides the challenge and opportunity for large numbers of Canadian engineers and scientists who might otherwise be irretrievably lost to the Industry and to the Country. Our industry is prepared to demonstrate its growing capability and to provide equipment and services of the required quality and performance, and at a cost which will result in a minimum of net public expenditure.

Our Government Liaison Committee will welcome any opportunity for more detailed discussion of this important subject.

> Respectfully, (Signed) R. M. Robinson President

It will be observed from the tense of the foregoing communication that it was written prior to what we now look upon as the final government decision regarding the Avro Arrow and its weapon system.

Although the government has promised to review the carrying through of the Avro Arrow program as of next March, it is pretty well taken for granted that this promise is but part of the well known government routine of administering slow death rather than killing outright. In other words, it is a six or seven month reprieve granted by the government on behalf of its own defense just in case someone should turn up with the ability to prove to our defense authorities that the day of the manned interceptor is not now and will not be for many years to come obsolescent. Costly, yes, but not obsolescent. Until such times as we are able to construct a guided missile with the inherent ability and intelligence to discriminate between friend and foe and return itself to its launching pad without the necessity of having to blow its costly "inards" to bits then so long will it be necessary for us to have manned interceptors both from a strategic and an economic point of view.



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