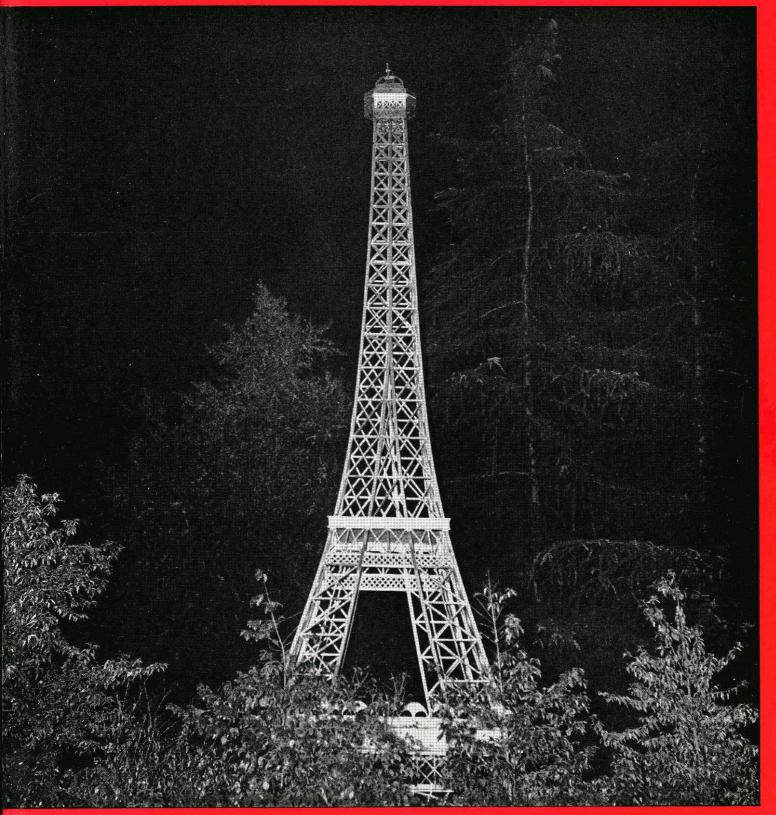
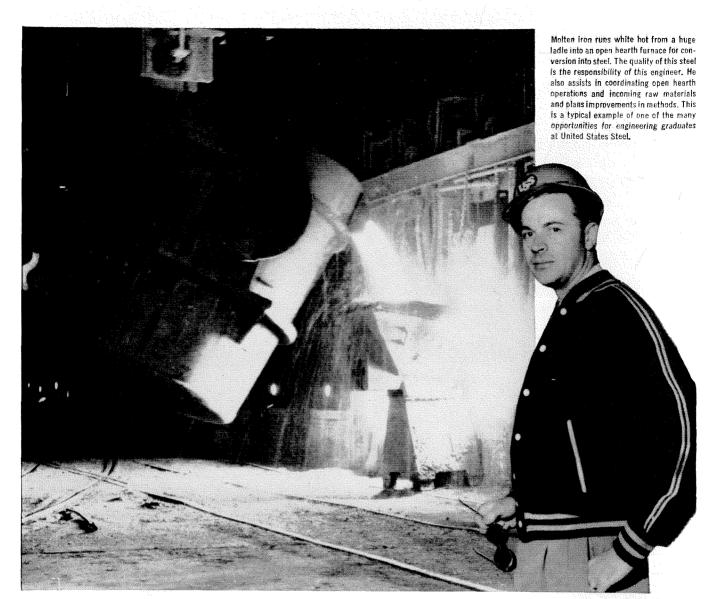
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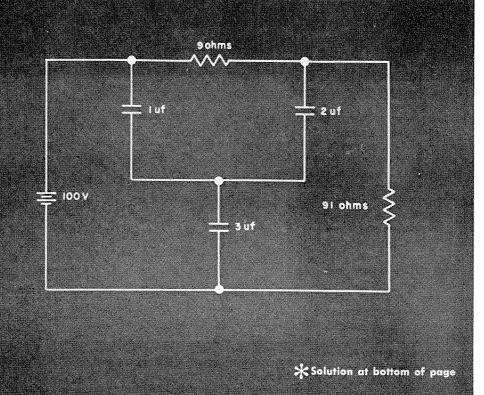
### CAN YOU FIGURE IT OUT?

In the circuit shown, determine the voltage appearing across the 3 microfarad capacitor. Assume that the circuit has been operating long enough to achieve an equilibrium state.



Gerald Maley tells what it's like to be...and why he likes being...a Product Development Engineer with IBM.

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:	*SOLUTION	:
:	The voltage across the 3 uf capacitor is	:
•	47 volts. This answer may be verified as	
:	follows:	:
٠	Since the voltage across the 91 ohm re-	•
:	sistor is 91 volts in the steady state, then	:
:	$E_1 + E_3 = 100 \text{ or } E_1 = 100 - E_3$ (1)	÷
:	and $E_2 + E_3 = 91$ or $E_2 = 91 - E_3$ (2)	
:	let $Q_1 = I_1 T_1 = C_1 E_1$	•
:	let $Q_2 = I_2 T_2 = C_2 E_2$	÷
٠	then $Q_3 = I_1 T_1 + I_2 T_2$ or $C_3 E_3 = (3)$	•••
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•		٠
	By substituting in equation (3) the expres-	1
:	sions for E1 and E2 given in equations (1)	÷
÷	and (2), we have:	
:	$C_3E_3 = C_1 (100 - E_3) + C (91 - E_3)$	:
÷	Substituting all known values in this	:
÷	equation gives:	:
1	$(3 \times 10^{-6}) E_3 = (1 \times 10^{-6}) (100 - E_3) +$	•
•	(2 x 12-6) (91 -Es)	:
:		:
•	Dividing by 10-6	÷
÷	$3E_3 = 100 - E_3 + 2 (91 - E_8)$	:
:	6E <sub>3</sub> = 282	:
:	Es = 47 volts Answer	:



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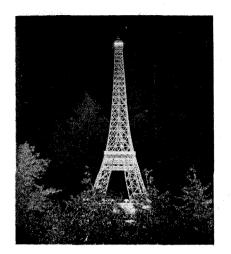
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The silver tower was 36 ft. high (and would have been even higher if the Pasadena Building Department didn't have a height limit for this area). It took about 600 man-hours of labor, cost \$350, and was built to scale—from an old *Life* photograph.

The Eiffel Tower was the most memorable thing about the Interhouse Dance this fall, and there is another view of it on page 39—where you will find pictures of some of the other memorable student events of the First Term, 1957-58.

"AN AMERICAN GENETICIST in the USSR." on page 27 of this issue, has been adapted from a Friday Evening Demonstration Lecture given by Norman H. Horowitz, professor of biology, on November 1.

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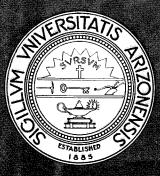
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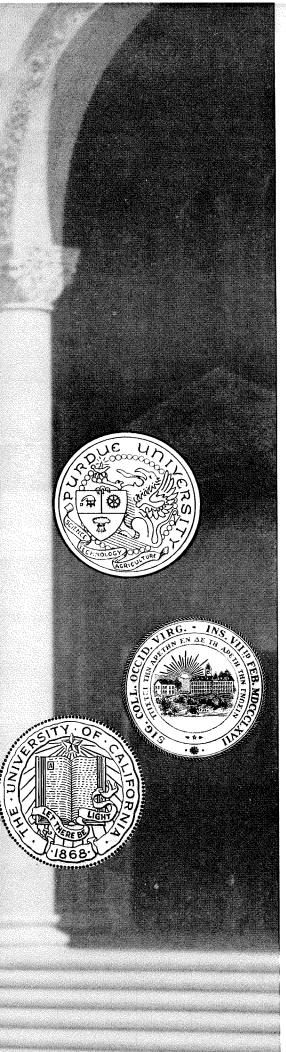
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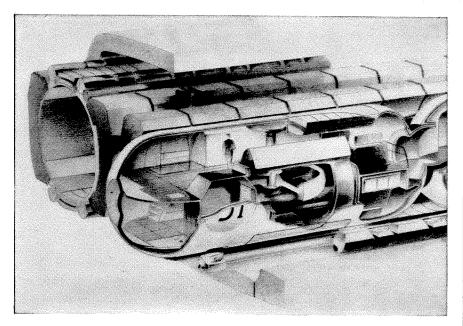


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THIS HANDBOOK discusses different phases of air pollution in 15 separate sections. The engineering and control sections contain a review of sources of emission, processes and equipment for control, sampling and test methods, and legal aspects of air pollution. The more research-minded can find in the chapters devoted to chemistry, physics and meteorology a useful guide to the literature. The objectionable features of air pollution are described in the sections on epidemiology, animals, plants, and visibility. The last section consists of a table of conversion factors badly needed in a field dominated by grains, barrels, and mesalliances of decimal and duodecimal systems.

#### **Diverse** disciplines

It is a difficult task for the editors to assemble a group of papers from such widely diverse disciplines in one book and still keep a balanced treatment of the many aspects of air pollution. Faced with such a problem, contributors should be aware of why a book like this is bought, and by whom. The air pollution scientist is hardly expected to turn to a general compilation of a handbook to learn about his specialty.

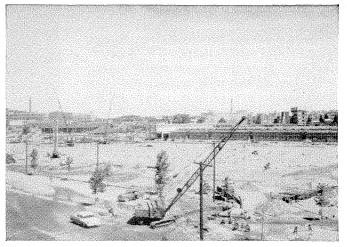
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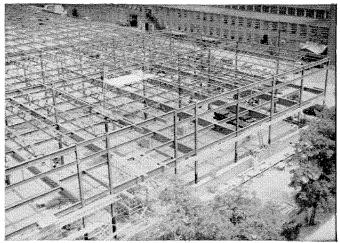
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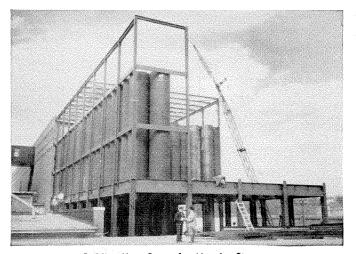
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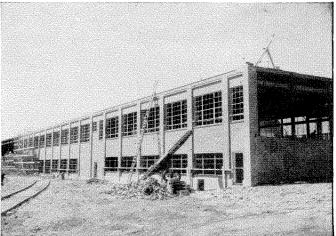
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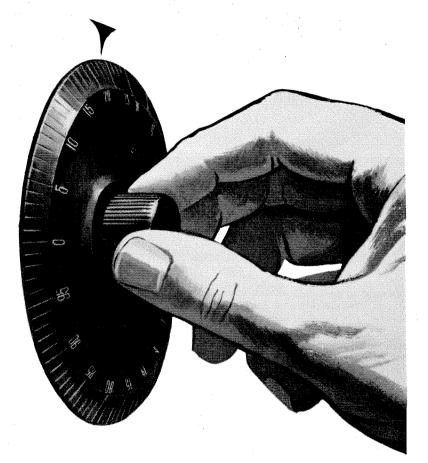


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ing or control side could have received more than the 106 pages, or one-sixth of the total, and that theoretical matters discussed-especially the sections on physics and chemistry of the atmosphere-could have been cut by reference to the available literature. For example, the chapter on chemistry goes to great length to show the importance of oxides of nitrogen in modern air pollution. The information about the testing procedures in the analytical section is so meager that most readers may even remember that much from their college days.

