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One, Not Two

INSTEAD OF establishing a governmental Department of Science, we have suggested strengthening the National Academy of Sciences (*Crosstalk*, ELECTRONICS, p 3, Sept. 14). One way to do this might be to expand the NAS into a National Academy of Science and Engineering.

Such an expansion might be dovetailed with a movement to establish a National Academy of Engineering that is presently gaining momentum. Backers claim that present NAS membership is largely made up of research scientists, and feel the need for a source of advice to the government on engineering considerations in national affairs and policy.

A proposal was adopted last November by the Board of Directors of the Engineers Joint Council that an engineering academy be established in cooperation with the NAS. It would be a private, nonprofit corporation. The proposal suggested that rather than establish a separate academy the NAS charter be modified to provide for a related organization. This, we feel, is a crucial point.

We favor the idea of giving engineers a more effective voice in national affairs. However, because of the increasing interrelationships between electronics engineering and the physical and life sciences, we feel that two separate academies would not be best for the country.

We would like to see engineering included within the framework of one National Academy of Science and Engineering.

MILLIMETRICS—Research on millimeter waves has a parallel in medical electronics where researchers must be knowledgable in two diverse fields. Since the millimeter waves span the frequencies between microwaves and infrared—in fact, the lower millimeter range overlaps the quasi-optical spectrum researchers must be familiar with both the radio and optical arts.

The bench setup illustrated, a Michelson interferometer at General Telephone and Electronics Labs, is typical of the electronic-optical equipment required for millimeter-wave research. Used for measurement of relative dielectric constant, the setup has an electronic signal source, but what could be more optical than the lens, prism and mirrors?

This aspect of millimeter wave research, and the applications, problems and progress, equipment and experiments made at laboratories here and abroad



will be detailed next week in a 10-page special article by Associate Editor Shergalis. For a good, long look at a portion of the radio spectrum that is almost uncharted and unused—though probably not for long —we recommend the article.

MIDWEST REBIRTH—To the Midwest's credit and almost certainly to its eventual profit—the area's electronics spokesmen have not tried to hide its shortage of R&D projects, facilities and personnel. Instead, they have publicized the problem. The result has been a rapid fermenting of concern and a redoubling of efforts to solve the problem.

The Midwest is, and has traditionally been, an industrial giant. But in proportion to population it has the lowest rate of military prime R&D contracting (\$9,000 per million) of any region in the U.S., ties with the South for lowest in military contracting (\$70,000 per million), and has the fewest scientists (7.5 per million).

Against this background, the National Electronics Conference is playing an unusual role for a national technical meeting. As Midwest Editor Wiley's preview indicates this week (p 30), the conference is actively assisting the region's efforts to catch up with the rest of the country.

This is not the first time that NEC has been a forum for grappling with the Midwest's problem (see p 22 and 26, October 6, 1961). More than a year ago, NEC in cooperation with Chicago-area companies financed a study of the area's R&D and recommended some solutions (p 33, March 30, 1962). What NEC is working for now is greater R&D interplay between electronics manufacturers and educational institutions in the area. This should help get the ball rolling again.



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COMMENT

Lux et Veritas

My high regard for the truth, and my interest in the early history of the incandescent lamp, both impel me to correct a misstatement on p 4 of the Sept. 7th issue, in a letter from Mr. C. E. Hoover.

The lamp base described, and illustrated at the bottom of that page, was made by the Thomson-Houston Electric Company, which began manufacturing lamps in 1884. Their first bases were a similar design made with plaster-of-paris insulation and a brass outer shell. The plaster of paris was later changed to fiber, and around 1900 the porcelain base, as shown, was developed.

The first lamp base, which appeared on the Edison lamp in 1879, consisted of a turned wooden stand, having an ordinary binding post on either side for connections. Shortly after this, a wire-terminal base was used. This base had two narrow copper strips attached to the lead wires, and held to the neck of the lamp by string wrapped around the bulb neck. This base had a mating wooden socket with a thumbscrew which was tightened to hold the lamp into the socket and apply pressure to the copper strip contacts.

In 1880 the original screw base appeared. This base had a screw shell and a metal ring above the shell for the electrical connections. The base insulation and the socket were wood. Early in 1881, a slightly smaller base was developed, which had a cone-shaped ring and plasterof-paris insulation. It was found that when this was screwed firmly into a socket, the insulation was loaded in tension, and soon failed. Around the middle of 1881, the base was redesigned to load the insulation in compression by moving the contact to the end of the base.

LEROY G. LEIGHTON General Electric Company Cleveland, Ohio

Ear and Brain versus Electronics

The Comment letter on Ear and Brain versus Electronics (p 4, Aug. 3) has sensible material, but one question is somewhat vague.

The comment that the human ear-

brain combination is capable of extracting any one of a plurality of simultaneous messages, is true. Then a question is asked whether anyone knows how, or can devise a way, to extract a binaural voice message under the given conditions for further amplification. This question relates to human intelligence, and cannot be answered in terms of systems and apparatus, without understanding the function of the brain in performing it.

The condition in which the earbrain combination can extract a singular spoken message from plural ones is a process of sampling at random rates. To understand this process, first realize that part of the selected message will be destroyed, but it will be reconstructed by the brain for intelligibility. If a selected spoken word is partly destroyed, then the brain must scan within, and find the missing part (imagination) for reconstructing it. If a whole word is completely destroyed, then the brain must find within (imagination) a word that fits the interpreted sentence.

All phonetic sounds (not phonemes), whether they are long vowels, consonants, or plosives, consist of at least one group, two groups, or a series of replica groups of complete information-bearing wave components. Each of these groups has a phonetic value and a quality value. For the brain to interpret these sounds, it selects, or samples, these groups of waves *step by step*, and recognizes both the quality and phonetic values during each step, rather than during its entire spoken time period.

Now assume that several words are spoken simultaneously by voices of different qualities. There will occur random time periods within which complete information-bearing groups of waves will arrive at the ear, without destruction by other spoken words. If extraction of any message is to be from a voice of a particular quality, then the brain will interpret by sampling that group, and either accept or reject by further analysis of the quality value. Thus, there will be random sampling periods within which the brain can interpret and reconstruct the spoken words for intelligibility.

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Telstar II Goes Back upon the Shelf

TELSTAR II's launching has been postponed, an AT&T spokesman confirmed late last week. The company has agreed to make the booster that was to have been used available to NASA for launching a new satellite that will probe the artificial radiation belt (p 7

and 28, Sept. 21). This move would push the Telstar II launch back to December at the earliest. The launch had been tentatively set for October.

AT&T is reportedly undecided whether the expense of a second launch is warranted at this time since Telstar I successfully demonstrated the feasibility of the program. Also, waiting would increase chances of the program being assumed by the satellite communications corporation recently authorized by Congress.

Another reason is that more information would be gained by launching the next satellite in a 6,000-mile-high orbit instead of the 600 to 3,500 miles used for Telstar I. The higher altitude is favored for communications satellites.

Last week, in a summary of radiation and solar cell damage measurements received from Telstar I, Bell Telephone Labs reported that high-energy protons are a major cause of solar cell damage. Protons diminish with altitude, leading Bell Labs to infer that an altitude of 6,000 miles would be safe. The satellite's radiation-resistant solar cells have lost only 15 percent of their initial power output.

Piezojunction Transistor —Amplifying Transducer

BOSTON—Study of transistor defects at Raytheon has led to development of tiny transducer based on pressure-sensitivity of junctions. Lab models of piezojunction transistors built by W. Rindner respond to 0.01 cps to 120 Kc vibrations.

A stylus attached to a diaphragm over a chip of semiconductor transmits pressure to the junction. This modifies the output signal from the biased semiconductor. Sensitivity can be increased by increasing stylus point pressure or using a shallower junction.

Applications are seen in pres-

sure-sensing diodes and pressureamplifying transistors for a wide variety of systems and in miniature microphones, pickups, strain gages, accelerometers, medical sensors and other transducers.

New England Is Pushing For More Space Work

BOSTON-Boston area industry leaders were to announce plans this week for organization of a nonprofit management corporation which would seek large NASA prime contracts. Work would be farmed out to the numerous small firms which make up the bulk of the scientificengineering competence of New England. The move was spearheaded by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce after the area lost the Apollo center bid to Houston. Regional protests have been mounting steadily in the past year over the small amount of NASA funds allocated here compared to California, Texas and Florida.

office to monitor contracts and aid industry seeking NASA awards. The head, Franklyn Phillips, told the local AFCEA chapter that NASA has spent \$150 million in New England and would like to bring the Northeast more into the space program.

Japanese Demonstrate Three-Color X-Ray System

TOKYO—Shown for the first time last week was an experimental color X-ray system by Saburo Sasao, of Hayakawa Electric Research Lab.

Color is obtained by a field sequential system. Soft, medium and hard X-rays provide blue, green and red outputs on the monitor's three-gun cathode-ray tube. A rotating filter sharpens the three X-ray wavelengths obtained sequentially by changing accelerating voltage on a conventional X-ray tube. The filter and power supply are synchronized.

The system still has not been tried on a human body, but preliminary experimental results are reported as extremely encouraging. Effects of selective X-ray absorption of salts of barium, tin, lead and iodine in body should increase contrast of the monitor image.

Ariel's Alive and Finds New Ionospheric Layer

LONDON—Birmingham University astern researchers headed by Prof. J.

NASA is opening a Northeastern re

Optical Frequency Vacuum Tube Developed

VACUUM TUBE that produces visible light—some of it coherent was to be shown and described this week at the Optical Society of America meeting in Rochester, N. Y., by W. W. Salisbury, chief scientist of Varo, Inc.

Salisbury said the color (frequency) of the tube can be continuously controlled, by varying electron accelerating voltage. It can be amplitude or frequency modulated with low power. Some coherency has been observed, he said, and it is expected that the amount can be improved with further work.

The operating principle, Salisbury says, should be applicable to microwave and millimeter-wave regions as well as ultraviolet, infrared and visible light. He sees its use in applications heretofore considered for lasers. The tube has immediate applications, he said, in light beam communications and has been used for a-m and f-m voice communications in the lab.

The principle—that the interaction between an electron beam and a metallic diffraction grating will generate light—is covered in a 10-year-old patent now issued to Salisbury, he said. The project described was sponsored by Varo and the Air Force ARDC Sayers believe that an ionospheric ledge exists above the F1 and F2 layers. It appears to lie at a geocentric altitude of 700 Km by day and 1,000 Km by night.

Almost unassailable proof of the ledge was obtained by analysis of data from the Anglo-American satellite Ariel. Further information is expected from the satellite. Ariel was assumed dead from solar cell damage (p 28, Sept. 21), but to "everyone's surprise" is sending back reliable data after prolonged exposure to sunlight.

The ledge would explain why a topside sounder launched last year at Wallops Island recorded scatter echoes at altitudes of 700 to 1,000 Km. However, the sounder operated at frequencies far above the layer's critical frequency of 1 to 2 Mc.

Sayers sees no practical applications for the layer. It has a very low ionization density and any radio waves near the critical frequency would not be powerful enough to penetrate the E and F layers.

Thermoelectric Generator Made of Silicon Alloy

TOKYO—Nippon Electric Co. is developing a thermoelectric generator for the U.S. armed forces, it was disclosed last week to ELECTRONICS Editor MacDonald by Masatsugu Kobayashi, senior managing director of NEC. The generator, using silicon alloyed with cobalt and manganese and other materials, is good to 1,000 C, he said.

Kobayashi also said his company is independently developing automatic depth control for submarines, employing water pressure and gyros to hold a constant distance below the surface. It does not avoid bottom obstacles or contours, but these are detected and avoided by existing sonar and other means.

UHF Converter Uses Backward Diode Mixer

TOKYO—Sony Corp. has developed an uhf converter for its five-inch transistor tv set. The converter, small enough to mount on the set, tunes continuously over the entire uhf band. Sony officials said announcement of the converter as a commercial item is not far off. The converter uses germanium mesa transistor oscillator and i-f booster, and a germanium backward-diode mixer. The mixer is one of a series of circuits Sony is developing for consumer products using the Esaki diode family of semiconductor devices (Sony engineers say the Esaki diode patent includes backward diodes as well as negative resistance diodes).

Sony is also working on vhf and uhf oscillator circuits using tunnel diodes, for tv tuner use. Advantages attributed to these include ease of assembly because of simplified wiring and better noise figure.

