

THE INDUSTRY

New Plessey Company

FORMATION by the Plessey Co., Ltd., and the American Philco Corporation of a new company—to be known as Semiconductors, Ltd.—to manufacture transistors and other semiconductors in this country was announced on May 2. Its joint Board has Mr. A. G. Clark as chairman and Messrs. J. M. Skinner, Jr., J. F. Mallabar, L. J. Woods, A. E. Underwood and P. Marriage as directors.

Aircrew Company's Chairman

IT is announced that Mr. Eoin C. Mekie, C.B.E., has been elected chairman of the Aircrew Co. and Jicwood, Ltd., and Mr. F. C. Lynam, F.R.Ae.S., director and general manager, has been appointed managing director. Mr. Mekie is chairman of the British Aviation Services group of companies.

Discussions were recently reported to be taking place between the Aircrew Co. and Bryant and May, the match manufacturers, with a view to possible financial collaboration.

Woodason Models Again

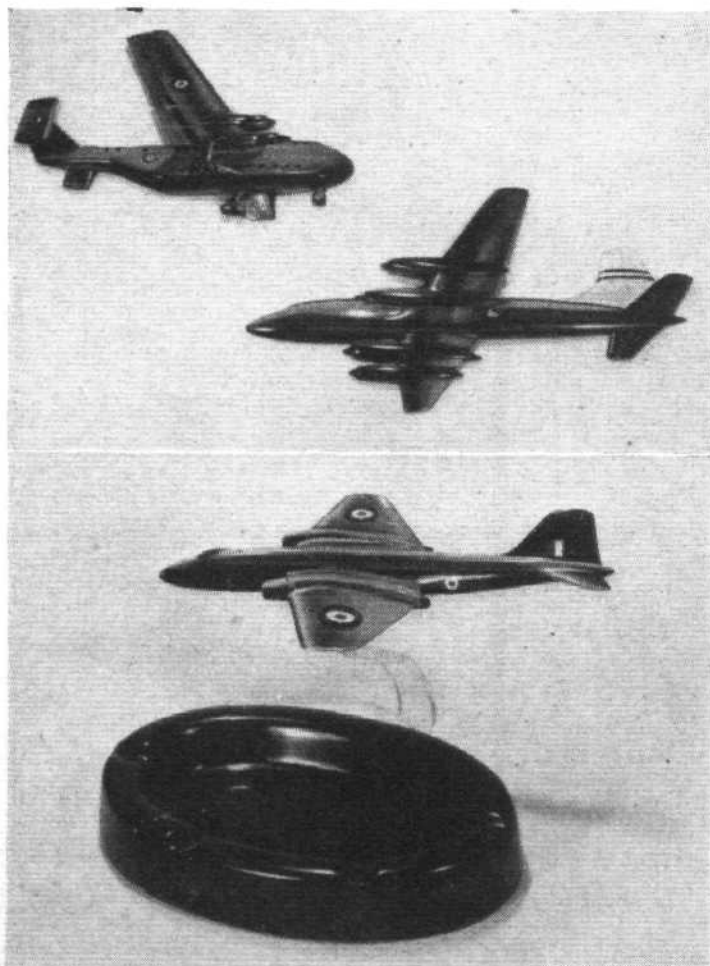
AFTER a long illness, Mr. V. J. G. Woodason, of 604 London Road, Slough, Bucks, has begun to make aircraft scale models once again. Until a few years ago his products were greatly in demand in the industry for development and display purposes.

Mr. Woodason is now engaged in making a new type of plastic model which should be well suited for use on display stands and in shop windows where space is limited. Each model is in the form of a *bas relief* giving a perspective view of the aircraft. A realistic effect is achieved, though the thickness is only an inch or so.

For production purposes, a photograph can serve as a basis from which the mould is made, and thereafter an unlimited number of models can be moulded and painted. Mr. Woodason has also devised a method of mounting the *bas relief* within a miniature replica of an airliner window with a realistic background, so that the model appears to be viewed from another aircraft in flight.

Examples of types so far produced include the Beverley, Britannia, Viscount, Canberra and Gnat.

Typical plastic models by V. J. G. Woodason (see above).



A team of Rolls-Royce engineers recently visited the Queen's Island works of Short Brothers and Harland, to discuss engine installation in the SC.1 (this VTOL aircraft has five R.B. 108s). Seen here are, left to right, Mr. E. C. Fox (systems engineer, Shorts), Mr. J. Bromilow (Rolls-Royce), Dr. C. T. Hewson (Rolls-Royce), Mr. W. Brunskill (project engineer, Shorts) and Mr. F. Raper (Rolls-Royce).

IN BRIEF

Mr. L. M. Broadway has been elected deputy chairman to the Board of C. C. Wakefield and Co., Ltd., and will hold this office in conjunction with his position as managing director.

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After a long association with Thermionic Products, Ltd., of Hythe, Mr. V. J. Falconer has resigned in order to join Electrovoice, Ltd., of 39 Dover Street, London, W.1.

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A new edition of the leaflet in which all components of the Hellermann binding system are described and illustrated is now available from Hellermann, Ltd., Crawley, Sussex.

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Marshal of the R.A.F. Lord Tedder is to open the new metallurgical laboratories of the British Welding Research Association at Abington Hall, Abington, near Cambridge, on July 23.

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The electronics division of Gresham Transformers, Ltd., which manufactures transformers up to 2,000 VA for electronic and telecommunication purposes, is now established at Lion Works, Hanworth Trading Estate, Feltham, Middlesex (Feltham 6661).

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Pye Telecommunications, Ltd., have appointed S.M.D. Telecommunications (Pty.), Ltd., P.O. Box 10013, Johannesburg, as sole distributors of Pye radio-communication equipment in the Union of South Africa, the Protectorates of Bechuanaland, Swaziland and Basutoland, and Mozambique south of the Save River.

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We regret to record the death, at the age of 66, of Mr. W. Ivan Walters, founder, chairman and managing director of the Walterisation Co., Ltd., of Croydon. Inventor (with his brother, Mr. E. Alun Walters) of an improved phosphating process, he established the present company in 1936. Approval of the Walterisation process by the Air Ministry in 1939 led to its extensive use by the aircraft industry during the war.

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Mr. E. E. Chatterton, chief engineer of the piston-engine division of D. Napier and Son, Ltd., is to receive an award from the oil and gas power division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for the paper, *The Future Development of the High-speed Diesel Engine*, which he read at the 1956 A.S.M.E. annual meeting in New York. The award is to be presented next Wednesday at the A.S.M.E. division's annual conference in Louisville.

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Black and Decker, Ltd., Harmondsworth, Middlesex, announce the appointment of Mr. J. P. Jamieson as sales manager for their industrial and automotive range of portable electric tools. He takes over the post recently relinquished by Mr. F. A. Field who, after 19 years with the company, has been appointed managing director of Eutectic Welding Alloys, Ltd. Another Black and Decker appointment recently notified is that of Mr. Drummond R. Stuart as general manager of the Toronto, Canada, subsidiary.

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Two old-established building and civil engineering businesses, John Laing and Son (Holdings), Ltd., and Holloway Brothers (London), Ltd., have jointly announced "that agreement has been reached in principle to the acquisition by Laings of a substantial interest in the Holloway company and to its future operation in association with the Laing group." Holloways will continue to operate under the management of the Holloway family and the agreement will enable the company to take advantage of the research, plant and other facilities of the Laing group.