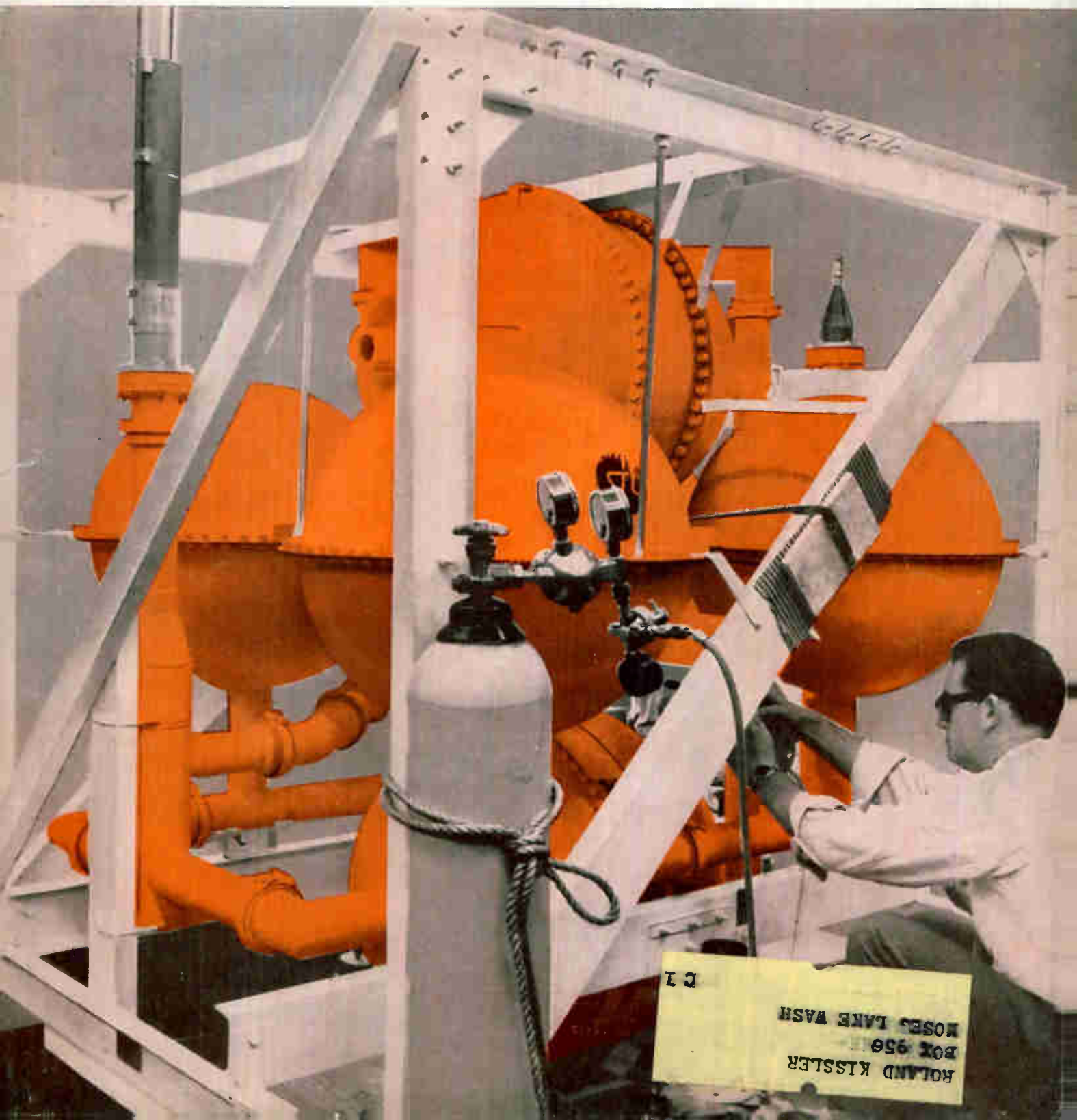


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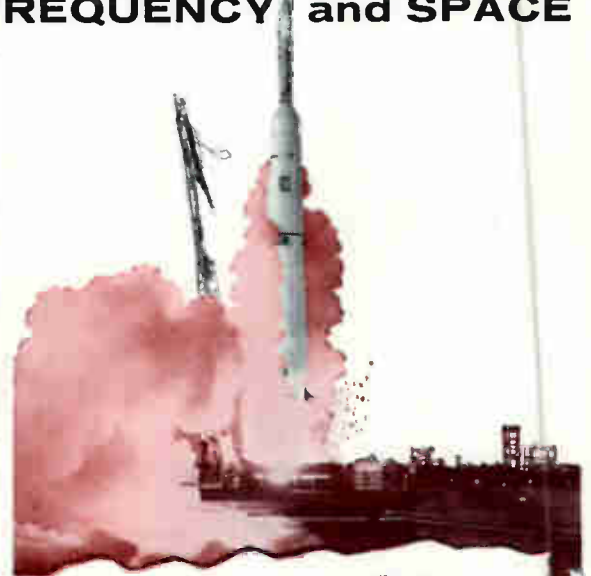
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WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP) — Pioneer V hurtled through space today toward its destined place as a tiny new sister planet between earth and Venus in a giant orbit about the sun.

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Pioneer V was speeding away at 6,487 m.p.h. This

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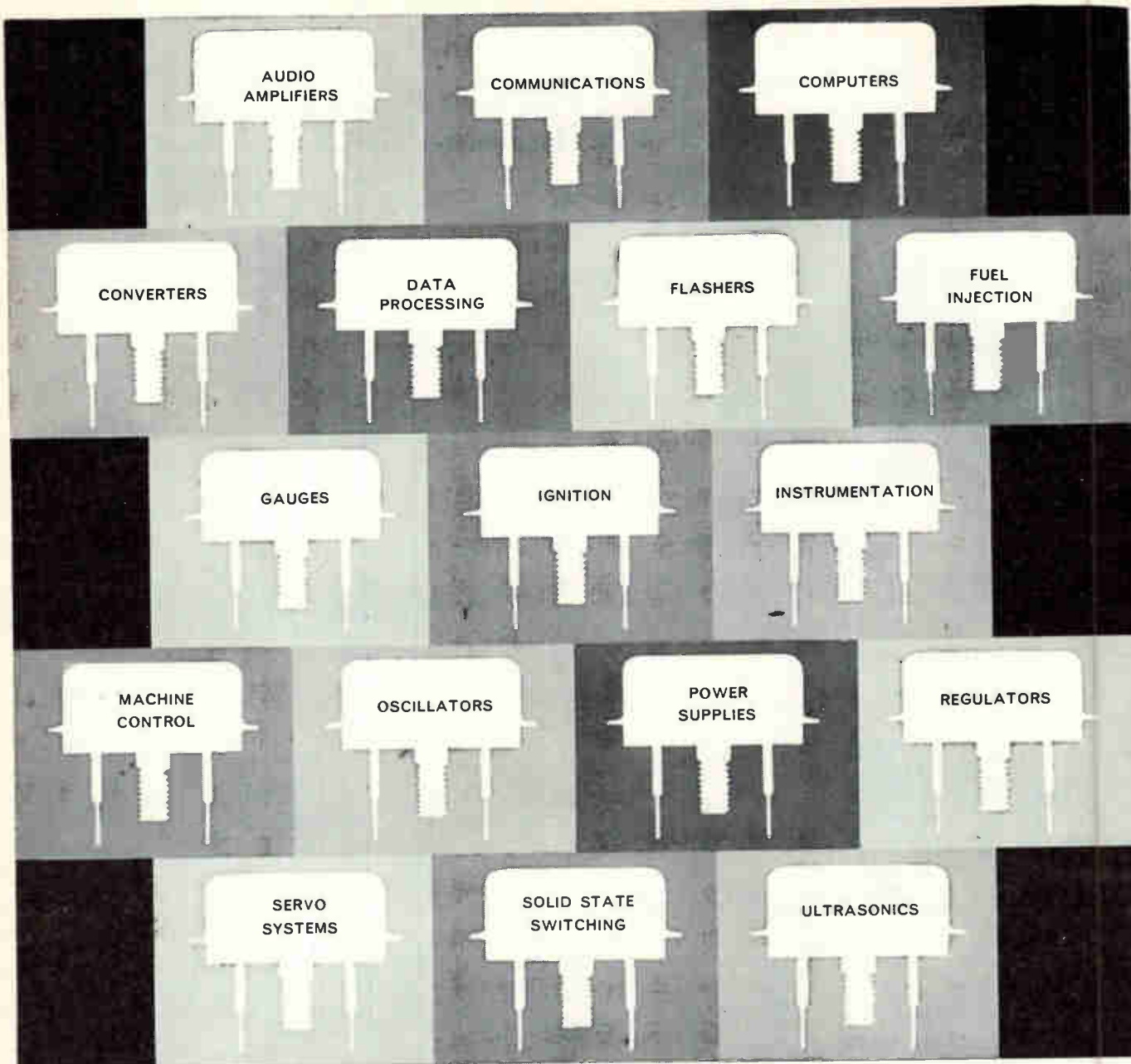
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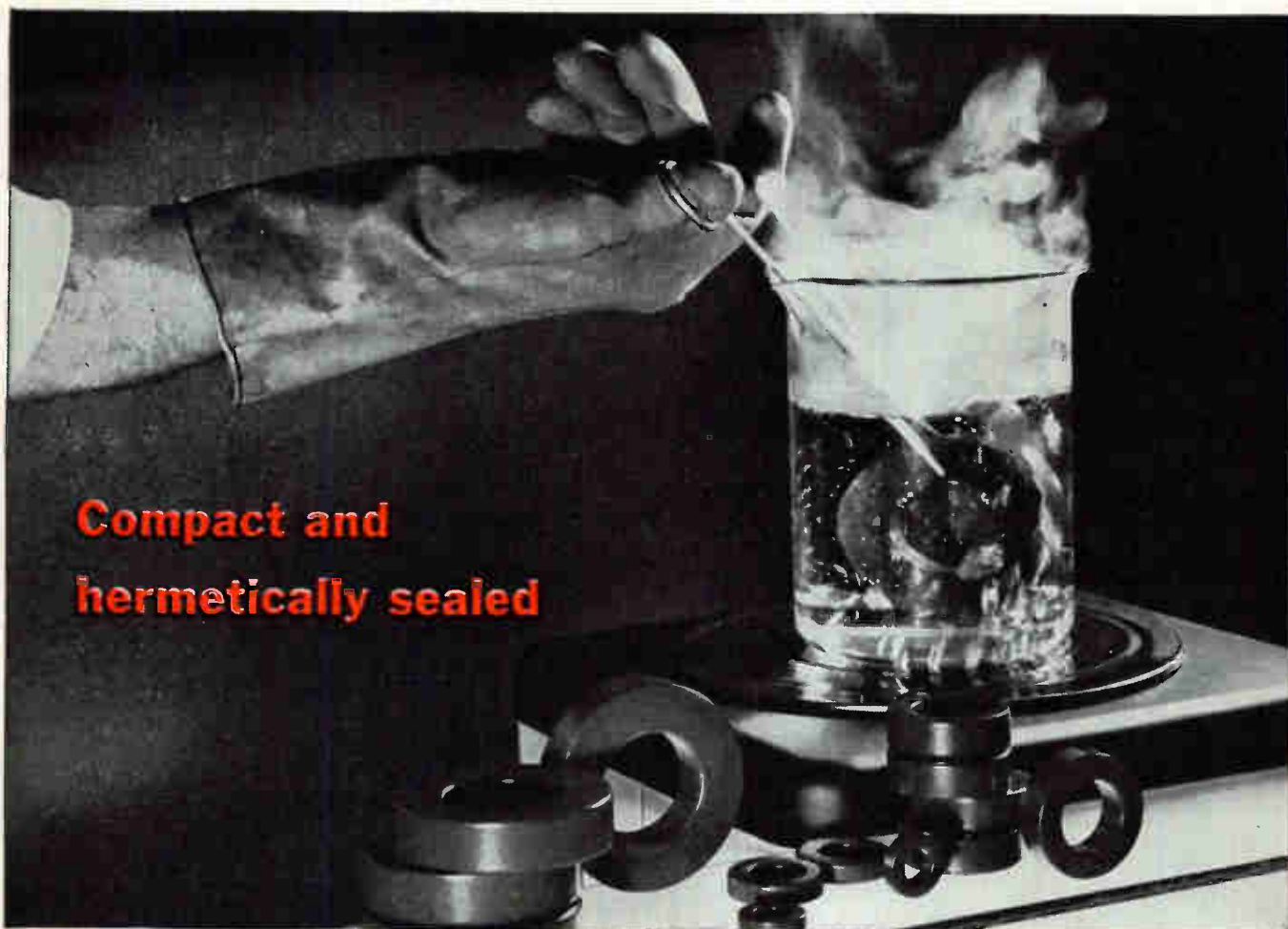
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SEA NOISE. Looking through the book this week you'll find (on p 60) another of what some of our editors are beginning to call nature studies. This one, written by Jan Schaefer of the U. S. Navy Electronics Lab in San Diego, Calif., is on the measurement of ambient sea noise by using remote preamplifiers with the hydrophones located on the sea bottom.

Still other basic articles are in the works. Next week there will be one on a wind velocity telemetering system. And the July 29 issue will carry a Special Report on electronic systems for probing nature—undersea, underground, living matter, our atmosphere and space. It seems right, in an age when so much electronic equipment is being designed for new uses, that we should be taking this tack.

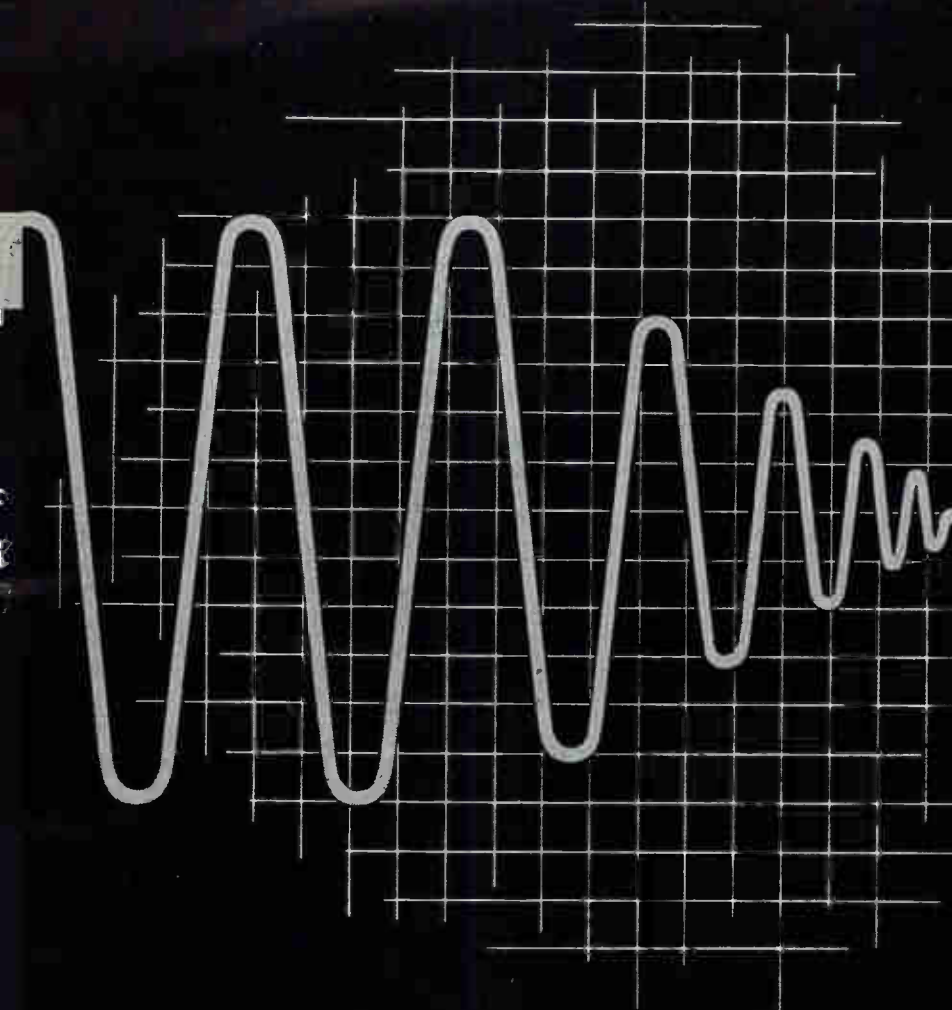
POLITICAL CONVENTIONS. Equipment by the trailerload is moving to Chicago and Los Angeles to cover the national conventions of both political parties. (The Democrats start Monday in Los Angeles, the Republicans begin July 25 in Chicago.) With the growth in scope of the political scene, there have arisen new concepts in tv monitoring, switching, remote pickups and electronic storage and video and audio information. In some cases, the developers hint at commercial applications for their equipment, once the conventions and their special requirements are over. To learn what some of the problems are, and how broadcasters are solving them, see p 30.

Coming In Our July 15 Issue

MICROCIRCUIT FABRICATION. Electron beam techniques may bring a real breakthrough in the development of microelectronic circuits. According to speakers at the recent Alloyd Corp. symposium on electron beam processes, in Boston, such techniques may eventually allow formation of complete semiconductor circuits within a vacuum system. Bulk material would be loaded into the electron beam facility and the finished circuit would be taken out. Electron beams can be used as a heat source for microminiature machining, melting, evaporating, welding and sintering. Reporting on papers delivered at the symposium is Tom Maguire, ELECTRONICS' New England Regional Editor. His report is the cover story.

HALL-EFFECT MULTIPLIER. An interesting application of the Hall generator is described next week in an article entitled Hall-Effect Multipliers. It is authored by William Scanga, Albert Hilbinger and Carroll Barrack of Aircraft Armaments, Inc., in Cockeysville, Md. Using commercially available semiconductors and transistor amplifiers of simple design, they have developed an experimental Hall-effect multiplier that has moderate accuracy (0.1 to 1 percent), wide bandwidth (several Kc), and is relatively inexpensive. An important use of the Hall multiplier is in the computing field. Because of its unique features, the authors say, it should find wide application in transistor analog computers.

FURTHERMORE. We will be publishing an article on a multipurpose missile system test unit. Called DEE (Digital Evaluation Equipment), the system checks out the electronic subassemblies of the Hawk, Nike family, Corporal and Lacrosse missile systems and their associated ground launch and control equipment. The article was written by D. B. Dobson and L. L. Wolff of RCA in Camden, N. J.



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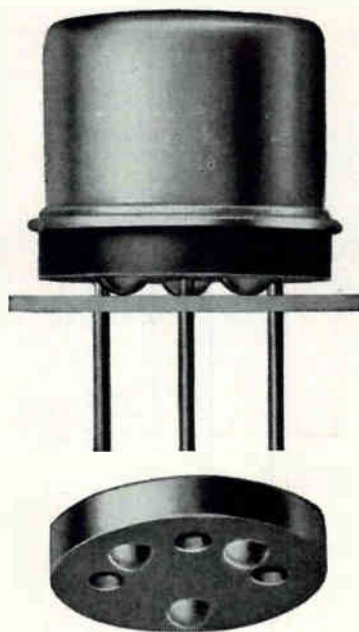
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Thanks very much to McGraw-Hill's Department of Economics for preparing the reasoned analysis of the Eckstein Report ("Recent Economic Growth — The Numbers Game," p 30, May 27), and to you for publishing it. It's good to see a responsible publishing house expose such statistical legerdemain as was contained in the Joint Committee report—obviously to buffalo the voter. Thanks for putting the facts in a clear and honest light.

D. H. BENTON

ATLANTA

The old Scripps-Howard motto—"give light and the people will find their own way"—serves both trade and consumer press equally well.

Electronics in Japan

Just finished looking over your report on Japan and would like to extend my compliments for an article that is not only thorough and informative, but interesting reading as well . . .

IRWIN I. STEINBERG

LORAL ELECTRONICS
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. . . I think the Japanese run-down is one of the finest things you have published in a long time; and is a distinct contribution to today's literature on the subject.

I think that perhaps my judgment is not so much snap-judgment as it once was (in the early days) I'd endorse almost anything; same as movie stars, I guess. This bit of approval has backing. In the last three years I have been in Japan on three trips of six weeks each. . .

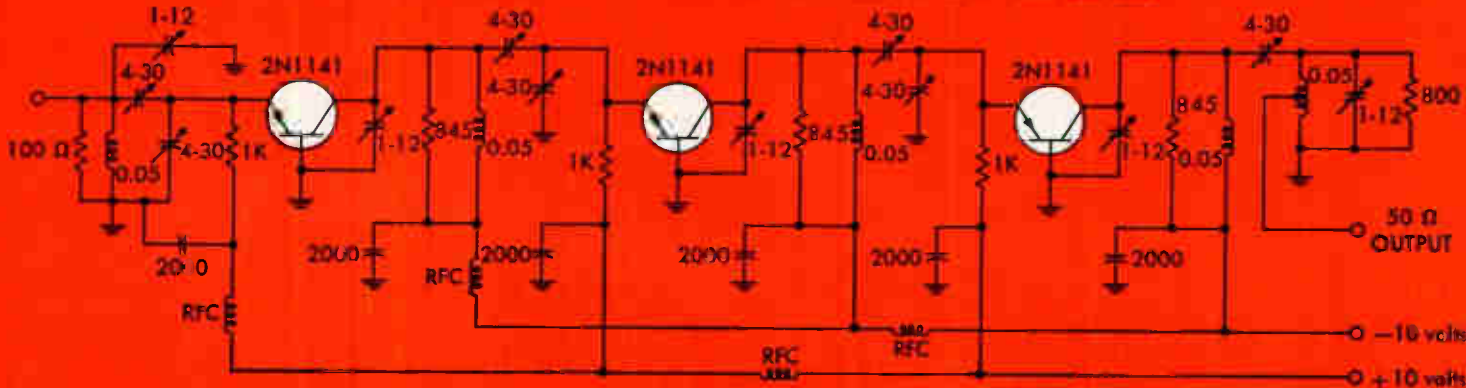
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Ions and Health

Ref. your article "Ions Affect Health, Behavior" in the Feb. 26 issue of ELECTRONICS (p 45), and subsequent reader comment in the May 27 issue (p 6): I have noted rather consistent correlation between the barometric pressure and

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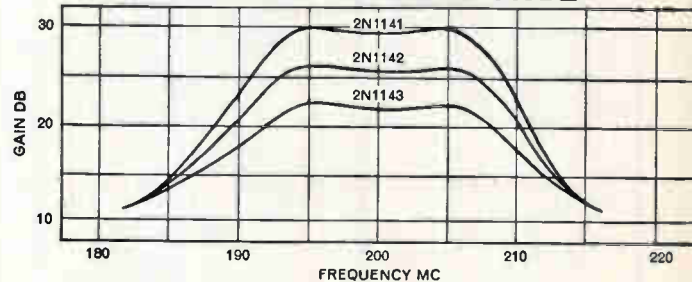
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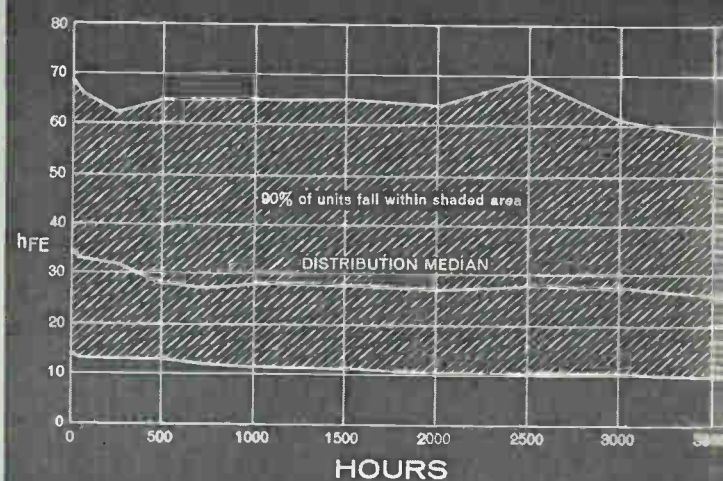
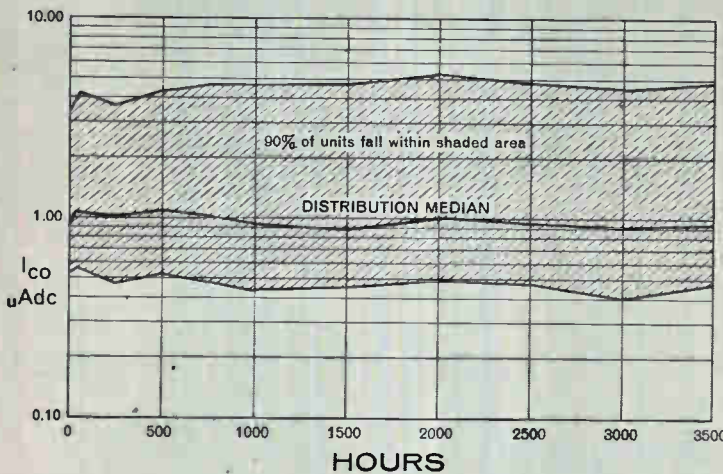


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The one negative word (which I believe the Department of Defense included in its own release) was "prototype." Our Kineplex data-communications systems have been developed and marketed for some time now; there are several systems in operation in classified government and military applications, and commercial installations are beginning to fall into place...

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Neglected Area

Since you must generally be seeking new ideas for articles, why not follow a suggestion which was printed at the top of p 35 of the June 10 issue of *ELECTRONICS* (in "British Seek More Reliability Data;" the suggestion was to include "practical training courses in the electronics engineers' syllabus on how and when to use the right components")?

I heartily also endorse the idea. I feel it is the most neglected area, both in college and in journals such as you publish.

EDWARD S. IDA
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Pulse Generator

In our article entitled "Pulse Generator for Synchronizing Events," in the June 10 issue of *ELECTRONICS* (p 63), the amplitude of the output pulse should have been given as 40 v for open circuit and 30 v for a 90-ohm load. This high peak power is what makes this generator unusual.

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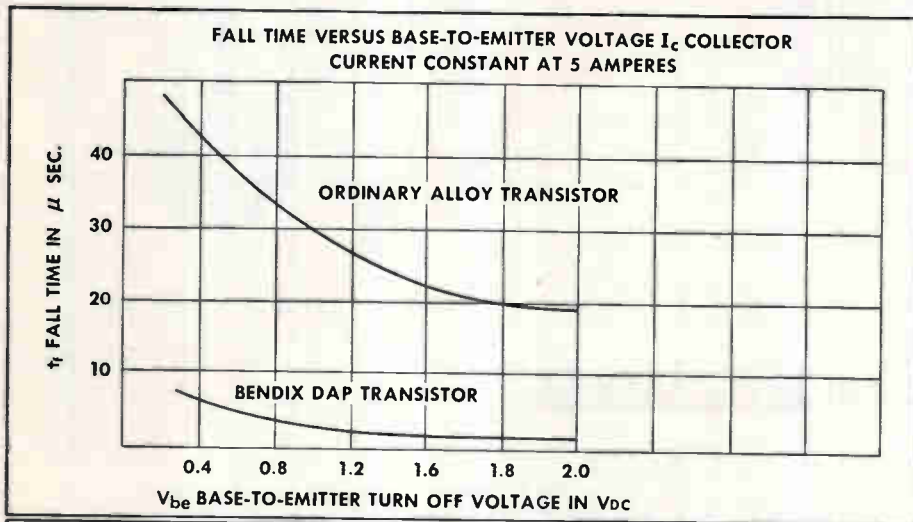


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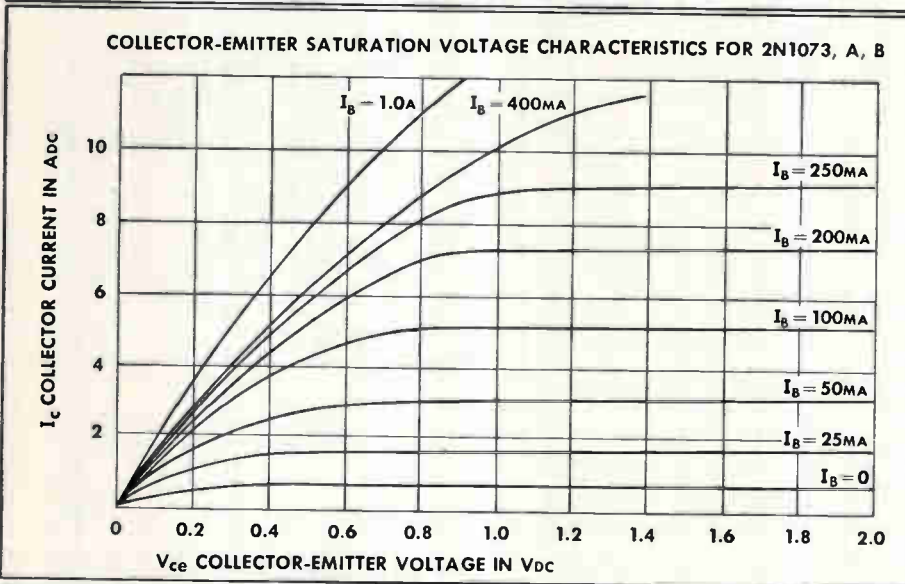
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IMPORTANT SPECIFICATIONS

Display... Six decades display 5 digits (Left digit "0" or "1" only), decimal point, polarity symbol. Ranging and polarity indication are automatic. Projection system readout employs bayonet-base lamps with 3000-hour minimum life rating. Readout contains no electronic circuitry and can be remotely mounted.

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ELECTRONICS NEWSLETTER

Thermoelectric Generator Undergoing Test

LIGHTWEIGHT GENERATOR designed to power space probes and satellites for periods of a year or more is now undergoing tests at Martin's Baltimore laboratories. Named SNAP-1A (system for nuclear auxiliary power), the power system is intended to put out more electricity for longer periods than other power units developed for space vehicles.

The thermoelectric device uses a tightly sealed Inconel-X capsule filled with spontaneously decaying cerium-144 pellets. Heat from the decay of the Ce-144 is directly converted into electricity by a lead telluride sheath surrounding the capsule.

The egg-shaped power supply is 3 ft long, weighs 175 lb, can produce 125 w at 28 v d-c continuously for a year, Martin spokesmen say. To shield the space-probe ground crew prior to launching, the egg is filled with two tons of mercury which is drained out five seconds before firing.

Japanese Put Off Freeing Electronics Imports

OPEN COMPETITION between Japanese and U. S. electronics industry in Japan's home market is postponed for three years by recent decision of the Ministry of International Trade & Industry. MITI decided to withdraw electronic instruments and appliances from the list of commodities subject to immediate liberalization of import restrictions, put off freeing the market for three years. This means Japanese buyers will have to continue getting Finance Ministry clearance to buy electronic goods of foreign manufacture.

In another action, MITI reestablished export quotas for transistor radios containing from three to eight transistors. The quotas have been suspended since May 10 when a flood of requests for export permission scared the ministry into action to prevent reprisal by U. S. manufacturers.

Quotas took effect last Friday, will be in force until yearend, will

not apply to f-m sets or toy radios. Quotas will be assigned on the basis of a 20-percent hike over actual exports during 1958 and 1959. Penalties, including cancellation of quota, will be imposed on any firm found violating the floor prices set Apr. 11, or evading the floor price by exporting to the U. S. and Canada through a third country.

German Firm Develops Pocket Direction-Finder

MINIATURE direction-finder, measuring 6.1 in. by 4.6 in. by 2.2 in., and weighing about 2.2 lb, has been developed by Telefunken. Receiver uses transistors and subminiature tubes, operates on a lightweight power supply, can be carried in the pocket or fastened to a belt.

Overall frequency range is 57 Kc to 20 Mc, divided into 10 bands. A separate coil cartridge is inserted for each of the bands. Set contains a ferrite antenna claimed to be adequate for taking near-field readings; larger d-f loops are provided which can be fastened to the operator's coat or carried on the shoulders.

Meter for indicating relative field strength is worn on the wrist. To find bearing, operator rotates himself for minimum signal on the meter, can also use a headphone and rotate for minimum volume.

Electronic Neuron Model Copies Nerve System

ARTIFICIAL NEURON designed to duplicate portions of the human nervous system and go through rudimentary learning processes has been developed by Aeronutronic division of Ford Motor Co. The device, called MIND (for magnetic integrator neuron duplicator), is a multiple-wound toroid of ceramic magnetic material about one fourth the size of a penny.

Unit can simulate the ability of a neuron to function more easily with repetition because of a lowered input threshold. The core has an analog-memory characteristic that integrates pulse inputs, and can be sampled without destroying the remembered data.

Pulses are read in to the "neuron"

through a winding that passes through the center hole. The core is interrogated by a small pulse sent through a fine-wire winding laid into a groove in the toroid. This pulse slightly disturbs the magnetic flux in the core, producing an output voltage across the read-in coil, but does not change or cancel the state of the core magnetization.

To date, an artificial "nerve net" has been built using several core units and transistor circuits. Aeronutronics' program aims to develop machines capable of duplicating the activities—and the reliability—of the nervous system.

U. S., Italian Interests Set Up Electronic Company

NEW ITALIAN FIRM to produce military and civilian electronic gear will be established by Raytheon and two Italian companies. The new firm, called Selenia and the second of Raytheon's ventures in Italy, will make most of the Hawk missiles assigned to Italy by NATO, also will produce radar, industrial controls and instruments. About 60 percent of the firm's work is expected to be in military production.

Joining Raytheon in the venture are Finmeccanica, a government property, and the Edison Company of Milan. Selenia will be 60-percent Italian owned, will set up shop in two existing plants, an Edison plant near Rome and a Finmeccanica shop in Fusaro, near Naples. The two plants comprise 750,000 sq ft of floor space, employ 700.

Raytheon will contribute \$3 million in capital, original technical cadres, continuing technical assistance. Present plans call for eventual replacement of the cadre of American technicians by Italians.

Japan To Make Linear Klystrons

HIGH-POWER linear klystrons, hitherto only explored as a production possibility by most of Japan's electronics manufacturers, will be manufactured by Kobe Kogyo and Nippon Electric under patent license from the Sperry division of Sperry Rand.

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WASHINGTON OUTLOOK

NAVY IS GRAPPLING with the question of how to handle purchases of electronic equipment for the Transit navigation satellite. The Transit system is scheduled to go into operation in 1962; second prototype was lofted late last month (ELECTRONICS, p 11, July 1).

The question is whether to buy operational apparatus from Johns Hopkins' Applied Physics Laboratory, the development contractor which has built virtually all the components in the test vehicles, or to seek production bids from new manufacturing contractors. General policy of Bureau of Naval Weapons, which is in charge of Transit, is to turn over production work to hardware contractors. APL, for instance, handled design and development work on the Talos and Terrier missiles before production was undertaken by Bendix and Convair respectively.

