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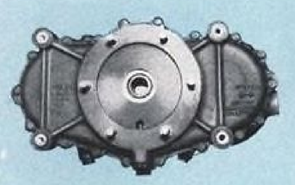

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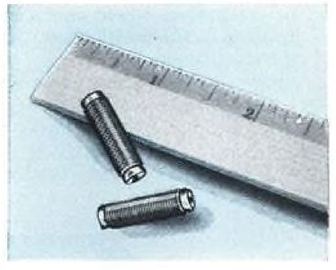

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June 17—Second Annual Air Show, sponsored by Post 1920 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Burlington Flying Service, Inc., Municipal Airport, Burlington, N. C.

June 17-21—American Society of Mechanical Engineers, semi-annual meeting, Hotel Statler, Cleveland, Ohio.

June 17-30—Third Annual Material Handling Training Conference, Lake Placid, N. Y.

June 18-21—National summer meeting of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, 7660 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles.

June 19—Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, 10th session, Caracas, Venezuela.

June 20-22—Aviation Distributors and Manufacturers Assn., 27th meeting, Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N. C.

June 25-27—High Temperature Symposium, Berkeley Campus, University of California.

June 28-30—Institute of Navigation's 12th annual national conference, Hotel Miramar, Santa Monica, Calif.

June 30—Jet Age Conference, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

July 7-10—Tenth annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race (Powder Puff Derby), San Mateo County Airport, Calif. to Flint, Mich. Entries close June 20. For details write: Mrs. Betty M. Loufek, Loufek & London, 2611 E. Spring St., Long Beach 6, Calif.

July 8—Third annual Western New York Air Show and Races, Niagara Falls Municipal Airport, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

July 15-30—World Parachuting Championship, Moscow, Russia.

July 31-Aug. 9—23rd Annual U. S. National Soaring Competitions, Aug. 5—Air Show, Grand Prairie Airport, Grand Prairie, Texas.

Aug. 1-5—Air Force Association's 1956 National Convention and Airpower Panorama, Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, La.

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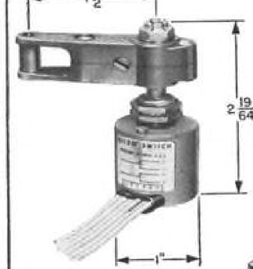

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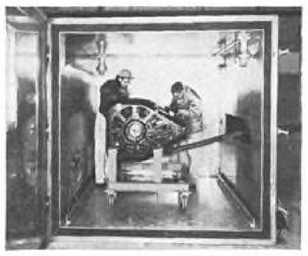

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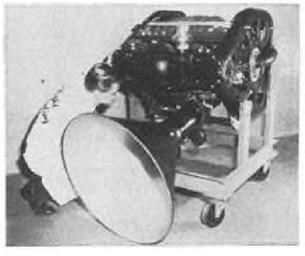

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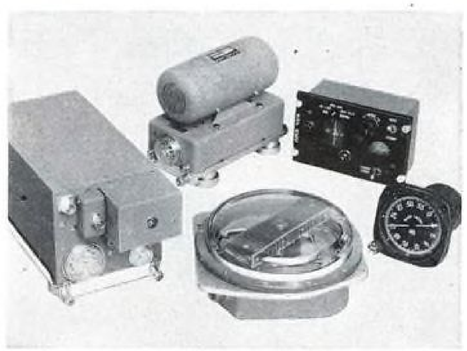

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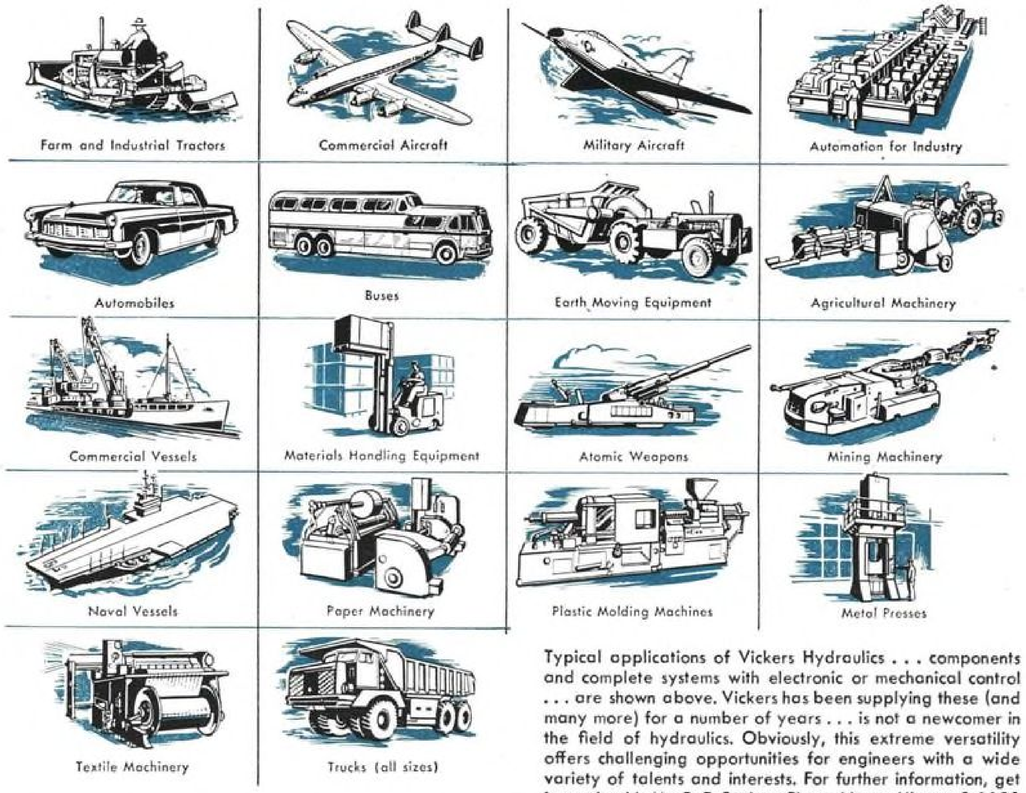

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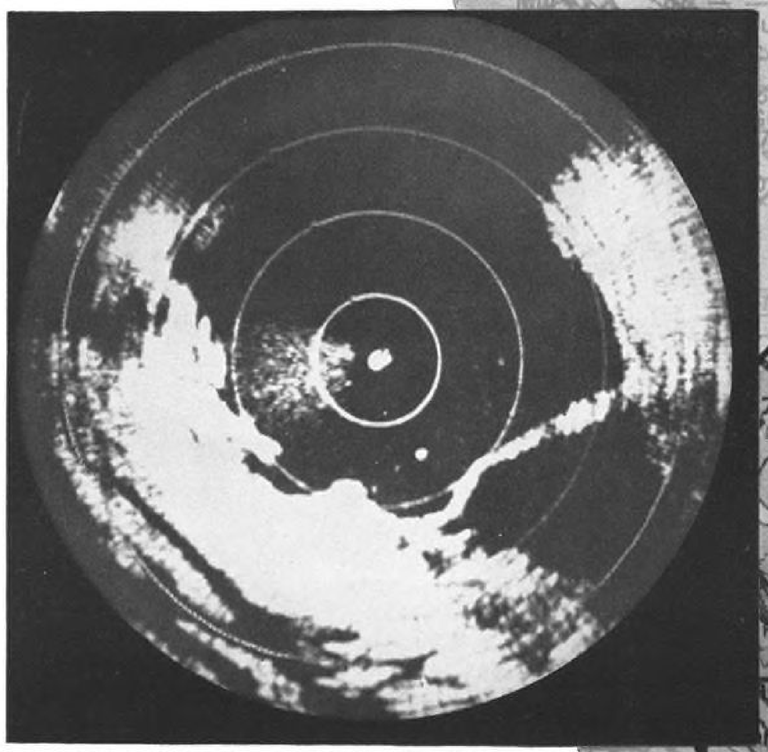

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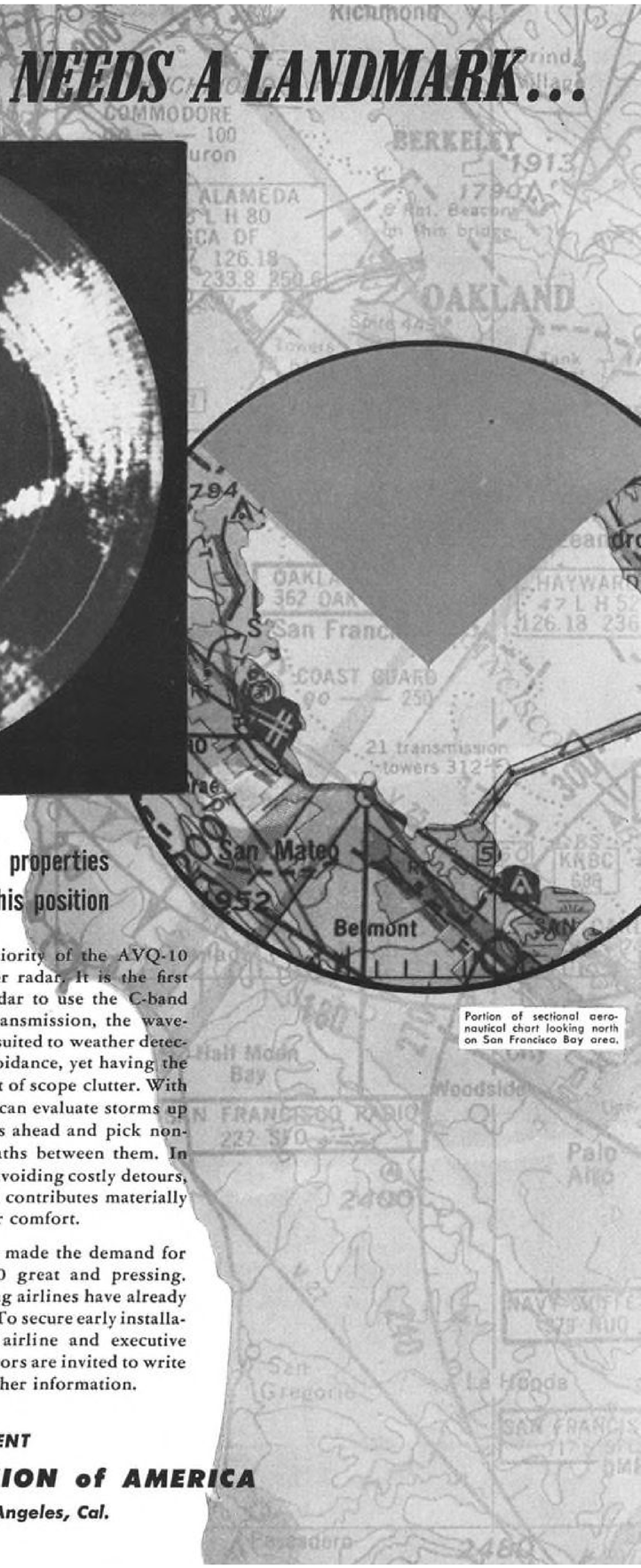

Portion of sectional aeronautical chart looking north on San Francisco Bay area.

the exceptional ground-mapping properties of RCA's Weather Radar will spot his position

Air carriers find RCA's new Weather Radar (AVQ-10) invaluable in making landfalls and recognizing landmarks under adverse weather conditions in areas where navigation aids are comparatively inadequate.

The AVQ-10 provides a crosscheck on normal navigation methods, enabling the pilot and navigator to determine their position with great exactness relative to the coast line. This is equally true on inland routes where topographical features show up clearly on the scope. The AVQ-10 also helps to locate the proper entry point in defense areas, where aircraft are limited to "corridors."

These ground-mapping characteristics are in addition to the recognized superiority of the AVQ-10 as a weather radar. It is the first airborne radar to use the C-band (5.6 cm) transmission, the wavelength best suited to weather detection and avoidance, yet having the least amount of scope clutter. With it, the pilot can evaluate storms up to 150 miles ahead and pick non-turbulent paths between them. In addition to avoiding costly detours, the AVQ-10 contributes materially to passenger comfort.

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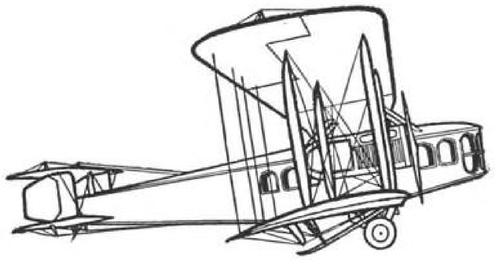

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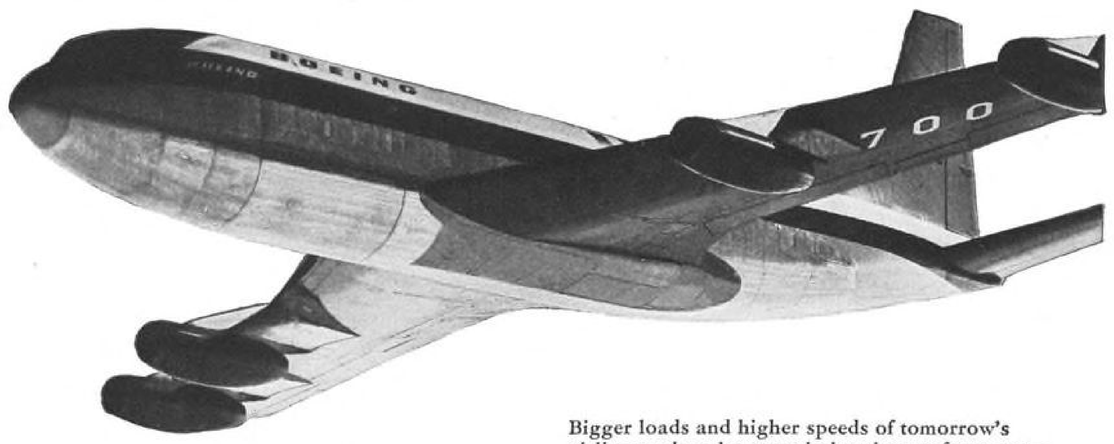

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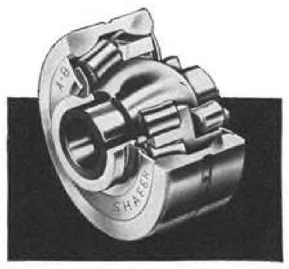

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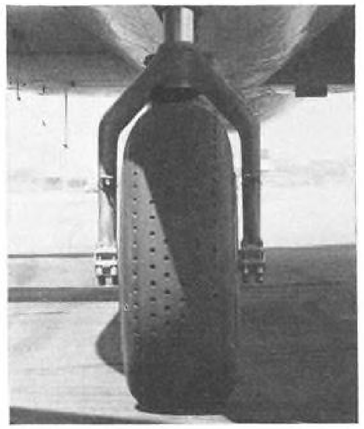

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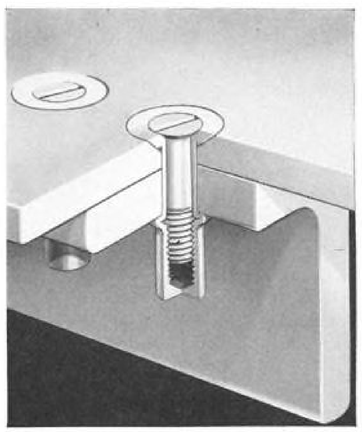

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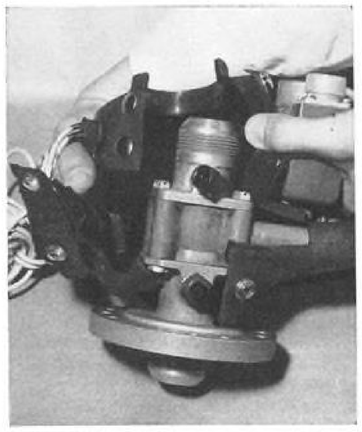

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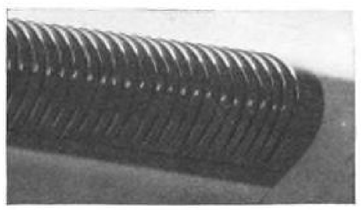

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The New NATO-Shield or Diaphragm?

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is facing new and important problems that are closely related to the great debate now in progress over the future size and technical development of American airpower.

Recently we listened to an extremely frank and lucid discussion of these new NATO problems by Gen. Lauris Norstad, new Supreme Allied Powers Commander, and Lord Ismay, secretary-general of NATO in their Palais de Chaillot headquarters in Paris. From this briefing we gathered the following impressions:

• **First**—NATO is still very much necessary. It would be the sheerest folly to lower the guard in Western Europe solely on the basis of the new Soviet policies. Perhaps the best testimony as to NATO's importance comes from the energy the Soviets are devoting to their campaign to dissolve it.

• **Second**—NATO still has essentially the same strategic function of providing a dam against further Soviet advances westward but its military tactics to accomplish this goal have changed radically during the past two years. The old NATO tactics called for a heavily armored shield of ground forces utilizing air support to repel any enemy attack as close to the western borders as possible.

Main Reliance Atomic

Now, the main reliance has shifted to atomic firepower delivered by aircraft and missiles. The role of ground forces has shifted from that of a shield to that of a sensitive diaphragm that will record the first enemy attempts at armed aggression. Rupturing of this relatively thin line of NATO ground forces by an enemy would release the trigger firing all of the combined atomic firepower of the NATO powers in the same manner that the rupture of the diaphragm in a research gas gun triggers the generation of hypersonic flow forces.

Although any serious aggression would begin by aerial assault it is still important to maintain this sensitive diaphragm of ground troops because it is tangible evidence of where the frontier has been drawn and it makes necessary use of military force by an enemy bent on further aggression. Without the ground troops it would be easy for an enemy to penetrate further westward in small steps, upsetting local governments and providing "police assistance" to restore order.

General Norstad made it crystal clear that NATO will respond to any enemy aggression with atomic weapons. These include not only the aircraft and missile delivery systems now based along an arc stretching from Norway to Turkey but also the strategic bombing force of the Royal Air Force in England, USAF's Strategic Air Force based around the world and the long-range striking force available from USAF's Tactical Air Command using aerial refueling of atomic weapon carrying fighters. It was made very clear that rupturing of the NATO diaphragm will trigger not only NATO forces in Europe but all of the airpower of NATO countries wherever it is based. At the moment this is a retaliation force no nation would care to stimulate. At the present it has the capability of absorbing the most powerful attack that any potential enemy could mount against it and still return a pulverizing counter-blow.

Other Military Task

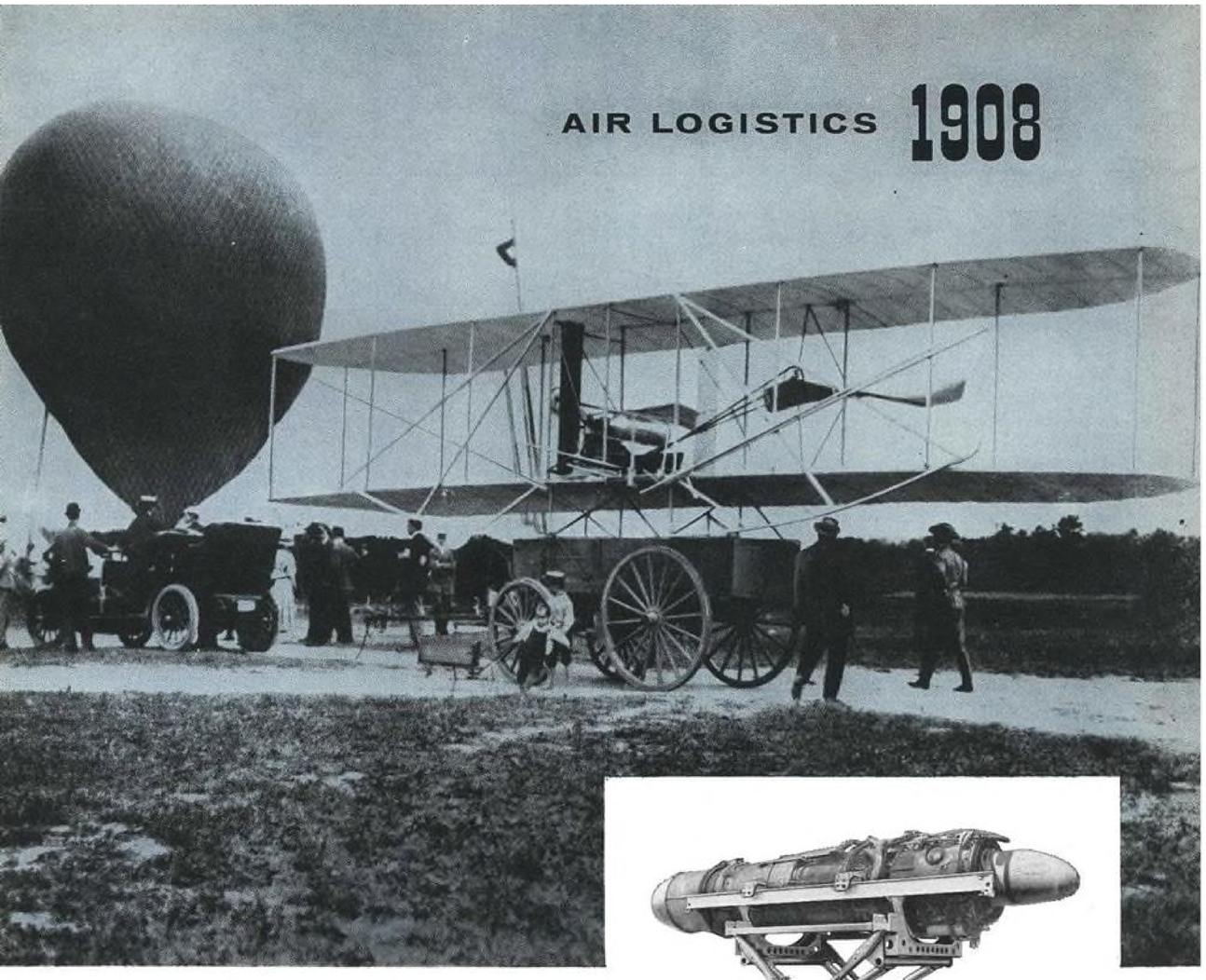
NATO's other current military task is to make the launching of a successful surprise air attack against its retaliatory forces. Toward this end NATO has built a new complex of airfields supported by modern logistics, including a fuel pipeline network and air supply. This complex has been built as far behind the radar warning net as possible and it has grown from less than a dozen usable military fields to more than 300 modern airbases supported by another 300 commercial or auxiliary fields. Further target dispersion is provided by the carrier forces of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, the Royal Air Force in England and the far-flung bases of SAC.

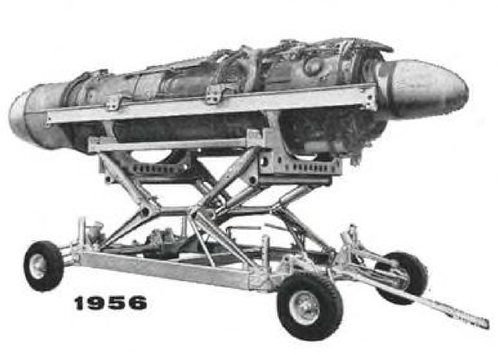
It is this task of creating a retaliatory force large and fast enough and sufficiently dispersed to make it impossible for any enemy to blunt its devastating force by a surprise attack. The bigger the retaliatory force and the more it is dispersed the tougher the problem of wiping it out becomes. This is why the western world needs the Royal Air Force bombers and missiles; the supersonic water-based bombers of the Navy, carrier-based atomic bombers and the long-legged atomic weapon carrying fighters of TAC. Unless an enemy can count on knocking them all out of action in a few hours he will hardly risk the fission and fusion deserts they will create in his country.

This is what is so chilling about Defense Secretary Charles Wilson's statements that we do not intend to keep up with Russia in long-range bomber production; in White House assurances that intermediate-range ballistic missiles are not really significant; in the conclusions of the House Appropriations Armed Services Subcommittee that the Eisenhower Administration has given up the traditional American policy of maintaining air superiority and is settling for a second best airpower "just big enough" to keep a possible enemy wary.

Unless U. S. policy is fixed firmly to the concept of maintaining superior airpower in developing new aerial weapons faster than any potential enemy the entire defense effort beginning with NATO will collapse like a house of cards.

—Robert Hotz





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Walter T. Bonney, assistant to the executive secretary of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, has received the first public relations award of the Aviation Writers Association for his contribution towards a "better public understanding of research problems through intelligent and simplified dissemination of highly technical information."

Changes

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INDUSTRY OBSERVER

► **Most powerful ground radar ever built in the U. S. will undergo Air Force tests at Laredo, Tex., possibly to evaluate its ability to detect and track ballistic missiles fired at the White Sands, N. M. Proving Ground 500 mi. away. Another possibility is that the multi-megawatt radar, mounted atop a 100 ft. tower is being evaluated for its ability to detect surfaced submarines in the Gulf of Mexico to make in effect a southern DEW line.**

► North American Aviation, Inc., has flown 25 test vehicles of its SM-64 Navaho intercontinental missile. Twenty of the vehicles, all of them equipped with landing gear, were recovered.

► **Flap structures on the Boeing B-52 have been strengthened to withstand sonic vibrations from the eight Pratt & Whitney J57 turbojet engines using water injection. In some instances, the vibration had caused skin cracks to develop in the structure.**

► Parts for the first Crossbow subsonic air-to-ground missile are now being assembled by Radioplane, Inc. The vehicle should be test flown within the next month.

► **Air Force hopes to tow an airborne target through Mach 1 by early summer. Tests up to Mach .9 have been made thus far.**

► A rocket sled track being built at USAF's Armament Center, Eglin AFB, Fla., is designed to provide velocities up to Mach 3 for evaluation of weapons effectiveness. Controlled impact can be obtained at velocities simulating the speed of an aircraft plus the speed of the weapon, without the weapon being fired.

► **Experiments are underway on frangible versions of the Beech Dart towed target (AW May 7, p. 53) that disintegrate when hit by gunfire, giving pilots the feel of a "kill." New models are made of paper honeycomb, plastics and other light materials. Standard Darts are made of plywood and steel tubing.**

► Army is equipping a number of Beech L-23 Twin-Bonanzas with radar reflectors to allow calibration of low-level accuracy of Nike missile units' radar coverage.

► **Lockheed's Mach 2 F-104A Starfighter is equipped with an air conditioning system, pneumatic starter and fuel control designed and manufactured by Hamilton Standard Division of United Aircraft Corp.**

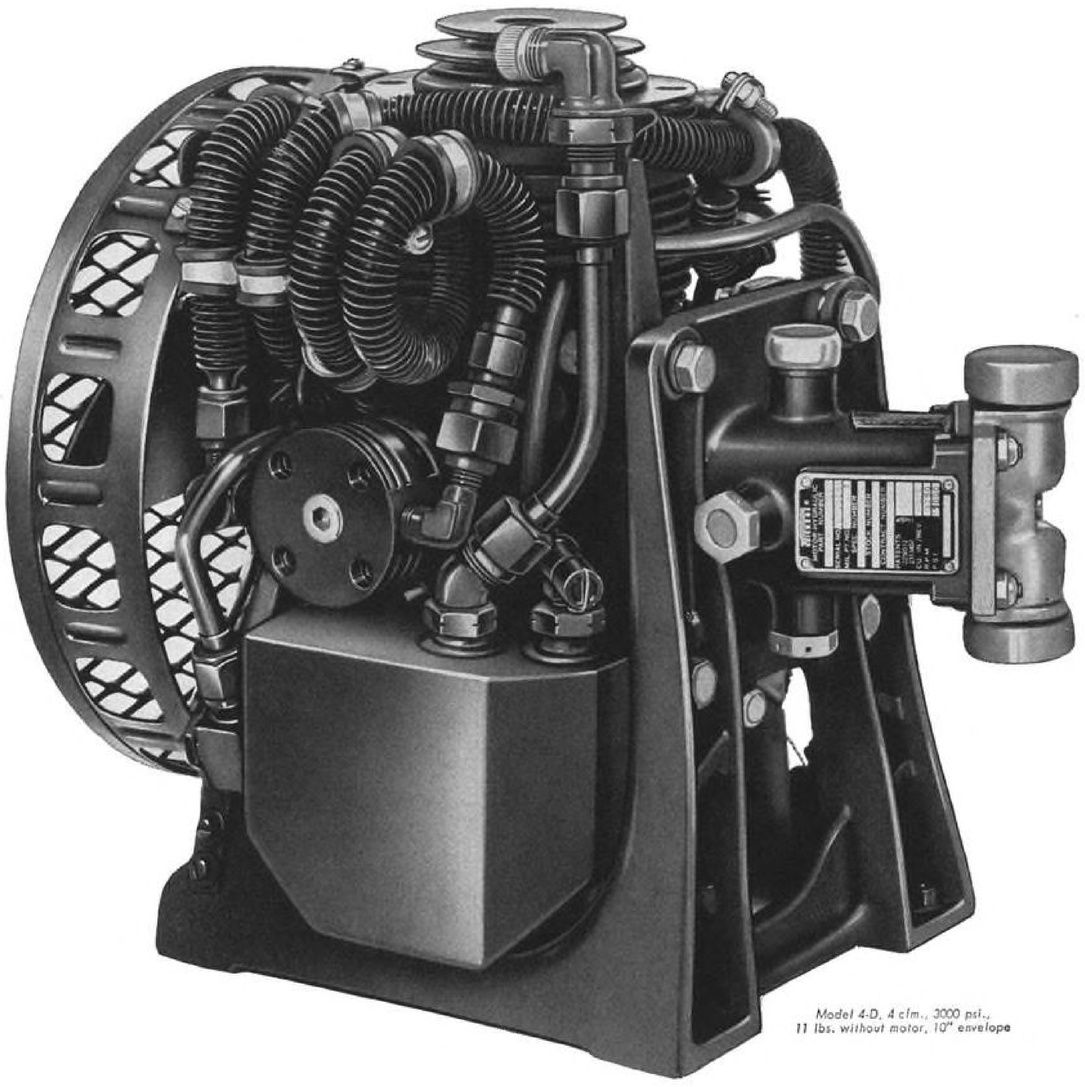
► Roll out of Canadair's CL-28, maritime reconnaissance version of the Bristol Britannia turboprop transport, is scheduled for sometime towards the end of the year. A total of 25 of the aircraft have been ordered thus far.

► **Approximately 600 lbs. of fiberglass will be used in the Boeing 707 jet transport between the inner and outer fuselage shells to deaden sound caused by high-speed air friction. Vibration dampers will be used where the inner shell is connected to the fuselage frames.**

► U. S. Army is studying Navy's shipboard mirror landing system for possible application on relatively-short, forward-area landing strips. The idea originally was borrowed from the British Navy.

► **The cost of Jato take-off units for the B-47 bomber have been reduced from about $450 to $160 per unit. A fully-fueled, combat loaded B-47 requires about 30 units—costing a total $4,800—for a takeoff.**

► Douglas Aircraft reportedly has had to lower its DC-8 guaranteed maximum Mach number at high altitudes because of gust load safety factor requirements. The Douglas jet transport wing uses three different Douglas-developed airfoil sections.



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Symington Widens Probe

The Senate Air Power Investigating Subcommittee headed by Sen. Stuart Symington (D.-Mo.) will extend its investigation into all phases of Army Aviation as well as the Army guided missiles programs.

The subcommittee already has taken executive testimony from Maj. Gen. H. H. Howze, director of Army aviation; Lt. Gen. James Gavin, chief of research and development, and Maj. Gen. E. G. Wheeler, director of plans.

Thus far, the subcommittee's open "hearings" have amounted to no more than the reading of prepared questions by the subcommittee's counsel, Fowler Hamilton, and the reading back of prepared answers by the witness. No extemporaneous questions are asked by senators and no extemporaneous remarks made by witnesses.

The subcommittee is expected to drop this controlled procedure when the Civil Defense Department heads—including Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson—appear in wind-up sessions. By then, Symington and Democratic Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington, who have been sharply critical of Defense Department policies, will have a complete record of technical testimony on which to base their questioning.

There has been only one public clash between Democratic and Republican members up to now. Republican Senators Leverett Saltonstall (Mass.) and James Duff (Pa.) submitted written questions they wanted answered directly to Lt. Gen. Earle Partridge, commander of the Continental Air Defense Command. Symington criticized the procedure at an open session and directed that all future questions be submitted to witnesses through Subcommittee Counsel Hamilton.

New Civil Air Study

Airport and air navigation problems facing civil aviation with the large-scale introduction of jet transports will be the main concern of the study being launched by a House Government Operations Subcommittee headed by Rep. Robert Mollohan (D.-W. Va.). Hearings are expected to open in about a week. Key witnesses will be William Barklay Harding, New York financier; Edward P. Curtis, special aviation assistant to the President, and Adm. C. E. Rosendahl. Harding headed a seven-member group under the Bureau of the Budget which recommended the preparation of a 20-year plan for aviation facilities early this year (AW Jan. 16, p. 26). Rosendahl heads the National Air Transport Coordinating Committee formed to deal with air-traffic problems in the New York area following several serious crashes in 1952.

Other Democratic members of the subcommittee are: John Blatnik (Minn.); Joe Kilgore (Tex.); Martha Griffiths (Mich.); Earl Chudoff (Pa.). Republican members are: George Meader (Mich.); J. Arthur Younger (Calif.), and William Minshall (Ohio).

Segregation and Airport Funds

The airport construction program faces increasing opposition from southern members of Congress because of the Civil Aeronautics Administration's position that federal funds cannot be granted for facilities at which racial segregation is practiced.

The issue was the basis for the opposition by Sen. Thomas Wofford (D.-S. C.) of confirmation of Charles J. Lowen as Civil Aeronautics Administration Administrator. In a minority report, Wofford pointed out that Lowen, as acting administrator, instructed the regional CAA director at Fort Worth "to secure an assurance from the officials at Hawkins Field, Jackson, Miss., or to exclude public facilities at the field from federal-aid participation if racial segregation was to be practiced in the facilities." Lowen issued the memorandum "affecting a very serious matter," Wofford declared, "without legal basis."

He said Lowen "exceeded any authority granted or implied by the Congress, and, in fact, the Congress has refused to impose such penalties, as in, for instance, the federal-aid-to-schools bill."

Despite the southern opposition, Lowen's confirmation by the Senate appears assured.

Minetti Confirmed

Senate confirmation of G. Joseph Minetti as a Civil Aeronautics Board member will give the Board five members for the first time in over five months. Minetti will fill the Democratic vacancy held by Josh Lee, whose term expired Dec. 31.

ALPA Urges Independent CAA

The Air Line Pilot's Association last week charged that aviation requirements have been "badly neglected" by the Department of Commerce and that air space problems have reached "almost national emergency proportions."

Testifying before the Senate Aviation Subcommittee headed by Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney (D.-Okla.), ALPA President Clarence Sayen urged Congress to divorce the Civil Aeronautics Administration from Commerce Department control and give it independent status. Sayen said the Commerce Department has "failed to grasp the full significance of the problems confronting aviation" and that, because of past inaction, a "major national program" is needed.

