

THE INDUSTRY

Herald Ambassador

AN extensive tour of Africa is being undertaken by Mr. R. S. Sowter, a member of the sales department of Handley Page, Ltd. He is visiting airline operators in thirteen countries to discuss their requirements, with particular reference to the Herald, designed specially for branch-line air services of the type frequently encountered in Africa. Mr. Sowter's tour will cover countries as far apart as French Morocco and Mozambique and will include Angola, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Liberia. Handley Page, Ltd., believe that the Herald is of interest to nearly every part of Africa and are anxious to study operating conditions on the spot.

Joining Avro Aircraft

FORMERLY with Bristol Aero-Engines, Ltd., where he was working on helicopter ramjets, Mr. P. R. Payne is leaving to join Avro Aircraft, Ltd., of Toronto, at the beginning of August. Mr. Payne started work on helicopters in 1949, when he joined the Bristol Aeroplane Company's Helicopter Department as an aerodynamicist. Later he became a project engineer and in this capacity, in 1952, went to the Saunders-Roe Helicopter Division. In 1953 he joined Auster Aircraft, Ltd., as chief project engineer and was responsible to the managing director for all work on helicopters and helicopter ramjets.

Ferodo Film

AN entertaining film, telling the story of Ferodo, Ltd., since its inception, has been made for the company in sound and colour by Screen Audiences, Ltd., of the J. Arthur Rank Organization. The film opens with the lowering of a Viscount undercarriage in the air, seen as background for the credit titles, and closes with its folding up again. There are also shots of the Constellation and Pionair, and of aircraft brake materials under test. Sequences concerned with processes in the main Ferodo works at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, are instructive and pleasant; those concerned with aircraft, racing at Goodwood and Le Mans, road vehicles, and the English countryside give the film wide general interest.

Copies (either 16 mm or 35 mm) can be obtained for club meetings or other gatherings on application to the Public Relations Officer, Ferodo, Ltd., Chapel-en-le-Frith, Stockport, Derbyshire. Commentaries are available in several languages.

Light Sleeper

RECENTLY the aircraft division of Microcell, Ltd., of 56 Kingsway, London, W.C.2, demonstrated an aircraft seat which, though adjustable from the near-upright to the fully reclining (in which position it makes a comfortable sleeping-berth), is of unusual lightness.

The "first-class" version has a seat width of 21in, its back can be adjusted between 16 deg and 68 deg to the vertical, and berthing

is effected at any pitch between 39in and 50in. Total weight is only 67 lb.

The tourist version, with 17½in seat width, is made in double and triple form and can be reclined by armrest controls from 12 deg to the vertical through 4-deg stages to 40 deg. Both seats are stressed to 9g and can be used in conjunction to make first-class and tourist accommodation possible in the same aircraft.

D.H. Propellers Appointment

IT is announced that Mr. H. R. Leather, A.F.R.Ae.S., who has been chief development engineer of de Havilland Propellers, Ltd., since 1950, has been appointed chief designer. In his new position he will be responsible for all airscrew design work and for the technical control of development. Mr. Leather joined de Havilland in 1939 as a fitter in the propeller experimental department, which was then housed at the Stag Lane factory in Edgware. In 1943 he became a technical assistant, and later moved to the propeller development department. He was made chief development engineer in 1950. Mr. Leather has been responsible for implementing the development programmes of all de Havilland airscrews now building and of the company's new work on guided weapons, turbo-alternators, cold-air units and radar scanners.



Mr. Leather.