But there's a special problem with Transit which may preclude the use of outside production contractors. For one thing, large-quantity output of electronic gear is not envisaged. An operational navigation satellite system will consist of only four spheres, with orbiting lives for each satellite planned up to five years. Furthermore, the probable requirement for constant engineering refinement of the Transit point to retention of APL as production contractor.

A different contractor will be sought to build and operate the ground receiving, tracking, and computing stations planned for the operational Transit system. The function of this firm would be similar to that of Bendix, which runs the Naval Research Laboratory's space surveillance system.

IMPORTANT ELECTRONIC MARKET will be opened up for shipboard equipment to work with the Transit satellite. This will probably include a specially engineered receiving system, including an accurate time reference and navigational computer.

The Navy has held preliminary talks with potential producers, but it has yet to disclose precisely the functions which the shipboard computers must perform. Industry has consequently been unable to prepare meaningful production cost estimates. Rough figures range from \$1,500 for a computer to work out navigation fixes accurate within half a mile for commercial vessels, all the way up to \$60,000 for more precise computers to be used aboard Navy ships.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION is expected to approve the joint application by RKO General, Zenith Radio, and Teco Inc. for an experimental on-the-air pay-tv station in Hartford, Conn. Approval for the three-year experiment could come by September.

FCC permission does not necessarily mean pay-tv is on its way. The Commission is by no means committed to the idea, has agreed only to limited tests under well-defined conditions (no interference with reception on other channels, tests to be conducted only in cities with at least three tv channels).

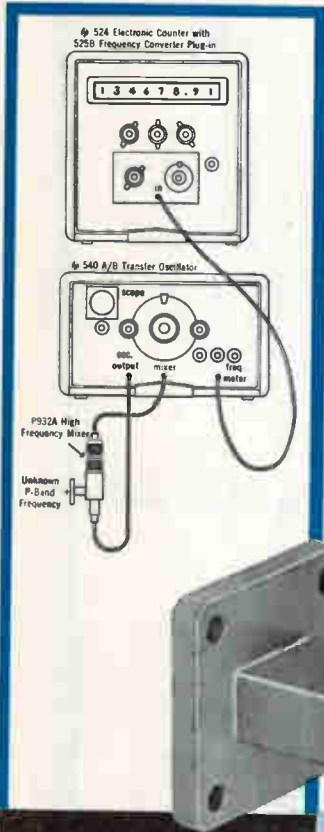
Even if the experiment shows that pay-tv could be a financial success, Congress may block the whole idea. An earlier FCC effort to permit tests was buried under a landslide of Congressional mail that ran 1,000 to 1 against pay-tv. Congress has gone only so far as a committee resolution permitting the FCC to authorize strictly limited tests.

The proposed Hartford system will use a decoder produced by Zenith which receives and converts uhf, unscrambles the signal and punches a billing card at the same time. Test will get underway as soon as 2,000 decoders have been installed. Zenith figures this will be about six months after FCC approval is obtained, estimates that 10,000 subscribers will be paying for tv in Hartford by the end of a year.

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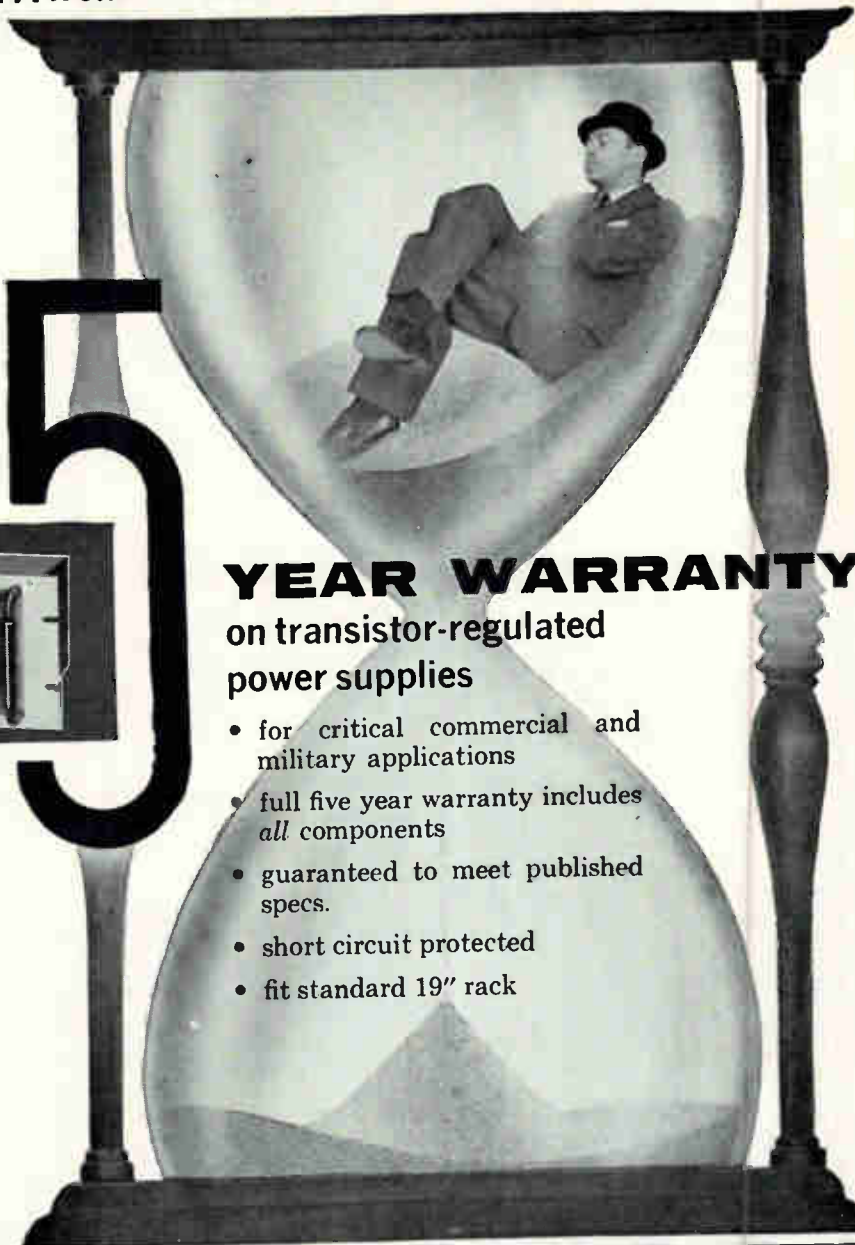
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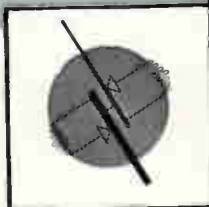
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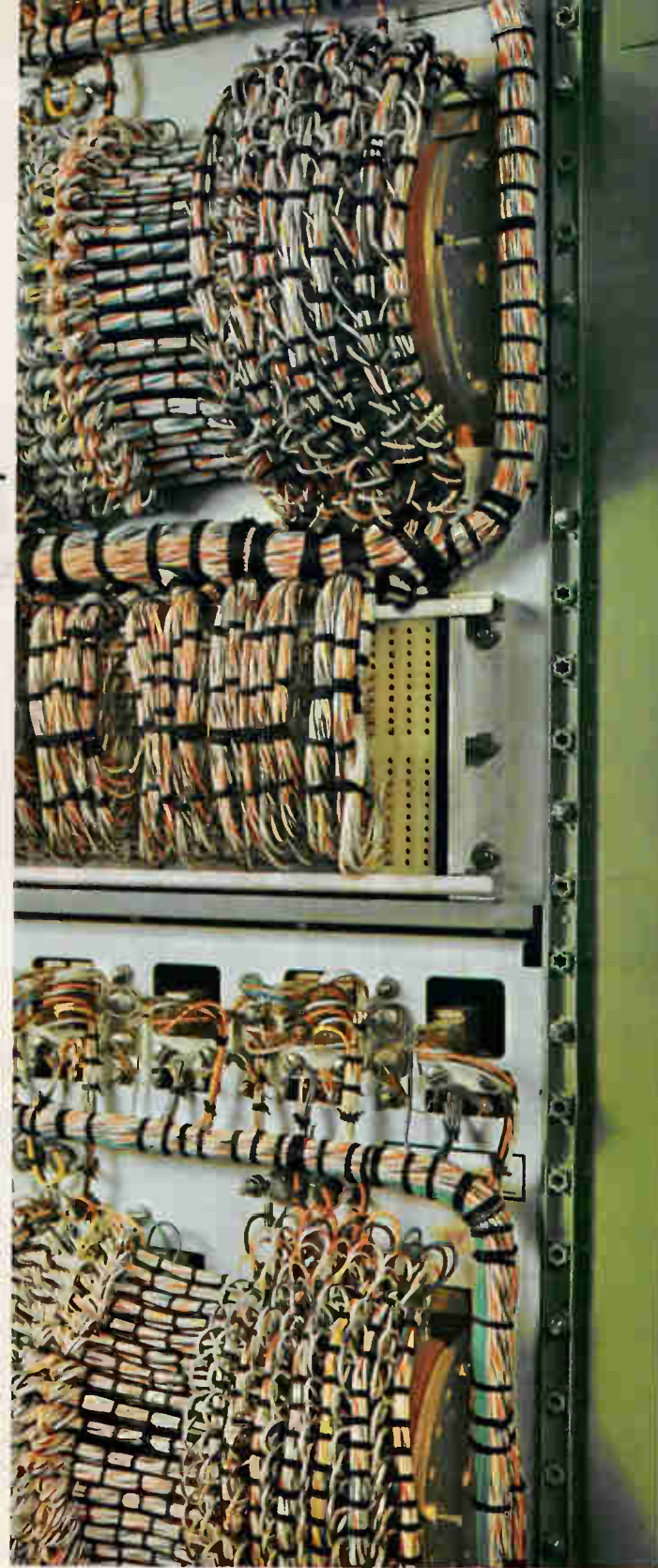
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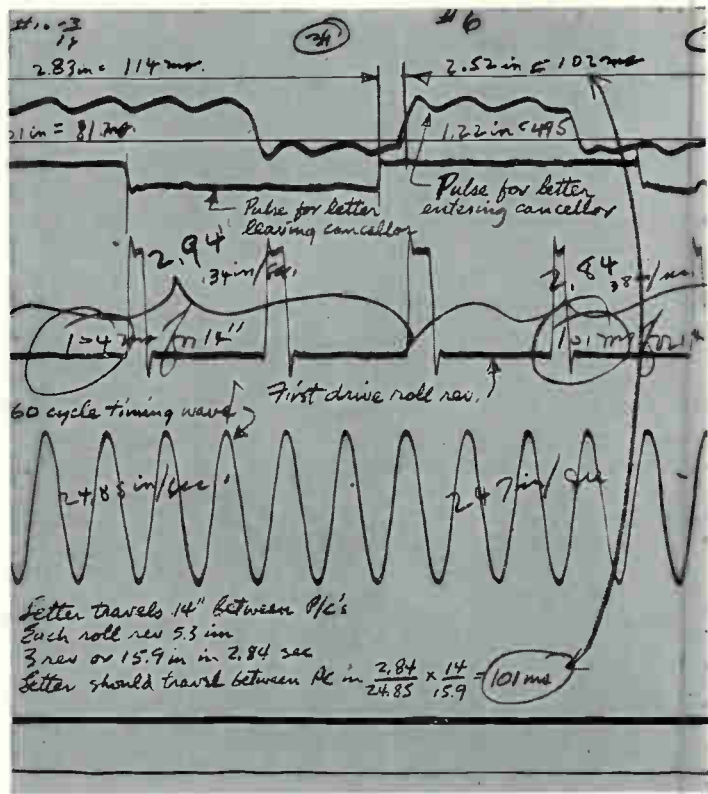
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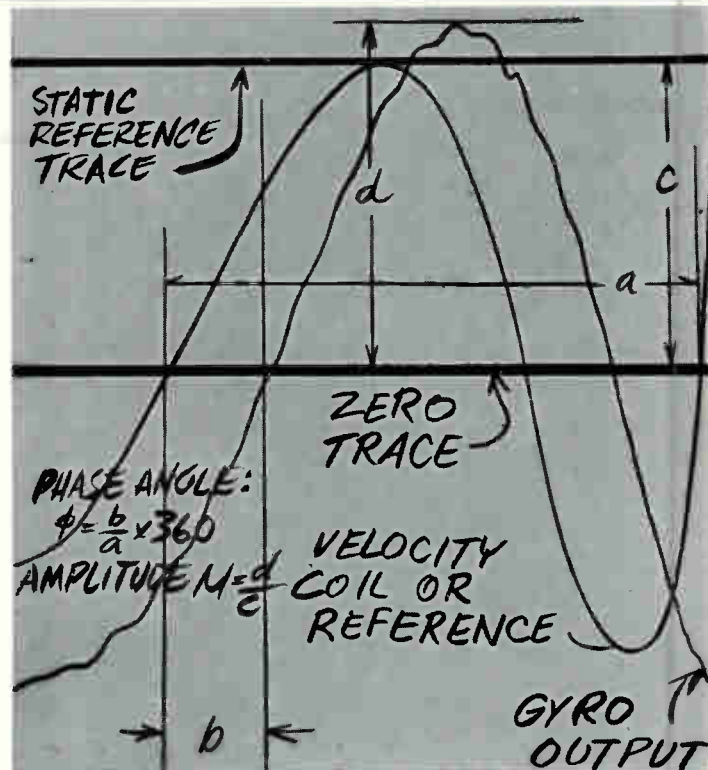


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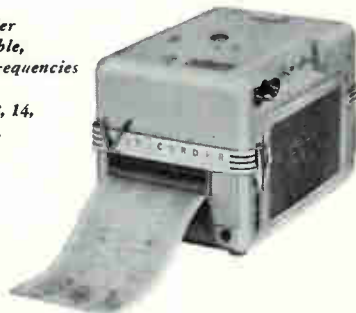
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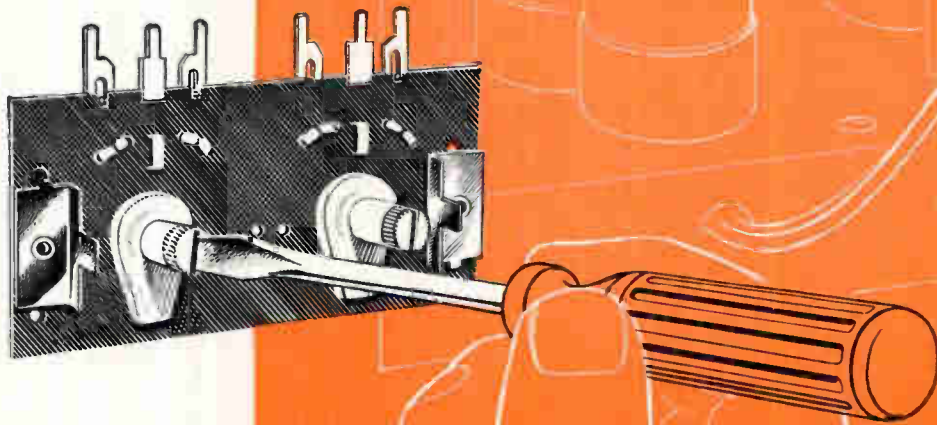
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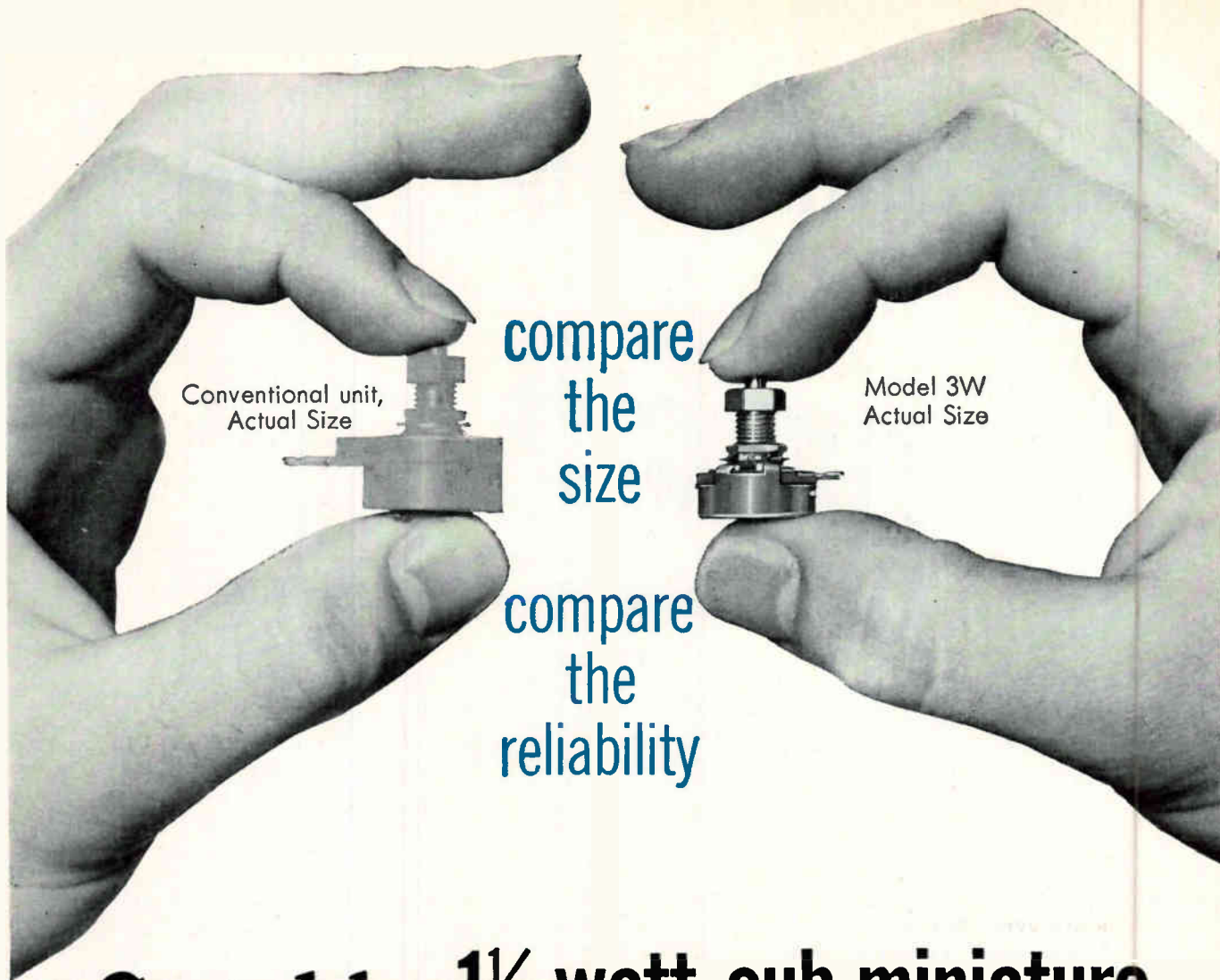
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U.S., British Companies Sign Pacts

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION was demonstrated this week in two agreements between major American and British electronics firms.

American Bosch Arma Corp., Hempstead, N. Y., and De Havilland Holdings Ltd., Hatfield, Hertfordshire, report the joint purchase of S. G. Brown Ltd., Watford, Hertfordshire, for an undisclosed price.

Brown, a major producer of navigation and gyroscopic equipment for the marine industry and the military, was formerly owned by the British Admiralty. Operation of the firm will be under De Havilland, a member of the Hawker Siddely Group which comprises a broad grouping of English companies engaged in the aircraft, missile and transportation fields.

Brown first became associated with American Bosch Arma in 1957 as a licensee for the sale and production of the U. S. company's subminiature gyro compass. ABA is engaged in the production of guidance systems, missile and drone telemetering equipment, and diesel fuel injection equipment.

Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, Mass., announces an agreement with Telegraph Condenser Co., Ltd., London, to exchange research, and development knowhow for the next 21 years.

The Sprague-Telegraph Condenser agreement will increase cooperation in research and manufacture between the two producers of capacitors. In addition, Sprague reports the sale of its U.K. patents and applications to TCC, together with necessary technical and engineering information.

Daystrom, Inc., Murray Hill, N. J., announces plans to redeem all 4 1/4 percent convertible subordinate debentures due March 1, 1977, for an aggregate redemption price of 106.13 percent. Each \$1,000 debenture is convertible into 30 shares of common stock through July 8, 1960. Of the original \$8,000,000 issue, \$7,774,000 in de-

bentures are outstanding. Net earnings of \$2,271,000, or \$2.48 per share, were reported for fiscal 1960.

General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn., reports the purchase of Daven Co., Livingston, N. J., and Laible Manufacturing Co., Manchester, N. H., both for an undisclosed price. Daven produces power supplies, networks, and laboratory measuring equipment, using Laible components and sub-assemblies. Both companies will retain their own names, and continue in present locations.

Avien Inc., Woodside, N. Y., reveals that negotiations are well advanced for acquisition of Electrol, Inc. of Kingston, N. Y. This will be the third acquisition for Avien in recent months, with Colvin Labs and Trident Corp. preceding. Electrol manufactures precision hydraulic systems and components for the aircraft market. Avien produces instrument systems for aero-space and undersea work. L. A. Weiss, Avien president, says the acquisition will broaden his company's market base.

25 MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

	WEEK ENDING JUNE 24			
	SHARES (IN 100's)	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Standard Kollsman	4,187	30 1/2	23 3/4	23 3/4
Avco Corp	4,130	15 1/2	13 3/4	14 1/2
Emerson Radio	3,882	22 1/2	16 3/4	18 1/2
Univ Controls	3,472	19 1/2	17 3/4	17 3/4
RCA	1,617	70 1/2	65 3/4	66 3/4
Lear Inc	1,394	23 1/2	21	22 1/2
Gen Tel & Elec	1,345	31 3/4	30 1/2	30 3/4
Sperry Rand	1,320	24 3/4	22 3/4	24 3/4
Collins Radio	1,098	76	68 1/2	70 1/2
Ampex	981	38 3/4	36	37
Belock Inst	836	25 3/4	22 1/2	22 3/4
Gen Inst	812	46 3/4	42	44 3/4
Int'l Tel & Tel	795	45 3/4	42 3/4	44 3/4
Gen Electric	716	94 1/4	91 3/4	94
Dynamics Corp Amer	697	12 3/4	11 1/4	11 3/4
Du Mont Labs	671	11 3/4	11	11 3/4
Reeves Sndcrt	669	9 3/4	7 3/4	8 3/4
Zenith Radio	651	125 1/4	113 1/2	124
Amer Electronics	634	19 1/4	16 3/4	16 1/2
Amer Tel & Tel	597	90 1/4	89 1/4	89 3/4
Sterling Precis	585	3 1/2	3	3
Int'l Resistance	559	41 1/2	35 1/2	36 3/4
Admiral	534	20 3/4	18 1/4	18 3/4
Philco Corp	509	32 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4
Jetronic Ind	494	13 3/4	12 3/4	12 3/4

The above figures represent sales of electronics stocks on the New York and American Stock Exchanges. Listings are prepared exclusively for ELECTRONICS by Ira Haupt & Co., investment bankers.

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by George T. Sermon, President
United Carbon Products Co.



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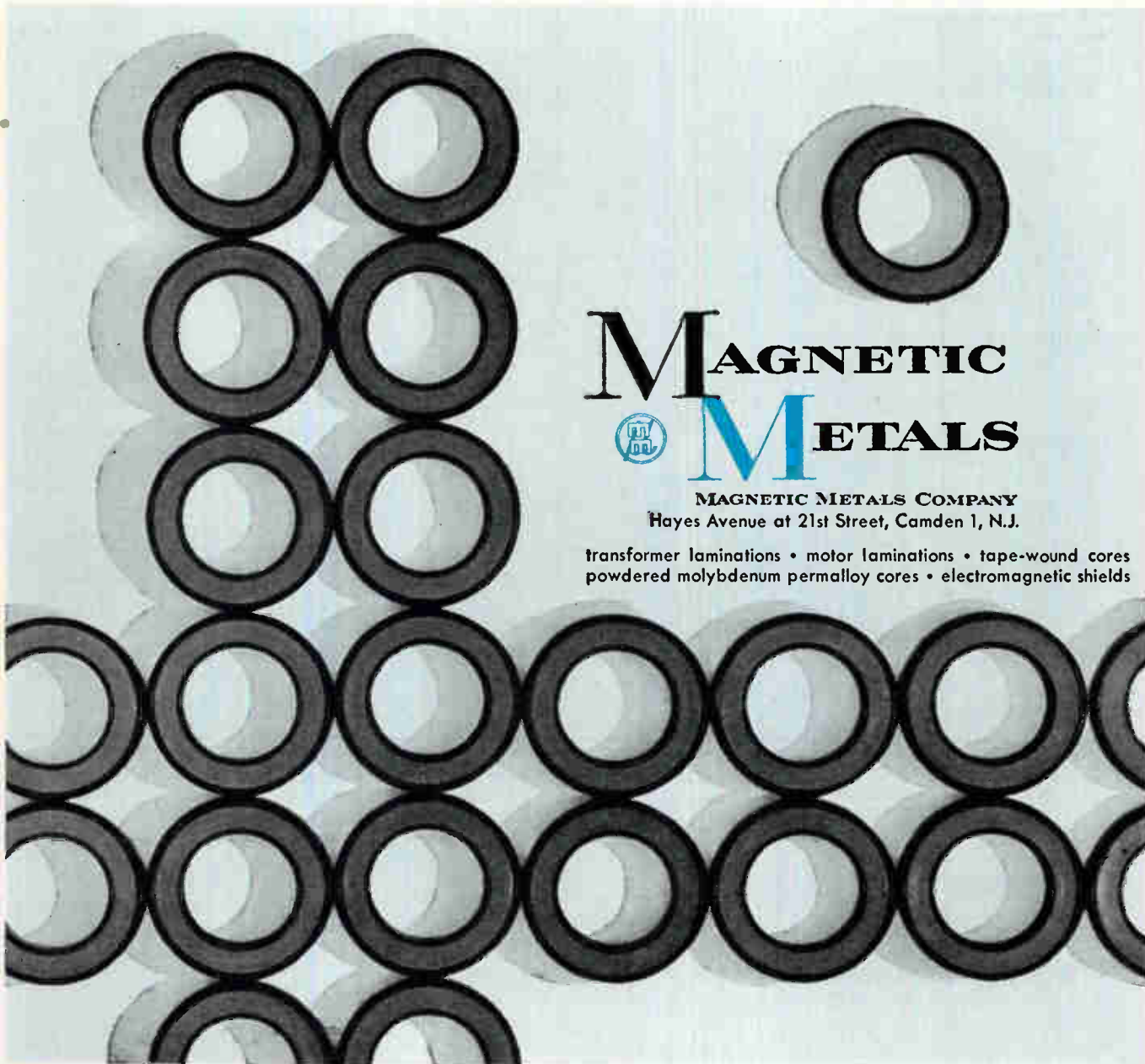
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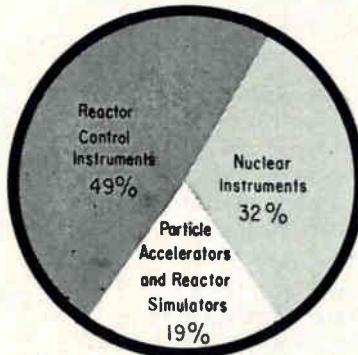


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MARKET RESEARCH

Atomic Group Releases First Survey

NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTATION SALES



1958 Sales Total
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Source: Atomic Industry Forum

FIRST of a continuing series of annual surveys of nuclear industry sales by the Atomic Industry Forum shows sales of nuclear instrumentation and related electronic equipment in 1958 totalled \$47.1 million.

Total includes reactor control instruments valued at \$15.0 million, nuclear instruments (radiation and detection monitoring devices) \$23.1 million and particle accelerators and simulators, \$9.0 million.

Survey information on nuclear electronics excludes sales of control and measuring devices containing radioactive isotopes, worth \$4.9 million in 1958, according to the Department of Commerce report on Atomic Energy Products.

For 1958 total nuclear industry sales were estimated at more than \$659 million, not including equipment and services of the nuclear weapons program or nuclear propulsion reactors for the naval and aircraft programs. Electronic-based items accounted for about seven percent of the estimated 1958 total.

Between 75 and 100 companies are known to make and sell radiation instruments and components.

More detailed information is contained in survey report entitled Business Statistics on the Atomic Industry 1954-1958, available from AIF offices in New York City for \$3.50. Plans call for issuance of similar survey reports in Novem-

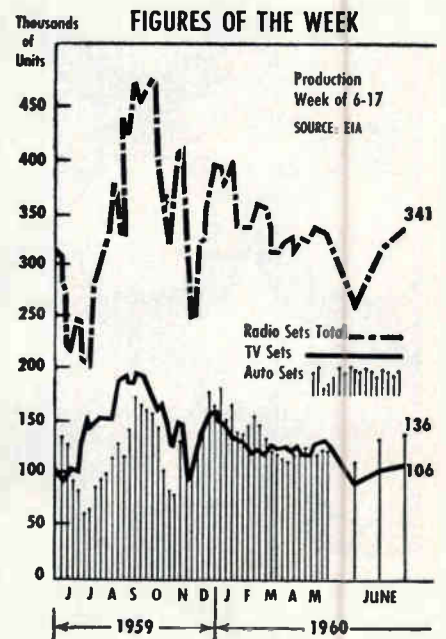
ber of this year—on 1959 sales—and in June of 1961—on 1960 sales.

Joint survey of consolidated shipments of electronic components by Electronic Production Resources Agency and Business and Defense Services Administration, previously a semiannual count, is now a quarterly survey.

BDSA's Electronics Division, which has the responsibility of public release of information from the joint survey, will regularly issue quarterly estimates of electronics industry components sales. Because of the changeover, information on first quarter of 1960 will not be out until August, but the time lag on future quarters will be shortened to a few months or less.

Other significant changes made:

1. Companies surveyed will not be required to provide as much detail as formerly, about one-third less.
2. Co-operation by surveyed companies has been made legally mandatory.
3. Companies surveyed and others in the industry will have the same information made available to them.
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CAP.	T	W	L
.01	.187	.310	.562
.047	.203	.531	.453
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Temperature Range.....-55°C to +125°C
IR at 25°C.....100,000 meg. x mfd.
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TYPICAL 100 VOLT SIZES
TYPES 663F and 663FR

CAP.	T	W	L
.01	.125	¼	¾
.047	.140	¼	¾
.1	.171	½	¾
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2N1648	20	25	120V.	1.7 @ 1A.	2 @ 1A.
2N1649	20	45	80V.	1.7 @ 1A.	2 @ 1A.
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						Min.	Max.
2N1616 2N1210	30	5	60	1 @ 2A.	3 @ 2A.	15	75
2N1617 2N1211	30	5	80	1 @ 2A.	3 @ 2A.	15	75
2N1618 2N1620	30	5	100	1 @ 2A.	3 @ 2A.	15	75

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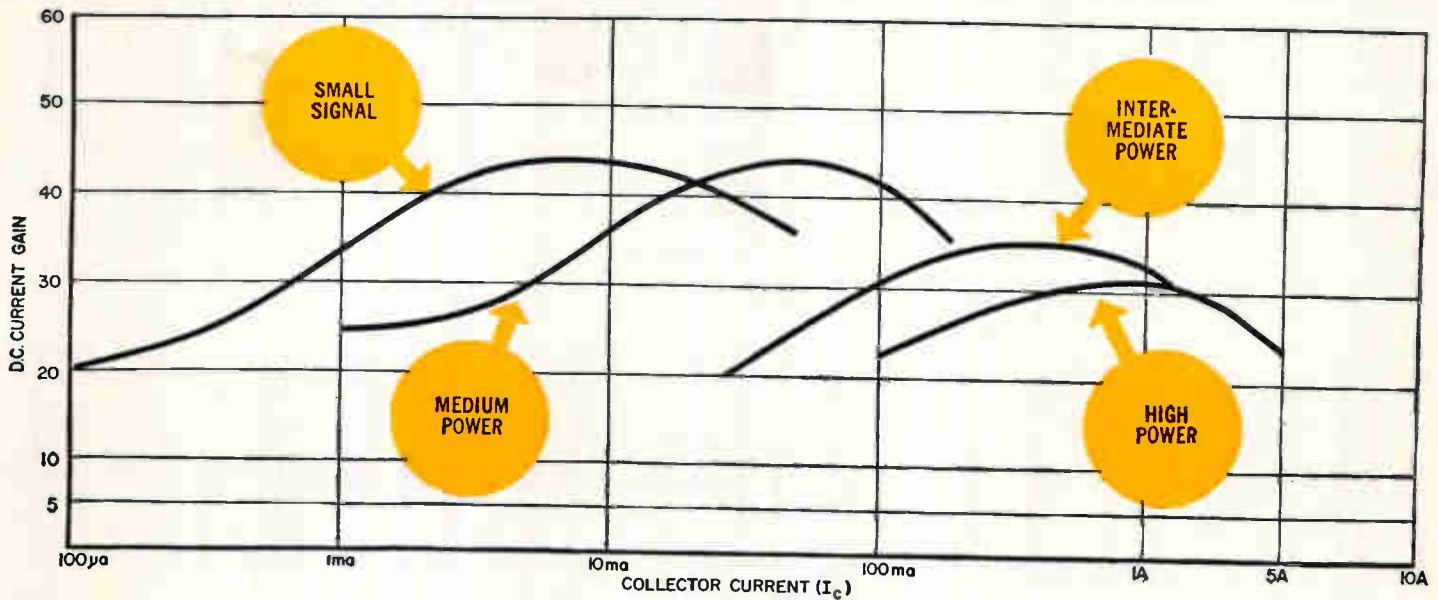
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SMALL SIGNAL TO-18						
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		I_c 500µa	I_c 5ma	I_c 50ma		
ST1504	60	15	20	20	300	40
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Type	Maximum Collector Voltage (volts)	Minimum Beta			Maximum Power Dissipation (Watts) @ 25°C Case	Maximum Saturation Resistance (ohms)
		I_c 1ma AC	I_c 5ma AC	I_c 50ma DC		
*2N339A †	60	15	25	20	1	50
*2N340A	85	15	25	20	1	70
*2N341A †	125	15	25	20	1	70
**2N1054	125	20(DC) @ 200ma			5	20
***2N696	60	20(DC) @ 150ma			2	10
****2N697	60	40(DC) @ 150ma			2	10

† Electrical equivalents available in TO-5 package as 2N1206 and 2N1207

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New Sub Killer Opens Big Market

Navy plans to equip 163 ships with new antisubmarine rocket. Asroc creates continuing need for sonar, computers, simulators, display, components

By JOHN F. MASON,
Associate Editor

ON BOARD *USS NORFOLK* AT SEA—Navy's newest threat to enemy submarines, the Asroc (from AntiSubmarine ROcket) that begins as a rocket and ends as either a depth charge or an acoustic-homing torpedo, will create a \$293.4 million business for the electronics industry for shipboard installation and over \$28 million for the first load of ammunition.