#### **Dealing with specialists**

However, in general the editors have done a commendable job, and where they sometimes failed, they deserve more of our sympathy than criticism in dealing with some 35 specialist contributors.

THE BLUE CHIPS	
by Jay Deiss	
Simon & Schuster	\$4.50

THE BLUE CHIPS is a novel about big business, and it comes fully equipped with all the stock items we have come to expect in this kind of book. One difference this time is that the man in the gray flannel suit is a scientist—Dr. Howell Winslow, a brilliant young researcher with the great pharmaceutical firm of Faber-King.

Dr. Winslow is the very model of a modern scientist. He has "lean, strong hands" and "the muscular discipline of a one-time practiced athlete." He has "careless blond hair," and "eager, idealistic, broadly-placed gray eyes," along with a "small, straight nose" and a "determined mouth (which was nevertheless insure)." The unsure, determined mouth is the tip-off on Dr. Winslow. Will he pursue his "inner dream" and stick with scientific research, or will he take the administrative opportunity that is offered him and go out after the big money?

Dr. Winslow's choice might be of more concern to the reader if the doctor—and most of the other characters in the book—were human beings, instead of carbon copies of other fictional characters.

In the course of telling the story of Dr. Winslow's downfall, *The Blue Chips* dispenses a good deal of factual information about both the laboratory and the financial operations of a big pharmaceutical corporation —and this has a certain documentary interest. But *The Blue Chips* is far from being that good novel about science that so many people keep waiting for.

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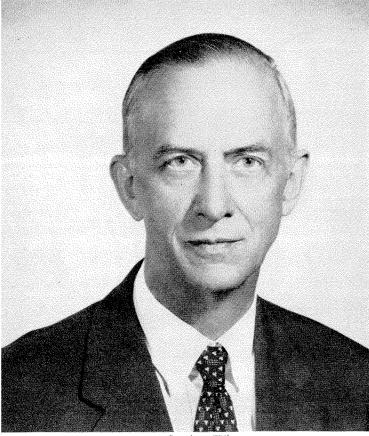
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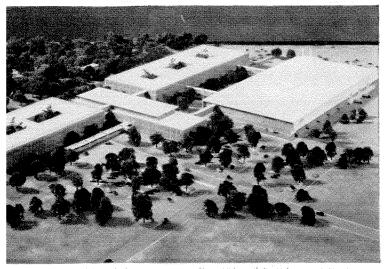


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### SATELLITES

Let's face up to the obvious fact that the Russians are ahead of us. So what do we do about it?

by W. H. Pickering

THE SATELLITE PROGRAM has, of course, had a tremendous amount of publicity in the last few months, and has become a significant factor in politics, not only in this country, but in international politics as well.

Let me summarize some of the facts about the IGY satellite projects. Early in 1955 the International IGY group, the CSAGI (Comité Spécial de L'Année Géophysique Internationale) committee, recommended to the various national committees that a satellite project would be of scientific value as a part of the IGY.

In the summer of 1955 the President of the United States announced that this country would accept the challenge and fly a satellite during the IGY period. A few weeks later the Russians announced that they would also establish a satellite program.

In the United States, the President announced that the program would be established with the assistance of the Department of Defense and also with the assistance of the U.S. National Committee for the IGY. The Department of Defense was given the task of providing the vehicle for the satellite, the proving ground for firing the rocket, and support for the observing stations.

The U.S. National Committee was given the responsibility of deciding on the scientific experiments to go in the satellite, and of seeing that the experiments were built and ready to fly in the satellite. The Department of Defense, in turn, assigned the Naval Research Laboratory the overall responsibility of the so-called Vanguard project; they were to build the vehicle, accept the scientific experiments from the U.S. National Committee, and fly these experiments with the help of various other agencies in the Department of Defense.

(As far as the Russian program is concerned, I am afraid that we don't know much about how it is organized. We had some more or less casual conversation with the Russian delegates to the International Astronautical Federation in Barcelona in October, and at that time the Russians merely emphasized that their scientific program was integrated with their rocket program so as to make a sensible overall program.)

At various international meetings of the IGY groups, the U.S. and U.S.S.R. described the scientific experiments they proposed to do—and ended up with the same general classes of experiments. The U.S. provided some more information about its general program; the U.S.S.R. was rather vague about the details of its rocketry—and, in fact, of its program in general. In speaking with some Russians about this vagueness, I heard the comment that, in Russia, they don't feel you should talk about a complex experiment until you've got it under your belt. They took this stand on the details of the satellite experiment.

"Satellites" has been adapted from a talk given by Dr. Pickering at Caltech's YMCA Forum on November 20, 1957.

The CSAGI requested both countries to provide the expected firing dates for the satellite program, because observing stations all over the world would want to be ready for observations. But neither the U.S. nor U.S.S.R. ever provided any dates to the CSAGI.

This brings us to the fall of this year, when the Russians put up two satellites. These satellites—to reiterate what we all know—were fired on October 4 and November 2, from a point somewhere around the Caspian Sea, and in a general northeasterly direction. They established orbits about 65 degrees inclined to the equator. These orbits were of such a nature that all parts of the world lying between 65 degrees latitude north and 65 degrees latitude south at some time or other would be passed over by the orbit. Therefore, people living between these latitudes—essentially all of the civilized world—have a chance to observe or listen to the satellites at some time or other.

#### A series of Sputniks

Right after the firing of the first Russian satellite, Professor A. A. Blagonravov (who was a U.S.S.R. delegate of the CSAGI Conference on Rockets and Satellites in Washington, D.C., at the time) stated that there were two satellites ready to go. The two which have been fired are presumably these two. However, the Russians expect to fire a series during the IGY period, so we can look for Sputniks from time to time during the next year. Professor Blagonravov said that they would be more or less evenly spaced during the IGY period but would contain different experiments and would be different sizes and shapes.

Of the two objects which have been fired already, the Russians stated that the first was a satellite which was separated from its final-stage rocket and which weighed about 180 pounds. The second object was apparently left attached to its final-stage rocket, and its weight was given at about 1,100 pounds. It is probable that both satellites used the same final-stage rocket; the difference between them is just the matter of separating the instrument compartment in one case and leaving it attached in the other.

The U.S. has gone through a lot of self-examination since the Russian satellites were fired. The President has stated that the U.S. would attempt to fly a small satellite in December and the Vanguard satellite in March. The Army has been asked to modify its Jupiter-C research vehicle to launch a satellite in a manner first proposed by the Army in its "Project Orbitor" design in 1955. The Army has stated that this satellite will be launched sometime after the first of the year.

Like the Vanguard project, the Army program relies on the cooperation of several agencies. The two principal agencies are the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Huntsville, Alabama, and the Caltech Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. The Army Ballistic Missile Agency is responsible for the construction and launching of the first, or booster, stage. The final stage is a single solid-propellant rocket approximately six inches in diameter and four feet long. To the front end of this rocket is attached the payload which has the shape of a cylinder with a conical nose. The final satellite object will consist of the empty rocket, weighing about 10 pounds, attached to the payload which weighs about 20 pounds.

The scientific package consists of the cosmic ray experiment package developed by the State University of Iowa for the earth satellite program. Adaptation of this design to fit the Army launching vehicle is being carried out at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

There has been a great deal of speculation of one sort or another as to what all of this satellite activity means. I think the first thing that we have to agree on is the significance of the Russian success in getting these two objects up. First of all, it probably implies that they were able to do this with two shots out of two. Of course, we don't know this for sure, but they stated ahead of time that there were two objects ready, and there are two up there. We can therefore conclude that the Russians are well advanced in the technology of large rockets.

Furthermore, I would conclude that the Russians are well advanced in the guidance of large rockets, because if you are going to put up an object into an orbit, you don't just go up there and throw it; you have to throw it in the right direction. And throwing in the right direction requires a very precise guidance system.

So, the Russians have obviously solved the problem of firing large rockets and of guiding large rockets. As far as their weapon technology is concerned, they are well ahead of us, because we have not demonstrated any comparable competence in this country.

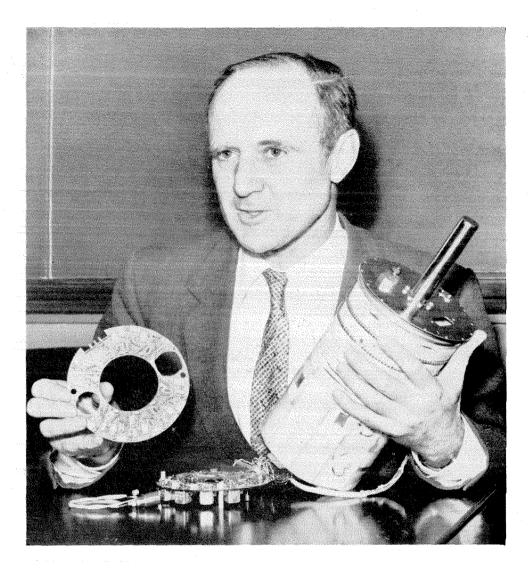
I will also make the point that this accomplishment should dispel any remaining doubts in the minds of people in this country that the Russians are a bunch of peasants. The Russians have advanced technological and scientific personnel to draw upon for this kind of program, and there is no doubt whatever about it.

#### Could we have done any better?

Of course, we ask ourselves: Could we have done any better in this country? Could we have had a satellite up there? One hears all sorts of speculations, but some things stand out—for example, that the U.S. satellite program was proceeding at a rate that might not have been as rapid as one would have liked, but neverthless was (and is) capable of meeting its objective: to get up at least one satellite in the IGY period which extends through 1958.

One can question the wisdom of just letting the program amble along at this rate, and of course one can ask: Was it really ambling along—or was it doing the best it could? We know that the Vanguard program has cost increasing amounts of money as time went on, so the total funds now authorized for the program are something over \$100,000,000. With this finding, it is not fair to say that the program is ambling along; if it hasn't

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W. H. Pickering, director of Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, holding a prototype of the cosmic ray instrumentation package to be flown in the Army satellite which is being built jointly by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the Army Ballistic Missile Agency.

succeeded in getting satellites up yet, it would appear to mean that the wrong decision was made when the program was started.

This program was started with the decision to build a special Vanguard rocket. The technology of large rockets is a complicated thing, but, of course, the Naval Research Laboratory has had a lot of experience; it has built the Viking, which is a successful research rocket. Neverthless. I think one must ask: Was it right to start two years ago to build what was essentially a new rocket? Or should one have gone to some of the military programs and said: Is there, anywhere in the military program, a rocket or potential rocket which could be used in this situation?

I think one can also comment that it is pretty obvious that very few people in this country had any appreciation of the political significance of the Russian satellite. I am sure that there were people who wanted the U.S. to have a satellite up there first. On the face of it, however, it does not appear that the people who are in a position to make decisions had a real appreciation of the significance of this accomplishment.