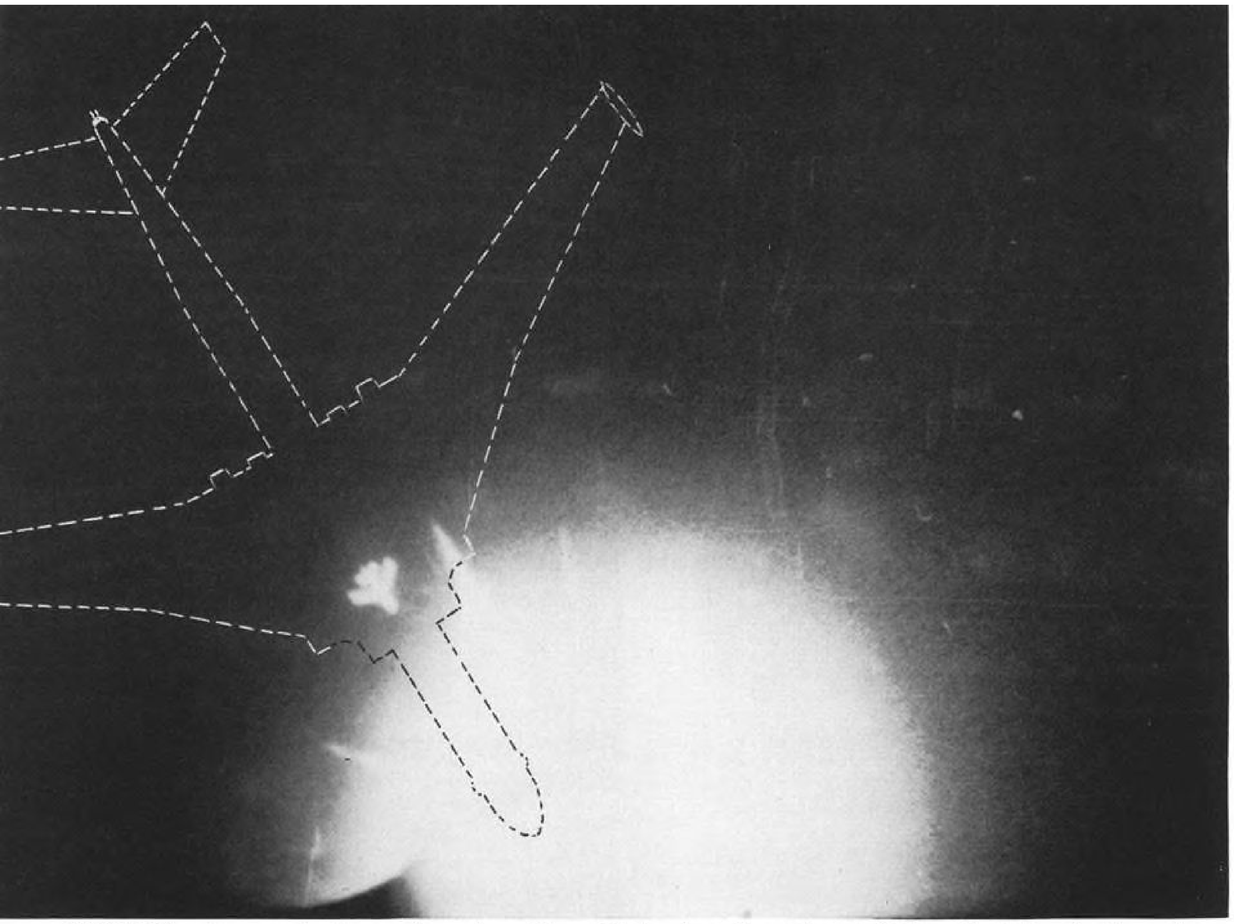
White House Bilateral Powers Hit

A bill designed to curtail White House powers in international route cases and give the airlines a greater part in bilateral air negotiations has been filed in the Senate by Senators Monroney and George Smathers (D.-Fla.). The bill formalizes recommendations made by the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee in its unanimously approved report on international air agreements.

The proposed amendments to the Civil Aeronautics Act would take away the President's power to rule on air routes to U. S. overseas territories and within U. S. territories and possessions. Presidential approval of international route cases would be limited to issues of national defense and foreign policy.

The bill also specified that the CAB should consult with affected airlines before and during bilateral air negotiations with foreign countries and that an airline representative should be made a full member of any U. S. delegation to bilateral negotiations. The airline member would attend all meetings and have a chance to consult with the carriers before a final decision could be reached.

—Washington staff



RUSSIAN Bisen long-range bomber, superimposed on picture of Firebee drone taken at instant of Nike warhead detonation shows relative sizes compared to lethal radius of burst. Sizes also help explain why a tiny drone might escape destruction by fragments that would kill a large bomber. Photo was taken from Askania photo-theodolite tracking instrument. Firebee was above 16,000 ft. and making 500 kts. when the intercept occurred.

Army's Nike Scores Seven for Eight

One miss a malfunction causing fail-safe air burst over launching site. Test made during service row.

By David A. Anderton

White Sands Proving Ground, N. M.—A final scoring of eight Nike rounds fired here during a two-day press tour gave the Army's anti-aircraft missile seven successive strikes for eight birds launched. There was a single missile malfunction that caused a fail-safe air burst above the launching site.

The Army scoring system for rating Nike batteries does not count the malfunction against the firing battery. This procedure gave a widely reported impression that the Army claim was for 100% hits.

Timing of the Proving Ground tour coincides with the Army-Air Force row over the relative capabilities of the Nike and Talos, a Navy-developed shipboard anti-aircraft missile which USAF wants for defense of SAC bases in the United States. The timing made it look as if Army were firing the rounds to refute USAF claims of Nike inferiority.

Not Comparable

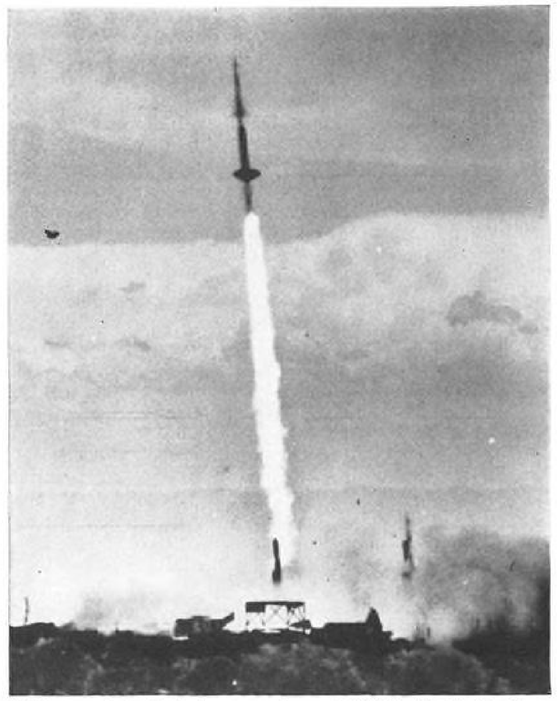
But Nike and Talos are not directly comparable, and "comparative" tests would not prove anything. Nike is the older weapon and has been operational since December 1953. Talos is still in the development-firing stage although it is in production under a Bendix prime contract. Nike was planned as an inner zone defense to take over after long-range interceptor and missile attacks had whittled down the aggressor air strike.

There is no argument on the limited range of Nike. Longest intercept by the missile was at a slant range of just under 26 mi., about at the point where a bomber with B-52 performance would be releasing its bombs. Talos range is about twice that of Nike.

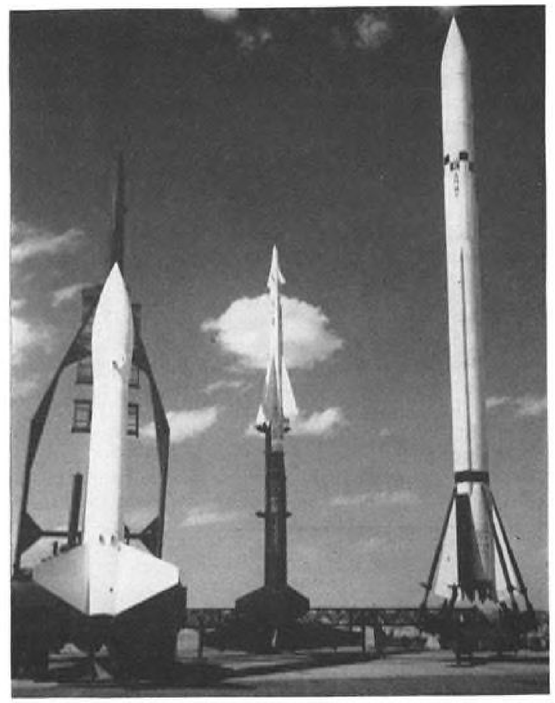
Firing at Targets

Six of the rounds were fired against Radioplane OQ-19 target drones at altitudes under 18,000 ft. above the local terrain and speeds of about 180 mph. The other two, fired as part of an Army program to determine Nike capability against a small jet-propelled target drone, were launched against the Ryan OQ-2 Firebee traveling at 500 kts. at about 16,000 ft. above terrain.

This octet of firings plus other data on the overall scores obtained during the annual practice firings at Red Canyon indicate the Nike is highly reliable as an operational weapon. Most USAF squadron commanders would be delighted with a 95% availability of combat aircraft at all times; that figure



NIKE round fired during press tour of White Sands Proving Ground roars up to intercept jet-propelled Firebee drone.



ARMY BIG THREE: Honest John, Nike and Corporal missiles shown on their field service launching units.

being approached closely by the Nike missile.

The significance of that percentage takes on greater value considering the age of the Nike rounds fired during practice. The standard procedure is to take the Nikes that have been in on-site storage longest to Red Canyon. Some of the birds fired there are as much as three years old. This is comparable to taking a fighter out of three-year storage and finding it to be ready to fight with all the avionic gear working, all systems operating and the guns able to fire.

Warhead Effects

Nike's warhead is a fragmentation type, detonated at a computed location in space by an automatic signal from the ground link. Location of the burst is calculated to produce maximum lethal effect. Generally it is below and ahead of the target. The detonation of the warhead spreads out a huge area of fragments over the sky and the target flies on a collision course into the spread.

Such a warhead blast does not need to destroy a target drone in order to rate as a successful strike. The distance between individual fragments is large enough to let a drone slip by unscathed sometimes. But a full-scale airplane, many times the drone's dimensions, could be shredded by the shrapnel. The slip stream would do the rest, levering off the panel skin punctured by the fragments.

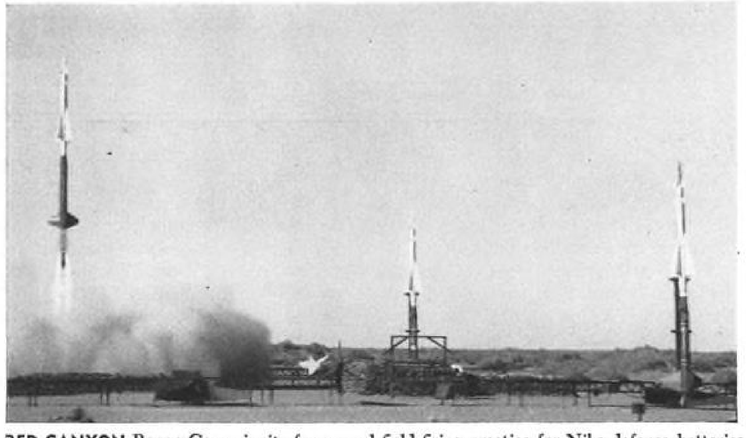
Drone Targets

Criticism of Nike's performance has also centered around the characteristics of the drones being used as targets. Piston-powered, the Radioplane RCATS have a top speed of about 180 mph. and a maximum altitude capability of 25,000 ft. although most of the strikes witnessed were under 18,000 ft. above the terrain.

The facts are that better targets are not available cheaply and in quantity. The OQ-19s cost about $3,000 apiece, even though more than 40,000 have been made. The Firebee costs many times more. Drone B-47s or comparable bombers are out of the question.

To simulate some higher-performance targets, the Army has resorted to firing against manned aircraft with a 1,200 mil (about 65 degrees) offset on the tracking radars. By feeding in this fixed error, they can track a B-45 target plane, fire to a computed point in space and simulate an actual hit on the B-45.

Nikes also have been launched against USAF Matadors, using a fixed miss dis-



RED CANYON Range Camp is site for annual field firing practice for Nike defense batteries stationed throughout the United States.

tance set into the radars to avoid destroying that expensive target.

So until the Army gets a different kind of a target, most Nike rounds will attest to the accuracy of the radar tracking system rather than to the missile's ability to kill an aircraft. This radar accuracy is backed by the Air Force, soon to install Nike radars at testing centers of the Air Research and Development Command where precise location of aircraft and missiles in space is vital to the test program.

"We know the Nike can destroy a bomber if it bursts in the proper location," said one Army Officer. "We also know a .30-cal. bullet will kill a man if it hits him in a vital spot. We don't have to test bullets any more to find that out. Our problem is the same for both: We have to train the man who sights the weapon."

Firings and Scores

Three different kinds of Nike firings were witnessed.

Two research and development rounds were fired at the White Sands Proving Ground. Three batteries were set up for this pair; two of the batteries were from the Proving Ground's ordnance mission, and the third was a field forces Board 4 battery (AW May 28, p. 28).

Two training rounds were fired at Red Canyon Range Camp by Able and Baker batteries of the 44th Nike Package Training Unit. This outfit was the 967th Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion which has been stationed near Bridgeport, Conn., and was converting from 90-mm. guns to Nikes.

Four annual practice rounds were fired at Red Canyon Range Camp by Able and Charley batteries of the 513th Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion, usually stationed at Nike sites on Bainbridge Island, Puget Sound, defending the Seattle area. Last year, during the 513th's annual firing practice at Red Canyon, they set a mark of 11 hits for 12 Nike rounds fired.

Nike Box Score

Round by round, this is the way the Nike firings were scored:

• **Round 1,** research and development firing against a Firebee drone. The drone was dropped from a USAF-operated B-26 mother plane at 11,000 ft. altitude above the launching area, and directed in a climbing flight uprange to 70,000 yd. (about 40 mi.) distance. The drone was then turned and began a high-speed run toward the missile launchers. The Nike burst ahead of and under the drone (see picture), scoring hits that tore the fuselage and wings.

The recovery chute deployed and the missile target was recovered. Said the Army: "The strike would have destroyed an aircraft. . . ." Score: one successful strike.

• **Round 2,** research and development firing against a Firebee drone. This second round was fired at the same target as the first round, and was launched before the first had hit. The Nike exploded on the predicted flight path of the target. Score: one successful strike.

• **Round 3,** training round fired by Able Battery 967th AAM Bn., against an OQ-19 RCAT drone. This was the first Nike fired by the battery; the burst deviation from the predicted spot was zero in two of the three dimensions that could be seen on the recorder scopes in the radar van. Flight time to impact was 102 sec.; the target was hit at an altitude of about 16,000 ft. above the terrain and a distance of 45,000 yd. (almost 26 mi.) slant range. Score: one successful round.

• **Round 4,** training round fired by Baker Battery, 967 AAM Bn. against an OQ-19 RCAT drone. This was the battery's first live round; burst deviation was again zero and the RCAT was knocked out of control. Flight time to impact was 81 sec.; the drone was at 10,000 ft. above the terrain and at a slant range of 42,000 yd. (about 24 mi.). Score: one successful round.

• **Round 5,** practice round fired by Charley Battery, 513th AAM Bn. against an OQ-19 drone. The Nike was a successful shot; the burst was within the required design lethal distance, but the drone was not destroyed. Score: one successful round.

• **Round 6,** practice round fired by Charley Battery, 513th AAM Bn. against an OQ-19 drone. The Nike launching phase was successful, but almost at separation of the booster, there was a malfunction in the missile. It failed safe by blowing up its warhead over the booster disposal area. Score: unsuccessful round due to missile malfunction.

• **Round 7,** practice round fired by Able Battery, 513th AAM Bn. against an OQ-drone. Nike made the intercept at 40,000 yd. range (about 23 mi.) and 18,000 ft. above the terrain. The warhead blast turned the target 180 degrees off course, and it then began to lose altitude rapidly. The parachute deployed for recovery. Score: one successful round.

• **Round 8,** practice round fired by Able Battery, 513th AAM Bn. against the same OQ-19 drone that was the target for the seventh round. This round was launched before the seventh had hit; after the seventh Nike had damaged the target, the eighth began to track on the parachute and its burst destroyed the target at 16,000 ft. above the terrain and a range of 41,000 yds. (about 23 mi.). Score: one successful round.

Overall score for the eight rounds fired was seven hits and one malfunction not charged against the score.

ICBM Re-Entry Is Simulated

By Irving Stone

Moffett Field, Calif.—Re-entry of the intercontinental ballistic missile into the earth's atmosphere is being simulated with a new light-gas gun and associated equipment at the Ames Aeronautical Laboratory of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA).

The speeds and temperatures which a full scale missile is expected to encounter in flight are being duplicated using this equipment. The gun propels a model at 10,000 mph. A more powerful version gun, now being designed, will boost the speed to above 16,000 mph.

According to Dr. A. C. Charters, aeronautical research scientist at Ames, the new experimental equipment will permit the study of the various phases of flight such as heating, thermal stress, surface combustion, etc. or will allow the entire flight to be reproduced in a single test. In this way, he says, the features of the missile's flight during re-entry can be explored and solutions sought to the various problems encountered.

Laboratory flight tests with the light-gas gun are very economical with respect to money and manpower in comparison to the requirements of large-scale flight tests, he points out.

The principle of operation of the light-gas gun originated at the New Mexico School of Mines during World War II. This gun used hydrogen as the gas medium. The Ames gun uses helium.

Pumped to Pressure

The helium is introduced into the chamber of the gun at low pressure and then pumped to very high pressure in a single rapid stroke, being heated by the energy of the pumping at the same time that it is compressed. The model is held by a mechanical device until the desired pressure is reached, depending on the launch velocity required. Then it is released and driven down the tube of the gun out into flight by the hot, high-pressure helium.

A typical setup consists of a model and a sabot. The sabot supports the model during its run through the gun tube and flies apart and away from the model's trajectory at the start of its flight.

A model streaks from the gun so fast it can be photographed by its own incandescence.

One model employed at Ames is a ¾-in. diameter sphere so constructed that it will undergo the same aerodynamic heating as the full-scale satellite vehicle planned for the International Geophysical Year.

Tank Launch

The model is launched into a long tank. Pressure and composition of the air in the tank can be changed to correspond to flight conditions at various points along a re-entry trajectory or a satellite's flight path. In this way, different phases of the flight can be studied under nearly constant conditions.

In another setup, Charters reveals, the tank would be replaced by a supersonic wind tunnel having a long working section.

The model would be launched along the axis of the tunnel against the direction of the wind stream and its flight would be recorded as it traversed the working section.

In this way, Charters says, it is possible to reach extremely high Mach numbers. The present light-gas gun used in the supersonic free flight tunnel at Ames will give a flight Mach number of 20.

The light-gas gun now under design, used in the same tunnel, will give a Mach number greater than 30. This gun would be capable of launching a ¾-in. diameter missile model.

Models have been recovered after flight. Recovery is accomplished by having the model pass through a section filled with instant shaving cream and then into ordinary baker's flour.

Telemetering equipment is being designed for use in these small models.

Atlas Site Shifted

San Diego—Bowing to Navy pressure, Convair will move the site of its planned $41-million Atlas missile plant (AW May 7, p. 31) from the vicinity of the Miramar Naval Air Station to an alternate point six miles away. The Navy had complained that the facility at its originally-proposed site near La Jolla would interfere with jet operations out of Miramar.

The change in plans will shift the plant to property located near Montgomery Field at a point approximately eight miles from the center of San Diego and delay its completion, originally scheduled for late 1957, between six and eight weeks. The plant will employ 6,600 persons when it goes into full operation in the research, development and production of the intercontinental ballistic missile.

Dummy Explodes in Ejection From F-84 at Supersonic Speed

Hurricane, Utah—The unprotected pilot ejected in an F-84 type seat at a sea level speed of Mach 1.32 literally explodes when he and his seat hit the supersonic wind blast. That much is certain from a test run April 27 at Project Smart, supersonic military air research track here.

What will happen to him at speeds up to Mach 2 will be investigated soon, as will be the equipment designed to protect him as Lockheed's "part of the cockpit" approach and Republic's capsule for pilot survival. Both are slated for testing here soon.

Project Smart was built for USAF's Wright Air Development Center, which issues overall general directives for testing. Prime contractor for design, construction and operation of Smart is Coleman Engineering Co., Culver City, Calif., which handles detail test planning and execution. The first run on the track was made last July 8, and some 38 have been accomplished since, from low subsonic speeds to Mach 1.4 at the 5,100 ft. above sea level location of Hurricane Mesa where Smart is located.

The original contract specifies that velocities producing aerodynamic pressures equivalent to sea level Mach 2 must be demonstrated by November, with control within 50 mph. increments in the higher Mach numbers.

Built Atop Mesa

Smart is built atop Hurricane Mesa, which ends in a bluff with nearly sheer sides down to the bed of the Virgin River 1,500 ft. below. The track ends close enough to the bluff's edge to make complete cycle tests of ejection, automatic parachute control functioning and parachute descent operation.

Each of the track's rails is a single welded length. Rails were set in tension to reduce as much as possible the climatic effect upon the track's dimensions, which are held to extremely close tolerances, within 1/10,000 in. in predetermined spots at alignment points, ☆ in. of a perfectly straight line along the entire 12,000 ft. length. Anchor spots are 50 in. apart on concrete which is imbedded in the Mesa's bedrock. Standard railroad gage of 56½ in. between rails is used. The crane-type rails weigh 10,105 lb. per yd.

The overall site consists of the track, a control center, an administration-engineering shop building, camera and observation sites and telemeter data gathering installations. The entire sled runs are covered with high speed cameras from several locations to enable fixes of exact positions in space at any point in the tests. Telemetered data is gathered at two positions, the control center and another spot near the bluff's edge where information in the line-of-sight system still can be transmitted from the falling equipment back to the receiving tower. Both sleds and the anthropomorphic dummies are completely instrumented according to the requirements of each test. The control center handles all phases of the test, firing, starting the automatic time signals for film and telemeter data correlation, sounding signals for track personnel, etc.

Solid Propellant

The sleds themselves weigh from 450 to 600 lb. gross weight, depending on the instrumentation of the sled and dummy and equipment being tested. The carriage is a section utilizing solid propellant rockets. However, a 45,000 lb. liquid propellant rocket engine for slower accelerations and higher top speeds is being developed.

Water brakes capable of withstanding more than 100,000 lb. loads are used to stop the sled at the end of the track. Under development by Coleman are brakes effective at loads of 500,000 lb. and higher. Also used to stop both sled and locomotive are aircraft carrier-type water tubes and arresting gear.

The Smart project is a research tool for advancing the state of the art in track testing as well as conducting actual tests. Many developments are coming to light as test-conducting requirements grow. One such has been the trial and error knowledge gained with parachutes in supersonic runs when the sled is allowed to run off the track and over the bluff. Coleman has devised a three-chute combination, a ribbon pilot chute which deploys a 6-ft. guide chute for sled stabilization and deceleration and a main 34-ft. ring slot canopy to lower the sled to the ground. Twice, supersonic runs have ended with the sled being blown up by aerodynamic loads before the guide parachute could accomplish deceleration. Wind tunnel tests of sled and parachute had indicated a successful save, the difference in results pointing up the present state of the art in parachute reactions at supersonic speeds.

In the April 27 test, a late model B5A parachute pack was used. However, the test run results indicated that the safe way to enclose parachutes where the extreme loads of supersonic aerodynamics will be encountered, is in metal containers since the windblast tore the canvas pack open.

Gen. Partridge Warns:

Soviet Bison Outstrips U.S. Interceptor

By Katherine Johnsen

Washington—Gen. Earle E. Partridge, commander of the Continental Air Defense Command, warned the Senate Air Power Investigating Subcommittee that the fighter interceptors on which the U. S. air defense now relies—the F-86D, the F-94C and the F-89—"have inadequate altitude performance to cope with" Russia's Bison intercontinental jet bomber.

Gen. Partridge noted, however, that the introduction of new aircraft and weapons is remedying this deficiency, both in speed and altitude. The Convair F-102, now being introduced into operational units, he said, "will give us vastly improved capability to intercept modern bombers at high altitudes."

He also pointed out that the Hughes Falcon and other air-to-air missiles now being brought into the inventory "will have a marked influence in increasing our interceptor capability at high altitudes."

So far as air-defense missiles are concerned, Partridge said improved models of the Army's Nike will be brought into operation "as soon as possible." The introduction of the USAF's Talos and Bomarc, he said, will further improve our defense.

Two more advanced interceptors, the F-101B and the F-104A Partridge said, will have adequate combat ceiling to cope with the Bison which reportedly has an operational altitude of 57,000 ft. By the end of 1958, he reported, there will be "large numbers" of F-102s, F-101s, and F-104s in the inventory.

Soviet Interceptors Superior

"At the moment the Russian air defense fighters are slightly superior to ours," Partridge said. However, "as new models are introduced into our inventory we will probably enjoy a period of technical superiority insofar as defense fighters are concerned. I am not able to forecast how the future Russian fighters will perform."

The general recommended to the subcommittee, headed by Sen. Stuart Symington (D.-Mo.), that:

- "**It is imperative** that the Air Force push along a program for future fighters which will outperform anything presently programmed to come into the USAF inventory."
- **Development of missiles** to counter intercontinental ballistic missiles is of the same "extreme importance" as the development of the offensive ICBM.
- **The SAGE** (semi-automatic ground environment) system for automatic control of the defense system, now programmed to cover only the continental U. S., should be expanded to cover Canada.
- **Advances must be made** in radars which, at present, do not have sufficient coverage at either low or at high altitude.
- **Air Defense Command** air crews and technical ground personnel should be increased. There should be a minimum of 1.4 crews per operational aircraft, instead of the present 1.0 crew. Insufficient ground crews have made it impossible for the command to properly service and maintain aircraft, engines and complex fire-control systems.
- **Insufficient air bases** have resulted in the crowding of two units onto an airfield intended for only one. Additional hangar space is required to keep expensive aircraft sheltered from the weather.

Defense Costs

The Air Force has a $61 billion, 15-year program (1951 through 1965) for the development of continental defense, Partridge reported. Of this, $24 billion is for capital outlays and $37 billion for operating costs. This does not include costs of the defense programs of the Army and Navy and of Air Force programs outside the continental U. S.

"This program would give us a minimum effective defense against manned aircraft," he said. "It would not provide defense against ICBMs, although parts of the program may well be adapted for this purpose." Expenditures thus far have been less than $4 billion a year, or less than $20 billion total, indicating that the program will require at least an additional $41 billion.

Although a defense against the ICBM "can conceivably be devised," Partridge noted that "this will be one of the most difficult tasks ever undertaken." Two elements, he said, are involved:

- **First, a radar, computer** and communications system which will initially detect, identify and compute track and target information, and alert the counter-missile system. "We have to develop new types of radar in order to get the long distance warning."
- **Second, a counter-missile** system to intercept and destroy the ICBM warhead. "We will be dealing with a weapon going 12,000 to 15,000 mph. and above 500 mi. in height. "It is possible that we will be able to use some of our present ground-to-air missiles in some improved form . . . but this program is only in its early stages."

At present, Partridge said, the USSR has the capability of launching an initial attack against the U. S. with "hundreds of bombers." If the 50 most important targets were successfully attacked, he added, it would bring 40% of the population of the U. S. and 60% of the industry of the country under fire. About 55% of the population and about 75% of industry are concentrated in 170 metropolitan areas.

While conceding that there are numerous deficiencies in his command, Partridge stressed that it "is fully operational and prepared to engage in an all-out air battle at a moment's notice. We hope that the existence of this defensive force may prove a decisive factor in keeping us out of war."

He pointed out that the present defense system was originally set up to combat the threat of attack by the Bull, the Soviet B-29 type bomber. He added:

"Since originally conceived, our air defense system has been modernized as rapidly as practicable to increase its capability so that we might operate against the more recent weapons and aircraft (Bisons and Bears) which the Soviets have introduced. This improvement is still continuing . . . but our present day force is less effective than I should like to see it insofar as both our high altitude and our low altitude coverage are concerned.

He said efforts must be continued in research and development to improve the thrust of jet engines, increase the height and range capability of radars, improve communications and to find an anti-missile against the ICBM and intermediate-range ballistic missile.

Senate Group Restores $3.7 Million to NACA

Washington—The Senate Appropriations Committee has restored $3.7 million of the $5.2 million cut made by the House in the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics Fiscal 1957 budget requests.

The total $78.2 million approved by the Senate group is $5.5 million more than NACA's budget for the current fiscal year but $1.5 million below the amount requested.

The Senate committee also approved a Fiscal 1957 budget of $3.7 million ($75,000 less than requested) for the Renegotiation Board. This is $475,000 less than the board's budget for this year's operations.

Struggle Between PanAm and Northwest Airlines Before CAB

By Craig Lewis

Washington—The struggle between Pan American World Airways and Northwest Airlines over the Great Circle Route to the Orient is a step nearer final decision with the completion of Civil Aeronautics Board hearings.

In a spirited two weeks of hearings before a CAB examiner, the two airlines continued their long-standing battle over the Great Circle Route in the Transpacific Case. The Board is preparing fresh recommendations on the case for the White House.

In another, quieter hearing for a Great Circle Route, Trans World Airlines and Pan American asked the CAB to give them polar routes to Europe from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle to match the prosperous route now operated by Scandinavian Airlines System.

Testifying in the Transpacific Case, Pan American Vice President Alvin P. Adams said he believes the Pacific fare level should come down. He said Pan American would propose a $100 cut in fares over the North Pacific if it gets the Great Circle Route.

Northwest opposes a cut because "where there is no increase in seating density or service to compensate for the reduction in revenue . . . a fare reduction of that nature would be a direct path to increased subsidy requirements for the carriers involved."

Pan American wants to operate over the Great Circle routing since it is shorter than the one-stop Central Pacific route the carrier now has. One of the airline's main arguments is that the DC-7C, now coming into use, makes longer-range, non-stop Pacific operations possible.

Adams said that as flying times become shorter, time savings become more significant as competitive factors. "The new aircraft," he said, "will not only expand the United States-Orient market beyond anything previously conceived by reason of the time saving and economies inherent in their use, but they will create a new consciousness of the advantage of utilizing the direct route to the Orient."

Pan American testified that, with both carriers operating over the route, Northwest would make a profit of more than $6 million in the first year of DC-7C operation and Pan American would be able to make a profit of $5 million a year.

Northwest, however, feels that the route is too lightly traveled to support two carriers and that certification of Pan American would cause diversion of $5,176,000 a year from Northwest.

C. L. Stewart, assistant vice president of Northwest, said "the duplication of that route by Pan American would either force Northwest to a position where it would be an ineffective competitor in the Pacific or both Northwest and Pan American would have to rely on substantial government subsidy."

Stewart also said that if Pan American got the North Pacific routing, the carrier would "abandon a great measure of the historic American flag traffic across the Central Pacific route to a foreign flag competitor, thus indirectly our government would also be subsidizing foreign flag competition."

Northwest accused Pan American of not offering the shortest route between California and Tokyo. Northwest said that stopping at Midway Island instead of Honolulu would cut PanAm's transpacific mileage, but Pan American said the Midway routing "just isn't the proper way to operate the route."

In the West-Coast-Europe Polar Route Case, Pan American said there is enough traffic traveling the polar route to support both Pan American and TWA. Pan American estimated that it would carry about 23,000 passengers over the polar route in the first year of operation with a net profit of about $1.2 million.

TWA said it is the logical carrier to get the polar route, and that Pan American should be certificated only if the CAB finds the route will support two American carriers. TWA said that the impact of SAS polar service has cut the American carrier's participation in California-Europe traffic from 50% of the total to 30%.

An initial schedule of nine flights a week—five from Los Angeles and four from San Francisco—was proposed by TWA. The airline said traffic on its single-plane service from the West Coast to Europe via New York has been disappointing, and the service would probably be dropped if TWA gets a polar route.

USAF Revamps Rescue Service

Washington—The Air Force last week ordered a streamlining of its Air Rescue Service which will provide greater coverage, cut costs considerably and shift emphasis from fixed-wing aircraft and crash boats to helicopters.

The order will mean the purchase of a number of new helicopters, but the Air Force said it does not yet know how many it will need. They probably will be small, versatile two-place craft equipped with stretchers and assigned primarily to the rescue mission.

An Air Force spokesman said the reorganization calls for a shift from a few large, self-sufficient air rescue units at relatively few bases to a program of "versatile air rescue detachments dispersed throughout the country." Helicopters, the spokesman said, will be used at "55 bases in the U.S. and at designated overseas bases."

Four Air Rescue Service Group Headquarters (at Albrook AFB, Canal Zone; Hamilton AFB, Calif.; Westover AFB, Mass., and Wheelus AFB, Libya and nine ARS squadrons will be eliminated. The squadrons are stationed at March, McCord, Lowry, Ellington and Selfridge AF bases in the U.S. and at Albrook, Ramey AFB in Puerto Rico, Kindley AFB in Bermuda and Dahran AFB in Saudi Arabia.

The streamlining resulted directly from a study of air rescue work in recent years and indirectly from the fact that the Air Coordinating Committee's new National Search and Rescue Plan (AW Apr. 16, p. 132) gives the Air Force responsibility for inland areas, leaving the maritime region to the Coast Guard.

The study revealed that:

- **About 70% of all** Air Force aircraft accidents occur within a 20-mile radius of an Air Force base.
- **Helicopters recovered** 19% of all persons rescued from the water after aircraft accidents, whereas crash boats rescued only 3%.

The significance of the last figure is pointed up by the fact that the Air Force had 10 times as many crash boats in rescue service as it did helicopters.

Crash boats now will be eliminated from ARS. Since they were assigned to bases, rather than ARS units, they will either remain in service (for target surveillance, etc.) or be turned over to the Navy.

The Air Force said the reduction in the number of fixed-wing aircraft under the new concept will "not be material."

Air Force estimates are that it can save $18.7 million annually and release 2,033 personnel from ARS work by the time the streamlining is completed.

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, USAF Chief of Staff, said the new concept results from "technological advances and years of daily experience."

An Air Force spokesman said two factors are the increase in injuries to pilots who bail out at high speeds and the smaller amount of survival gear they can carry in the newer planes.

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ATA President Tipton Criticizes CAB Airline Fare Investigation

San Francisco—The Civil Aeronautics Board was charged by the Air Transport Association last week with starting its investigation of general airline fares for the wrong reason.

"The Board gave an alleged high level of airline profits as the reason for its concern," Stuart G. Tipton, president of ATA, told the Aviation Writers Association.

Asserting that the CAB did not say rates were too high, Tipton decried the use by the Board of the rate of return on investment as the formula for determining justifiable profits.

"Instead, the Board must face up to the real question: How much money do the airlines need to do their job? The Board must answer that," Tipton said, "and then be prepared to support and defend the industry in getting that much money."

Trunkline earnings from all sources for the last ten years were about $1,760,000,000, Tipton said. Of these funds 82% or $1,480,000,000 was ploughed back into new and better equipment.

Only $91 million, about 5%, was paid out in dividends, Tipton said, and "a large portion of those dividends was paid to preferred stockholders. . . . Virtually mandatory from a credit standpoint."