FAA Buys 66 More Airport Radar Systems

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS has received a \$10-million contract from the Federal Aviation Agency to build 66 airport surveillance radar systems for Air Force bases. FAA will operate 23 of the radars and the Air Force the other 43. Delivery will begin next July. The systems will be modified versions of ASR-4 units, purchased by FAA in the past for various U. S. airports (TI has sold 36 here and abroad).

A major improvement is the use of parametric amplifiers to make the radars more sensitive to weak echoes. Range is to be 60 miles at altitudes to 40,000 feet. Moving target indication will reduce stationary target clutter and an improved antenna will allow two close-together planes to be seen as distinct blips. The new units are also self-monitoring.

New Satellite Will Check Space Weather

SATELLITE equipped to report on "space weather" is to be launched soon—perhaps this week—NASA reported last week. It is to be placed in an orbit carrying it from an altitude of 185 miles to 53,000 miles every 31 hours. Six radiation and magnetic experiments are to report on energetic particles, magnetic fields, solar particles and winds and other phenomena. Data will be telemetered continuously by a pfm time-division multiplex system transmitting at a frequency of 136.44 Mc.

In Brief . . .

- INERTIAL guidance navigation for civil airliners well be tested by FAA. Litton Systems will modify a military system for testing in Pan American DC-8 jets.
- FIGURES reported last week (p 8, Sept. 28) on six-month exports of transistors from Japan to Hong Kong were not correct. The Finance Ministry says the correct figure is 4,043,906.
- INLAND STEEL is installing a computer-controlled hot strip mill. Westinghouse Electric will supply the computer controls.
- LOCKHEED is modifying three F-104A fighters so they can fly to 120,000 to 130,000 feet for reentry experiments.
- MAGNAVOX is entering the office systems field with a low-cost graphic information storage and retrieval system that can call up and reproduce any one of 100 million or more documents within one minute.
- NASA HAS AWARDED grants for research facilities—the first of their kind—totaling \$6.4 million to the Universities of California, Chicago and Iowa, Stanford University and Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute.
- SIGNAL CORPS has awarded the University of Texas a \$39,800 contract for research in superconductive frequency control devices.
- MARTIN CO. and NATO have signed agreements for production of Bullpup missiles in Europe (p 7, March 30 and p 8 May 4).
- COLLINS RADIO will build a 806-mile microwave and wire-line communications system for Syria under a \$2.7-million contract.
- MERGER plans have been announced by General Railway Signal Co. and Edwards Co. Lapp Insulator has purchased Ceramaseal, Inc. Jamieson Industries has acquired Chicago Electronics Engineering and its subsidiary, Chicago Magnetic Control. Loral Electronics plans to acquire Astrex, Inc.



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PENTAGON LOGS \$1½ BILLION IN ELECTRONICS ORDERS IN '62

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AND IN 1964 WILL BUY NEAR \$7 BILLION THE FIGURES ABOVE cover only so-called "pure" electronics production—ground radar, communications, and the like—not identified with other weapon systems. This is the only electronics identification in the Pentagon's budget. When electronics R&D and airborne, shipboard, and missile electronics production are added in, it is estimated that at least \$5.9 billion worth of orders were placed last year. Contracts amounting to at least \$6.3 billion are anticipated for the current fiscal year, which began this past July 1.

THE OUTLOOK for fiscal 1964, starting next July 1, is for total new electronics contracting of close to \$7 billion. This will be covered in the budget now being prepared by the Pentagon and which goes to Congress in January. In terms of "expenditures," reflecting the rate of shipments, the latest figures show \$1.2 billion in "pure" electronics and communications. The Pentagon's records as of June 30 also show \$1.6 billion in "unpaid obligations"—funds to cover payment for equipment already on order.

THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY will get a sizable chunk of some \$500 million the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will spend initially to build the Mississippi Test Facility near Gainesville, Miss. In addition, operation of the facility will mean a continuing market for electronics for years to come.

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In the pitch and roll axes, the gyro signals are processed in capacitor-resistor shaping networks and then modulated for injection into the servo amplifiers.

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PITCH CONTROL circuit of Boeing's SAS. Roll and yaw circuits are similiar

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The third signal fed into the yaw loop is sideslip and is detected by a differential pressure transducer. Gain of the transducer is a function of airspeed and is set for best stability at all airspeeds. A fourth signal goes into the loop from the rudder pedals to insure precise turning control during hover.

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In the Vertol 107 system, the SAS is duplicated for additional reliability. A half-gain position is provided in the signal input to each amplifier so that both units may operate simultaneously, each at half gain. In case of failure of one of the loops, the effect on the overall performance will be slight. Also, in case of failure, there are no sudden movements of the aircraft.

SIKORSKY ASE—One of the major uses for Sikorsky's automatic

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TECHNICIANS:

One estimate: less than one technician for each engineer

IS THERE a critical shortage of electronics technicians?

That there is a shortage of electronics technicians is generally acknowledged by key personnel in manufacturing, research groups and technical institutes.

Some employers think that the shortage has already become critical. So does Congressman John Brademas, sponsor of the proposed Technical Education Act.

Good electronics technicians are reported to be in extra-short supply in areas with a concentration of electronics manufacturing and re-

Radar Airborne, Viewers on Ground

System installed in light plane transmits image to field set

SIDE-LOOKING RADAR set that will transmit radar images from a light plane to the ground is being built for the Army by Motorola's Military Electronics division.

The radar, Motorola says, is of a type the Army has long wanted for limited warfare operation. It is the result of four years of R&D by the company, working with Army Signal Research and Development Laboratory.

Motorola has two contracts. One, for \$7½ million, is for models of the AN/APS-94 radar, which is one segment of AN/UPD-2, the overall airborne radar surveillance system. A support contract, \$3½ million, is for test equipment, spare parts and modules for the data transfer portion of the system and for spare radar units.

AN/UPD-2 is comprised of the

AN/APS-94 airborne unit, a recorder-processor-viewer and a data transfer system which sends the image to ground for real-time viewing. The data transfer portion includes the AN/AKT-16 airborne radar data transmitting set and the AN/TKQ-1 radar data receiving and viewing set.

AIRBORNE PORTION of system is checked out in Army Mohawk aircraft and data receiving set is tested atop 10,000-foot-high peak in Arizona



There Aren't Enough to Meet Industry's Needs

search, especially Massachusetts, New York and California. The only parts of the country reporting an adequate supply of technicians are areas that are sparsely populated and that have a minimum of industry.

STATISTICS—Exact statistics on the supply of technicians are not available.

Government figures do not treat electronics as a specific industry and do not report many field personnel, such as tech reps. Many electronics technicians that work under nonelectronics job titles, such as plant electricians, are also excluded from official tallies. Moreover, electronics technicians with the armed services or those employed by government agencies are not reported in most overall figures.

One estimate, based on the government figures, is that the number of electronics technicians in the United States and at U. S. facilities around the world totals just under 100,000—including those in nonelectronics industries.

Within the electronics industry, according to another estimate, there are only seven electronics technicians for every 10 graduate engineers—a ratio two or three times lower than what the industry in general thinks is desirable.

The overall number of technicians is rising, but the ratio of technicians to engineers is decreasing. Although general employment in the electronics industry is increasing rapidly, the number of persons graduating from technical schools and institutes is declining at about 11 percent a year, and many electronics technicians are moving up to fill engineering positions.

By comparison, the USSR is reported to have some 220,000 electronics technicians and a ratio of three to five technicians for each graduate engineer. The Soviets' semiprofessional graduation rate is increasing by 14 percent a year.

IMPACT ON INDUSTRY—Research and development organizations report the greatest need for electronics technicians.

Since R&D usually requires technicians with fairly good theoretical education and experience, the shortage often forces the use of graduate engineers in positions that could be filled by technicians. This causes some job dissatisfaction and diverts into supporting functions men needed as engineers.

The lack of technical manpower is reported to influence many phases of our industry. For example, it is said to hinder the adoption of industrial electronics equipment because many potential users fear inadequate maintenance. Some firms are afraid that they will not derive full benefit from equipment in the field.

Government agencies find themselves competing—often at a disadvantage in salary levels—with private industry for technicians. An official of one national laboratory remarked that he sometimes feels he is running a training school for pulse technicians in his area.

LEGISLATION—A Technical Education Act (HR 10396) has been sponsored in the House of Representatives by Rep. Brademas (D.-Ind.). But so far, one investigative session has been held (in August) and the date for further discussion is indefinite. The bill's future hangs on the administration's entire educational program.

The bill would aid states to make inventories of engineering, scientific and technical education programs. Funds would be provided for surveying requirements for technicians, developing state plans for the expansion, establishment and improvement of technical education programs, and for assisting in these plans.

The bill would make \$2 million available for state investigations approved by the U. S. Commissioner of Education and provide another \$40 million a year for five fiscal years to get technical education programs under way.

TRAINING—There are now about 50 technical schools and institutes

at which a technician can obtain basic electronics background up to a semiprofessional level. These schools usually require a highschool diploma and a knowledge of algebra, geometry and physics. Courses commonly take from 6 to 30 months, depending on scope and technical level. Most schools help graduates get a job.

Most of the larger electronics companies have in-plant training programs to break in new technicians. These supplement technical school training. Many firms share the tuition expenses of employes studying for an engineering degree. Labor unions, such as the IBEW, also offer technician training programs.

Salaries for electronics technicians vary between \$60 and \$145 a week, depending on education and experience. Men who have received training in military service or have amateur radio experience can often compete with technical institute graduates for employment as technicians.

Three-Hop Tv Relay Uses Three Different Frequencies

MICROWAVE relay that uses a different frequency for each of its three hops has been installed by RCA between KRCA, Los Angeles, and KOGO-TV, San Diego. The system uses frequencies in the 2 Gc, 7 Gc and 13 Gc bands to offset adverse signal conditions in the intercity path.

Outbound from Los Angeles, 13 Gc is used for 17 miles to Mt. Wilson, to avoid congestion at 7 Gc in the area. Next, a repeater relays the tv signal for 108 miles, of which 40 miles is over water. This leg uses 2 Gc to overcome signal propagation characteristics created by the distance spanned and by surface reflections from the water.

At Mt. Soledad, 12 miles from San Diego, the incoming signal is further reinforced through the use of space diversity. The station uses 19-foot and 10-foot dishes. The final leg is at 7 Gc.



NEC'S NEW HOME, Mccormick Place, on Chicago's lakefront. More than 500 manufacturers will exhibit products here next week

> Universities to outline R&D that can stimulate electronics in Midwest

NATIONAL ELECTRONICS CONFERENCE: Forum for Industry-Education Cooperation

By CLETUS M. WILEY Midwest Editor

CHICAGO—Greater cooperation between industry and education, to foster electronics progress in the Midwest, will be stressed at the National Electronics Conference next week.

This year's NEC—the 18th—will be held in the new McCormick Place hall. More than 18,000 engineers are expected to attend, a gain of 20 percent over last year's attendance. There will be 39 technical sessions and 125 papers presented.

The hall will contain more than 500 manufacturers' exhibits. New products seminars in a special area —a first this year—will help manufacturers introduce developments.

CONFERENCE GOALS—Goals of this year's conference will be to

Reactor Powers Mountaintop Radar





AIR FORCE last week dedicated nuclear power plant for the Sage radar (left) at Sundance, Wyo. In the next two years, it will provide 1 megawatt of power, equivalent to output of 2 million gallons of diesel oil. The plant, built by the Martin Co., can be monitored by one man at the control-console (right). It was airlifted and trucked in sections to the site.

show how area universities can stimulate the expansion of Midwest electronics and to develop a sharper awareness by industry of the services that universities and government agencies can contribute.

Ten universities will outline their most important R&D activities during two special sessions. Universities will also display their new developments. At a third session, industry spokesmen will point out special needs.

Luncheon speakers are expected to shed light on why the Midwest has been getting a proportionally lower share of advanced electronics work (see ELECTRONICS, p 33, March 30, and p 8, Aug. 3).

The speaker on Monday will be Governor Otto Kerner, who recently went with Chicago officials, scientists and educators to Washington to impress legislators and the administration with the Midwest's importance as an electronics center. The speaker on Tuesday will be Henry Heald, Ford Foundation director, long an advocate of cooperation between education and industry for technological progress. At the windup luncheon on Wednesday, Jerome Wiesner, special scientific advisor to the President, is expected to enlarge on "intellectual vacuum" aspects of the Midwest in explaining why it hasn't

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won its share of government electronics research.