I think we have to remember that the proposed U.S. satellite program was never as ambitious as the Russian one. We are talking about a satellite that weighs 20

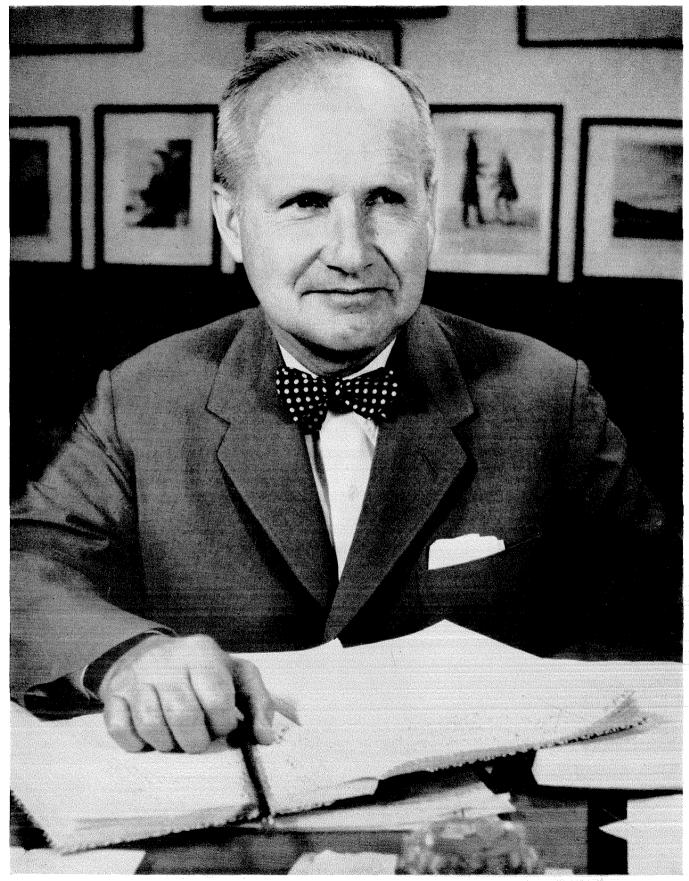
pounds, while the Russians had an instrument compartment of more than 150 pounds. So, this means that the Russian rocket which was used for launching their satellite must obviously be considerably larger than the rockets being proposed for the Vanguard, or, for that matter, for the Army satellite program which will likewise launch a 20-pound satellite.

It seems to me that what we have seen in recent weeks in this country is rather a sorry spectacle. There has been a lot of criticism of the missile programs, of the interservice rivalry, of the various political factors which have affected technical decisions. But, are we getting out of the mess, or are we getting into it even worse?

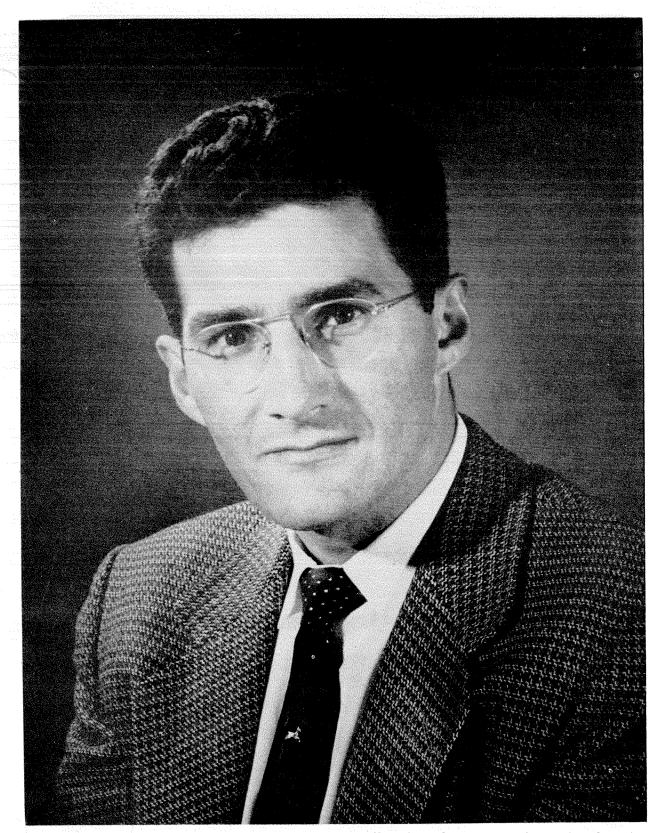
There seems to be an unwillingness to face up to the obvious fact that the Russians are ahead of us. Let's admit this. They are ahead of us, so what do we do about it? What we need is strong leadership, good engineering, good management. We are not asking for a lot of scientific break-throughs. We are asking for good management and good engineering on programs which already exist and are slowly coming to fruition. We must demand an end of the petty inter-service squabbling which seems to be still going on, and an end to the petty politics which, even now, still seems to be plaguing the entire missile program.

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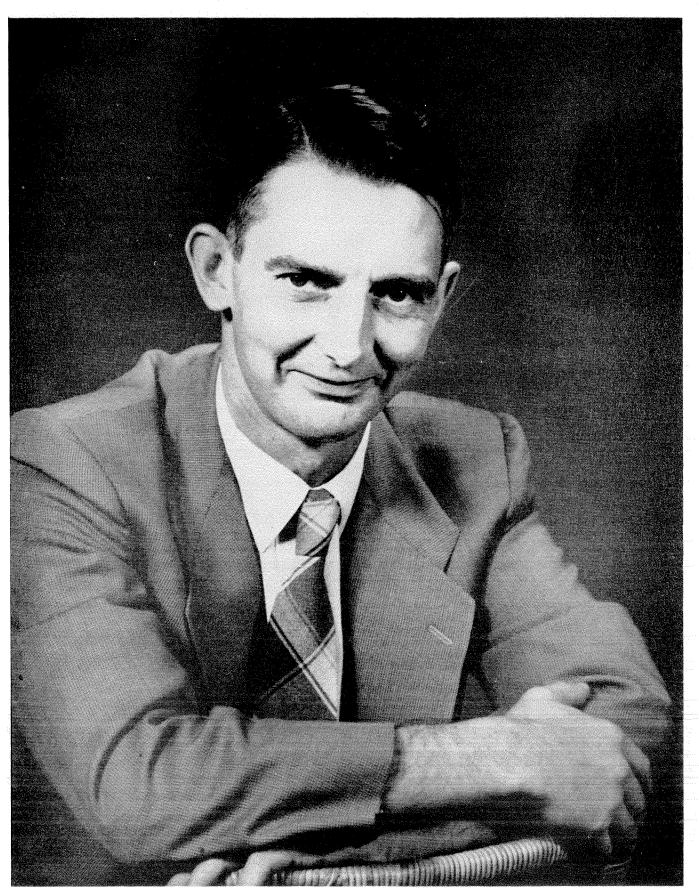
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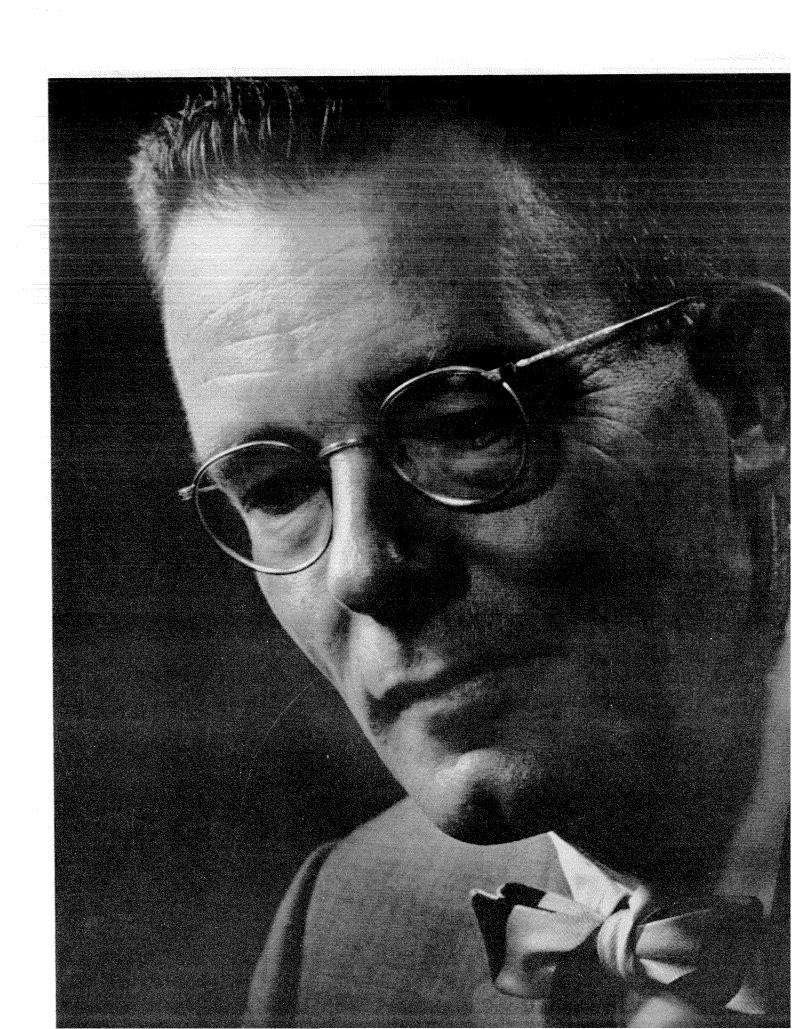
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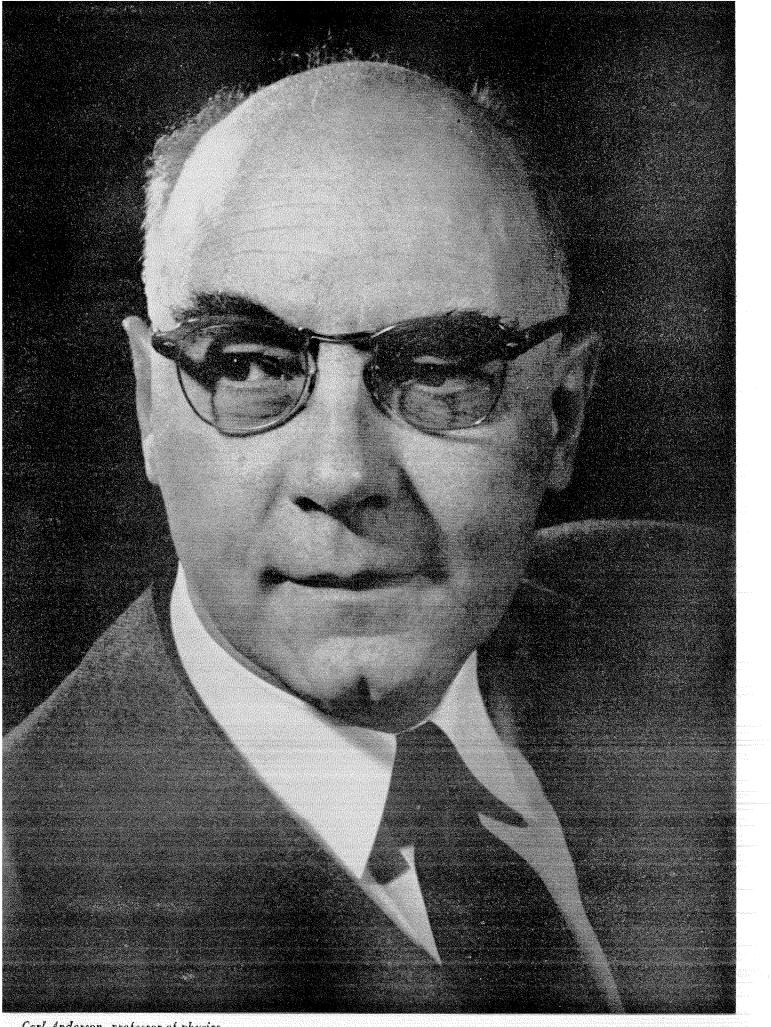
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Moscow street scene at quitting time. During working hours, streets are almost deserted.

