

# Phone Chief On the Job Since Start

**Operator Had Wooden  
Box for Chair When  
First Calls Came In**

From the time Convair's Fort Worth division went into operation in 1941 until today, the aircraft plant has employed a total of 139,297 persons. Of this number, over 21,000 are currently employed at the huge B-36 plant.

The oldest Fort Worth employee still with the company, from point of service, is Mrs. Mary McDaniel, chief telephone operator. When Mrs. McDaniel first began her duties as the only telephone operator early in December 1941, the plant was still in the construction stage. No office furniture was available so she had to handle the switchboard from atop a wooden box which she used as a chair. Now she has a desk of her own and supervises eight other operators.

**Ellis First Employed.**

City Councilman Joe Ellis was the first man employed in Fort Worth to work at the aircraft plant and has the longest period of continuous service of any male employe at Convair. He began as an employment interviewer early in 1942 and is now an industrial relations supervisor.

Employment supervisor Fred F. Gignilliat, who has worked at the Fort Worth division since transferring from San Diego late in 1941, has hired most of the employes at Convair. He began as an employment interviewer when the company offices were located in the Neil P. Anderson Building. He later served as employment manager before being named to his current position.

**Brothers Old-Timers.**

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Others who have remained with the Fort Worth division throughout the past 12 years include: F. C. Clayton, chief plant engineer; L. E. Whitten, assistant chief plant engineer; A. C. Klawitter, sheet metal foreman; G. N. Nesbitt, sanitation foreman; S. J. O'Leary, plant engineer; C. W. Brewer, tooling analyst; R. G. Hammond, senior tool engineers



**OLDTIMERS**—Three longtime employes of Convair's Fort Worth division view present day picture of plant. Left to right, Mrs. Mary McDaniel, chief telephone operator, Fred G. Gignilliat, employment supervisor, and Joe Ellis, industrial relations supervisor. They began work at the aircraft plant while it was still in the construction stage.

# Coronation Symbol to Go On Gold, Silver Articles

LONDON, May 30 (NANA).—For the first time in history, gold and silver articles are being stamped with a special coronation souvenir symbol at Britain's five assay offices. The queen's head appears after the date-letter of the hallmark.

The stamp may be used on gold and silver articles manufactured between May 1952 and December 1953. It is not part of the hallmark, and the symbol is used only at the request of the makers.

"But 90 per cent of the manufacturers are asking for the souvenir," London's assay master said. "We have stamped everything from municipal plate to lucky charms for bracelets."

Coronation-year brides will probably find the profile of the queen stamped inside their wedding rings.

Incidentally, the only other occasion on which a royal souvenir stamp has been struck by the assay office was for the silver jubilee of George V and Queen Mary. It was then restricted to silver.

**Ramjet Engine**

The first large-scale ramjet engine ever flown attained a speed far into the supersonic range in its initial flight at Inyokern, Cal., location of the Naval Ordnance Test Station. This successful flight was the outgrowth of laboratory testing done by Convair at Navy's Ordnance Aerophysics Laboratory, operated by Convair as the Daingerfield, Texas, Division.

The teak tree seldom gains a height greater than 150 feet.

# Submarines Among Products, Dating Back to Navy's First

General Dynamics Corporation, which on May 15, 1953, became the principal shareholder of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation (Convair) through purchase of stock from the Atlas Corporation, today is, or plans to be, engaged in engineering and manufacturing activities embracing nearly every phase of the science of dynamics.

Formerly the Electric Boat Company, General Dynamics engineers and builds submarines at its Electric Boat Division, Groton, Conn.; electric powerplants for ships and industrial machines at its Electric Dynamic Division, Bayonne, N. J.; and aircraft and guided missiles at Canadair, Ltd., near Montreal, a General Dynamics subsidiary and Canada's largest aircraft company. Another unit, General Atomic Corporation, is formed to develop nuclear power applications for industry. The General Dynamics enter-

prise began in 1880 with the incorporation of its oldest division, Electric Dynamic, which was itself incorporated in 1899 under the name of Electric Boat Company.

More than a half-century ago—in 1900—Electric Boat delivered to the U. S. Navy the USS Holland, world's first successful submarine. Today the Electric Boat Division is building for the Navy the USS Nautilus and the USS Sea Wolf, the world's first atomic-powered submarines.

Convair — born three decades ago, on May 29, 1923, as Consolidated Aircraft Corporation—likewise is a world leader in the application of nuclear energy. Its Fort Worth Division is building the airframe for the first atomic-powered airplane.

Thus the new association between Convair and General Dynamics is significant and important to all who cherish freedom and progress.

**Twin-Engine Transports**

Convair-Liners became the first postwar twin-engine commercial transports to operate on all six continents with delivery of two of the aircraft to Ethiopian Air Lines, Inc., on Dec. 12, 1950.

Glass is mentioned in Egyptian lore as early as 3300 B. C.

**Atom-Powered Craft**

Convair was awarded an Air Craft contract to build the airframe for the world's first atomic-powered aircraft. This was disclosed in an announcement issued Sept. 5, 1951.


New Hampshire has more than 60 boot and shoe factories.

**Flight Duration Mark**

A Convair-built Air Force RB-36D reconnaissance bomber remained aloft 51 hours, 20 minutes, setting a new non-refueled flight duration record during the period of Jan. 14-16, 1951.


It took 70 men to operate the world's largest organ in 971.

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#### Dogs Will Be Trained By Singapore Police

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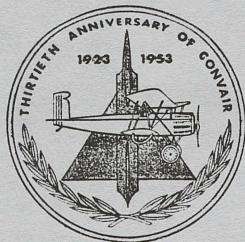
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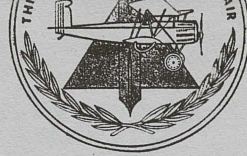
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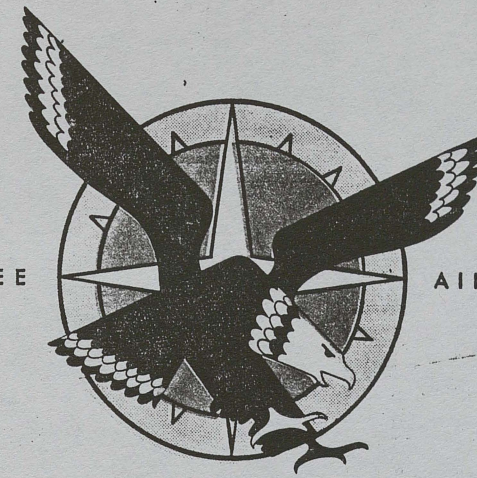
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