



The Big Lift ●●●

Radar Division is engaged upon the task of installing a modern high power radar system at the top of Mount Olympus, the highest peak of the Troödos Mountains in Cyprus. This has involved all kinds of new problems, not the least of which was 'the big lift', the job of getting the giant aerial up to the mountain top. The actual movement was carried out by a specially equipped R.A.F. transport unit, but the Company was asked to provide expert advice and supervision, and our engineer who helped the Air Force in this way was Stan Pearce, of the Installation Group of Radar Division.

The aerial was split into sections and mounted on a special low loading trailer for the tortuous journey up the long mountain roads from the seaport. Mr. Pearce and his R.A.F. colleagues planned every yard of the route with extreme care. Many trees and other obstructions had to be removed, and on the sharp bends, the trailer dropped down to walking pace and was steered by hand with special tiller bars. The convoy of vehicles, with land rovers front and rear directing the other road users, kept in constant radio contact with base. The convoy itself was inter-connected with field telephones, and as can be seen in the photographs, Mr. Pearce usually took up his perch right on top of the extraordinary load to direct the trickier parts of the journey.

The big lift was completed successfully, after many incidents, but with no damage of any sort to the precious load. It represented a triumph of skill and organization both for the special transport unit and for Stan Pearce himself. He was held in the highest regard throughout the island by Service people of all ranks and by the Cypriot people who had respect and affection for 'Mr. Stan'. J. W. S.



Looking down on Kyrenia and the sea from the foot-hills where mules are mostly used for transport [J. Allan Cash]

Caught in his own speed trap

A Salisbury (Rhodesia) engineer who helped to sell the PETA speed trap to the Police was himself caught in a PETA trap recently.

Mr. J. Gathercole, the Salisbury agent for Marconi's who supplied PETA said: 'I was caught doing about 40 m.p.h. in the Borrowdale Road, where there is a 30 m.p.h. limit. I haven't had my ticket yet, but I suppose I'll have to pay up and smile like anybody else.'

Mr. Gathercole helped to organize a demonstration of PETA for the BSA Police before it was decided to buy the machine two years ago.

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Mr. Gathercole's speeding offence cost him £8.

Marconi (South Africa) Chairman

Mr. V. R. Atkinson has been appointed chairman of Marconi (South Africa) Limited. This follows his appointment in March last year as chairman of The English Electric Company of South Africa.

Sales drive

Strong support is being given to the M.I. sales effort during 1965 by a new advertising and publicity programme. Early in the year all the M.I. sales staff met at St. Albans so that our advertising agents, Lovell and Rupert Curtis Ltd. could explain the scheme. J. Brodrick, Commercial Manager, right, who is also responsible for publicity, is here seen introducing one of the new advertisements