Tipton cited these other facts:

• **Airline** dividend payouts amounted to 32% of net profits after taxes, compared with 47% for all U.S. corporations.

• **Although** a growth industry, airline equities have increased only 25% since 1946. Other growth industries have shown spectacular gains: chemicals 239%, aircraft manufacturing 362% and aluminum 476%.

• **Air fares** today are just about level with those of 1938, despite cost increases including a 235% increase in airline wages and an over 90% increase in consumer prices.

• **When the airlines** buy new equipment, they contribute them to the civil reserve air fleet, ready to be called on government service in emergencies.

"This country can continue to have the greatest airline system in the world if only our government recognizes the great public issues with which it is dealing, recognizes the disaster that can come from errors, the national benefits that can flow from sound policy," Tipton declared.

His conclusion forecast an aggressive campaign by ATA: "Perhaps it is high time that the airlines came at the CAB with the powerful arguments which must convince the Board of the special needs of an air transportation system and give the Board an opportunity to assume its grave responsibilities."

F5D Exceeds Mach 1 In First Flight

San Francisco—The Navy's Douglas F5D Skylancer exceeded the speed of sound on its first flight recently at Edwards AFB.

Wing planform, general appearance and arrangement are the same as the F4D. Equipped with the Pratt & Whitney J57 engine, the F5D has been designed for greater speed, range and performance. The Skylancer will be a multi-purpose fleet airplane, serving either as a day fighter or all weather interceptor.

F5D aircraft will begin coming off the Douglas El Segundo production line in about nine months. Procurement is expected to be supported in part by transfer of funds from the F4D program.

Missile, Satellite Products Useful

By Alpheus W. Jessup

Moffett Field—Civil aviation and civilian life will receive major benefits in the years to come from the by-products of missile and satellite technology, Hall L. Hibbard, vice president and general manager of the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. Missile Systems Division, told the Aviation Writers Association.

Hibbard predicted that the wing of the F-104A Starfighter would some day appear again enlarged in scale as the wing of a supersonic commercial transport. The F-104 wing, he said, "came straight from a missile we have been flying for some time." Another benefit to civil aviation, Hibbard said will be techniques and equipment to handle the three-dimensional air traffic jam "when the air will be full of jet liners, vertical rising jalopies, helicopter drays, and so on. . . .

"In the process of working out the automatic flight and guidance systems, and data control and reduction systems for missiles, they (the missile boys) are solving the problems and building the equipment to control this mass of air travel of the future."

He also predicted that mail and freight rockets will be in use within the U.S. and on world routes.

Hibbard listed practical applications of satellites in:

• **Navigation.** Ideal celestial reference points with built-in visibility to radar could be positioned where they are wanted. Then automatic piloting of manned and unmanned vehicles with unprecedented precision would be possible.

• **Communication.** Properly placed satellites could reflect or broadcast signals free from line of sight limitations.

• **Meteorology and climatology.** Satellites put up where they can observe the whole panoramic sweep of the weather as it forms and moves will enable the weatherman to make absolutely dependable forecasts. Eventually we may "learn enough about cosmic rays, solar phenomenon, magnetic storms and meteoric dust" to forecast long-range weather cycles and "maybe even do something about them."

Besides these direct uses of missiles and satellites, missile technology under the pressure of the weight problem, will lead to new electronic equipment that will be cheaper, smaller and better. The applications will be made to many unexpected things—watches, pocket television sets, instant communications to anywhere and robot machines to handle housework.

Hibbard predicted that the missile men will turn up new sources of cheap and massive energy. With their problems simplified by having no humans aboard their missiles, they may perfect "fully effective applications of nuclear, solar and other energy well before it is done on land or in conventional aircraft."

Plant Mills Steel, Titanium Chemically

Los Angeles—The first pilot plant for the chemical milling of steel and titanium is in operation here, turning out parts for the North American SM-64 Navaho intercontinental guided missile.

The plant, located at the facilities of Turso Products, Inc., is being operated by the company in a joint research and development effort with North American Aviation, originator of the patented Chem-Mill process.

A production line for chemical milling steel and titanium with a capacity of 200 parts per week, will begin operation at North American's Downey plant in September.

DC-8 Climb, Cruise, Fuel Use, Speed Is Described by United

San Francisco—Operational characteristics of the Douglas DC-8 which United Air Lines will operate beginning in the fall of 1959 were projected for Aviation Writers Assn. United will be the first to operate these jet transports.

W. E. Rhoades, UAL manager of flight engineering, said:

• **DC-8 takeoff** will be somewhat conventional, except quieter than usual for up-front passengers.

• **Initial rate** of climb will be very much like today's planes until the DC-8 accelerates to 290 kts., its best rate of climb speed. From this point, rate of climb will be 2,000 fpm. or higher, depending on the load. Low-altitude turbulence will be traversed in about two or three min.

• **Plane will reach** 30,000 ft. in 15 to 17 min. The heavy, long-range version probably will level off between 25,000 and 30,000 ft. for first stage cruise and, after some fuel is burned to lighten the load, the plane will climb to 35,000 ft. for final stage cruise.

• **Climb** to the 30,000-ft. altitude will require about 1,200 gal. of fuel. Average fuel consumption for cruise will be about 2,200 gal. per hour.

• **At 30,000 ft.,** the flight would be above most of the weather, except thunderstorms. Very few large hailstones would be encountered, and no bird strikes.

• **Better methods** will have to be evolved to find jet streams when the plane is traveling eastbound, and to avoid them when flying westbound.

• **Actual flight-time** San Francisco to New York, will be about 4 hr. 40 min. plus about 15 min. for ground time. Westbound flight time will be about 5 hr. 35 min. with 15 min. more for ground time.

• **Plane will** be pressurized from sea level up to about 23,000 ft. This will be an operational necessity in order to get passengers down comfortably, since normal rates of descent of the DC-8 may be from 4,000 to 5,000 fpm.

• **Descent for straight-in** landing will be made from cruising altitude in 7 or 8 min.

• **Passengers would** have panoramic view, unobstructed from most seats.

Russian Researcher's Pay Cut by 50%

The high pay scale for Russian research scientists and teachers in higher educational establishments has been cut by 50%.

The action was taken for two major reasons: to channel some of the nonproductive researchers into productive industrial jobs, and to appeal for more support from the industrial and managerial elite now being created by the present regime in Russia.

First rumblings against inequities in the wage system were heard at a conference of industrial managers last summer. The 20th Party Congress aired further criticisms. Final blast was published in Komsomol'Skaya Pravda as an official doctrine.

Major complaint of the newspaper article seems to be that some Red researchers are living on the degree and the salary they established some time back, rather than continuing to be producers of scientific thought.

Under the old system, a researcher achieved his advanced degree after his dissertation, and almost immediately became one of the scientific elite with salary perhaps two or three times as much as an industrial plant manager. In fact, Russia is probably the only country in the world where a college professor or researcher is at the top of the wage-earners' list.

The ease of getting by the single barrier of the dissertation to a green, lazy field of low productivity and high salary has been recognized by young Soviet students who have aimed at degree-gathering. The article cites some of the cynical comments circulated among young scientists: "A degree is power;" "What is important is not knowledge, but a degree;" "On to degrees."

Twining to Visit USSR

Washington—Gen. Nathan F. Twining, USAF Chief of Staff, last week accepted Russia's invitation to attend the Soviet Aviation Day celebration in Moscow on June 24.

The announcement of Gen. Twining's acceptance, made upon the personal direction of President Eisenhower, said he will be accompanied on the trip by "several Air Force officers." Originally, the administration had held back a reply in the hope that the invitation would be extended to include other members of the Joint Chiefs. Such an invitation, however, apparently was not forthcoming.

Europe Fights Fare Cuts

Cannes—Bitter European opposition to American proposals for new low third-class transatlantic fares flared at the International Air Transport Association annual rate meeting here last week.

Before IATA conference opened, the civil aviation chiefs of 14 European countries met in Paris and issued a joint policy statement opposing the American proposals. They indicated they would request their governments to take action under bilateral agreements with the United States if American carriers began an Atlantic rate war next spring by introducing the proposed third-class fares and service. Countries supporting the opposition policy include France, Britain, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Luxembourg, Ireland, Norway, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland and West Germany.

Rene Lemaine, French civil aviation chief who presented the opposition policy to the IATA delegates, said European airlines needed more time to adjust to the jet age; lacked fleet flexibility to offer a new type service, and feared lowering of fares would reduce their already critical net income levels.

Bonanza Orders Fairchild F-27

San Francisco—Bonanza Airlines became the sixth operator to order the Fairchild F-27 turboprop airliner last week. Its order for three Friendships raised the total of firm orders to 17.

An option for an additional three increased the options to 23.

Tooling at Fairchild's Hagerstown plant has just been started and the first metal will be cut in about one month. First flight of an American-built model of the Fokker-designed short-range transport will be made between June and August next year.

Originally, Fairchild's board of directors specified that firm orders for 40 aircraft had to be in hand before large scale production tooling could begin. This has recently been modified, and sales can now be contracted for without the minimum order escape clause.

Two months remain before the production tooling decision has to be made. By that time, Fairchild expects it will have firm orders in hand for close to 80 aircraft.

First, executive transport sale is about to be announced. One corporation has already received approval from its board of directors to make a Friendship purchase. Another West Coast airline has verbally committed itself to a small Friendship order.

Army Outlines Aviation Program, Sees No Conflict With USAF

By Evert Clark

Washington—Army Aviation's toughest job—reflected in its budget presentations to Congress and a recently-released outline of its five year plan—is to convince the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Air Force, Congress and the public that it can continue to grow without infringing on Air Force operations.

The Army presented its five year plan to the Joint Chiefs some week ago —largely in an attempt to make it clear that the Army's program in the air is not competitive with that of any other service, according to Maj. Gen. Hamilton H. Howze, director of Army Aviation. The Joint Chiefs still have it under study.

Gen. Howze said the Army has not yet asked for any change in the 1952 Memorandum of Understanding—which limits the size of fixed-wing Army aircraft to 5,000-lb. empty weight—and will not ask for any in the near future.

Other Army spokesmen indicated no change will be asked for until some successful research and development program produces an aircraft feasible for Army use and over the weight limit. Then, with a specific aircraft to talk about, Army would make its request with a reasonable expectation of success.

Although that probably will not come in the near future, it is quite likely to come before the end of five years.

So far the public has not seen the five year plan, although Gen. Howze briefed at least one congressional committee recently. Most of his comments on details of the plan were off the record.

The Army has released an "Army Aviation Fact Sheet" which it says sketches the broad general outline of the five year plan. The fact sheet contains little detail.

It generally bears out Gen. Howze's statement in an interview that the five year plan "is merely a methodical outline for our own development along present lines, and not a departure from previous concepts"—or an attempt to move into Air Force territory.

It mentions the Army's interest in a faster, short-takeoff observation plane, but describes it in far less detail than Gen. Howze described it to Congress (AW May 14, p. 31). Development contracts will be let for this plane by the Navy as soon as details are worked out between the Army and the Marine Corps, which also has a requirement for it. Army and Marines have agreed on almost all points but Army favors tandem seating, with "one head above the other" for better yisibility, and Marines favor side-by-side.

The fact sheet also notes that the Army has "under study" a possible requirement for "a relatively small fixed-wing transport aircraft (3 to 5 tons payload)" to "increase significantly the mobility of ground troops, not only in the rear areas but in the area of contact with the enemy."

Although the fact sheet says the Army "may" have this requirement in the future, it also notes that "considerably greater dependence" must ultimately be placed on the fixed wing cargo aircraft such as those mentioned above "for moving troops from the place where Air Force transports leave them to "small units of the field army."

Gen. Howze insists that the Army program is "sound, reasonable and moderate" and says he is convinced that most Air Force objections to the Army's aviation plans come from "a misunderstanding."

He says the new observation plane is "not in any way an attempt to conflict with Air Force tactical reconnaissance;" the Army's desire for "unconditional command" of its aircraft during combat can be worked out by agreement with Air Force and advancements in electronic techniques (for example, the use of transponders) and improved tactical air traffic control; and that he would leave "all long-range troop movement" to the Air Force.

What the Army objects to and would like to get rid of are "arbitrary limitations"—presumably in pounds and miles —which keep the Army from performing missions which unquestionably are assigned to it, he said.

Mach 1.2 Bomb Drop Confirmed by Navy

Washington—The Navy said last week that a naval aircraft in level flight has successfully released a bomb at a speed of Mach 1.2, confirming an AVIATION WEEK report of Feb. 13 (p. 25). This is the highest speed ever recorded for such a drop.

The drop was accomplished with a small, lightweight explosive bolt developed by Modern Metal Crafts Co. of Philadelphia for the Bureau of Aeronautics. The device, tested at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent, Md., enables the bomb to make a routine trajectory, overcoming the tendency to remain with the aircraft in supersonic releases.

The bolt is cut in half by a self-contained powder charge.

Military Aviation Funds

The three military services had an unexpended balance on hand, as of Apr. 1, of over $21 billion for aircraft, guided missiles and electronics equipment. Following are details reported by the Department of Defense (000 omitted):

	OBLIGATIONS		EXPENDITURES	
	July 1, 1955 to Apr. 1, 1956	Unobligated Balance, Apr. 1	July 1, 1955 to Apr. 1, 1956	Unexpended Balance, Apr. 1
Aircraft and Engines:				
Air Force	$2,761,224	$6,252,551	$3,796,325	$11,599,190
Navy	1,173,132	2,230,118	1,180,779	4,972,422
Army	19,101	137,917	70,091	326,615
TOTAL	3,953,457	8,620,586	5,047,195	16,898,227
Guided Missiles:				
Air Force	605,256	530,565	406,823	1,251,661
Navy	163,459	191,887	133,981	450,548
Army	273,237	169,277	288,861	819,011
TOTAL	1,041,952	891,729	829,665	2,521,220
Electronics & Communications Equipment:				
Air Force	256,006	768,961	384,789	1,328,337
Navy	96,851	115,961	69,132	299,887
Army	78,765	87,149	108,444	424,226
TOTAL	431,622	972,071	526,365	2,052,450

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U.S. Tries to Boost Confidence In NATO at European Air Show

By Claude Witze

Zurich—Against discouraging odds and an obvious Soviet effort to put its docile foot forward, the U.S. Air Force and Army displayed their aircraft and missile might at the two-day International Air Show here in an effort to bolster waning European confidence in the power of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

While European newspapers were giving wide publicity to statements outlining U.S. weaknesses by Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Strategic Air Command commander, and Gen. Earle E. Partridge (see p. 30), the Air Force made these counter moves:

- **Unveiled the first** operational USAF F-100 Super Sabre unit in Europe at a Bitburg, Germany, press conference on the eve of the air show. The conference was attended by 180 reporters from seven nations.
- **Flew the F-100** at supersonic speed before an air show crowd of 500,000.
- **Gave European audiences** their first view of the B-47 medium-range jet bomber and the Martin Matador tactical missile.

The Army put on exhibition the Nike anti-aircraft missile and the Corporal and Honest John ground-to-ground missiles.

The Nike unit had been rushed from the U.S. on two-weeks' notice in an obvious Defense Department effort to offset slackening European interest in NATO in the face of Russia's new, "peaceful" look, and to reawaken confidence in U.S. strength.

The Russian tack for prestige was directly opposite.

Soviet military aircraft were conspicious by their absence. Russia relied, instead, upon its already highly publicized Tu-104 twin-jet transport.

During the first day of the show, the silver jet remained on static display, with only a limited, and apparently select, number of guests allowed to enter it.

On the second day, the Tu-104 took to the air for two passes—one at no more than 300 ft. over the crowd.

Experts at the show were impressed by both displays, but the U.S. had the larger selling job.

Along with the testimony of LeMay and Partridge, European newspapers were giving prominent mention to threats in some quarters of Congress to cut off support from NATO nations which have failed to carry out their commitments, and a statement by the new NATO commander, USAF Gen. Lauris Norstad, that his forces are still below the necessary minimum.

To point up the improvement of U.S. forces deployed in NATO countries, Maj. Gen. Robert M. Lee, commander of the 12th Air Force, and Col. John A. Brooks, commander of the 36th Fighter Day Wing, said at the Bitburg press conference that USAF air power in Europe is now all-jet, including the Martin B-57, RB-57, F-86, F-84F and the Matador.

They also pointed out that the arrival of the F-100 makes supersonic combat operations possible for the first time and is a "signal of the intention of the Western nations to put forth the utmost in defense of freedom."

U.S. Latin American Show Is Rescheduled

Washington—The two-day international symposium aimed at aggressive promotion of the U.S. aircraft in Latin America postponed earlier this year after arrangements already had been made (AW Feb. 6, p. 28) is now scheduled for Nov. 14-15 at Miami.

The conference originally was planned for February by the Aircraft Industries Assn.'s Export Committee, working with John Payne, AIA's export director. After DeWitt Ramsey, president of AIA, called off the meeting, saying it needed further study, Richard B. Swanson, Washington representative of Convair, resigned as AIA Export Committee chairman.

New committee chairman is Charles H. Shuff of Western Electric International Corp.'s New York office, who was vice chairman under Swanson.

Payne is retiring from his AIA post this month. He is being succeeded by Irving H. Taylor, an associate.

Civil and military aviation leaders from Latin American countries have been invited to the symposium. Its purpose is to provide U.S. industry representatives with a better idea of the potentialities of the Latin American market, where European aircraft manufacturers have been making substantial sales in recent years.

French Plan to Build Atomic Plane Engine

Two years after a government announcement that the French were planning to construct an atomic airplane engine, the first step has been taken toward the realization of the project. A new division devoted to the study of an atomic engine has been created at Snecma's Suresnes plant, just outside of Paris.

To direct the work of the atomic study laboratory, Snecma has appointed Raymond Marchal, chief engineer of Snecma and one of the leading French aviation technicians. For the past eighteen months, Marchal has been detailed to the French Atomic Energy Commission's research center at Saclay where he has been studying the latest developments in French nuclear research.

Snecma refused to give any further information beyond the fact that it would "probably not work along the same lines as the Americans."

Chance Vought Awarded New F8U-1 Contract

Washington—The Navy has awarded Chance Vought Aircraft, Inc., a $20 million contract for additional production of fighter and photographic versions of the F8U-1 jet Crusader. Previous production contracts of $45 million were awarded in March, 1955, and $100 million was awarded in December. The contract increases the total amount of Crusader contracts awarded since Chance Vought won a design competition in May, 1953, to $230 million.

News Digest

Douglas F5D now equipped with the J57 eventually is expected to get the J79. General Electric is now flight testing the J79 in an F4D. The J79 is expected to provide the F5D with an operational ceiling in excess of 60,000 ft.

Convair will build an F-102B with the J75 engine under a new $83 million USAF contract in an effort to match the altitude of the Russian Bison bomber. First flight is scheduled before the year end. The F-102A with the J57 has flown at 54,000 ft., 2,000 better than expected but much less than what is considered necessary.

Tactical Air Command may eventually receive a fighter-bomber version of the Lockheed F-104 Starfighter. TAC has established a Starfighter project.

USAF Thunderbird aerobatic team is converting to North American F-100C Super Sabres and will make its first demonstration of the Super Sabres late next month in Florida. Thunderbirds have been flying Republic F-84Fs.

Official nomination of Garrison Norton as assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air (AW May 28, p. 25) was

announced last week by Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas. At the same time, Thomas confirmed the resignation from that post of James H. Smith, Jr. Thomas said Smith, an assistant secretary since July, 1953, originally had accepted the position for a period of two years and had then, "at the personal request of the Secretary," agreed to stay on for an additional year. Norton, who has been a research and development consultant to the Secretary of the Air Force since 1952, is a Naval Reserve aviator and served as assistant chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Authority in 1938.

Beech Aircraft Corp. has been awarded $500,000 contract by Lockheed Aircraft Corp. for additional T-33 jet trainer wings, supplementing a $3-million follow-on production contract received by Beech in January.

Semi-automatic translation of Russian technical articles into English on a word-for-word basis is goal of new development being launched at International Telemeter Corp. under Rome Air Development Center sponsorship. As human operators type out words on Russian-alphabet keyboard, an adjoining electric typewriter will type out English equivalent. Russian-English word equivalents will be stored on high-speed rotating disc, capable of storing five million characters and extracting any word in 50 milliseconds.

National Aviation Corp. offering of 139,523 shares of capital stock to stockholders at $30 per share and ratio of four to one was oversubscribed. Primary subscription rights took up 136,411 shares. The remaining 3,112 shares will be alloted among 59,056 subscriptions pro rated as primary subscription rights were exercised.

Nike missile will be produced at Charlotte Ordnance Missile Plant, which was dedicated recently. Douglas aircraft company will operate Army-owned plant as its fifth division. Rehabilitation from former quartermaster depot cost $22 million.

Price cut of more than 30% for fluorocarbon rubbers, which has uses in containers for guided missiles, are effective this month. New price for Kel-F elasomer starts on sliding scale at $15 lb.

First Canadian privately sponsored environmental test laboratory is open at PSC Applied Research Limited plant in Toronto. Offered Canadian industry for the first time: icing wind tunnel, altitude temperature chambers, shock, salt fog and radio interference tests. To be added: equipment to test effects of sand and dust, explosions and fungus growths.

Fang Stayed in Mockup Stage, But Paid Test Bed Dividends

By Richard Sweeney

Hawthorne, Calif.—Northrop Aircraft's Fang (N-109), a proposed single place, high altitude supersonic fighter, never got beyond the mockup stage. But the company has found it an invaluable engineering aid since it was designed for growth without modification and for a high degree of flexibility and maintainability, using new approaches and principles.

Fang design started in May, 1953. The mockup was done in September of the same year, and has been in use as a test bed for ideas since.

Innovations in principle and design include:

• **The turbojet** engine was not mounted within the prime structure, it was attached underneath. Either the J65 or J79 could have been used, and the change could be effected in the field using a kit.

• **Hinged sections** were used extensively, insuring a very high degree of equipment accessibility and maintainability.

• **Equipment** people were allowed to place their hardware in the aerodynamic envelope in easy access locations, and structures were designed around them afterward.

• **A delta** (low aspect ratio) wing 5% thick was used, but a horizontal stabilizer was incorporated to obtain higher accelerations at high altitudes and Mach numbers than had been possible with pure delta designs.

• **The plane** featured eight interchangeable armament installations (Gatling-type cannons, 2.5 in. and other sizes of rockets, guided missiles and combinations thereof). Changeover was by kit, and could be accomplished in the field.

• **The combination** of hinged panels, kits for reloading and servicing of armament, single point high pressure refueling, resulted in a combat mission turnaround time of six minutes from touchdown to takeoff.

Light Weight

The Fang was a light (15,000 to 18,000 lb.) aircraft, with wing loading on the order of 55 lb. per sq. ft. A top speed of Mach 2 with the ultimate (J79 or better) powerplant was planned. Using the zoom technique of trading speed for altitude, a maximum altitude of at least 70,000 ft. was expected.

Structurally, Fang used four main fuselage longerons and stressed skin in the center and aft sections of the fuselage for a box.

Since some sections of what otherwise would have been stressed skin were hinged sections and non-load bearing, a vertical shear web was incorporated in the forward part of the upper fuselage just aft the cockpit, separating two equipment locations.

The engine suspension system was hung below the aft-central fuselage box structure, making installation of multiple engine mounts for different powerplants easy in original production without too great a weight penalty. The engine enclosure was in reality just a large cowling, hinged in all sections for easy engine access.

For different engines, different cowls could be used without any modifications whatsoever since attachment to the main fuselage structure was along a hinge point.

Duct Configuration

Air duct configuration could be changed at will to suit engine requirements since it too was merely attached to primary structure rather than being a part of it.

In equipment placing, those items requiring least service were installed just aft the cockpit in the fuselage. Access was through a uniquely fastened, hinged and rotable section of part of the wing leading edge and fairing and fuselage side panel.

The top of the fuselage forward of the instrument panel also was hinged for easy access to the back of the instrument panel and electronic gear in that area.

The nose section was similarly hinged for access to radar and related electronic equipment.

Plastic Tubes

Gun blast tubes were of plastic with stainless steel innerliners. When a tube burned out, it was thrown away and a new tube installed due to the low cost. In addition, the plastic design in that area made armament changeover by kit easier since the proper section for the type of armament could be easily and quickly installed from the kit. Any of the eight armament changeovers could be made in a maximum of eight man hours, two men working four hours each, one on each side.

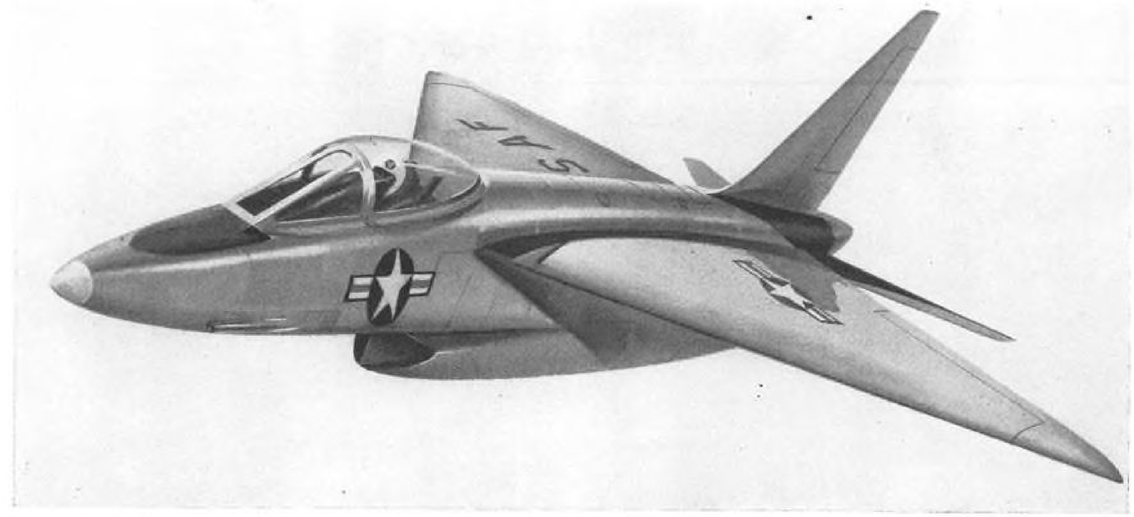
Fuel was carried integrally in the wing, and in bladder tanks in the fuselage, since the high mid-wing used a straight through structure.

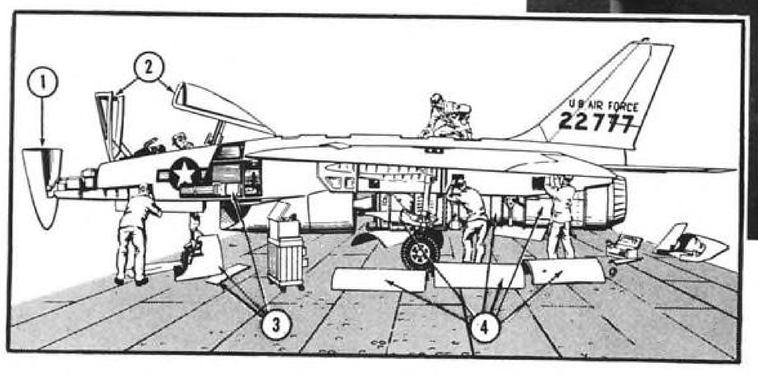
Fang would have cost more initially per pound of airframe weight than conventional designs.

However, in the life span of an airplane, its growth usually is accomplished through costly modification programs. The Fang philosophy evolved by Edgar Schmued, Northrop vice president-engineering, would have cut the modification costs considerably, resulting in the plane's complete growth cycle being accomplished at a much lower life-span-of-the-design cost.

The design was accomplished under the direction of Welko Gasich, Northrop chief of preliminary design.

Many Fang innovations will be included in future Northrop designs, and the first undoubtedly will be the supersonic trainer now under construction.





ARTIST'S conception of Fang in flight (top) shows split air intake for use with J79 engine at supersonic speeds. Extensive hinging (right) shows use of easy access theory. Nose (1, below) provides access to radar and forward electronic gear; fuselage (2) opens to back of instrument panel, other electronic gear; armament panels (3) open for kit servicing or firepower changeover, and (4) engine cowls can be removed for service engine change or installation of a different type of engine

DC-7C Lengthens Transocean Stride

Three spectacular proving flights precede the first scheduled nonstop New York-to-Paris service.

By Robert Hotz

New York—Pan American World Airways began a new era of transatlantic operations last week with first regularly scheduled nonstop New York-Paris service using the Douglas DC-7C.

Regular DC-7C passenger service was preceded by three spectacular proving flights that saw the new transport stretch its legs to set three new nonstop commercial records between the United States and European terminals. They were:

- **4,800 mi. nonstop** from Miami to Paris in 13 hr. 55 min., averaging 350 mph. ground speed and burning 7,135 gallons of the 7,824 maximum fuel load. Reserve over Paris was sufficient to use Madrid or Frankfurt as alternates.
- **4,060 mi. nonstop** from Frankfurt to New York in 13 hr. 30 min. averaging 300 mph. ground speed against an average 15 mph. headwind. Fuel consumption totalled 6,700 gallons leaving enough to use either Chicago or Atlanta as alternates.
- **4,300 mi. nonstop** from Rome to New York in 16 hr. 51 min. averaging 258 mph.

First two flights were operated by a Pan American flight crew commanded by Capt. C. N. Warren, chief check pilot, Atlantic Division, with Capt. A. O. Powell, assistant chief pilot, administrative, Atlantic Division as first officer and carried 53 newspapermen, airline officials and Douglas Aircraft Co. executives. Takeoffs were made at current maximum gross weight of 140,000 lb. and the flights were conducted under standard cruise conditions, pulling 1,700 cruise horsepower from each Curtiss-Wright R-3350 EA1 compound engine.

Strong Impact

Step climb procedure was used, the first four hours flown at 13,000 ft. before climb to cruising altitudes above 20,000 ft. The Rome flight was the end of a DC-7C proving flight covering all European terminals to be used by the new transport. It was conducted under long-range cruise procedures using less cruise power for better fuel economy.

Technical observers aboard the preliminary DC-7C transatlantic crossings were convinced the new transport will have a strong impact on long-range transport operations in the years remaining before turbojet transports go into service.

First reaction to the new nonstop pattern came from Ireland where the Irish government, apparently irked by the DC-7C ability to over-fly Shannon, refused permission for the press flight to fly over Irish territory on the way to Paris.

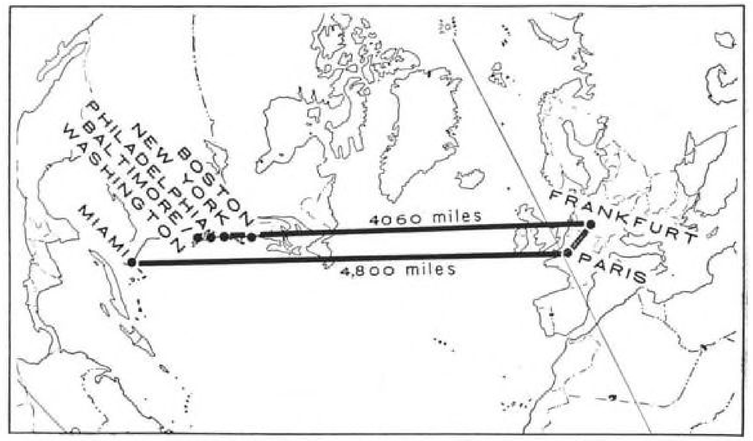
Pan American will be relying heavily on its DC-7 fleet, the B model that began entering service last year and the C model, to boost its transatlantic seat capacity from 80,000 in 1955 to a record 100,000 this year. In addition to the five deliveries already made to PanAm for the Paris service begun June 1, Douglas is still operating three DC-7Cs for development testing.

Pan American is scheduled to get deliveries of two a month until next March when its fleet of 25 planes will be complete. Early deliveries by Douglas enabled Pan American to get the DC-7C into regular service a month ahead of its July 1 target date. Present schedule calls for 11 hr. eastbound, 14½ hr. westbound.

Scandinavian Airlines System will be the next airline to get the DC-7C. Initial deliveries are scheduled for July.

Pan American is particularly pleased with the cabin flexibility of the seat tracks and removable bulkheads of the DC-7C that enable a quick change to each of three cabin arrangements the airline plans to use. They are:

- **76 passenger** tourist version now in service to Paris. This has a three-and-two seating arrangement with 38-in. interval between seat rows, fore and aft lavatories, and a mid-cabin galley and lounge.
- **104 passenger version** that will be used for Pan American's third-class service if its proposed low fares are approved by the International Air Transport Association traffic conference in session at Cannes.
- **Combination first-class** sleeper service in the rear cabin, tourist accommodations forward for low density routes such as the South Africa, Scandinavian and round-the-world services.



NONSTOP flights to Paris, New York prove DC-7's long-range.

Sooner and Better

The speed with which Douglas and Pan American put the DC-7C into airline service is characteristics of the pace with which the entire project has been handled. The project was first conceived June 7, 1954, by the Douglas engineering group headed by J. R. McGowen, who directed DC-6 and DC-7 series engineering. Corporate approval was given by Donald Douglas and the first conferences were held with Pan-Am President Juan Trippe and his technical advisers by June 15.

PanAm's initial approval was received just three weeks after the DC-7C project was conceived although a formal contract for 15 aircraft was not signed until a month later. In a span a week short of two years from conception the DC-7C went into regular airline service.

Pan American expects to put the DC-7C into Pacific service by September and hopes for approval of Great Circle course operations to the Orient for this transport. The DC-7C can make a Seattle-Tokyo run of 4,770 mi. nonstop and a one-stop run from Seattle to London via the polar route.

Coming at the end of the long Douglas DC-6 and DC-7 series development, the DC-7C has emerged sooner and better than originally scheduled. Douglas deliveries to Pan American began six weeks earlier than anticipated.

Certification Performance

Total of 105 DC-7Cs have been ordered by 12 airlines, representing about two years production of this type on the integrated DC-6 and DC-7 production line at the Douglas Santa Monica Division. By next year this line will be delivering 14 transports a month.

Certification performance of the DC-7C has exceeded its original sales contract guarantees by a significant margin and a number of improvements are still being cranked into the aircraft for even better operational characteristics.

Among the various areas where performance has exceeded guarantees are:

- **Gross weight** up from 139,000 lb. to 143,000 lb. with 144,000 lb. as its maximum performance limitation.
- **Take-off distance** cut from 6,950 ft. to 5,820 ft. at maximum gross.
- **Landing distance** has already been cut 50 ft. to 5,350 ft. at 107,000 lb. aircraft weight with additional improvements aimed at bringing the landing requirement to 5,000 ft., or less than now used by the DC-6B.
- **Rate of climb** has been increased and stalling speed lowered.

Engine improvements proposed by Curtiss-Wright will increase cruise power of the R-3350 turbo compound engines to 1,950 hp. in high blower and 2,000 hp. in low blower. This engine improvement is expected to increase cruise speed to 375 mph. and offer faster climb to cruising altitudes. These improved engines will be available for any new orders of the DC-7C.

Addition of synchrophasers on the 14-ft. diameter four-bladed Hamilton Standard propellers is expected to reduce the already extremely low cabin noise level.

