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Editorial

The difficulties involved in producing a technical Journal, and particularly in ensuring that the Journal is published by a particular date, are indeed great. So far, apart from some rather small delays, we have been fortunate in arranging that the Journal has been punctual. However, this copy of the Journal will reach Members rather later than usual. The delay has been caused by the need to change its contents from those originally planned.

It has been felt for some time that one of the principal difficulties which face the newcomer to rotary wing aviation is lack of knowledge of the best sources of information. Consequently it was intended to publish in this issue a bibliography of the more important reports which have appeared on the subject. Unfortunately permission to publish the bibliography has been delayed so long that a change in plans has had to be made, and the bibliography will appear in the next issue.

Instead, reports of the first two functions on the Association's current programme are given. That on the lecture by ROLF VON BAHR is of necessity rather brief, but the photographs we reproduce should appeal to "fair weather" fliers and will confound those who doubt the possibility of operating helicopters under bad conditions.

The report on the morning session of the "Discussion on Helicopter Maintenance" is complete and should be of great interest to the practical engineer. This discussion, by its nature, will doubtless tend to mollify those critics of the Association's programme who claim that the concentration of interest is too great in favour of the scientific aspects and too little in favour of the design and engineering sides of helicopter development. The report on the afternoon and evening sessions will appear in the next issue of the Journal.

The principal speeches delivered at the Annual Dinner of the Association are also reproduced. That by General BOWER giving his personal views on the helicopter requirements of the Services is, in view of his military standing, of great importance in these still troubled days.

Finally, the opportunity has been taken of publishing a list of Members of the Association. The strength of any body is its membership, and although ours is still smaller than we should like, it is slowly increasing and a glance through the names on the list will show that it includes nearly all the leading rotary wing engineers, designers, and scientists of this country, as well as a number of eminent foreign exponents. This list will be added to periodically as, we hope, we are joined by those who, while eligible to join the Association, have so far not done so. The data listed is based on the information available and any alterations, corrections or additions should be notified to the Secretary.