As part of its fleet rehabilitation and maintenance program (FRAM), the Navy plans to put Asroc installations on 163 ships, at the rate of about 50 ships per year. Each one costs \$1.8 million. More than half a dozen ships are already—or soon will be—equipped.

Each ship carries a load of eight weapons (\$22,000 each) in readiness for single or rapid-sequential firing. More can be stored below deck for reloading.

Ships that will get Asroc installations include destroyer leaders, such as the *USS Norfolk*, des-

troycor escorts, cruisers and missile ships.

Asroc was developed for Bureau of Naval Weapons at a cost of \$65 million. Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS) was technical director of the program with Minneapolis-Honeywell, prime contractor.

The weapon is an integrated system consisting of four main parts: an underwater sonar detection device, electronic digital fire-control computer (the first shipboard installation of a digital computer for fire control use, Navy says), eight-missile launcher, and Asroc missile or depth charge.

Here's how the system works:

Asroc-equipped ships detect a submarine at long ranges with sonar. A computer calculates its course and speed, and launches a rocket-propelled ballistic missile containing either an acoustic-homing torpedo or a depth charge. After the missile is accelerated, the rocket falls away and the payload continues its flight to the vicinity of the target.

Just prior to entering the water, the weapon sheds its airframe and prepares for water entry. The depth charge payload sinks and detonates at a predetermined depth. The torpedo payload is eased into the water by parachute and locates the submarine by an acoustical homing search pattern.

Farthest range of the four demonstration missiles fired here off the coast of Key West, Florida, from the *Norfolk* at the submerged nuclear submarine *Skate* was 5,240 yards. Asroc's maximum range is about nine miles, which provides the ships with a 250-sq.-mi. coverage. Though minimum

range is theoretically 200 yards, effecting a kill at such proximity would probably be suicidal, especially if an atomic payload were used.

The sonar detection system, built by Sangamo Electric for BuShips, is an aluminum bubble 23-ft in diameter, extending nine feet below the ship's hull.

Echoes from an enemy submarine are separated from irrelevant echoes and other noises by the sonar operator and fed into the fire-control system.

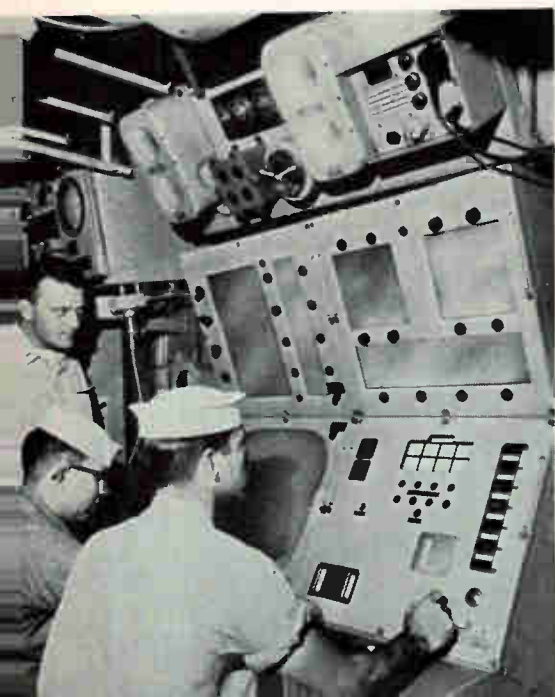
Built by Librascope div. of General Precision, the fire-control system consists of a digital computer, a geographic plotter and ballistic display dials. A succession of echoes from the enemy sub enables the computer to calculate the course, speed and future position of the enemy. Other information fed into the computer includes wind direction and velocity, air density and water temperature, and the attack-ship's speed, course, pitch and roll. These data are used to solve the intercept ballistic missile problem.

Output from the computer automatically aims the launcher, sets the missile range, and fires the missile on command. A display plotter in the computer room shows a geographic picture of the attack as would be seen from the air.

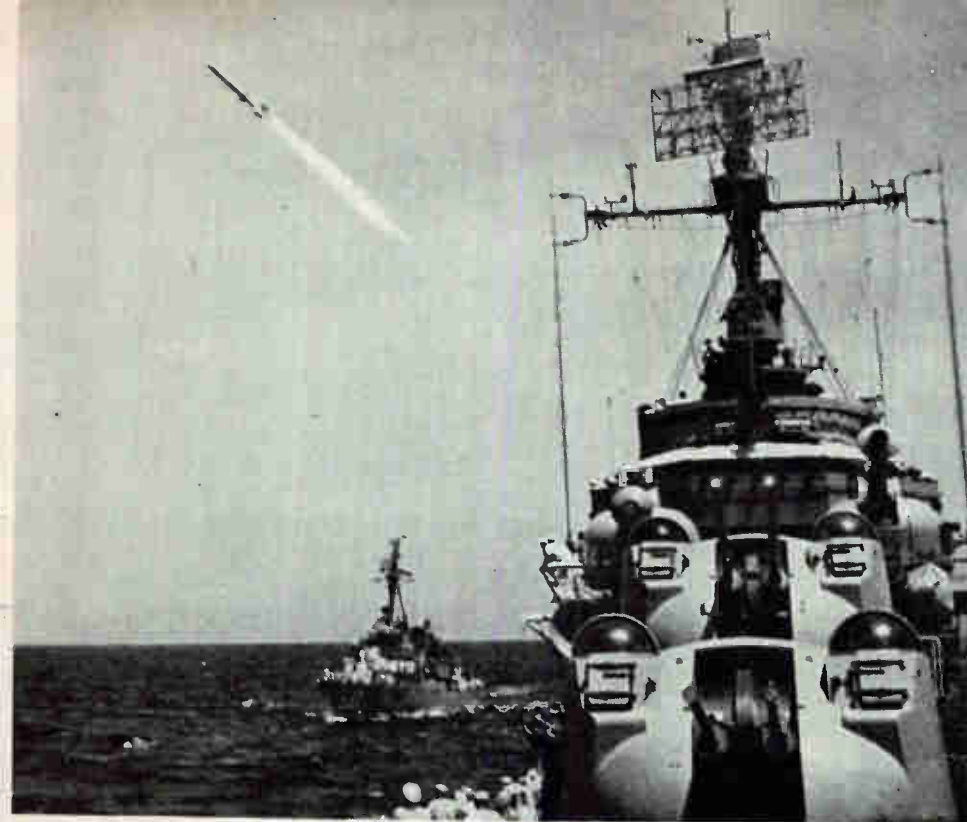
The launcher, built by Universal Match Corp., consists of two horizontal rows of four cells each. All eight cells turn together, and each pair of over/under cells elevates individually.

The launcher can cover almost a full circle about the ship while the ship remains on formation course. The use of the eight-cell launchers enables the ship to fire successive missiles at a throw of the switch.

The launcher itself is composed of electronic and hydraulic gear which reacts swiftly and precisely to instructions from the fire-control computer to set range in the



Asroc fire control system solves ballistic intercept problem with digital computer



Torpedo-carrying missile hits Mach 1 on leaving USS Norfolk. After missile falls off, torpedo lowers by chute, seeks sub by acoustic homing



Technicians seal the eight missile cells of electronically controlled launcher before firing

missiles, aim them, and ignite their rocket motors.

The rocket, airframe, range control device, and payload accessories were designed, developed and produced by the NOTS-Honeywell team.

The airframe, which connects the motor and payload, consists of two lengthwise aluminum sections, hinged to open up like jaws.

In flight, a steel band holding the airframe together is severed by a small explosive charge on a signal from a timer in the missile. The airframe peels off and drops into the sea, leaving the payload to continue its ballistic trajectory.

Asroc's torpedo (the Mark 44 built by the Ordnance Department of General Electric) parachutes to the water, ejects its chute, and activated by the energizing of a seawater battery, dives to a prescribed depth. Here, by a preset pressure-measuring device, it levels out and begins to turn in a flat circle, listening passively to the sounds around it as well as actively to any returns from its own sonar transmitter.

If no noise is picked up, the torpedo begins a helical descent, in search of a target. On reaching a preset depth limit, the torpedo levels out again and begins a spiral

ascent, until it reaches its preset ceiling.

When a target is picked up, the hunt pattern is abandoned and the torpedo heads straight for the kill. Speed of the torpedo is 30 knots.

The torpedo is sensitive to both azimuth and elevation direction due to a group of specially designed transducers mounted in its nose section. When a signal reaches the transducers it strikes one set of transducers more directly than another. This produces an amplitude difference to indicate azimuth error. A phased angle difference produced when the returning signal strikes one set of transducers before reaching the other set indicates elevation error. Servo mechanisms activate the torpedo's controls.

The torpedo may be lured by any number of unwanted targets: the sea bottom, its mother ship, or—as has happened in testing—by a helicopter watching the show. Such an attack is repelled, however, when the torpedo reaches its depth or ceiling limits preset into its controls. When this happens it automatically begins a new search in the opposite direction.

If no target is detected, the power eventually runs out—this occurs in a matter of minutes—and

the torpedo settles quietly to the bottom.

The torpedo uses 26 vacuum tubes, conventional relays for switching and conventional d-c servos. It requires no gyros for roll control. Stability is maintained by placement of the centers of gravity and buoyancy, fine fin and shroud alignment and balanced propellers.

Twelve electronic test units were designed for Asroc. Honeywell designed an instrumentation control van and an instrumentation recording van that were used aboard the evaluation ship. The control van contains a control console with timing devices, panels containing switches for operating instrumentation and monitor lights for indicating the operation of critical components.

The instrumentation van contains a wide-band f-m tape system, a digital tape system, two oscillographs, a photodata panel and a range time system. Other instrumentation-system equipment includes radar and cameras for missile tracking, sound-powered phone circuits for intraship communications (called Gertrude), and a radio link for intership communications. Asroc program also includes ship and shore training gear.

Political Conventions Use New Gear

This month's national conventions impose great demands on broadcasters. New special equipment has been designed to meet the challenge

NEXT MONDAY in Los Angeles the Democrats open their national political convention. Behind the scenes, new electronic equipment will play a key role.

Tons of electronic gear have already been shipped to the Los Angeles Sports Arena. And more tons will be transported later to Chicago, where the Republicans, starting July 25, will hold their convention in the Chicago International Amphitheatre.

The bulk alone bears testimony to the growing role of electronics in coordinating the vast amount of communications required for adequate news coverage of the events.

Engineers from the major networks are now working at both sites to construct and install the broadcast, communications and coordination facilities that will be required.

Technical supervisor Robert C. Smith, of NBC's tv network operations, tells *ELECTRONICS* approximately 100,000 ft of wire and 25,000 ft of camera cable will be used in each city just to operate cameras.

Although much activity by the networks is being kept under close

wraps due to proprietary interests in special devices going to the conventions, some information has been disclosed.

From ABC, for example, *ELECTRONICS* learns that 60 newly developed video distribution amplifiers will be used at the Democratic convention and then sent to the Republican meeting by air. The units are all transistorized and specially designed for the convention.

Also making its first bow will be a transistorized r-f microphone for use by reporters on the convention floor. The mikes are of the lavalier type and measure about 1 in. in diameter and are 4½ in. long. It's reported the mikes will broadcast for 20 to 24 hours with batteries contained in the small packages.

Other ABC equipment slated for use are transceiver headsets that will allow nonbroadcast communications to be carried in two-way wireless conversations. Weighing between 2 and 3 lb, the devices have small antennas sticking up from the earphones and will allow users to talk over distances separating convention floor activities from

the various network control booths.

One NBC engineer describes the central control facilities that will operate at both conventions as a sort of "military command headquarters in which all fixed and mobile units must be coordinated."

National Broadcasting will be using 32 cameras: two with a mobile video tape unit, three with a mobile truck, one in a specially equipped limousine and a number of others in various locations.

To control the many units and keep them in sync, network engineers have developed a device that can scan each input as it arrives at Central Control, check it for sync lock in one-millionth of a second and correct it before routing it on the air. This will mean that all 32 cameras will be operable without rollover or adjustment observable at home receivers.

Also designed for convention use is a monitor panel that will allow newscasters to select any of 32 inputs for display on a four-monitor panel. The network estimates that one observer cannot watch more than four screens at a time and also choose on-the-air material at the pace the convention will require.

The new pushbutton preview system, it is felt, will allow newscasters to select their material with complete freedom from the technical difficulties that hampered them at the last conventions.

To get the most out of this new development, NBC constructed a special training mockup to allow the men who will use the equipment to stage practice operations.

Broadcasters say their tape units will also be active during the conventions. Both mobile and fixed units of NBC will be on standby operations. In addition, mobile units will be used to record spot news wherever microwave facilities for direct broadcast are lacking. It is estimated tv tape will replace 80 to 90 percent of the film coverage used at past conventions.



Training mockup is being used to allow NBC personnel to make maximum use of new techniques developed for political convention coverage

Details on CBS plans for convention coverage were not available at press time.

British Instruments Getting Global Push

INSTRUMENTMAKERS in Great Britain are busily promoting their products in markets all over the world.

On June 18, the British opened their first instruments show in the USSR at Moscow's Polytechnic Museum. Forty member firms of the British Scientific Instrument Manufacturers Association put on exhibits that ranged from signal generators, oscilloscopes and other lab gear through nuclear instrumentation to process-control instruments, gas chromatographs and emission spectrographic gear.

One U. S. firm—Beckman Instruments—showed U.K.-produced potentiometers through its British subsidiary.

Last days of the exhibition coincided with the First Congress of the International Federation of Automatic Control.

Electronic Scan Radar Holds Multiple Targets

ELECTRONICALLY STEERABLE ARRAY radar (ESAR), capable of focusing simultaneously on space vehicles or aircraft, is being developed by Bendix under \$4-million contract from USAF's Rome Air Development Center and the Advance Research Projects Agency. Five-story demonstration model of the computer-controlled ESAR will go up at the firm's radio division in Towson, Md.

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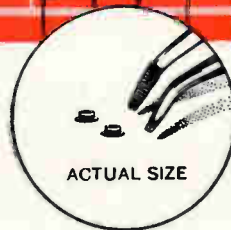
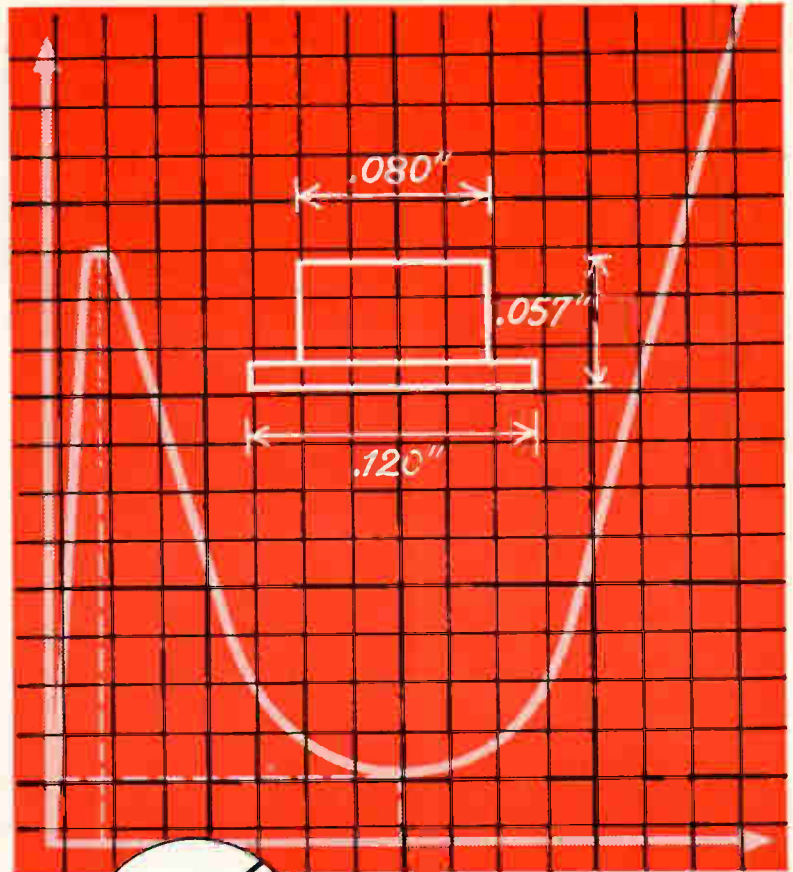
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HIGH-ENERGY ELECTRONS, traveling near the speed of light, are used for ammunition in a new cancer fighting weapon, recently placed in clinical operation, at the Argonne Cancer Research Hospital, University of Chicago. Heart of the facility is a 25-ton microwave linear accelerator capable of achieving peak energy levels of 60 million electron volts. The Lineac produces a pencil-thin electron beam able to impede the growth and destroy the growing power of cancer cells to depths of 9 inches in the body.

Designed primarily to treat cancers that have not escaped from the primary site and become generalized, the device incorporates controls that enable the beam to scan the malignant area with the accuracy of a pencil tracing on paper, allowing the beam to focus on areas difficult to reach with other radiation devices. Radiation delivered to a growth is regulated precisely as to the amount and volume of tissue treated, to minimize damage to nearby healthy, but sensitive, organs.

Two 20-megawatt klystrons, each drawing 50 megawatts, produce a maximum radio-frequency power output of 20 megawatts at 2,857 Mc, accurate to one part in a million. Input power during treatment is dictated by the desired depth of penetration. To maintain power consumption at reasonable levels, the machine is operated only for 60 60-microsecond bursts a second.

A crt-like electron gun, operat-

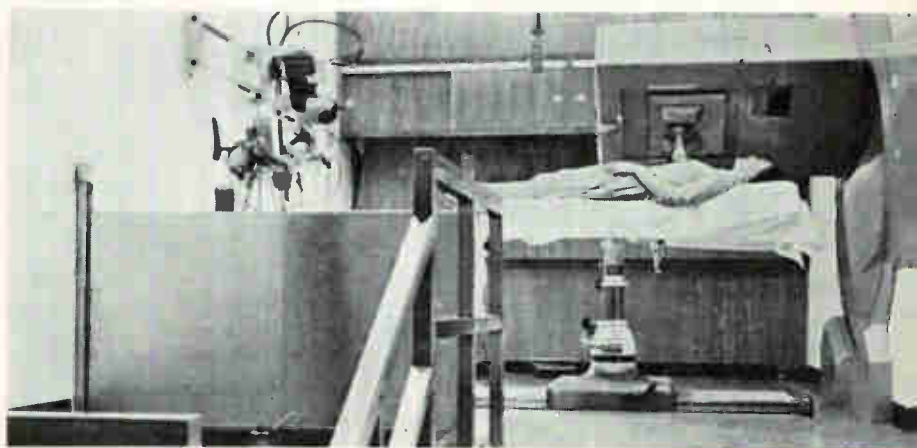
ing at high potential, injects electrons of moderate energy (100,000 ev) into the 16-foot long, highly evacuated, accelerator tube. After 8 feet of travel down the tube they are traveling with an energy of 25 million ev; in the next 8 feet the power doubles to 50 million ev.

Control is maintained by varying the input power to the klystrons and by regulating the phasing of r-f pulses in both halves of the tube. Synchronization gives maximum energy, but continuous changes can be made to lower the level to 5 million ev.

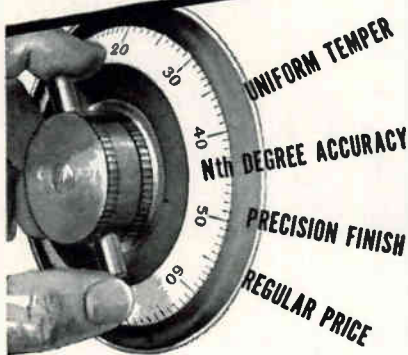
Traveling through an unbroken vacuum system, guided by two magnets, the electron beam reaches a third magnet which turns it vertically, and directs it downward, through an aluminum window, to the patient. The third magnet also

contains a scanning device, which guides the $\frac{1}{2}$ -centimeter diameter beam along a pattern set by a pre-cut plastic template, corresponding to the shape of the malignant section. A maximum area of 8 inches square can be automatically outlined for treatment, taking roughly 10 minutes to scan. The beam may be rotated through 360 degrees for full directional coverage.

A University spokesman said that qualitatively, the electron beam achieves the same cancer-killing results as x-rays, but that the electron-gun provides the degree of control necessary for safe treatment of sensitive areas, such as near the brain. The electron beam is stable and largely free from low-energy side effects. There is a relatively low skin reaction to the radiation, although the underlying tumor receives a full dose.



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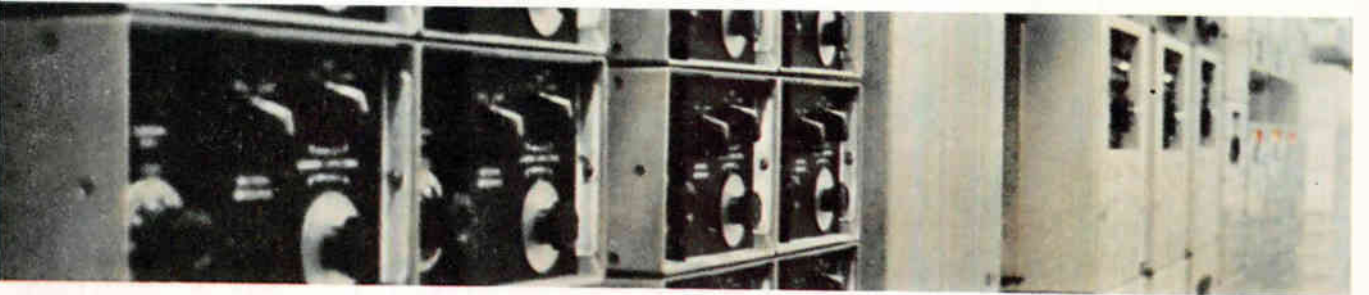
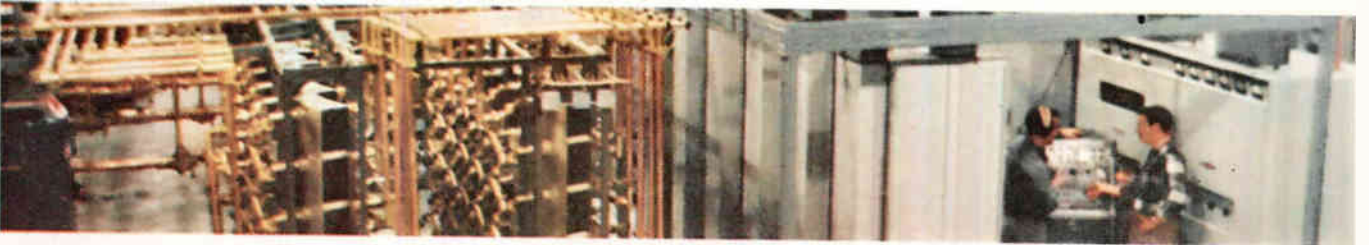
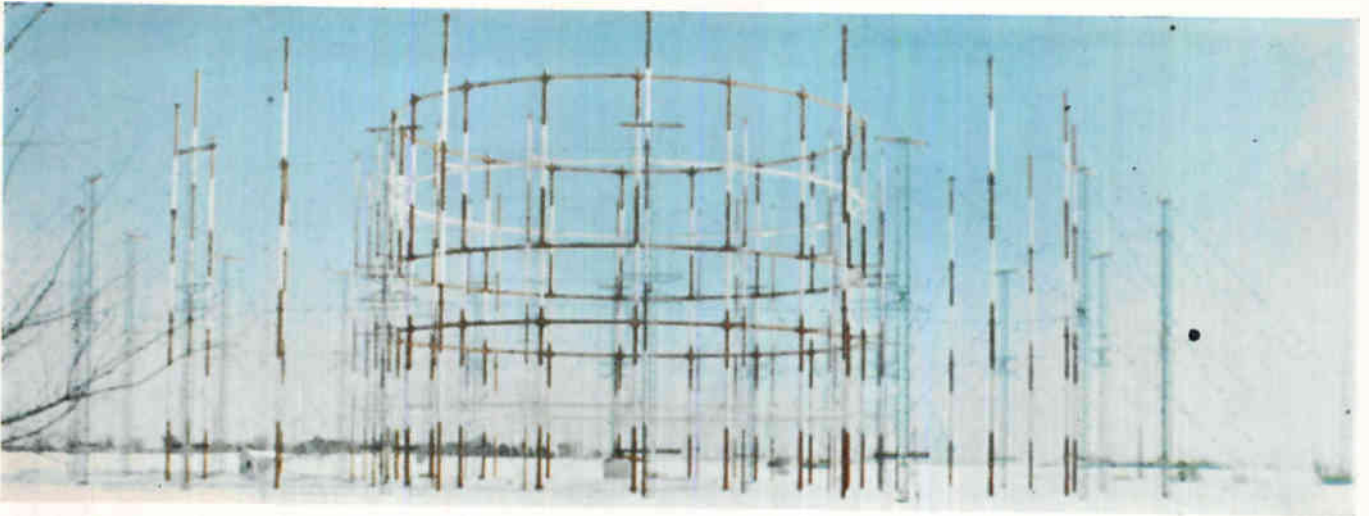


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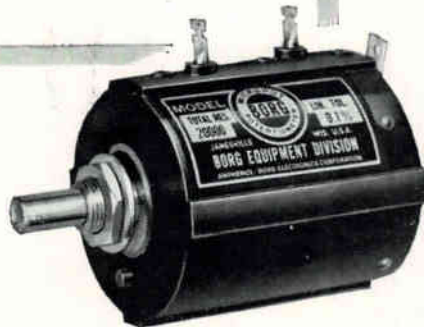
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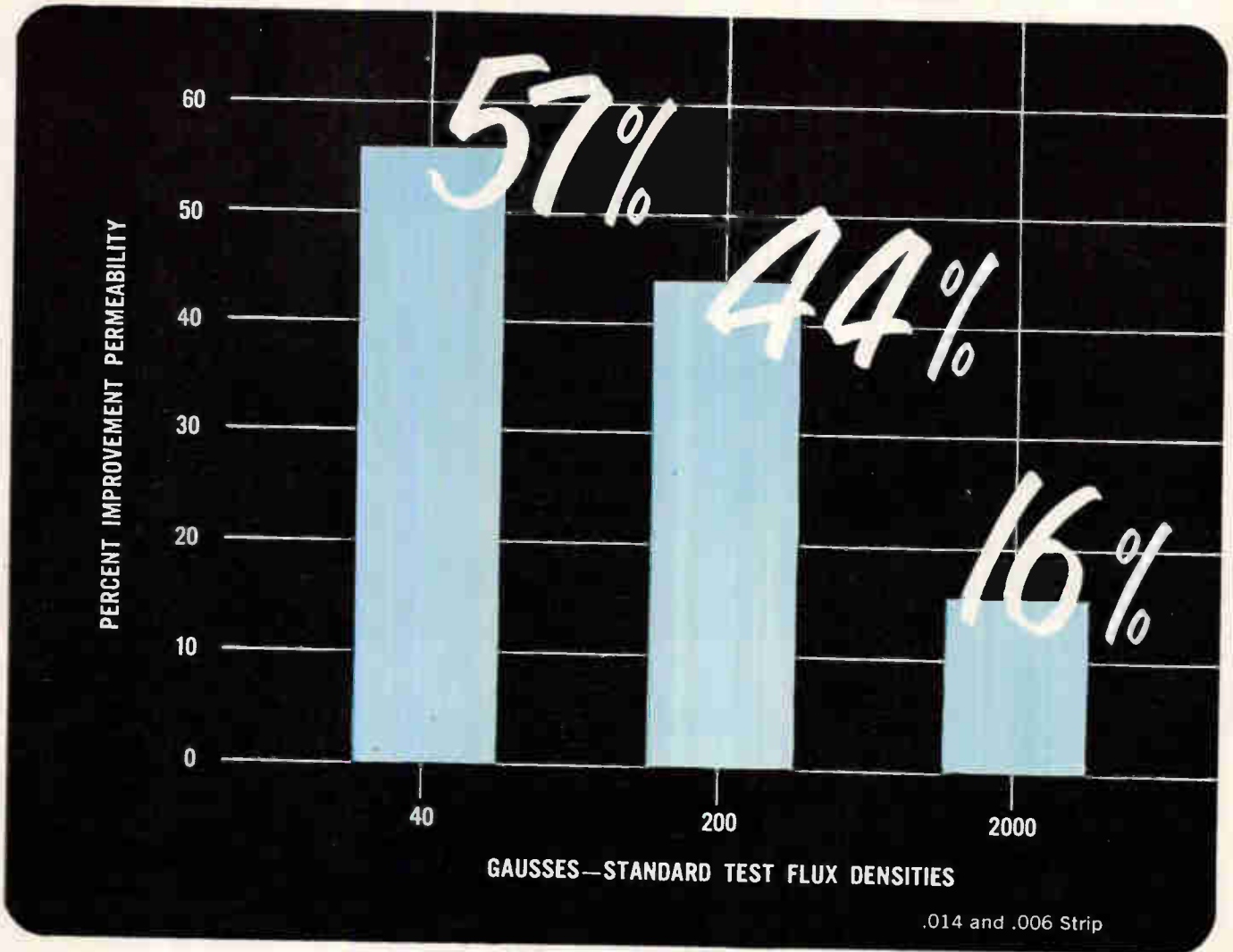
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A NOVEL APPROACH to marketing electronic instruments will be seen this fall when road exhibits, featuring the developments of six instrument manufacturers, will be staged at five sites around metropolitan New York and Philadelphia.

The show has been under discussion since February this year. The firms will cooperate in publicizing and advertising the show. Company officials say that if the show is successful, other shows may be staged in other areas and that the six companies may extend their cooperative marketing efforts.

The traveling technical show will be known as the Electronic Instrument Manufacturers' Exhibit. The show will offer under one roof, an operational array of 36 complementary laboratory and production-test instruments, with ranges of from d-c to 200 Gc.

The project will be sponsored by FXR, Inc.; General Radio Company; Lambda Electronics Corp.; Panoramic Radio Products Co., Inc.; Sensitive Research Instrument Corp.; and Tektronix, Inc. Booths will be manned by company engineers.

The five exhibit areas will be:

Long Island (Garden City), Connecticut (Norwalk), New York (Poughkeepsie), northern New Jersey (Cedar Grove) and Philadelphia-Moorestown, N. J.

FXR, Woodside, N. Y., manufactures microwave equipment from 400 Mc to 220 Gc. General Radio, West Concord, Mass., has a line of over 350 items. Lambda Electronics Corp., College Point, L. I., makes power supplies. Panoramic Radio, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., produces spectrum analyzers and other automatic measurement instruments. Sensitive Research Instrument Corp., New Rochelle, N. Y., specializes in laboratory standard meters and other calibration devices. Tektronix, Portland, Ore., makes cathode-ray oscilloscopes and accessory equipment.

122-Deg Picture Tubes Coming

CHICAGO—PICTURE TUBES with wider deflection angles and shorter guns shared the spotlight with "lazybones" remote-control units at the spring conference on broadcast and television receivers held

here recently under sponsorship of the Chicago chapter of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

R. A. Bloomsburgh described work Philco has done on a 122-deg tube. Firm's first working model had an 18-in. screen, measured only $8\frac{7}{8}$ in. overall front to back. The design proved to be efficient, gave 8-w power output compared against $2\frac{1}{2}$ w for older designs. Company directed much of its effort in designing a new gun and yoke; result was a gun only $3\frac{1}{8}$ in. long and $1\frac{1}{8}$ in. outside diameter. The firm is reported to have dropped the 18-in. tube and is now working on 21-in. and 24-in. models of the wider-angle crt.

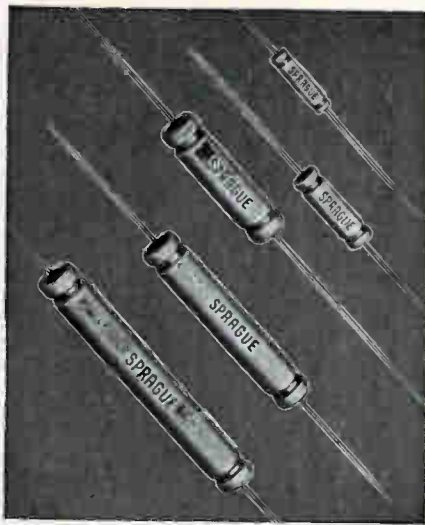
Sylvania's H. E. Smithgall discussed a crt with reduced heater-power requirements. Sylvania's work concentrated on producing a very small heater-getter unit; the result was a unit 0.011 in. thick and with 0.050-in. outside diameter. The heater operates at 775 C with 1.5 v; satisfactory emission can be maintained at 1 v. The heater requires only a 10-sec warmup.

Progress toward development of flat picture tubes was described by Edward Ramberg of RCA. Ramberg discussed the Gabor and Aiken tubes, and a third type now under development at RCA, indicated that production of any of them was at least five years away.

Ultrasonically triggered remote-control unit designed by Warwick Mfg. Co. for use on Sears' Silver-tone sets was discussed at the conference. The transmitter is an ultrasonic whistle, tuned to 39 Kc, operated by air from a plastic bulb. Varying pressure gradients resulting as the bulb is squeezed sweep the signal from about 35 Kc to about 45 Kc.

The receiver contains an electrostatic microphone, two triode-pentodes and a 5-ma d-c relay. Channel switching is performed by a small motor stepped by the relay.

Admiral described its transistorized remote-control unit, which remains on as long as the set is plugged in and thus can be used to turn the set on. Handheld striker unit puts out two separate frequencies for on and off or channel changing. Transistor circuits in the control receiver contain two detector units which discriminate between the two signal frequencies.



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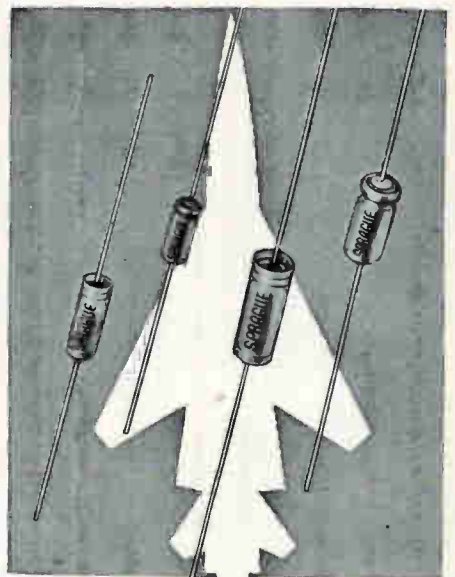
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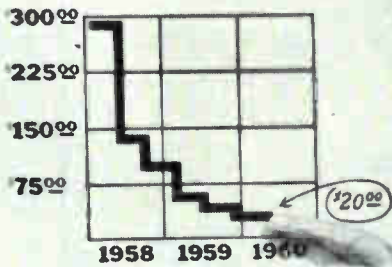


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The Controlled Rectifier picture changes so rapidly, information you may have obtained six months ago is now out-of-date. For this reason, C. G. Lloyd, General Manager of General Electric's Semiconductor Rectifier organization, answers here some of the questions most frequently asked — questions about a device many authorities consider the most revolutionary development since the transistor itself.

