

Introduction of the New President

Mr WEIR said that he now had the privilege of introducing the Association's new President, Mr ERIC MENSFORTH, and he assured members that they were getting somebody whose heart was in this business. He wished to say how much he had felt the privilege of being the Association's first President, and he repeated his belief in the tremendous importance of the work being done. Rotary wing aircraft were the only means of opening up the world to the largest part of air transportation, which is the "A to B" and short distance personal type of transport. Although a complete and utter believer in that future, he was still very dissatisfied with any of the present rotary wing aircraft which he had ever seen or flown, and he therefore felt that it was largely in the Association's own hands to effect improvements.

Mr Weir then vacated the Chair in favour of the new President whose speech is reported on page 1

The proceedings of the Seventh Annual General Meeting having been declared closed, Members adjourned to the Library for a showing of the following films: American Helicopter Society 1951 Forum, Bristol 171 deck landing trials, Bristol 173 first flight, London-Birmingham first passenger flight of the British Industries Fair Service, 1950, and the Cierva 'Skeeter' test flights.

A curious and probably unique film was also shown which was taken during the British European Airways operations on the Croeser Dam construction, at the time of the accident to the aircraft engaged.

Election of Officers

President

E Mensforth, C B E , M A , M I Mech E , F R A E S

Vice-President

J G Weir, C M G , C B E , F R A E S

At the Meeting of the Executive Council on the 16th May, 1952, the following Officers were unanimously re-elected for the coming year

<i>Chairman</i>	Norman Hill
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	Lt -Col J W Richardson
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	W G Leslie
<i>Honorary Editors</i>	A McClements (Technical)
	R H Whitby (Technical)
	C Colin Cooper (Administration)

Sub-Committees appointed include

Lecture Sub-Committee N E Rowe (Chairman), W/Cdr R A C Brie,
Dr G S Hislop, A McClements, Lt -Col J W Richardson
Annual Dinner 1952 Sub-Committee

Flying Display 1953 Sub-Committee W/Cdr R A C Brie, C Colin
Cooper, A McClements

The composition of the Finance Sub-Committee and Advisory Panel has not yet been decided

The above list of Officers and Sub-Committees is published in the hope that Members will put forward ideas and constructive suggestions towards the furtherance of the aims and activities of the Association. It is only in this way that the wishes and ideas of the Members may be given due consideration and acted upon.