Vickers Changes

A NUMBER of changes in the Vickers, Ltd., senior-executive organization took effect on July 1st. Details are as follows:—

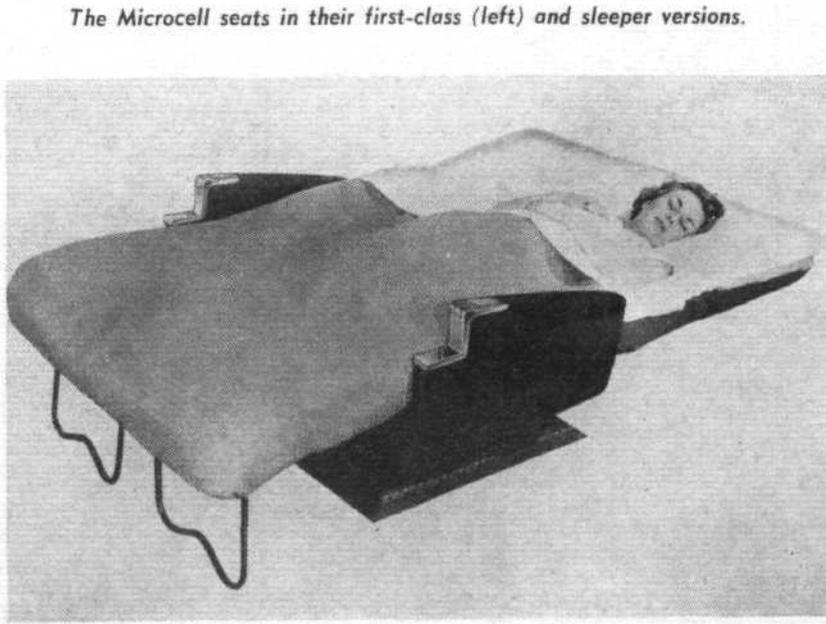
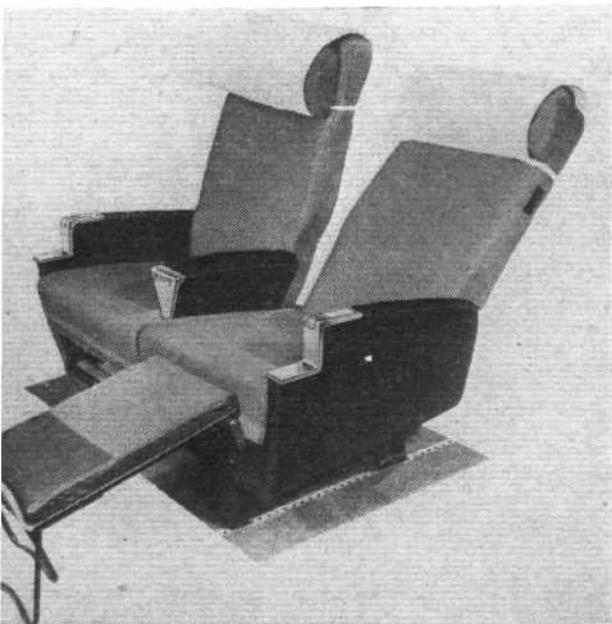
Mr. A. H. Hird, A.C.G.I., B.Sc., M.I.Mech.E., is appointed a special director of Vickers, Ltd., and adviser on group commercial engineering sales. He also takes over the chairmanship of A.B.C. Motors, Ltd., of Cooke, Troughton and Simms, Ltd., and of Ioco, Ltd. Mr. Hird remains on the Board of Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., as engineering sales director, and on the Board of Vickers-Armstrongs (Engineers), Ltd.

Mr. E. J. Waddington, A.C.A., and Mr. R. P. H. Yapp relinquish their seats on the Boards of Ioco and Cooke, Troughton and Simms, and Mr. Waddington relinquishes the chair of A.B.C. Motors, but remains on the Board of that company.

Mr. R. Wonfer is appointed to the Board of Vickers-Armstrongs (Engineers) as sales director.

Mr. J. E. Richardson, O.B.E., is appointed a director of Vickers-Armstrongs (Engineers), retaining his existing office of deputy general manager and engineering manager, Barrow works.

Rear-Admiral Sir Anthony Buzzard, Bart., C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., is appointed a special director of Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., and assistant to the managing director.



The Microcell seats in their first-class (left) and sleeper versions.