Q. Last year I looked into the SCR and found it too expensive. Has this situation changed?

Lloyd. Indeed it has. The C35B (16 amps, 200 volts) was originally introduced at \$160 in 1958, was priced at \$65 a year ago and has just now been reduced to \$20.

Q. How does the SCR compare with similar devices in prices?

Lloyd. SCR's are in the same price bracket as many germanium power transistors and actually cost less than silicon power transistors, magnetic amplifiers, many relays, thyratrons and other devices the SCR has replaced.

Q. What about associated circuitry? Doesn't that bring up the cost?

Lloyd. The drive circuits for SCR's are generally simpler than for the other devices, and in particular, protection against overvoltage and current is easier to accomplish than for power transistors — making the SCR-equipped device more reliable and much less expensive over-all.

Q. But your C35 is still too high-priced for my application, and the current rating is more than I need. What would you suggest that I do?

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Q. What else should I know about the C10?

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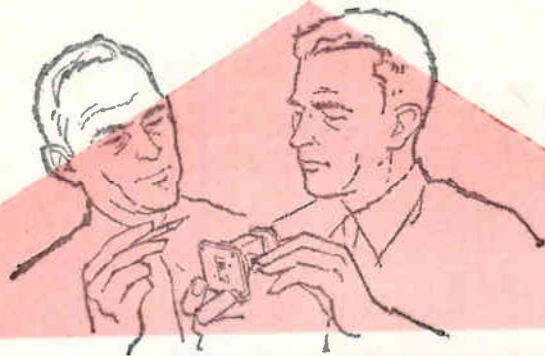
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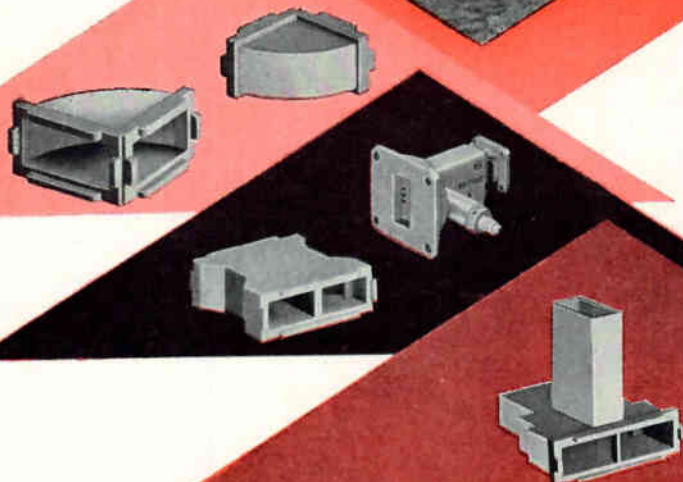
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THE NETWORK THAT maintained contact with Pioneer V over many millions of miles is today the only global network capable of communicating with and navigating deep space vehicles. This network, the Able Space Navigation Network (SpaN Net), is an integral portion of the NASA/USAF Project Able space missions¹. Created to meet the needs of the first Able-1 launch in Aug. 1958, it has since not only served for the subsequent Able launches—Pioneer I, Pioneer II, Explorer VI and Pioneer V—and other United States satellites but also for tracking Russian vehicles.

The network consists of four ground stations: Singapore, Hawaii, Cape Canaveral, Jodrell Bank; and a central control center, Los Angeles. Because of its immediate

goal in 1958, SpaN Net was initially designed within limitations of range and coverage, but a potential for growth has been included so that as space exploration becomes more extensive, the Space Navigation Network can readily keep pace. The requirements of a space navigation network and then the means by which SpaN Net met these requirements are detailed here.

For the SpaN Net to provide communications with the space probes of the present and near future, three general requirements had to be met. First, the stations had to be so located on the globe that sufficient visibility for the several types of missions would be obtained. Second, a ground data transmission link to transfer data from the stations to a central data processing station was needed.

Third, and most difficult to achieve, the r-f link from probe to ground stations had to have adequate transmission characteristics.

As far as communication from a space vehicle to the ground is concerned, the problem of providing sufficient signal can be divided into three categories: the amount of r-f power that can be generated in the space vehicle, the degree to which that power can be directed toward the ground receiver, and the efficiency of the receiving station in detecting this power in the presence of noise.

In the space vehicle, the transmitted power and the antenna gain are the important communication parameters. To increase transmitter power, it is necessary to provide a larger energy source, larger components, and heavier and

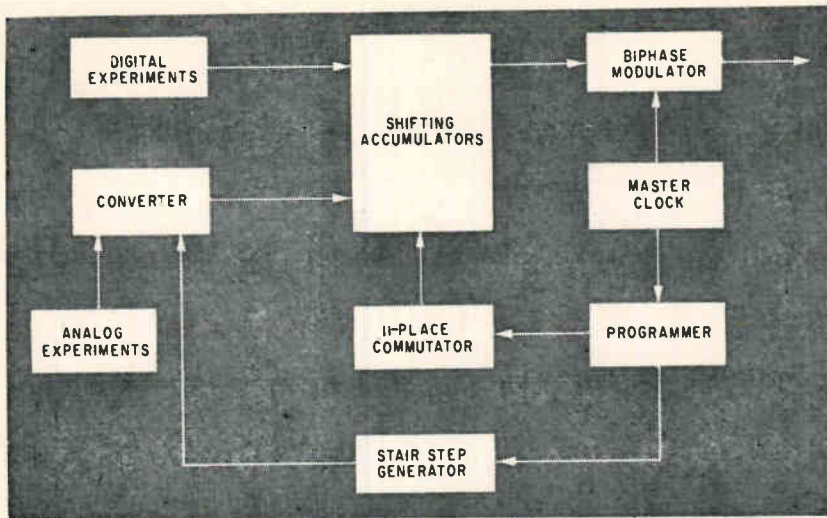


FIG. 1—Typical digital inputs to Telebit include micrometeorite and radiation particle impingements

more complex temperature control mechanisms, and/or to reduce the transmission duty cycle. All of this results in an almost linear increase in payload weight with increasing average power. Because of the limitation in weight for Able space probes, the maximum transmitter power used so far has been the 150 watts in Pioneer V.

The effective power transmitted depends, in addition, upon the directivity of the vehicle transmitting antenna. Here two problems must be recognized; on the one hand, although the effective radiated power can be increased tremendously by the use of high gain vehicle antennas, use of such antennas presupposes an ability to control the attitude of the space vehicle. On the other hand, it is generally desirable to provide failure instrumentation for space vehicles so that if an element of the system fails, it is possible to determine the cause of the failure. For this purpose, it is desirable to have a nearly omnidirectional vehicle antenna. Since at the present time vehicle attitude control is in early stages of development, and since a nearly omnidirectional antenna is highly desirable in any event, increasing the gain of the vehicle transmitting antenna has not been relied upon.

The receiving system can be improved either by increasing the receiving antenna effective area or by decreasing the effective noise temperature of the antenna and receiver. At C band, using a maser preamplifier and a very low sidelobe

antenna, a noise temperature of 18 K has been measured². This figure includes sky, waveguide and maser contributions. However, satellite transmitters are currently limited to lower frequencies by tube reliability and transistor capability. At 400 Mc, an antenna effective noise temperature of 50 K can be realized except for the small percentage of time that the antenna is pointing at the sun or at the galactic center. For this low value, parametric preamplifiers offer considerable improvement in sensitivity over conventional receiver front ends.

A trade-off study between tube power output, antenna and receiver noise temperature, antenna gain and path loss ($1/R^2$), frequency availability, and compatibility with other systems resulted in the choice of 400 Mc for the ground command transmitter, and 378 Mc for telemetry from satellite to ground.

To determine the type of ground antenna, the approximate operating frequency must first be considered. An examination of presently available transmitters and of the rate of development of efficient microwave transmitting tubes clearly underscores the necessity for an antenna capable of being changed to a different frequency region at low cost. Since multi-element antenna arrays with a large effective collecting area are essentially fixed-frequency devices, it appears that the frequency-insensitive parabolic reflector antenna is more useful.

As the size of the ground antenna is increased, the efficiency of the capture area must be maintained.

To maintain efficiency, the physical tolerances on the parabolic surface must be maintained to about $\frac{1}{16}$ of a wavelength. This type of antenna has been built in sizes up to 250 feet in diameter. For diameters larger than about 250 feet, an elaborate servo-control system for adjusting the individual surface panels as a function of the antenna elevation angle and wind loading is required. Thus, there is a point at about 250 feet beyond which there is a relatively sharp increase in mechanical complexity and cost.

Additional problems in space communications center about determining the proper method of modulating the radiated energy to obtain the most efficient and reliable means of carrying information. Basically, space communication suffers here from trying to achieve two incompatible objectives. There is the desire to transmit as much information as possible, but at the same time there is the necessity to conserve weight with the resultant fundamental limitation on transmission time and information rate³. Even for very large ground antennas, bandwidth is limited at fairly short interplanetary distances. The limitations upon bandwidth and the available power set the channel capacity and thus the rate at which information can be transmitted. An essential characteristic of a space communication system should be flexibility in bandwidth, so that when the vehicle is at short range its bandwidth can be wide, while at long ranges its bandwidth can be narrow.

A comparison of the various modulation methods shows that for space communications the most efficient system is some form of digital pulse code modulation, both from the standpoint of encoding and decoding and from the standpoint of modulation efficiency.

Additional requirements on the technique of information handling include the need for storage in the space probe, since power limitation precludes continuous transmission from distant ranges, and the need for rapid transmission of the stored information during the periods when the transmitter can operate. Moreover, it is desirable that the information arrive on the ground in a form permitting ground retransmission without significant

lapses of time and with no possible degradation of accuracy of the information.

The newer system used to transmit information to the ground is p-m/p-m where a carrier is phase-modulated with one or more subcarriers, and a typical subcarrier is digitally biphas modulated. This scheme provides the carrier needed for angle tracking and doppler determination, and gives the excellent performance of biphas modulation.

Actually, in the first series of Able space probes an f-m/p-m analog telemetry system was used. This system used a 108 Mc phase-locked receiver to achieve a lock-on sensitivity of -155 dbm with a 10-cycle locked-loop bandwidth. It had the necessary sensitivity to operate to lunar distances with a transmitted power of 100 mw at an information rate of 0.5 bit per sec.

The improved system, the digital telemetry system called Telebit, was developed for the Able-3 and -4 vehicles'. It will, at lunar distances, permit the transmission of eight bits of information per second. In addition, with airborne analog-to-digital converters, the information is quantized and digitized, so that once a message is received it will not be degraded by retransmission to the central station. Telebit also provides a transistor memory in the probe for storing the output of the experiments, so that intermittent transmission of the data is possible.

The payload portion of Telebit block diagram shown in Fig. 1,

encodes information in a form suitable for transmission, and accumulates information during periods between transmissions. It accepts both digital and analog inputs from the experiments. The analog inputs are converted by use of a 64-level digital ramp to binary numbers proportional to the analog measurements.

In addition to its functions of accumulation and analog-to-digital conversion, Telebit successively commutates data from the several experiments and thus derives a sequence of pulses which in groups characterize these experiments.

Inasmuch as it is desirable to vary the information transmission rate as the range to the payload changes, three pulse rates are provided; 1, 8, or 64 bits per second.

Where possible, the analog (vhf) and the digital (uhf) systems are both carried in the space probe to increase the versatility of the vehicle. Explorer VI carried both telemetry systems; Pioneer V carried only the digital.

Equipment provided at the four ground stations can be divided into eight general categories: antennas, diplexers, receivers, transmitters, readout and recording equipment, timers, power supply and ground-link communications.

Parabolic and helical antennas are used for space communication. Two sizes of parabolic antennas are used, 60 ft. (Hawaii) and 250 ft. (Manchester) in diameter, both for transmission and reception. The helical antennas are 21.5-turn, 5-

element arrays. All four stations employ helical arrays.

To enable the use of the same antenna for simultaneous transmission to the payload and reception from the payload, diplexers are provided at each station to separate the two signals. The high-level diplexer permits sensitive separation of the transmitted (10 Kw) and received (10^{-10} watt) signals.

This diplexer is similar to those used for television transmitters, where the visual and aural transmissions are coupled to a single antenna, but considerable simplification has been obtained by using resonant cavities as filter reactance elements.

The Manchester and Hawaii stations have high power command transmitters, and use the high-level diplexer.

The ground stations use several types of receivers for tracking and telemetry reception in the vhf or uhf range. All are phase-locked loop receivers utilizing correlation detection for recognizing weak signals, even though the signal is heavily masked by noise. The system makes use of a reference signal constructed to be a prediction of what the received signal should be; correlation techniques permit recognition of a signal that would otherwise be hidden.

As an example of receiver operation, a simplified block diagram of the Able Model 4 receiver is given in Fig. 2. As can be seen, the antenna feeds the incoming signal through a parametric amplifier and

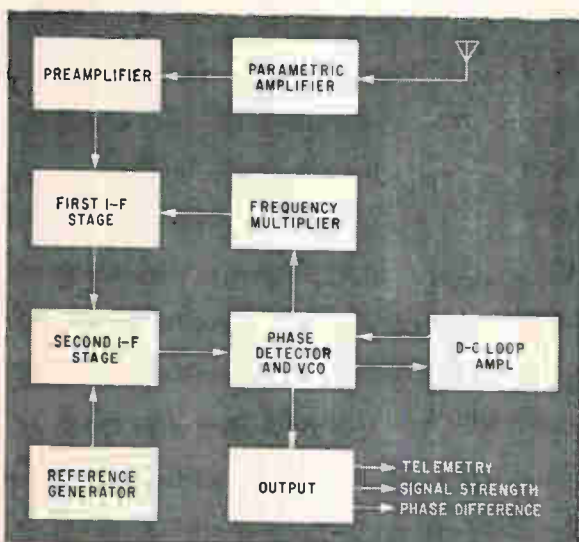
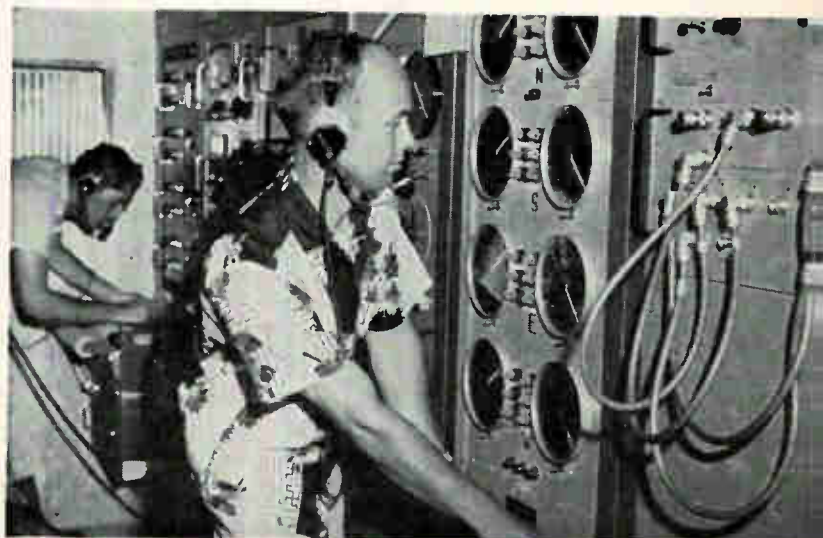
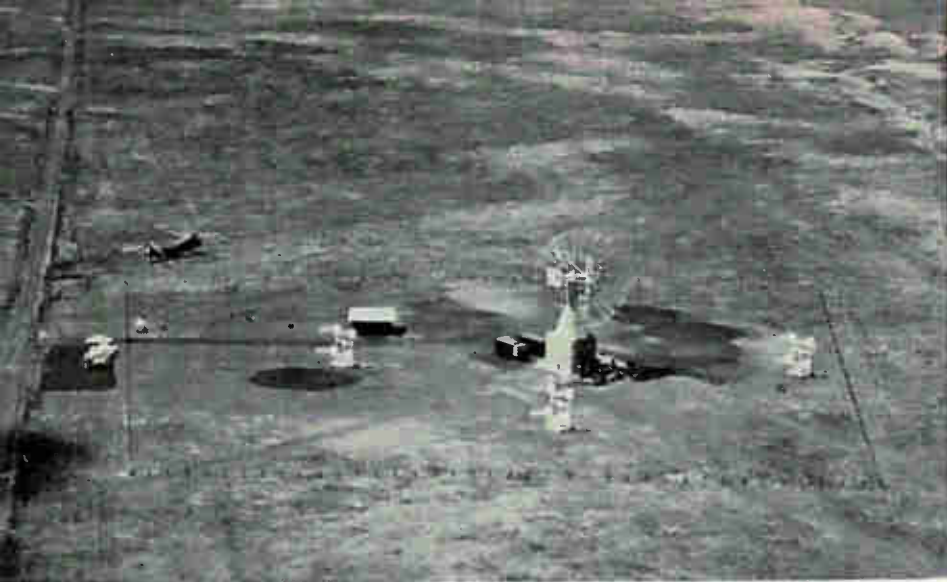


FIG. 2—Receiver has overall noise figure of 2 db, receiver carrier sensitivity of better than -160 dbm



Station manager adjusts equipment in Hawaii instrumentation van. ground station has at least one mobile van to house equipment



Unlike other three stations, Hawaiian station, which is located 40 miles south of Hilo, had to be built from scratch

a second preamplifier to the first i-f stage, where the 378-Mc frequency is mixed with a 358-Mc signal from the times-9 multiplier of the voltage controlled oscillator (vco). The resulting 20-Mc beat frequency is amplified in the first i-f amplifier and fed to the second i-f stage. Here the 20-Mc signal is mixed with a 25-Mc reference tone based on the times-5 multiplication of the 5-Mc internal reference oscillator. The resulting 5-Mc difference-frequency signal is amplified in the second i-f amplifier and then enters the phase detector.

In the phase detector a crystal filter network provides a 3-Kc band-pass filter centered at 5 Mc. This filter limits the noise bandwidth of the receiver, without appreciably attenuating the 1,024 cycle sub-carrier sideband of the carrier.

The filtered signal is limited and fed to two phase detectors to detect the amplitude of the carrier (in-phase detector) and to detect the phase modulation of the carrier (quadrature detector). The d-c voltage from the quadrature detector is a measure of the phase error between the signal and the 5-Mc reference oscillator waveform. This d-c voltage is filtered by an RC filter and then acts upon the voltage controlled oscillator to automatically tune the receiver for zero phase error.

The a-c output of the quadrature phase detector represents the telemetry phase modulation of the carrier; this signal is filtered, amplified, and fed to telemetry recording equipment.

Two principal types of trans-

mitters are used, differing principally in their power outputs (1 Kw and 10 Kw). A typical unit multiplies a 25-Mc oscillator output by two, amplifies it, and sends it to a receiver and a phase modulator. The output from the phase modulator, including an input from the command unit, is amplified, multiplied by eight, and amplified again. The 50 w, 400 Mc output of this third amplifier is raised to 10 Kw in a power amplifier and fed to the diplexer.

All telemetered data, both digital and analog, are recorded as received, along with various other items, on Ampex magnetic tape recorders running at 3.75 ips. The digital and analog forms of data are each recorded additionally in special ways.

Digital information received in the biphas-modulated form is decoded and punched into paper teletype tape, along with interlaced time signals. The decoding consists of punching into the paper tape a sequence of ONE's and ZERO's representing the original sequence of bits in the payload registers. Every minute the tape speed is doubled briefly, while four lines giving the time are inserted between five of the data lines.

Analog data from the vhf f-m/p-m telemetry are detected at the ground stations and transcribed on reproducible oscillograph paper, in parallel with the magnetic tape recording. There are two 8-channel Sanborn pen recorders for this purpose at each ground station.

The perforated tape is used to teletype quick-look digital data to

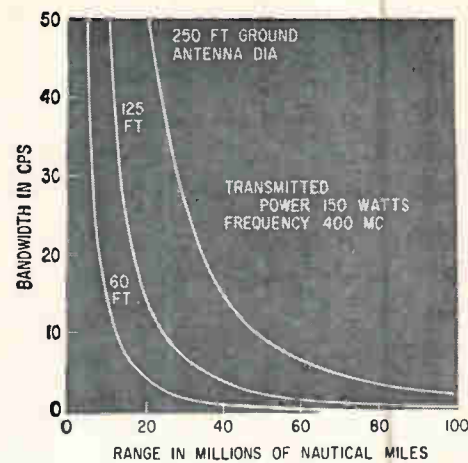


FIG. 3—Diameter of ground antenna and telemetry bandwidth effect range

Los Angeles, following which all of the data obtained are mailed.

For exact time information, the stations are provided with very-stable crystal oscillators with accuracy better than one part in 10^8 on a long-term basis.

Teletypewriters connected over commercial wires to SpaN Center are installed at each station. During launch operations, direct telephone connections to SpaN Center are also provided.

The world's largest radio telescope, the 250-foot steerable parabolic antenna of the Jodrell Bank Experimental Station, operated by the University of Manchester in England, was a natural choice for the Space Navigation Network and with the cooperation of the British was included in the network. Locating three additional stations at reasonably equidistant (in longitude) sites around the world required locations approximately 90 degrees of longitude apart beginning at the basic meridian, and, for maximum lateral coverage, as close to the equator as possible. Placing a second station with a large antenna on the opposite side of the world from Manchester would permit relatively uninterrupted coverage of a space probe as the earth turned beneath it. A feasible land mass in this general location is one of the islands of Hawaii. Since Cape Canaveral (81 degrees West) stands almost midway between Hawaii and England, and since launches generally take place there, it was also a logical choice for a site. The fourth station then had

to be opposite Florida, in the vicinity of 90 degrees East.

Having specifically located two stations, Manchester and Florida, site surveys were performed to locate the other two within the areas generally required. These surveys covered five areas of interest: radio background noise and potential radio interference, terrain and topographical features, accessibility characteristics, local services and facilities, and local political conditions.

After consideration of sites in the Philippines, New Guinea, and Australia, the cooperation of the British was further called upon by locating the Far East station in Singapore, at the Cable and Wireless, Ltd., Trafalgar Receiving Station. This location is at about 105 degrees East longitude and only about 1 degree north of the equator. The fourth station was located at the southern tip of the island of Hawaii (longitude 156 degrees West). This station began as an unoccupied and barren area.

Network operation begins before the launch of any space probe. First, nominal trajectories and antenna steering data are computed, and sent to all stations planning to track the vehicle. These are used to plan tracking periods and to aim the ground antennas until more accurate data from postlaunch tracking are available. Then, after the missile is launched, measured tracking data are teletyped to the

SpaN Center in Los Angeles, where increasingly more accurate estimates of the actual trajectory are calculated to provide refined antenna steering data to all ground stations.

As more tracking measurements are made and received, the accuracy with which the space vehicle's flight is known increases. An IBM 709 computer essentially integrates over the sum of the measurements that have been made, permitting the tracking of the vehicle to become more accurate than the individual measurements by the ground stations would permit. Thus, although the ground equipment normally has a maximum accuracy of measurement of 0.4 degree in position and 1 ft per sec in velocity, the SpaN Center within a few hours knows the vehicle's position within 0.01 degree and its velocity within 0.1 ft per sec.

Before each launch a detailed data acquisition plan is established by SpaN Center, covering the periods when the individual ground stations will track, command the various functions of the payload and record telemetry. After launch SpaN Center watches telemetered payload conditions and views these in the light of the total postlaunch conditions.

The SpaN Center serves four general purposes in the operation of the SpaN Net: it calculates trajectories from tracking data and

provides antenna steering information to the tracking stations; it monitors payload operation and directs the transmission of commands to the payload; it accepts telemetry data from the network and makes quick-look and long-range reduction and analysis of this data; and it provides a coordinating and unifying center for ground communications and operation.

Bandwidth determines the range capability of the network. The bandwidth for space communications with a payload such as Pioneer V can be found from

$$B = (P_T G_T G_R A) / [K T_o (F_N - 1) f^2 R^2 (S/N)]$$

where B is bandwidth in cps; A is a conversion factor, -37.5 db; P_T is transmitted power, 150 watts; G_T is vehicle antenna gain, typically 0 db; G_R is ground antenna gain, 47.1 db (250 ft), 34.7 db (60 ft); f is frequency in Mc, 400 Mc; R is range in nautical miles (5×10^7); F_N is noise figure of receiver and antenna (antenna 50 K, receiver 120 K; so $F_N = 2$ db); $K T_o (F_N - 1)$ is noise power per cycle; and S/N or C/N is 7.3 db for 1 percent error rate, biphase modulation.

Including -4.8 db for subcarrier level, and -10 db for cable and diplexer loss, atmospheric loss and nonoptimum equipment performance, the results shown in Fig. 3 are obtained. Here, the telemetry bandwidth is plotted against range for three antenna diameters.

The command link (ground-to-space communication) includes the 1-Kw and 10-Kw ground transmitters, but considerably less sensitive receivers. Noting these differences, the range performance can be computed as in the previous paragraph. As Fig. 5 shows, a space probe of the Able series, can be commanded to 20 million miles with a 60-foot dish, and to 70 million miles with the 250-foot dish.

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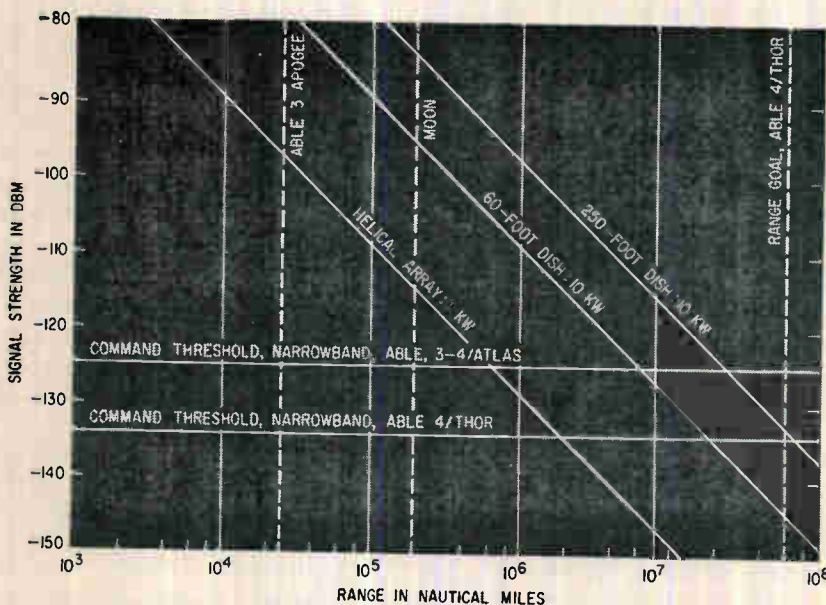


FIG. 4—Ability of network to command probes up to 70 million miles out will be tested in future Able probes

Portable Radio Uses Drift-Field Transistors

Nine transistor a-m/f-m portable uses drift-field transistors in tuner and i-f amplifier. A 25 and 140 μ v-per-meter signal produce a 20-db signal-to-noise ratio when operated on f-m or a-m respectively

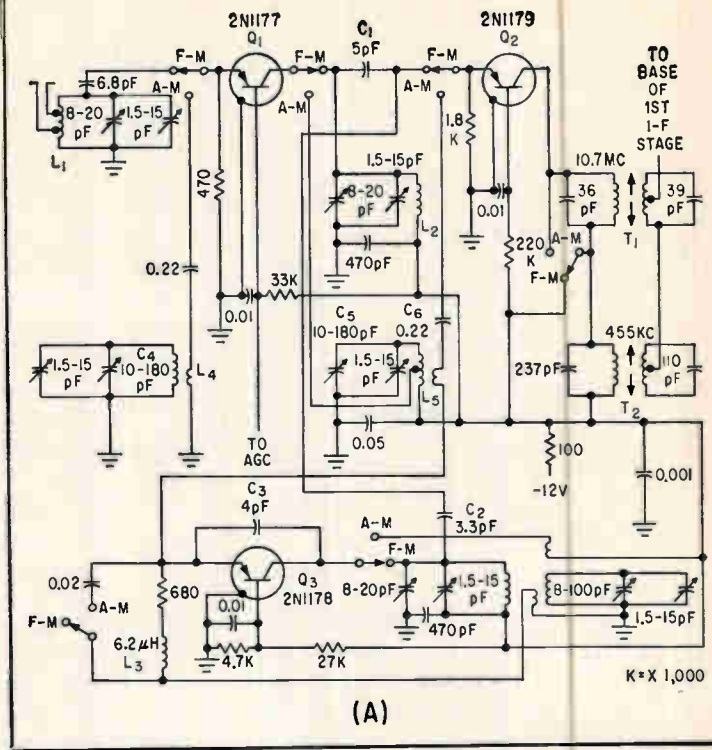


FIG. 1—Composite a-m/f-m tuner (A) and i-f strip (B) use

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DRIFT-FIELD transistors for use in the tuner and i-f-amplifier stages of f-m receivers have essentially the same construction as other drift-field transistors, except that they use smaller geometry. In addition, they require different static and dynamic characteristics to assure proper performance in their respective circuits. The combination of small physical size and the use of the drift field results in a transistor which has a small effective base width, low-feedback capacitance, high collector-breakdown voltage and is capable of oscillation and amplification in the f-m band.

The tuner of the a-m/f-m receiver shown in Fig. 1A, consists basically of r-f amplifier Q_1 , mixer Q_2 , and local oscillator Q_3 , all using drift-field transistors. These stages are switched to perform the same function on a-m as on f-m. The common-base configuration is used in all three stages because it provides higher gain than the common-emitter connection in the f-m band.¹

For f-m operation, the antenna

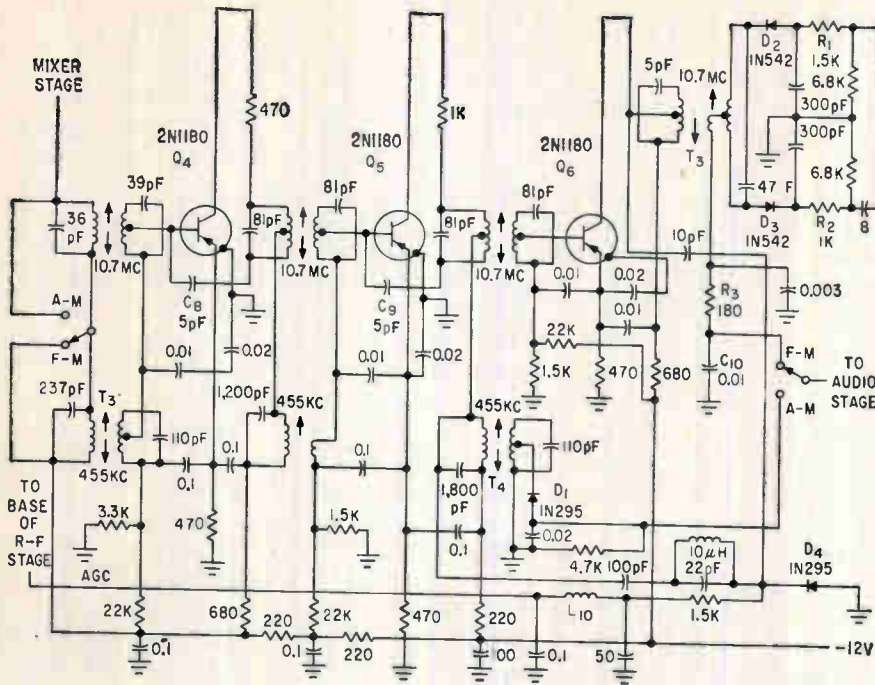
consists of a collapsible dipole, of which one side is grounded and the other connected to a tap on the r-f input coil L_1 .

The input and output coils of the r-f amplifier stage (L_1 and L_2) are designed to provide a match at 108 Mc. This design provides maximum circuit gain at the frequency at which the transistor gain is lowest and also provides a good signal-to-noise ratio by minimizing the input-circuit loss. An emitter current of 1.5 ma is used as the operating bias of the r-f stage because this value provides the best compromise between maximum available gain, good signal-to-noise ratios, and good agc (automatic gain control) performance.

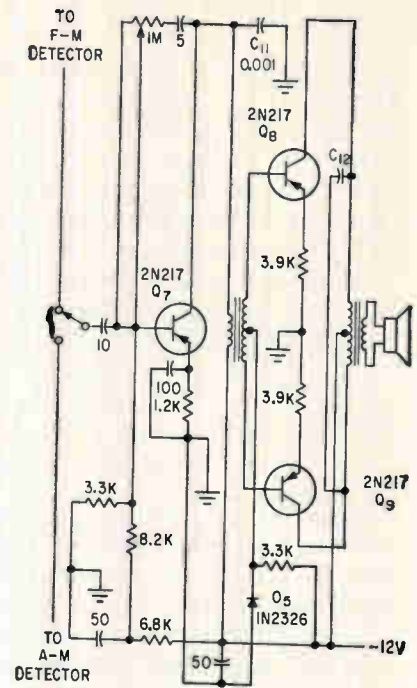
Coupling between r-f coil L_2 and mixer Q_2 is through capacitor C_1 . This coupling results in a match between the input resistance of Q_2 and the parallel combination of Q_1 output resistance and the r-f coil parallel-tuned resistance. Mixer Q_2 is operated at an emitter current of 0.6 ma and a collector-to-base voltage of -11.1 v. An oscillator voltage of approximately 125 mv is coupled to the emitter of Q_2 through C_2 . This operating point and value of injection voltage result in minimum noise contribution and maxi-

mum gain of the mixer and also avoid any tendency of the base-to-emitter junction to become reverse-biased (squegge) because of excessive oscillator swing. First r-f transformer T_1 in the collector circuit of Q_2 is designed to provide an approximate match to the output resistance of Q_2 for increased front-end gain. For f-m operation, the primary winding of the first a-m i-f transformer T_2 is shorted to prevent spurious responses and noise from passing through the a-m portion of the i-f amplifier strip.

Oscillator Q_3 uses a grounded-base circuit and requires no phase shift in the feedback network to sustain oscillation. Careful circuit design must be used to compensate for the transconductance phase shift at the highest frequency of oscillation (118.7 Mc.). Feedback from collector to emitter is obtained through capacitor C_3 . Inductor L_3 is used in the emitter-base circuit to correct for the transconductance phase shift. A fixed value of inductance may be used because the oscillator transistor phase shift is controlled. The design of the oscillator d-c bias circuit is such that the emitter current and collector-to-base voltage vary in a prescribed manner to provide oscillator-fre-



(B)



(C)

drift-field transistors. Only two i-f stages operate for a-m reception. Audio amplifier (C) has double-ended output

quency compensation with a change in supply voltage. Frequency compensation with temperature, although not included in this design, can be added by the use of a temperature-sensitive capacitor. The overall circuit gain of the front end of the receiver is 26.5 db at 88 Mc and 22.5 db at 108 Mc. The noise factor is 8 db.