SESSIONS—Advanced technical sessions (see p 29, this week) will discuss such topics as energy beams as working tools, infrared applications, hydrospace, aerospace and navigational electronics, and medical electronics.

A unique preview session will provide 10-minute presentations of developments breaking too late for inclusion in the regular program. Reports will include an instrument for studies of repetitive, pseudotransient signals such as speech, from the University of Illinois, research at Purdue on automata and artificial intelligence, computer simulation at Marquette of the human respiratory system, and Zenith's d-c pulse defibrillator.

About a third of the sessions will be tutorial. In addition, there will be workshops, demonstrations and technical sessions especially designed for students, including a day-long computer course, microwave and satellite communications and microwatt control of megawatt systems.

Among panel discussion topics are satellite and space astronomy university assistance projects. available to industry, implications of the European Common Market, reliability, and the consultant's role in R&D. One panel, including Patrick Haggerty, of Texas Instru-W. R. Hewlett, of ments. Hewlett-Packard, and John Haanstra, of IBM, will discuss the role of R&D in future profits.

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COLLAPSIBLE HUTS house electronic equipment. These two huts are part of a test installation at Watertown, N.Y.

Air Battle System Going Operational

Limited war version of Sage being installed at two Air Force bases

INSTALLATIONS of the Air Force's Air Weapons Control System 412 L are now underway at Myrtle Air Force Base, S. C., and Seymour-Johnson AFB, N. C. Installations are scheduled for a number of permanently hardened facilities in Western Europe. The system will also be used in the Pacific and by the Tactical Air Command.

Unlike Sage, the 412 L system is automatic rather than semiautomatic and is mobile. Designed to direct air battles during limited wars, it can be transported and set up within four hours of arrival at a new site. Off-the-shelf modules will provide for hurried assembly. General Electric is the systems engineer.

Some \$150 million has reportedly been invested in the system since its inception more than three years ago (ELECTRONICS, p 29, April 17, 1959). The system, designed for use with existing radars and with radars now under development, consists of four subsystems: data acquisition, data subsystem and display, communications, and an ancillary system including power, grounding and other equipment.

Two operational test installations have been set up at Watertown and Verona, N. Y. The first tracking runs earlier this year showed that the system met performance requirements, GE said.



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- NATIONAL ELECTRONICS CONFERENCE, IRE, AIEE, et al; Exposition Hall, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 8-10.
- AUDIO ENGINEERING SOCIETY ANNUAL FALL CONVENTION; New York, N. Y., Oct. 8-12.
- AIR FORCE SCIENCE & ENGINEERING SYM-POSIUM, AF Systems Command and Office of Aerospace Research; Houston, Texas, Oct. 9-11.
- MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMICS CONFERENCE, Michigan State University; at the University, East Lansing, Mich., Oct. 10-11.
- EROSPACE ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT & SYSTEMS DISPLAY, Aerospace Electrical Society; Pan Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles, AEROSPACE Oct. 10-12.
- URSI-IRE FALL MEETING, URSI, IRE-PGAP, et al; Ottawa, Canada, Oct. 15-17.
- SPACE PHENOMENA & MEASUREMENTS SYMPOSIUM, IRE; Statler-Hilton Hotel, Detroit, Mich., Oct. 15-18.
- INSTRUMENT-AUTOMATION CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT, Instrument Society of America; Coliseum, New York City, Oct. 15-19.
- ELECTRONIC RELIABILITY CONFERENCE, IRE PGRQC, PEP, CP; Stevens Instit. of Tech., Hoboken, N. J., Oct. 19.
- MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION ENGI-NEERS Convention and Equipment Exhibit; Drak Hotel, Chicago, Oct. 21-26.
- AEROSPACE & NAVIGATION ELECTRON-ICS EAST COAST CONF., IRE-PGANE; Baltimore, Md., Oct. 22-24.
- NORTHEAST RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING MEETING, IRE; Somerset Hotel and Commonwealth Armory, Boston, Mass., Nov. 5-7.
- IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers; Coliseum and Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y., March 25-28.

ADVANCE REPORT

ADVANCE REPORT ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS CONFERENCE, AIEE, EIA, IKE; Washington, D. C., May 7-9, 1963, Nov. 1 is the deadline for sub-mitting a 500 word summary to: Chief, Bureau of Ships, Department of the Navy, Washington, 25, D.C. Attn: Code 681A2C (E. J. Kaputa). Papers will cover new development in components, component processing techniques, com-ponent evaluation, and component mate-rials. Areas of interest include: capaci-tors, space environments and effects; connectors, connections, and intercon-nections; protective devices; inductors and transformers; insulating malerials for components; microavere parts; mi-crominiaturization printed using; re-hability and testing techniques; relays and cables.
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HALL EFFECT is used by magnetic compass. NEC Author Keller (right describes the compass, which is designed for undersea operation

Laser welding, hydrospace electronics and microelectronics will be featured at next week's National Electronics Conference. Here are highlights of some of the most important papers that will be presented



National Electronics Conference

By CLETUS M. WILEY Midwestern Editor

LASER fabricating tools, hydrospace electronics, infrared applications and a trend towards standardizing basic microelectronic functions are among the topics described in 125 papers that will be presented at the National Electronics Conference (Chicago, Oct. 8 to 10).

USING LASER BEAMS—Control of laser energy for welding, cutting and metal evaporation can be achieved by selection of an optical focusing system and adjustment of the laser-firing energy, according to Bahun and Engquist of Hughes. Pulsed-output lasers, which deliver outputs ranging from about 100 w to 10⁷ w, are useful for materials fabrication. Pink ruby has thus far delivered the highest power output of all laser materials. Active glasses such as neodymium-doped glass also show promise of being high-power lasing materials.

The laser system used in Hughes' experiments consisted of an 8,000joule power supply, xenon flashlamp, $7\frac{1}{5}$ inch long by $\frac{1}{5}$ inch diameter ruby rod with a fully silvered opaque end and an uncoated output end. Cooled by forced air at room temperature, the ruby had an output energy of six joules in a total pulse time of 1,300 μ sec. Focusing the laser burst with a 4-cm focal length lens produced on energy density of about 2⁴ million calories/cm².

Dramatizing the extreme care that must be exercised in joint preparation and fit-up for successful welding: steel samples vaporized deeper than expected, aluminum didn't melt as deeply and the melted zone of copper samples didn't even closely approach the expected depth.

Further research should be directed to optical focusing systems and surface absorption characteristics. Bahun and Enquist believe that lasers will be capable of achieving fusion temperatures in all



LASER CONTROL by ultrasonics. Ultrasonic energy acts as a shutter (A) to obtain a giant output pulse from the ruby laser; and ultrasonic energy moves the laser output beam in desired scanning pattern for machining (B)—Fig. 1

metals.

Advantages of laser tools include their ability to operate in almost any atmosphere—for example, external to a dry box or vacuum chamber with the laser beam focused through a glass port upon the workpiece—and accurate focusing by optical means to a small diameter spot. Lasers make it practical to machine small close-tolerance holes in metals and alloys that ordinarily possess poor machining characteristics.

Laser microwelding and cutting machines will probably be a complementary tool to electron-beam machines because the overall efficiency of an electron beam is better than 50 percent, compared to 2 percent, the best laser efficiency reported thus far.

ULTRASONIC CONTROL OF LASERS will be described by Schwarz and DeMaria of United Aircraft. When a light beam is passed through a medium acted on by an ultrasonic field, the alternating compressions and rarefractions of the medium produced by the ultrasonic field can cause diffraction, focusing and refraction of the light beam. Figure 1A shows a setup that uses the refraction effects produced by the ultrasonic cell to produce giant output pulses from the ruby laser. The cell is placed between the ruby and one of the end reflecting mirrors of the laser. This reflector is sufficiently off parallel with the other reflector to prevent normal lasing action. Thus, the ability of a pumping pulse from the lamp to increase the population of the upper-energylevel atoms is greatly enhanced since lasing action only begins when

the ultrasonic cell is pulsed. The ultrasonic field refracts the light from the ruby so that enough axially directed light goes back into the ruby to initiate laser action. The laser output pulses that are so generated have an estimated power of over 1 Mw, a rise time of less than 30 nsec and a pulse duration of 75 nsec.

Figure 1B shows a technique for using ultrasonics to control the direction of a laser beam. The two cells are perpendicular to each other. Driving the cells at identical carrier frequencies that are amplitude-modulated produces the spiral scanning action shown. Varying the power, frequencies and phases of the signals supplied to the cells would cause other complicated beam scans that could be used in complex drilling and welding.

HYDROSPACE ELECTRONICS— Small dimensions and rapid response time make Hall-effect compasses particularly well suited as azimuth-reference devices for remotely operating oceanographic instruments and undersea detection devices, according to Ernest Keller of Motorola.

Azimuthal reference will be essential for evaluation of telemetered data from research vessels that may use laser beams to explore the topography of ocean depths, from remote controlled prospecting devices or from miniature robot submarines.

Special-purpose asw instruments require fast reaction to small changes in direction of magnetic fields. They must deliver error-free bearings even while their instruments may be rotating several hundred rpm. Motorola's compass, shown in the photo, uses two indium-arsenide Hall transducers inserted between four bat wing flux directors, forming an orthogonal detection system. The flux directors increase magnetic-flux density a hundred times. Thus the compass can detect a horizontal component of 0.01 gauss in high latitudes or 0.4 gauss near the magnetic equator.

Hall compasses also look promising for applications in unmanned space vehicles exploring weak magnetic fields of the moon or other planets.

An ultrasonic electronic image converter with possible applications in imaging deep-sea submarines will be discussed by Roy Whymark, Armour Research Foundation. The converter (Fig. 2) produces crt displays of sound fields. The image converter, which is pumped continuously, has a piezoelectric quartz detecting plate at one end of the evacuated metal tube. The sound field to be imaged is incident at the outside surface of the plate while the plate's inner surface is scanned by a beam of primary electrons. Secondary electrons scattered from the quartz are collected at a ringshaped collector electrode close to the interior surface of the plate. The piezoelectricity of the quartz produces a potential distribution over the inner surface that is an exact replica of the incident soundpressure distribution. Collector current varies with this distribution, since it is dependent upon the potential difference between the collector electrode and the inner quartz surface. The video signal from the collector is processed through conventional circuits to produce an

image on a cathode ray tube.

Clear visual images have been obtained of 10-mil diameter metal wires at 7-Mc ultrasonic frequencies. Replacing the quartz transducer with thick ceramic plates extends converter operation to the upper end of the sonar frequency spectrum.

An airborne bathythermograph system (Fig. 3) that collects and records the vertical distribution of ocean-water temperatures to a depth of 1,000 feet will be discussed by DeLombard, Gruner and Luempert, Sparton Electronics.

The expendable transmitting subsystem, housed in a standard sonobuoy case for launching from conventional dispensing apparatus. information telemeters to its launching aircraft. When the subsystem hits the water, a quarterwave antenna is erected from the top of the transmitter buoy. The bottom plate falls free, releasing a sensing probe that dangles from a restraining cord for about 75 seconds, while sea-water batteries activate primary power and temperature-sensing thermistors reach equilibrium. After 75 seconds, the sensing probe starts a free-fall descent of 5 ft per sec and begins its audio modulation of the f-m transmitter in the buoy. The probe performs analog-to-analog conversions of temperature to an audiofrequency signal related to the temperature of the surrounding water. The one-volt audio output from the probe is carried over a two-conductor cable to the surface where it modulates a 160-170 Mc f-m carrier broadcast by the floating section. The transmitter, which radiates 250 mw, has a useful range of more than 25 miles.

Signals are received by a standard sonobuoy receiver equipment. Audio output is passed on to a signal data converter system that converts audio frequency to temperature, measures time elapsed from the onset of the audio signal and converts this information to indicate depth.

Reference information can be inserted into the tape by a telephone dial. The system requires only preselection of a radio channel and manual entry of auxiliary data.

INFRARED APPLICATIONS— Infrared hotbox detectors—a major

UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH IN THE MIDWEST

The 1962 National Electronics Conference illustrates an increasing trend towards industry-university cooperation in the Midwest.

Of 125 papers to be presented at the NEC, 46 carry the byline of authors affiliated with a college or a lab operated by a college, and 25 of these colleges are in the Midwest.

