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Membership of the Association has now reached one hundred, and up to the time of going to press many further applications for membership and graduate membership had been received by the secretary.

THE AMERICAN HELICOPTER SOCIETY

As mentioned in our Editorial, it is with pleasure that we are able to announce the establishment of an understanding with the American Helicopter Society, the object of which is to effect as close a working arrangement as possible, and the mutual interchange of ideas between the two bodies. This has come about through the appointment of Mr. R. A. C. Brie as the official representative of the Society in this country.

Officially inaugurated during May 1943 at Bridgeport, Connecticut, The American Helicopter Society, Inc., owes its existence to the efforts of a small group associated with the early development of the Sikorsky helicopter.

Conceived as a club, the Founders realized at the outset the vital importance of eliciting the support of the rotary wing industry as a whole, and thus made membership available to all professionally interested in the art.

With a Constitution governed by appropriate Articles and Bye-laws, and a Council and various committees to conduct its affairs, the Society's aims and objects in brief are: "to collect, compile and disseminate information concerning the helicopter".

By October 1944, membership both in numbers and representation of all helicopter interests in the United States was such as to warrant combining the

First Annual General Meeting during that month with a dinner in New York, when over two hundred members and Guests were present.

Technical and semi-technical meetings covering all aspects of rotary wing activity are held as frequently as circumstances permit, with at least one each winter month.

Recently a most ambitious two day meeting was held in Philadelphia, when fourteen lectures covering the aerodynamic, engineering and pilotage aspects of rotary wing flight were presented by acknowledged specialists in these fields.

The Society's official Journal "The American Helicopter Quarterly" made its initial appearance this year, and a request has been made on behalf of our members for a number of copies of this first class publication to be sent here for distribution.

The emblem of the Society which is a blue humming bird on a white background surrounded by the words "American Helicopter Society, Inc.", in red and gold is issued to members in the form of a neat lapel badge.

The choice of the humming bird as the central figure in the Society's emblem was decided upon because "The hovering humming bird is Nature's own emblem of complete freedom in three dimensional flight, which is the primary aim and purpose of all helicopter design".