For a-m operation, the r-f signal is received by the tuned circuit consisting of the ferrite-rod antenna L_s and tuning capacitor C_s . To obtain a good signal-to-noise ratio, the secondary winding of the antenna transformer is designed to match the low input impedance of the r-f stage at 1,600 Kc. The collector load consists of the tuned impedance of C_s and L_s in parallel with the reflected impedance of the mixer stage. Inductor L_s is tapped to provide adequate r-f gain with good stability and interchangeability.

The r-f signal is fed to the emitter of the mixer stage by the secondary winding of L_s , and the i-f output from the collector is fed into the primary winding of the first i-f transformer T_2 on the composite i-f amplifier strip. (For a-m operation, a switch short circuits the primary winding of first f-m transformer T_1 to prevent spurious re-

sponses from passing through the f-m portion of the i-f strip).

For a-m operation, the local oscillator is a common-base oscillator using collector-to-emitter feedback. An oscillator voltage of approximately 125 mv is coupled to the emitter of the mixer stage through C_6 . The gain of the tuner is approximately 40 db. Although considerably more than 40 db gain could be obtained, this gain is sufficient to provide an a-m sensitivity of 40 μ v per meter for an audio output of 50 mw.

The composite a-m/f-m i-f-amplifier strip², shown in Fig. 1B, consists of three drift-field transistor stages operated in the common-emitter configuration. The first two stages (Q_4 and Q_5) are neutralized for f-m operation only. Figure 2A shows the maximum available and maximum usable (based on stability considerations³) gain characteristics as functions of frequency. At 10.7 Mc, the neutralized and unneutralized gains per stage are 23 db and 20 db, respectively; at 455 Kc, gains per stage of 40 db (neutralized) and 38 db (unneutralized) may be obtained.

For good f-m selectivity, three double-tuned i-f transformers and a ratio detector are used. The de-

sign of the primary impedance of the ratio-detector transformer T_3 depends on the large-signal capabilities of the last i-f amplifier stage. This stage does not require neutralization because sufficient mismatch is provided for stability.³

A tapped primary winding cannot be used for the a-m i-f transformer because the inductance between the tap and either end of the coil would act as an r-f choke for f-m (the return for the f-m i-f coil is not bypassed). On the secondary winding, however, r-f bypass capacity C_7 is used from the return of the f-m i-f coil to the i-f emitter. The value chosen provides complete bypassing for f-m and results in a loss of only 1 db for a-m due to shunting. The total f-m i-f gain from the primary of the first f-m i-f transformer to the primary of the ratio-detector transformer is 60 db. The overall i-f bandwidth is 250 Kc at 2 times down and 900 Kc at 1,000 times down.

For a-m operation, only Q_4 and Q_5 are used, and they are operated unneutralized. In the calculation of the gain of these stages, the f-m neutralizing capacity (C_6 and C_7) must be considered as an additional feedback capacitance between the collector and base. As a result, the

maximum useable unneutralized gain shown in Fig. 2A is reduced and the amount of decrease depends on the value of the f-m neutralizing capacitor used. With the value of f-m neutralizing capacitor chosen, the maximum useable gain for two unneutralized stages is approximately 54 db (27 db per stage). The total gain from the primary of T_1 to the secondary of T_2 is approximately 50 db. The bandwidth of the i-f amplifier strip is 9 Kc at 2 times down and 40 Kc at 1,000 times down.

Point-contact germanium diode D_1 is used as the a-m detector. For the detection of small signals, maximum sensitivity and minimum distortion are obtained by passage of a forward d-c current through the diode.

A balanced ratio detector using two matched point-contact ger-

manium diodes D_2 and D_3 is used for f-m detection. Balancing resistors R_1 and R_2 provide a-m rejection for low-level signals while series resistor R_3 provides good a-m rejection for high-level signals.

Diode D_4 acts as a common age detector for both a-m and f-m operation. The diode is fed by a capacitor from the collector of the last i-f amplifier stage in each case. However, a 10.7 Mc trap is inserted in series with the a-m age line to the diode to prevent interaction between the f-m and a-m circuits. The age voltage is filtered, decoupled through r-f choke L_{11} and applied to the base of the r-f transistor.

The audio amplifier, shown in Fig. 1C, consists of a driver stage and a push-pull audio output stage. The driver uses a germanium *pn-p* alloy junction transistor Q_1 operating at a collector current of 1.5 ma

and a collector-to-emitter voltage of -10 volts. The gain of the driver stage is 44 db. The power output stage consists of Q_2 and Q_3 operated in push-pull and connected to a suitable heat sink. The output stage is capable of delivering an audio output of 1 w with less than 10 percent distortion. The bias for the output stage is established by a compensating diode D_5 which maintains an essentially constant collector idling current despite temperature or supply-voltage changes. The entire audio amplifier has a power gain of 70 db. The audio amplifier is common to both a-m and f-m and is switched to the particular detector when the tuner is switched. The standard deemphasis curve for f-m receivers is obtained through the use of C_{11} at the ratio-detector audio output, C_{12} across the driver transformer and C_{13} across the output transformer.

The sensitivity, image rejection and i-f rejection of the f-m receiver between 88 to 108 Mc is shown in Fig. 2B.

Figure 2C shows the relative power output in db on f-m operation as the input signal is varied from 2.5 μ v to 1 v.

The tuning characteristics of the f-m portion of the receiver for in-110,000 microvolts at 98 Mc is shown in Fig. 2D.

The frequency response of the f-m portion of the receiver is 3 db down at 230 cycles and 12 Kc.

Tracked sensitivity, image-rejection ratio and i-f rejection ratio as functions of frequency are shown in Fig. 2E.

The agc and noise characteristics of the receiver for a-m are shown in Fig. 2F. The receiver has a 50 db agc figure of merit (for a 5,000- μ v-per-meter reference). A signal-to-noise ratio of 20 db is obtained at approximately 140 μ v per meter. No evidence of overload was experienced for signal levels up to 500,000 μ v per meter.

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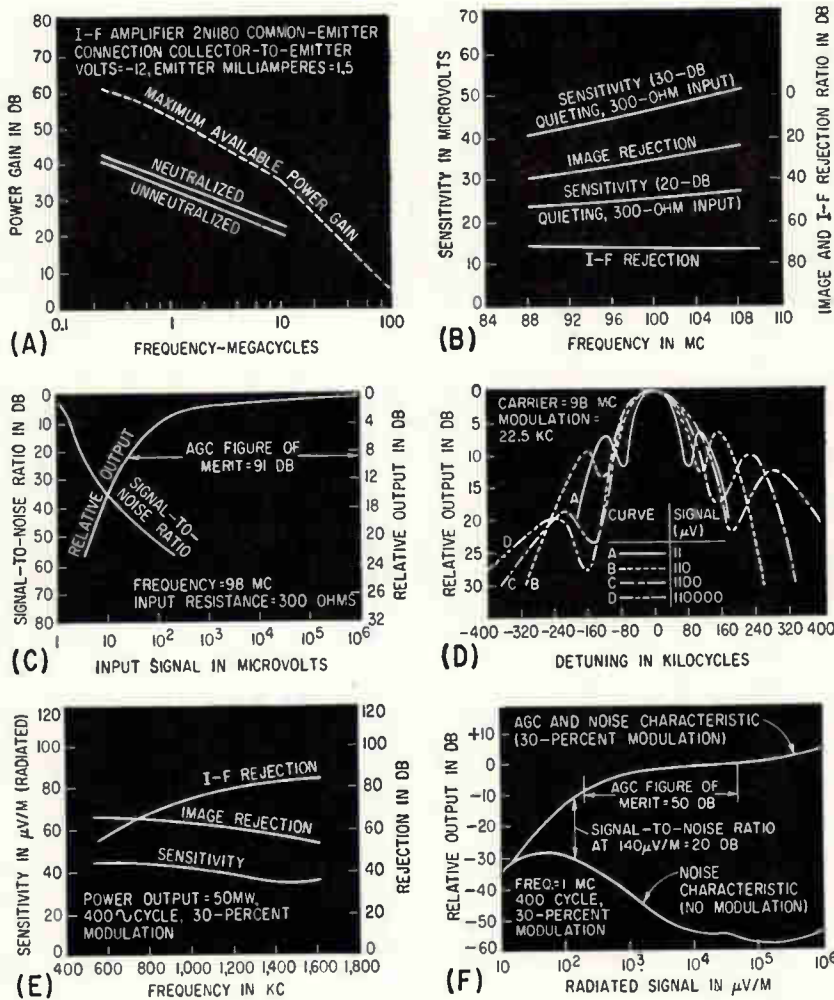


FIG. 2—Gain characteristics of 2N1180 drift transistor (A); sensitivity, image and i-f rejection for f-m (B); relative power output (C); f-m tuning characteristics (D); tracked sensitivity, image and i-f rejection as function of frequency (E); and agc and noise characteristics of a-m portion (F)

BATTERY POWERED CONVERTER RUNS MULTIPLIER PHOTOTUBE

High voltage supply is provided by a string of Cockcroft-Walton voltage doublers. Absence of bleeder resistance chain avoids quiescent current drain

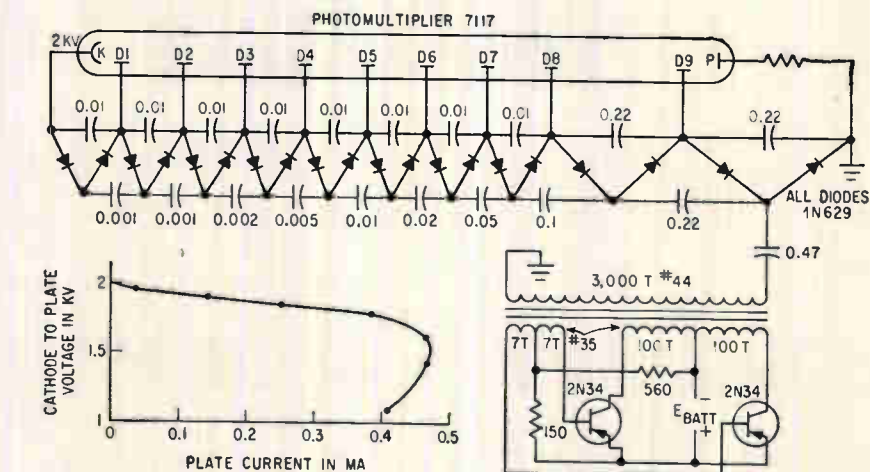
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SOMETIMES it is desirable to operate a multiplier phototube detector where there is no readily available source of power. Since most sensitive tubes require a kilovolt or more for proper operation and since this high a potential cannot be conveniently obtained from batteries directly, a d-c to d-c converter is practical.

The conventional method of operating a multiplier phototube is to provide the individual dynode voltages by using a bleeder string from a single high voltage supply. However, this method has a constant power loss owing to the quiescent point dissipation in the bleeder resistors.

The figure shows a design which effectively overcomes the quiescent power loss and provides a more constant dynode voltage. The individual dynode voltages are obtained by multiplying the input a-c voltage through a series of half-wave doublers. This Cockcroft-Walton string charges each dynode capacitor to approximately the peak value of the a-c secondary voltage. A 9-stage multiplier phototube will require 10 such doubler stages and will be provided with a cathode-to-plate voltage of 10 times the peak-to-peak a-c voltage on the secondary.

A feature of the type of power supply shown in the figure is that each of the stages is supplied from a source whose impedance is proportional to current demand. The cathode current, which is the lowest of all the dynode currents, is supplied from the last stage of the Cockcroft-Walton string. This last doubler stage, which has the lowest



Free running oscillator gives initial boost to battery voltage which is thereafter raised by multiplier chain; regulation curve shows reasonable constancy of output up to about 0.4 ma plate current

current capabilities, is called on to provide the least current. Likewise, the plate-to-first-dynode doubler stage, which is called on to supply the load, is driven directly from the secondary of the transformer and has the best regulation.

The design of the flip-flop circuit in the power supply is conventional with the exception of its regulation. It is a magnetic coupled multivibrator in which the amount of feedback is controlled so that for a certain secondary loading the supply operates only part of the time. This results in a current limiting supply.

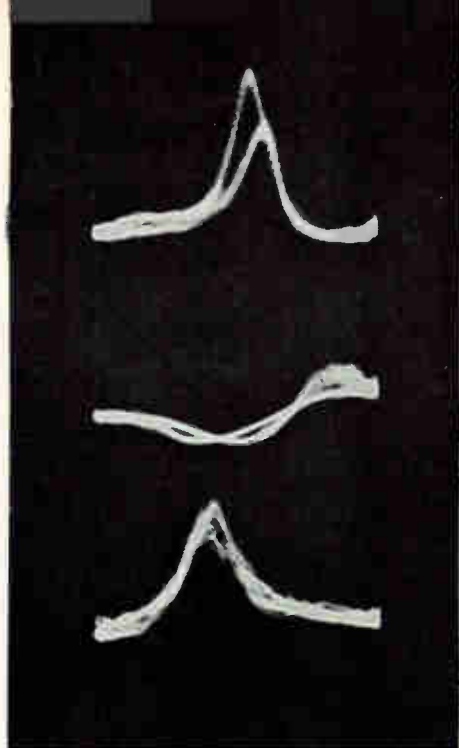
This type of regulation is desirable for tube operation since high quiescent currents can lower tube life.

The design shown in figure uses a 7117 tube; battery voltage ranges from 2.5 to 3 volts, using two mercury cells (2.7 volts) to

give a dynode-to-dynode voltage of 200 volts. Silicon diodes (1N629) are used in the multiplier section because of their low back current. The dynode capacitors are graded according to the current drain on each stage. The converter core is a 0.001-in. tape-wound toroid 1 inch in diameter and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch high. The power supply regulation characteristic is shown in the figure. The total current drain with no illumination is approximately 20-ma while at saturation level the current drain is 60-ma.

Silicon solar cells have been used in conjunction with Nickel-cadmium alkaline batteries to operate the tube. Using a 2.6-volt battery and six solar cells, the unit can be operated in daylight without using battery energy. A charging diode will prevent discharge of the batteries through the unilluminated solar cells.

Each trace width (frequency) corresponds to less than 2 deg C. Top trace shows central response, which represents correct temperature; lower two traces show first two sidebands



The r-f energy that a chlorine molecule absorbs depends on its temperature. This is the principle used in designing a new instrument for temperature telemetry

Using Nuclear

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USING nuclear-resonance spectra in solids, the temperature-sensing system described here maintains constant calibration as long as the electronics portion of the instrument works.

The spectra used are nuclear quadrupole resonance (NQR) r-f absorption lines whose frequencies decrease smoothly with temperature.¹ The temperature-frequency relation is determined by the molecular properties of the compound that is used as a temperature probe; thus the relation is essentially fixed for all samples of that chemical for all time. An electronic spectrometer seeks out the NQR frequency and then transmits it. Frequency measurements are made at the monitoring station, assuring that conversion to temperatures is reliable.

Although the rudimentary system that is described below is intended for measurements that are accurate to a few tenths of a degree, more elaborate equipment has been used in laboratory measurements to attain a precision of a few thousandths of a degree.² Un-

doubtedly, more complex circuits could be designed to provide comparable precision in a telemetering unit.

The NQR temperature-measuring technique has its drawbacks, but its unique properties could make it invaluable if a long-term series of measurements at an inaccessible spot were required. Such a requirement might be encountered for a permanent unmanned weather station, for long-range space exploration, or for continuous measurements on the ocean floor. For any such application the probe itself could guarantee well-calibrated telemetered data for decades, or even centuries, if the long-life electronics were available.

In converting the quantity to be measured directly into a frequency that can be telemetered, the NQR instrument resembles the nuclear- or electron-resonance magnetometers. In the nuclear magnetometer the resonance frequency is determined by the product of the magnetic field and the magnetic dipole moment of the nucleus. The NQR frequency is determined by the interaction of the electric quadrupole moment of the nucleus with the electrostatic field gradient that is produced by electrons immediately around it, that is, by the electrons in its own atom. The thermal vibrations of the molecules have the effect of smearing out the field

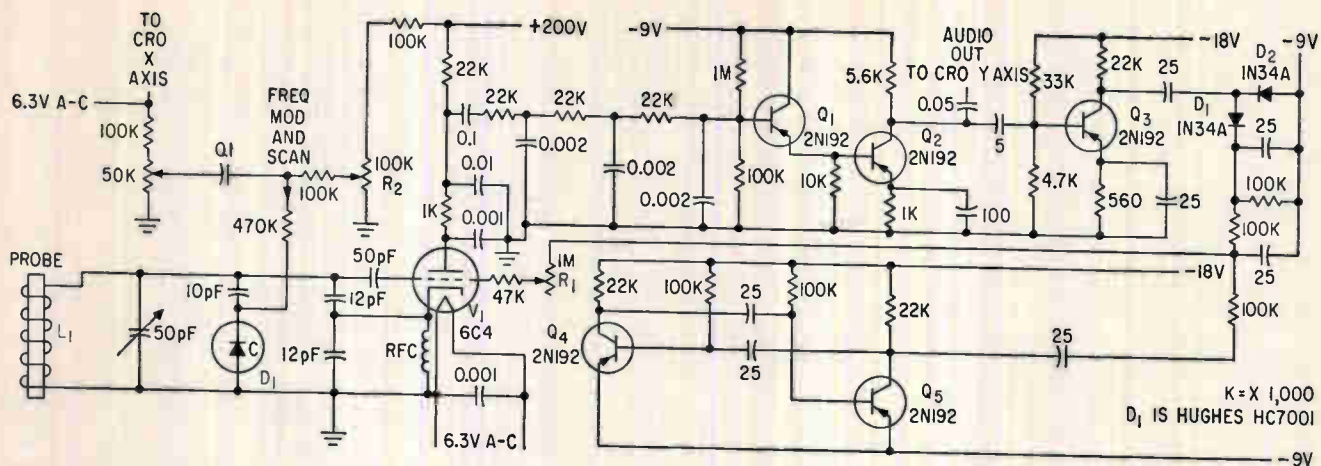
gradient which otherwise would be a fixed quantity for a stable molecule; thus thermal vibrations reduce the resonance frequency by an amount that depends on the average vibration amplitude.

Generally, the NQR frequency range that is involved depends on the nuclear species that is used. The spectrometer described is designed for resonances of Cl³⁵, which lie in the band of roughly 20-40 Mc for a convenient class of compounds. The particular probe compound that is chosen determines the narrower region within this band in which the resonance will lie; different molecular structures result in somewhat different electron distributions on the chlorine atoms.

An excellent choice for a probe material seems to be KClO₃. This compound is stable, has a simple singlet spectrum, and its line width is narrow relative to the rate of change of NQR frequency with temperature. For this compound, the resonance frequency is 28.2134 Mc, the line width is 500 cps, and the temperature dependence is approximately -4.8 Kc/degree, at 0 C.²

Because only the molecular structure and the local crystal structure are important, the NQR spectrum is practically independent of the size of the individual grains of the probe compound, and ordinary commercial powdered samples may be

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Temperature-sensing instrument is remotely located from display unit and some of its supply voltages

Resonance to Sense Temperature

used. An impurity which creates a local imperfection in the crystal structure greatly alters the NQR frequency in the adjacent molecules, increasing it for some and decreasing it for others, thus tending to broaden the observed spectral line. However in the usual commercial pure grades this effect is ordinarily so small that it can be ignored. A few studies have shown that severe radiation damage has the same effect on NQR as a high impurity level.

The NQR instrument is built around a self-quenched superregenerative r-f spectrometer. The probe material, which is contained in a 1/2-in. diam vial, is placed inside coil L_1 of the tank circuit, since it is sensitive only to the r-f magnetic field. Action of the probe can be understood by thinking of it as a separate single-tuned circuit at the NQR frequency, with a high Q to correspond to the width of the NQR absorption line, and with weak inductive coupling to the oscillator tank. If the spectrometer oscillator (V_1) is tuned to the right frequency, each oscillator pulse sets up oscillations in the probe which persist long enough to affect the starting voltage for the next oscillator pulse. In this way, signals from the probe correspond to the signal from the antenna in a superregenerative receiver, the detection processes in the two cases being

similar.³ Unlike communications receivers, the spectrometer is ordinarily operated in the coherent mode, in which the superregenerator circuit responds whenever the NQR frequency matches the frequency of any one of the components in the Fourier spectrum of the r-f pulse from the oscillator.

Other spectrometers which have been used for NQR are basically the same as grid-dip meters. In such circuits the absorption of power by the sample causes a tiny decrease in the c-w oscillation amplitude, which is then detected in a conventional manner. The simple response of such a circuit to a resonance would be preferable to the many sideband responses of the superregenerative, and undoubtedly a suitable c-w circuit could be engineered for a temperature-sensing unit. However, the c-w circuits only rarely approach the signal-to-noise ratio for NQR which the superregenerative has, and they tend to be trickier and more difficult to keep in adjustment.

After plate detection and low-pass filtering to suppress the quench frequency, the signal goes to a two-stage audio amplifier (Q_1 , Q_2) whose output signal indicates whether the spectrometer is on a nuclear resonance frequency. Audio stage Q_3 and diodes D_1 and D_2 fix the grid return voltage for V_1 , thus controlling the quench rate.

The effective gain of the superregenerative detector in the coherent mode varies strongly with the quench rate, both for circuit noise and for the slightly larger NQR responses; thus the quench can be stabilized by what is a simple audio age circuit. In the laboratory such stabilization is usually unnecessary, but it is required when large changes in ambients are anticipated or when wide r-f bands must be explored.

It is necessary to set the quench rate initially, in the coherent mode, by adjusting grid resistor R_1 . In the coherent mode the transient ringing of the tank circuit from one pulse is still above noise level when the tube is turned on for the next pulse, whereas in the incoherent mode the time between pulses is made long enough for this ringing to decay below the noise level. The transition between modes can be heard on a c-w receiver, since the r-f that is radiated by the spectrometer changes from a broad band of noise for the incoherent mode to a clean spectrum of a center frequency plus sidebands for the coherent mode. The transition can also be noted in the audio output from the spectrometer, since the effective audio gain for noise is large and fairly constant in the incoherent mode, but begins to drop rapidly and steadily as the quench rate is increased through the co-

herent region. Since the signal-to-noise ratio is relatively constant over a wide range of coherent quench rates, the adjustment is not critical.

Multivibrator Q_4 , Q_5 generates a crude slow triangular voltage which is added to the quench stabilization voltage. This triangular voltage modulates the quench rate around the average value which is set by the stabilization circuit. Thus the r-f sidebands are forced to move constantly towards and away from the center frequency, making it easy to distinguish them from the center frequency. Motion of the sidebands on the display cro shows which of the apparent resonances corresponds to the true NQR line. The resulting fluctuation of the audio gain is distracting, but it is not a serious nuisance because the noise figure is not appreciably affected. A compressor circuit with a short response time could be added after the audio output to suppress the gain fluctuations.

In this rudimentary temperature-sensing system, the two frequency-control voltage sources were not mounted on the remote chassis although they could easily have been placed on this chassis. These voltage sources provide a small 60-cps frequency modulation of the r-f and a slow scan over the range of NQR frequencies which corresponds to the possible temperatures that are expected. The sum of these voltages is applied to D_1 , a silicon voltage-sensitive capacitor in the tank circuit. The 60-cps modulation amplitude is usually set for a few kilocycles peak-to-peak-excursion. With a 60-cps voltage of the same phase on the x axis, and the audio output on the y axis of a cro, a plot of output against frequency over this narrow band may be seen (see the photograph). A slow scan applied to the x axis gives the effect of moving the complete output-against-frequency plot slowly across the field of view. In this simple system, the operator produces the scan manually, by slowly turning R_2 , a 100,000-ohm potentiometer.

In the instrument described here, the remote unit was connected to the cro by a cable. Since the audio signal is actually present

as a small modulation of the r-f that is radiated by the spectrometer, the cable connections to the measuring equipment can be replaced by a broad-band receiver. However, in practice the radiation from the spectrometer is so weak, and the audio modulation of it so small, that a power amplifier would be necessary for transmission over any appreciable distance. Probably a harmonic of the spectrometer r-f would have to be broadcast to prevent the strong signal from interfering with the operation of the spectrometer. Presumably the r-f amplifier stage could be modulated by the amplified audio signal, to provide a more realistic modulation amplitude to deal with at the receiving station.

In looking for the resonance, the central component of the r-f spectrum that is generated by the spectrometer is best located at the outset on a frequency meter, and then followed as the spectrometer gradually scans through the frequency band seeking the resonance. Some of the sideband responses to the NQR absorption are shown in the photograph (for NaClO_4 at about 29 Mc) as they appear on the cro without quench modulation by Q_4 and Q_5 ; the effect of quench modulation is to force all but the true resonance to wander back and forth across the cro. Each trace was photographed at a different time.

For a measurement of frequency, the frequency meter should be zero beat with the spectrometer at precisely the point of the 60-cps modulation cycle where the NQR absorption appears. A simple way to do this when the spectrometer is nearby is to leak some r-f from the frequency meter into the spectrometer chassis, which then detects both the zero beat frequency meter signal and the NQR signal and presents the results on the cro. The modulation of the quench frequency insures that the zero beat and the NQR signals can be kept aligned only for the correct choice of center frequencies for the two signals.

The only construction detail of particular importance is a strict adherence to the rule of short leads and clean geometry in the superregenerative stage. Any tendency toward parasitic oscillations seri-

ously impairs the performance of the instrument, apparently because of the confusion such oscillations cause at the start of each pulse, which is precisely when the detection process is occurring.

In testing this instrument, the transistor batteries were packaged with the remote unit, but the 6C4 power and the frequency control voltage were supplied to the chassis through the same cable that brings the audio output signal back to the cro. Grid resistor R_1 was set for reasonable coherence in the laboratory, and the main tuning capacitor, set to make the slow frequency scan encompass both the laboratory temperature and the outdoor temperatures. The instrument was then placed in the snow on the roof of the adjoining building, a few feet from the laboratory window. No subsequent adjustment has been required.

Although the transistor current was left on, the power can be completely shut off except when the temperature is to be measured, thus minimizing the heat that is delivered to the probe compound by the adjacent electronics. The instrument will operate properly as soon as the 6C4 heater is up to temperature and the capacitors have acquired their normal operating voltages.

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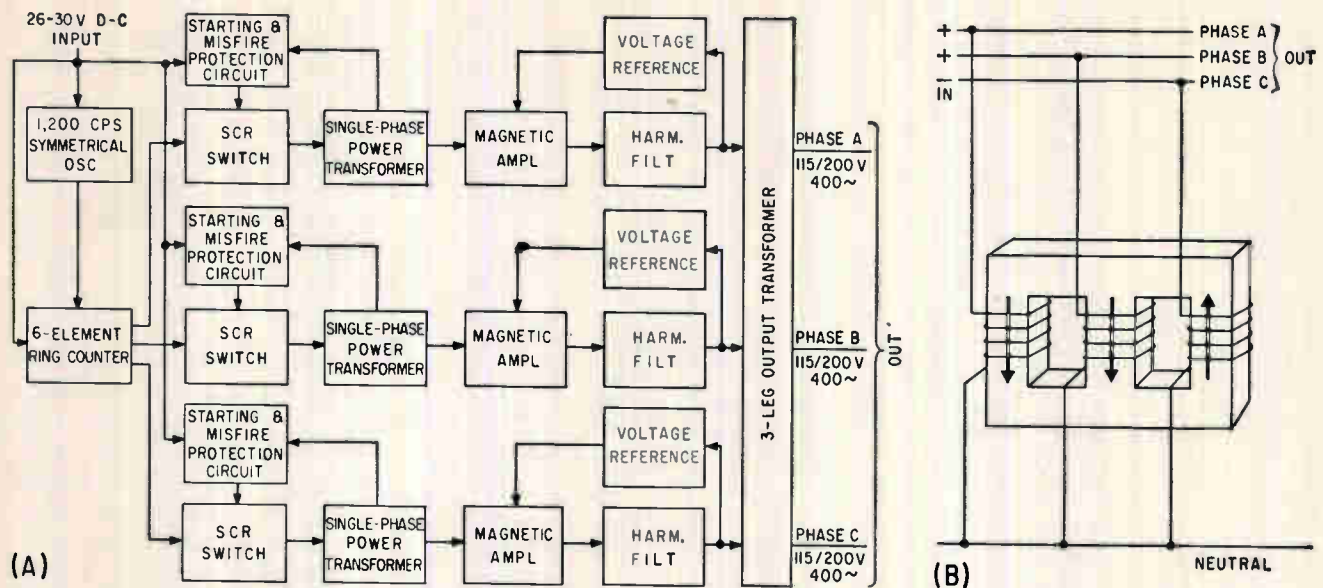


FIG. 1—Three-phase silicon controlled rectifier static inverter (A) uses three-legged autotransformer (B)

STATIC INVERTER DELIVERS REGULATED 3-PHASE POWER

Use of silicon controlled rectifier results in high overload capacity, fewer components. Magnetic amplifier as regulating reactive element yields high efficiency

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THE 3-PHASE inverter described in this article uses silicon-controlled rectifiers (SCR's) in conjunction with magnetic amplifiers, static devices having many advantages over rotating devices.¹

Static devices are lighter than rotating machinery, require less servicing and have no brushes. The efficiency of static devices is considerably higher. Also, they are more rugged in the face of vibration and shock and, having no heavy components such as a rotor and a stator, lend themselves to printed circuit design and mass production methods.

Figure 1A shows that, basically, the frequency determining element is a symmetrical Hartley 1,200-cps oscillator. The oscillator pulse is fed into a six-element ring counter which consists of three flip-flops.

The ring counter supplies the control signal for three phases in proper rotation. In Fig. 1A, the SCR switch is represented by three blocks, one block for each phase. The pulse is steered into each of these SCR switches so that the state of that switch is changed at the proper timing interval.

The voltage from each SCR switch is fed to a single-phase power transformer which, in this case, transforms the voltage from 26 to approximately 150 volts. The output then goes into the magnetic amplifiers for regulation before entering the harmonic filters.

Coming out of the SCR and the power transformer is a square wave. The magamp delays part of the leading edge of the square wave slightly, and the filters attenuate the harmonics. From the filters, the output goes to the three-legged transformers.

This process regulates each of the three phases separately to 115 volts. The SCR switch itself, on the front end, is driven in the usual manner. Once every 1/2,400 second, one of these three switches changes state. When the three voltages finally reach the three-legged autotransformer, the phase between them may not be exactly 120 degrees. The three-phase autotransformer will, then, provide an exact 120-degree phase shift, provided that the three voltages are equal.

The three-phase autotransformer

is supplied by three sources. The sum of the fluxes in the three legs of this core must add up to zero, or flux will be discharged into the air. Hence, if the three voltages coming in from the left side (see Fig. 1B) are exactly equal in magnitude and approximately 120 degrees out of phase, this three-phase core will equalize the voltages to exactly 120 degrees out of phase.

If one of the three phases should be slightly more or less than 120 degrees out, the other two phases will supply reactive energy into that phase to bring it back to 120 degrees. In the event that the voltage of one of the phases, for example, from line to neutral, is not exactly equal in magnitude to the other two phases, then the vector sum still must equal zero. Individ-

ual phase regulation permits balancing of highly unbalanced loads.

Figure 2A represents the basic SCR switch consisting of switch Q_1 and switch Q_2 . Assuming that Q_1 is conducting, to bring it to the cutoff state, controlled rectifier Q_2 must begin to conduct and, at the same time, the gate signal must be removed from Q_1 . Thus, the anode current is momentarily shunted from Q_1 so that Q_1 will cutoff; this process is explained below.

Also shown in Fig. 2A is the single-phase power transformer, which brings the voltage from about 28 (or 26) volts to approximately 150 volts. The transformer is wound in a special fashion, and it is necessary for the primary to have a high series inductance. Thus, when Q_2 begins to conduct and cur-

rent starts flowing through the commutating capacitor, there is little current increase in the primary because of its high inductance, so that the anode current in Q_1 is momentarily brought to zero by a pulse through the commutating capacitor, which discharges to ground through Q_2 .

The single-phase power transformer consists of a primary, a secondary, and a tertiary. The tertiary winding has two rectifiers placed across it, which feed into the battery. The ratio of turns between the tertiary and the primary is approximately 1:1 (the tertiary has a few turns less than the primary). The purpose of the tertiary is to reduce spikes that occur across the transformer primary; these spikes will also appear across the tertiary and, hence, will be fed back into the battery. In the case illustrated by Fig. 2A, the control signal to the SCR's cannot be a pulse, but must be a square wave.

Let it be assumed that a lagging power factor load is placed on the secondary of the transformer. Assume Q_1 is conducting, the current being indicated in Fig. 2A by arrows. Then Q_2 receives a triggering signal, causing it to conduct for a moment. The result is that a surge of current passes through the commutating capacitor, and Q_1 cuts off. The lagging current still tries to pass through Q_1 which, however, has been cut off and does not receive a gate signal. Since the lagging part of the power factor current has to go some place, it spills over into the tertiary and back into the battery. Therefore, the reactive power returns to the battery, and the resistive power is supplied from the battery.

The same reasoning can also be applied to leading power factor loads. In the presence of a leading power factor, the current will reverse before Q_2 conducts; again, the reactive part of the current will spill over into the battery by way of the tertiary.