### An American Geneticist in the USSR

LAST AUGUST I had the opportunity, along with eight other Americans, to visit the Soviet Union as a guest of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. The occasion of this visit was a symposium on the origin of life, organized by the Russian Academy. The meeting was sponsored by the International Union of Biochemistry, of which the American Society of Biological Chemists is a member organization.

Perhaps related to the fact that our State Department is currently interested in furthering cultural exchanges with the Russians, the National Science Foundation granted a sum of money for the travel of American participants to the conference. After we arrived in Moscow we were guests of the Academy, with all of our expenses paid. The Russians were most generous hosts, and the friendliness of the Russian people was evident wherever we went. I spent 10 days there—7 days in Moscow and 3 in Leningrad—and even the souvenirs I

### by Norman H. Horowitz

bought and the long distance call I made to my wife from Leningrad were paid for by the Academy.

One reason I was interested in going to the Soviet Union was to find out what I could about the status of genetics there. Genetics is my special field of interest, and genetics has been under fire in Russia for some time. Starting in the middle thirties, there began a series of more or less officially sponsored attacks on the science of genetics. In particular, the chromosomal theory of heredity, the backbone of genetics, was attacked. This theory is associated with the names of such men as Mendel, who made the first basic discoveries in genetics, and T. H. Morgan, who founded the biology department at Caltech. Morgan's students are still teaching at the Institute—Prof. Alfred H. Sturtevant, for example—so we have more than a casual interest in the fate of the chromosome theory.

Genetics was criticized in public meetings in Russia

in the thirties as being a foreign "bourgeois" science, and it was also criticized for being "objective." Its critics invented a sort of native kind of biology that had Marxian roots and was "subjective."

The man who emerged as the leader of this movement was one T. D. Lysenko, an agriculturist who had made a reputation in practical farming. He knew little or nothing about the science of genetics. This was revealed quite clearly in his speeches and in his writings. In place of what he termed "Western genetics," he recommended the adoption of "Michurinism." Michurin was a well-known Russian plant breeder, like our Burbank, who apparently held unscientific views about heredity.

Michurinism, as outlined by Lysenko, is a form of Lamarckism. Lamarck was a French biologist of the 18th century who proposed as the underlying mechanism of evolution the theory that characteristics which the organism acquires in its lifetime are transmitted directly to its offspring. Now, this is a plausible view; if one wants to explain how evolution takes place, then this idea is almost the first one that springs to mind. It is an appealing notion, it is simple, and at one time it was very respectable. Darwin, for example, was a Lamarckian. The only thing wrong with Lamarckism is that no convincing evidence has ever been found in its favor. Modern genetics provides no mechanism by means of which the heredity of a plant or animal can be changed in an adaptive or a directed way by use or disuse, or by crude changes in the environment.

As an example of the sort of evidence that Lysenko put forward for this idea, I can cite his claim to have changed a species of wheat with 28 chromosomes into one with 42 chromosomes by the simple expedient of planting it in the autumn instead of the spring. This result is so unlikely as to immediately raise doubts as to the genetic purity of Lysenko's starting material.

It is not generally realized that a number of careful attempts to confirm Lysenko's results have been made in laboratories in Western Europe and in America. Little or nothing has come of these.

The climax of the Lysenkoist movement in the Soviet Union came in 1948 at a meeting of the Lenin Academy of Agricultural Sciences, where Lysenko made a fullscale attack on genetics. The Mendelian position was defended by various Soviet geneticists (and there were some very good ones in the Soviet Union) but Lysenko then revealed that his views had the approval of the Central Committee of the Communist Party—and this ended the meeting.

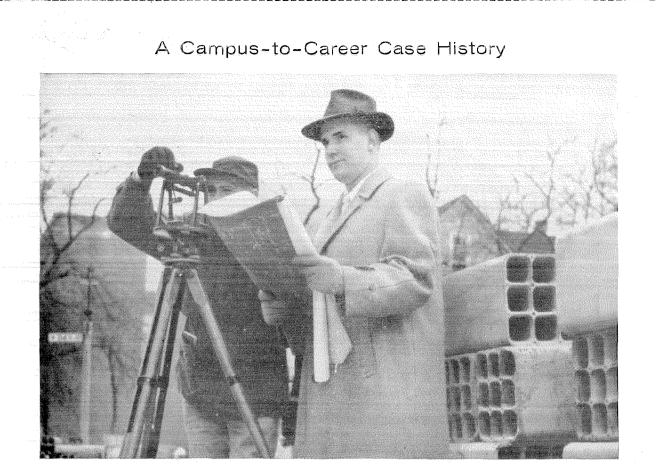
The shocking thing about this to Western scientists was not so much the views that Lysenko espoused; we have plenty of ignorance in our own country, and it is not hard to find people who ought to know better supporting views which are scientifically unsupportable. I have heard of teachers of science in high school, for example, who don't accept evolution. The shocking thing was that Lysenko's view was adopted as the official point of view by the government. Eventually, appropriate action was taken—consisting, among other things, of the dismissal of geneticists from their posts and the abolition of the teaching of genetics in Russian schools.

During the past year there have been suggestions in the press that Lysenko has lost favor, and that genetics is coming back in the USSR. I was interested in finding out whether or not this is true. I can sum up my impressions by saying that the state of genetics in the Soviet Union is still not good, although it is not so bad as it was six or seven years ago. Lysenko is still director of the Institute of Genetics of the Academy of Sciences in Moscow. The chair of genetics in the University of Moscow is still vacant. On the other hand, the workers in Lysenko's institute (I did not meet Lysenko himself) now accept the basic facts of Mendelian genetics, and they use Mendelian terminology and concepts in their papers and discussions. But they deny the exceptional importance of these concepts; they believe that



Three participants in the international symposium in Moscow; Prof. M. Florkin of Liege, Belgium, president of the International Union of Biochemistry; H. C. Yin (who got his PhD at Caltech in 1937), director of the Institute of Plant Physiology of the Academia Sinica, Shanghai; and Norman Horowitz, Caltech professor of biology.

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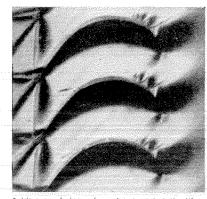
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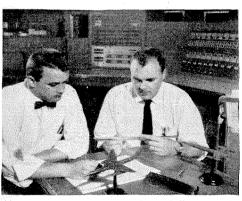
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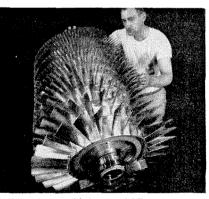
gine inlet, compressor, burner, turbine and afterburner. From both the theoretical and applied viewpoints, he is engrossed in the problems of perfect, viscous and compressible flow. Problems concerning boundary layers, diffusion, transonic flow, shock waves, jet and wake phenomena, airfoil theory, flutter and stall propagation - all must be attacked through profound theoretical and detailed experimental processes. Adding further to the challenge and complexity of these assignments at P & W A is this fact: the engines developed must ultimately perform in varieties of aircraft ranging from supersonic fighters to intercontinental bombers and transports, functioning throughout a wide range of operational conditions for each type.

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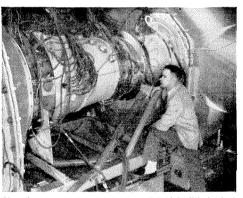
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there is much more to heredity in plants and animals than is compassed by classical genetic theory, and they are attempting to prove this.

In principle, one cannot object to this attitude; certainly there are large areas of uncertainty in our knowledge of heredity phenomena, and it would be rash indeed to think that there are no surprises left in this field.

Some workers in Lysenko's institute are beginning to identify their findings with a phenomenon that has been recognized in bacteria since 1928—namely, genetic transformation. It is possible to change the heredity of certain bacteria in a directed way by exposing them to the nucleic acid obtained from bacteria of a different strain. Nucleic acid is the material that constitutes the genes; it can be dissolved out of the bacterial cell by chemical extraction. When intact bacterial cells of the same species are exposed to this material they can take it up and incorporate it into their own genetic makeup. In this way, they come to resemble the donor strain in various hereditary characteristics.

It is conceivable that even in higher organisms it may be possible to effect transformations. Several people, including some at Caltech, have attempted to bring about transformations of higher animals by methods analogous to that described above. So far, this has not been successful; the only successes have been in bacteria. But, in principle, we have no reason at the present time to think that this cannot be done if the right conditions are found. The Russians think they may have accomplished transformations in birds, but these claims are being made by the same group of people who just a few years ago were making nonsensical statements about genetics. For this reason, they will have to be confirmed in other laboratories before they are accepted.

#### From genetics to atoms

With regard to the geneticists who lost their jobs when Lysenko came to power, I learned that some of them are back at work in laboratories of radio-biology, presumably studying the genetic effects of high-energy radiations. I got the impression that these geneticists are welcome to work in nuclear research laboratories. They do not work in the Institute of Genetics. Unfortunately, none of those I would have liked to see were in Moscow at the time of the conference.

It thus appears possible that genetics may be able to gain a foothold in the Soviet Union again. This will require the resumption of teaching of modern genetics in the universities, even more than it requires the resumption of research. Soviet biology is already so far behind in this respect that it will be difficult for it to catch up.

An amusing incident that occurred at the meeting was the arrival of a cablegram from India, which said, "This is to inform you that living matter has just been synthesized in our laboratory. Best wishes for the success of the symposium." Everybody in the audience realized that this was a joke except the newspaper reporters. One of the news service men sent the story out, and it was published in the United States. The next day, all of the other American reporters in Moscow were being chewed out by their editors for not having sent the story.

On later occasions I had a chance to talk to these reporters, and I was astonished to discover that none of those I met spoke Russian. One of the important impressions I gained on this trip is that the Russians have a tremendous advantage over us; they know our language, but we don't know theirs. Most of the Russian scientists at the meeting spoke English fluently, and read English scientific papers with ease. Even the children on the street in Moscow and Leningrad often speak English fluently. They learn it in school, starting in the fifth grade, and by the time they are 13 or 14 years old many of them speak English very well. Not only do we not teach Russian very much in this country, but even the reporters we send to Russia apparently get the news through translators.

#### Our friends in Russia

The night before I left Leningrad I went outside the hotel, and there were a few boys waiting around on the sidewalk. One of them stepped up and asked, "Do you speak English?" "Yes," I said, "I certainly do." It turned out that he was 13 years old, was studying English in school, and had heard there were foreigners in town. He wanted to know what I was doing in the Soviet Union and where I came from.