BOAC Financial Loss Predicted

London—Financial difficulties within British Overseas Airways Corp., were revealed last week by the company's new chairman, Gerard Derlanger. In a statement read at a company staff meeting, Derlanger predicted the company will incur a loss of $4.2 million after interest paid during the present fiscal year ending March 1957.

The tone of the statement was in marked contrast to the annual report of ex-chairman Sir Miles Thomas only seven weeks ago. Thomas reported a profit of $4.9 million without the slightest indication of a possible loss in the future.

The company said however, that predictions of the financial future are not usual in its annual report.

On the same day of Derlanger's statement May 28, BOAC announced in effect, a pruning of its top staff in a reorganization. This appears to be in line with the financial outlook.

Derlanger's assessment was based partly on the report of a committee set up May 2 to examine aircraft requirements during the next ten years. It was reported that nearly half the deficit was expected because of the abnormal cost of introducing the Britannia into BOAC service. This entails non-revenue producing route-proving and crew training, and the burden of low utilizing rates expected during the plane's introductory period.

Another item is $2.1 million for wage raises, notably $1.1 million recently awarded pilots.

The introduction of DC-7C's will not reflect in the present financial year as they are not expected in service until the last period.

One of the personnel changes involves the retirement of operations director Sir Victor Tait. His post has been discontinued. Two new posts—chief of flight operations and chief of ground services—will report directly to the managing director. They will be filled with upgraded personnel.

Another new post—director of current operations—will be filled by H. Houchen, present deputy operations director.

Two other top positions—director of medical services and supplies manager—are due to become vacant soon.

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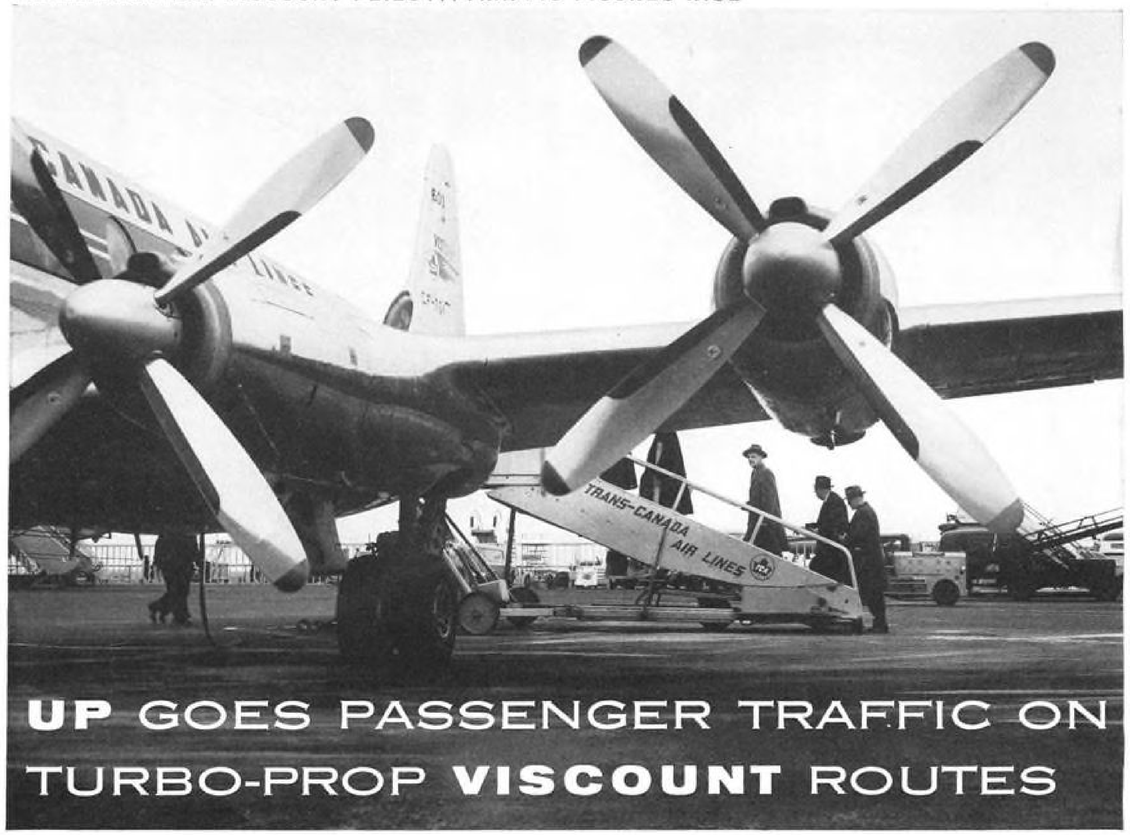

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Capital Calls for Common-Stock Increase

By L. L. Doty

Washington—Capital Airlines has called a special meeting of its stockholders for June 22 to ask for an increase of capital stock from an authorized one million shares of common stock to 2.5 million.

According to the proxy statement, the company has under consideration the issuance of convertible subordinated debentures in the approximate amount of $12 million. The increase in capital stock to support the convertible debentures is necessary since only 90,441 shares of currently authorized stock remain unissued.

If the debentures are authorized by the board of directors, maturity probably would be in twenty years with an interest rate of between 4% and 5%. Net proceeds would be added to the company's working capital to finance the operation of new equipment over its new routes. There is no indication that funds would be applied directly to the purchase price of the 15 Bristol Britannias the airline expects to order (AW May 28, p. 44).

Should the debentures be issued, the company would enter into an agreement with underwriters for their sale. Underwriting conditions would be fixed according to market conditions at the time the offering is made. The debentures would be issued under an indenture with a trustee to be selected.

Conversion Plans

Capital estimates that between 300,000 and 375,000 shares of the proposed issue may be required as a reserve for future conversion of the debentures into common stock. The balance of the new stock will not be offered immediately but will be held for any future requirements of the company. Relative rights of Capital's stockholders will not be changed under the proposal.

This is one of the first signs that some airlines at least may turn to equity-type securities to finance transitional costs of moving into the jet age.

Braniff Airways recently obtained authorization to boost its common stock from two million to three million shares, although the company announced last week that the planned offering of additional stock to shareholders was being temporarily postponed. The airline originally had announced its intention of raising about $15 million through the sale of 1,105,545 additional shares.

American Airlines followed a similer pattern in 1946 when it financed a fleet of Convair 240's and Douglas DC-6's through the issuance of 3% debentures and 3.5% convertible preferred stock. Funds amounting to some $80 million enabled American to win a strong advantage by being the first to place post-war equipment in competition against converted C-54s and pre-war DC-3s.

Capital's entry into the turboprop field ahead of the rest of the industry places the airline in an enviable position. Thus far, however, the airline is financing its re-equipment program without the benefit of long-term loans.

Viscount Financing

The $71 million purchase of the Viscounts is covered by monthly installments over a period of five years at an interest rate of 1.75% in excess of the Bank of England rate in effect on the date of payment. Maximum interest charge is 6.25%.

United, American and Eastern Airlines have completed long-term loan arrangements with insurance companies for their jet programs. National, Braniff and others have reached satisfactory agreements for long-term loans with various banking groups.

Undoubtedly, however, some companies may be forced to seek additional means of raising capital to cover such transitional costs as training, parts and tools and revised maintenance and operations procedures. In addition to the sale of new securities, long-term loans may be supplemented by proceeds from the sale of equipment, retained earnings, fast depreciation charge-offs and short term loans.

A clue to the vastness of the financial programs ahead lies in a statement made last week by National Airlines' serior vice president, A. G. Hardy, to to House Anti-Trust Subcommittee. Hardy testified that National's capital expansion program of $100 million will result in a total investment "in 1960 roughly three times as great as in 1954. Net operating income required to provide National with 7% net income after taxes on such an investment will exceed $11 million."

Stanley Gewirtz, vice president of the Air Transport Association, has emphasized before the House Anti-Trust Subcommittee the importance of the airlines reaching an investment stature which would attract new money at favorable terms. He said that a substantial part of the $3 billion the airlines will require during the next ten years must be forthcoming through public financing.

An indication of the lack of appeal the airlines present to investors, according to Gewirtz, is found in the holdings of some 1,000 insurance companies and related fiduciary groups. Of the 12 domestic trunk lines, the common stock of only four airlines has found its way into these fiduciary portfolios.

In no case, he added, does the aggregate holdings of a single airline's common equity comprise more than 1% of the outstanding issue.

Examiner Warns Aero-Peninsular

Temporary suspension and a warning to operate under the law were penalties prescribed against Aero Finance Corp. and Peninsular Air Transport by a Civil Aeronautics Board examiner in the Aero-Peninsular Compliance Case.

CAB Examiner Edward T. Stodola found Aero and Peninsular guilty of combining operations and offering a regular service in violation of the Civil Aeronautics Act.

Sodola advises the Board to suspend Aero and Peninsular's operating authorities for 90 days and to order the carriers to cease and desist from violating the act in future operations.

The carriers have been guilty of three offenses, according to the examiner—operating with individual regularity, operating with regularity in combination with each other and operating with regularity in combination with each other and with a ticket agency.

Aero and Peninsular have operated largely between Miami and New York and Chicago, with occasional operations between Miami and Burbank and New York and Burbank.

The ticket agency associated with the two irregular carriers in the report was formerly known as Safeway Travel Service. In 1955, the agency changed its name to South East Airlines Agency.

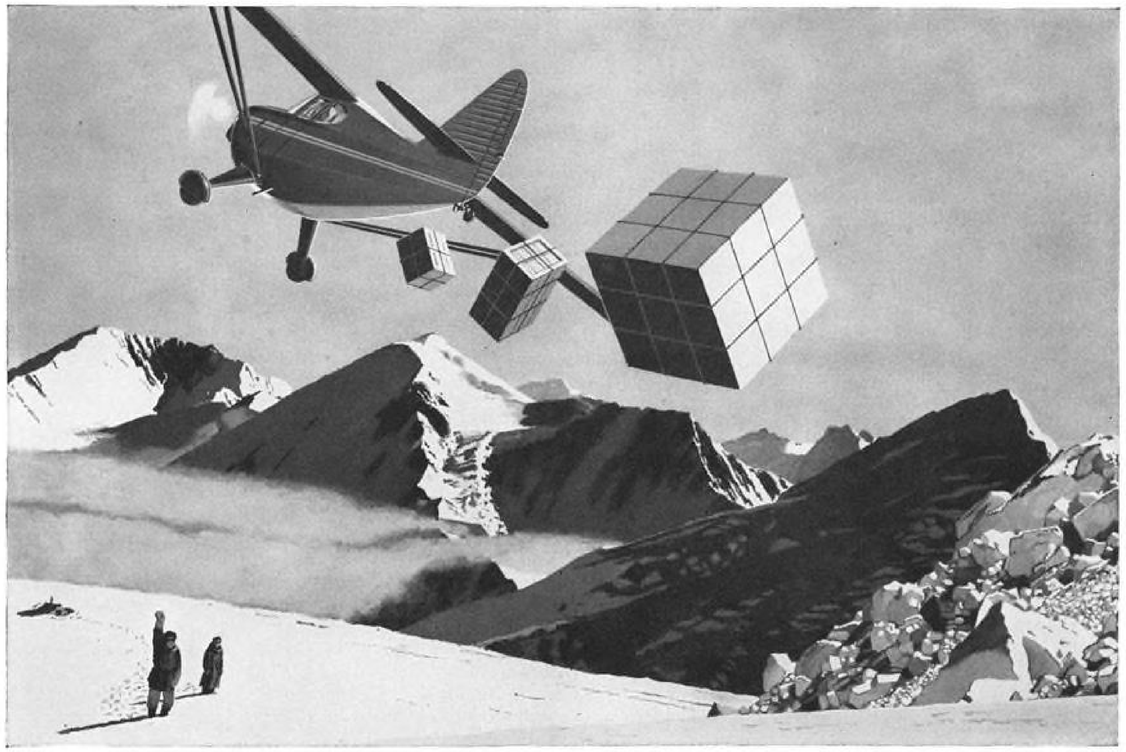
In recommending that the CAB punish the carriers with suspensions rather than revocation of their authority, Stodola pointed out that the Board recently has prescribed a new, more liberal set of rules for supplemental air carriers.

Stodola concludes that "Aero and PAT should be given one more opportunity to demonstrate good faith and capacity and willingness to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Board's regulations."

If they continue to operate unlawfully, the examiner recommends revocation of the operating authority of the guilty carrier.

PLANE FAX

by STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA



Delivering groceries to the Sierra crest

Snowbound in June! Every year from November to the first days of summer, a snow-survey engineer and his wife are isolated in their home high in the mountains south of Lake Tahoe. And each month Max Jones, a grocer of Gardnerville, Nevada, flies over the Sierra Nevada's crest to drop fresh vegetables, meat and mail into the soft snowdrifts piled near their door.

"Much of the trip is low-level flying," says Mr. Jones. "In spite of going over the top at 10,000 feet I don't have much room to spare. But even in a downdraft I get all the power I need with Chevron Aviation Gasoline 80/87 in our Stinson's Lycoming. Chevron 80/87 gives me performance to spare when I'm climbing, yet I can lean down for real economy in level flight. Burns clean, too; never fouls plugs.

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Eastern Flights Teach Teachers

Baltimore, Md.—Eastern Airlines is making hay for the aviation industry as a whole with its "education airlift." Some 58,000 school people have been given rides on Eastern airliners along with lectures on the ramifications of the industry during the last two years. A good example of the smooth promotion program took place on a recent Saturday when 1,200 public school teachers were entertained at Baltimore's Friendship International Airport.

Eastern hasn't estimated the cost of the king-sized airlift, but one day's operation can tie up as many as three airplanes, along with relief crews, ground personnel and ground equipment. However, the airline is convinced that enough new business is being generated to more than cover the cost, not to mention the long-range value to Eastern and the industry in producing a horde of air-minded educators.

To indicate the scope of the untapped market for air transportation among this professional group alone, Eastern points out that 70% of the teachers it airlifts have never flown before. That adds up to 40,600 first riders who have had their initial flight experience under the program so far.

The teachers began arriving at Friendship around 8 A.M. under a tight schedule set up through their superintendent's office. During most of the day, two 404s were landing and taking off at 27-min. intervals, unloading 40 teachers from the front of a plane as 40 more streamed in from the rear.

At lunchtime, one of the aircraft took up a planeful of people invited by the school superintendent for filet mignon, courtesy of Eastern.

To handle this typical airlift, the airline used three crews, eight hostesses, and various ground employes including the local station manager.

When setting up a particular airlift, an Eastern representative visits the school superintendent of the selected city two to three weeks in advance. The invitation is extended, and lining up and delivering the teachers becomes the school system's responsibility. Any local press coverage also comes through the school rather than through Eastern.

Not that the airline discourages such publicity. It hits the local angle hard: e.g., two pilots whose hometown is Columbus, O., were pulled off duty elsewhere in the system to handle the Saturday airlift there. Some of their old teachers from public school days were photographed with the pilots, and both local papers gave the story a nice play.

But it is a "soft sell" operation as far as Eastern is concerned, with the emphasis on aviation rather than the airline in the brief pitch delivered to each group of teachers before they enplane.

At many locations, Eastern sends in spare parts—nose wheel, spark plugs, main gear assembly, and the like—a day or so ahead for speedy replacement during an airlift. In some cases loading steps have been trucked in from other stations to handle the airlift.

Of the public school teachers who have been offered an airlift ride, about 80% have accepted. In parochial schools the acceptance rate has been about 95%.

CAB ORDERS

(May 17-23)

GRANTED:

William S. Munz an exemption to operate Alaskan routes certificated to Howard J. Mays pending a CAB decision on an application to transfer Mays' operating authority to Munz.

Trans World Airlines permission to buy eight Lockheed 1049G and 25 Lockheed 1649A aircraft from Hughes Tool Co.

Trans-Pacific Airlines an exemption to lease a DC-3 aircraft from Harry H. Hill, Jr., until June 30, 1957.

Slick Airways permission to serve Washington through Washington National Airport and/or Friendship International Airport.

Flying Tiger Line's petition for reconsideration of earlier CAB action denying an exemption to perform transatlantic charter flights for the Wayne University Travel Study Plan, Boston University Summer Travel Courses and San Francisco State College, an exemption to perform a transatlantic charter flight for Temple University also was granted.

APPROVED:

Agreements between Northern Consolidated Airlines, Wien Alaska Airlines and Westair Transport involving the lease of certain C-46 aircraft by NCA and Wien for use on military contracts. Westair was granted an exemption to provide the services involved.

New York Airways' flight pattern revision which adds passenger service on one-way mail and cargo flights between LaGuardia Airport and Stamford, Conn., daily except Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Interlocking relationships between C. H. Price, D. J. Martin, Trans World Airlines and Hughes Tool Co.

Agreements between various carriers adopted by the International Air Transport Assn. relating to the government excess-baggage authorization form.

ORDERED:

Ozark Air Lines to show cause why the Board should not set temporary mail rates of $2,023,886 for the period April 15, 1955, to Mar. 31, 1956, and 53.47 cents a mile for the period starting April 1, 1956.

Bonanza Air Lines to show cause why the Board should not set mail rates of $898,429 for the period April 25, 1955, to Jan. 31, 1956, and a sliding scale rate formula based on an annual rate of $1,308,878 for the period starting Feb. 1, 1956.

Applications filed by Braniff Airways, Delta Air Lines, National Airlines, North American Airlines, Trans World Airlines, City of Nashville and City of St. Louis consolidated with the St. Louis-Southeast Service Case. Any new services authorized in the case which operate to the Southeast from points beyond St. Louis will be required to stop at St. Louis.

Shortlines

▶ **Air India International** will accept delivery this month on the first of three Super-G Constellations on order. The new transport will be used on routes to Great Britain.

▶ **Allegheny Airlines** is using 15 Air France hostesses on its system this summer under a six-month program it has

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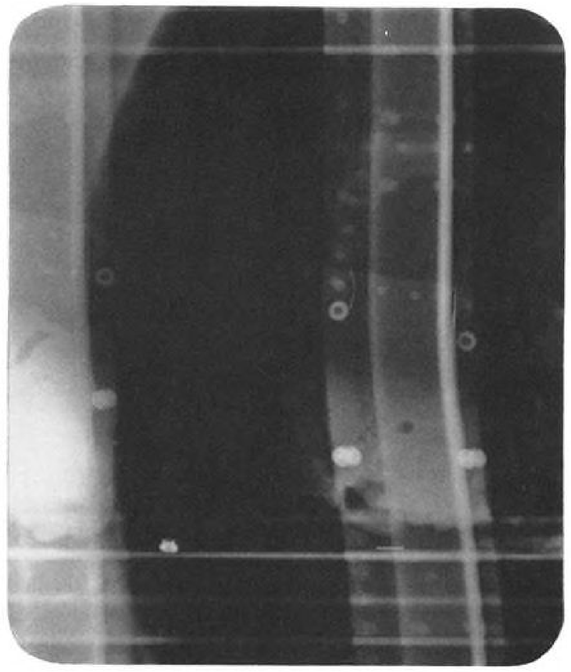

Radiograph showing pressure seal on National Airlines' DC-7 where wing stringer enters fuselage.

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entitled Project Lafayette. The project is designed to promote foreign travel from Allegheny's service area and create better understanding of American travelers by foreign airline flight personnel.

▶ **Avianca,** the Colombian airline, has signed an interline agreement with Scandinavian Airlines System to carry SAS passengers between New York and Colombia.

▶ **Braniff Airways** will use Aeroproducts propellers on the Allison 501 engines specified for the carrier's order of nine Lockheed Electras.

▶ **KLM Royal Dutch Airlines** will inaugurate service to Budapest, Hungary, and Sofia, Bulgaria, this month with a weekly DC-6 service from Amsterdam. . . . KLM has ordered four-bladed Hamilton Standard hydromatic propellers for its Lockheed Electras.

▶ **Middle East Airlines** began Viscount service to Paris and London last month with two flights a week. The carrier also has added an Athens-Vienna-Zurich route and a direct service to Rome.

▶ **North Central Airlines** reports that traffic for the first five months of the year is approximately 56% above the same period last year. . . . North Central has started its summer service to Land O'Lakes, Wis., with four flights daily.

▶ **Northwest Airlines** has signed a new 28-month agreement with the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks.

▶ **Ozark Air Lines** carried 65,826 passengers during the first quarter of the year, 59.4% more than in the first three months of 1955.

▶ **Pan American World Airways** has added a fifth weekly round-the-world flight. The flight connects with transatlantic schedules at London and flies to Los Angeles via Frankfurt, Istanbul, Ankara, Teheran, Karachi, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Wake Island and Honolulu. . . . Pan American has asked Venezuela for permission to establish tourist fares between Caracas and New York.

▶ **Riddle Airlines** flew 2,798,414 lb. of freight in April, an increase of 58% over the previous April.

▶ **Sabena Belgian World Airlines** will offer eight tours to Russia this summer. The tours, arranged through agreements with Aeroflot, the Russian airline, and the USSR Intourist Travel Bureau, range from $1,595 to $1,890 and from 11 days to 31 days.

COCKPIT VIEWPOINT

By Capt. R. C. Robson

Standards for New Instruments

A sure way to start an argument is to bring up the subject of instrument panels. Seems as if everyone in aviation is certain that his ideas are the best. This leaves us with several hundred "best" arrangements.

Some years ago the SAE appointed its now famous Committee 7 to bring order to this chaos by developing a standard grouping. Their fine recommendations were accepted by most of aviation and gradually some of their ideas have crept into the cockpit.

Naturally, the SAE people designed their layouts—four of them—around instruments which were available at the time of their deliberations. But, like all branches of aviation, progress marches on in the science of instruments.

We now find numerous combination, or integrated, instruments on the market while the standard provides for the old-fashioned ones. And here we go again!

Second Rate Method

Of course the newer gages can be used in the old layout. But this is a second rate method and does not make fullest use of some of the desirable features of these combination instruments. In view of the fact that faster aircraft are soon to be introduced to our transport fleet, and each year sees the need for more precise flying, it does not make good sense to lose even a small part of the advantages of modern design.

In an effort to secure the maximum benefits from the newest instruments several groups of airline pilots have firmed their desires on a single design. (AW March 26, p. 92). Basically we might call this arrangement a cross-hair system. That is, the most essential flight instruments are placed in the top row for horizontal scanning—just as the pilot visualizes the attitude of his aircraft.

Navigation data is positioned directly in front of the pilot in a vertical line just as he visualizes his flight path.

Pilots Recommend Layout

Pilot committees from American, Braniff, Eastern and National, to mention but a few, have recommended this layout for their Boeing 707's, Douglas DC-8's and Lockheed Electra's. But present standards do not allow this exact layout and neither the manufacturers nor the airlines involved wish to disregard the existing laws. At the same time nobody wants to produce an aircraft panel which the pilots don't like or which does not permit maximum effective flight.

Effective is a big word in this discussion. These new aircraft will have to be flown effectively—to lower minimums and on more precise tracks—if they are to produce the expected return for their cost. And equally obvious is the fact that the entire airplane is tacked on to the flight instruments; they lead, the plane follows.

Speed also is important here. Everyone is anxious to put the new aircraft into the air at the earliest possible date. Orders for these new ships have come so fast, and delivery is so close, that it has been impossible to go through the usual exhaustive, two year committee studies on every item. Instrumentation is just one item—but a most important one—on which rapid action is needed.

The ALPA has already petitioned the CAB for permission to use the new combination instruments in accordance with pilot wishes. Pilots would like to see standardized panels. But there is also a strong feeling that new aircraft and new instruments should not be retarded because of old standards.

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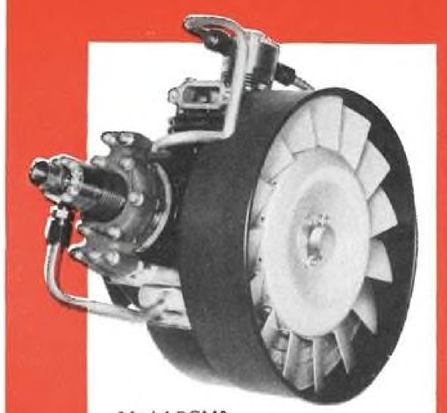

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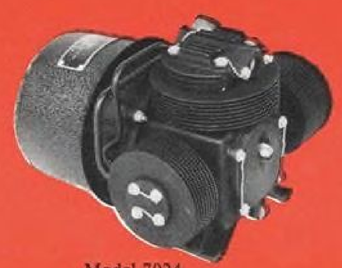

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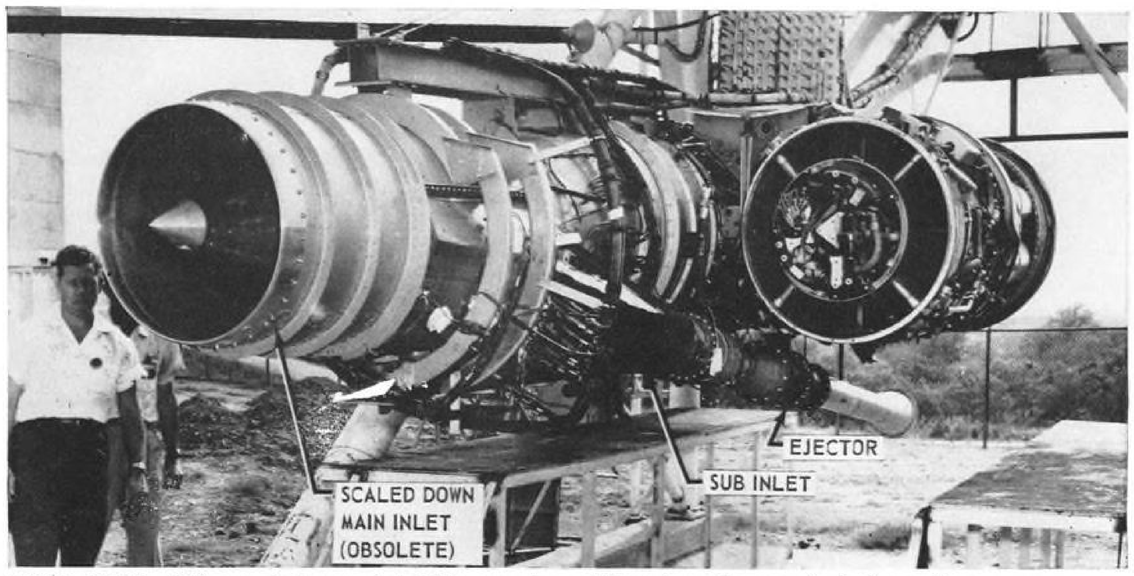


DOUBLE PODS for B-58 powerplants were obsoleted by area rule, would have imposed severe wing heating problems.

B-58 Foreshadows Mach 2 Powerplant

By David A. Anderton

The pattern for one type of powerplant installation in the next generation of Mach 2 aircraft has been set by the four podded units of Convair's B-58 Hustler weapons system.

Features of the podded powerplants include:

- **Variable geometry** of the inlet, automatically controlled to maintain maximum efficiency.
- **Sub-air systems**, handling the tremendous volume of flow to cool and ventilate the airplane and its accessories systems.
- **Consideration of the thermodynamics** of the installation as a system, rather than as a number of separate additive and subtractive items.

Hustler Description

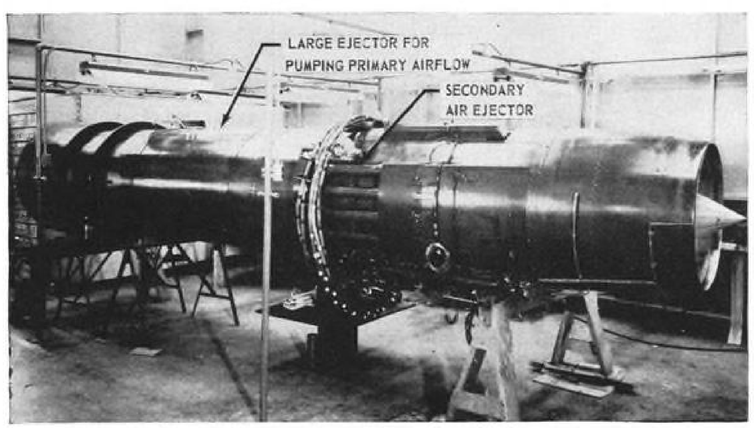
The B-58 is a weapons system, not simply an airplane. Its primary role is that of a strategic bomber with nuclear capability at delivery speeds of Mach 2.

Consideration of the design for other roles—notably as an entry in the long-range interceptor program—hints at the versatility of its concept, with weapons and weapons carrier designed as integral parts of an aerial delivery system.

Powerplant is a quartette of General Electric J79 turbojets, podded individually. Basic considerations of the area rule application to the Convair F-102A suggested a similar look at the B-58. The result was that the four pods are used to fill in the area diagram to approach an ideal distribution. The final layout is an unusual one.

General characteristics of a typical podded turbojet for a Mach 2 airplane were spelled out two years ago (AW, July 12, 1954, p. 28); the Convair B-58 pods follow the basic scheme described then.

The basic problem is that the installed weight of the engines plus fuel is a governing design factor in supersonic airplanes; the weight of the complete powerplant may be as much as two-thirds of the gross weight of the airplane.



BASIC LAYOUT of the B-58 powerplant without the sub-inlet systems.

Fuel Plus Engines

The volume of fuel plus engines is the biggest factor in determining the overall drag of the airplane. Anything done to minimize the drags of the engines and the fuel is a step in the right direction.

Almost all of the problems in developing maximum thrust for minimum installed weight and size stem from the air-breathing characteristics of the engine.

The key to supersonic airplane performance lies in the inlet to the engine. Compressor stall, its stall limits, early flameouts and even structural failures of the compressor blading or inlet duct can be traced to poor inlets.

Convair engineers, with these warning signs in mind, made early studies of the inlet system and arrived at a final choice. A B-58 pod has a multiple-shock inlet, with variable geometry automatically controlled.

The design compromises were built around a single point:

> Maximum value for the difference between thrust and drag at both subsonic and supersonic speeds.

Eight wind tunnels and several hundred test hours were used in developing the final inlet system configuration. Plots of the distribution at the engine face for many flight conditions were sent to General Electric for simulated mal-distribution runs to check J79 performance.

Secondary Air

Ram air, taken through a number of sub-inlets located downstream of the main inlet for the powerplant, is used to cool the engine oil, the hydraulic fluid and the compressor bleed used for cabin conditioning.

Three ram-air coolers are used. The coolant air, after flowing through these, passes on downstream over the engine and the accessories to help reduce the local temperatures and is exhausted at the rear of the nacelle.

For flight speeds below Mach 0.6 and all ground operations, a cooling door is opened in the side of the nacelle because the normal pumping action at the secondary air exhaust is not great enough to overcome the negative pressures of the inlet duct. Some of the air entering through the cooling door flows in reverse through the coolers, and the rest of it follows the normal downstream path over the engine and accessories.

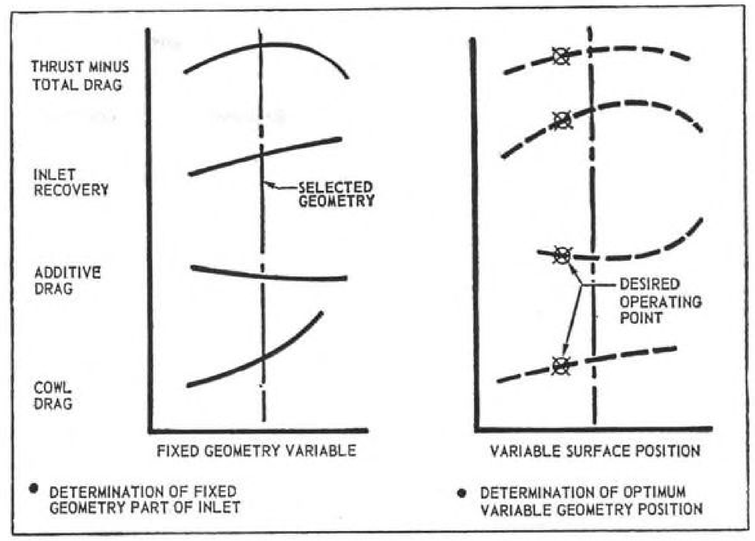
The sub-inlets were developed under a separate wind tunnel program because the original models for the main inlet had the wrong boundary layer conditions.

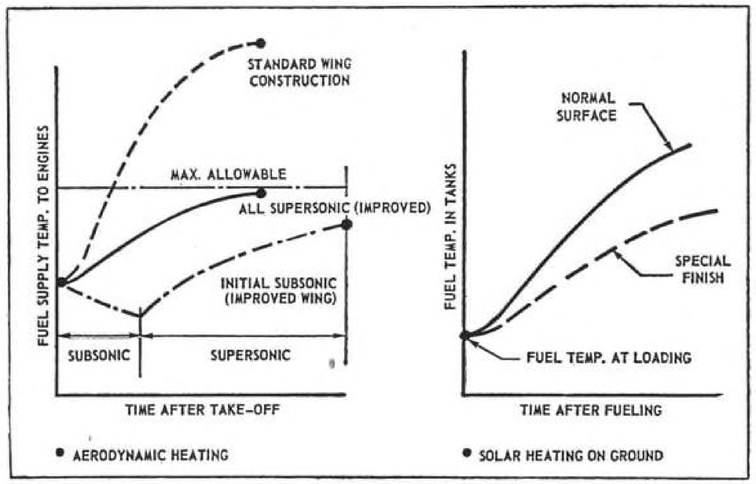
The engine oil cooler provided the toughest problem in the sub-inlet systems.

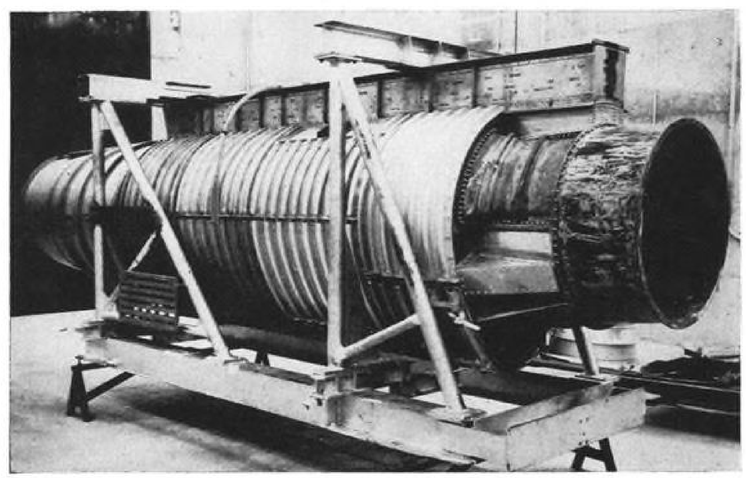
The length available for the duct was very short, and the throat of the duct had to choke to throttle the flow at some flight conditions and operate very close to choking at others. Final configuration was established, after a separate test of a wooden model of the duct, with the cooler tilted instead of being normal to the flow.

Thermodynamic System

Engine and aerodynamic heating pose severe problems for designers of supersonic aircraft. Convair's B-58 was one of the first designs where the thermodynamics of the entire airplane was considered as a system, instead of







B-58 NACELLE ready for test in free-jet cell at Arnold Engineering Development Center of ARDC. Egg-shaped cross-section is necessary to handle sub-inlet flows for secondary air systems of the Hustler supersonic bomber.