Commutation will only proceed correctly, when the transformer is not in the saturated condition. Fig. 2B shows what might occur during starts. If the SCR is turned on at a time when a full 180-degree square wave appears across Q_1 , then

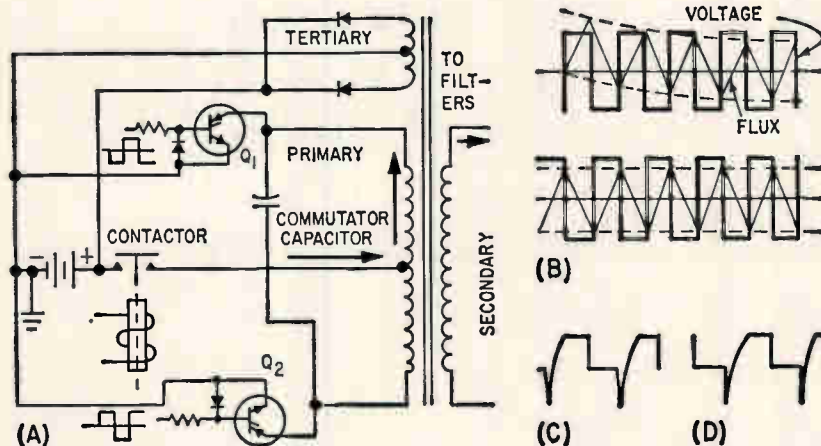


Fig. 2—Basic switching circuit (A). Transformer starting characteristics (B) show two possible conditions. Voltage waveforms in (C) and (D) are for Q_1 and Q_2 , respectively

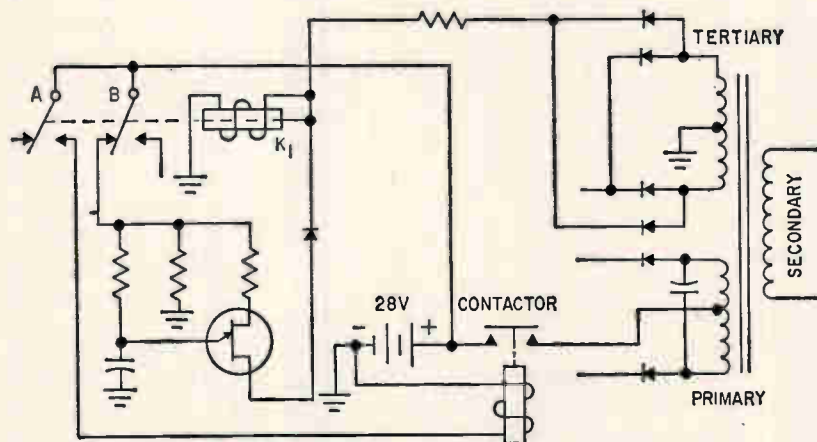


FIG. 3—Starting and protection circuit protects from misfires, double fires and overloads

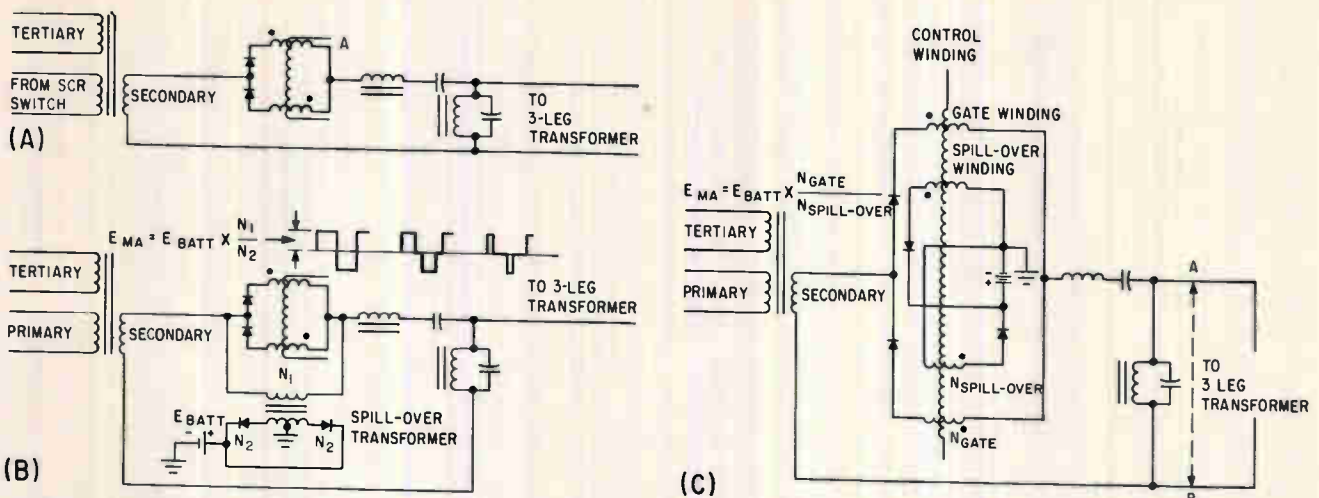


FIG. 4—Basic magnetic amplifier (A) is modified by adding external spill-over transformer (B) and then modified by adding integral limiting windings, which consist of the gate and spillover windings (C)

the transformer flux will go from zero to some certain value. Afterward, the average flux value will decay to a steady-state value. Should the SCR be turned on at a time when less than 180 degrees of square wave is applied on Q_1 , then the flux will not have this high temporary excursion. It might happen that the transformer will saturate in the first condition under turn-on. If so, no commutation will take place, and a misfire condition results. In that case, either Q_1 or Q_2 or both may conduct permanently and a short will result. The battery must be removed from the short.

Such a short is actually removed from the battery by a contactor. The contactor break time has to be related to the impedance of the battery, the overload current curve of the rectifier, the battery voltage and so forth.

It is important that the transformer be designed with a highly inductive primary and, also, that the transformer does not saturate during starts. Statistically, the number of misfires that may occur is proportional to the size of the transformer, related to the amount of iron and the number of turns on the primary.

Figures 2C and 2D show the voltage wave shapes which appear across the SCR's, when they are commutating correctly. As Q_2 goes into conduction, Q_1 gets a high negative voltage surge, which occurs as a result of the current created by the capacitor discharge. SCR Q_1 then goes into a non-conducting state, and the voltage

across Q_2 becomes twice the battery voltage or, in this case, approximately 56 volts. The rise time of the negative surge has to be shaped correctly; it should last at least 20 microseconds so that the SCR can cut off.

The importance of controlling these rectifiers with square waves is evident, because if a lagging power factor load is used and Q_2 gets a gate signal and for instance, the current is still going the way shown by the arrows although it is not yet ready to pass through Q_2 , but charges the battery via the tertiary. The gate signal has to be applied to Q_2 until the current reverses and is ready to pass through Q_2 . Therefore, in this type of circuit, pulses on the gates cannot be accepted—only square waves.

The starting and holding circuit is shown in Fig. 3. Suppose that 28 volts is being supplied to start up the unit. The voltage goes into contact B of the relay and charges the capacitor. After approximately 0.1 second, the unijunction transistor breaks over and passes a short surge into relay K_1 . The relay pulls in and contact A thereupon applies power to the contactor.

As the contactor goes in, power is applied to the SCR; as this starts switching, power comes back from the tertiary into the relay, holding the latter in. Therefore, the contactor remains in. In the event of a misfire, the tertiary will not get any a-c voltage, the relay will not remain closed, and the contactor will immediately drop out again. The opening time of the contactor

is fast enough to prevent any damage to the SCR's.

Should a permanent fault be present in the system, when the relay pulls in, no voltage will be supplied from the tertiary and the relay immediately drops out again. This action repeats itself until the fault is cleared, and the unit starts functioning correctly. Hence, the starting and holding circuit is self-protecting and self-locking. It protects itself from misfires, double fires, and overloads.

The square wave leaves the power transformer and enters the magnetic amplifier. In series with the magnetic amplifier is a combination of series and parallel filters that is effective in producing a low harmonic content, as discussed below. However, the magnetic amplifier has a thyatron-like characteristic in that it is either fully conducting or it is not conducting at all. During part of the controlled cycle, the magnetic amplifier may be in the nonconductive state. The action of the series filter is such that high voltage spikes result on point A of Fig. 4A. High losses are incurred with concomitant inefficiency.

Losses resulting from high voltage spikes can be corrected by putting a spill-over transformer across the magnetic amplifier. This spill-over transformer has a primary and a secondary. The secondary is similar to the tertiary of the power transformer connected across the battery. The voltage across the winding with N_1 (Fig. 4B) turns is equal to the voltage of the bat-

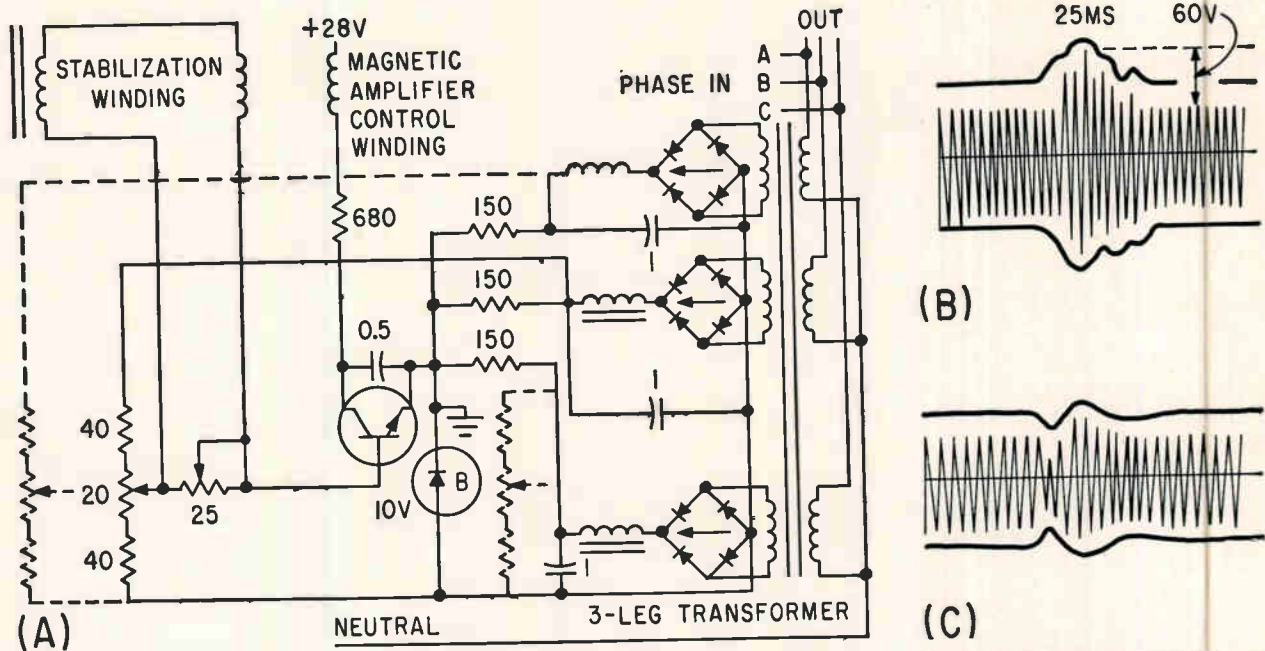


FIG. 5—Voltage regulatory circuit (A) provides 25-ms recovery time when load is switched from 2.5 amp to zero load (B) and short dip with application of load from 0 to 2.5 amp (C); vertical scale is 100 p/cm and horizontal is 25 ms/cm

tery multiplied by the turns ratio. Thus, the voltage across the magnetic amplifier momentarily cannot go any higher than the battery voltage times the turns ratio, N_1/N_2 , as indicated in Fig. 4B.

The voltage waveshapes shown in Fig. 4B appear across the magamp and are related to three different states of control. In the first one, the magamp takes up the maximum amount of voltage and cannot absorb any more than N_1/N_2 times the battery voltage. In the next one, the magnetic amplifier saturates after about two-thirds of the half-cycle and, in the third waveshape, it saturates over about one-fourth of the half-cycle. Note that no voltage spikes appear.

The spill-over transformer has, basically, the same volt-ampere rating as a magnetic amplifier. Since it is heavy and cumbersome, a spike limiting circuit is incorporated in the magnetic amplifier, which takes the place of the spill-over transformer as shown in Fig. 4C. There is a gate winding over each core, a control winding over both cores and the spillover winding wound on top of each gate winding. Again, the spill-over windings are connected like a centertap transformer and connected back into the battery by way

of a set of rectifiers.

The voltage across the gate winding is limited to the spill-over winding voltage multiplied by the turns ratio. Hence, maximum the voltage across the magamp is equal to the battery voltage times $N_{gate}/N_{spill-over}$, and no peaks can get across the magamp.

If a short circuit is placed across A and B (Fig. 4C), that is, across the output, some limiting appears desirable. Simply, the design of the series inductance and capacitance filters is such that a certain current level saturates the inductance and detunes the filter. Being detuned, the filter presents a high impedance to the 400-cps current. Thus, the maximum current that could pass through this circuit is approximated by a value which saturates the inductance.

Figure 5A shows how the inverter is regulated. On the right-hand side is the three-legged autotransformer. The regulating circuit shown is the one associated with the center phase. The autotransformer has 3 small extra windings wound on legs related to phases A, B and C; each winding supplies about 28 volts. As noted previously, the autotransformer is for phase correction. Basically, each one of the winding voltages is rectified and then placed

across a bridge. The three bridges have one common Zener diode as the non-linear element. A silicon transistor, whose base is placed on the voltage adjustment potentiometer, is used to amplify the unbalance in each bridge. If the Zener diode should drift, the three phases will drift together. Should the output increase, the base becomes slightly positive in relation to the emitter, current is drawn in this transistor, and fed through the magamp control winding. This current desaturates the magamp, reducing the output voltage. The capacitor across the collector-emitter attenuates spikes across the transistor.

Stabilization is done by using a separate winding across the control winding of the magnetic amplifier and feeding it back into the base of the transistor by means of a simple lag. A lag in the feedback is like a lead in the forward direction; it provides stabilization. Figure 5B and 5C show the recovery time of this circuit. When the load is reduced from 2.5 amperes to zero, the recovery time is 25 msec to full regulation, with an overshoot of about 60 volts. With the application of load from zero to 2.5 there is a short dip and a recovery time of about 10 msec.

Figure 6 shows the six-element ring counter. There are three flip-flops, consisting of Q_1 - Q_4 , Q_2 - Q_5 , and Q_3 - Q_6 . One transistor of each pair conducts. A pulse coming in from the oscillator every 1/2,400 second will produce either a positive pulse in one of the upper three resistors or a positive pulse 1/2,400 second later in one of the lower three resistors.

If it is assumed, for instance, that Q_1 goes into a state of cut-off, a positive voltage will appear across the collector of Q_1 . Since the 0.068- μ f capacitor supplies a time lag, a short time later a positive voltage will also appear at the base of Q_5 . The slightly-positive voltage on the base of Q_5 is not enough to bring Q_5 into the conductive region. Only the sum of this positive voltage, plus the oscillator pulse, will bring it into the conductive region. The bases of the two cutoff transistors that will not be the ones switched on, Q_1 and Q_6 , are at about -3 v (V_{be}). The base voltage (V_{be}) of the transistor getting ready to conduct (Q_5) is -1 v. The oscillator

pulse, which is of the order of $+2$ v, brings the base voltage to $+1$ v, reversing flip-flop Q_2 - Q_5 .

By having three individually regulated phases, good regulation is obtained over the load range and on unbalanced loads. Magnetic amplifiers result in a reactive element as a regulating medium and, therefore, yields high efficiency. By the combination of series and parallel tuned filters, there is an extremely low harmonic content.

The three-legged output transformer presents an added feature in that any aging of the filters, which would result in a phase shift of one phase in relation to another, would be equalized in the auto-transformer.

The unit will not be damaged by a high battery transient voltage, because a controlled rectifier can be chosen up to 400 volts inverse voltage, if needed. Therefore, 200 to 300 volts inverse voltage will give between a 100-volt and a 150-volt battery transient.

The regulated output does not vary any more than between $115\frac{1}{2}$

and 114 volts, except at $1\frac{1}{2}$ times overload. At this overload point, the output voltage is 110 volts.

The harmonic content, normally below two percent from line to neutral, is even less from line to line. The efficiencies range between 70 and 75 percent, depending on the input voltage and the load applied.

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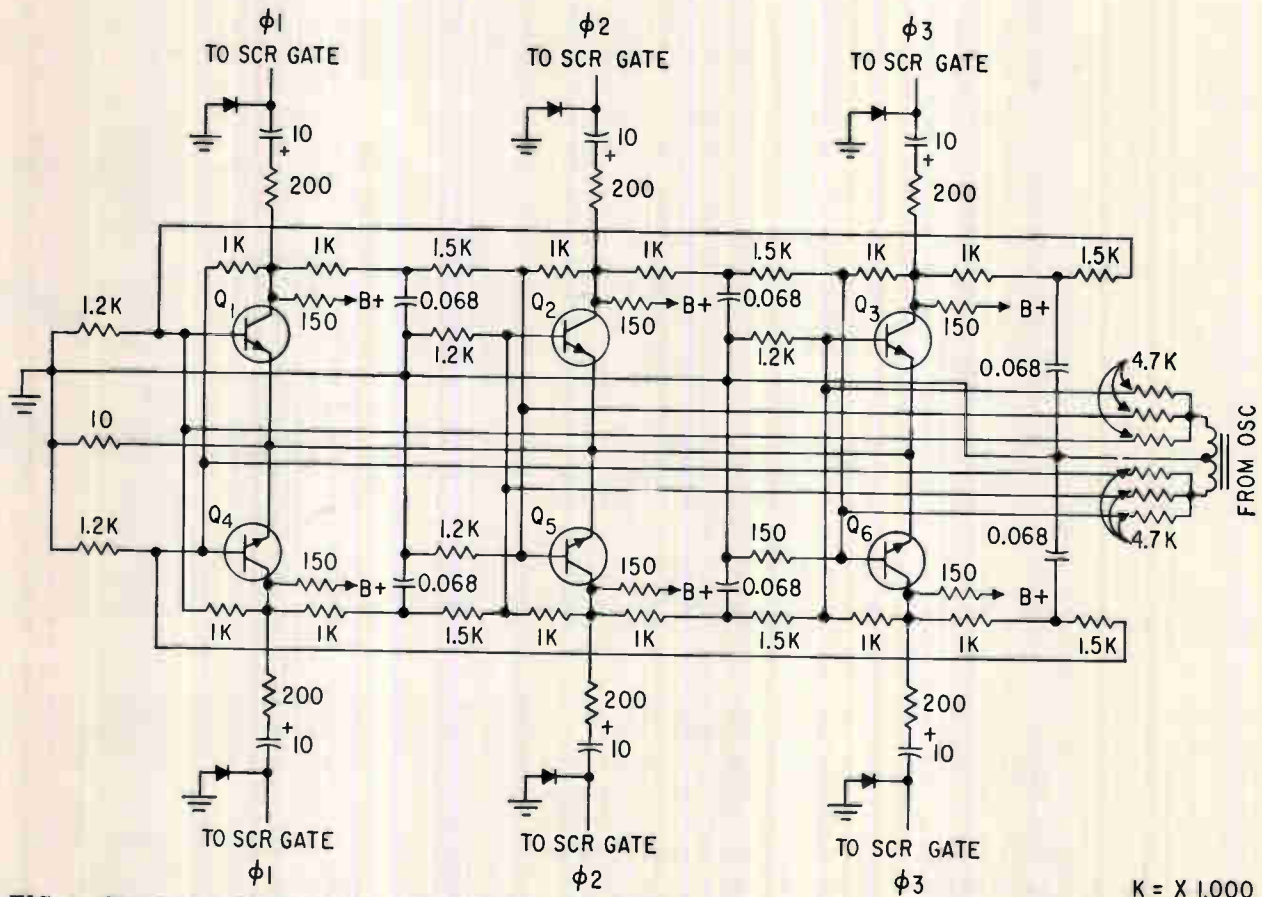
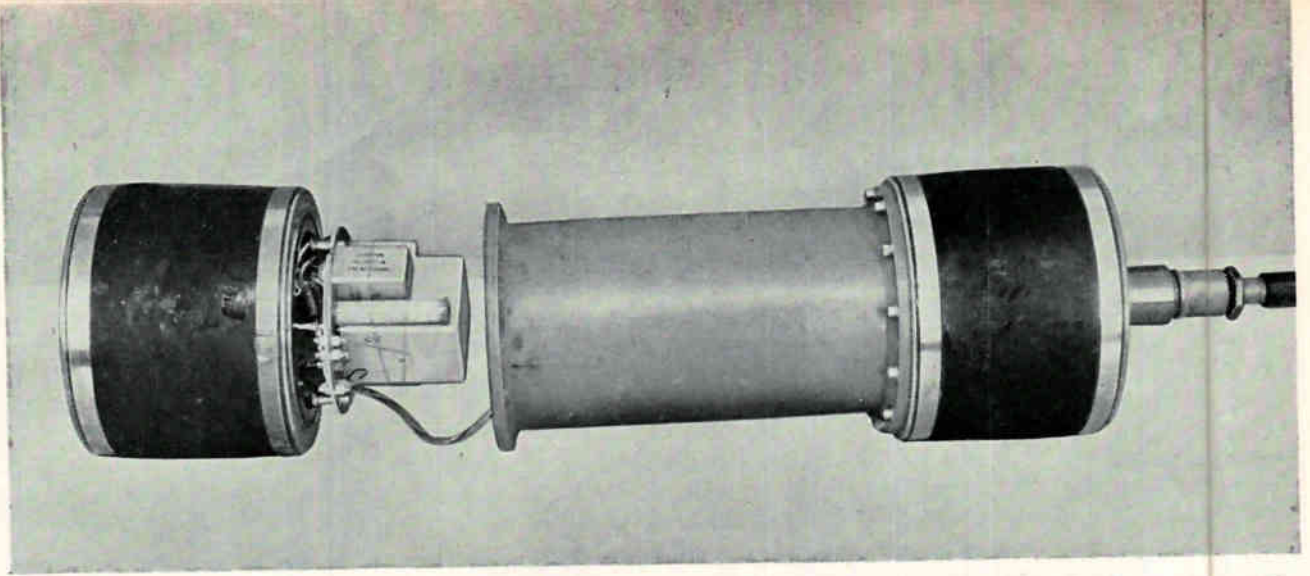


FIG. 6—Six-element ring counter consists of three flip-flops



Two hydrophones are mounted in one assembly with two preamplifiers; only one preamplifier is shown. The cable to the right can be several miles long, connects phones to monitor station on shore

REMOTE PREAMPLIFIERS For Under Ocean Work

Preamplifiers are packaged with hydrophones for ocean noise measurements. Single pair cable is used both for supplying d-c power and signal transmission

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AMBIENT ocean noise is an important parameter in sonar system design and is the limiting factor in some cases. One phase of research on this subject consists of recording such noise for months at a time and for all types of sea conditions. Ambient noise, as distinct from man-made or biological noise, is caused by whitecaps, rain, surf, the escape of entrapped air bubbles, the motions of masses of water.

Measuring sea noise at sea state zero—the quietest condition—requires special considerations in the design of hydrophones and preamplifiers. Instrumentation allows measurements at sea state zero with signal-to-noise ratios of 15 db or greater in the audio frequency range, using cables and bottom mounted hydrophones.

Listening hydrophones used with sea cables a few miles long are generally not provided with preampli-

fiers near the hydrophones because of the extra cable conductors required and the possibility of failures.

A simple system using one cable pair for each hydrophone with preamplifiers at the shore end of the cable is therefore usually chosen even though it has serious limitations. The disadvantages are loss of information because of poor signal-to-noise ratios, lack of a way to check the operation of the hydrophones and cable after installation, and susceptibility to interfering signals generated in or picked up by the cable.

The system described here uses preamplifiers at the pickup end of the sea cable without serious decrease in reliability or great increase in the number of cable conductors required. One of the photographs shows a hydrophone assembly with preamplifier; the other shows the hydrophone support stand that is lowered to the ocean floor.

Preamplifiers with hydrophones

are connected to the signal pair as shown in Fig. 1A. The preamplifiers apply their signal output to the pair in the transverse mode and take power from the pair in the common mode. The second preamplifier and hydrophone are used in case of failure of the other channel. In addition, a third hydrophone without preamplifier is connected to the pair as a hedge—to be of limited use if both channels fail.

At least one additional cable pair is required for each cable installation for the application of known voltages at the preamplifier inputs to check or calibrate the hydrophones, and to measure gain and frequency response of preamplifiers and cable. This pair is also used to operate relays to check preamplifier and cable noise. A common conductor, to which all pairs are balanced, is used for power return.

Figure 1A shows the arrangement for one signal pair. For listening with hydrophone X_1 or X_2 , the pair is terminated at the shore end as shown at the right of Fig. 1A.

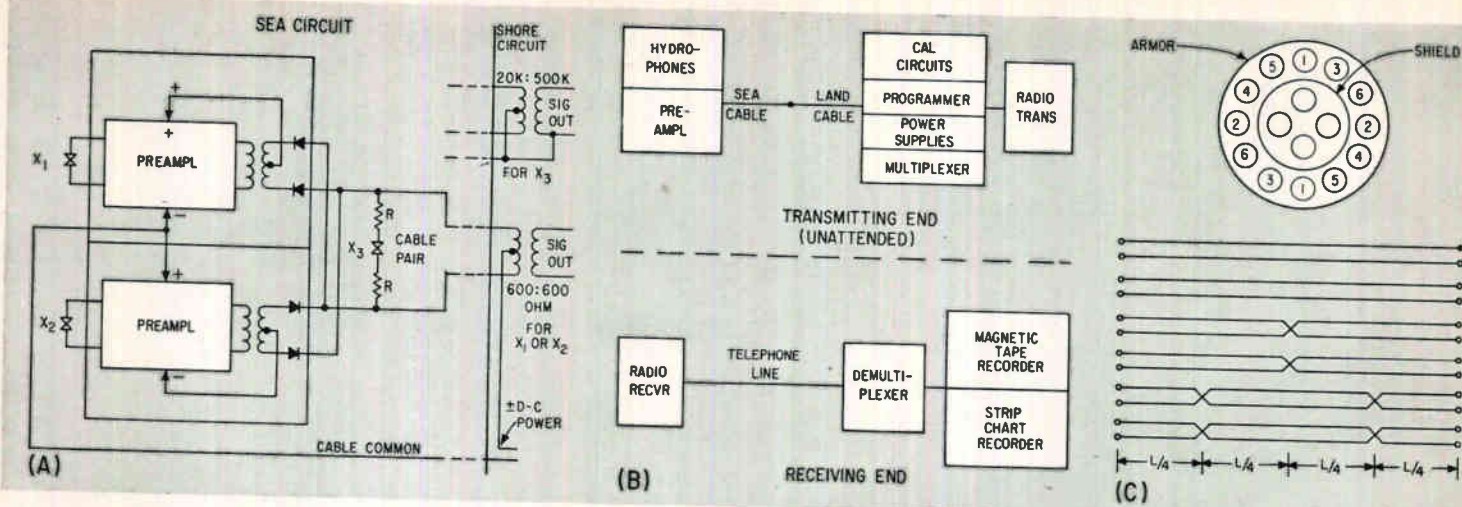


FIG. 1—In (A), the preamplifier to be monitored is selected by the polarity of the d-c power supplied. The complete system (B) uses radio transmission for continuous monitoring. Cable pairs are selected and transposed as in (C)

The d-c supply voltage, applied as a common mode, causes the rectifiers in one of the preamplifiers to conduct. The effect of hydrophone X_3 can be neglected because its output is approximately 60 db below the preamplifier output. Resistors R are included to prevent a short in X_3 from making the pair useless. The resistors do not introduce significant loss. Termination for listening to X_3 is also shown in Fig. 1A. Since X_3 produces a signal insufficient to cause conduction of the rectifiers, the preamplifiers are essentially disconnected from the pair. Output of X_3 is -90 dbv/ μ bar and capacitance is 0.25μ f.

The preamplifiers have good signal to noise ratios, long life, use the same conductors for both signal and power and operate with small power. The preamplifier circuit is shown in Fig. 2. Preamplifiers are identical except for conducting direction of diodes D_1 and D_2 .

Push-pull stages prevent oscillation, eliminate capacitors and provide good low frequency response. A tube input stage gives satisfactory signal to noise ratios. The tubes are electrometer types with high input resistance, modest power requirement and long life. Although no life test data for these tubes was used, their low transconductance (200μ mho), low μ (2), low grid current and low power

dissipation implies high reliability.

Electrometer tubes have high microphonics and flicker noise 10 or 20 db above heater-cathode types but the disadvantage is offset by the high grid resistance that may be used. Barium titanate hydrophones, of a given size, can be designed with a high voltage sensitivity and high impedance; hydrophones X_1 and X_2 have a sensitivity of -57 dbv per μ bar and capacitance of $1,500 \mu$ f.

Step-down transformer T_1 presents a low source impedance to the

first transistor stage so that its noise is below the tube noise. Feedback reduces output impedance and improves low frequency response.

The preamplifier, with 600-ohm load, has a gain of 28 db, is less than 3 db down at 10 cps and 10 Kc. Overload occurs at a sound pressure level of 23 db per μ bar, 76 db above the broadband amplifier noise.

Calibration requires insertion of a known voltage in series with the hydrophone at the preamplifier input. Since this point is not available

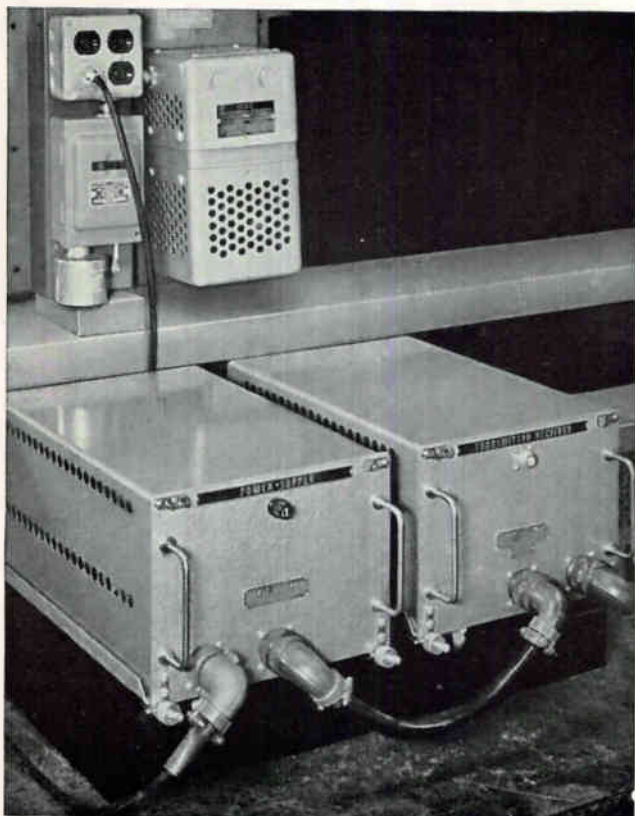


Tripod with hydrophones and other oceanographic equipment is being loaded onto boat. Equipment is used in research on ambient ocean noise, as distinct from man-made or biological noise



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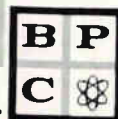
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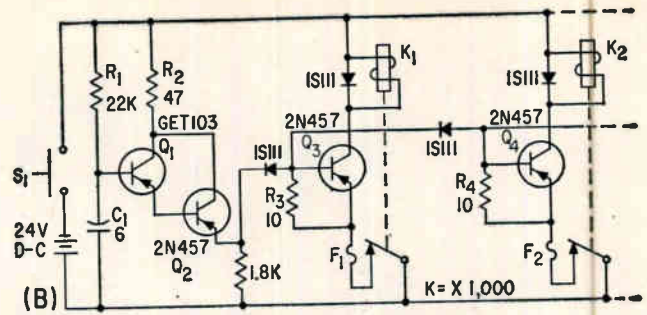
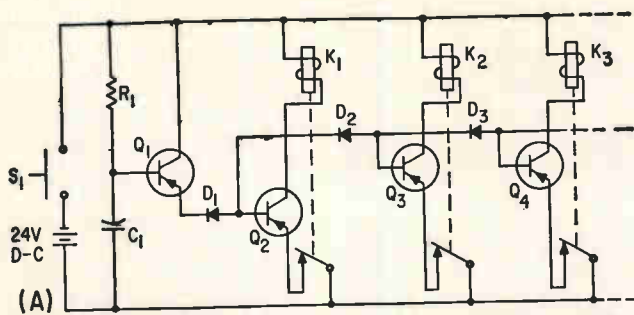
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A FREQUENT requirement in electronic design is for a device which will switch a number of circuits in time sequence after a starting signal. Electromechanical stepping switches and gas-filled counter tubes are often used for such applications.

A recent military requirement for a shock resistant sequential switch to release a number of solenoid operated mechanical locks at ten-millisecond intervals led to problems that could not be met with existing units, so a new design was undertaken. A miniature sequential selector switch was developed which, with a minimum number of components, can switch five-amp inductive load circuits. The unit, which had to be vibration and shock resistant, was restricted to a volume of 14 cubic inches.

The final unit, which has operated with complete reliability, uses high-current transistors, type 2N457, and operates from a 24-volt aircraft supply.

Several variations of the basic circuit have been used but the operation can be described from the simplified schematic above. A single stroke ramp generator feeds a number of switching elements each consisting of a forward biased silicon diode, a germanium power transistor and the electromechanical lock. The lock is in effect a bi-

stable relay; the mechanical action of the solenoid serves to open the relay contacts after each switching function.

On pressing the initiation switch S_1 , C_1 is initially discharged, the emitter of Q_1 is at ground potential and no base current can flow in any of the switching transistors. As C_1 charges, the voltage on the emitter of Q_1 will rise in a manner governed by diode D_1 and the base emitter circuit of Q_2 . The base current rise will be approximately exponential but because the d-c current gain (β_{d-c}) falls for large values of collector current, the latter will increase more slowly.

At the solenoid operating current of approximately 5 amp, the load emitter current of Q_1 falls to a low value determined by D_1 and D_2 in series with the base of Q_2 . The emitter voltage of Q_2 now starts rising with the ramp voltage until the second load circuit, K_2 , operates

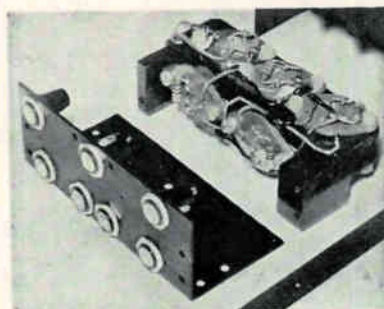
and the process repeats until the cycle is complete.

Several refinements were necessary and a practical circuit was developed. Transistor Q_2 in (B) was added to reduce the loading on the timing circuit R_1 , C_1 when large base currents are drawn. The diodes across the solenoid clip the inductive spikes produced when the emitter circuits are broken and resistors R_2 , R_3 , etc. were added to increase the rate of rise of collector current and to increase the effective safe collector voltage of the transistors.

Resistor R_4 was added in conjunction with fuses F_1 , F_2 , etc. as a safety device and operates as follows. If any lock fails to function on maximum current due to a fault condition in the lock, R_4 will limit the base current, by bottoming transistors Q_2 and Q_3 , and hold the voltage across C_1 until one of the fuses has blown. The fuse takes a nominal 100 sec to clear and after this period the sequence will continue to completion.