I happened to have a folder of pictures of Pasadena in my pocket that I had bought at the Los Angeles airport just before leaving. I took it out and showed him what Pasadena looked like. By this time a number of boys had gathered around, and he circulated through the crowd and showed them the pictures of Pasadena.

When he came back and handed me the folder I told him he could keep it. He put it inside his shirt and said, "I want to give you a coin." I thought he was trying to give me money, because I had discovered that you can't out-gift a Russian: if you give him something, he immediately gives you something back. I started to refuse but one of the interpreters came up and said, "You ought to take that; it is an interesting coin." So I did; it was a 50-kopeck piece that hasn't been minted for some time.

The next day I was leaving for the airport to go to Helsinki. The cab was late, and I was dashing out of the hotel when one of the boys from the night before stepped up to me and handed me a postcard. I didn't get a chance to look at it until I got into the taxi. It was a flowery-looking Russian greeting card. I turned it over to see what was on the other side, and he had written a message on it, in English. It said, MAY OUR FRIEND-SHIP PROSPER!

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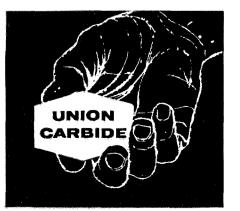
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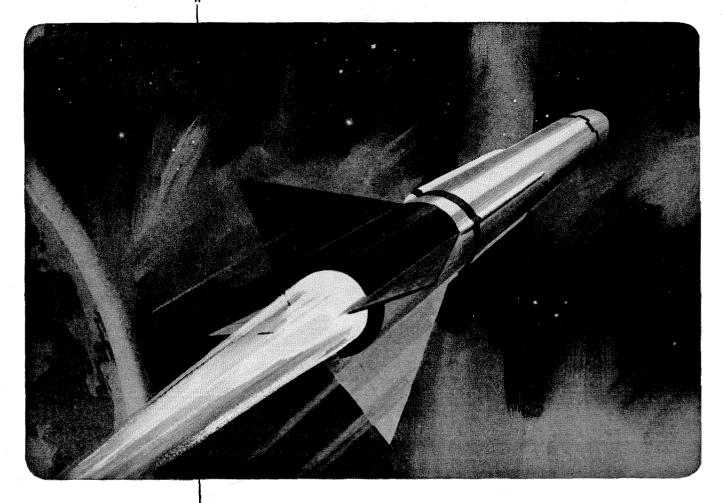
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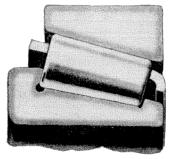
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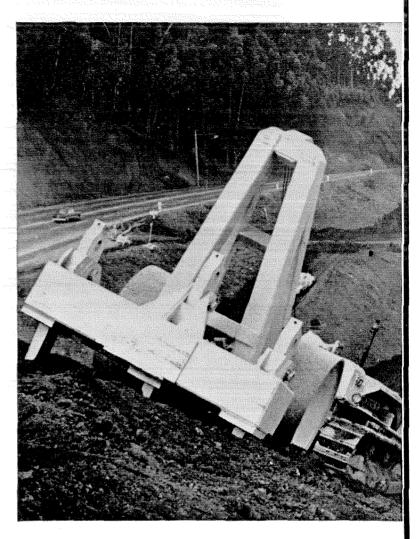
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# THE MONTH AT CALTECH

#### Health Center

CALTECH'S Archibald Young Health Center has its official opening on December 15. Located at 1239 Arden Road, the \$200,000 unit is adjacent to Tournament Park, and just south of Arden House, the residence of the Master of Student Houses.

The T-shaped building is residential in character to blend in with the surrounding architecture. One section contains two four-bed wards and two isolation wards; another section contains two doctors' offices, a psychiatrist's office, three treatment rooms, and x-ray, physiotherapy and waiting rooms. There is also a convalescent room, a lounge and a kitchen.

Named in honor of the late Archibald Young, Pasadena attorney and philanthropist, the new building is a gift from Mrs. Young.

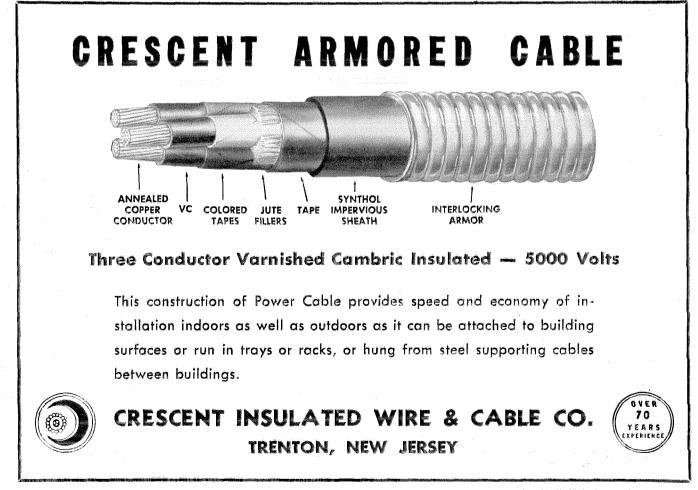
#### Honors and Awards

ROBERT F. BACHER, chairman of the division of physics, mathematics and astronomy, is one of 5 new members added to President Eisenhower's Science Advisory Committee. Headed by I. I. Rabi, professor of physics at Columbia University, the committee has now been moved from the Office of Defense Mobilization to the White House in order to bring it into a closer working relationship with the President and James R. Killian, Jr., his newly-appointed special assistant for science and technology.

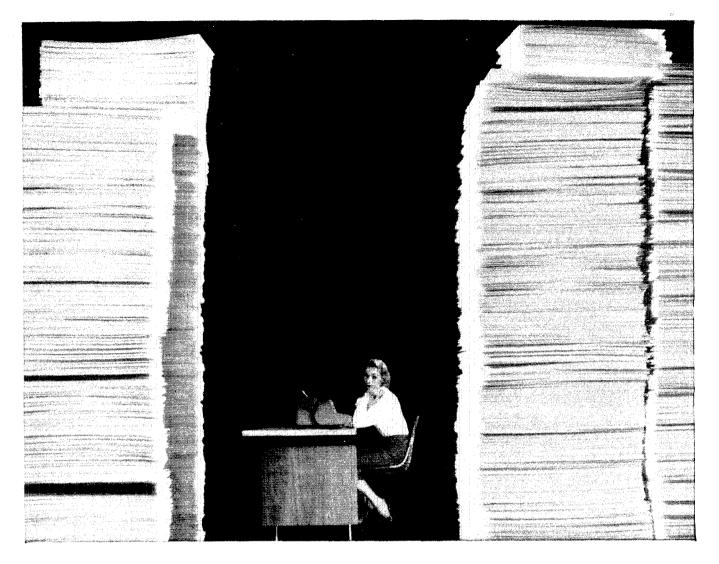
Besides Dr. Bacher, the 17-man committee also includes H. P. Robertson, Caltech professor of physics.

HOMER J. STEWART, professor of aeronautics, is one of two scientific consultants appointed by the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee for its investigation of the U.S. missile and satellite programs. The second consultant, William Houston, a former Caltech professor, is president of Rice Institute in Texas.

WILLIAM H. PICKERING, director of Caltech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, received the James H. Wyld Memorial Award for outstanding application of rocket power at the American Rocket Society's annual meeting in New York City on December 5.



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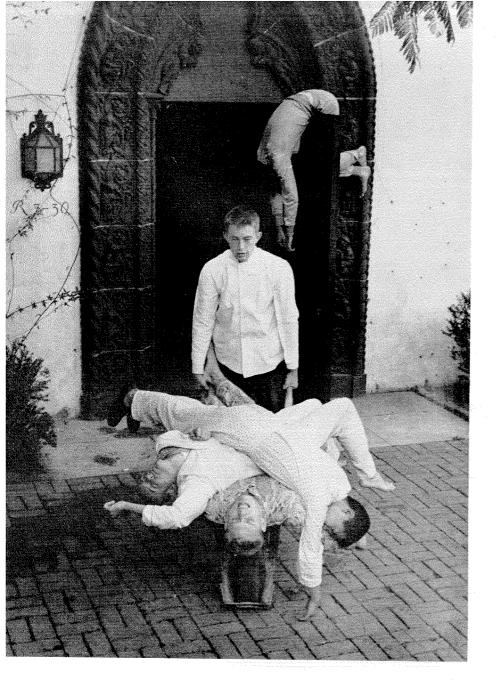
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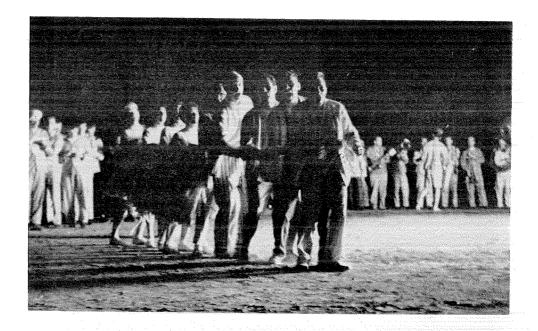
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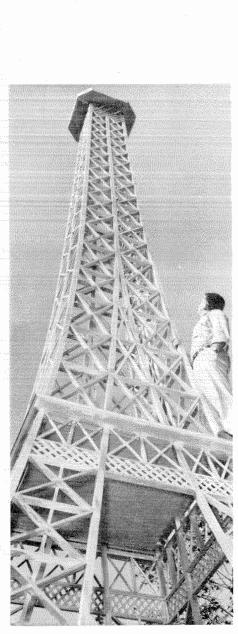
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Some pictorial highlights

Asian flu invaded the campus in mid-October and laid the student body low. At the left, a typical scene in the student houses, recorded at the height of the plague by a daring student photographer.

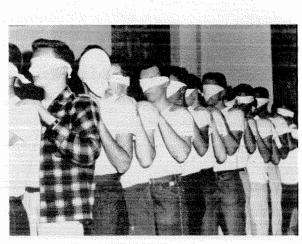


The Pajamarino, a Caltech tradition that was abandoned in 1953 came back this year in all its old-fashioned glory, replete with pajamas, porading, bonfire, songqueens and yells.



Biggest thing about this year's Interhouse Dance—Throop Club's 36-foot Eiffel Tower.

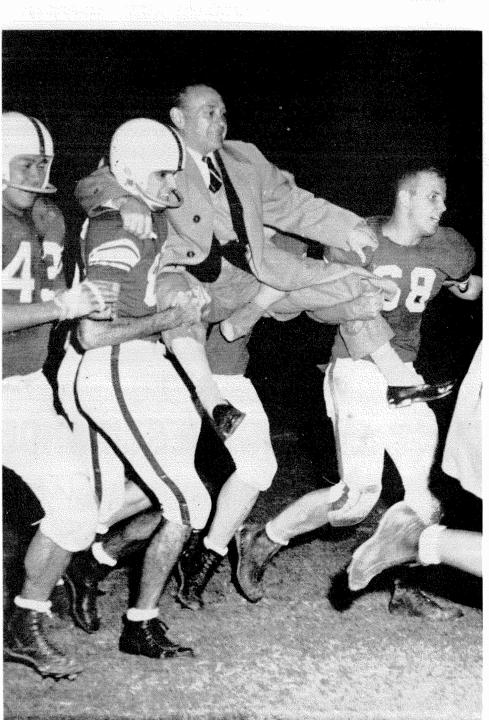
Coach LaBrucherie is carried away as Caltech beats Occidental (27-14) for the first time since 1946.