Three sessions and a panel discussion have been allocated to symposia on the role of universities in the electronics industry



TO VACUUM PUMPS

UNDERSEA IMAGE tube converts the pattern presented by ultrasonic energy impinging on tube's face to a picture of the undersea scene—Fig. 2



OCEANWATER TEMPERATURES are sensed and transmitted by subsystem at left to receiving subsystem, right—Fig. 3

commercial use of ir detection systems—are detecting overheated bearings on about 30 major American railroads, William Pelino, Servo Corporation will report. Over 400 hotbox detectors are now in use.

A hotbox detector consists of two scanners, one on each side of the track outboard at tie level but close to the rails. Each scanner is tilted 25 degrees to the horizon and toes in about 10 degrees toward the rails. The bottom of a freight car presents a quiescent background against which a heated journal may be measured. The ir optics include an arsenic trisulfide meniscus lens, a thermistor bolometer cell and a preamplifier having a gain of about 200.

The 4-ms time constant of the gree. Approximately 1 in.² of the journal surface is projected onto a 1-mm² thermistor bolometer flake. This flake and another identical flake are arranged in a bridge.

The f-ms time constant of the (exposed) flake is adequate for the highest train speeds encountered.

The bolometer cell has a silverchloride window coated with silver sulfide to cut off short wavelengths at about 2 microns. Since the arsenic lens cuts off at 12, transmis-



INFRARED DETECTOR ARRAYS shown at bottom: a V-shaped array (A), and a close-spaced array (B), are fabricated from gold-doped germanium slices obtained from single-crystal germanium (top)—Fig. 4

sion is about 70 percent between 2 and 12 microns.

Signals are fed to an instrument case at the wayside for additional amplification and processing. Recorders are hooked up to the instrument cases by direct wire if the observation points are within five miles. Carrier communications are used for greater distances.

Field effect transistors (FET), which offer high input impedance and low noise levels, promise to eliminate the need for vacuum tubes in ir amplifier input stages, according to F. G. Whelan (Martin). Reports of good FET performance, not only at room temperature but also at liquid nitrogen temperatures or below, suggest that first preamplifier stages can probably be built into detector dewars, permitting the FET to be cooled by the detector's refrigerant, to minimize both pickup and transistor noise.

Whelan also described an ir detector that provides good noise discrimination and relative immunity to sources of sharp input gradients such as cloud edges. It consists of two long and narrow V-shaped detectors. Due to the separation between the detectors, cloud edges cannot produce a pulse resembling a target pulse in both detector elements.

The assembly of miniature ir detector arrays will be discussed by Jack Lennard of Martin (Fig. 4).

Interest in 8.5 to 13.5-micron detectors has been accelerated by possible applications in countermeasures for icbm's, orbiting reconnaisance satellites, submerged submarines and for space navigation and communication, high-precision horizon seekers and outeratmospheric guidance devices. Cadmium and mercury-doped germanium detectors prepared with time constants less than 1 microsecond are especially useful for detection of radiations in the 8.5 to 13.5-micron atmospheric window.

MICROELECTRONICS — Expressing the operating requirements of a system in a set of basic multipurpose electronic functions is a challenge to electronic engineers, according to a paper prepared by Mitsutomi and DeBoice, Autonetics division of North American Aviation.

Additional papers from Lockheed, Martin and Hughes show that fewer types of basic electronic functions can meet more system requirements, leaving only a small number of requirements to be satisfied by nonstandard electronic functions.

Five standard functions handle all but 15 percent of the electronic requirements of a molecular and thin film platform control amplifier built by Autonetics.

One function is supplied by the general-purpose amplifier (gpa) (ELECTRONICS, June 1, p 18 and July 6, p 37). The original application of the gpa used negativefeedback adapting circuits of various gain-setting values. A new gpa application uses a positivefeedback adapting circuit that permits bistable triggering. This is useful in analog-to-digital encoders, power-supply regulators and other applications requiring a voltage level sensor. This device may also be used to mechanize agc, amplitude control and signal multiplication.

Other standard electronic functions developed by Autonetics include a synchronous switch, power gate, flip flop and logic gate.

The synchronous switch is used for either suppressed carrier modulation or demodulation in servo amplifiers and other signal channels.

The power gate includes a highspeed, low saturation resistance power transistor, together with current amplification and coupling circuits, and is capable of 100-Kc operation at 90 to 95 percent efficiency from zero to full output.

Only the gpa, synchronous switch and power gate are used in a servo system platform amplifier. The gpa



MICROELECTRONIC interconnection system for Hughes' thinfilm computer—Fig. 5



is used both for a-c and d-c signal amplification and as a pulse-width modulator. The synchronous switch provides phase-sensitive detection of a suppressed-carrier input signal. The power gate controls output power to a d-c servo motor.

Three flip flops and gates designed and fabricated as thin-film integrated components for a 4 and 16-channel sequencer will be discussed by Nichols and Fuller, Lockheed. Combining conventional active devices with thin-film passive circuits has reduced interconnections, to achieve a packing density of 444 components a cubic inch.

Martin's Automatic Rapid Test And Control (MARTAC) computer for ground equipment checkout, using only three integrated logic circuits—a nor gate, half shift register and flip flop—will be discussed by Lloyd Thane.

Designed as a missile oriented ground checkout the MARTAC system also looks promising for nuclear reactors, chemical operations, pilot plants, electronic manufacturing assembly and subassembly checkout.

A flexible interconnection technique that solved one of the major stumbling blocks to effective thinfilm construction of a complex thinfilm digital computer will be discussed by M. M. Dalton, Hughes.

One side of a three-by-four inch

photoceramic substrate carries circuits interconnecting vacuum-deposited thin-firm passive elements and multiple component chips while the reverse side carries its interconnection system. Nearly any wiring configuration can be achieved by selective etching of upper or lower interconnecting layers.

The interconnection grid (Fig. 5) consists of 80 horizontal wires crossed by 64 vertical wire sets, formed by vacuum deposition and separated by a layer of insulating material. Feedthrough connections provide continuity at the desired intersection points. A selective etch cuts horizontal and vertical wires at the required locations to open undesired interconnections. Interconnection grids are thus wired to connect circuits on the wafers and to provide the necessary input-output connections.

More than 5,000 interconnection points are provided within a twoby-two inch area by this interconnection grid. Interconnecting wafers that make up the company's HCM-202 computer have been simplified by the ability of the interconnection grid on each wafer to provide the optimum arrangement of signals on the wafer connector.

Circuit wafer arrangements need not be completed until the wafers are nearly through their fabrication cycle.

LASERS — Modulation and detec-

tion of intelligence transmitted over a light beam will be explored by Melvin Watkins of Aircraft Armaments. Mr. Watkin's paper presents a method by which conventional photodetectors may directly detect microwave modulation of a laser beam.

Figure 6 shows the method. Not shown are two polarizers at the transmitter, one on each side of the transmitter modulator. This modulator consists of a basal section of a uniaxial crystal of potassium dihydrogen phosphate (KDP) whose optical axis is oriented parallel to a strong electric field. Peak transmitted light intensity is a function of r-f power absorbed by the crystal.

The receiver's first detector consists of a mixer modulator, operating at a frequency separated from the transmitting modulation frequency by 30 Mc. This 30-Mc difference frequency is low enough to be detected by a conventional lowfrequency photodetector. The mixer uses the same type of KDP crystal as the modulator, but its cavity has a resonant frequency that is 30 Mc below that of the modulator cavity.

A variation of this technique requires addition of a third optical polarizer before the mixer crystal and orthogoal to the originating light, which is linearly polarized. This provides for more selectivity and increases the signal-to-noise ratio.

Gallium-Arsenide Diode Sends

Semiconductor device is source of infrared radiation that can be modulated at above 100 Mc to transmit intelligence

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TV SENT BY INFRARED

Test pattern of Boston station WGBH-TV as received after transmission on the infrared beam over a 50-foot path. The transmitting diode was operated at room temperature, and the effective power at the receiver was down by a factor of 500 from what it would be if the transmitting diode had been at 77 deg K. The quality of the tv picture was equal, in every respect, to the quality when the two halves of the split tv receiver were connected and the ir loop not used



CONSTRUCTION of the GaAs infrared sources (A) with base tab length of 0.28 inch; video driver (B) for the GaAs diode. Although the diode bandwidth is above 100 Mc, the driver bandwidth is 4 Mc, sufficient for transmission of a high-quality tv picture—Fig. 1



GALLIUM-ARSENIDE diodes have been fabricated, which, when operated at 77 deg. K and biased in the forward direction, may be as high as 85 percent efficient in the conversion of injected carriers into infrared radiation in a narrow range of energy only 0.017 e-v wide about 1.45 e-v (0.85 micron).¹ Figure 1A shows such a diode.

Infrared output power above a watt has been obtained from diodes with active areas about 10^{-3} sq cm. This infrared output can be modulated at frequencies up to and above 100 Mc by simply modulating the diode current. Thus these galliumarsenide diodes can be used to transmit intelligence on an infrared light beam with a bandwidth well above 100 Mc.

MODULATION—To demonstrate the communications possibilities of these diodes, both audio and video signals have been transmitted by modulating the diode current and consequently the infrared output of the diode. This output was received at a multiplier phototube where it was detected and the video or audio amplified and displayed.

Figure 2 (bottom) is a block diagram of the video transmitter and receiver, which were located 275 feet apart at opposite ends of the roof of the laboratory. The video signal, either from the tuner of a tv receiver or from a vidicon tube, was fed into a specially built video driver (Fig. 1B) that modulates diode currents up to 500 ma.

The infrared output from the diode was focused by a lens with an optical gain of about 1,000 and aimed at the multiplier phototube. The type 7102 multiplier phototube (which is sensitive in the region of 0.85 micron) was placed

Television By Infrared Beam





VIDEO transmitter (left) and receiver (right). Photo of laboratory setup shows authors Keyes, Quist and Rediker adjusting, respectively, the monitoring scope, diode position and tv monitor—Fig. 2

at the focal point of a 12-inch diameter parabolic mirror aimed at the transmitter. The output of the multiplier phototube was fed to a Tektronix type 1121 video amplifier and then displayed on a video monitor. The quality of the television picture so displayed was excellent, and equaled the quality when the ir transmission was not used.

RESULTS—While the infrared transmissions have been made at night or late afternoon, communication by this infrared link will be possible in bright daylight, with an appropriate filter to cover the multiplier phototube. Transmission yielding excellent quality television pictures was also made with the transmitter lens removed.

Because the radiation is in an atmospheric window, the experiments with the lens removed indicate that line-of-sight communication links of 30 miles or more should be easily realized. Equipment is now being assembled to demonstrate such a video communication link.

While infrared transmission may be weather-dependent it should not be affected by ionized plasma.

It should be emphasized that the transmission of one television channel with 4-Mc bandwidth does not at all demonstrate the bandwidth capabilities of over 100 Mc of the GaAs diode infrared source. While the radiation from this source is incoherent, it is in a spectral band only 100 A wide, and intensities in this narrow spectral band above 1 Kw per sq cm are possible. Thus the gallium-arsenide diode infrared source should make possible the early realization of many of the communication applications recently proposed for the optical maser.

This project was operated with support from the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force.

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FIRST DESIGN DETAILS... Project

Government-owned communications satellite has novel antenna design and uses high-power amplification. NASA rockets will launch it into a low orbit late this year

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REDUNDANCY of many of Relay's electronics systems prevents failure of a major subsystem from causing the whole satellite to malfunction—Fig. 1

Relay Communications Satellite

A UNIQUE ANTENNA DESIGN and two specially designed highpower traveling-wave tubes (twt) are incorporated in Relay, the government-owned active communications satellite. Seven of the satellite's electronic systems are redundant, so that malfunction of a major component will not affect satellite performance. See Fig. 1.

ANTENNA DESIGN—Relay's 1.8pound main antenna, which will be



ANTENNA MAST for Relay acts as a dual transmission line—Fig. 2



ALUMINIZED Mylar vanes open or shut to dissipate or hold heat in Relay

pointed toward the earth when the satellite is in its low or nonsynchronous orbit, is capable of receiving and transmitting simultaneously without interference. A single mast acts as a dual transmission line, Fig. 2.

The 1,725-Mc wide-band receiving antenna is right-hand circularly polarized, the 4,170-Mc wide-band transmitting antenna is left-hand circularly polarized. The circular polarization enables the antenna to radiate in a doughnut-shaped pattern, so that ground stations will receive a constant signal from the satellite even though it will be spinning at 150 rpm.