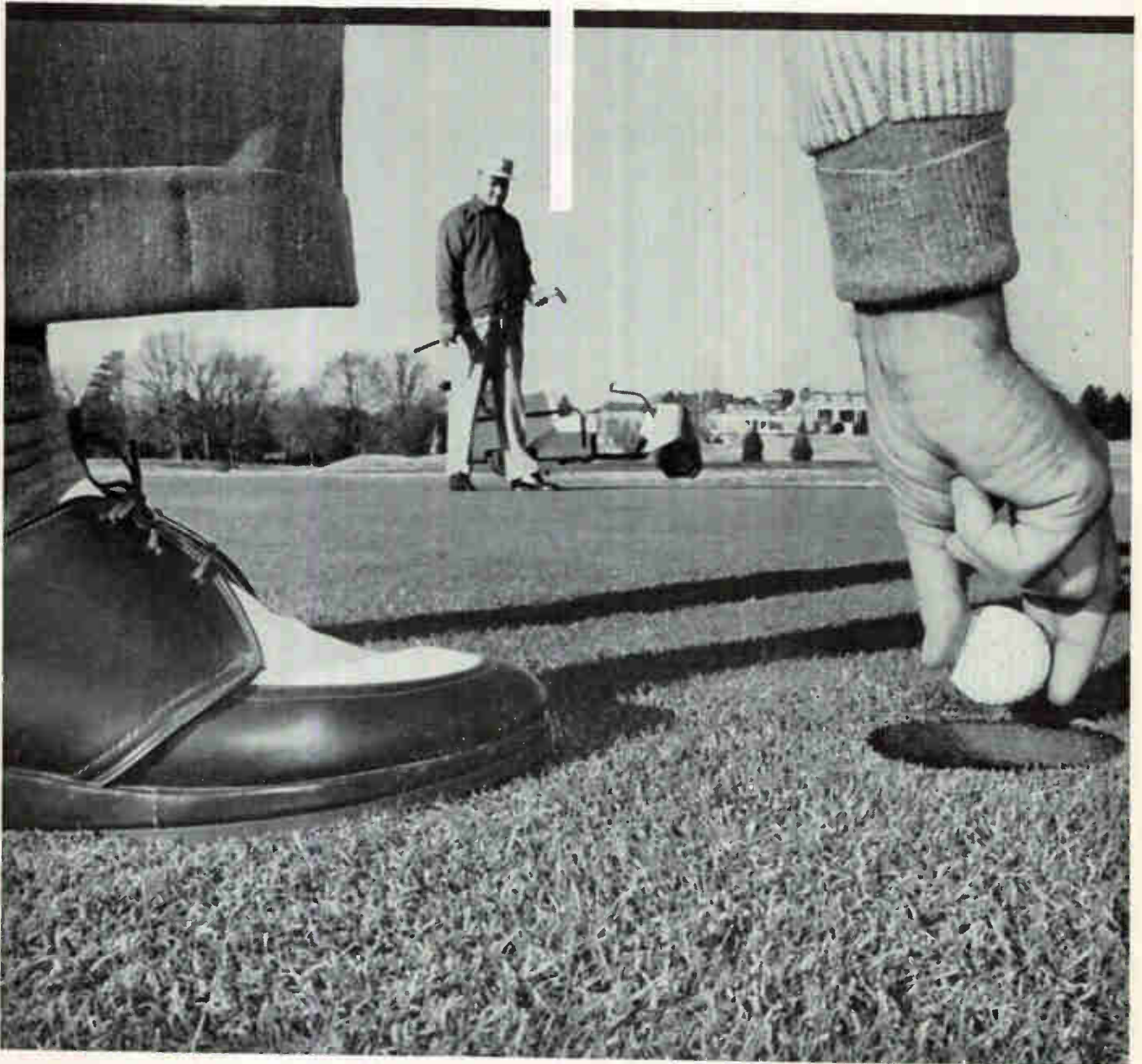
In the unit described the ramp is sufficiently linear to provide adequate timing accuracy for 8 operations. If n switches are to be operated from a ramp and $0.7n$ volts is not small compared to the line voltage the use of a bootstrap circuit for linearizing the ramp is used. In this case, however, it is more difficult to limit the current in the event of a faulty lock.

One version of the 8-element unit is shown in the photo. The unit measures $4 \times 2 \times 1.7$ inches.



Exploded view shows front and internal layout of switch. Partial view of rear cover

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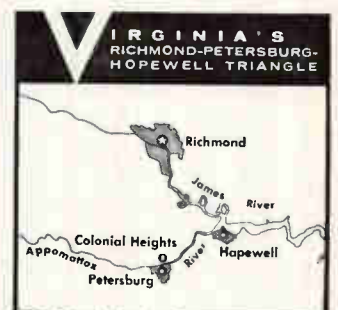
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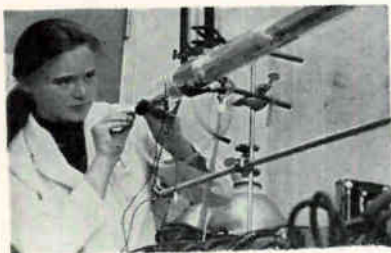
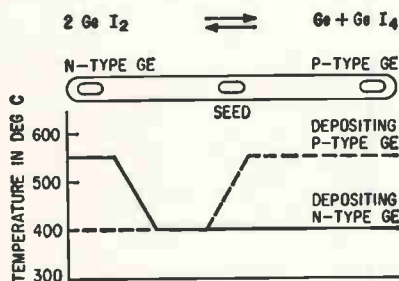
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Multilayer Semiconductor Deposition

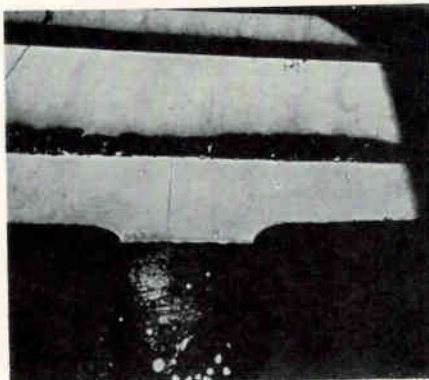
KINGSTON, N. Y.—Preparation of multiple-layer semiconductor devices by deposition of material from the vapor phase is under study at IBM laboratories here and in Poughkeepsie. The process involves placing a semiconductor source crystal and seed crystal in a heated tube and passing iodine vapor over both source and seed. The iodine picks up material from the source and deposits it on the seed.

If the source crystal is *p*-type material, a *p*-type layer will be deposited on the seed. Germanium of either polarity can be deposited on germanium, gallium arsenide or gallium phosphide. Gallium arsenide can be deposited on germanium. Silicon of either polarity can be deposited on silicon, gallium arsenide or gallium phosphide.

The process is largely experimental. So far, scientists have made good single crystals and multilayer semiconductor sandwiches for study. Working with germanium and intermetallics, diodes, capacitance diodes, tunnel diodes and transistors have been made, as well as a single-unit full adder. The single-unit adder is an



Closed-tube methods of depositing germanium of alternating polarity on a germanium substrate (top) and unloading open-tube deposition furnace after vapor-growth run



Microsection (left) of vapor-grown germanium-gallium arsenide tunnel diode and typical epitaxial (vapor) growth on the 111 crystallographic plane (right) of a silicon substrate



npn sandwich with three bridged emitters and two separate collectors each on its own *p-n* mesa.

Researchers concede that the transistors are not very good so far. Tunnel diodes of germanium and gallium arsenide have the advantage of a wider voltage swing than germanium units and a lower series resistance than gallium arsenide units.

Working with silicon and intermetallics, scientists have made and studied diodes only. They are trying to make a diode matrix on a silicon-plate substrate and also would like to make transistor matrices.

Heterogeneous junctions have resulted in higher carrier injection efficiencies and variable impurity gradients; linear, exponential and abrupt transitions are possible. Large-area *p-n* junctions useful as solar cells are also feasible.

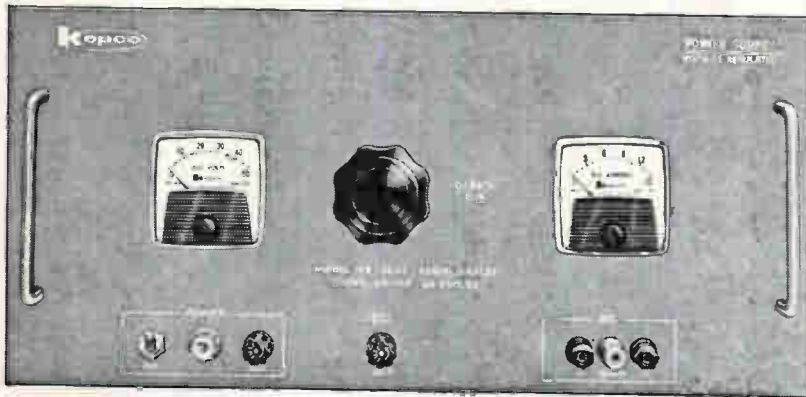
One of the most interesting possibilities for deposited-layer semiconductors is their combination with vacuum-evaporated passive circuits in another approach to microcircuitry. Right now, the active and passive halves of a microcircuit would have to be made separately and sandwiched together since the iodine vapors used in semiconductor deposition are highly corrosive.

In one circuit approach, a matrix-perforated glass mask with 22-mil distance between holes was placed

over an *n*-type germanium substrate and *p*-type germanium was allowed to fill the holes. The glass plate was then sawed along the centerline of each row of holes and the resulting strips turned on edge. This resulted in a line of unipolar units useful as AND gates or as a shift register.

There are two deposition processes: open tube and closed tube. In the open-tube method, the iodine vapor is forced under pressure of hydrogen gas to flow from the source to seed. In the closed-tube method, (see drawing) the two sources, *p* and *n* type, are sealed with seed and iodine vapor in a glass (quartz for silicon) capsule about 25 cm long. The process works from hotter to colder. Thus, when the *n*-type germanium is heated to about 500 C, germanium iodide (GeI_2) moves towards the seed. At a lower temperature, the germanium iodide decomposes into germanium and germanium tetraiodide (GeI_4). The germanium is deposited on the seed and the germanium tetraiodide returns to the source where at the higher temperature it picks up more germanium and turns into GeI_2 .

With an *n*-type source at one end of the capsule and a *p*-type source at the other, alternate layers of *p*- and *n*-type material can be deposited on the seed by first heating one and then the other source. The semiconductor layers are de-



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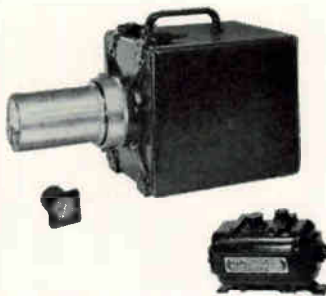
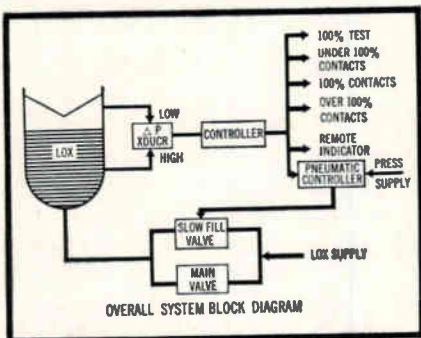
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Silicon reacts with the iodine vapor at 800 to 950 C. Oxides of silicon are stable and often must be removed by hydrogen reduction. However, surface passivation is easier with silicon since both its oxides and fluorides are stable.

Bell Telephone Labs recently announced a vapor-deposited film transistor. The film is thought to be deposited by reduction of silicon tetrachloride by hydrogen. General Electric did some work in this area in 1955. Merck is working on vapor deposition in silicon. The silicon work at IBM is supported by the Signal Corps. —J.M.C.

Plasma Phenomenon May Aid Space Propulsion

PLASMA phenomenon was successfully demonstrated that may lead to development of advanced space-propulsion systems. The investigations were carried out using an experimental device called an electromagnetic plasma accelerator.

The experiments were announced by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and Litton Industries. They were conducted as part of a research program underway since 1957.

Electromagnetic fields in the accelerator convert the gas into a conductor of electricity. The gas is formed into a donut-shaped plasmoid, which is trapped and accelerated at extremely high velocities within the fields. Acceleration occurs in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the plasmoids while maintaining the plasmoid shape.

The gas plasmoids have been photographed emerging from the experimental device.

The techniques for forming and accelerating the plasmoids originated with Litton scientists to eliminate electrode erosion, wall friction and low efficiency. These problems have been serious obsta-

cles to successful development of plasma space-propulsion systems. This approach is not limited by the containment problems that researchers have encountered in the field of plasma physics.

The experiments are continuing and it is hoped that gases can be accelerated to a sizable fraction of light velocity.

Multipurpose Computer For Transfer Functions

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The standard model covers frequencies from 3 cps to 3 Kc and operates on standard 115-volt, 60-cps power. The unit can easily be fitted into two relay racks. The computer has less than 1 percent amplitude error and less than 2 degrees phase-angle error.

Operating in a practical situation, there may be a large number of inputs and only one output. By determining the exact contribution that each input makes to the output, prediction of system behavior under other conditions can be inferred. The transfer function can find which of many inputs has an effect on a particular output, the magnitude of the effect and the degree to which the output is affected by noise. This type analysis is not always possible by inspecting time-amplitude plots.

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New Tube Concept Simplifies Circuitry

TUBE FUNCTIONS COMBINED IN SINGLE ENVELOPE

A MINIATURE TUBE production program, now underway at General Electric's Owensboro, Ky. facility, is making a strong bid for the radio, television and hi-fi, market, and shows promise of use of new tubes for industrial controls and instrumentation. This tube program, starting with a volume production of four tube types in the fall, will eventually include some 100 tube types.

What GE has done is to package into one unit a combination of electron functions performed by as many as three separate tubes. For example, one of these tubes—and the line will be called Compactrons—is a combined oscillator, converter and intermediate frequency amplifier, that does the work of a 12BA6 and a 12BE6. And another single tube does the work of three tubes: the 35W4, 50C5 and 12AV6.

Prices have not been established for these tubes, but the savings in material and labor would eventually

make possible an estimated 20 percent lower price per function than regular tubes, and considerably lower than transistors. W. F. Greenwood, marketing manager for GE's Owensboro facilities, said that this savings would result from less complicated production methods, combined with the integration of more functions into a single unit. Greenwood predicts that the Compactron eventually may replace most present-day seven and nine-pin miniature tubes, as manufacturers continue to make progress in reducing equipment sizes to meet the small-package appeal of transistorized entertainment sets. The new tubes will be useful in color television where multi-function operation and small size would reduce bulk, expense and circuit complexity.

New metallurgical developments, leading to improved thermal efficiencies, provide important contributions to Compactron design and operation. Included in these, is a

new anode material that reduces by as much as 40 percent the heater power required by the cathode. Another development is a clad material expected to be incorporated in future designs that improves both the hot strength and thermal efficiency of cathode elements.

For television, developmental models now include a horizontal oscillator and automatic frequency control (6CG7 and 6AL5); a horizontal damping, single diode (6AX-4GTB); a vertical deflection amplifier and oscillator (6DN7); and a horizontal deflection amplifier (6D-Q6B).

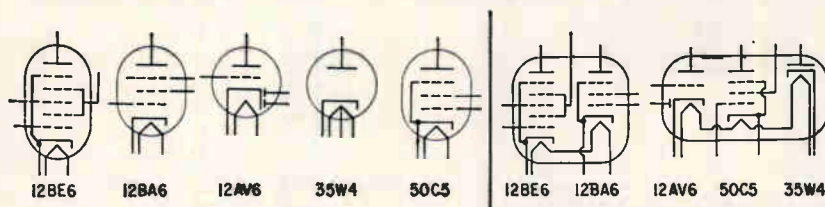
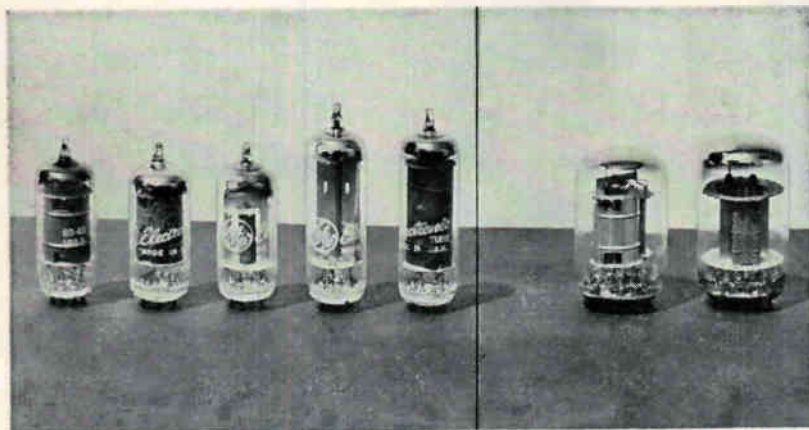
A. F. Dickerson, manager of product planning at Owensboro, said that single-function designs, which would substitute for conventional tubes on a one-to-one ratio, were required either because the power requirement was close to maximum limitations for one unit, or because of the dictates of good design practice imposed by the need for high voltages in some functions.

The advantage of the single-function Compactron lies in the fact that the unit is small, and thereby affords equipment manufacturers the opportunity to produce more compact receiving sets.

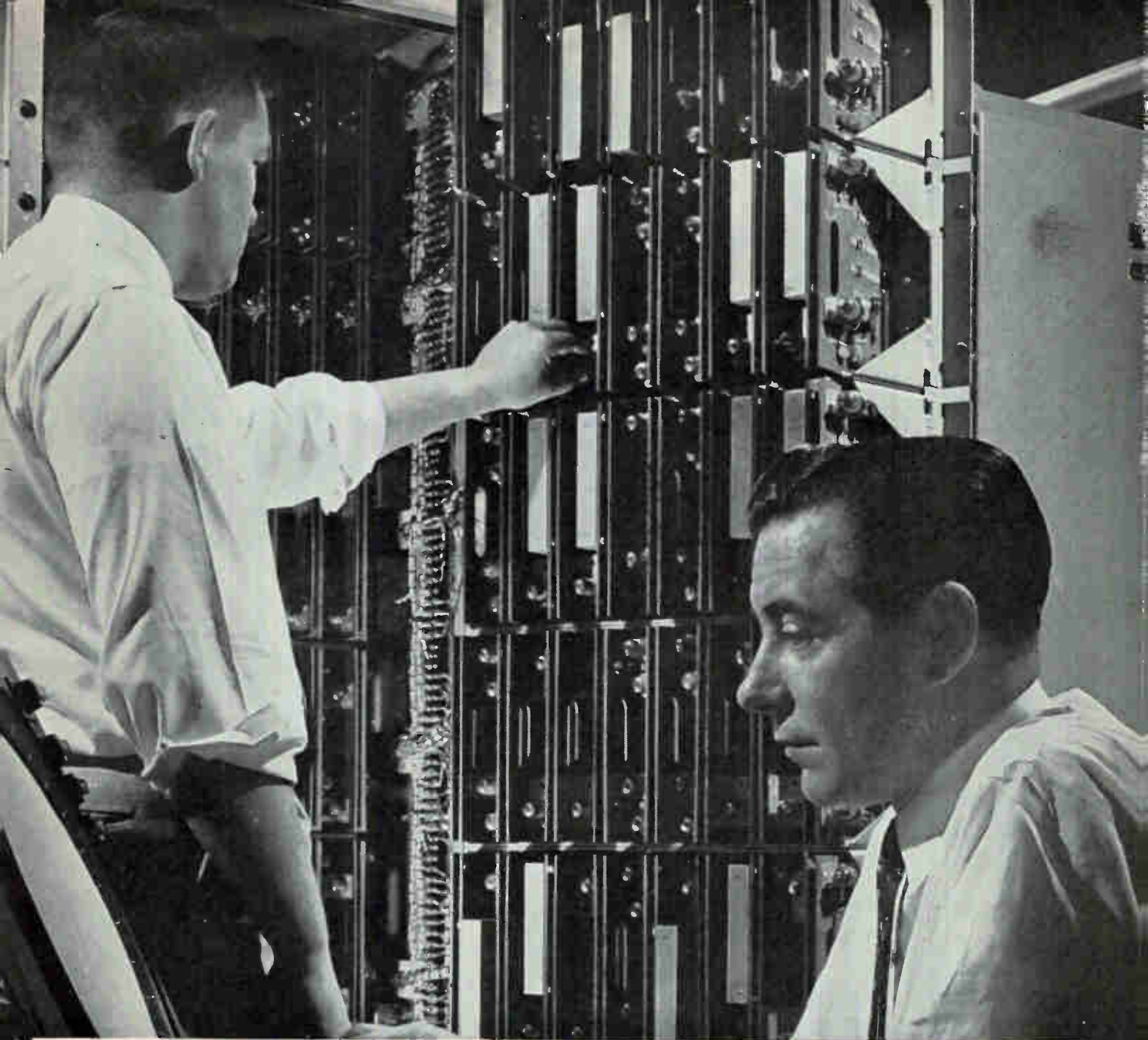
General Electric's plans for broadening the line include the introduction, in the next 12 months, of approximately nine more types. Long range plans are made for integrating a wide variety of functions into one unit.

C. D. McCool, manager of product design at Owensboro, said that Compactrons now scheduled for production use tube connections in a circle 0.750 inches in diameter and a dome-shaped envelope exhausted from the bottom. The units are about 1½ inches in diam. and vary in seated heights from 1 to 2¾ inches.

Tube connections were chosen to accommodate multifunction elements within the unit. They are spaced to provide latitude in lead



Two Compactrons are shown (right) in comparison with five miniature tubes for which they may be substituted (left). Two units combine all functions of the five tubes. Significance: reduced cost and size of electronic equipment, increased reliability due to simple networks



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In this pilot production operation at GE, the new tubes are preheated as above on a rotating wheel, then exhausted and sealed

separation, with a minimum of interaction at the base. The design avoids undue clustering of associated components, and the large 12-pin circle adapts to the larger 1½ in. diam. designs of high-power output.

The large diameter also adapts the devices to printed circuitry, permitting adequate isolation of the plate from other electrodes in high-voltage operation. This isolation, with two blank pins on either side of the plate connection, provides an arc rating in the order of 10,000 v d-c.

Among assembly economies possible with the new tubes is the use of an integral heater supplying as many as three separate cathodes. This eliminates four heater welds. While the heater is not a new development, this is a large-scale application where elements with three-heater functions have been combined in one continuous unit.

The new GE development was announced by I. D. Daniels, general manager of the company's component facilities at Owensboro. Daniels said that the program began several years ago and was stepped up recently, when the need became apparent for more compact circuitry than possible with present-day miniature radio tubes.

"At the same time," he added, "there existed the need to get costs down appreciably below tubes,

while preserving the performance characteristics of tubes in relation to transistors."

New Uses Boost Demand For Thimble-Size Tubes

WIDESPREAD USE of RCA's thimble-size nuvistor electron tube has resulted in an 800 percent production increase over the rate established early this year.

The high-frequency tube already is being used in tv cameras, industrial controls, radars, computer components and test equipment, and is expected to have many other applications, according to J. B. Farese, division vice president, Entertainment Tube Products.

High-speed machinery is being installed at RCA's Harrison, N. J. plant in a further effort to keep pace with the demand for nuvistors from all segments of the industry.

"As a result of the nuvistor's popularity, we are today introducing the second commercial version of the tube—the RCA-6CW4 high-mu triode which has been especially designed for use in tv and f-m tuners," Mr. Farese said.

"This tube is the heart of a 'New Vista' tuner which is used in RCA Victor's 1960-61 black-and-white television receivers. Nuvistorized tv tuner circuits make possible excellent reception in fringe areas where reception is now unsatisfactory."

The new nuvistor triode has a noise factor 2 to 4 decibels better than the usual tuner tubes used in television sets. The low noise factor, he explained, results from the low level of random electron motion in the tube.

This feature minimizes the small black and white spots or "snow" on a tv screen that are produced by tubes having a high noise factor.

Reporting on another phase of RCA's nuvistor program, Mr. Farese said engineering sampling of a developmental, small-signal general purpose tetrode (Dev. No. A-2654E) "has received excellent response."

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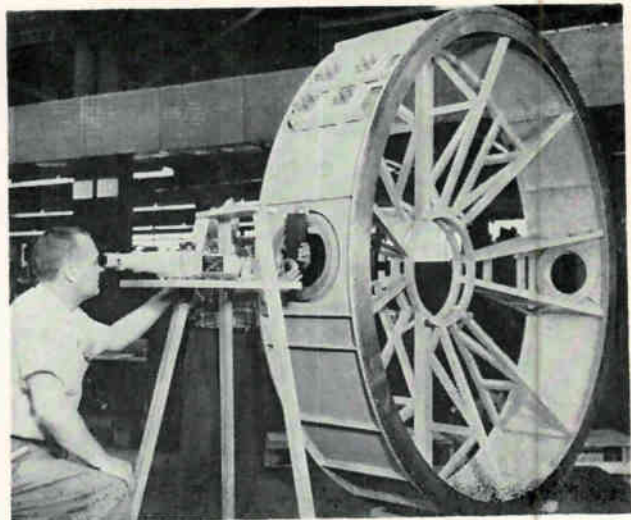
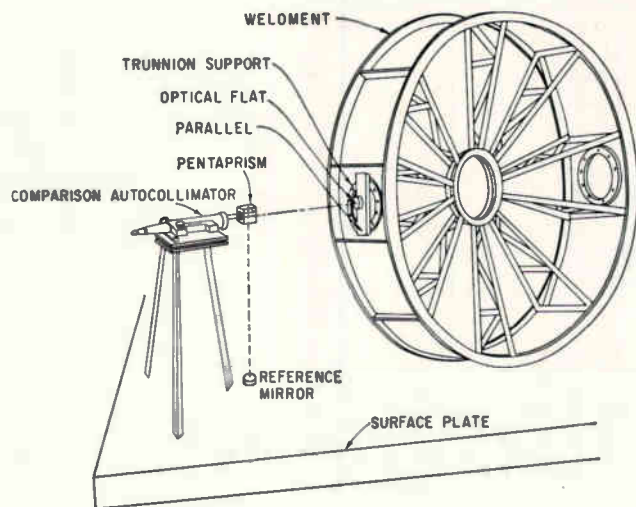
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Setup for measuring position of trunnion supports with autocollimator. Photo at right shows actual operation

Optical Tooling Gives Precision to Big Parts

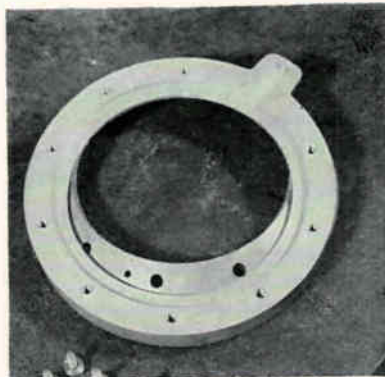
By ERNEST RULAND, Product Engineer, Daystrom Military Electronics Division, Archbald, Pa.

RADAR ANTENNA MOUNTS must be machined to very close tolerances to obtain precise radar tracking. Because of the size of most mounts, this presents extremely difficult problems when conventional tooling techniques are used. Optical tooling provides a solution. Furthermore, the optical instruments are universal and, unlike mechanical fixtures, can be used on many entirely different projects.

The illustrations show the use of optical tooling in preparing the weldment used as a mount in the APG-55A radar (Sperry Gyroscope Co.) for the Navy's ship-to-air Terror missile.

The weldment is more than 8 feet in diameter. Its 2 trunnion support castings must be concentric within 0.0025 inch, parallel within 0.002 inch and square to the center line of the bore within 0.001 inch. These accuracies are almost impossible to obtain with mechanical tooling. The large fixtures needed to support measuring gages and indicators deflect more than 0.001 inch from their own mass. Moving the fixtures over a surface plate to explore the castings with an indicator is, at best, very cumbersome.

Because its accuracy is not af-



Spherical faces of trunnion support castings permit adjustments in any plane

ected by distance, optical tooling is the best technique for accurately assembling the trunnion supports in the weldment. The optical instruments required are a collimator, 2 optical mirrors and a pentaprism (a beam of light emerging from this 5-sided prism is always at 90 degrees to the entering beam regardless of the entrance angle).

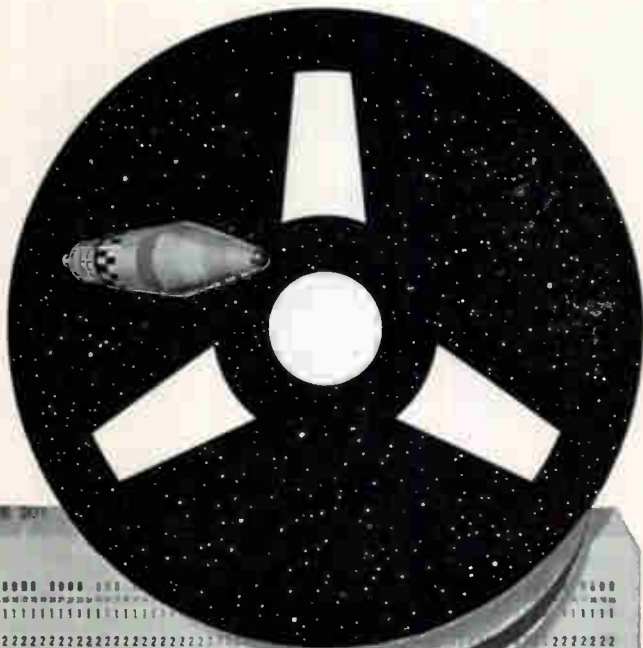
Two holes bored and faced in the weldment at 180 degrees apart provide a reasonable accurate starting point for mounting the trunnion support castings. Each support consists of 2 castings with spherical surfaces, making adjustments pos-

sible in any plane. The weldment is set up on a surface plate and a height gage is used to make the axis of the bores parallel to the surface plate.

A comparison autocollimator (Davidson Manufacturing Co., West Covina, Calif.) is set up in any convenient position opposite the trunnion supports. The instrument has 2 collimators placed side by side. One half establishes a reference with the surface plate and the other half views the object being measured. The half which establishes a reference looks into the pentaprism, which deflects the line of sight exactly 90 degrees to a mirror on the surface plate. The target reflected back from the mirror establishes a reference which is exactly at right angles to the surface plate. The other half of the comparison autocollimator looks directly at a mirror held against a parallel placed across the face of the trunnion support.

Reflected images in each half of the autocollimator are compared and the angle between them measured on a micrometer dial. The autocollimator dial reading establishes the vertical angle of the trunnion support with respect to the

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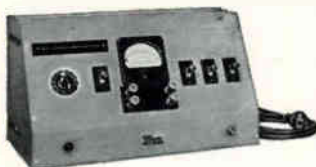
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The parallel and mirror are placed against the face of the other trunnion support and the same optical measurements and adjustments made. Since the angle of both trunnion supports with respect to the surface plate is now known, the angle of both supports with respect to each other can be determined.

The weldment is next laid flat on the surface plate and the process repeated in the other plane. The tolerances obtained on the trunnion support assemblies are 0.0005 inch each, or 0.001 inch combined. Similar techniques can be applied to many machining problems involving large distances.

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SOLDERABILITY of tin, tin alloy and other coatings for copper, brass and steel has been systematically studied by the Tin Research Institute, Greenford, Middlesex, England. Over 8,000 specimens were tested after storage periods up to 2 years.

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with nickel beneath hot-dipped tin.

Flow-melting coatings on copper improves storage properties, but appears to give no advantage on steel or brass. When the coating has functions other than solderability, storage areas or containers should be clean and dry.

Cadmium coatings give satisfactory solderability. Silver and tin-nickel coatings are relatively inferior to tin and decrease the solderability of copper.

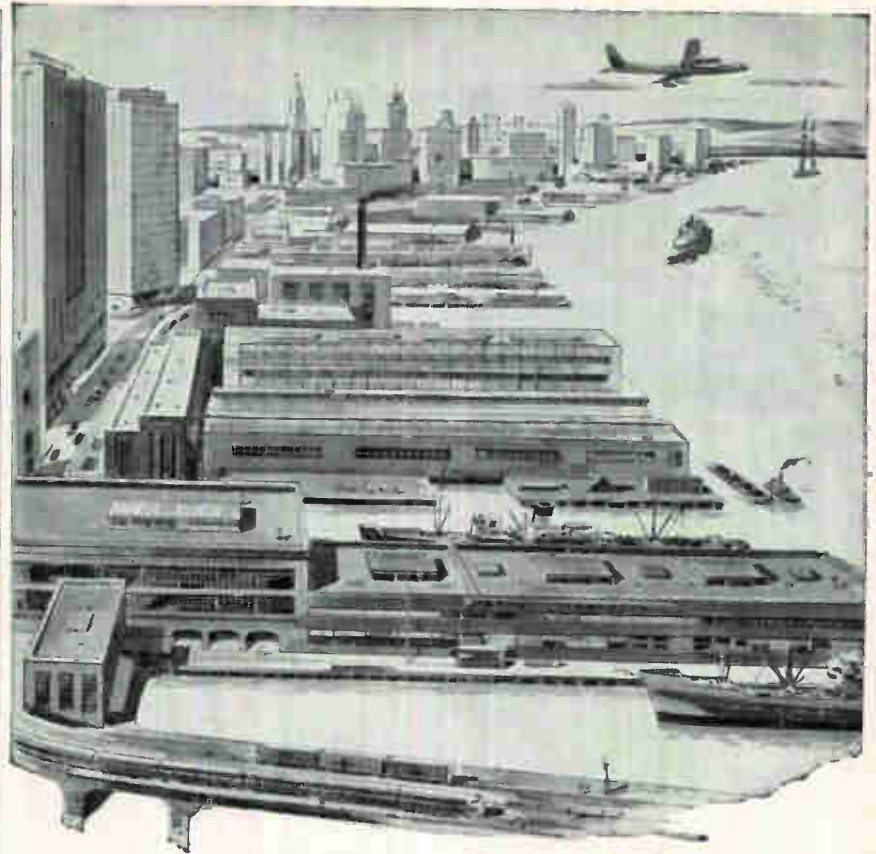
A detailed report of the study, published in England in the *Transactions of the Institute of Metal Finishing*, is available as reprints in the United States from the Institute's office in Columbus, Ohio.

Tabulating Machines Prepare Wiring Lists

PREPARATION OF WIRING lists with punched cards and tabulating machines has been used by ITT Laboratories, Nutley, N. J. The method was used to prepare lists for a binary information exchange with 16,000 circuit modules and 200,000 point-to-point wire connections. It was found to speed preparation of the lists, facilitate changes, relieve engineers of routine assignments and minimize errors.