Freshmen grope through intricacies of initiation.



Sophomore goes through stately measures of Mudeo.



# Field of today's best available magnetic alloy

Difference between ordinary magnetic iron (left) and Cubex (right) is diagrammed on glass panel by Dr. George W. Wiener, who heads up research on soft magnetic materials at Westinghouse Research

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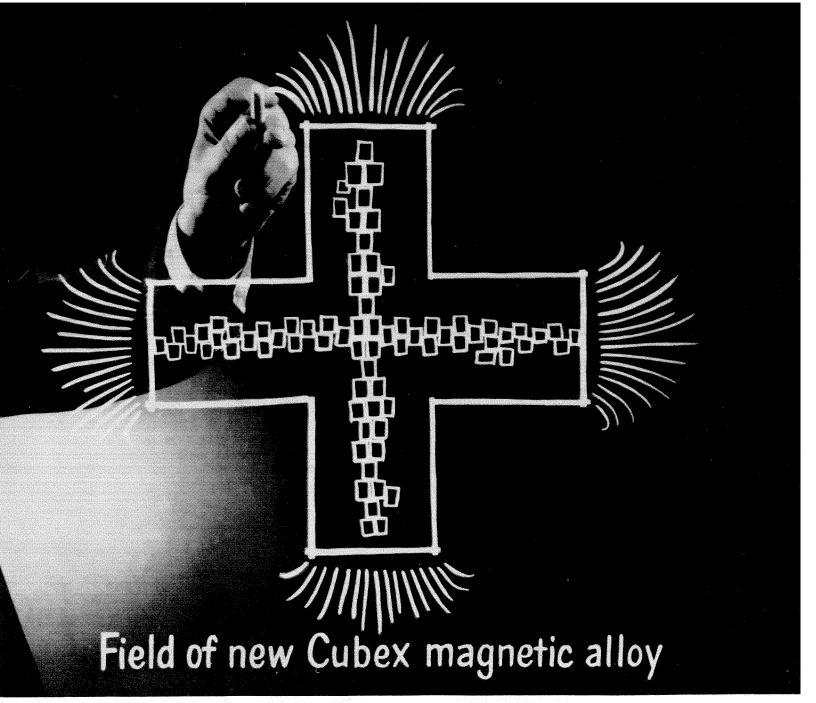
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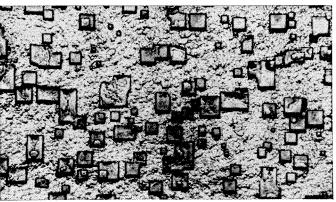
Laboratories. Dr. Wiener got his B.S. in 1943 from University of Wisconsin. In 1953 he earned his Ph.D. at University of Pittsburgh while working at Westinghouse and studying on tuition-free Graduate Study Program.

# cube-oriented alloy

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Cube-orientation of crystals in Cubex is revealed by "etch pits" in this photomicrograph. Cubex is a silicon-steel alloy, easily magnetized in four directions instead of two.

# ALUMNI NEWS

#### Howard B. Lewis

HOWARD B. LEWIS, one of the Institute's most active alumni. died of a heart attack at his home on Lido Isle on November 28. He was 57 years old.

Howard Lewis became a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association in 1946. The same year he was appointed chairman of the Alumni Fund Study Committee, and in 1947 he played the leading part in launching the Caltech Alumni Fund. Under his guidance, the fund organization gave Caltech its Alumni Swimming Pool in 1953 and by 1957 had endowed four 4-year Alumni Scholarships. He was elected vice president of the Alumni Association in 1947-48, and president in 1948-49. He became chairman of the Alumni Fund Council in 1955, a position he held at the time of his death.

He was a loyal friend of the Institute, and had been a member of the California Institute Associates since 1947. Mrs. Lewis is also an Associate. He was a contributor to the Caltech Sailing Club and to the Clinton Judy Fund. He also established the John C. Lewis Memorial Fund for his older brother.

Howard Lewis was born in Riverside, California. on April 18, 1900. He entered Caltech in 1919 when it was still Throop College of Technology, and received his BS in 1923. He got his ME degree at Cornell University the following year, then spent a year as a teacher of physics in the Riverside. California, High School. In 1925 he went to work as an experimental engineer at the Hughes Tool Company, and in 1926 became manager of the Hughes Development Company, and general manager and assistant to the president of Multicolor, Ltd. (a laboratory which processed motion picture film).

In 1931 he joined the Thompson Manufacturing Company as chief engineer, then, from 1932 to 1938, worked as an independent consulting engineer. He was president of the Product Service Company from 1938 to 1940. Since 1941 he had been a partner in the Lewis-Larson Company of Los Angeles, which is a consulting engineering firm.

In 1949 he was elected a member of the Caltech chapter of Tau Beta Pi because of his outstanding achievement in engineering since graduation. He was a consultant to the Secretary of the Navy in 1953, and also served on the Navy's Plant Review Board.

Howard Lewis had for many years been active in yachting circles. He had been Staff Commodore of the Lido Isle Yacht Club, secretary of the Southern California Yachting Association, and a director of the Newport Ocean Sailing Association.

Besides his widow. Howard Lewis leaves three sons

-John, Howard, Jr., who was graduated from Caltech in 1948. and Richard—and 5 grandchildren.

In a tribute to Howard Lewis, President DuBridge said, "His passing is a stunning blow to his friends and to Caltech. His devotion to the welfare of the Institute has endeared him to the faculty and administration. His counsel, encouragement and friendship will be sorely missed."

#### **Dinner-Dance**

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI DINNER-DANCE will be held this year at the Candlewood Country Club at 14000 Telegraph Road in Whittier on Saturday, February 22. This is an opportunity to relax in intimate nightclub surroundings while dining or chatting with friends over cocktails. You can take a spin on the dance floor both during dinner and after. Notices will be in the mail late in January ---so be sure to save this date for a gala evening.

-James C. Crosby, Chairman

#### Jerry Geisler



JERRY GEISLER, who was the defense attorney in the White Flame murder case, the Pantages case, the Errol Flynn case, and many other outstanding trials, will be the speaker at the Alumni Dinner Meeting to be held at the Rodger Young Auditorium in Los Angeles on January 16. Mr. Geisler's talk—"The Chain of Life as Forged by Fate"—will be

based on a full storehouse of colorful stories about famous trials in which he has been involved. Mr. Geisler's career since his graduation from the University of Southern California Law School, and his earlier association with Earl Ragers, well known criminal lawyer, has been one of distinction. He has been chairman of the California State Horse Racing Board, chairman of the California State Athletic Commission and a governor of the State Bar of California.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., preceded by cocktails at 6 p.m. Reservations should be made with the Alumni Office as soon as notices are received. The Program Committee firmly believes that the alumni, their wives and guests will enjoy this outstanding affair—so mark the date: January 16.

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# PERSONALS

#### 1926

Lawrence G. Maechtlen is now first vice president of the Square D Company in Los Angeles, manufacturers of electrical distribution and control equipment. Formerly western division manager, Larry has been with the company since 1926.

#### 1927

David Z. Gardner, Jr., division engineer with the Santa Fe Railway for the past 30 years, died on October 13 at his home in San Gabriel, California.

#### 1931

George E. Liedholm is now head of the oil process engineering department of the Shell Development Company's Emeryville Research Center. George has been with Shell since 1933.

#### 1932

Guy Waddington, PhD, formerly with the Bureau of Mines Petroleum Experiment Station at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, is now director of the Office of Critical Tables in the National Academy of Sciences--National Research Council Division of Chemistry and Chemical Technology in Washington, D.C.

#### 1933

Robert B. Grossman is now chief sales engineer of the industrial division of the Pacific Scientific Company in Bell Gardens, California. He was formerly director of sales for the Holly Manufacturing Company in Pasadena. The Grossmans, who live in La Canada, have an 18-year-old son.

Ernest H. Lyons, Jr., MS, recently joined with Robert A. Cooley, PhD '42, and others to form the Propellex Chemical Corporation in Edwardsville, Illinois. The company makes propellants, explosives, rocket fuels, cartridge-actuated devices and other similar products. A recent development is a cartridge-operated emergency actuator for aircraft landing gear which is expected to eliminate crash-landings which occur because of failure of the landing gear mechanisms. Ernest, who is manager of research at Propellex, also continues as head of the chemistry department at The Principia College in Elsah, Illinois.

Thomas S. Terrill is now assistant manager of the logistic planning department of the guided missiles range division of Pan American Airways at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida.

#### 1934

William S. Everett is president and chief engineer of a newly-formed company, Pulsation Controls Corporation, in Santa Päülä, California. The new company will manufacture and market—under license from Bill's consulting firm, Everett and Everett, Engineers — a complete line of Everett pulse traps, industrial mutes, shock traps, vibration absorbers, and dynamic ratio controllers.

#### 1935

Daniel H. Miller is now western division manager of the Square D Company in Los Angeles. Dan has been with the company since 1935, and served as northwest regional manager for the past 5 years in the Seattle plant.

#### 1937

George Yoshio Tsubota, MS '38, chief of the motor-cars designing section of the engineering department of the Nagoya Engineering Works in Japan, visited Caltech recently on his way to Europe, where he is studying the small automobile industry.

Joseph M. Smith is now chairman of the chemical engineering department at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, He was formerly a member of the faculty and assistant to the director of the engineering experimental station at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana.

#### 1939

Walter H. Munk. MS '40, professor of geophysics at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolla, served as a guest lecturer at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City in October.

#### 1941

Alex E. Green, MS, is now a physicist in the theoretical division of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico. He was formerly professor of physics at Florida State University. The Greens have four children.

Carol K. Ikeda has been promoted to research associate in the research division of the Du Pont Company's fabric and finishes department at the experimental station in Wilmington, Delaware. He has been with the company since 1945.

#### 1942

Robert A. Cooley, PhD, is now president of the Propellex Chemical Corporation in Edwardsville, Illinois. The firm develops and manufactures propellants, explosives and devices actuated by propellants,

#### 1943

Peter Dehlinger, MS, PhD'50, is now professor of geophysics at Texas A & M College.

#### 1944

Cornelius Steelink, who has been at the University of Liverpool as a research fellow, is now assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Arizona.

Floyd W. Preston received his PhD in petroleum and natural gas engineering from Pennsylvania State University this summer.

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## Why Vought Projects Bring Out The Best In An Engineer

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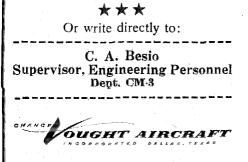
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Jim Madden was more than curious. As an aerodynamic design specialist, he would help develop the Crusader's handling qualities. His job began with wind tunnel tests.

Jim converted tunnel information into a graphic picture of static and dynamic forces affecting Crusader stability. He used analog computers and equations of motion to predict the build-up of forces during maneuvers. Hinge moments, loads, and required rates of control motion were determined and released to Servomechanism and Product Design groups. Soon the Crusader's stabilization and power control packages began to take shape.