Eight slots are located around the antenna for both the transmitting and receiving portions. Circular polarization is obtained through the use of the slots and flat aluminum fins. The fins, covered with foam for support, act as a waveguide for the horizontal portion of the signal vector.

Internally, the transmitting antenna propagates a TE_n circular waveguide mode; the receiving antenna propagates a TEM mode. The outer boundary of the receiving antenna acts as the inner boundary of the transmitting antenna.

Telemetry, tracking and command antennas are four monopole whip antennas located on the opposite end of the satellite from the receiving and transmitting mast. They are also circularly polarized, Fig. 3.

TWT—Designed specifically for Relay, the twt in the transmitting circuit will radiate 10 w. It features a special cathode design for long life. Minimum weight is achieved with a platinum cobalt magnet. Vibration effects are minimized by floating the tube in foam with an outer cocoon (see photo). Total weight of the tube, when adapted with heat sink and mounting supports, is $3\frac{1}{2}$ pounds.

Basic tube characteristics are: range, 4,050 Mc to 4,250 Mc; gain at 11 w, 33 db minimum; overall

RELAY READY TO LAUNCH

Late this year a three-stage Delta launch vchicle will blast off from Cape Canaveral carrying into low orbit NASA's active communications satellite, Relay. Although similar in nature and purpose to AT&T's Telstar, (ELECTRONICS, p 28, July 13; p 26, Aug. 17), Relay is more powerful and incorporates several design innovations.

The satellite, shown on this week's cover, is nearing completion at RCA's Astro-Electronics Division plant in Princeton, N. J. NASA has earmarked \$19.1 million for the Relay flight program in fiscal 1963 (ELECTRONICS, p 30, July 20).

Relay, represents one of NASA's approaches to the communicationssatellite problem. Another is Syncom, an active communications satellite scheduled to be launched next year into a high orbit synchronized with the earth's rotation. Syncom is under development at Hughes Aircraft

efficiency, 21 percent minimum; estimated mean time before failure, 58,000 hours; basic weight, 2½ pounds.

EXPERIMENTS — High data-rate communication, multiple voice communication and live television communication between countries will be attempted. Mutual visibility between the U.S. and Europe is expected to average 33 minutes an orbit. However, useful transmission time will be only about 15 minutes an orbit.

Other experiments will measure the effects of Van Allen belt radiation on various types of solar cells and other solid-state components. These experiments are supplied by NASA and integrated into the spacecraft by RCA. Continuous information from these experiments will be stored by Relay, then telemetered to earth on command.

COMMUNICATIONS—Two 1,725-Mc receivers and two 4,170-Mc transmitters are used in Relay. The transmitters, heterodyne repeaters, each have a twt amplifier associated with the circuit. Each transmitter has a circuit capacity of one television channel, one way, 300 voice channels, one way, and 12 voice channels, two way.

The receivers operate in both a wide-band and narrow-band mode. Bandwidth in the wide-band mode is 30 Mc to the 3 db points. The 4.5-Mc-bandwidth channels in the narrow-band mode are separated by 10 Mc. Varactors are employed in the crystal-controlled circuit, which has a frequency stability of 0.002 percent. The receiver noise figure is 14 db at an input of 1,725 Mc, with a dynamic range of 40 db. Weight is 13 pounds. Modulation is phase-shift keying.

TELEMETRY—Relay has two 136-137-Mc crystal-controlled telemetry transmitters and one telemetry encoder (see Fig. 4). The transmitters are phase modulated. Each weighs 0.65 pound, has a 250-mw output and a 28-v d-c input. Over



TRACKING, command and telemetry antennas are connected to receivers and transmitters with this diplexer (A). Transmitted signal will be radiated as shown above (B)—Fig. 3



TELEMETRY ENCODER selects the information to be transmitted to earth at any given time—Fig. 4

200 different telemetry items will be transmitted on command. See Fig. 4.

A signal conditioner is used to convert signals for the 128-channel telemetry encoder. The encoder is low bit-rate pulse-code modulated.

COMMAND—Two subcarrier demodulators and decoders, each weighing 1.5 pounds, accept and convert ground signals into discrete command pulses. The two command receivers, originally designed for the Tiros weather satellite series, operate on vhf and have a 330-mw power input.

The decoder operates on NASA's standard code. The 20 command signals are composed of different combinations of 3 bits out of a 6bit signal. In this code, each command signal, before it is accepted, must have the correct number of pulses, 3, of the proper bandwidth and frequency.

TRACKING—Two beacon oscillators will emit a continuous wave signal at 4,080 Mc. Countries that will have ground stations participating in Project Relay include Great Britain, France, Brazil, Germany, Italy and the U.S. In the U.S., ITT and AT&T will participate in ground station operations. Proposed orbit for Relay is: time for one orbit, 2½ to 3 hours; apogee, 3,000 miles; perigee, 800 miles.

OTHER SYSTEMS—The solar-cell power supply will have an average power of 45 w at 32 C. Relay has 8,215 fused-quartz-covered solar cells. Sixty nickel-cadmium batteries, in sets of three connected in parallel, are integrated in the circuit.

A glass-fiber oil-filled ring will be used to dissipate precession. Attitude control will be by spin stabilization, and a magnetic torquing system successfully used in the Tiros satellites. A fraction of a watt current through wires outside the satellite will set up a magnetic field to orient the spin axis. Ground command signals will be employed.

A semiactive heat control system will be used. A shutter system of aluminized Mylar vanes will open to dissipate heat, close to retain heat (see photo p 47).

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CONFIGURATION for 11.0-26.5 Gc ridge waveguide-Fig. 1

obtained showing the effect of ridge width on theoretical bandwidth, power handling and attenuation.

From the bandwidth curves, the maximum bandwidth for a given ridge height (d/b value) occurs for a ridge width of about onequarter guide width (s/a = 0.25). A similar maximum appears on the power-handling curve when bandwidth is held constant and s/a is roughly 0.25. The attenuation curve shows that for fixed bandwidth, minimum attenuation occurs at s/a of approximately 0.25.

An optimum design for rigid guide has an aspect ratio about 2:1, ridge-to-guide width ratio of 0.25.

To substantiate the theoretical analysis, components were designed and fabricated in an optimum designed double-ridge guide having a theoretical bandwidth of 2.4:1, and operating in the range from 4.75 to 11.0 Gc.³ This size, designated D109, double-ridge waveguide with a dimension of 1.090 inches, was chosen for initial development because a non-optimum design, D19, operating over the same frequency range, was available for comparison. The D109 was shown to be superior in power-handling capability, maximum gap-spacing and minimum attenuation for the same bandwidth.

Once the optimum design had been established, attention was given to the development of components for operation above 11 Gc, where the wideband performance of ridged guide is particularly important. With the lower operating

frequency determined, and the b/aand s/a ratios determined by the optimum design, the first consideration is the choice of bandwidth to determine the normal ridge height and d/b value. Optimum designs were available with bandwidths of 2.4 and 3.6:1. The relative power handling capability of the 3.6:1 design is roughly 20 percent of that of the 2.4:1 design. Thus a 50-percent increase in bandwidth incurs an 80-percent reduction in powerhandling capability. Therefore, the 2.4:1 design, D47, was chosen as a compromise between bandwidth and power handling. This bandwidth yields a range of operation from 11.0 to 26.5 Gc. This range covers the portion of the microwave spectrum where swept sources are available and where coaxial or other TEM lines are too lossy. This range is presently covered by three standard rectangular waveguide bands: RG-52/U: 11.0 to 12.4 Gc; RG-91/U: 12.4 to 18.0 Gc; and RG-53/U: 18.0 to 26.5 Gc. A comparison between the D47 ridge guide and these waveguides in attenuation and power handling is shown in Fig. 2. The trade-off of power handling and attenuation for bandwidth is apparent.

Development of components in ridge guide was complicated by the unusual geometry.

TOLERANCES—A major problem in the fabrication of ridge waveguide is holding dimensions to close tolerances. The major portion of the electric field is between the



ATTENUATION (top) and powerhandling capacity (bottom) for double-ridge and rectangular waveguides—Fig. 2

ridges in ridge guide. Thus the impedance, by the voltage-power definition, is determined to a much greater extent by the d dimension than the b dimension. Since the d dimension is smaller than the band guide impedance is directly proportional to the b dimension in rectangular guide, tighter tolerances must be held on d for the same proportional change in guide impedance: ± 0.0005 for standard double-ridge guide d and ± 0.002 for extruded. Additional factors affecting ridge-guide impedance, not present in rectangular guide, are ridge width and centering. Ridge-width tolerance is the same as for d.

FABRICATION—The fabrication of rectangular waveguide is generally done by extrusion. In the ridge guide of interest, the best tolerances anticipated by commercial ex-









FABRICATION METHODS: precision machining (A); composite (B). Sliding matched termination (C); waveguide adapter, doubleridge to rectangular (D); doubleridge guide attenuator (E). Tunable waveguide short, with commercial spring fingers (F) and final design (G)—Fig. 3

trusion firms are ± 0.002 . At the limits of these tolerances, a large mismatch might result between mating guides. Casting and electroforming methods were considered too costly for the quantities involved, although these methods might be applicable on a production basis.

Two fabrication methods were decided upon. Components used as standards such as slotted lines and terminations require a low residual vswr. They were precision machined from solid stock. The ridgeguide configuration was formed from a ridged U-channel and a ridged plate, screwed together as shown in Fig. 3A. The second fabrication method was the extrusion of rectangular guide to the same a and b dimensions as the ridge guide. Separate ridges were screwed or soldered on to the broad wall as shown in Fig. 3B. The latter method may be used for precision components if the ridges are custom machined to the b dimension of the guide to fix the d dimension. Care must also be taken at assembly to insure centering of the ridge and good contact between ridge and waveguide wall. This method is convenient where the ridges must be tapered or stepped. No method of fabrication was found to produce to the required tolerances lengths of double-ridge guide of this size for systems use.

COMPONENTS—Several components were made for the 11.0- to 26.5-Gc double-ridge guide.

(1) Sliding termination: Two lossy Synthane cards tapering from the narrow walls of the guide in to the center ridge (Fig. 3C) resulted in a termination with a maximum residual vswr of 1.02.

(2) Transitions to rectangular guide: These were made by stepping down the ridge height to obtain guide impedances determined by a Tchebyscheff distribution and tapering the a and b dimensions of the ridge guide to the rectangular guide size (Fig. 3D).

The impedance for each section is determined from the guide dimensions by calculation from transmission line equations or from graphs^{1.4} The length of each section is determined by the guide wavelength. This is calculated from the cutoff wavelength, which is determined by the guide configuration, which is in turn determined by the impedance required. Thus a step-by-step trial and error or graphical solution is necessary. Both the cutoff and impedance is determined by the b/a ratio, which varies between the ridge and rectangular guide. The graphs are based on standard b/a ratios so that a correction factor must be used at each step. A correction for $\lambda_{c/a}$ is given in the reference. The impedance may be corrected for the b/a ratio by multiplying the impedance for a standard b/a value by the ratio of the required b/a to the standard b/a.

Transitions to RG-52/U (11.0 to 12.4 Gc), RG-91/U (12.4 to 18.0 Gc), and RG-53/U (18.0 to 26.5 Gc) each gave a maximum vswr of 1.08.

(3) Variable attenuators: To attain a target attenuation of 40 db minimum across the band, it was necessary to insert an attenuating element almost as wide as the ridge into the broad wall of the guide (Fig. 3E). One ridge was tapered down and the other up to give a single ridge configuration having the same electrical characteristics of the double-ridge guide. The lossy Synthane card inserted through the unridged wall gave the 40-db minimum attenuation. Insertion loss was 1.5 db maximum and the maximum vswr was 1.30.

(4) Tunable crystal-bolometer mount: The mount consists of a slide-screw tuner in front of a coaxial detector mount, 1N26 crystal or physically equivalent bolometer. An integral coaxial line to double-ridge waveguide transition was used in the detector mount, as the 1N26 case cannot be mounted directly in the guide.

The transition was matched by varying the back cavity length with a 1N26 matched-load cartridge inserted in the mount in place of the 1N26 crystal. Since the impedance of the crystal varies widely with frequency, the tuner must be used to obtain a good match. A tuned vswr of 1.06 may be obtained over the band with either a crystal or bolometer.