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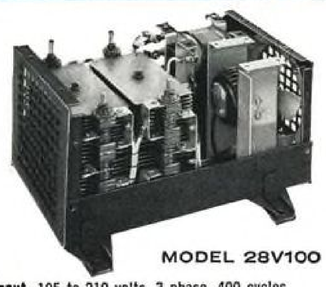

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being tackled piece by warm piece.

One of the first heating problems arose in early considerations of engine mounting. With a delta-winged layout, the four pods would be placed ahead of a rather long wing chord. Convair engineers believed that the wing heating from the jet exhaust would be a critical condition.

Their studies showed there really was no flight problem, but on the ground heating would be critical. Tests were set up using a General Electric J47 engine to simulate the hot exhaust. The siamesed pod with twin engines installed heated the wing to a temperature that posed a serious structural challenge.

But area rule applications dictated separation of the engines. Even though the wing heating problem was lessened by the choice of pod geometry, it could have been further aggravated by the nacelle incidence needed for optimum inlet recovery during cruise conditions. The compromise was made between optimum incidence and wing heating.

Heat Increased

The current use of thin wings necessary to hurdle the sonic fence means that there is a high ratio of surface area to internal volume. This increases the amount of aerodynamically generated heat transferred to the fuel during flight.

Convair structures designers developed a type of wing construction which had fair insulating properties and, in addition, was lighter and stronger than conventional wing construction. Other studies developed these flight and ground handling techniques to reduce the effects of heat transfer during a typical mission:

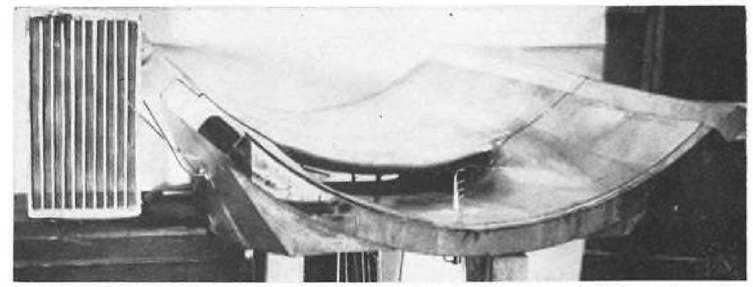
- **Subsonic cruise** for a short time before the supersonic dash to the target and return to subsonic cruise sooner than otherwise.
- **Use of a special finish** to reflect more solar radiation while the plane is on the ground.
- **Mission planning** so that loaded airplanes don't sit in the sun before all-supersonic flight.
- **Use of insulating covers** to protect the wings on the ground.
- **Ground refrigeration.**

Several heat transfer specialists were assigned to full-time study of the B-58 thermodynamics.

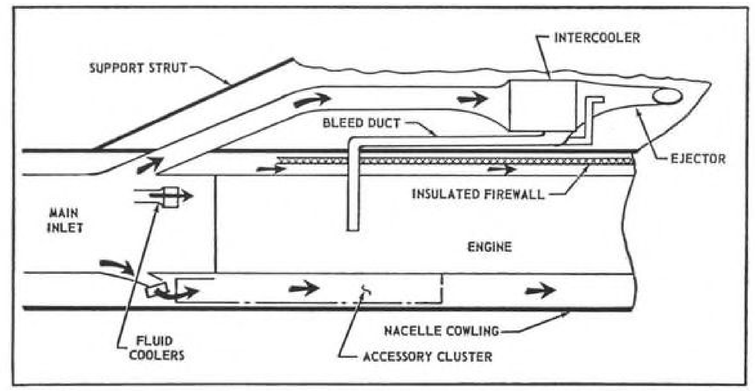
Data they supplied was used as a basis for selecting lubricants, materials and allowable stresses.

No Firewalls

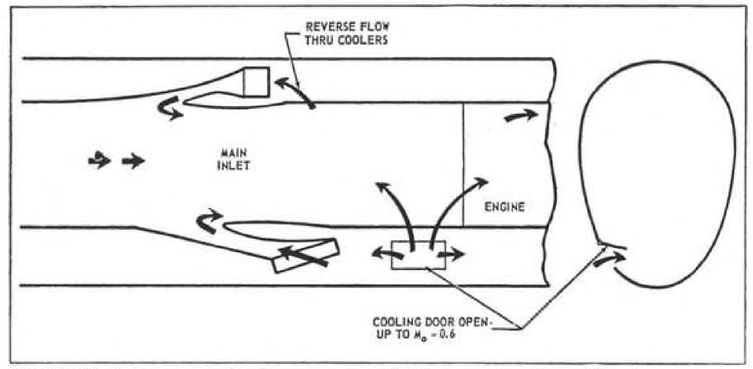
The conventional firewall aft of the compressor station has been replaced by a lot of airflow straight through the space between the engine and cowling. Studies of the compressor case and



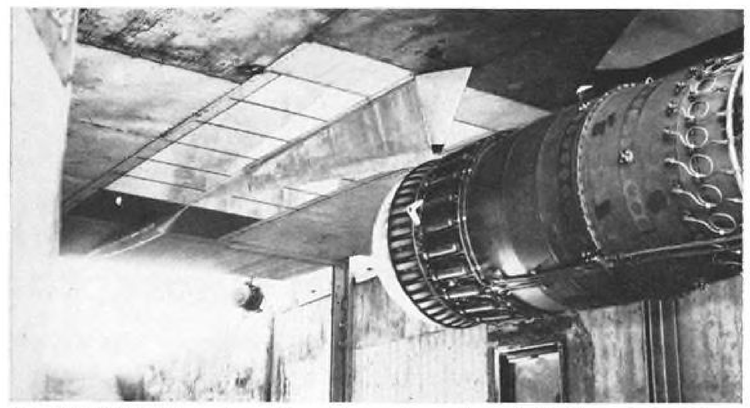
SEPARATE wind tunnel program used wood model of sub-inlet to establish configuration.



INTERNAL arrangement and secondary airflow system in high-speed flight is shown.



NEGATIVE duct pressure level on ground and at low speed make cooling door necessary.



JET BLAST EFFECT, varying with pod geometry and nacelle incidence, is tested.

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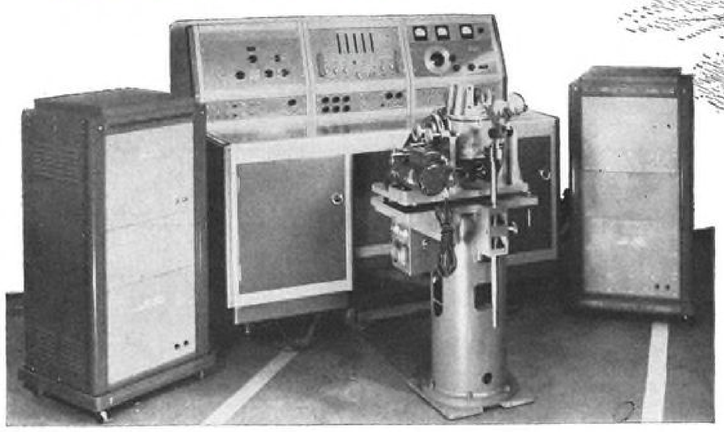

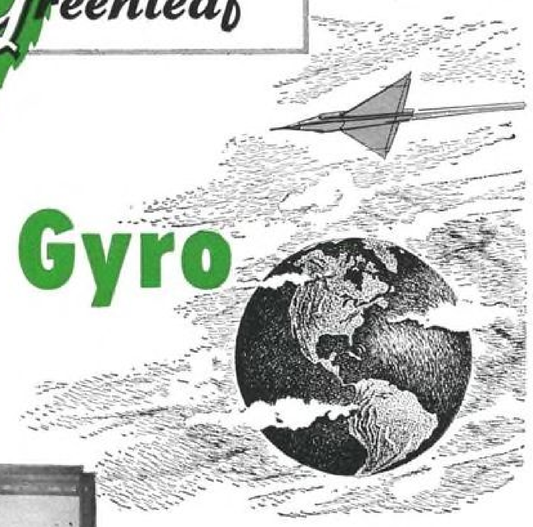

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Fire curtains also will be installed to separate the strut from the wing. The strut is to be ventilated and the firewall insulated to keep fuel from igniting should it drop down onto the firewall.

Convair Studies

The B-58's electrical and hydraulic systems are driven directly off the engine drive pads rather than using a separate auxiliary power unit. Convair studies indicated there was appreciably less performance penalty doing this providing the frontal area increase could be kept to a minimum.

One layout considered was an in-line arrangement of the accessories, with the aircraft hydraulic pump in the drag shadow of other engine accessories.

Convair has been running an extensive test program of the B-58 powerplant on the ground and in simulated flight.

Tests have been made with a built-up complete powerplant in the Engine Test Facility of the Arnold Engineering Development Center of the Air Research and Development Command.

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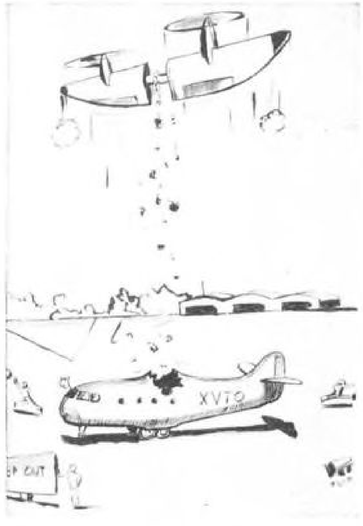

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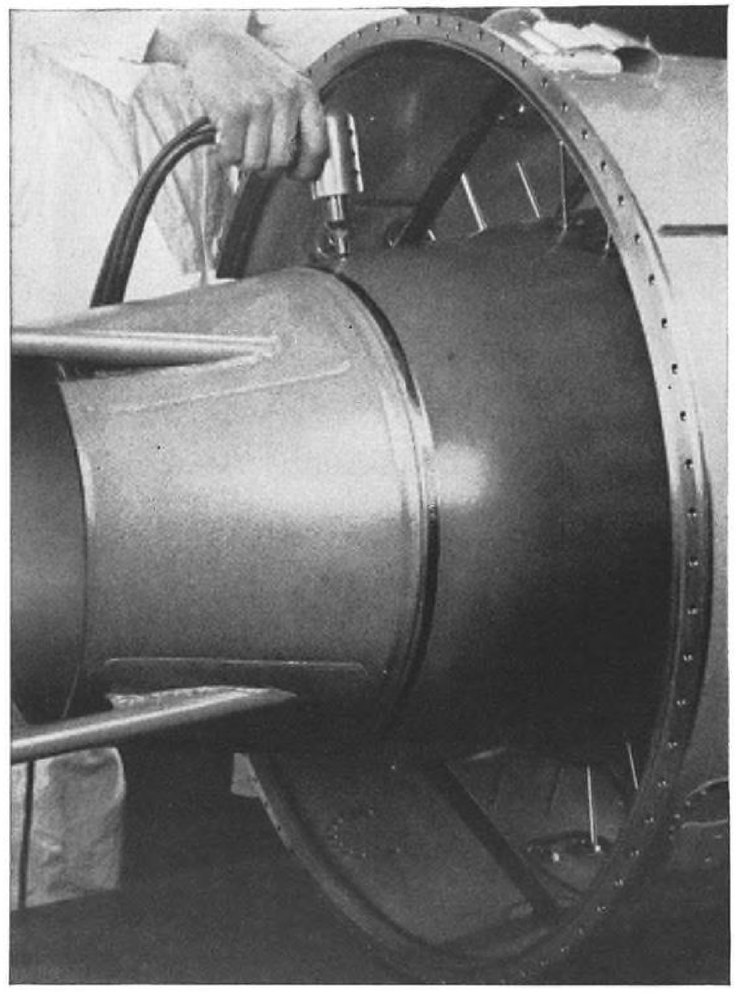

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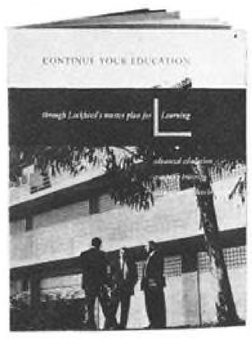

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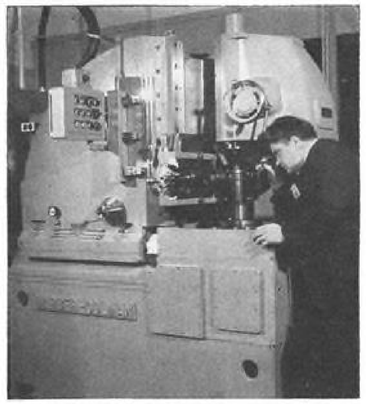

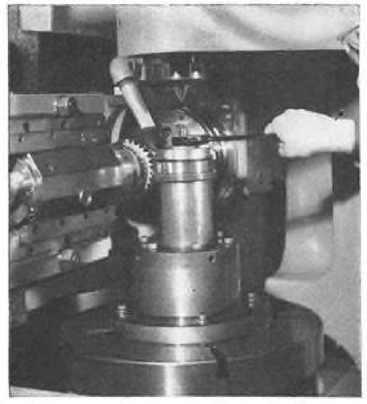

"ULTRACISION" HOBBER was built by Barber-Colman to Sperry requirements for gears accurate to ten seconds of arc. Sperry engineer Charles Aldino looks for burr formations with a low-power magnifier. Fixture clamping plate is loosened to remove the cut gear.

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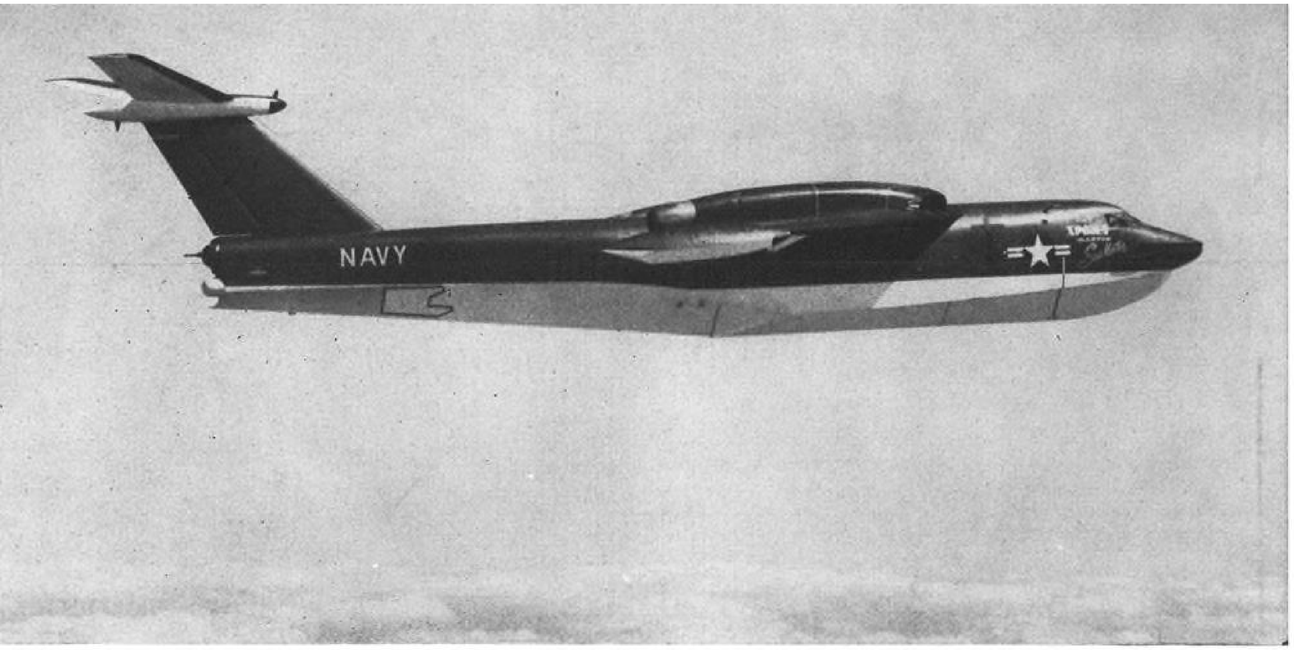

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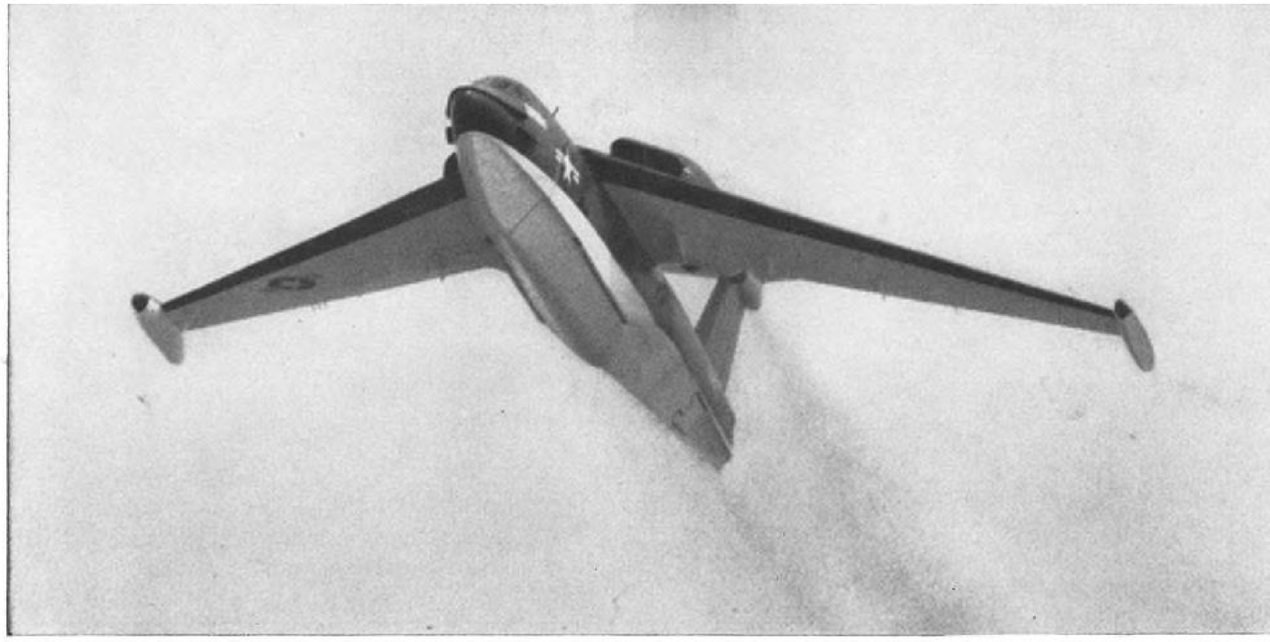
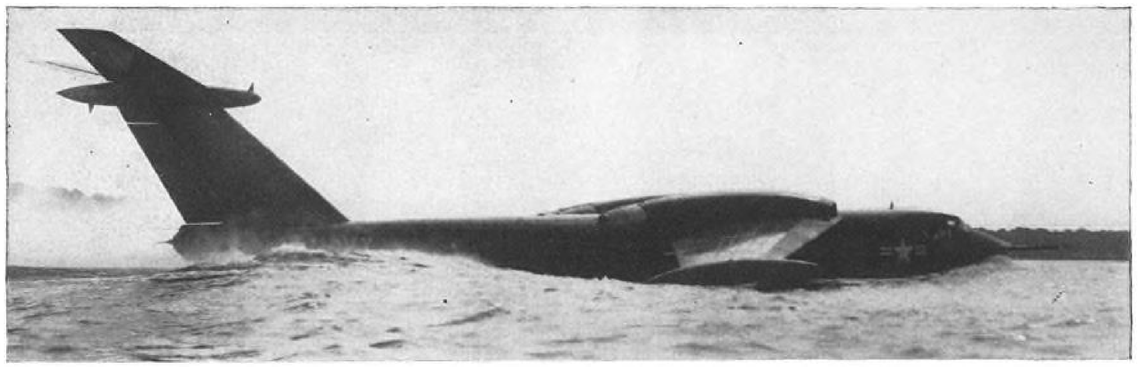


EXHAUST TRAILS as successor to model that crashed Dec. 7 takes off from Chesapeake Bay for 1 hr. 25 min. flight

Second XP6M-1 SeaMaster Begins Tests With Same Configuration, Different Colors



1. SECOND MODEL, in taxi tests, met 2 to 3 ft. waves, but rode easily as first model did when this picture was made.

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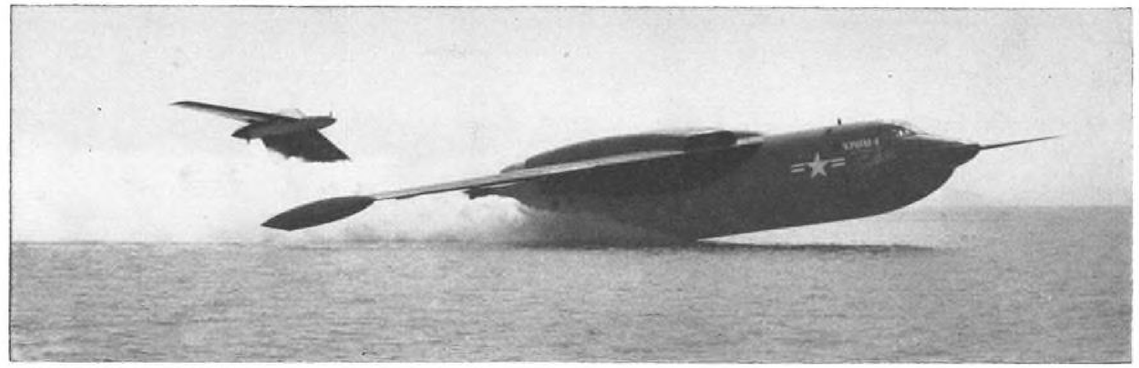
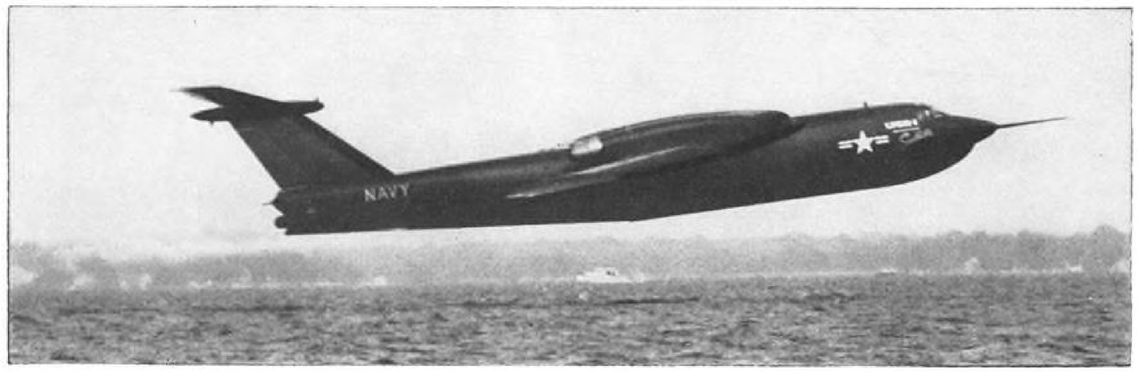


2. NOSE OF FIRST MODEL rises as seaplane is lifted on "step." Test boom on nose does not appear in pictures of new plane.



4. AIRBORNE, first model does not display lines for hydroflaps, used for water rudder or brakes, or mine door.

GE Bids for Helicopter Market With T58

By Robert H. Cushman

The T58 engine is General Electric's entry in the promising helicopter powerplant market. The 1,000 hp. turboshaft is scheduled to finish qualification tests and undergo tie-down and flight tests in the Sikorsky S-58 in the near future.

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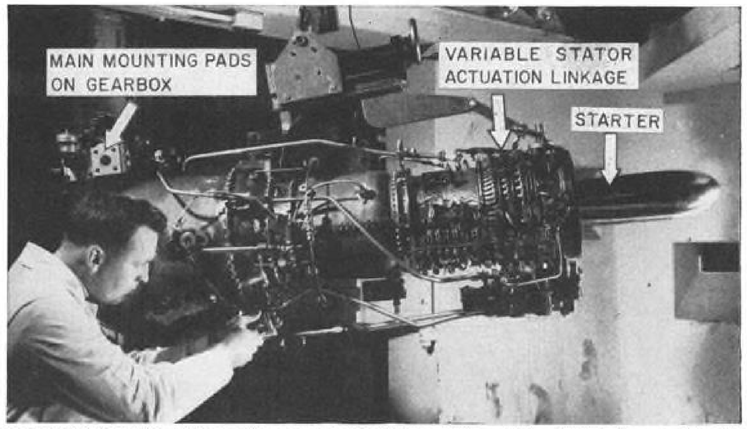
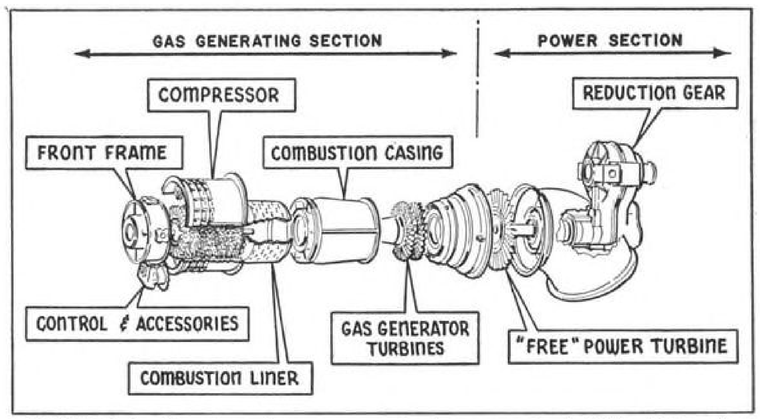
GE realizes that to be better for helicopters than a reciprocating engine, its gas turbine must capitalize on its theoretical ability to increase a helicopter's performance through more power for less weight and size. At the same time the actual hardware product must not be too susceptible to its own weaknesses, high fuel consumption and a relatively new type of transmission.



T58 TURBOSHAFT engine packs more than 1,000 hp. into a 59-in., 325-lb. frame. Specific fuel consumption is 0.69 at normal rating.



SCHEMATIC drawing shows flow arrangement of components in T58. Sixteen fuel nozzles (1 on each of two manifolds) are mounted on front of combustor's inner liner.

A Lightweight Engine

GE designers have attacked the fuel consumption obstacle by choosing a moderately high compression ratio. Then, to retain basic reliability and long life, they backed away and chose a moderate turbine inlet temperature. Around these two primary design decisions the Small Engine Department has produced a remarkably lightweight engine.

The T58 not only cashes in on the scale effect inherent in small size (as engines get smaller weight drops off faster than thrust) but GE designers have given it the benefit of what Harold Hokanson, project manager, calls "mechanical design sophistication."

The resulting basic engine, less reduction gearing, combines a .69 sfc with a specific weight of .24 lb. per hp. It matches a piston engine's sfc in "major areas of helicopter operation." But it remains to be seen how much more it will cost. The T58 will not be a cheap engine.

The T58 uses a free turbine or gas-connected powerlink between its gas generating section and the output shaft. The two turbines fixed to the end of the compressor shaft develop only enough power to turn the compressor. Downstream is a third, free turbine on its own shaft which absorbs the left-over gas energy and feeds it into the output gearing.

The free turbine drive, at the expense of an elaborate control system, allows the gas generating system to operate independently at its own speed while the free power turbine rotates within the narrow rpm. limits typical for helicopter rotors.

Constant Rotor Speed

Helicopter operation demands constant rotor speed despite sudden loads. For example, when the pilot suddenly has to increase the rotor pitch to climb his 'copter up and out of a tight spot the rotor speed must not fall off and stall the blades. Backers of the free turbine drive point out that if the free turbine's rpm. is snubbed down by the rotor the free turbine will bite in and pull more power out of the gases.

This inverse relationship between free turbine speed and power for a constant gas energy is in itself stabilizing, but for full compensation the control loop must operate to sense the speed fall-off and speed up the gas generating section. Since the gas generator's rpm. is independent of the output rpm. the compressor-turbines of the gas generator can more readily respond to the increased fuel flow and send more gas energy back to the power turbine.

Advocates of free turbine say the fixed turbine drive under these same conditions will find its efforts to respond to corrective control and extra power seriously curtailed because it is saddled with the adverse effects of the helicopter's rotor.

Not Unanimous

As yet the helicopter industry is not entirely sold on free turbine drives. For high forward speed helicopters, the fixed turbine is superior, argues Ralph Alex, senior product design engineer,

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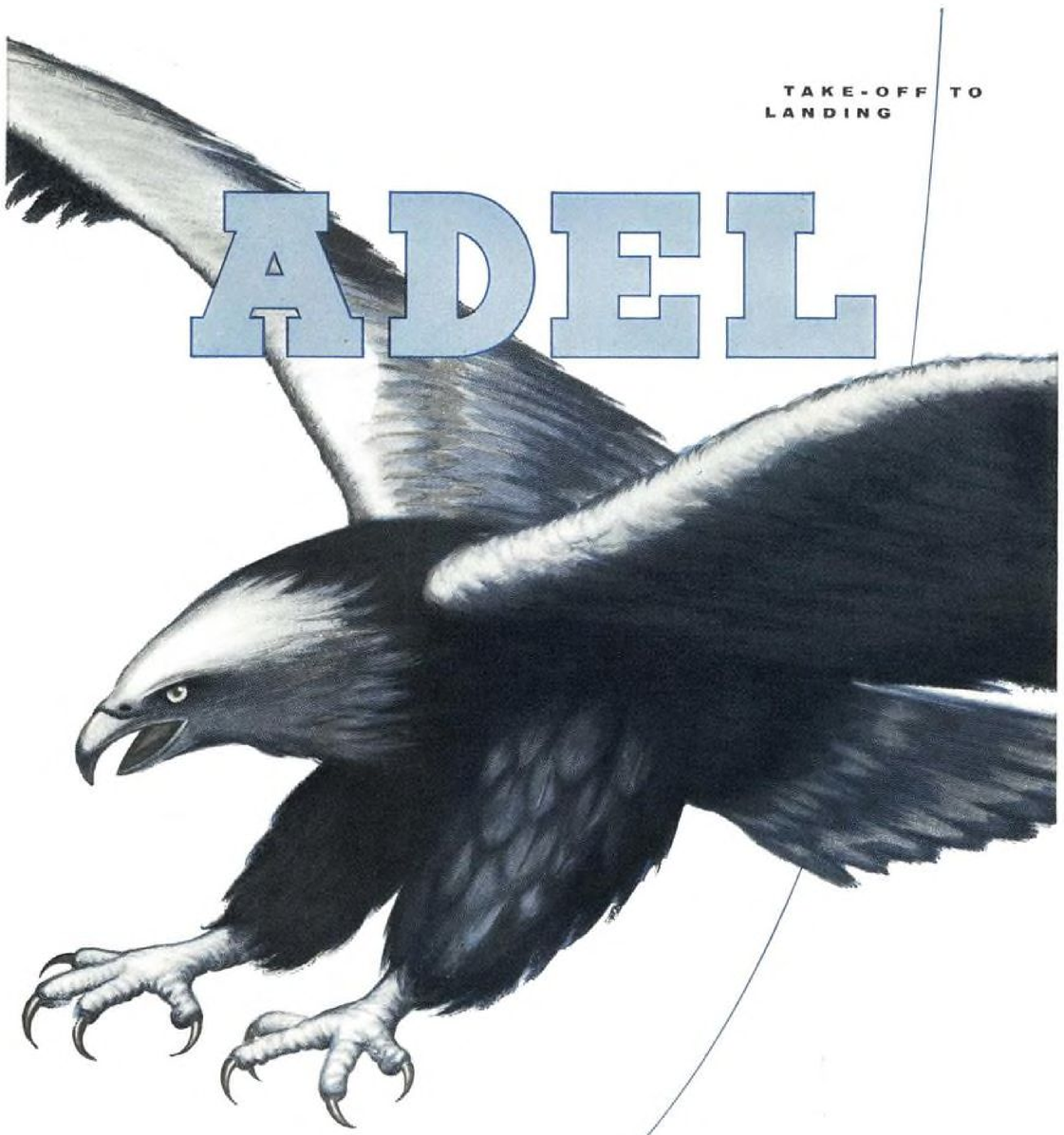

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Sikorsky, reaffirmed his views (AW Feb. 22, 1954, p. 22). Because the fixed turbine is lighter and can quickly resist sudden rotor speed variation with the added inertia of the compressor, it really is better equipped to supply the precise constant rotor speed imperative in modern high speed helicopters.

The free turbine is used to best advantage, Alex says, in multi-engined helicopters which might want to hover near sea-level at sea power for considerable lengths of time. Because the individual gas generating systems of multi-engined installations are not rigidly geared into the common rotor they can adjust their operating speeds to equally divide up the workload.

A free turbine can operate at cheaper fuel consumption during part power demand.

Its compressor can slow down to its own speed. It can, in effect, become a smaller engine cutting down the flow through the compressor to suit the lower demand. Even though the power demand on a fixed turbine is cut down, the compressor still must be maintained at the given helicopter rotor speed. It cannot slow down to match the reduced fuel flow.

Engine Details

As can be seen in the accompanying illustrations, the T58 is composed of a gas generating section followed by a power conversion in which the free power turbine takes the gas energy and converts it into shaft horsepower at 24,000 rpm. This is geared down to 240 rpm. in the S58 in two steps: 5:1 by GE at the rear of the engine, and the rest by Sikorsky in the transmission.

The gas generating section has the usual gas turbine sequence, a compressor, a combustor and a compressor drive turbine. The power section is a single stage turbine. Downstream of the power turbine the spent gases are dumped out the large fixed area exhaust which has been curved to one side to give the designer extra freedom in installation. Obviously, in a helicopter application the vehicle speed is too low for efficient use of any jet thrust.

The greater part of the development work went into the compressor. GE says it is very advanced—it would have to be to achieve the stated ratio of performance to weight. All that has been officially said about the compressor's internal details is that recent NACA compressor-aerodynamics suggestions have been followed to arrive at the moderately high compression ratio within a modest number of highly loaded stages. Otherwise the internal details are under tight security wraps.

The external appearance indicates a small diameter (slightly over 9 in. as quoted by Hokanson), about an eight stage unit. Along with the Napier Oryx it must be one of the smallest pure axial-flow compressors in existence. In fact, because of the harmful Reynold's number effects on the small blades of such compressors (the last stage blades of the Oryx 12 stage—6:1 compression ratio—are only ¼ in. high) many designers say it is impractical to make an axial flow compressor any smaller.

The four rings around the front

Changes in RAF's Vulcan

Avro Vulcans are going into RAF squadron service this year. Leading edge extension on this latest production model artificially thickens chord to increase critical speed and presumably keep tips from stalling. Line of vortex generators has been added to upper wing surfaces. Vulcan is equipped with four Bristol Olympus engines.

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part of the compressor casing are quite provocative as they may be the first public showing of GE practice in variable stator actuator linkage. The GE J79 employs considerable stages of variable stator blading in their high performance J79 (AW Sept. 19, p. 9) which designer Joe Alford says is one way to get around surge on a high compression-ratio compressor without going to dual spool. When questioned about the T58 stator a GE spokesman refused to comment.

If they are variable stator actuators, their existence may explain why it has been possible to achieve such engine performance with so small and so light a compressor.