Jim's part in the project could have ended right there. But Vought's control system simulator helped him proceed to some thoroughgoing conclusions.

It duplicated the complete rod system and all servomechanisms that would control the speedy new fighter. In the simulator's cockpit, high above the Structures Lab floor, Jim previewed control responses that test pilots later would experience. Airplane responses to Jim's rudder kicks and aileron movements were recorded on analog computers. Any inability of the control system to position the aircraft during flight was easier to spot . . . and, with test and design engineers on hand . . . easier to correct.

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"And actually watching aircraft responses to the controls gave me a feeling for how fast they happen."

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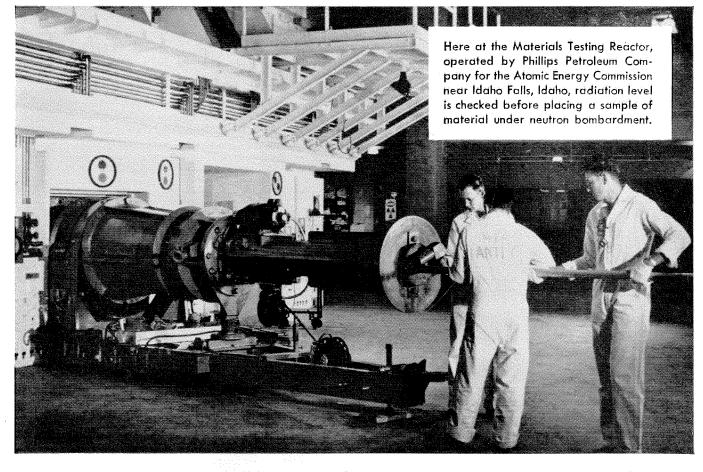
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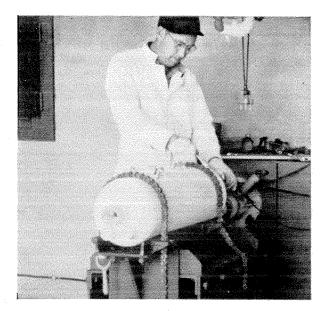


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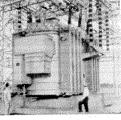


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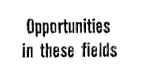
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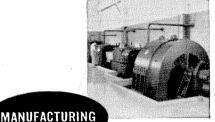
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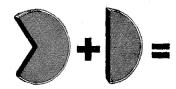
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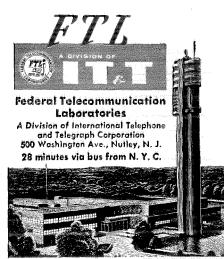
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Ruben F. Mettler, MS'47, PhD'49, associate director of Ramo-Wooldridge's missile research division, has been named a vice president of the corporation.

#### 1945

Major Gage H. Crocker, MS, assigned to the U.S. Air Force, is now studying for his PhD at the University of Michigan.

#### 1946

Ali Bulent Cambel, MS, is now chairman of the mechanical engineering department at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and head of the university's gas dynamics program. The Cambels have four children, ranging from 1 to 10 years old.

#### 1947

Irving Michelson, MS, PhD '51, is now professor and head of the department of aeronautical engineering at Pennsylvania State University. He had been president (and founder) of Odin Associates in Pasadena, an engineering research organization engaged in advanced studies for military agencies and missile developers.

L. Edward Klein, MS, is now assistant director of the development department of the Monsanto Chemical Company's organic chemicals division at St. Louis, Missouri. He has been with the division since 1947.

William F. Ballhaus, PhD, has been made head of a new division of Northrop Aircraft. Called Nortronics, the division will handle operations in the field of electronics, electro-mechanical and related optomechanical products.

George B. Metrose, Jr., MS, has been appointed chief of the aeromechanic section in the research division of the Bell Aircraft Corporation in Buffalo, N.Y. He's responsible for aerodynamics and propulsion on all guided missiles and space vehicle projects.

#### 1948

Allen T. Puder, MS'49, is now president of the Ruckstell Corporation in Azusa. A subsidiary of the General Tire & Rubber Company, Ruckstell manufacturers permanent magnet alternates and auxiliary power units. Also employed there are *Ralph Marshall*, '44, *Lloyd Ott.* '44, MS'47, and *George A. Martinek*, '48, MS'49. The Pudets, who live in Altadena, have twin daughters, Joyann and Janice, 7, and a son, Brent, 5.

#### 1949

Donald R. Westervelt is now an associate group leader in the test division of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico.

Manuel N. Bass writes that he is still an instructor at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois—"and still single."

Kendall F. Famularo is now a physicist in the weapons division of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico.

Robert P. Crago, MS, formerly general manager of IBM's Kingston, N.Y., plant, has been promoted to director of engineering for the military products division of IBM in New York. He's been with the company since 1949.

#### 1950

Dr. Jerry O. Matthews is practising industrial medicine with the Bishop Medical Group in Long Beach. The Matthews' have two daughters—Julie, 2, and Leslie Ann, 5 months.

Lt. Col. Adam F. Schuch, PhD, is a staff member of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico, as well as executive officer of the 4012th Research and Development Unit of the U.S. Army Reserve in Los Alamos.

Donald Merrifield, S.J., received his MA in philosophy at St. Louis University and is now at MIT working for his PhD in physics. He writes: "This summer I saw my fellow classmates, Monte Marks, '50 and Richard Knipe, '50, both in California, and, more recently, here at MIT, Fernando Corbato, '50, on the staff of the computation center and John Greene, '50, from Project Matterhorn at Princeton. I also visited with Marion Joncich, '55, a fellow Jesuit as well as fellow alumnus, who is studying at Los Gatos, California."

John P. Molfatt, Jr., is now director of the quality control department of the central manufacturing division of Consolidated Electrodynamics in Pasadena.

Carel Otte, Jr., PhD '54, research geologist with the Pure Oil Company in Crystal Lake, Illinois, now has a fourmonth-old son, Eric Charles.

Werner B. Riesenfeld, who had been a project associate at the University of Wisconsin, is now a physicist in the theoretical division of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico.

#### 1951

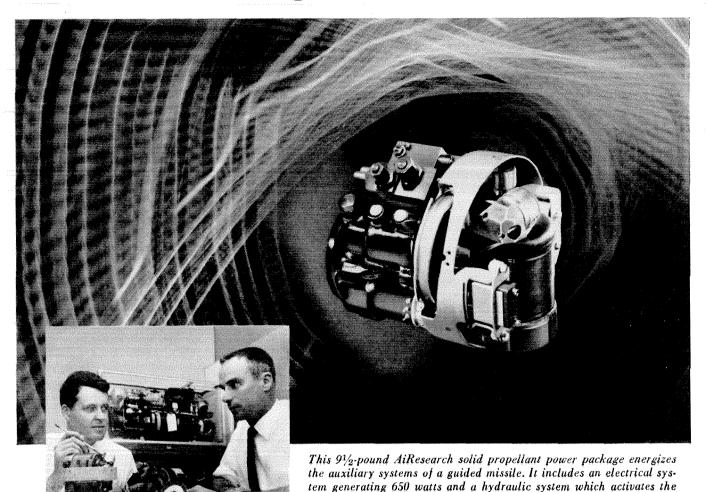
John B. Johnston, PhD '55, is an assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Kansas City in Missouri,

William R. Smythe, MS '52, PhD '57, writes: "Since finishing graduate work at Caltech's synchrotron last December I have been at the G. E. Microwave Laboratory in Palo Alto, working on high power klystrons and traveling wave tubes. I have accepted a position as a research associate at the University of Colorado where Professor David Lind, MS '43, PhD '48, is directing the design of a variable energy cyclotron. My wife, Carol, and daughter Stephanie (2 years), and I are living in Boulder."

Stuart D. Cavers, PhD '51, writes that "I've been associate professor in the department of chemical engineering at the University of British Columbia in Canada CONTINUED ON PAGE 52

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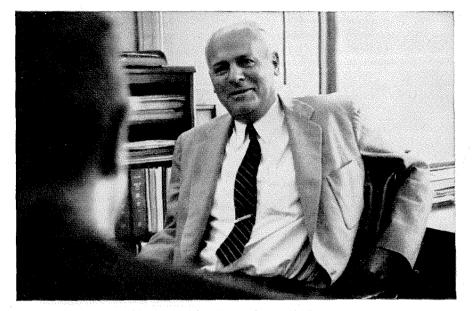
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DEL CURO: That's true. Our own department is specifically concerned with the mechanical engineering phases of such plants.

QUESTION: When the engineering graduate joins your department are his starting duties standard?

DEL CURO: Yes. The routines are pretty well defined. We know a man learns best by actual doing, so he is put to work immediately on heat balances, line size calculations, specifications, miscellaneous and minor auxiliary equipment, instrument data sheets and information for plant data books.

QUESTION: In other words, you sort of throw the man in and he has to learn to swim by himself?

DEL CURO: No. He has plenty of help. He works under the direct supervision of a job engineer or the mechanical group supervisor.

QUESTION: How long does this training phase last?

DEL CURO: That will vary with the man, since aptitudes and desires to learn are different. The average is somewhere between a year and eighteen months.

QUESTION: During this period he will gradually advance to more complicated equipment?

DEL CURO: Yes. For example, after a while he will be doing original work on heat balances and system studies. He will be able to take an entire "piece" of a project and handle it on his own responsibility. He will become involved with bigger equipment and with the overall aspects of the power plant. Somewhere along the line he will likely be assigned to try his hand at piping materials, piping specifications and combined control specifications.

### QUESTION: What about the man who wants to specialize?

DEL CURO: If, for example, a man shows a particular interest in steam turbines, instrumentation or control, and demonstrates a special aptitude for one of them, he will often be called on to work on that specialty, without being confined to it exclusively. Thus we encourage specialization, even during the training period, but also make sure that the young man gets overall experience through work in all phases of mechanical engineering. **QUESTION:** What about field experience?

DEL CURO: That is, of course, highly desirable from his standpoint and ours. We make every effort to assign the young engineer to field work as soon as possible.

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QUESTION: Are there any other types of field assignments?

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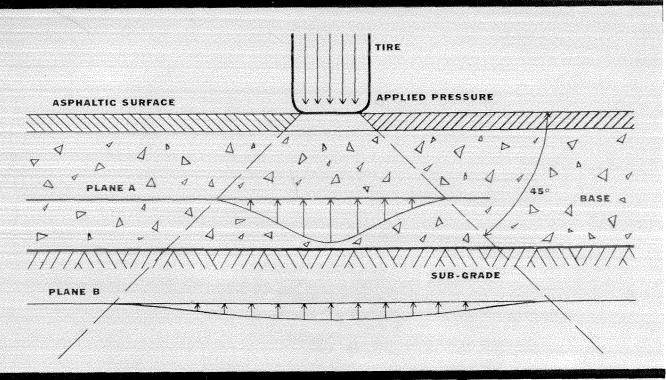


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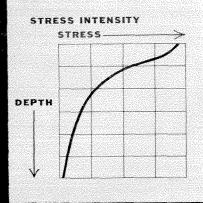
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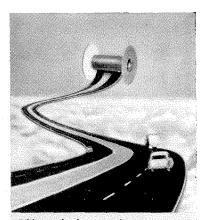
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since September, 1956. Prior to that I worked for the B.C. Research Council for a year and the University of Saskatchewan for five years. We had a daughter, Shelagh Sarah, on October 18 last year. This makes 2 girls and 1 boy."