(5) Tunable waveguide short: A noncontacting choke short was rejected in this ridge-guide band because of mechanical problems and the difficulty of making an effective choke short over a large bandwidth. Commercial rounded contacting finger shorts (Fig. 3F) were unsuitable for this guide size. When flatter fingers (Fig. 3G) that gave more contact area were used, a short with a minimum reflection coefficient of 0.97 resulted.

(6) A 20-db directional coupler: Several approaches were investigated to avoid coupling by holes in the broad wall from one ridge guide to another since this method is frequency sensitive. Distortion due to the ridges disturbs the coupling field in rectangular guide, so that optimization of the coupling-response against frequency characteristic for a multihole coupler is not possible in a double-ridge guide. But other approaches were eliminated, because of mechanical and electrical reasons.

Fabrication of the coupler was difficult mechanically because of the unavailability of waveguide tubing. The secondary line bend was difficult since the ridge had to be machined in a curve and follow the curve of the waveguide wall. The final design gave a coupling of 19.85 ± 3.55 db across the band. Directivity was a minimum of 29 db and vswr was 1.07 or less in both lines.

(7) Precision slotted section: The slotted section (Fig. 4, left) consists of a double-ridge main line containing a slot with tapered ends, probe section and secondary double-ridge waveguide output section containing a slide-screw tuner. A detector mount is connected to the secondary line. The probe, a 0.006-inch diameter Teflon-coated wire, is extended into the main line field by a screw drive (Fig. 4, right). The energy coupled to the probe from the field in the main line is conducted through a short coaxial section into the secondary guide. The slide-screw tuner matches the detector mount to the probe transition section of the secondary guide. A dial indicator measures carriage travel for precise impedance measurements. The narrowest mechanically practical slot width was used to keep the residual vswr under 1.04 over the band.

Empirical methods were needed to determine the configuration of a probe transition section to provide adequate coupling without excessive probe insertion. Results gave a minimum coupling of 19 db down from the main line for negligible pulling, or distortion of the main line field.

(8) E-H tuner: The tuner was built as a four-port junction of double-ridge waveguide E and H plane tee sections (Fig. 5A). Because of the geometry of the junction, continuity of the double ridge can be preserved in one plane only. It was decided to preserve the ridge continuity in the E-plane for mechanical reasons and because the introduction of an H-plane ridge at right angles to the main line would create a large discontinuity in the transmission path. The ridges in the H-plane arm were terminated at the side wall of the main-line guide. However, the coupling to the H-plane was not tight enough for satisfactory tuning. A coupling structure had to be designed to compensate for this weak coupling. A number of thin metal plate coupling structures from the lower ridge in the side arm to the lower main-line ridge were designed and tested to improve H-arm coupling. The final form (Fig. 12) allows a minimum vswr of 11:1 to be tuned



SLOTTED SECTION (left), with probe details (right)-Fig. 4

out over the band, with 20:1 possible over most of the range.

(9) Rotary Joint: The joint consists of double-ridge input and output arms with transitions to a rotary coaxial section (Fig. 5B). The dimensions of the coaxial line are limited, since the outer diameter must pass through the ridge and the center conductor must be heavy enough to withstand torsional stress. A 50-ohm line with a 0.082inch outer diameter and a 0.032inch diameter was decided upon. The ridges in each arm were tapered from the standard ridgeguide impedance to a cross section with a 50-ohm characteristic impedance to obtain a match to the coaxial line. Since the ridges were tapered, the arms were fabricated by screwing the ridges into rectangular guide. Because of the high operating frequency and large bandwidth, it was found that rotary-joint choke designs were not applicable. So contacting graphite bearings were used at rotational surfaces. The optimum results for a double-ridge to coaxial-line transition in this frequency range is 1.6:1 vswr. Since two transitions are needed, the overall vswr might be $1.6 \times 1.6 = 2.56$. This would give a reflected loss of 0.76 db. Adding this to the insertion loss of the coaxial section, 0.31 db at 26.5 Gc, gives a possible insertion loss of 1.07 db. Measured results give a maximum vswr of 2.5:1 and a maximum insertion loss of 1.5 db. This indicates that the results were close to the optimum for a doubleridge guide rotary joint in the 11.0 to 26.5-Gc frequency range.

Balanced mixer: For (10)broadband operation a balanced mixer must have a balanced feed for the signal and local oscillator that is inherently frequency insensitive. A septum across the middle of the broad dimension of the guide will split power equally over the band if it is thin and long enough so that no resonances occur. A Tbar coupling device may also be well matched over a large bandwidth. Thus a reversed phase-mixer was constructed (Fig. 5C) using an H-plane septum as the in-phase power splitter in the signal circuit, and an E-plane coaxial tee tuned to provide reversed-phase, equal-



VIEW of E-H tuner showing H-arm coupling (A); double-ridge guide rotary joint (B); coupling section of reversed phase-mixer showing signal and local-oscillator power splitters (C); balanced mixer (D)—Fig. 5

power signals from the local oscillator. The local oscillator feed is in coaxial line and a transition to ridge guide provides a waveguide input. The crystals are fed from the coaxial end of integral waveguide to coaxial transitions in the main line. The diodes are connected so that the in-phase voltages from the local oscillator cancel while the out-of-phase components from the mainline signal add; thus the output of the mixer does not contain extraneous information due to noise components in the local oscillator. Due to symmetry, sidebands of the input signal at the local oscillator frequency are also cancelled.

Tuning adjustment of the waveguide to coaxial transitions in the crystal mounts and the local oscillator input and the local oscillator tee-bar feed are provided for optimum performance (Fig. 5D). The mixer was found to be operable across the band although the results obtained are far from optimum. Additional empirical modification of the local oscillator feed should improve performance. The results were good crystal balance with a minimum sensitivity of 0.55-ma crystal current for 0.75 mw of power input per channel, and a minimum isolation of 20 db. Good isolation was expected because of the geometrically symmetrical nature of the power splitters in both the local oscillator and signal circuits. Local oscillator coupling was a minimum of -20 db. Vswr was a maximum of 5.8:1 at the signal port and 10:1 at the local oscillator port.

The results obtained on most of the components in the 11.0 to 26.5 Gc double-ridge guide band are comparable to results achieved with similar components in rectangular waveguide. It is, therefore, suggested that this particular waveguide would be ideal for ecm applications in this frequency range.

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CONVENIENT WAY TO CALCULATE Transmission Line Resonant Frequency

Graphical method simplifies calculation of capacitance-loaded transmission line resonant frequency if line characteristics are known

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SHORT LENGTHS of transmission line make convenient vacuum-tube tank circuits at high frequencies. In dealing with such circuits it is relatively easy to find a length of a line which will resonate at a desired frequency. However, calculation of the resonant frequency when line dimensions are known is more difficult. If line characteristics are known, finding the resonant frequency requires solving a transcendental equation which can be done only by approximate methods. A curve has been prepared as one method of finding resonant frequency of a line of known characteristics.

DERIVATION—The relation between resonant frequency, length, characteristic impedance, and tube capacitance in a quarter-wavelength, capacitanceloaded line is

$$X_{c} = \frac{l}{2\pi fC}$$
$$X_{c} = Z_{c} \tan \frac{2\pi f}{2\pi fC}$$

where

- X_c is the capacitive reactance of the tube in ohms
- is the resonant frequency in cycles per second
- C is the tube capacitance in farads Z_o is the line characteristic impedance in ohms
- X_L is the reactance of a line of length l in ohms
- 1 is the length of the line in meters is the velocity of light, 3×10^8 С meters per second

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The first relation gives the capacitive reactance of the tube as seen by the line. The second relation gives the reactance of a transmission line of length l and characteristic impedance Z_{o} .

At resonance the two reactances are equal, yielding the following equation

$$\frac{1}{2\pi fC} = Z_o \tan \frac{2\pi fl}{c}$$

This equation may be solved exactly for C, Z_o , or l. Frequency, however, can only be found by approximate methods; for instance, by a graphical method. The accompanying curve is a graphical aid to solving the foreshortened transmission line problem. If θ is the electrical length of the transmission line. then

$$\theta = \frac{2\pi fl}{c} = \frac{2\pi l}{\lambda}$$
 radians
 $\theta = \frac{360 l}{\lambda}$ degrees

then $2\pi f = \frac{\theta c}{l}$

This expression for $2\pi f$, given in terms of physical and electrical length of the line, can be substituted in the expression for the capacitive reactance of the tube

$$X_c = \frac{1}{2\pi f C} = \frac{l}{c \theta C}$$

Equating capacitive reactance of the tube to the reactance of the line gives

$$\frac{l}{c\theta C} = Z_o \tan \frac{2\pi f l}{c} = Z_o \tan \theta$$

which may be rearranged to give

$$\theta \tan \theta = \frac{l}{cCZ_{\theta}}$$

tor l/CcZ_0 may be found. From the value of this factor, which is equal to θ tan θ , the approximate value of θ may be found from the curve. The approximate resonant frequency is then

If the line length and charac-

teristic impedance, and the tube

capacitance, are known, the fac-

$$f = \frac{c\theta}{2\pi l}$$

Although the curve is useful for finding resonant frequency of a line of known dimensions, it is not convenient for finding the length of a line to resonate at some desired frequency.

EXAMPLE-Find the resonant frequency of a 50-ohm line 1.6 cm long and loaded by a tube with 2 mmf capacitance.

$$C = 2 \text{ mmf}$$

$$Z_o = 50 \text{ ohms}$$

$$l = 1.6 \text{ cm}$$
1. $\theta \tan \theta = \frac{l}{cCZ_o}$

$$= 33.3 \frac{1.6}{2 \times 50}$$
 $\theta \tan \theta = 0.533$
2. from curve,
 $\theta = 0.671$
3. $f = \frac{c\theta}{2\pi l}$

$$= 4.77 \frac{\theta}{l}$$

$$= 4.77 \frac{0.671}{1.6}$$
 $f = 1.97 \text{ Ge}$
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Multiaperture magnetic cores can store any one of three information bits

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MULTIAPERTURE magnetic cores connected for tristable operation have been developed and tested successfully. The feasibility of their use in a system for continuous and automatic storage and readout of any one of three different bits of information has been established by an experimental model.

Magnetic cores have gained acceptance for a variety of electronics applications because they provide a highly reliable component at relatively low manufacturing cost that can remain in either of two stable states without consuming power. Similar advantages can be obtained from multiaperture magnetic cores, and they can provide three stable states.

Tristable magnetic cores could be useful in a variety of applications. For example, tristable elements could be used in error correction circuits for communications systems that use binary coding. When received pulse information is so degraded that it cannot be recognized as either ONE or ZERO, this third unknown condition could be detected by a tristable magnetic core. Recognition of the condition could be used to activate correction circuits that would initiate retransmission of the pulse information.

Tristable elements could also be used for correcting timing errors between channels in multiple-track recording systems. They could function as a deskewing device in a buffer storage to determine one of three possible conditions of each bit of information. Numerous other examples exist in which it would be desirable to represent one of three possible conditions.

OPERATION—The core geometry and winding arrangement of a twoaperture magnetic core connected for tristable operation are shown in Fig. 1A and B. A current pulse supplied to the reset or readout winding sets the core in its neutral condition.

A ONE is represented by supplying a current pulse to input winding A that switches the ferrite material around aperture X. A current pulse supplied to the reset winding restores the core to its original condition, which produces a voltage pulse across the output winding. Similarly, a current pulse provided to input winding B switches the ferrite material around aperture Y, and a current pulse in the readout winding resets the core and results in a voltage pulse appearing at the output winding. However, the output voltage

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pulses produced by resetting each aperture are of opposite polarity.

The third condition of the tristable magnetic core is represented by the presence or absence of a current pulse in both input windings. The presence of such a pulse switches the ferrite material around both apertures, while the core remains in its original condition in the absence of a pulse to both input windings. In neither case does voltage appear at the output winding as a result of resetting the core.

The winding arrangement in Fig. 1B is only one possibility among several, which can be selected on the basis of the type signal provided in the particular application. For example, if instead of a two-level signal the input signal were a three-level voltage (positive voltage for a ONE, negative voltage for a ZERO and no voltage for the unknown bit), the wiring arrangement in Fig. 1C could be used. The two input windings are connected in series so a current pulse supplied to the series input winding would switch flux around one aperture but would reinforce the existing condition around the other aperture.