One good feature about a small compressor, says Hokanson, is that it does have an amazing resistance to foreign and domestic objects. They found during a ten hour test that the T58 could continue to run at full performance even after it had thrown a blade off the third compressor stage. Later inspection indicated that the lost blade had been chewed up by the next three stages whose blades were tough enough to weather the abuse.

The combustor is annular with sixteen fuel nozzles closely spaced around its leading edge. It handles 13 million BTU's per hour. It was purposely made longer than necessary for a low altitude combustor so that it would be compatible with most any type of fuel.

The turbines themselves are perhaps the least novel portions of the engine. They are impulse types, after the usual GE (J47) practice.

Lear MC-1 Autopilot Installed in Boeing 707

Boeing's 707 jet tanker-transport prototype has made more than 19 successful flights since mid-April using a Lear MC-1 autopilot. Lear has the contract for the autopilots for USAF's KC-135 jet tanker produced by Boeing. Lear has had a similar autopilot flying in the Caravelle, French jet transport, for some time.

Reds Support Polar Operations

AN-2 COLT transport attached to the first Soviet Antarctic expedition is refueled by hand pumping from steel drums. This workhorse biplane, in service with Aeroflot, Russian airline, holds an FAI altitude record. Powerplant is a single ASh621R rated at 1,000 hp. Fuselage insignia shows polar bear and penguin; Cyrillic script translates as "Polar aviation", indicating the Reds have a unified support operation serving both poles.

HOUND HELICOPTER hovers over the landing area near the Russian Antarctic base. Under-fuselage package appears to have a transparent front, may be an interchangeable pack used for stores or as an observation position for directing rescue operations. A Russian-built Douglas C-47 (Red designation: Li-2) is visible in the left background.

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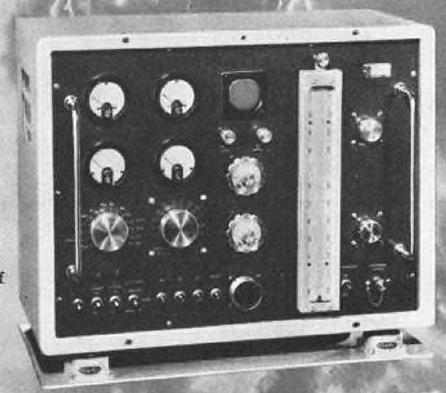

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McDonnell Locates Tools By Radioactivity

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The McDonnell quality control department inspects each activated tool to see that the proper amount of shielding is provided for the protection of employes. The maximum doses to which workers are subjected are well within the tolerance limits established by the Atomic Energy Commission. Instrument panels containing radium dials and some circuit breaker panels produce more radiation than the loaded tools.

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The radioactive source is made up in a vendor's plant and is hermetically sealed in porcelain before being brought to the McDonnell plant. Should a tool fracture, the container can be easily located and disposed of without contact contamination of the surroundings.

The sources are loaded into tools by radiological physicists supplied by Nuclear Consultants, Inc. Tools containing isotopes are indelibly marked to allow easy identification.

Tests indicate that 100% recovery can be accomplished on tools left in planes at any stage of construction.

Authorization for procurement of the radioisotopes had to be received from the Atomic Energy Commission.

Caltech Specifies Mach 9 Tunnel

A $750,000 contract to build, install, and aid in the design of the nozzle, test section and diffuser for a 21-inch hypersonic wind tunnel at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology has been received by Westinghouse Electric Corp.

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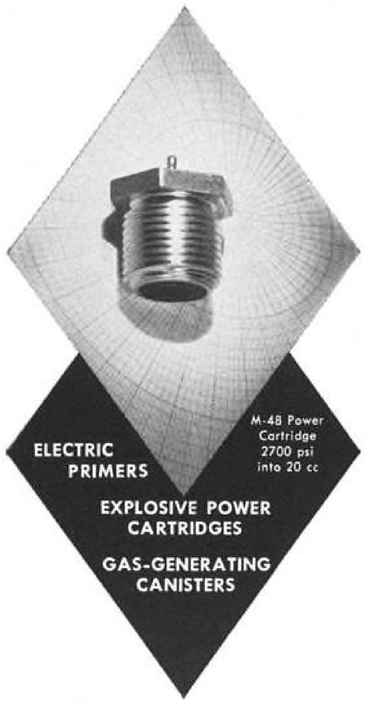

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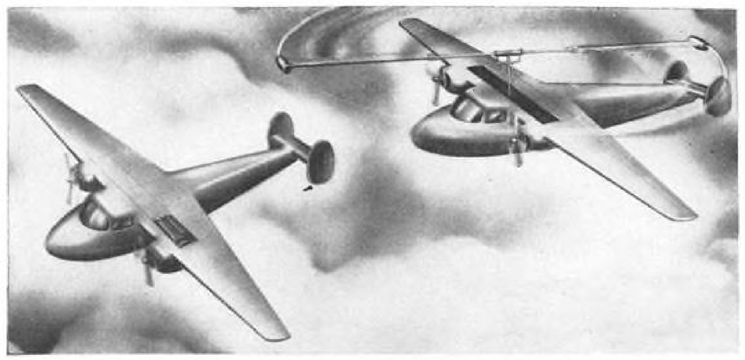

Rotor Designed To Retract

Two-blade, tip-powered rotor has been designed by Hiller Helicopters, Palo Alto, Calif., to fold and retract into a conventional fixed wing. Rotor would be extended for take off and landing, folded for cruising. Ram jet engines in tips are separate and independent of the principal power plant of the aircraft. Structural whirl testing of a 25 ft. diameter model will be conducted soon at the Wright Air Development Center. The study was made under contract with the Air Research and Development Command.

nance. Construction will be at the Westinghouse Sunnyvale, Calif. plant. The tunnel is expected to go into operation in late 1957.

Caltech specified that the tunnel be capable of simulating speeds ranging from Mach 4.5 to Mach 9 or up to 5,940 mph. This is the speed region anticipated for the first stage of the Vanguard satellite rocket.

The Sunnyvale plant has been building the transonic and supersonic compressors for the world's largest wind tunnel, the Propulsion Wind Tunnel at USAF's Arnold Engineering Development Center, Tullahoma, Tenn.

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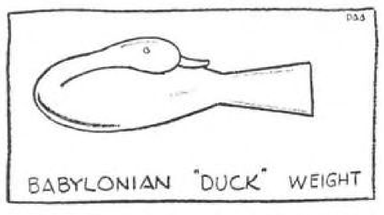

One observant aerodynamicist says if the area rule is generally true, girl swimmers should be faster than boy swimmers.

Another writes to ask: Is area rule better than mass rule?

At Makovski 5: Hypersonicvich

There are two kinds of brochures: Typed ones, which are estimates, and printed ones, which are lies.—De Havilland Gazette.

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Comment on phony security:

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McDonnell's Subcontracts Pass $200 Million Mark

McDonnell Aircraft Corporation's volume of business currently placed with major subcontractors has passed the $200 million mark. The company recently announced a backlog of $627 million in aircraft and missile orders.

Biggest McDonnell subcontractor is Temco Aircraft Corp. of Dallas, Tex., with orders of $72.6 million. Temco manufactures components for Navy's F3H-2N Demon, USAF's F-101 and RF-101A. Next largest subcontractor is Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore with $58 million in orders for F-101 wings.

Navy Contracts

Following is a list of unclassified contracts of $25,000 and over as released by Navy Contracting Offices:

BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS, Washington 25, D. C.

General Electric Co., 1 River Rd., Schenectady, N. Y., Type MA-1 compass systems, NOas 56-334-f(PD-42-1244-56), 453, $1,384,-621.

United Aircraft Corp., (Hamilton Standard Div.), Windsor Locks, Conn., materials & services required to modify and rework (18) Government-owned model A3470 propeller assemblies, NOas 56-378-d(MA-32-4562-56), job, $337,442.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., 1625 K St., Washington 6, D. C., disconnect, move, pack, crate and preserve machine tools and related capital equipment, NOas 56-530-c(IP-33-6030-56), job, $25,000.

General Electric Co., 1 River Rd., Schenectady, N. Y., rachometer indicators, MS-28000-1, NOas 56-532-f), (PD-42-1194-56), 1734, $119,621.

Laboratory for Electronics Inc., 75 Pitts St., Boston 14, Mass., design, develop, fabricate and furnish models of a self-contained navigation system for rotary wing aircraft, NOas 56-560-c(AE-73-1856-56), 1 1 1 2, $399,012.

Binks Mfg. Co., 3114-40 Carroll Ave., Chicago 12, Ill., equipment and installation for explosion proofing one paint and resin coating baking oven; and to convert baking oven and related equipment from 350°F operating temperature, NOas 56-673-f(MA-46-5141-56), $97,333.

Chrysler Corp., (Defense Operations Div.), P. O. Box 1687, Detroit 31, Mich., study of test techniques for J-65 engine fuel controls, NOas 56-702-c(MA-45-5198-56), $53,-872.

Grimes Mfg. Co., Urbana, Ohio, landing signal officer lighted suit equipments consisting of various components such as: control boxes; paddles; horizontal light strips; vertical light strips, etc., NOas 56-787-f(MA-36-4633-56), 150, $108,180.

Burner-Holloman Mfg. Corp., 4706 Rhode Island Ave., Hyattsville, Md., universal jet engine overhaul stand, NOas 56-843-f(MA-45-5110-56), 200, $268,800.

The Jam Handy Organization, Inc., 2821 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Mich., preparation of master shooting scripts and partial storyboards for motion picture training films, NOas 56-332-f(PH-51-2491-56), 4, $48,380.

Graflex, Inc., Rochester 8, N. Y., 70 mm camera body adapter for submarine periscope NOas 56-508-f(PH-3-2407-56), 203, $262,828.

Collins Radio Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, services of qualified technically-trained employes to provide technical assistance and instructions in the maintenance of aircraft electrical and electronic equipment, NOas 56-147-S(MA-35-4412-56), 72 man-months, $82,514.

General Dynamics Corp., (Convair Div.), San Diego 12, Calif., services of (3) factory trained instructors for the purpose of conducting (14) four-week courses of instruction in the maintenance of R4Y airplanes, NOas 56-165-f(MA-34-3421-55), $28,753.

Ryan Aeronautical Co., San Diego, Calif., target drones, KDA-1 letter contract NOas 56-253, 80, $2,115,043.

Hoffman Laboratories, Inc., 3761 South Hill St., Los Angeles, Calif., APG-30A receiver-transmitters, voltage regulators and power suppl, NOas 56-257-f(PD-31-749-56), 700, $1,074,045.

Sperry Rand Corp. (Sperry Gyroscope Co. Div.), Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y., gyro horizon indicators, NOas 56-301-f(PD-42-1177-56 & Change A), 1270, $844,550.

North American Aviation, Inc., (Atomics International Div.), Box 309, Conoga Park, California, conduct a development program to provide a radiation type fuel gage design for laboratory and flight test evaluation, fabricate and furnish (4) gages, NOas 55-924-d (AE-71-653-55), $75,000.

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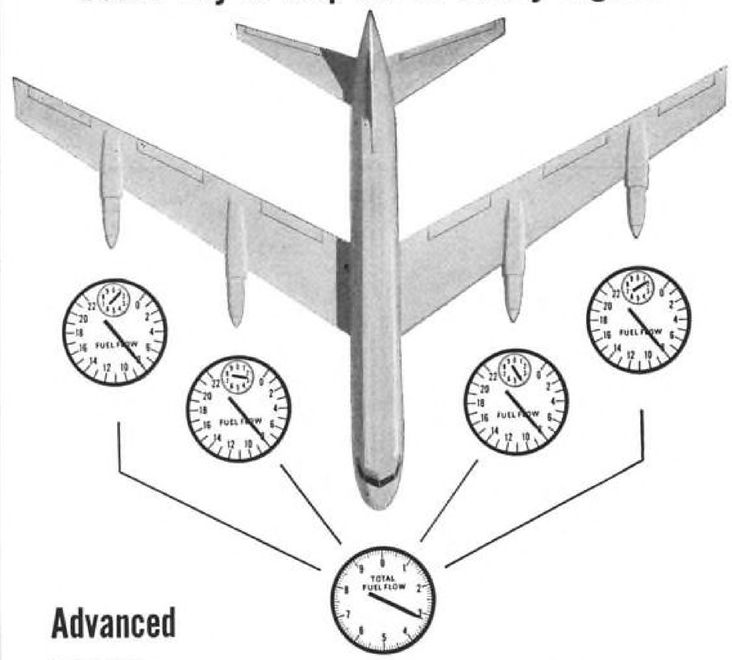

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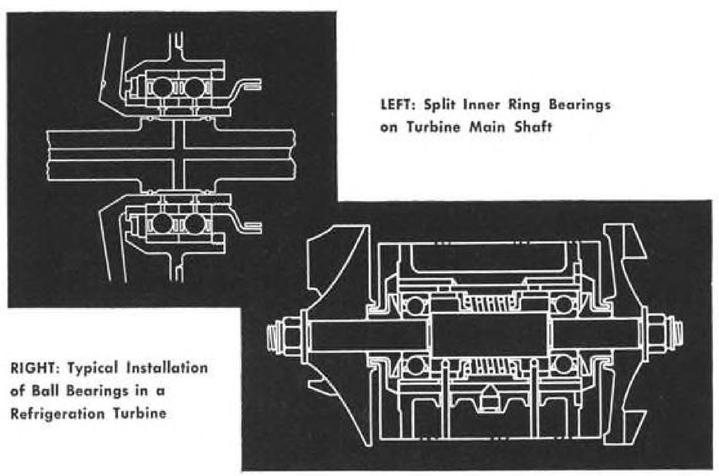

LEFT: Split Inner Ring Bearings on Turbine Main Shaft

RIGHT: Typical Installation of Ball Bearings in a Refrigeration Turbine

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installation in contractors plant, Van Dyke, Mich. of jet engine fuel control est stands, NOas 56-023-c(IP-31-9294-51), $300,000.

The Kaman Aircraft Corp., Bloomfield, Conn., provide for the design and engineering work required to install an all-weather instrumentation system in an HOK-1 helicopter, make installation, conduct ground and flight tests, reports, NOas 56-100-c(AE-73-1836-56), $74,142.

Bell Aircraft Corp., Fort Worth, Tex., HTL-6 helicopters letter contract NOas 56-131(PD-11-235-56), 24, $893,912.

Radiophone Co., 8000 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, Calif., target drones, KD2R-5 NOas 56-141-f(PD-24-247-56), 1135, $3,601,355.

General Electric Co., French Road, Utica, N. Y., field engineering services to provide technical assistance and instruction in connection with the maintenance, repair and operation of aircraft electrical and electronic equipment, NOas 56-168-s(MA-30-4417-56), 120 man-months, $148,301.

Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Inc., (Chandler-Evans Div.), West Hartford 1, Conn., services of (2) factory trained field service technicians to provide instructions to Naval and Marine personnel in the maintenance and servicing of carburetors, NOas 56-198-c (MA-33-4425-56), $33,686.

The Garrett Corp. (AiResearch Mfg. Co. of Arizona Div.), SkyHarbor Airport, 402 S. 36th St., Phoenix, Ariz., services of (12) factory trained field technicians to provide instruction to Naval personnel in the maintenance and operation of equipment manufactured by the contractor, NOas 56-202-s (MA-33-4455-56), $223,008.

Kollsman Instrument Corp., 80-08 45th Ave., Elmhurst 73, N. Y., indicators, rate of climb, AN 5825-7, NOas 56-317-f(PD-42-1167-56 & change A), 800, $55,312.

Vitro Laboratories, West Orange, N. J., investigate the feasibility of the electrophoric disposition of uniformly thick, bonded solids onto plastic radomes for prevention of erosion, NOas 56-382-c(EL-41-2687-56), $33,950.

The Garrett Corp., AiResearch Mfg. Co. of Ariz Div., Sky Harbor Airport, 402 S. 36th St., Phoenix, Ariz., overhauls and/or conversion of GTCP85-4 dual purpose gas turbine power units NOas 55-870-f (PP-32-790-55), job order, $30,000.

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Bendix Products Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., 401 Bendix Drive, South Bend 20, Ind., strut assemblies, (383/2110-1875/52/Aero, 383/2110-1887/52/Aero), various, $222,467.

Eclipse-Pioneer Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., Teterboro, N. J., computer, (383/2120-630X6/3/52/Aero), various, $30,360.

Benjamin Franklin Paint & Varnish Co., 4820 Langdon St., Philadelphia 24, Pa., enamel, (IFB 383-874-56), 7500 gals., $42,532.

The Gildden Co., 11001 Madison Ave., Cleveland 2, Ohio, enamel, (IFB 383-874-56), 30000 gals, $89,874.

United Aircraft Corp., Pratt & Whitney Div., East Hartford, Conn., services & material, (MIPR 33-600-6-02A-195), various, $450,000.

Air Associates Inc., Teterboro, N. J., actuators, (383/2150-1519X1/3/52), various, $41,184.

Airesearch Mfg. Co., Garrett Corp., 9851-9951 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 45, Calif., thermostat Assys, (383/2110-142/54), various, $61,516.

Bill Jack Scientific Instrument Co., Solanda, Calif., maintenance parts, (383/2140-2296/52), various, $27,390.

Eclipse-Pioneer Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., Teterboro, N. J., amplifiers, (383/2120-615X6/3/52, 383/2110-2126/52), 305 ea., $106,360.

The Seamless Rubber Co., 253 Hallock Ave., New Haven, Conn., bladder assys, (IFB 383-1046-56), 161500 ea., $358,126.

Turnbull Enterprises, Inc., 1414 Lovegrove St., Baltimore, Md., kits; mooring, (JD-IFB-383-956-56), 776 ea., $43,099.

Dow Corning Corp., Midland, Mich., compound, (IFB 383-1032-56), 30600 tubes, $67,320.

The Leland Electric Co., Div. American Machine & Foundry Co., 1501 Webster St., Dayton 1, Ohio, inverters, (IFB 383-1055-56), 76 ea., $37,111.

Blythe Aircraft Corp., 2201 Commonwealth Ave., Alhambra, Calif., buoys, (383/29065-13G2/1/56/Aero), various, $44,858.

The Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Co., 3781 E. 77th Street, Cleveland 5, Ohio, trunnions, (383/2150-1590X7/3/52/Aero), 43 ea., $41,177.

Airesearch Mfg. Co., Div. of The Garrett Corp., 9851-9951 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 45, Calif., oil coolers, (383/2110-1930/52/Aero), 357 ea., $199,499.

Mine Safety Appliances Co., 201 N. Braddock Avenue, Pittsburgh 8, Pa., mask assys, (383/29045-70G3/25/Aero), 3050 ea., $87,066.

Elcon Mfg. Co., 436 E. Manchester Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., batteries, (JD-383/2140-2574E5/3/52/Aero), 9100 ea., $79,625.

Airesearch Mfg. Co., Div. of The Garrett Corp., 9851-9951 Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 45, Calif., actuators, (383/2110-913/53/Aero, 383/2110-235/54, 383/2110-74/55/Aero), 266 ea., $39,014.

Holley Carburetor Co., 11955 E. Nine Mile Rd., Van Dyke, Mich., maintenance parts to support J57-P37 engines valves, (MIPR 41-608-5-03D-1132 Amend. 19), various, $57,738.

McDonnell Aircraft Corp., P. O. Box 516, St. Louis 3, Mo., parts for F2H aircraft, (383/2110-1798A1/4/51), various, $60,006.

Vickers, Inc., 1400 Oakman Blvd., Detroit, Mich., maintenance parts for Vickers pumps, (383/2150-1469/52/Aero), various, $27,352.

Holley Carburetor Co., 11955 E. Nine Mile Road, Van Dyke, Mich., maintenance parts used to support various Holley fuel controls and valve assys, (383/2117-209/51/Aero), various, $189,517.

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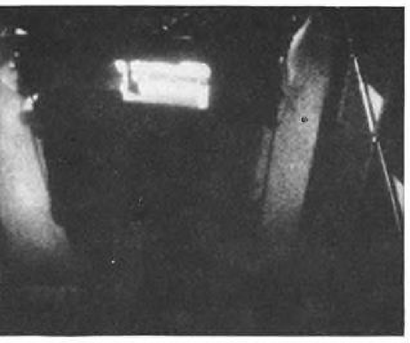
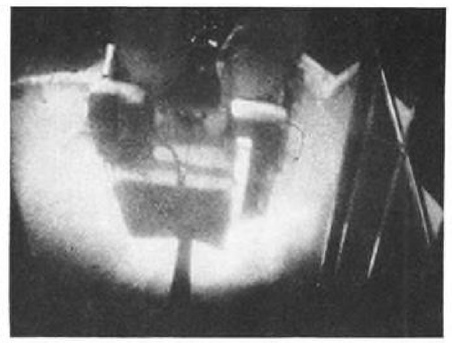
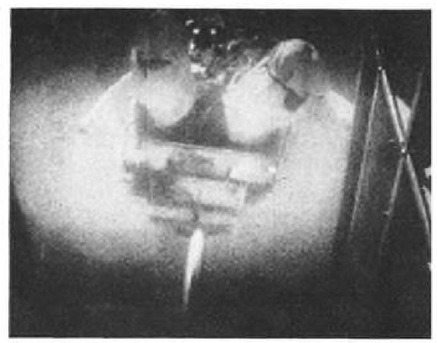
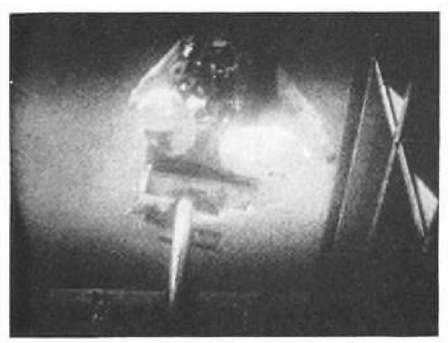


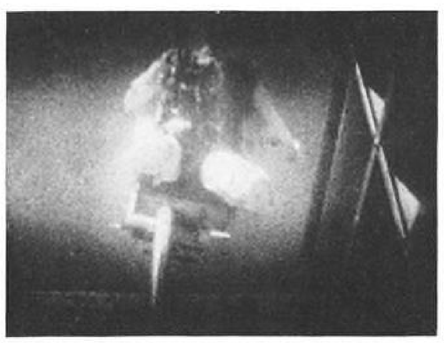
CAMERA, on sled floor in Hurricane Mesa, Utah, run, shows bottom of seat (left), firing (center), and legs of dummy as seat leaves.

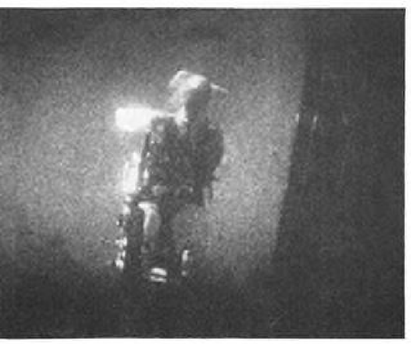




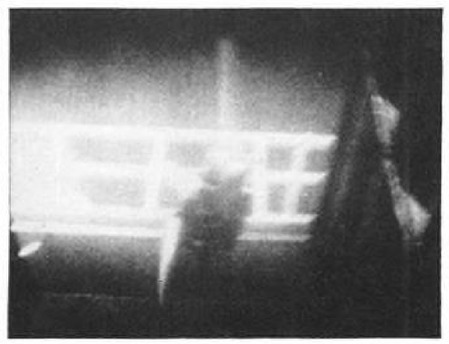


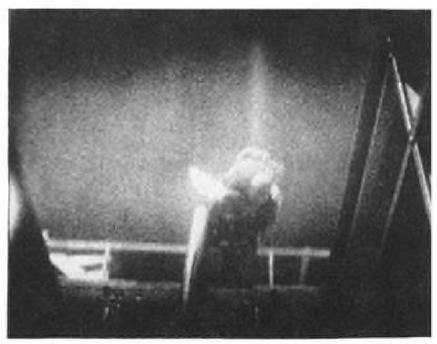
SIGNIFICANT SEQUENCE shows dummy gradually beginning forward tumble. Dummy is chest down in V-posture at right.



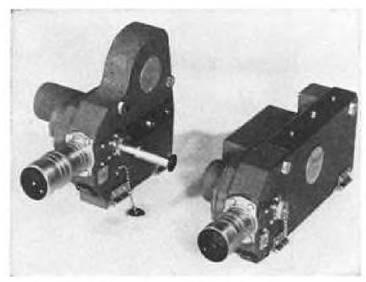


FROM PRONE POSITION dummy turns head-down. Pictures were made at rate of 800 per second on 600-mph. sled.





DUMMY DISAPPEARS AFT. Time elapsed since first picture is about 1/70th of a sec.



INDUSTRIAL model HS101 is at left, airborne model HS100 at right.

Camera Catches 1,000 Pictures Per Second On Supersonic Sled

By George L. Christian

New York—A new series of high speed, motion analysis cameras capable of 32 to 5,000 pictures per second has been developed by Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp.

Designer John H. Waddell told AVIATION WEEK the cameras, called the Fairchild Motion Analysis Cameras (MAC), were developed for other uses besides the military.

"In designing the units," Waddell said, "company engineers tried to outstrip the MIL specs . . . our MAC units are so advanced that their existence will signal a change in the state of the high speed motion picture art."

Light and Rugged

The cameras and their associated equipment, such as 28 v. power packs and special, 300-watt lamps, are small and light enough to be truly portable. The cameras alone weigh from 9 to 11 lb. depending on the model. Waddell said the cameras were built with a "briefcase concept" in mind to provide an easily portable high speed photo lab.

The MAC cameras, which use 16-mm. film in 100 or 200 ft. rolls, are available in two basic models, each of which has several variations. (Later models, using a newly developed thin film, will have 40-ft. capacities.)

Two Models

The two models currently available are:

- **HS100, airborne unit,** 4 in. wide, has a pps. (pictures per second) speed range of 100-1,000, and weighs 11 lb.
- **HS101, industrial unit,** 7 in. wide, has a pps. range of 32-5,000, and, oddly enough, weighs 9 lb., 2 lb. less than the airborne version.

First production models of the MAC cameras already have seen military service. One unit took a lens-rattling, 1,200-mph. ride on a supersonic sled at the Naval Ordnance Training Station (NOTS), Inyokern, Calif. The camera functioned perfectly despite initial acceleration loads of 200Gs, and continuous vibration loads of 50Gs which were severe enough to loosen some of the lenses.

This portion of the camera will be made more rugged.

The color film record of the supersonic ride was shown to the press. Some impressions: The color was bright and quite natural; the 1,000 pps. filming rate slowed the 1,200-mph. ride to the pace of a leisurely Sunday afternoon auto ride; the extreme roughness of the ride and severe jarring of the camera was vividly translated to the screen.

Dummy Blasted

Other MAC cameras have been used successfully to photograph a 600-mph. sled run during which an anthropomorphic dummy was blasted out in an ejection seat.

One camera, facing backward, rode on the floor of the rocket-propelled sled, filming the ejection sequence at close range. It was subjected to 60G deceleration forces.

A second MAC camera, stationed near the sled track, recorded the run from the ground.

Both cameras operated at a rate of 800 pps.

Here are some other aviation applications Fairchild officials see for their high speed camera:

- **Missile launching** and flight phenomena investigation.
- **Vibration detection in** helicopter blades; a MAC camera is already at work on such a project. It is attached to one of the blades and takes high speed motion pictures of the hub and rotor assembly for one of the country's leading helicopter manufacturers.
- **Release of bombs** and other internally or externally-mounted stores.
- **Acceleration and deceleration** effects on flight crew members and aircraft equipment, such as that experienced during catapult takeoffs and arrested landings.
- **Wire laying from aircraft** to determine best equipment and procedure.
- **Propeller synchronization** studies on multi-engine aircraft. (A demonstration film of a DC-6 takeoff showed clearly that the props on engines number 1, 2 and 3 were well synchronized but number 4 was turning appreciably faster than the others).

Still other possibilities include: high speed bailout and ejection; effects of high speed and hard landings on tires and landing gear struts; jet engine destruction tests; aerial spray studies, and structural vibration investigation.

Non-aviation uses run the gamut from studying heart auricle activity during operations in the chest cavity to studying high speed cookie packaging.

Inside the Case

Inside the MAC cameras' heat-treated, cast aluminum alloy cases, Fairchild technicians engineered the lightest possible drive motor and drive mechanism compatible with their rugged construction.

Example of the efficiency of the components used in the MAC cameras is the 1½ hp., short duty cycle electric drive motor which can accelerate the film from stand-still to 3,000 pps. almost instantaneously. With the help of a second motor, the film can be whipped through the industrial version of the camera at 5,000 pps., which gives it a speed past the lens of 125 ft. sec. or about 90 mph. Exposure is 1/25,000th of a second.

In operation, film is wound off the supply spool over a free-turning sprocket wheel which feeds it past the lens and a rotating prism to the power-driven take-up spool.

Precision prism drive gearing assures much better projection picture steadiness than that obtainable with intermittent cameras, and resolution is equal to or better than the best motion picture photography produced by intermittent cameras, according to Fairchild spokesmen.

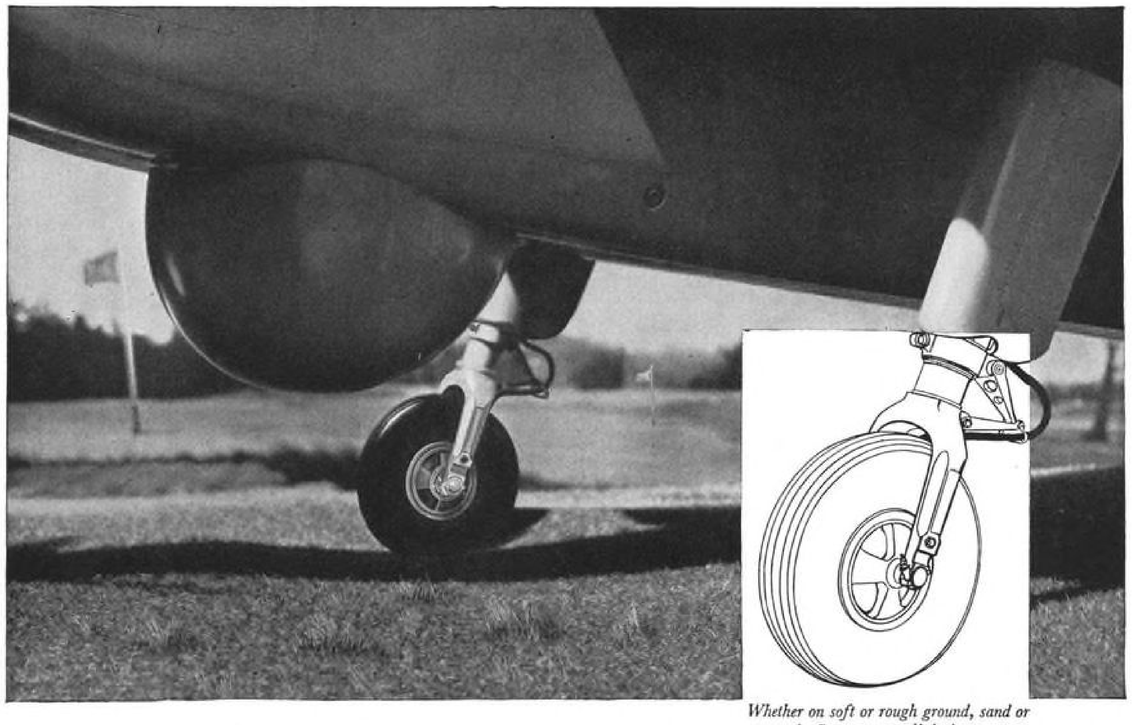
Rare Element Prism

The camera's four-sided, rotating prism "sweeps" scene light on the continuously-passing film as it is fed over the sprocket wheel.

Here is how Fairchild engineers describe it:

"The rotating prism has been selected for the highest possible index of refraction and the lowest dispersion rate with a minimum thickness and a minimum angle of incidence. The result is an evenly illuminated picture that has a sharp frame line, with no

Golf course fairway — *Seamew* runway



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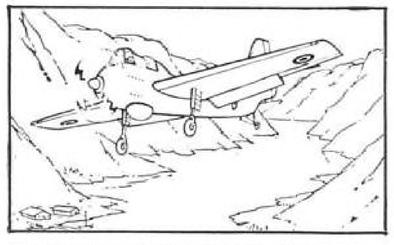
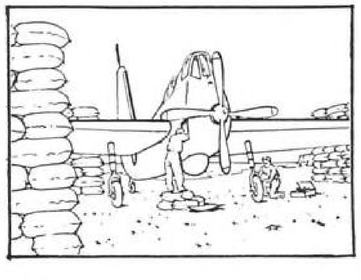


The extremely good handling characteristics of the Seamew combined with simplicity of construction and clear vision make it an excellent aircraft to fly, even for pilots with little experience of this type.

The *Short* answer is the *Seamew*



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"The rotating prism shaft of the MAC cameras is so mounted that the camera will operate at 55Gs without causing optical distortion or malfunction. Picture tests of live subjects indicate . . . a steadiness which makes it possible to make single frame enlargements from the original film."

Here are some other features of the MAC cameras:

- **An adjustable** brake on the feed spool can be set to prevent overrun when the camera is stopped and started during high speed runs.
- **The cameras** will operate at temperatures ranging from −65F to +200F.
- **Four motor setups** are available for the MAC cameras, and the motors can be interchanged within a minute.
- **The airborne camera,** which measures 11 x 4½ x 4 in. is provided with a 13 mm. f. 1.5 lens with bayonet mount. Other interchangeable lenses range from a 13 mm.-152 mm. Camera price is $1,375.
- **The industrial camera,** which measures 7 x 6½ x 8½ in., normally is provided with a 75 mm. f. 1.9 lens. It also will accommodate lenses ranging from 13 mm.-152 mm. This camera incorporates two AN-type connectors—one for power, the other for a timing light. Price is $1,190.

Mid-Air Refueling Saves Navy Fighters

Mid-air tanker refueling in the nick of time recently saved two Navy fighters from Davy Jones' Locker.

In one instance an F-2H Banshee scheduled to rendezvous with a tanker lost radio and radar contact and failed to show at the appointed refueling station over the Mediterranean. After a search the fighter was located. With 2½ min. of fuel remaining a North American AJ tanker refueled the F-2H and it returned safely to its base.

