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HOW MPB bearings solve miniaturization problem for Bendix Radio





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MPB ball bearing used as Index Pawl in miniature frequency selector switch

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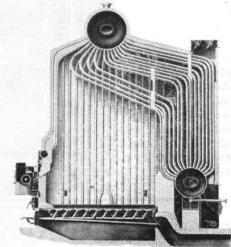
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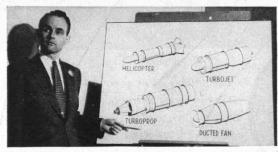
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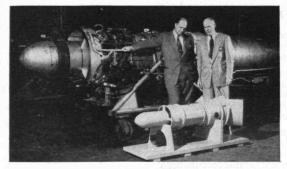
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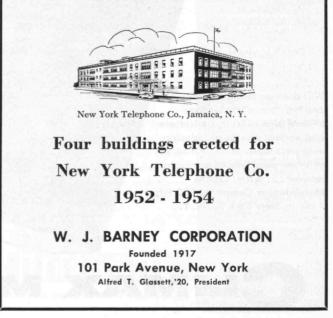
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THE TABULAR VIEW

Convocation. - On October 4, Technology students joined members of the Corporation and the Faculty in Rockwell Cage for a convocation commemorating Karl Taylor Compton who won international renown as successful physicist, educator, administrator, and public servant as well as the respect of all who knew him. Dr. Compton's success as physicist was reviewed by GEORGE R. HARRISON, Dean of the School of Science, who had known and worked with Dr. Compton for three decades. JULIUS A. STRATTON, '23, Vice-president and Provost, recounted Dr. Compton's quarter-century affiliation with M.I.T. as educator and administrator. JAMES R. KILLIAN, JR., '26, who succeeded Dr. Compton as Technology's president, and who worked closely with him in the President's Office for more than a decade, spoke on Dr. Compton's human characteristics. It is The Review's privilege to present these addresses in this issue of The Review: "Karl Taylor Compton - Scientist," page 83; "Karl Taylor Compton - Educator and Administrator," page 85; and "Karl Taylor Compton – the Man," page 87.

Compilation. — The published writings of Technology's ninth president fall naturally into two broad and approximately equal groups. From 1910 until the mid-1930's, Dr. Compton's writings were almost exclusively scientific, but as his duties as M.I.T. President closed in on him, Dr. Compton's writings dealt more and more with broad topics in education, national service, and religion. His writings are scattered through many books and periodicals, but ELEANOR L. BARTLETT has compiled a total of 379 titles in what is believed to be a complete record of Dr. Compton's published work. Miss Bartlett is in charge of Special Collections in the Hayden Library; her careful compilation appears on page 89 of this issue of The Review.

Competition. – EDWARD MCSWEENEY, '23, takes time from a busy administrative career to present "Some Observations on Executive Development" (page 93). In the second of his articles to appear in The Review – dealing with business administration in one form or another – Mr. McSweeney, who is president of Perkins-Goodwin Company, makes sage comments on a major problem confronting the nation's first-rank executives.



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