READOUT—As required for temporary storage, the information is destroyed during readout. However, polarity of the output voltage can be used as the basis for rewriting the original information if required. Nondestructive readout is also possible using bias restoration.⁴

The block diagram in Fig. 2 shows the laboratory model constructed to determine feasibility of continuous and automatic storage and readout of any one of three different bits of information. The square-wave generator with two cascaded binary triggers and a diode matrix generates four sequential pulses to activate the write and readout drivers. Key waveforms throughout the system are shown in Fig. 3.

The two-aperture magnetic core, which was connected as shown in Fig. 1C, is of copper-manganese ferrite material. Characteristics of the magnetic device include H_c of 2 to 2.3 oersted, B_s of 3,320 gauss



TRISTABLE operation can be obtained from multiaperture core (A)using wiring arrangement (B) for two-level inputs or series connected input winding (C) for three-level input signal—Fig. 1

and B_r of 2,180 gauss. The input winding consists of eight turns around each external leg of the core, the readout winding is made up of eight turns around the center leg, and the output winding comprises a single turn around each external leg. Using the symbols shown in Fig. 1A, dimensions include 20 mils for r, 100 mils for R and 14 mils for a.

PERFORMANCE — Write-read repetition rate has been varied between 10 and 500 Kc, the upper frequency limit being imposed by the square-wave generator used. The output waveforms, which are shown in the photograph, suggest that repetition rate could be increased to 2 Mc.

The project has established by the successful tests that a tristable core can store any one of three pos-



STORAGE and readout of any one of three different information bits is provided by experimental system—Fig. 2



WAVEFORMS are shown at key points of laboratory model—Fig. 3

sible levels of information. Also, application of such a device for error correction in a multiple-track recording system or a multichannel data transmission system is feasible. However, incorporating tristable magnetic covers operational equipment must be justified on the basis of lower costs or space savings in equipment. Evaluation of the tristable magnetic core in terms of these criteria is planned for the near future.

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Designing Circuits on Alumina Substrates

Same technique may be applied when advanced concepts are developed

MICROCIRCUITS use miniature components and capabilities or constructing a number of circuits on one or more substrates. Alumina substrates are used by one fabricator because of their high thermal conductivity.

Gold-platinum conductive patterns are used for adherence to alumina, and also the alloys' nonmigratory nature.

Individual substrates can be connected to the mother substrate with printed conductive patterns. This method of joining the substrates also helps to dissipate heat. When functional blocks become available, these same techniques would still be adaptable, according to Aerovox spokesmen.

Resistive soldering concentrates the soldering heat at the direct point of contact between the component termination and the conductive path.

Company thinking has been directed toward reducing cost, and may reach the point where the entire module is replaced, instead of the individual component.

The temperature characteristic of printed carbon resistors (on small substrates) is less than 200 parts per million per deg C for resistance values of 1 K to 100 K, 600 ppm per deg C or less from 100 K to 1 meg, and 1,200 ppm per deg C or less from 1 meg to 6 meg. By optimizing circuit structure for maximum heat dissipation, actual changes in resistance value can be kept quite small.

DATA OBTAINED—Changes in resistance during temperature cycling will be less than one per cent and will stabilize at 0.2 per cent or less after five cycles. The load life characteristics of 30 resistors after



BINARY indicator employs 11 components on alumina substrates, top. Tiny lamps connect to circuit. Density is 2,000 parts per cu. in. Scale is shown by subminiature vacuum tube-Fig. 1



SERVO preamplifier contains 14 components. Triangular sections on each side of transistors are utilized for mechanical protection—Fig. 2

4.200 hours had an average change of 0.54 per cent and a max change of 1.2 per cent; the load density was 13 watts per sq in at ambient. This data was obtained on 15 alumina substrates, 0.3 in. \times 0.3 in. \times 0.010 in., with two 0.50 \times 0.150 in. resistor on each substrate. Substrates were coated with a 0.030-in. epoxy material for humidity protection.

Similar resistors, subject to humidity cycling (MIL-R-11), showed a max change of 2 per cent. No change was noted in moisture cy-



RECTANGULAR WAVE power supply for d-c chopper amplifier, built up on alumina substrates. Unit has 24 components—Fig. 3

cling. Voltage coefficients were well below 0.05 per cent per volt.

Considerable progress has been made towards developing a premium metal frit (cermet) composition resistor, 50 ohms to 1 meg, with superior performance characteristics.

The approach allows the customer to engineer the complete circuit design, followed by a physical design by Aerovox. Flexibility allows the customer to change resistors and capacitors, as well as cir-

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GRC customer	part description (plus end product use) mat	erial & processes used	how GRC provides HIGHER VALUE
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CLAROSTAT	Mated Rocker Arm & Stud for Volume Control	Automatically die cast in Zinc Alloy	Pre-GRC: 2 screw machine parts + stamped arm + forming opera- tion. GRC die casts 2 studs as 1 part; integral lug of stud mates with locking slot in arm. Lowers assembly cost and inventory, im- proves product performance.
RONSON	Mated Inner Cutter Bearing & Trunion for Electric Razor	Automatically molded in Delrin	Precise snap-fit of trunion & inner cutter bearing-fit held to 0.001"- assures bind-free rotation during 14,400 cpm reciprocating motion of bearing (cutter bar attached to it). Design allows replacement of worn cutter head only, not entire shaving head. Makes competitive product advantage possible.
	Taper Pin Receptacles for Dictating Machine	Automatically die cast in Zinc Alloy	Quickly, efficiently establishes electrical contact, eliminates solder- ing assembly step, provides easy connect and disconnect. Simplifies field service, speeds assembly.
LIONEL	Coupler for Model Railroad Train	Automatically molded in Delrin	Pre-GRC: spring + casting + assembly. GRC molding with integral leaf spring design costs less, eliminates extra assembly, simplifies major coupling problem. Reduces parts, assembly, inventory costs, improves performance.
IBM	Plug Nose for Data Processing Machine	Automatically die cast in Zinc Alloy	Design with GRC plug nose makes patch cord removal from program board easy, yet resists accidental pull-out; allows automatic assembly of patch cord (former stamped part did not). Automates assembly, improves in-use reliability.

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Company thinking has been directed towards reducing cost of microcircuits. As demand increases, various individual microcomponents may reach the point where the entire module is replaced, instead of the individual components, see Fig. 2 and Fig. 3.

Tiny Spheres Used As Semiconductor Junctions

WORLD smallest manufactured parts?

A DIFFICULT problem in manufacturing microwave tunnel diodes is the extremely small size dictated by circuit impedance considerations. For a useful tunnel diode amplifier or oscillator device at the 10,000-Mc range, both the capacity of the diode and the circuit inductance must be kept small. Since the capacity of the diode is determined principally by the area of the semiconductor junction, size of the junction is critical.

Technique used by Microwave Associates—to reproducibly manufacture high-density tunnel diodes with low series resistance and resistive cutoff frequencies in excess of 30 gc—is to use as junctions semiconductor spheres 0.0015-in. in diameter. Company says little etching is required, claims series resistance is lowered and good mechanical strength is achieved.

Semiconductor spheres as small as 0.0003-in. diameter are mass pro-

duced by Anchor Alloys. Company says sorting techniques assure consistency, in the case of 0.0003-in. spheres, to a range of 0.0001 inch.

Spheres, used as doping agents and junctions in the manufacture of transistors and other electronic components, are made of indium, baron antimony, palladium, silver and gold.

Organic Resin Meets Insulation Requirements

NEW CLASS of thermosetting resins have been derived from diphenyl oxides by modifying the aryl or the aromatic shape of the rings in the resin structure. Westinghouse claims this new family of insulating materials maintains bond strengths over 3,000 hours at 250 deg C. Varnished rotating equipment has been subjected to a force of 6,000 G's at temperatures exceeding 150 deg C in oil without effect. Brush wear tests show brush life is extended up to ten times that of brush life in other class H insulation atmospheres, according to company spokesmen.

The coating is available as a varnish, or varnish-treated cloth. Coating is said to maintain a mechanically solid finish in tests up to the 300 deg C range, under chemical, alkali, or solvent attack. Development comes at a time when more demands are being put for electrical equipment that can operate at higher voltages, higher ratings of manageable size, and more exacting reliability.

Some 25 companies are presently testing and making pilot runs using the material in a broad range of applications from automotive to electrical transmission equipment. In test shown in photograph, lam-



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inated board withstood electrical field of 37 Ky with repeated surges of up to 100 Ky with no effect.

Trade name Doryl, represents an abbreviation of diphenyl oxide and the aryl rings in the resin structure.

Floating Bearing For Space Guidance

A WORKING MODEL of a magnetic bearing, which eliminates friction by free-floating a rotating shaft in a magnetic field has been built at Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology.

Magnetostatic system uses permanent magnets requiring no external power source or controls. Laboratory model employs Indox V ceramic magnet materials, which are light in weight, have high electric resistance, and resist de-magnetizing forces.

One problem confronting designers of high-speed rotating mechanisms, such as the gyroscopes used in modern navigational systems, is the proper selection of shaft bearings. Magnetic bearing is based on the principle that perfect equilibrium in one plane of a magnetic field can be achieved, provided that in the direction perpendicular to this plane there is a restriction to physical displacement. For a magnetic-centered shaft the plane of equilibrium is radial-the direction in which it revolves. Movement along the perpendicular plane, along the axis of the shaft, is restricted in the model because the ends of the shaft abut against endstones.

The assembly consists of two concentric ring-shaped magnets, placed to repel one another. The smaller ring centers itself inside the larger, and maintains that position as long as it is held in the same plane as the larger ring. This is accomplished when the inner ring is mounted on a shaft which is abuted at both ends. The larger ring is held in place by the frame of the assembly.

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Epoxy Used for Short Run Production

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EPOXY FABRICATIONS are suitable not only for tooling but for actual production parts as well. Prototype models and even limited quantity production runs of cases for radios, precision cam shafts, and gear plates are being made of epoxy at this division.

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Because of the minimum capital investment and the reduction in labor with epoxy fabrication, savings can run into thousands of dollars a year. Models, dies, mock-ups, complete cabinets, and small component parts are fabricated at this division in a small, special department.



RADIO MOCK-UP was made of alternate layers of epoxy and glass cloth. Plaster mold for case was made from a wood pattern

An example of the kind of work possible is the radio mock-up shown. The cases were made by laying up alternate layers of epoxy and glass cloth. Knobs, switches, and meter blocks are also of epoxy although actual hardware can also be used. Interestingly, the same epoxy material is used for both molds and parts.

On another application, six cases and covers for test models of a pocket carried radio were required and four fabrication methods were considered. The cost to machine the cases from raw aluminum was estimated at \$2,600. The cost to make a pattern, prepare plaster molds from which six sets of castings could be made, then machine holes and threads, and fit to size, was estimated at \$3,000. To make a steel mold for making die cast parts, cast six parts and add drill and tapping operations was estimated to cost \$5,500. The method adapted was to re-work the original machined engineering model incorporating engineering design changes, then cast an epoxy mold from this model and cast the required six sets of parts in the epoxy mold. All holes and threads were incorporated in the parts through the use of machined steel inserts; no machining was required since fitting dimensions are held to sufficiently close tolerances. The parts shown were made at a total cost (including molds) of \$1,225, a saving of over \$1,300 over the cheapest alternative. In addition there was a 50 percent saving in fabrication time.

CAM SHAFTS—Miniature precision cam shafts can also be made with epoxy. The original cam shaft (see photo) used in the engineering model was made in the model shop. It was made from flatted shaft over which were slipped nylon cams and spacers, with end spacers pinned in place. The cams were all different with respect to flat and high point.

In the quantity required for service test models, the cam shafts



CASE AND COVER (left) for small radio were made from high temperature epoxy using epoxy molds and glass cloth reinforcing. Machined aluminum models were used for making casting molds



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were estimated to cost approximately \$12 each. With slight redesign, and using a knurled center shaft, the cam segments plus the added feature of serrated end for indexing were cast onto the shaft at a cost of about \$3.50 per shaft. Total saving on this part was in excess of \$3,200. The split molds used were made of cold molding rubber cast into a brass tube to maintain the accuracy required in the casting of cam bosses. After curing, the rubber mold is removed from the tube and is snapped off finished parts. The cams are then ready for use. Accuracy of ± 0.001 on cam height was maintained.