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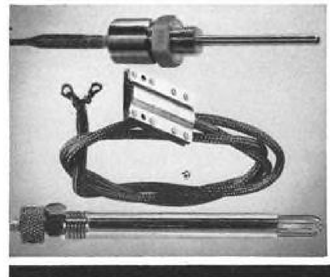

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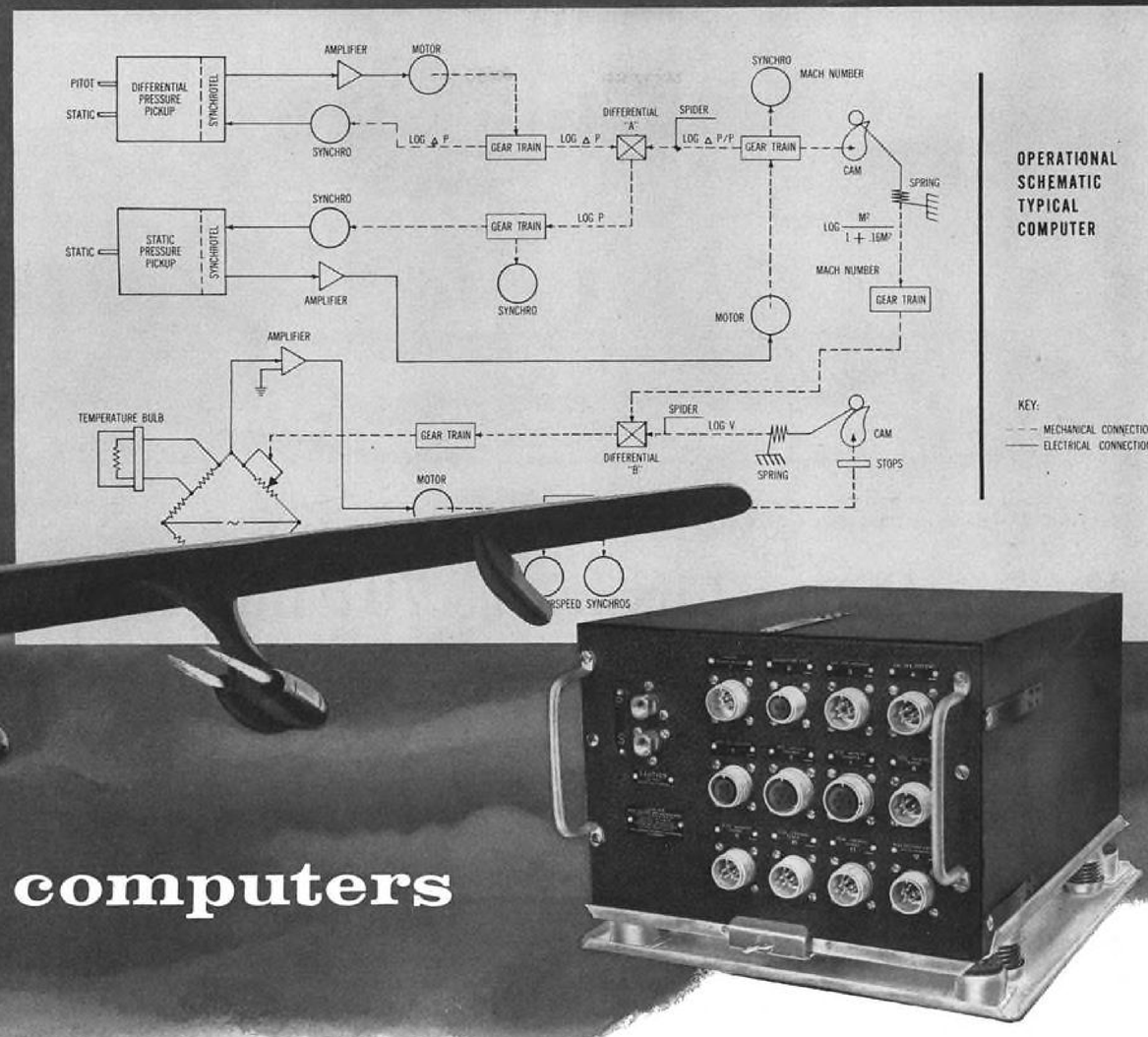

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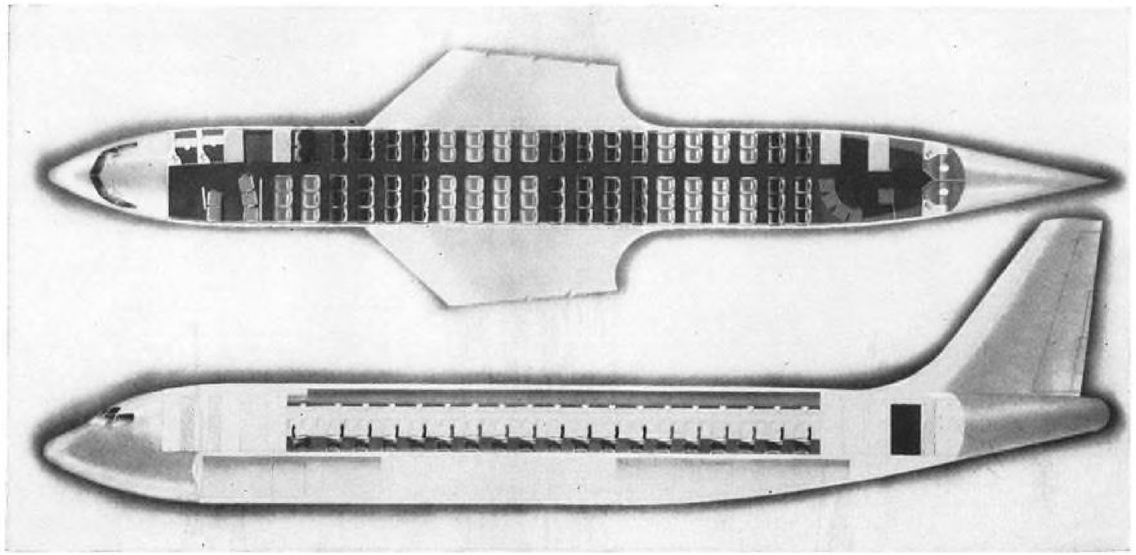

SEATING arrangements in cabin allow quick conversion from four to five to six abreast. Much of cabin interior is plastic.

Boeing Shows Luxurious 707 Interior

New York—In a cool, lofty room on the eighth floor of a building on Manhattan's East Side, an experiment in sales techniques is taking place that may well be a bellwether for many an aircraft manufacturer operating in this highly-competitive jet age. It's a show being put on by the Boeing Aircraft Co., a luxurious, complete mockup of an interior of the company's new 707 Jet Stratoliners designed by the firm of Walter Dorwin Teague Associates.

The cabin mockup, which has been abuilding since last November, is breathtaking in its detail and in the luminous colors which abound—yellows, pinks, glacier blues, oranges and pastel greys.

And the list of those real and potential customers who have viewed the exhibit to date can be taken as an example of its effectiveness. Among these have been:

- **American Airlines**—C. R. Smith, president; O. M. Mosier, vice president; C. R. Speers, vice president; G. J. Brandewiede, vice president for purchasing and stores; R. E. S. Deichler, vice president for customer service; M. Whitlock, vice president for maintenance and engineering; W. Littlewood, vice president for equipment research.
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- **Continental**—Robert F. Six, president; C. H. Calhoun, vice president for engineering and maintenance; Harold L. Lawrence, vice president for traffic and sales; Matt Kramer, territory sales manager.
- **TWA**—John A. Collings, executive vice president, and a working group of 22 persons.
- **Air France**—Louis Lesieux, president; H. J. Lesieur, general manager; Pierre Fromheim, operations manager.
- **Sabena**—D. L. du Vivier, general manager.
- **Lufthansa**—Eberhard Jacob, operations manager.

During the first few days of the mockup's operation approximately 150 airline and aircraft industry executives and employes inspected the cabin. Boeing expected twice that number to go through it within the month.

"Airline VIP's have been uniformly enthusiastic," a Boeing spokesman said. "Their reaction definitely is that the mockup is proving a very useful selling tool both for those already signed for 707's and those still in the prospect class."

The Teague organization's philosophy of design in airline craft is to eliminate the "textile look" (AW May 14, p. 92). But even so, Teague does not believe in fussy curtains on windows or other frills. Special plastic slides either eliminate glare or black out the windows entirely. Most of the cabin interior—walls, ceiling and baggage racks—are made of plastic or plastic laminated on metal. The cabin also is given a spacious feeling by the large number of windows, about twice the number usually found on transport aircraft.

CABIN has two five-seat luxury lounges. Bulkheads separating lounges from cabin may be removed for additional seats.

Other Features

Other features of the half-million dollar installation:

- **Loud speakers whisper** an actual—but very hushed—reproduction of the prototype 707's jet engine noise.
- **Daylight-type illumination** outside the frosted cabin windows passes gently from the full glare of daytime flight at 40,000 ft. to the opaqueness of a moonless night.
- **Individual speakers,** at each half-row of seats have the clarity of hi-fi reproduction.
- **Dome lights along the ceiling** can be dimmed to sunset-red hues or darkened to deep, night blue with brilliant stars. The blue illumination can be left on as minimum light for night flights.

The mockup is unusually complete. The cabin's three lighting systems operate as they would in the production airplane. Water runs in the two galleys and four lavatories, air conditioning keeps the cabin at pleasant temperatures. The galleys are equipped with electric ovens, hot and cold, push-button-controlled liquid dispensers and refrigerators.

The two passenger entrance doors are replicas of actual plane doors as are the two galley access doors. Life rafts are stowed in ceiling racks and emergency evacuation chutes are packed in floor-level closets.

Removable Panels

Other standout features of the Teague interior are easily removable, prefabricated wall and ceiling panels. Passenger service units are slung from the bottom of the baggage rack instead of being installed on the cabin sidewall. The prefabricated, plastic or plastic-laminated-on-metal panels are quickly and easily removed to permit inspection or repair of the aircraft's structure. In addition they are dirt resistant and easy to clean.

By taking the passenger service items off cabin walls and combining them into one pylon per half-row of seats, Teague has greatly increased the flexibility of the 707's interior. The pylons are mounted on tracks, as are the seats, so that each pylon can be placed in its correct position above the seat it services, regardless of seat spacing. The distance between seat centers may be adjusted.

Combined in the pylons are small no smoking and fastened seat belt signs, a loud speaker for the public address system, and individual emergency oxygen masks, reading lights, ventilators and cabin attendant call buttons.

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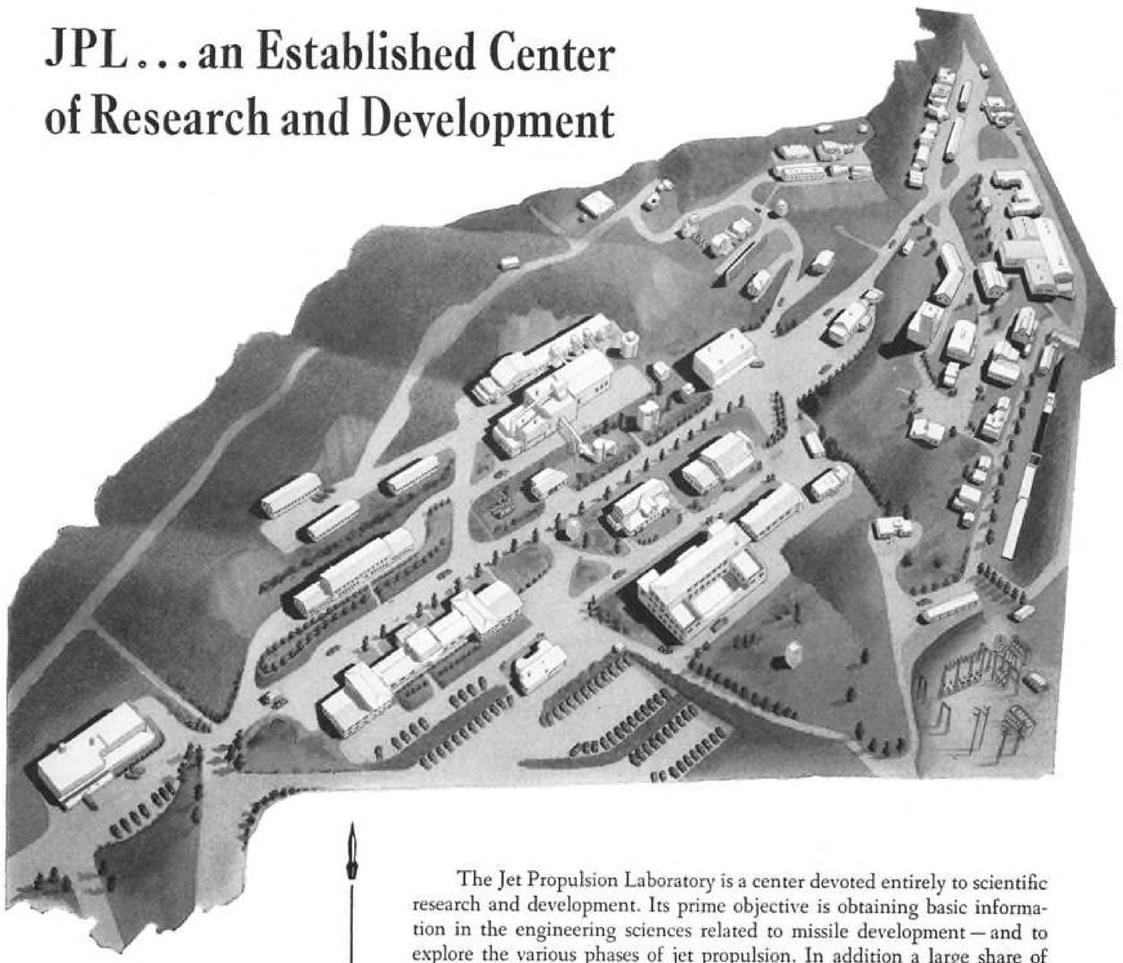

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There is no attachment between window seat and cabin wall.

The main cabin has 98 seats which are upholstered in alternating groups of blue-and-natural and brick-and-natural fabrics to introduce variety into the interior and minimize the length of the cabin.

Adjacent to the aft entrance are two additional lavatories, another five-seat lounge and a second galley. (Bulkheads separating forward and rear lounges may be quickly removed and ten additional seats added).

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Mockup design and construction were under the direction of Frank Del Guidice, Seattle director for the Teague organization, working with Boeing engineers.

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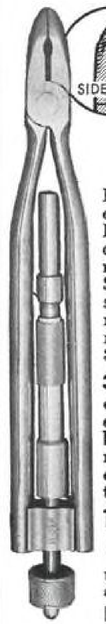

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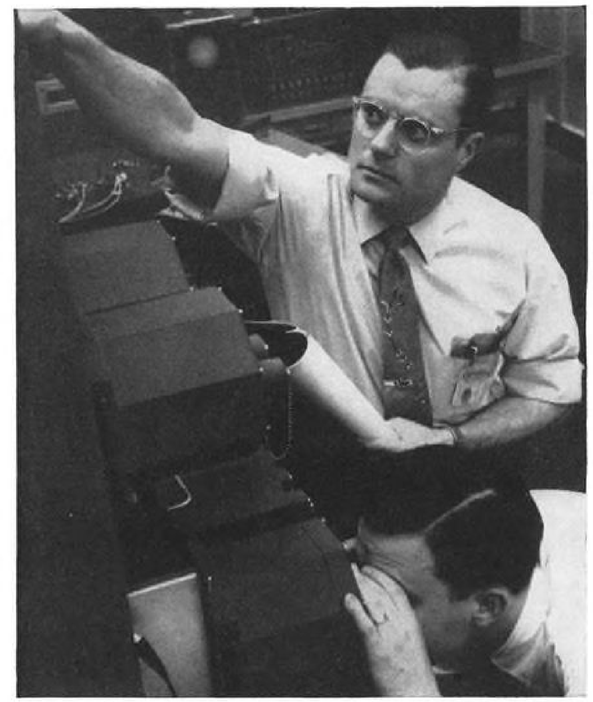

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The dog-eat-dog battle for engineers within the industry has reached alarming proportions, a battle fought against the background of a fixed engineering manpower pool.

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The basic problem – the crying need for more engineers–is now recognized, but the industry is pursuing hit-and-miss solutions with one eye fixed fearfully on the astonishing growth of Russian technical capability.

Studies have been made, apprentice training organized, college and high school youths contacted, but the efforts so far have been ineffectual–sporadic and thin-spread – and the continuing, feverish attempts to capture rival plant personnel show in the "battle lineups" carried in the want-ad sections of the daily newspapers.

Engineer executives who face the problem squarely deplore the piracy, but declare that until the industry as a whole takes on the problem with a hard-hitting campaign, there's little else they can do.

"We have a fixed manpower pool in engineering," explains Ed Schmued, Northrop's engineering vice-president. "Those who come into engineering are just about balanced by those who leave it. Yet the problems we face in this jet-and-missile age are piling higher and higher every day."

Schmued, and other future-seeing executives like him, know well the growing technical menace posed by Russia. They know the Soviet "whip-and-candy" policy that forces designated young men to become engineers, a policy of high honor and monetary reward for success and down-the-drain fate for failure.

Cold statistics show that America's peak output of engineering graduates came in 1950 (swelled, of course, by GI students) when 50,000 young men entered the field. Since then the figure has slipped to roughly 20,000 per year. On the other hand the Soviet graduate total has jumped from 28,000 graduates in 1950 to 54,000 in 1955.

Some argue that although Russia has an elite corps of technical experts second to none, the Soviet system is perched on a shaky engineering base in that the USSR staffers have not yet acquired that degree of "engineering feeling" which only broad familiarity with machinery can bring – that they work by the book and require detailed direction.

But an analysis of Russian technical achievements since the end of World War II would seem to prove that the Red system, for whatever reason, is a decided success.

The consensus is that we are still ahead of Russia, but how long we can stay ahead without a boom in engineering is anyone's guess.

The answer apparently lies in several programs embracing a concerted effort by the industry to improve our educational system and to make more efficient use of the engineers we now have. It's certain that the merits of engineering, its honors and accomplishments must be impressed not only on students, but on parents of grade-school-level youngsters as well.

Here I should like to suggest that the dull, routine teaching of math be given serious study. In many instances a pupil is either frightened or bored with figures as taught today. Certainly, with proper presentation, the subject could be made intriguing, thus laying a firm groundwork for higher math and engineering success.

The program must not only point up the vast possibilities of engineering, with executive positions just a half-step away for experienced men, it must make home extension courses available to upgrade engineers now working. It must create better working conditions and urge better salaries, salaries commensurate with other professional levels. It must work to provide these men with full opportunity to use their skills and their aptitudes and assure honors for accomplishment.

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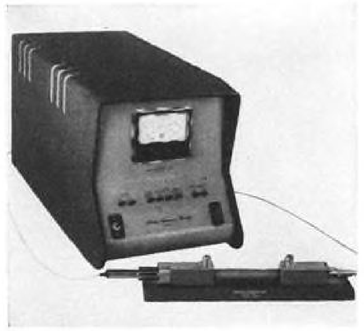

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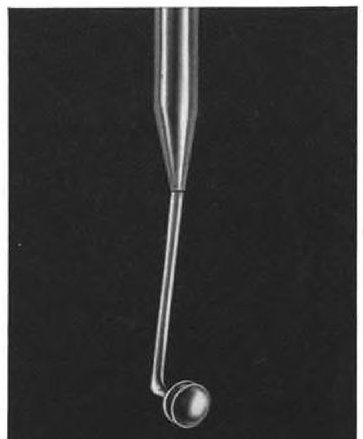

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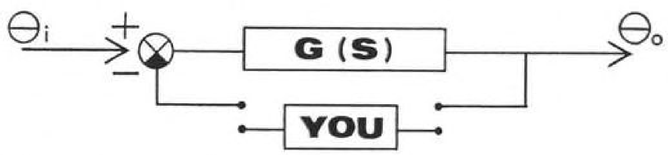

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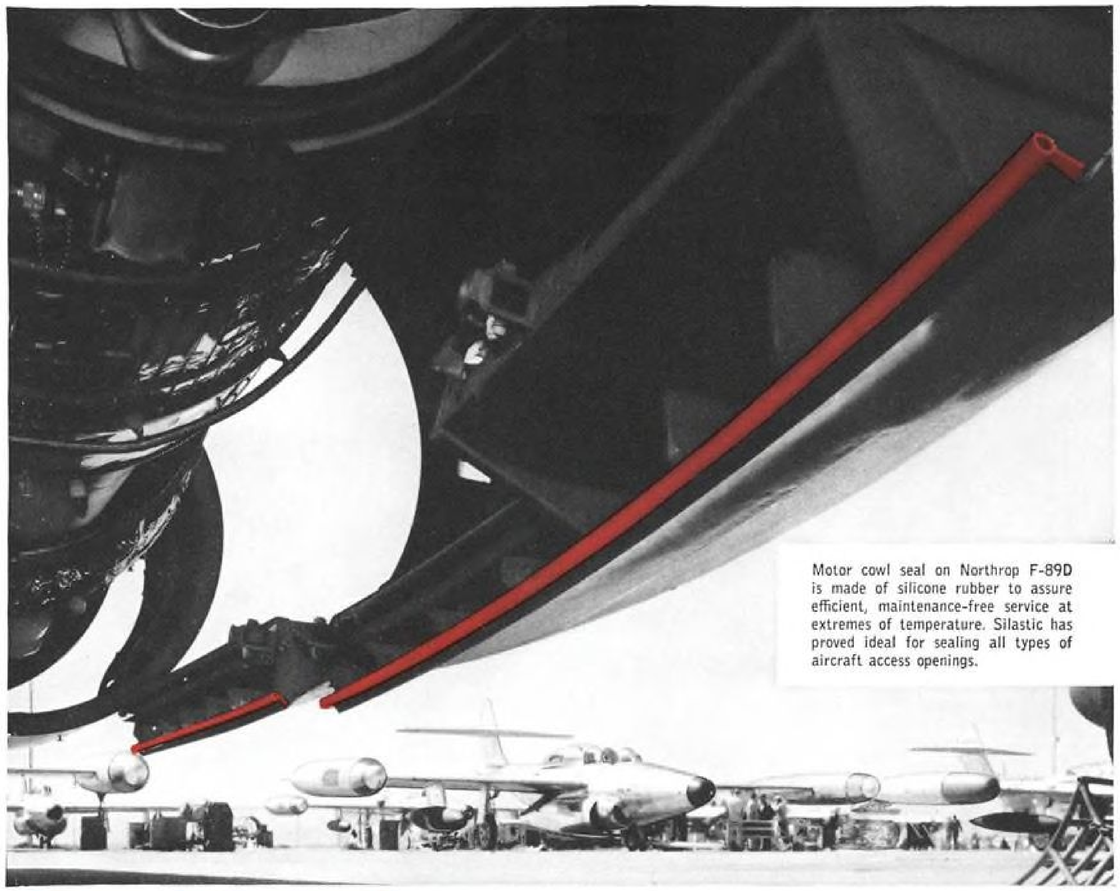

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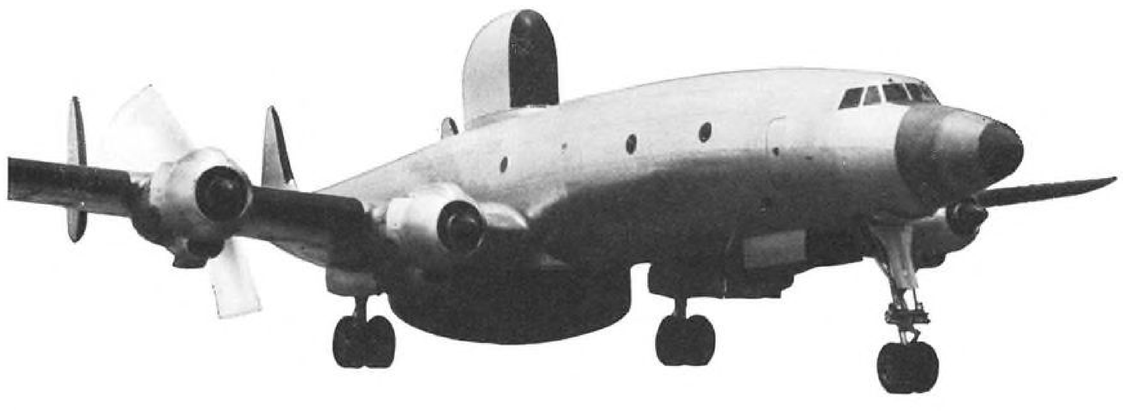

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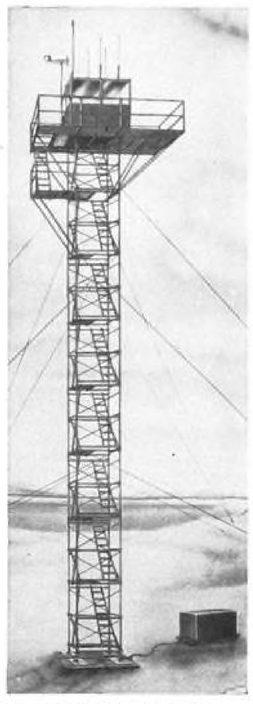

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Commercially the best endurance is under a half-hour. One-hour flights may be carried out for military observation and liaison duties. MHI also is developing spraying equipment and a roadable heliport for long-range transportation which is expected to be available this year.

Supersonic Load, Heat Simulated in Tests

Full-scale missile components are being tested under loads and temperatures simulating those of high supersonic flight at a new facility at McDonnell Aircraft Corp.

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The new facility uses a radiant heating system with quartz lamps and heat reflectors. Flexibility of the installation comes from moving the lamps with respect to the specimen and from varying the number of lamps.

Feasibility tests were run on the heating plant to check out equipment, instrumentation and operation. First runs were on a Talos missile wing and fin, built by McDonnell as part of the overall Talos program sponsored by Navy's Bureau of Ordnance.

Camera Spans Full Sky For Cloud Cover Study

A full-sky recording camera designed for the Air Force Missile Test Center is providing a detailed study of cloud coverage and how it develops during a day.

Information from the recording camera is useful in supplying basic data on the atmospheric conditions for photographic and optical coverage of missile flights.

The camera was built by the Optics Engineering Laboratory of Radio Corp. of America, which operates the range jointly with Pan American World Airways. Heart of the unit is the Beattie Varitron pulse camera which takes a picture every 15 min. through the day. The picture is of the full sky as reflected on the surface of a 12-in. glass sphere.

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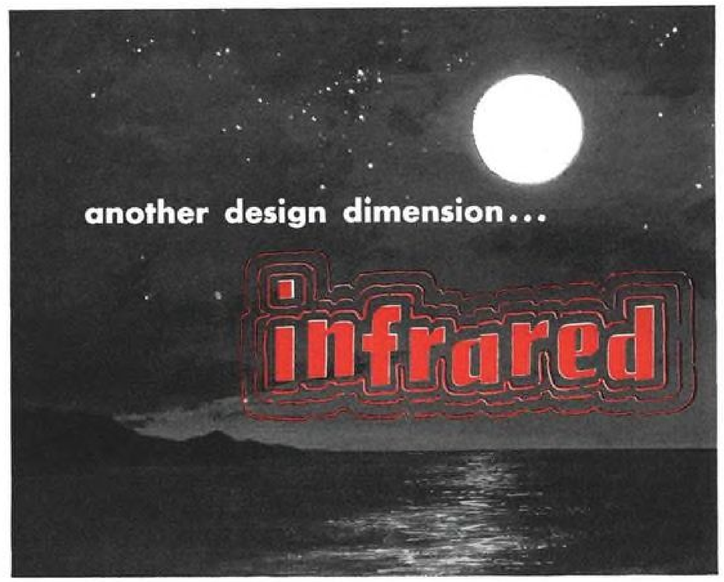

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Studies were reported by Robert T. Clark, Jr., S. S. Wilks and Donald Van Fossan of USAF's School of Aviation Medicine.

Certificates of Necessity

General Motors Corp. has been awarded a $13,955,151 certificate of necessity for rapid tax amortization by the Office of Defense Mobilization. The facility is for research and development. Of the total amount, 50% is allowed for accelerated tax amortization.

Other recent certificates include:

Northrop Aircraft, Inc., Hawthorne, Calif., military aircraft, $200,000 certified with 60% allowed; military aircraft and parts, $370,200 certified with 65% allowed.

Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Marietta, Ga., military aircraft and parts, $1,953,057 certified with 65% allowed; Burbank, Calif., military aircraft, $1,650,000 certified with 60% allowed; Burbank, Calif., military aircraft, $361,431 certified with 65% allowed.

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Ex-Cell-O Corp., Elwood, Ind., aircraft engine parts, $350,739 certified with 45% allowed.

Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp., Hagerstown, Md., military aircraft and components, $108,291 certified with 65% allowed.

Bendix Products Div., Bendix Aviation Corp., South Bend, Ind., military aircraft components, $1,121,930 certified with 40% allowed.

Cambridge Thermionic Corp., Cambridge, Mass., electronic parts, $21,925 certified with 70% allowed.

A. Finkl & Son Co., Chicago, Ill., large die blocks for military aircraft production, $226,950 certified with 70% allowed.

Joseph H. Thibodeau and Lester M. Laing d/b/a La Deau Mfg. Co., Los Angeles, Calif., aircraft parts, $28,000 certified with 45% allowed.

Avica Corp., Middletown, R. I., military aircraft parts, $100,000 certified with 45% allowed; $4,000 certified with 70% allowed.

Goodyear Aircraft Corp., Akron, Ohio, aircraft components, $149,002 certified with 60% allowed.

USAF Contracts

Following is a list of unclassified contracts for $25,000 and over as released by Air Force Contracting Offices:

SAN ANTONIO AIR MATERIEL AREA, Kelly AFB, Texas.

The B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, Ohio, 1AHC-11-270-9-1 Boot-190 ea., 1AHC-12-270-8-1 Bood, 233 ea., 1AHC-12-270-8-2 bott, 125 ea., Contract Nr: AF 41(608)-7794 (Purchase Request: SA-723277 and SA-723277-1, 2nd Final), $60,378.

DAYTON AIR FORCE DEPOT, Gentile Air Force Station, Dayton 10, Ohio.

North American Aviation, Inc., 4950 E. Triggs St., Los Angeles 22, Calif., signal data reproducers, type No. RP-106/GPH, contractor's part number and dwg number 10080-307, 11 ea., (RFP 33-604-56-1166), $154,000.

Borg-Warner Corp., Byron Jackson Div., Electronics, 492 E. Union St., Pasadena, Calif., signal generators AN/USM-16 USAF stock number 7CAC-363957, 227 ea., (PR's GE-609242 and GE-609242-1), $851,887.

HEADQUARTERS AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Bendix Aviation Corp., Pioneer-Central Div., Davenport, Iowa, transmitter, rate of fuel, type J-6A, (PR 635848), 3285 ea., $831,072.

Cosmas Industries Inc., 31-28 Queens Blvd., Long Island City, N. Y., indicator, D-314/APH-96, 813 ea., control C-917/APA-90, 770 ea., relay, RE-111/APA-90, 700 ea., (673719), $153,946.

Erco Div., ACF Industries, Inc., Riverdale, Md., domestic installation services for MB-9A and MB-2 flight simulators, (PR PD-141238), $27,958.

American Bosch Arma Corp., Garden City, N. Y., facilities for the production of MD-9 fire control systems for B-52 aircraft. (PR 670590), $190,000.

New Process Gear Corp., Syracuse, N. Y., acquisition and installation of machinery and equipment, (PR 636469), $51,000.

Alloy Engineering and Casting Co., Champaign, Ill., facilities for alloy research and development, (PR 671033), $190,500.

Glenn L. Martin Co., Denver, Colo., facilities in support of the WS-107A program, (PR 669603), $200,000.

Glenn L. Martin Co., Denver, Colo., facilities in support of the WS-107A program, (PR 669603), $300,000.

Beech Aircraft Corp., 9709 E. Central Ave., Wichita 1, Kans., first articles, 4 ea., test and test reports, lot, type MA-3, Multipurpose servicing units-ground towings, air start, electric and air servicing for RB66 aircraft support, (PR 154386 and Amend., 1, 2, 3 and 4), $4,303,041.

General Electric Co., AGTD, 1 Jimson Rd., Cincinnati 15, Ohio, accelerated amortization, (MIPR 639-52-21, Amend. 3 MIPR 2654-52-14, Amend. 12), $68,173.

Kollsman Instrument Corp., 80-08-45th St., Elmhurst 73, N. Y., spare parts for item 2 computers, type C-2A, (PR PE 207210), $48,553.

Chicago Aerial Industries, Inc., 1980 N. Hawthorne Ave., Melrose Park, Ill., detector, type LA-19, 114 ea., converter, type LA-20, 92 ea., (PR MO 664057, EC-A 636256, EC-A 636263 and EC-A 636264), $109,070.

Motorola, Inc., 2710 N. Clybourn, Chicago, Ill., antenna AS-360/APS-23, 148 ea., comparator CM-24/APS-27, 91 ea., receiver-transmitter, RT-286/APS-27, 153 ea., (PR 709802 and 709815), $1,200,000.

The Geotechnical Corp., 3712 Haggar Dr., P.O. Box 7166, Dallas 9, Texas, projector, vertical reflecting, 7 ea., data, 1 lot, (PR 600067), $30,530.

Hoffman Laboratories, Inc., 3761 S. Hill St., Los Angeles 7, Calif., computer, latitude & longitude, CP-188A/ASN-6, 518 ea., amplifier, electronic, control, AM-916/ASN-6, 380 ea., indicators, latitude and longitude, ID-389/ASN-6, 529 ea., (PR PE 168015), $3,106,043.

Hycon Mfg. Co., 2961 E. Colorado St., Pasadena, Calif., type K-46 camera, 385 ea., spare parts, maintenance tools & data, (PR 152721 and 671404), $681,450.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Inc., 1144 East Market Street, Akron 16, Ohio, brake assemblies, 1556 ea., wheel assemblies, 1459 ea., wheel assemblies, 8 ea., (PR 671328), $551,636.

Fairchild Camera & Instrument Corp., Robbins Lane, Syosset, L.I., N. Y., C-1 Flash detector (UCCS), 22 ea., (PR MO-570095 and MO 570056-3), $38,153.

Suffolk Products Corp., Woodbine & Scudder Ave., Northport, N. Y., keyer, ARA-26, 909 ea., (PR PE 158727, MIPR 56-734-12-AER and Amend. No. 1), $127,820.

General Electric Co., West Lynn, Mass., thermocouple assembly, 6119-8943630-G14, 16250 ea., thermocouple assembly, 6119-8940799-G5, 9775 ea., (PR 598563 and 598563-1), $283,831.

Friden Calculating Machine Co., Inc., 2350 Washington Ave., San Leandro, Calif., driftmeters, type B-6A, electrically driven, 167 ea., (RFP PE 635964, R-56-1276-101), $496,825.

Contract Goes to Cessna for YH-41 Helicopters

Wichita—A letter of contract for the YH-41 helicopter calls for delivery by Cessna Aircraft company to begin in mid-1957 and to continue on a monthly basis thereafter. The helicopters are for the Army, but the contract was from the Air Force, the procuring agency.

The initial order is for an evaluation quantity, Dwane L. Wallace, Cessna president said, but tooling is to be sufficient for long-range production. The YH-41 is the Army designation for the CH-1 helicopter developed by Cessna.

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Business Pilots Want More Data Faster

By Erwin J. Bulban

New York—Need for a central clearing house to quickly disseminate among business pilots information relating to the operational, equipment and safety phases of their profession was highlighted at Flight Safety Foundation's recent two-day business aircraft seminar in this city.

Pilots attending the sessions generally agreed that government and industry have fallen behind in supplying them with critically needed services and data. The nature of their own highly individualized operations tends to restrict even word-of-mouth transmission of vital information.

Flight Safety Foundation's business aircraft safety program, organized as a result of early business pilot interest in developing a single-source of data (AW Sept. 12, 1955, p. 83), is making successful headway on this major problem; it now has over 100 corporate dues-paying members compared to 30 shortly after it was formed about a year ago.

Finance Problem

Although it has achieved considerable success in developing a data collection and dissemination program, there are many improvements it would like to make. Finances still apply a brake to its development. The organization won't talk about its problems in this regard, but it is believed that the business aircraft service function has a deficit of about 20% annually.