#### 1952

C. Barclay Ray, PhD '56, assistant professor of geology at Caltech, was married to Linda Pauling, daughter of Linus C. Pauling, PhD '25, chairman of the division of chemistry and chemical engineering at Caltech, on September 8.

Charles R. Miller is acting instructor in physics at the University of California's new College of Letters and Science. He's been a graduate student at Caltech for the past five years.

#### 1953

Gerald H. Ross is now on the staff of the saw chain division of Omark Industries. Inc., in Portland, Oregon.

#### 1954

Yusuf A. Yoler, PhD, is manager of aerodynamics laboratory investigations at General Electric's missile and ordnance systems department in Philadelphia.

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Juris Hartmanis, PhD, is now assistant

professor of mathematics at Ohio State University in Columbus.

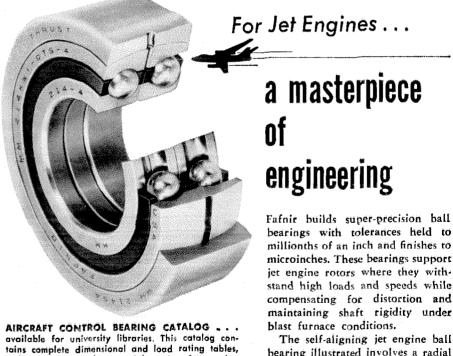
Theodore K. Matthes is now studying on a University Fellowship in mathematical statistics for 1957-58 at Columbia University in New York City.

Frederick Martin writes: "I have been working for UC's Radiation Laboratory since last November at Livermore, California. Last summer I sperit 6 weeks on a mountaineering trip to the Cordillera Blanca in Peru where we attempted first ascents of some 5,700-meter peaks."

Carl Bowin writes that after receiving his BS at Caltech he traveled almost 2,000 miles east only to find that he had barely reached the Midwest. "Despite this shock," he says "I stayed to begin graduate studies at Northwestern University near Chicago.

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"My wife, Jean, whom I married a little over a year ago (an Oxy girl) will be able to spend next summer with me in the Dominican Republic when I will finish the field work for my PhD dissertation at Princeton."

#### 1956

Lt. Joseph N. Kanevsky, USN, was killed on June 6 while testing a jet plane at the Naval Air Facility in Crows Landing, California.

Kyle D. Bayes, who is working for his PhD, received the Standard Oil Foundation Fellowship in chemistry for 1957-58 at the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

#### 1957

A news roundup on last year's geology graduates from THE FUMAROLE, the Caltech geology club's enterprising publication:

Thomas Bilhorn, MS, geologist with Standard Oil Company, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gunnar Bodvarsson, PhD, engineer for heat authority, Government of Iceland.

William M. Chapple, MS, University of Paris on Fulhright Fellowship.

Lawrence Griffith, graduate work at the Rice Institute in Houston, Texas.

Gerard Grau, PhD, research geophysicist, Institut Francais du Petrole, Paris.

Stanley Hart, MS, graduate student, MIT.

Charles Helsey, MS, graduate teaching assistant, Princeton University.

Ralph O. Kehle, MS, Shell Fellowship, University of Minnesota.

Kenneth E. Loman, PhD, U.S. Geological Survey, Washington, D.C.

Richard L. Nielsen, MS, geologist, Bear Creek Mining Company, Mellen, Wisconsin.

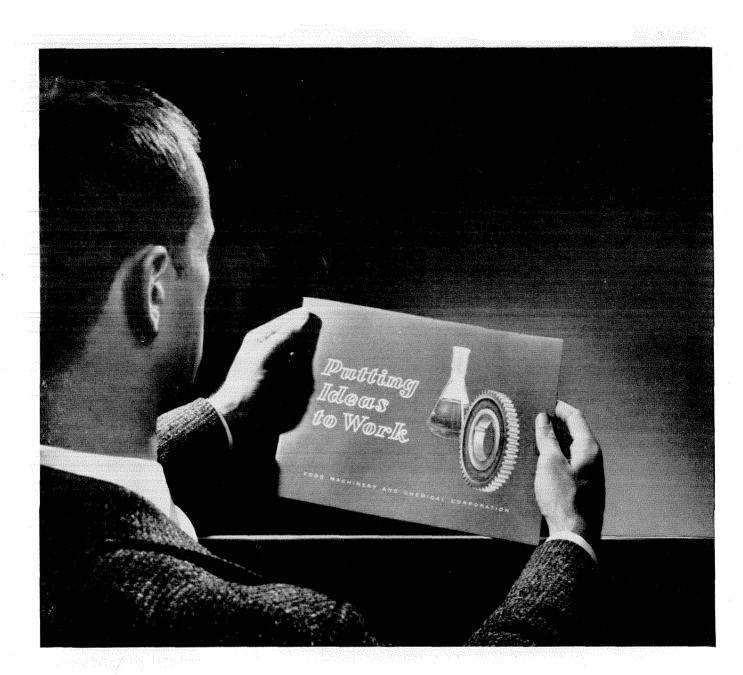
John C. Ruckmick, PhD, geologist, Orinoco Mining Company, Puerto Ordaz, Estado Bolivar, Venezuela.

Allan R. Sanford, PhD, teacher, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socotro, New Mexico.

James C. Savage, PhD, teaching halftime at MIT.

Harrison Schmitt, Fulbright Fellow, Mineralogical Institute, Oslo, Norway,

Fred W. Tahse, Jr., MS, geologist, Geodynamics Associates, Arcadia, California. James G. Welsh, graduate work, UCLA.



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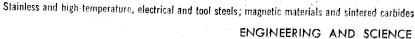
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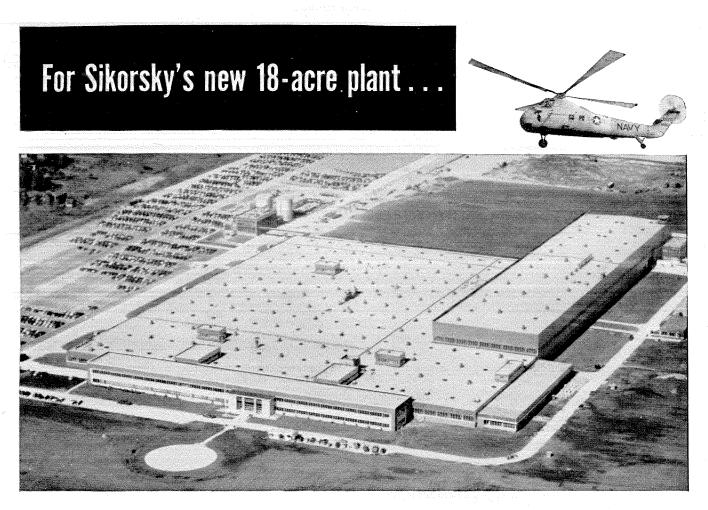
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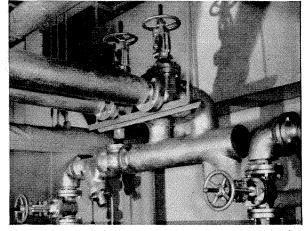
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#### 1948

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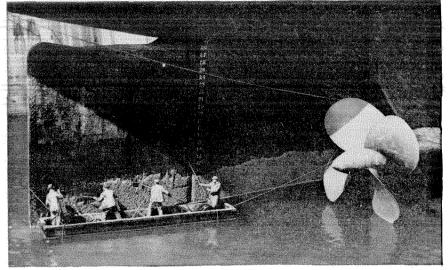


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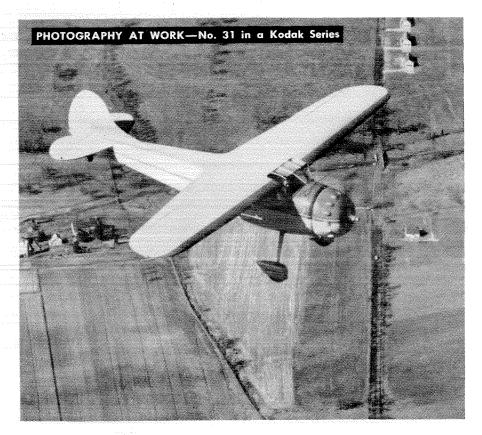
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Interview with General Electric's W. Scott Hill Manager—Engineering Recruiting

# Qualities I Look For When Recruiting Engineers

Q. Mr. Hill, what can 1 do to get the most out of my job interviews?

A. You know, we have the same question. I would recommend that you have some information on what the company does and why you believe you have a contribution to make. Looking over company information in your placement office is helpful. Have in mind some of the things you would like to ask and try to anticipate questions that may refer to your specific interests.

### Q. What information do you try to get during your interviews?

A. This is where we must fill in between the lines of the personnel forms. I try to find out why particular study programs have been followed, in order to learn basic motivations. I also try to find particular abilities in fields of science, or mathematics, or alternatively in the more practical courses, since these might not be apparent from personnel records. Throughout the interview we try to judge clarity of thinking since this also gives us some indication of ability and ultimate progress. One good way to judge a person, I find, s to ask myself: Would he be easy to work with and would I like to have him as my close associate?

### Q. What part do first impressions play in your evaluation of people?

A. I think we all form a first impression when we meet anyone. Therefore, if a generally neat appearance is presented, I think it helps. It would indicate that you considered this important to yourself and had some pride in the way the interviewer might size you up.

Q. With only academic training as a background, how long will it be before I'll be handling responsible work?

A. Not long at all. If a man joins a training program, or is placed directly on an operating job, he gets assignments which let him work up to more responsible jobs. We are hiring people with definite consideration for their potential in either technical work or the management field, but their initial jobs will be important and responsible.

Q. How will the fact that I've had to work hard in my engineering studies, with no time for a lot of outside activities, affect my employment possibilities?

A. You're concerned, I'd guess, with all the talk of the quest for "wellrounded men." We do look for this characteristic, but being president of the student council isn't the only indication of this trait. Through talking with your professors, for example, we can determine who takes the active role in group projects and gets along well with other students in the class. This can be equally important in our judgment.

### Q. How important are high scholastic grades in your decision to hire a man?

A. At G.E. we must have men who are technically competent. Your grades give us a pretty good indication of this and are also a measure of the way you have applied yourself. When we find someone whose grades are lower than might be expected from his other characteristics, we look into it to find out if there are circumstances which may have contributed.

### Q. What consideration do you give work experience gained prior to graduation?

A. Often a man with summer work experience in his chosen academic

field has a much better idea of what he wants to do. This helps us decide where he would be most likely to succeed or where he should start his career. Many students have had to work hard during college or summers, to support themselves. These men obviously have a motivating desire to become engineers that we find highly desirable.

#### Q. Do you feel that a man must know exactly what he wants to do when he is being interviewed?

A. No, I don't. It is helpful if he has thought enough about his interests to be able to discuss some general directions he is considering. For example, he might know whether he wants product engineering work, or the marketing of technical products, or the engineering associated with manufacturing. On G-E training programs, rotating assignments are designed to help men find out more about their true interests before they make their final choice.

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