The epoxy gear plate shown was made from a jig-board master with inserted pins made from standard ground precision stock. To obtain rigidity in the gear plate a sheet of metal or glass epoxy board with large punched clearance holes is dropped over the pins and centered. The stiffening board around which the epoxy is molded is spaced away from the master plate by spacers of sufficient thickness to position it in the center of the finished cast plate. Precision bearings (oilite or other) are next dropped over ground shafts. A temporary frame is set up around the plate and the mold is ready for pouring. Epoxy material is poured into the mold until it rises to the level of the top of inserts. After curing, the top face of the cast plate is machined off and it is ready for assembly.

In tests, gear plates made by this method have proven highly successful except in cases where they are exposed to temperatures in excess of 140 F. Cost savings over machined gear plates was greater than 50 percent.

In addition to the items men-

tioned, aluminum filled epoxy has been used to make mold cores for instrument housings, and the housing itself has been made of cast epoxy. Epoxy has also been used for molds for injection molded, nylon switch parts.

Electron Beams Make Insulating Films

TECHNIQUE for forming extremely thin, uniform layers of insulation on solid surfaces has been developed by chemists of IBM at the Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown, N. Y. The process involves polymerization of an organic gas, butadiene, into a solid insulating layer by bombardment with an electron beam.

The technique may make possible thinner, more reliable insulating films than can be obtained with other techniques. Such films would be highly desirable for a number of electronic devices including capacitors and various types of thin film circuits.

Polymerization of butadiene occurs initially in an adsorbed layer on the surface of the substrate and continues by reaction of adsorbed gas with active sites on the polymer surface. The fact that the reaction occurs entirely on the surface could be significant for making insulating films in microcircuits since fine lines of insulating film could be drawn on a surface with an electron beam.

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IRIG Calibrator Has 11/2% Deviation Steps

NEW from Calenco Industries, 2925 East Foothill Blvd., Pasadena. California, the model FC-11 telemetry calibrator generates calibration signals for all IRIG channels simultaneously with three or eleven deviation points in each channel. Deviation switching is a pyramid function in which frequencies increase in $1\frac{1}{2}$ -percent increments from the lower frequency to the upper band edge then decrease in the same steps to the lower frequency. Limiting increments to $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent steps provides better calibration signal for recorders and

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Broadband Diode Detector Has 100 Db Dynamic Range

RECENTLY announced by Cascade Research, 5245 San Fernando Rd. West, Los Angeles 39, California, is a new diode detector having 100 db dynamic range between 100 Mc and 11 Gc. Packaged in a mount approximately 5 inches long by one inch diameter, the device has been ested at peak powers of 1 Kw and average powers of 12 w with no decommutators, particularly phaselock loop discriminators, as a large step can cause a recorder to overshoot and a discriminator to lose synchronization. The unit produces a simultaneous signal for each IRIG channel but the composite signal is limited only to the channels selected by front-panel switching. Gain for each channel is variable. The sketch shows typical channel frequency generation. All frequencies are crystal controlled and the countdown circuits are silicon transistors and diode logic modules. Mounted on individual boards. (304)

change in performance characteristics. A sensitivity of 150 mv per mw at S-band makes it ideal for a power detector in all types of microwave equipment. Having excellent square-law characteristics and response time of better than 0.5 μ s allows use as pulse detector. The 100 db dynamic range permits detection of high and low average and peak powers without burnout, change in impedance, reduction in sensitivity or increase in noise level. The chart shows typical performance at 2,900 Mc. (305)

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Frame Grid Tube Designed as H-F Probe

AMPEREX ELECTRONIC CORP., 230 Duffy Ave., Hicksville, L. I., N. Y., announces a frame grid tube designed and constructed for use as a h-f probe tube in oscilloscopes. The 8254/EC1000 is a subminiature triode with its control grid brought out through the top of the tube. It is characterized by high transconductance-14,500 μmhos at 14 ma; high gain bandwidth— 385 Mc; and extremely low capacitances— $C_{in} = 5.4$ pf, $C_{out} = 0.5$ pf. Used as a probe it has a frequency response that is flat from d-c to 300 Mc with an output impedance of 75 ohms. (307)



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DEE ELECTRIC CO., 1708 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago 13, Ill. Machine comprised of a fluxing unit, preheater, dual solder wave fountain, conveyors and control systems, is designed for the automatic soldering of printed circuits. (310)



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Pulse Generator

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Plug-In Prescaler Used With Counters

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- TIME DELAY RESISTORS designed to prevent logic circuit error. Nominal resistance is 1000 ohms. California Resistor, 1631 Colorado Ave., Santa Monica, Calif. (318)
- COAXIAL CONNECTORS are of the semirigid type. They feature Collet clamp construction. General RF Fittings, Inc., 702 Beacon St., Boston 15, Mass. (319)
- PLUG-IN SWEEP OSCILLATORS cover uhf to 3,000 Mc. The devices employ tuned-line circuitry and are swept by a voice coil-driven wobbulator. Telonic Industries, Inc., Beech Grove, Ind. (320)
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- STRAIN GAGE PRESSURE TRANSDUCERS with 1-v output. They offer natural frequency over 50 Kc at 3,000 psi. Micro Systems Inc., Agostino Road, San Gabriel, Calif. (342)
- PAPER TAPE READER reads 5 through 8 channel tape at speed of 600 characters/sec. Price is \$4,750. Autonetics Industrial Products, 3400 E. 70th, Long Beach, Calif. (343)

Literature of the Week

- TOROIDS Hi-Q Div., Aerovox Corp., 1100 Chestnut St., Burbank, Calif. Brochure provides technical data and product ordering information for CTL toroids. (344)
- TRANSISTOR HEAT SINK Thermalloy Co., 4417 N. Central Expressway, Dallas 5, Texas. Bulletin describes a transistor heat sink for high density circuit board applications. (345)
- ENCAPSULATED TOROID Sangamo Electric Co., Springfield, Ill., offers a bulletin on an encapsulated toroid for p-c board mounting. (346)
- VOLTAGE DIVIDER Trio Laboratories, Inc., Plainview, L. I., N. Y. Bulletin describes model EX-1 programmable voltage divider. (347)
- HIGH POWER AMPLIFIER H. H. Scott, 111 Powder Mill Road, Maynard, Mass., offers an applications/specifications brochure on a 300-w amplifier. (348)
- MICROWAVE SWITCHES Consolidated Microwave, a division of Antenna & Radome Research Associates, 27 Bond St., Westbury, N. Y. Onepage bulletin describes two solid state microwave switches. (349)
- DIFFUSION FURNACES Lindberg Engigineering Co., 2443 W. Hubbard St., Chicago 12, Ill. Bulletin details furnace equipment for use in basic research, pilot plant studies and in semiconductor production. (350)
- COMPACT INVERTER Microdot Inc., 220 Pasadena Ave., South Pasadena, Calif. Catalog sheet describes a solid state static inverter operating in the 5 Kva range. (351)
- THERMAL TIME DELAY RELAYS G-V Controls Inc., 101 Okner Parkway, Livingston, N.J. Bulletin contains selection data for sealed thermal time delay relays. (352)
- SYRINGES AND APPLICATORS Philip Fishman Co., 7 Cameron St., Wellesley 81, Mass. Bulletin 102 describes potting syringes and applicators for sealing, encapsulating, or potting miniature or subminiature components. (353)
- MICROWAVE TEST EQUIPMENT PRD Electronics, Inc., 202 Tillary St., Brooklyn 1, N.Y. Bulletin introduces 10 microwave and electronic instruments and 25 wave-guide and coax components. (354)
- SERVO COMPONENTS Diehl Mfg. Co., Somerville, N.J., has published a catalog covering its line of a-c and d-c servo components. (355)
- EVENT RECORDING SYSTEM Sanborn Co., Waltham 54, Mass. Catalog sheet illustrates and describes model 360 which records up to 120 channels of ON/OFF events as brief as 1.3 millisec.



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Rauland Purchases Another Building

THE RAULAND CORP., whollyowned tube-manufacturing subsidiary of Zenith Radio Corp., has purchased a 100,435-square-foot building on 8 acres of land in Niles, Ill. The site is contiguous to an 18.1-acre plot purchased by Rauland earlier in the year to provide ample space for future expansion.

The new acquisition will be used to house enlarged research laboratories, and for production of specialized tubes and electronics products for military, medical, scientific, industrial applications, and other similar research products, which represent a growing percentage of the company's business. Rauland's general headquarters will be moved to the new building. This move will release a substantial area in the Rauland factory in Chicago required for large-scale manufacture of color tv tubes and for expanded production of black and white tv tubes.

Further space required for color tube production is provided by a 51,000-square-foot addition to the Chicago plant now nearing completion, and by a nearby 45,000-squarefoot plant purchased earlier this year.

Among the specialized electronic products scheduled for expanded production and diversification at the Niles plant is a growing family of image intensifier tubes which, the company says, have found wide application in diverse fields.



Hoffman Announces New Top Management STANLEY W. HORROCKS (picture), formerly executive vice president

of Autonetics division of North

American Aviation Inc., has been elected president of Hoffman Electronics Corp., Los Angeles, Calif. At the same time, the board elected the company's founder and president, H. Leslie Hoffman, board chairman. Horrocks was also elected as a director of the company.

In announcing the board's action, Hoffman said he will continue to be active in the company's affairs, and added: "Formation of this new top management team is a key step in the company's plan for expanding its participation in the various aerospace programs, since it brings into the company a man with a strong background in management of complex electronic weapons systems."

List, LeBaron Named To Head Departments

H. J. WISSEMANN, vice president of Texas Instruments Apparatus division Government Products Group, Dallas, Texas, recently announced the appointment of two new department heads following reorganization of the Missile and Space department.

Named to head the Space Systems department is B. H. List, while the Electro-Optics department will be under the guidance of I. Milton LeBaron. Both men formerly were with TI's Central Research and Engineering.



Lockheed Board Elects Gribbon

DANIEL J. GRIBBON, an aerospace executive with Lockheed Aircraft Corp., has been named president of Lockheed Electronics Co. with headquarters in Plainfield, N.J. He succeeds David F. Sanders, resigned.

The directors also elected Gribbon a vice president of the corporation.

Announce Formation of New Company

A NEW FIRM, Angstrohm Precision, Inc., Hollywood, Calif., has been formed to engage in the development, manufacture and sale of custom components and test instruments for the electronics industry.

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LFE Names Lawrence Executive V-P

HENRY W. HARDING, president of Laboratory for Electronics, Inc., Boston, Mass., has announced the election of William Lawrence to the new office of executive vice president of the corporation. Lawrence will direct and coordinate the activities of all LFE operating divisions—LFE Electronics, Eastern Industries, Automatic Signal, Tracerlab and the Keleket X-Ray Corp.

Before coming to LFE, Lawrence was with General Dynamics Corp., where he was general manager of both the military Products and Information Technology divisions in San Diego, Calif.



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PEOPLE IN BRIEF

L. Frank Robinson, Jr., promoted to mgr. of quality control at GE's Specialty Electronic Capacitor operation. Floyd D. Shipley, ex-Texas Instruments, joins the engineering and development staff of Decibel Products, Inc. Graham Smith, formerly with Sperry Rand Corp., named director of Government Systems at The Teleregister Corp. Francis V. Wagner from North American Aviation to Informatics Inc. as director of plans and programs. John K. O'Sullivan, previously with Consolidated Electrodynamics, appointed quality control mgr. at Montronics, Inc. Howard M. Margowsky moves up to president of Remanco, Inc. James S. McLeod advances to director of engineering at Page Communications Engineers, Inc. Menke Drewes, Jr., leaves Bendix Laboratories to become chief engineer at Conrad, Inc. Edward Kingman, ex-Beckman & Whitley, now v-p and chief engineer of recently established Climet Instruments Inc. Frank B. DeArmond, formerly with North American Aviation, Inc., appointed v-p and g-m of Radiatronics. Inc. Robert F. Tucker, recently retired from U.S. Navy, joins the engineering staff of Electronic Systems div. of Antenna Systems Inc. Walter G. Johnston, formerly with Shafford Electronics, now president and g-m of the newly formed Sperex Corp. Paul Harton promoted to mgr. of data acquisition systems for Pan American Airways' Guided Missiles Range div. Burton S. Ritter from Bendix-Pacific to Lockheed Electronics' Avionics and Industrial Products div. as mgr., advanced systems for telemetry and space communication. Leighton Rama, previously with John Fluke Mfg. Co., named director of engineering of Holt Instrument Laboratories.

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