Inability of the U.S. Weather Bureau to keep its services growing in pace with the rapid development of business flying helps spotlight one major corporate pilot problem.

George F. Brewster, in charge of the inspection program in the Office of the Chief of the Weather Bureau, candidly admitted that services have been unable to keep pace with the demand. He touched on several new studies being made by the Bureau to speed up data transmission:

• **Development** of an electronic controlled plastic weather map hooked up to centrally-located teletypes that would automatically plot weather changes and conditions by lighting up different color flags indicating presence of fog, hail, rain, etc. He noted that the Bureau is looking for good ideas from the electronics industry in developing this for nationwide application.

• **Hookup** of transmissometer to a teletype so that airport visibility information is automatically sent over the wires is under development at Joliet, Ill. Next step is to hook-up a ceilometer to the teletype to provide both types of data.

• **Development** of a teletype machine capable of sending out twice as many words as the current rate of approximately 60 per minute is in the works.

Brewster noted that one of the most urgently sought bits of weather data is information on the altitudes of cloud bases and tops. He urged pilots to note these when they are flying and report data to weather people, along with any severe or unusual weather, including turbulence, ice and other hazards.

The Bureau will make it mandatory Aug. 1 for its weather observers to get data on cloud tops by calling the airlines and other sources for reporting to pilots.

Pilots at the meeting commented that they had tried getting weather in flight by calling Flight Advisory Weather Service, but by the time they got their information they had traveled so far they no longer needed it. Brewster advised they call Interstate Airways Communications Stations (INSAC), which have direct phone connections to FAWS stations and they will get the data for transmission to the pilot.

Brewster also noted that pilots check the new CAA Flight Information Manual coming out July 1 for Weather Bureau unlisted phone numbers. Pilots commented that they had been trying to get the LaGuardia station unsuccessfully, and Brewster replied that the station had been transferred to Idlewild and has a new unlisted number: OLympia 6-5364.

He told the pilots that they should be sure they get a complete briefing from weather people. Some briefers are new he pointed out, and they may not give complete data. He said it was a good idea for the pilot planning a long trip to call the briefer about 12 hours ahead of time, and give him the details. This will generally give him time to work up more detailed data, Brewster said.

Regarding a number of complaints about Bureau personnel, he admitted that there were problems in getting good men for every spot. "There are four or five stations in the U.S. that I have to hit every four or five months for a talk with personnel where I try to get their thinking up to date and convince them that airplanes are here to stay," he said.

Indications are that a trend may develop in corporations setting up their own aviation weather advisory services. Several corporation pilots stated that they are negotiating with private weather forecasting facilities to serve them. In some cases several corporations operating airplanes in one area plan to split the costs.

Traffic Control

Confidence that Edward P. Curtis, special assistant to President Eisenhower for aviation facilities planning, will work out a traffic control plan to unsnarl

Chilean Air Force Trainer

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Business Jet Transport Market Stirs

New York—A number of U. S. corporations are in the market for turboprop and jet-powered business transports and are discussing performance, availability and prices with several manufacturers, Aviation Week has learned from industry sources. Under consideration are:

• Fokker Friendship turboprop, to be built under license in the U. S. by Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp., Hagerstown, Md. Ten corporations are talking to Fairchild about the Friendship, a half-dozen as far as the stage of delivery dates and prices. A few would be multiple orders. Johns-Manville is scheduling a Friendship delivery early in 1958. The airplane would have Rolls-Royce Dart RDa. 8 engines and long-range capability for coast-to-coast hops. Another interested prospect is Landis Tool Co.

• English Electric Canberra, twin-jet bomber. Two or three corporations are studying this airplane and one is about ready to talk over its release with the British government. An industry observer with wide contacts among corporation pilots said that if USAF were to make Martin B-57s available for civilian purchase, there would be 20 operating in about a year.

present conditions was expressed by Sam Saint, former technical consultant to Air Navigation & Development Board and now with Air Transport Assn.

He stated that the problem in the past has been that too many committees working simultaneously resulted in final recommendations being watered down to a common denominator to keep everybody happy, preventing the bold approach needed.

Automation Task

Saint emphasized that the immediate problem was to put automation techniques to work as fast as possible on the equipment now available, easing sore spots at congested areas and allowing higher utilization of available traffic area and runways. He said we now have the capability of putting an airplane "over the fence" and onto the runway within plus and minus seconds of when it should be there, in clear or bad weather. Present equipment could permit up to 60 landings and takeoffs per hour of mixed equipment per dual runways, such as those in operation at Chicago's Midway Airport, he said.

Discussions over the relative merits of X-band over C-band airborne weather radars brought out the opinion that

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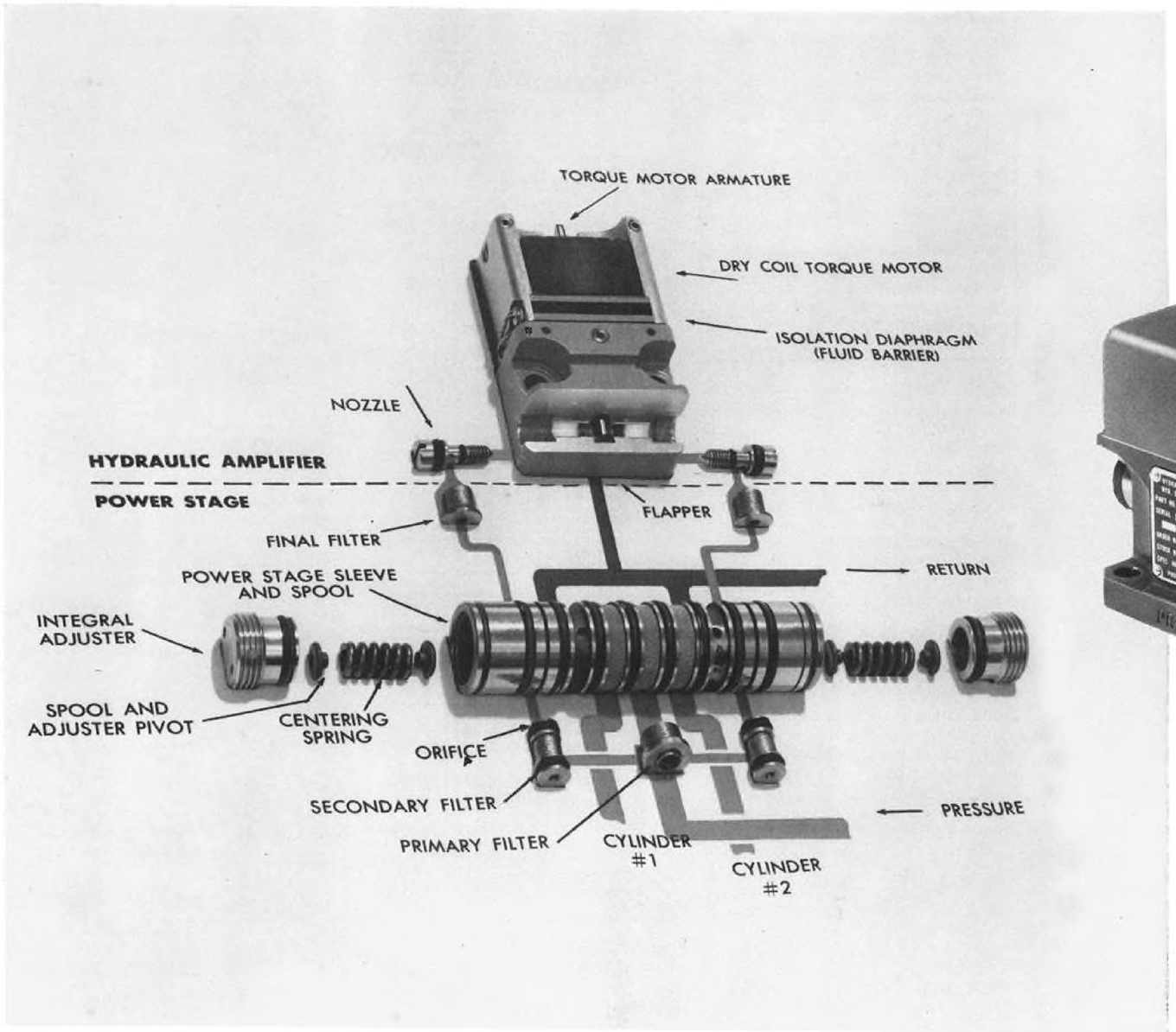

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Pilots with X-band equipment, interested in using the military ground beacons for position fixes can get the locations of the stations by obtaining Bulletin H.O. 520 from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

Cost is 50 cents annually.

Positioning of the radar scope in the cockpit is generally a difficult problem. The pilots were shown photos of Trans World Airline's installation in the cockpits of its 1049G Super Constellations: a retractable scope mounted between the pilots. It folds into the floor when not wanted.

Approximately 110-115 airborne radars, mostly X-band units, are now installed in corporation aircraft. They are credited with easing the pilots workload when flying in bad weather by showing spots to avoid sufficiently in advance to minimize detours; they also tend to lessen air-to-ground communications in bad weather.

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Surplus Northrop Trimotor To Fly Mexican Lumber

A former USAF surplus trimotor Northrop C-125 Raider transport will be used by a Mexican lumber mill operator to carry heavy loads to and from a 4,500-ft. improvised landing strip built at 8,500 ft. on a mountain.

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The plane is one of 18 modified by their present owner, Frank Ambrose Aviation Co., Miami, Fla. Their 1,200-hp. Wright R1820-99 engines were replaced with 1,350-hp. R1820-56s.

Pilotless Navions Test Remote Cameras

Remote-control aerial photographic and television surveillance equipment will be tested by U. S. Army Signal Corps using a drone system developed by Temco Aircraft Corp., Dallas. Initial units of the complete system have been delivered to Ft. Monmouth, N. J., and Ft. Huachua, Ariz. The project is built around six modified North American QL-17A Navions with 42-lb. remote control autopilots operated by off-on radio signals and 250-lb. ground control stations that can be transported in Jeeps. Ground control switches permit out-of-sight command of the Navions, signaling programmed maneuvers.

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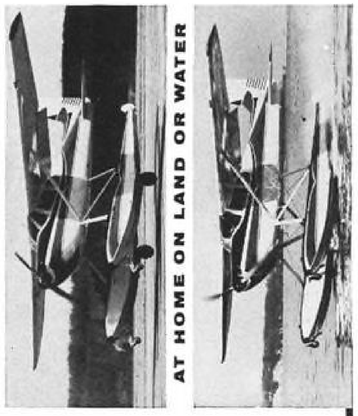

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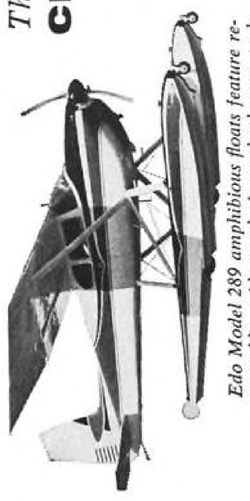

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Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd., Toronto, Canada, acquired a DC-3 business plane from Remmert-Werner, Inc., St. Louis. Seating 16, the plane has Bendix X-Band weather radar.

Royal Gull appointments: Gulf Aircraft Sales, Houston, Tex., and Marine Aircraft, Inc., Detroit, Mich., will handle sales of twin-engine business amphibian for Royal Aircraft Corp., Milwaukee.

Lund Aviation, Inc., New York City, is a distributor for commercial Aerojet-General 15KS-1000 smokeless assist takeoff rocket units. An increasing number of these are being installed on multi-engine business planes (AW Nov. 28, 1955, p. 60) to increase safety in event engine fails on takeoff or to aid operations from small airports.

Airwork (New Zealand) Ltd., Christ Church, Piper distributor, has taken delivery of 21 aircraft thus far this year of all models. It has 14 more Pipers on order, all PA-18 Super Cubs.

A 50,000-sq.-ft. aircraft shop, first major segment of Southwest Airmotive Corp.'s $2 million expansion, is operating at Love Field, Dallas, Tex.

A $3.5 million contract for aerial mapping of 19 railway stations and track in British Railways southern & eastern regions has been granted Air Survey Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of Fairey Aviation Co., Ltd. Railways plan to install new equipment and need accurate maps for planning layouts.

Schrafft's has entered the airport field with opening of a restaurant and bar at Westchester County Airport. Facility provides full meals to snacks, also prepare in-flight lunches.

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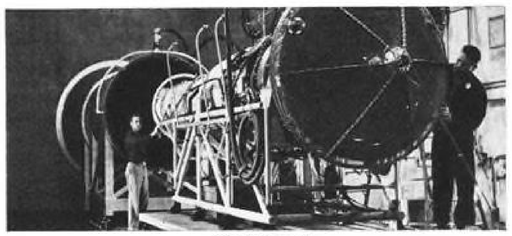

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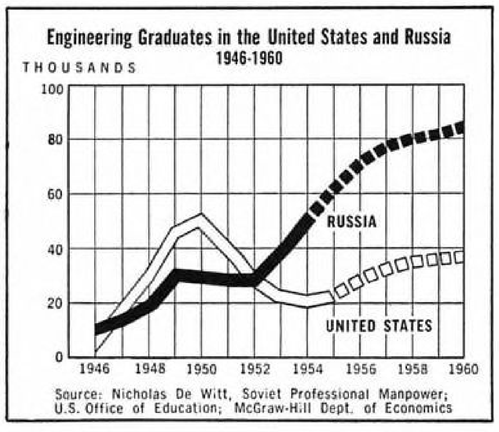
THE SHORTAGE OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS:

Are We Losing the Race with Russia?

THERE is new confidence in the Kremlin. One key reason is expressed in a recent boast of Communist Party Secretary Khrushchev: **"The capitalists always regard our people as being backward, but today we have more engineers and more supporting engineering technical personnel than any capitalist country."** He promised that this lead would be widened and that communism would be victorious without war.

This boast cannot be dismissed as communist propaganda. Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, has warned: **"In five years our lead in the training of scientists and engineers may be wiped out, and in ten years we could be hopelessly outstripped. Unless immediate steps are taken to correct it, a situation, already dangerous, within less than a decade could become disastrous."**

This second editorial in a series on the shortage of scientists and engineers is designed to explore as carefully as possible the facts and the implications of the new emphasis on technical training in the Soviet Union. It draws heavily from the authoritative book *Soviet Professional Manpower*, prepared for the National Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council by Nicholas DeWitt of the Russian Research Center of Harvard and released recently by the National Science Foundation.



Trend Is Against Us

If the Soviet Union already has a lead in technical manpower, it is not very great. Both the United States and Russia now have around a million scientists and engineers. About a third of the Russian engineers were trained on inferior pre-1935 standards. **It's the trend — shown in the chart — that is alarming.**

Over the last five years we have turned out only 142,000 engineers, compared to an estimated 216,000 in Russia. In 1955 our output was around 23,000 compared to their 63,000. Over the next five years our projected output is 153,000, against at least 400,000 in Russia. There will be an additional 150,000 or more in the satellites and Red China.

In Russia, 30% of the college students are in engineering, compared to 8% here. Another 30% or more take degrees in natural sciences. Moreover, unlike ourselves, the Russians are

ploughing back a large proportion of their science graduates into teaching, which implies a rapid buildup in the future.

Quality As Well As Quantity

It would be foolhardy to assume that these new Russian graduates are inferior to ours in the quality of their technical training. They start out with much more intensive mathematical and scientific preparation at the high school level. They study harder and longer in college, with more laboratory work and more practical training. Their courses and textbooks seem to be as thorough as ours. Even though the Russian graduates may be overspecialized, they get results.

These results have been striking. The Russians developed both A-bombs and H-bombs faster than we expected, and it's not certain that they had to rely much on espionage. They pushed ahead of us for a while in jet fighter design, and they showed up with a fleet of long-range bombers well ahead of schedule. They are crowding us on nuclear power, electronics and automation. There are grave fears that they have established a lead in the vital field of military rockets.

The goal of Soviet scientific manpower policy includes not only weapon supremacy but also leadership of the neutral and uncommitted areas of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The Soviet leaders may be bluffing in their offers to export capital, but they are preparing to export Russian scientific and technical know-how in a big way.

How They Do It

The Russians are determined to win the race for scientific supremacy, and they do not count the cost. **They pay their scientists and engineers salaries that seem fantastic when compared with other Soviet incomes.**

Senior professors, research scientists and top engineers are a major segment of the Russian elite. Their incomes are frequently six to ten times the average industrial wage. (In the U. S. six to ten times the average industrial wage would be $25,000 to $40,000 a year.) Housing and other privileges are correspondingly lavish. While preaching equality, the Soviets use capitalistic incentives far more boldly than we do. Indeed, practicing engineers and scientists have been complaining about the exalted status of professors and top research people, and salary scales are now being adjusted to give greater emphasis to practical results.

The Russians are also generous in their aids to education. Tuition has just been made free at all levels. Undergraduates receive 200 to 500 rubles a month and graduate students 800 rubles (about equal to an industrial wage) to cover living expenses. The biggest stipends go to science and engineering students. College students are deferred from military service, and engineers and scientists often enjoy continued deferment even after graduation.

Finally, the Soviet leaders can channel engineers and scientists — and all other human and material resources — into any area they choose. And the areas the Soviet leaders choose are predominantly those that contribute to military or political objectives, rather than to a better life for consumers.

What's Our Answer?

We are certainly not going to adopt Soviet methods. We do not want scientific robots, but free men, able to understand and add to our democratic heritage. At the same time, our world leadership in technology — and perhaps even our survival as a nation — will be threatened if we allow ourselves to lag far behind Russia in the training of scientists and engineers. Ways to keep the United States in the race will be discussed in a later editorial in this series.

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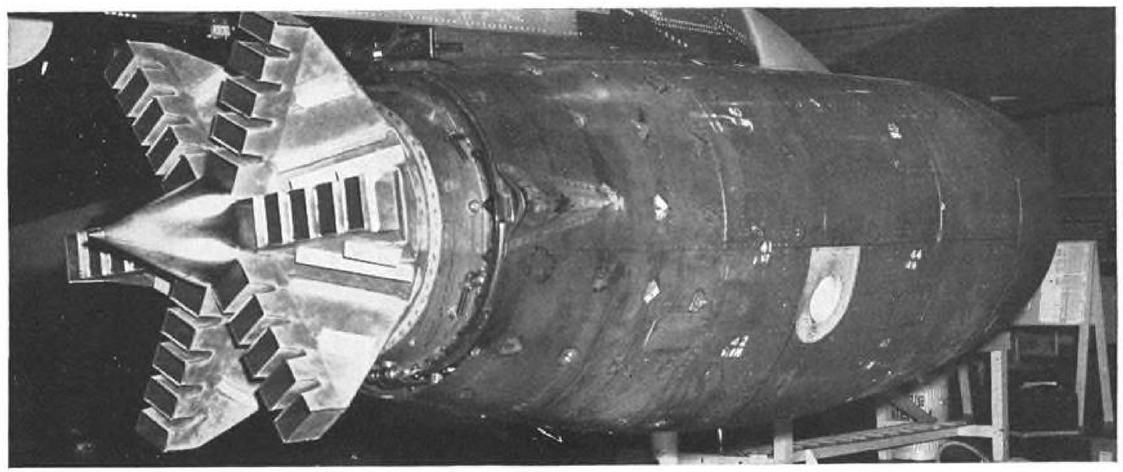

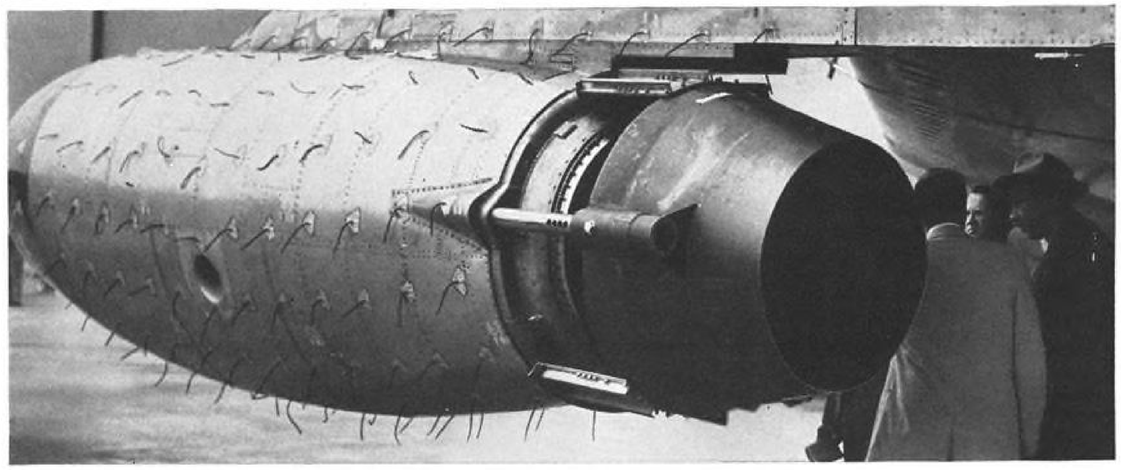

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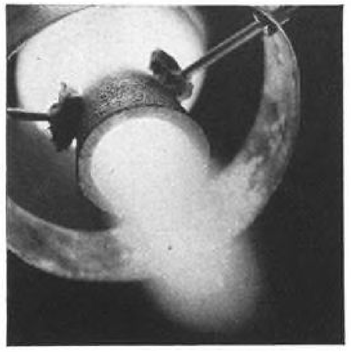

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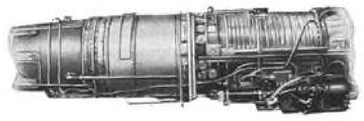

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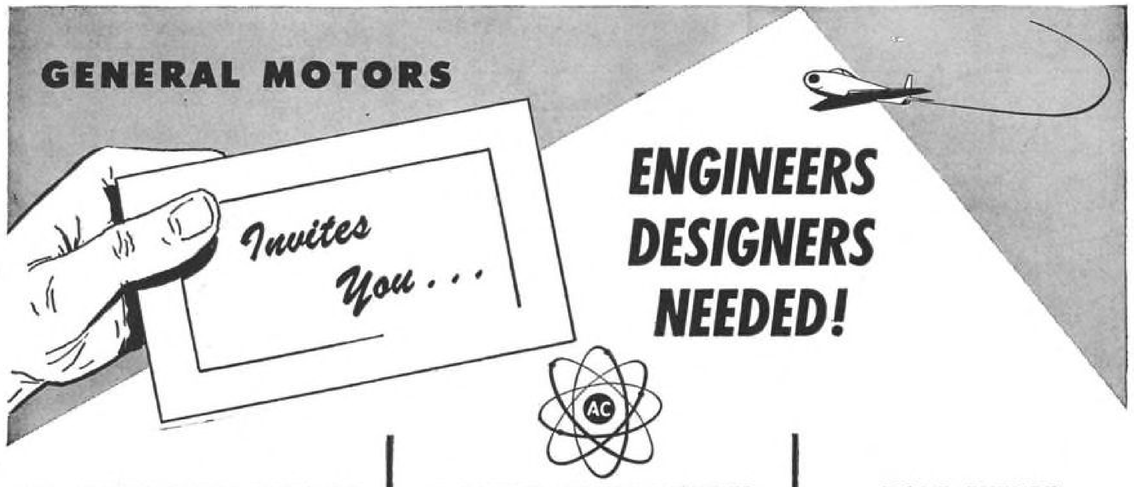

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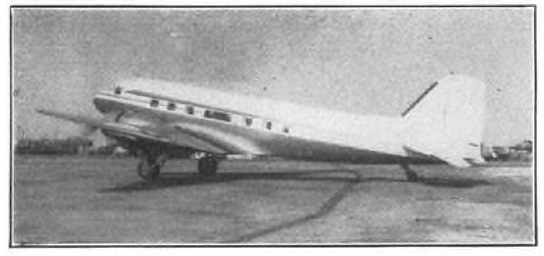

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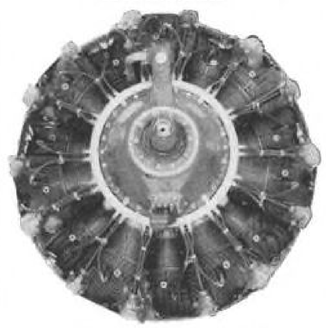

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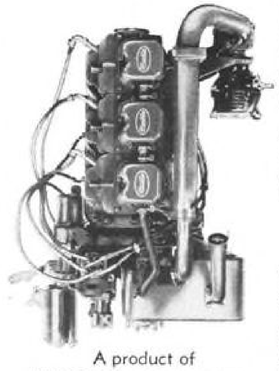

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LETTERS

Missile Mess

Want to mention with approval the AW editorial policy and over-all presentation.

A few comments on the so-called missile mess might be pertinent. Now that the automobile production man has conceded that "he" has been out produced by the Bison builders a re-examination might be in order.

Essentially, the people would like a shiny, new ICBM. It need not be trimmed in chrome or two-toned in pastel shades. But they want it soon; preferably a 1957 model.

They realize that an ICBM, either singly or in quantity, is not the only aerial weapon, but somehow they have grasped the apparently elusive fact that the nation first possessing a workable model has a distinct psychological, as well as military, bargaining factor. Therefore, if it be conceded that the USSR is producing large jet bombers at a faster rate than the U. S., then the people realize that the balance of power has shifted somewhat and the air-power stalemate is perhaps not "stalemated" anymore. It follows that an alternative course is necessary. Further, they would prefer that the ICBM not be bogged down in bureaucratic red tape or impeded by interservice rivalry; in fact, they would prefer to see the prototype not covered with the usual muslin. After all, the Soviet or Hottentot missile scientists couldn't care less about the outward appearance of the embryonic U. S. ICBM, "military security" or the U. S. Senator who speaks of our stockpile of intercontinental missiles notwithstanding.

It should be granted and obvious to some that the ICBM predecessors have been deficient in range and accuracy. However, its advantage over the jet bomber are significant in rate and time of travel to the target. Thus, when the ICBM reaches a workable, operating state in quantity the jet bomber is "dead" and crews will, in general, be glad to vacate the beasts. Additionally, the people realize that an ICBM can be produced for about one-eighth the cost of a B-52 type aircraft, excluding crew members who are usually written off at $50,000 apiece for accounting purposes.

It should also be realized that the Allies in World War II essentially overpowered Germany from the air standpoint, primarily because of the quantity of aircraft which gave greater firepower, bombpower, or whatever descriptive verbiage might be applied. If it isn't, it should be common knowledge that German missile and aircraft developments were way ahead of the Allies; after all, Germany had jet fighters in operational status and jet bombers in prototype, the V-1, V-2, etc. One doesn't have to be a Germanophile to grasp this. Although they arrived too late in the whole picture the psychological and military effect of the inadequate V-2 must be considered since none of them were stopped by any Allied defensive efforts.

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The need for an ICBM "crash" program is almost obvious enough to preclude mentioning: it would cost less than the Manhattan project, but must be faster because the presence of higher bomber production rates by another nation was not present at that period. This, regardless of whether one is in complete agreement with Trevor Gardener.

That each nation knows each other's prime target locations should also be obvious.

In the overall view recent trends seem to show the automobile industry in greater need of administrative assistance than the military aviation industry; or perhaps, in view of apparent relative jet bomber production Defense Secretary Wilson might concede to write a series of articles for AVIATION WEEK on the subject, "How to Stalemate a Stalemate," (with apologies to grammarians).

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Engineering Waste

I do not believe there is a great demand for engineers at this time. There are requirements for certain specialists, but any engineer to approach these fields even though he has a well rounded background must take a backward step in salary. Ask any engineer in the field for the past ten years, and he will tell you of the large amount of engineering manpower waste.

These things that are suggested will never basically correct the present problem. They will only help to lower the status of the professional engineer by allowing non-professionals to enter the field. Industry will be happy because they can obtain cheap engineering help. Youngsters will not enter the field because as you stated they can obtain the same heights without the investment in college. There are many examples of this today in industry because of the last emergency.

DONALD J. ABEL
Bridgeport, Conn.

Engineer's Wife

As the wife of a young engineer, I feel I must both agree and disagree with Mrs. Name Withheld (AW April 30, p. 118).

I must agree that many inequities do exist concerning the matter of experience and salary of engineers, even down to the 5-year level. Many good men are underpaid.

I want to *heartily* agree that engineers should be given a more professional standing, and suggest this could be done by limiting the title to those who have earned and deserve it. Today even a janitor is called a "steam plant engineer".

However, there my agreement ends. I have three sons. Inequities, poor professional standing and relatively poor pay notwithstanding, I hope they *all three* consider being engineers. I'd like to see them in rocket work, like their father, or in aircraft, guided missiles, or allied industries. These engineers have the future in their pocket!

My husband started in engineering at $242 a month. Today he has nearly tripled his salary and is employed by one of the finest aircraft companies.

He is not a "pure scientist" but his work is so exciting and satisfying to him, I am sure he'd be the last person to discourage our sons from studying engineering.

This may be high-sounding, but money isn't everything, with the future in your pocket.

When I watch films of rocket launchings, I'm only sorry I'm not an engineer myself.

MRS. IDA REITER
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Bitter Engineer

Engineering shortage? Bah! I am writing in order to give vent to my frustration and to enlighten young engineering graduates as to the ultimate goal to which they can aspire in the engineering profession. I am sure that many other engineers have had my experience.

At the very old age of 35, I am ready to be retired. Armed with a B.S.M.E. degree from a reputable university, and 15 years of intensive and progressive design development experience in aircraft, rocket engines, guided missile systems, including administrative and supervisory responsibilities, the frightening reality is that "I Am Expendable!"

When the last firm I was with decided to relocate, I was unable to make the move due to personal obligations and family considerations.

Every application that I made for a new job proved unsuccessful, for I had either too much experience, my background just didn't fit the specific requirements, or there were no openings at my particular level, etc. All added up to the same thing: What does one do at 35 in the prime of life, with children to provide for? Wait for a commensurate job offer?

With a small amount of savings and the help of my wife, I am going to establish a small retail clothing business. This is what happens to high powered engineers in the United States. Why all the wonder that the Russians are overtaking us in technological development? NAME WITHHELD

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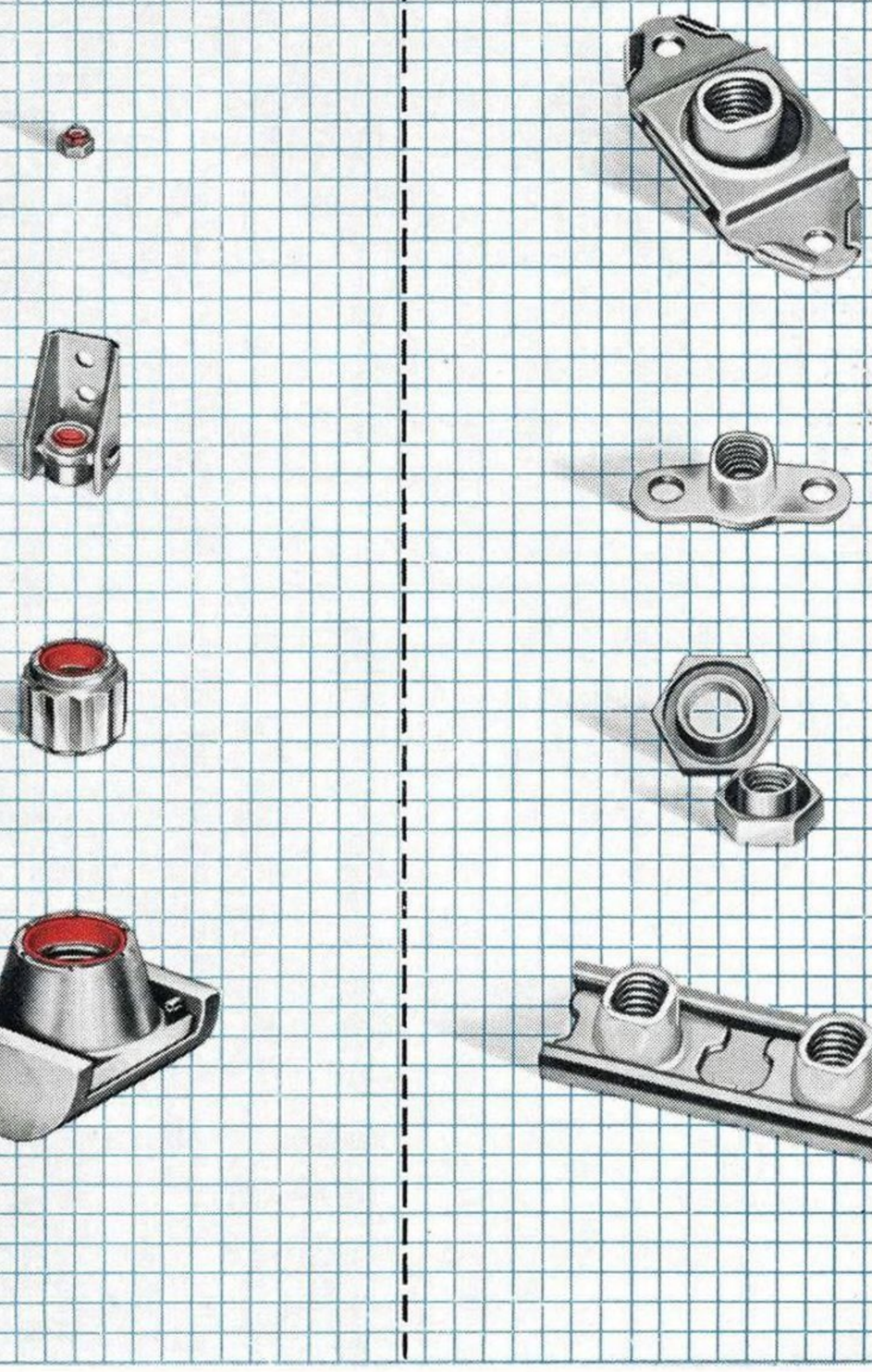

Insert nuts for versatility . . . strength

The famous red elastic nylon locking collar is available in nuts from 1/10" to 4" across the flats—in every hex and "fixed" plate nut configuration. High tensile parts offered in anchor, 12-point and barrel nut designs. For temperatures to 250°F.

The LH line—for high temperatures

Lighter, high temperature (to 550°F. in carbon steel—to 800°F. in stainless steel) nuts in sizes down to #4. Available in most configurations including ESNA's new full strength, lightweight, low-height hex nut, miniature anchor nuts, floaters and gang channels.

Blue "J's"—where weight is most important

The lightest self-locking nuts made. High strength aluminum alloy, nylon inserts. Completely interchangeable size for size with similar AN steel parts—and, on the average, 60% lighter. Dyed blue for quick identification.

Why design around a nut?

Whether the need to save space or save weight is paramount . . . ESNA's complete line of self-locking nuts permits the designer to match the fastener to the problem.

Check Elastic Stop® nut standard drawings first . . . and enjoy the design resourcefulness permitted by the broad variety of field tested self-locking fasteners. This complete line of fasteners is the result of ESNA's more than twenty-five years experience in designing and producing to the aircraft industry's exacting quality standards.

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Please send me the following free fastening information:

- ☐ New ESNA catalog
- ☐ Here is a drawing of our product. What self-locking fastener would you suggest?

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