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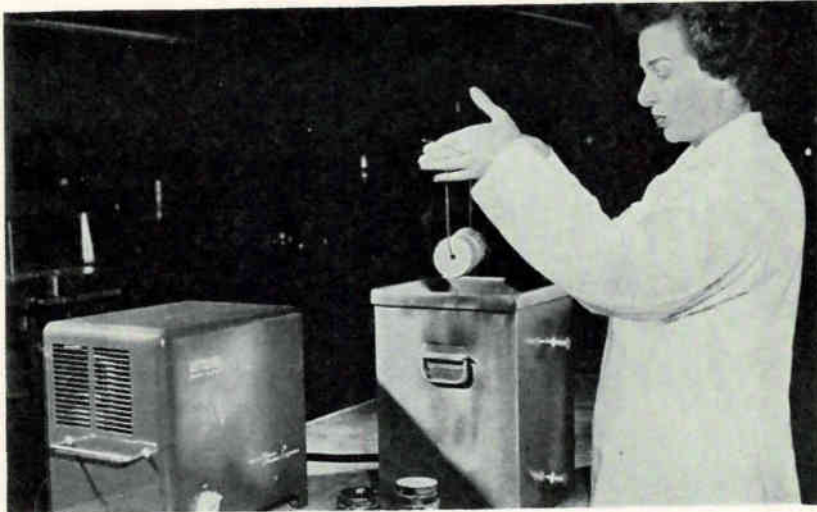
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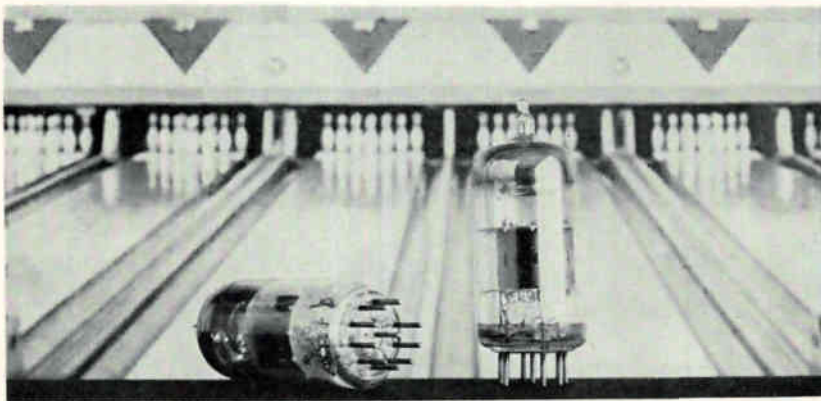
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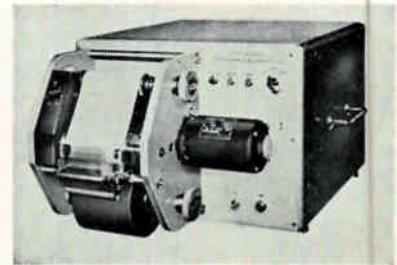
BY ADDING another pin at the center of the regular miniature 9-pin tube,

Sylvania Electric Products of Emmerium, Pa. is able to bring out an

additional electrode, thus combine multiple circuit functions in a single bulb or envelope.

The new design uses the regular 9-base pin arrangement of the conventional T-6½ miniature envelope with an additional pin centered in the pin circle. First tubes to incorporate the new design are a double tetrode for use as an r-f amplifier and oscillator-mixer in f-m tuners and receivers, and a triple triode for use as an r-f amplifier, oscillator-mixer and afc control. Earlier this year, Sylvania announced the 9-T9, a new design in Bantam (T-6½) electron tubes wherein a 9-pin miniature circle of pins replaces the conventional (8-pin) base.

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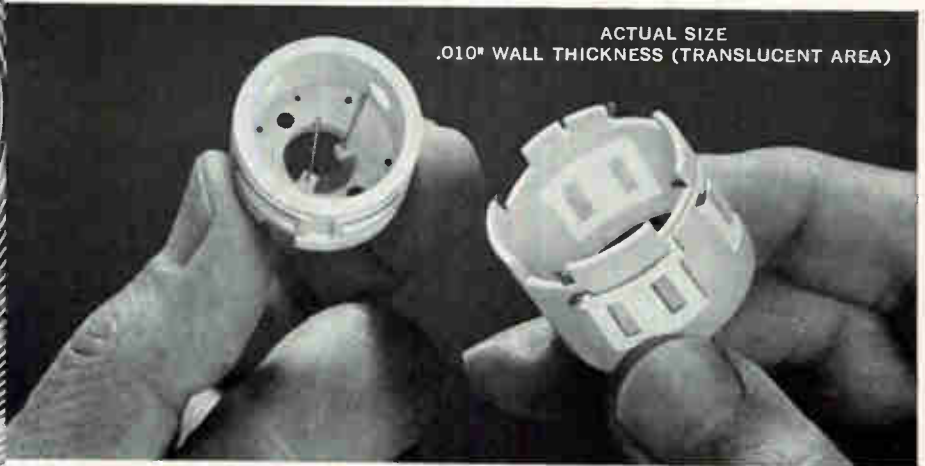
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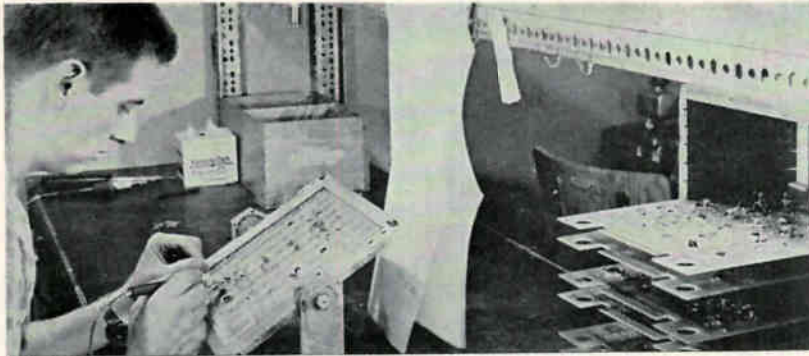
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Components may be added to the stock cards to form logic modules, then interconnected to form the required circuits. The technique is particularly adaptable to short run and prototype production, where lead time between design and actual start of production is usually excessive.

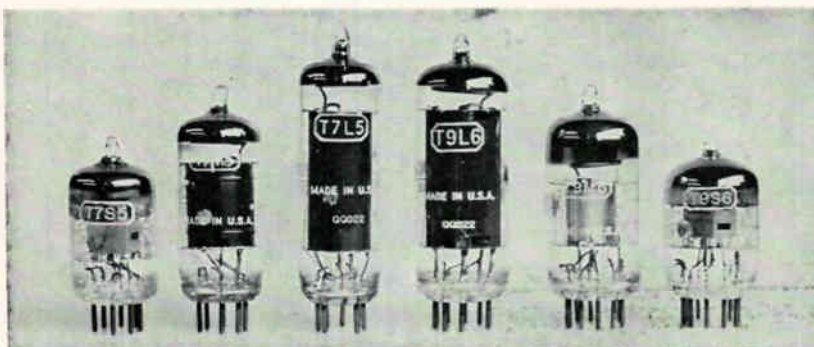
An example of the technique is in the prefabrication of the four

data processing computers for the Federal Aviation Agency's air traffic control program. Each computer card holds 33 modules and interconnection was made after the computer design was firmed.

The technique does not result in the most compact packaging, or in a card that is adaptable to mass production. But for less than five machines, there are savings in production time and reduction in the lag between design and assembly.

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The flat end screen of large diameter permits excellent optical coupling to conventional large size scintillation crystals. Initial prototypes of the K1979 were developed with technical cooperation from the Atomic Energy Commission, are now undergoing evaluation.

A 10-stage multiplier phototube with a photo cathode of S-11 spectral response, the tube's steel cone reduces radioactive background count and affords partial magnetic and electrostatic shielding. It has a focusing electrode (shield) for optimum photoelectron collection.

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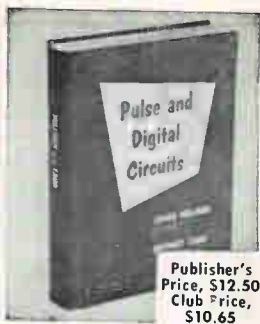
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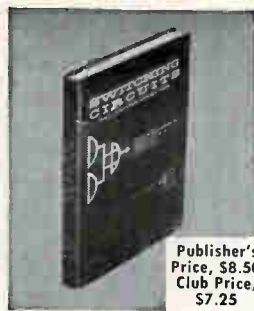
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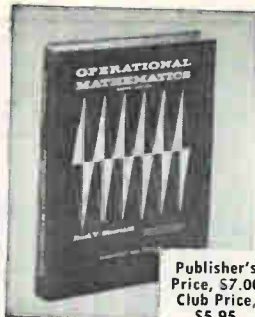
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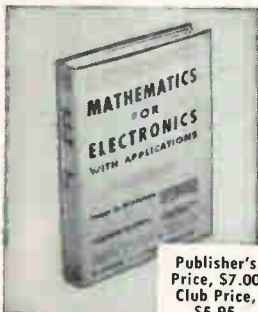
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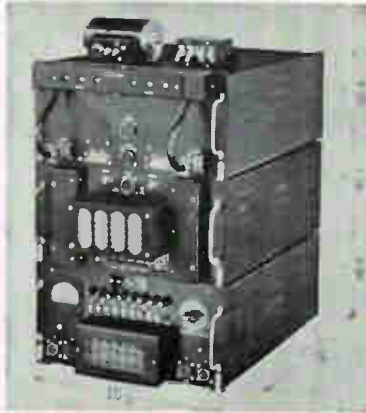
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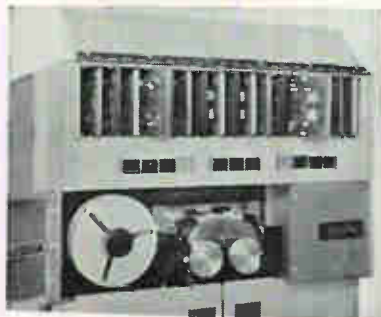
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The complete system consists of a small transducer manufactured by Norden, and an electronic package manufactured by Colorado Research. Other systems are available with pure binary resolutions from 2^{18} to 2^{21} in a single turn.

An important feature of the new electronics is its repackaging and qualification to MIL E-5400 for airborne use (a similar size ground-based package also is available).

The new system weight 150 pounds, requires 650 watts.

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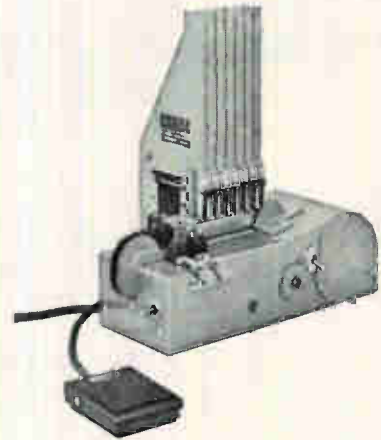


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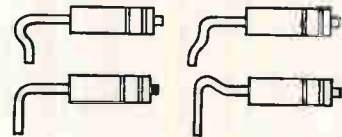
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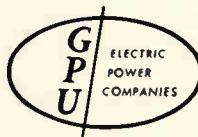
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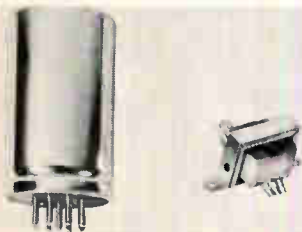
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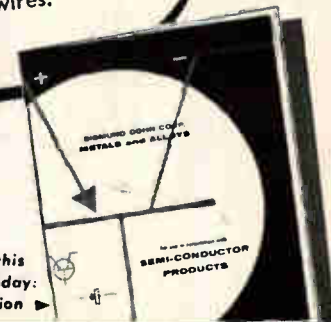
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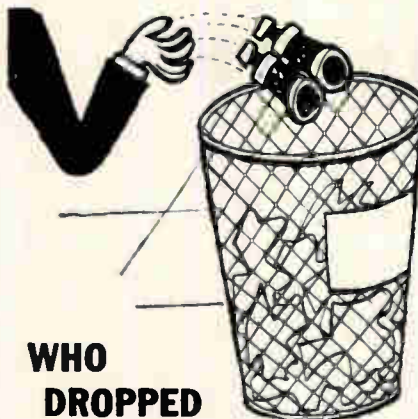


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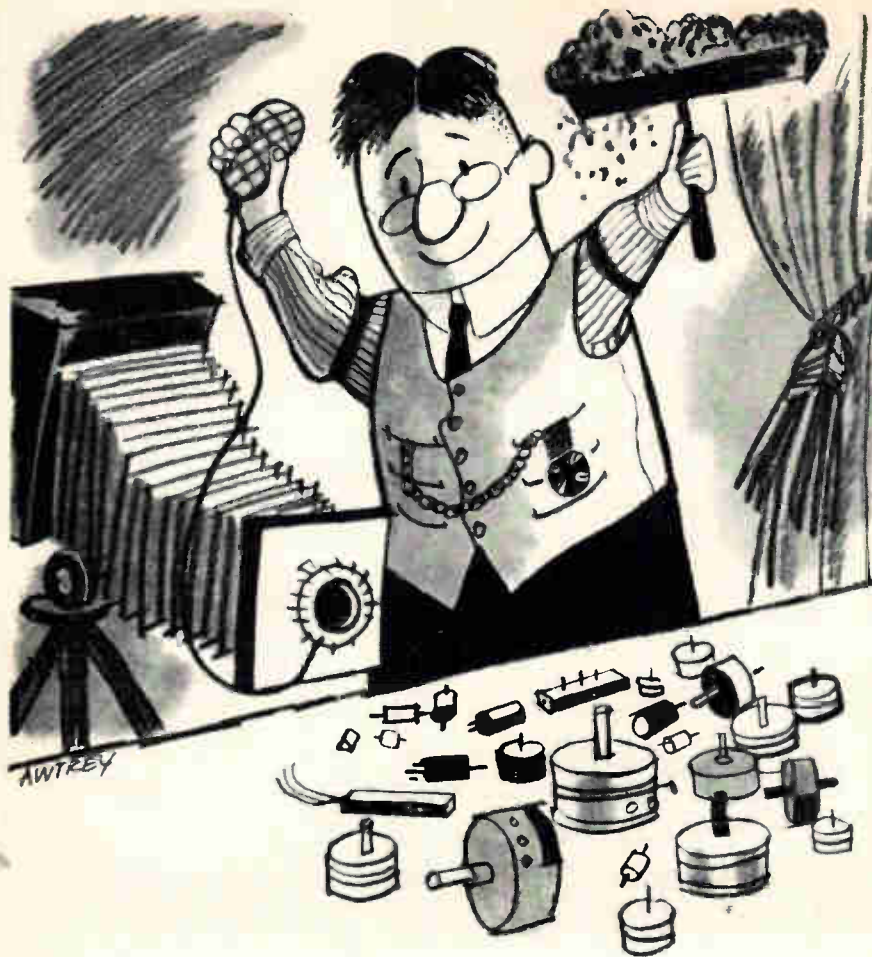
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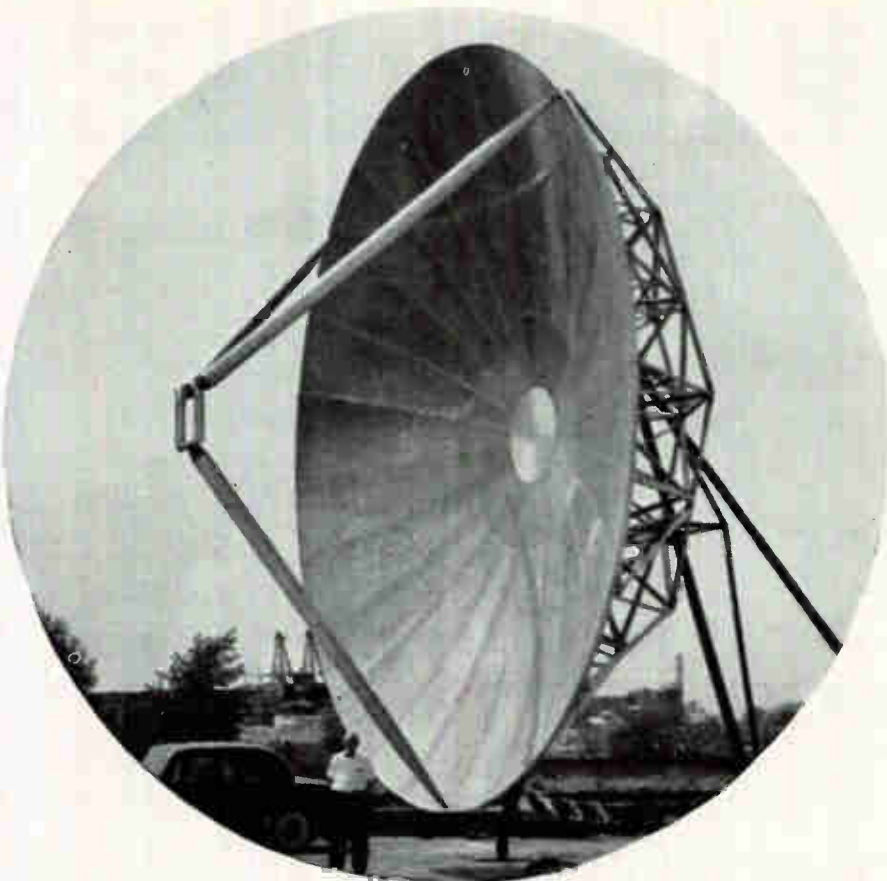
CAMBRIDGE THERMIONIC CORP., 445 Concord Ave., Cambridge 38, Mass., announces two new machined taper pin plugs, solder type (No. 2471) and solderless type (No. 2472), for use in connections of circuits of all kinds. The plugs provide a solid metal connection. They are 0.053 in. in diameter with 0.061 in. taper per in. Plugs are brass per QQ-B-626a, Comp. 22, $\frac{1}{2}$ hard, finished with 0.0002 in. silver plate plus 0.00010 in. gold plate or 0.0001 in. copper plate and 0.0005 in. electro-tin plate.

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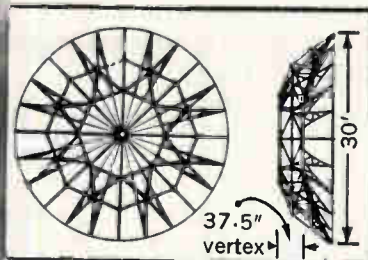


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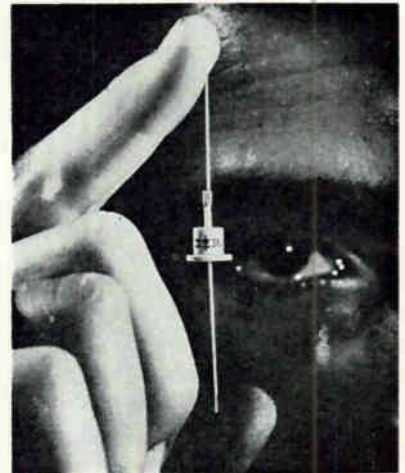
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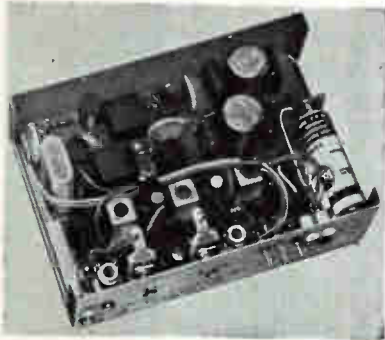
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Silicon Diodes JEDEC TYPE

INTERNATIONAL RECTIFIER CORP., 1521 E. Grand Ave., El Segundo, Calif. Twenty new silicon JEDEC diode types, 100 percent tinplated for superior resistance to salt spray and to assure maximum solderability, are now available. Designed for use in applications requiring high forward conductance (to 1 ampere) and low leakage current at high temperatures (to 165 C). The 1N440 and 440B series provide d-c output currents from 300 ma to 750 ma (at 50 C) over a piv range from 100 to 500 v. Designed specifically for such applications as magnetic amplifiers and power supplies, the 1N1487-1N1492 series provides d-c output currents at 750 ma (at 25 C) over a piv range from 100 to 600 v, along with excellent forward and reverse characteristics. General purpose diodes 1N 1692-1N1695 will carry d-c output

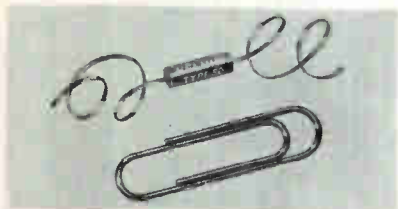
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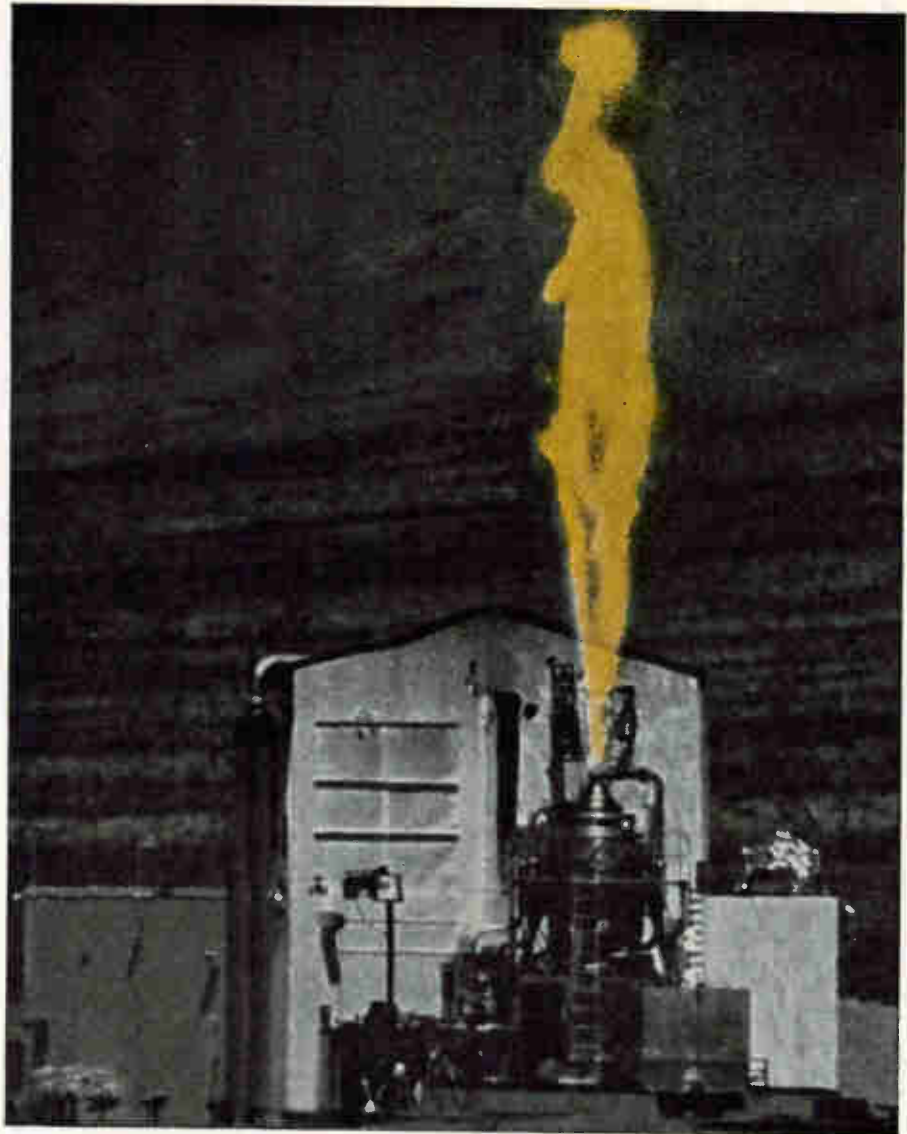
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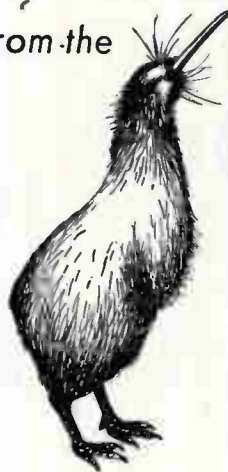
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KELVIN ELECTRIC CO., 5907 Noble Ave., Van Nuys, Calif. Series 50 encapsulated, precision, wire-wound resistors are provided with "ribbon" leads designed especially for welding in microminiature circuits. This technique of assembly is faster than conventional soldering methods, and eliminates the possibility of overheating components as often occurs during soldering. Leads are 0.005 thick by 0.015 wide by 2 in. long. Available from 0.125 diameter by 0.375 long, 0.1 w, 400 K ohms, 100 v, to 0.250 diameter by 0.750 long, 0.3 w, 2.75 megohms, 400 v. Resistors exceed MIL specs, where applicable.

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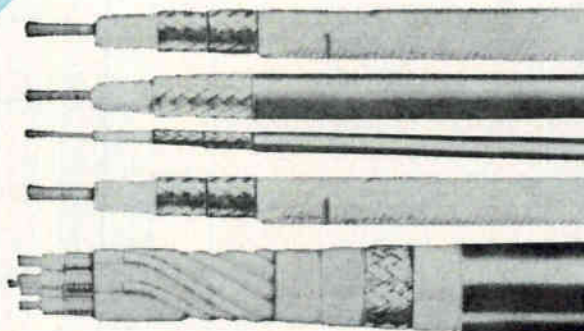
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Literature of

TUNNEL DIODE CURVE TRACER Texas Instruments Incorporated, Geosciences & Instrumentation Division, 3609 Buffalo Speedway, Houston 6, Texas, has available a sheet describing the model 530 tunnel diode curve tracer which can create a sharp representation of the entire critical region of the forward characteristics curve of the tunnel diode under test instead of just a portion of that curve.

CIRCLE 350 ON READER SERVICE CARD

MAGNETIC LAMINATIONS G-L Electronics, Camden 5, N. J. A 36-page catalog entitled "Magnetic Laminations" contains an abundance of factual information, formulas and engineering data regarding each individual EE, EI, F, DU and W shape which is currently available from the company.

CIRCLE 351 ON READER SERVICE CARD

SERVO DESIGN SIMPLIFIED M. Ten Bosch, Inc., 80 Wheeler Ave., Pleasantville, N. Y. A 4-page brochure describes a simplified procedure and calculations necessary to obtain optimum performance from 2nd and 3rd order servo systems.

CIRCLE 352 ON READER SERVICE CARD

PILOT LIGHTS Dialight Corp., 60 Stewart Ave., Brooklyn 37, N. Y. The 256-page "Dialco Handbook of Pilot Lights" tells how to select the proper pilot light to accommodate the required lamp. Interested individuals are invited to write for a "Handbook Application Form."

CIRCLE 353 ON READER SERVICE CARD

TELE-SCAN RECORDING SYSTEMS Daystrom, Inc., Control Systems Division, Miramar Road, La Jolla, Calif., is offering technical bulletin 210 on its Tele-Scan recording systems for transmitting data to distant computer facilities via standard telephone circuits.

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ALUMINUM ELECTROLYTICS Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, Mass. Engineering bulletin 3441B covers Compulytic aluminum electrolytics which are especially designed for power supply in-

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ELECTRIC IMPULSE COUNTERS Landis & Gyr, Inc., 45 W. 45th St., New York 36, N. Y. A 6-page bulletin describes Sodeco Ti series heavy duty electric impulse counters. Complete technical data are given including operating instructions, execution possibilities including several circuit diagrams, electrical information for both a-c and d-c models, and dimensional data.

CIRCLE 356 ON READER SERVICE CARD

DELAY LINES Valor Instruments, Inc., 13214 Crenshaw, Gardena, Calif. An 18-page booklet describes the advantages, disadvantages and limitations of all the different types of delay lines available, including high density, lumped constant, distributed constant, magnetostrictive and ultrasonic delay lines.

CIRCLE 357 ON READER SERVICE CARD

R-I FILTERS All-Tronics, Inc., 45 Bond St., Westbury, L. I., N. Y., has published a new, expanded catalog on its line of standard radio interference filters that makes the selection of r-f filters to suit particular specifications an easy matter for the design engineer.

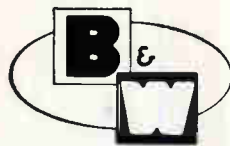
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AIRBORNE POWER SUPPLIES General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y. Bulletin GEC-1494A, 2 pages, gives specifications of GE's unregulated transformer-rectifier, model 6RW102YF1A, 28 v, 200 amperes.

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DIGITAL DATA PLOTTER Electronic Associates Inc., Long Branch, N. J. Bulletin DP6001 describes Dataplotter, its accessories and its capacity to multiply the efficiency of modern digital computers by reducing mountains of data to clear, easy-to-read charts, graphs or mechanical drawings.

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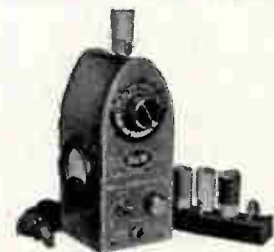
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Itek Erecting New Headquarters

CONSTRUCTION recently began on the first stage of a multimillion dollar, seven-unit complex of buildings to house the Information Technology Center of Itek Corp., in Lexington, Mass., off Route 128.

John H. Carter, vice president and general manager of the Center, says the new complex will ultimately house up to 2,500 Itek employees and will contain the research, development, manufacturing and administration functions now carried on at three locations in nearby Waltham and Boston.

All buildings in the complex will be made up of a number of 27,000 sq ft modules—a new building block design concept. This architectural

approach makes possible units, or modules, that can be arranged to provide maximum exterior exposure for virtually all offices in the complex. Stage I, consisting of five modules, is to be ready for occupancy in about six months.

According to Carter, the units now under construction on the company-owned, 46-acre site include a T-shaped office and research building, which will be the central unit of the completed complex, and a main laboratory building.

The entire Information Technology Center will be constructed in three stages and will provide a total of 400,000 sq ft of floor space when completed.

vises the company's current research programs in magnetrons, duplexer tubes, and beam-plasma amplifiers, and will initiate new programs which will ultimately lead to the firm's entry into traveling-wave and crossed-field devices.

Prior to joining Microwave Associates, St. John was a project engineer with Watkins-Johnson Co. of Palo Alto, Calif., where he directed projects concerned with low-noise traveling-wave tubes and beam-type parametric amplifiers.

He was with Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, N. J., from 1952 to 1959 as supervisor of a group working on research and development of low-noise traveling-wave tubes for radio-relay usage.



Microwave Associates Names R&D Director

APPOINTMENT of Grant E. St. John as director of research and development of the Tube Division of Microwave Associates, Inc., Burlington, Mass., is announced. He will super-

Syntron Building Rectifier Plant

SYNTRON COMPANY, Homer City, Pa., has begun construction of a new manufacturing plant for silicon rectifiers that will increase production eight times the present capacity. The new air-conditioned factory will add 16,000 sq ft of manufacturing area to the present operations. It will include an elaborate dust and humidity control system to insure the perfection of the finished product.

Site of the nearly half-million dollar structure is adjacent to the present rectifier plant which was completed in June 1958. Increased plans will require 80 additional persons. The plant is expected to be completed and in operation by mid-August.



Foto-Video Appoints R. D. Hamilton

FOTO-VIDEO ELECTRONICS, INC., Cedar Grove, N. J., announces the appointment of Robert D. Hamilton, formerly consulting engineer with IBM Corp. at Oswego, N. Y., as head of the systems engineering department at the company's expanding Cedar Grove operations.

While serving IBM, Hamilton was in charge of planning and specification writing for the Bomb-Nav System Test involving sighting radars, Doppler radar, data-processing, digital-computing operations, radar display and stellar inertial operations.

Prior to that, he was a senior engineer with Allen B. DuMont Laboratories, holding the post of electronic systems engineer, responsible for the scheduling and writing of creative industrial and military-

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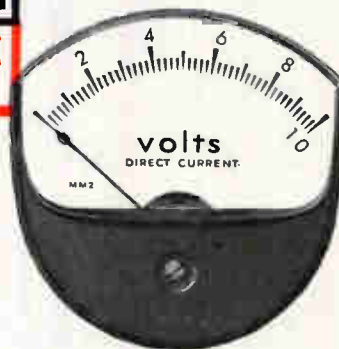


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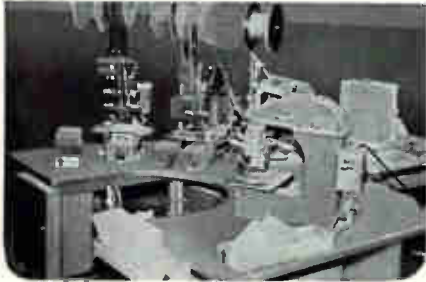
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M. Landau Joins ESC Corporation

ESC CORPORATION, Palisades Park, N. J., manufacturer of delay lines, filters, wide band video transformers and other types of video networks, announces the appointment of Melvin Landau as chief mechanical engineer.

Prior to joining ESC, Landau was supervisor of mechanical design at the Bogen-Presto Corp. Before that he was design engineer with the Radio and TV Division of Westinghouse. He has also been affiliated with the Walter Kidde Co., Bendix Aviation Corp., and the Espe Mfg. Corp. in similar capacities.



Ehrismann Takes Filtors Post

RECENTLY announced was the appointment of Kurt Ehrismann as chief product engineer at Filtors, Inc., Port Washington, N. Y. He will have design and production responsibilities for the company's complete line of relays.

Ehrismann was formerly the project engineer in charge of the design and development of telephone

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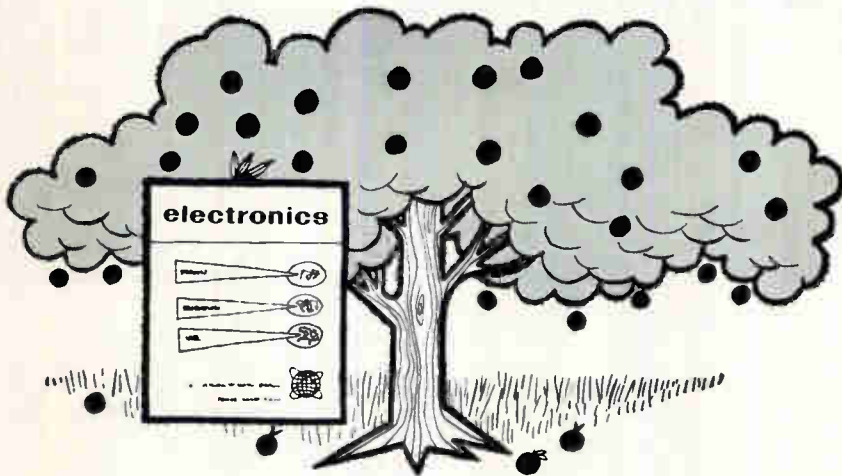
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power equipment at National Pneumatic Co. and Holtzer-Cabot, Inc., in Boston. Before that he was a project engineer assigned to new products at C. P. Clare & Co., Chicago; here he designed and developed new relays and rotary switches. He has had wide experience in the design and manufacture of relays both in this country and in Switzerland, where he was production engineer for Albiswerk AG, Zurich.



Avco Promotes Harland Bass

APPOINTMENT of Harland A. Bass as chief engineer, data handling, at the Crosley Division, Avco Corp., Cincinnati, O., is announced.

Bass had been serving as assistant chief engineer, data handling. He first joined Crosley in 1940 as an engineer on military products.

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Nytronics Appoints Chief Engineer

SIDNEY FISCH was recently appointed chief engineer of the Essex Electronics division of Nytronics, Inc. of Berkeley Heights, N. J.

In his new post, Fisch will be responsible for further development of the company's delay lines, coils, and r-f components.

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The Potential of Photoconductivity

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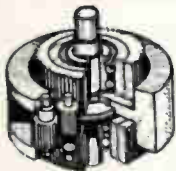
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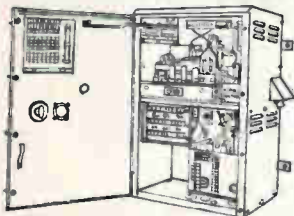
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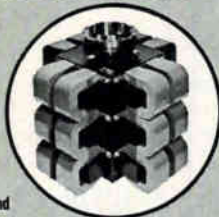
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