

The Helicopter Association of Great Britain

ELECTION TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF
MR J G WEIR, C M G , C B E , F R A C S



Ours is a young Association and we have little to offer as a mark of our respect and affection for a great man. Honorary Membership of the Helicopter Association of Great Britain is, at any rate, still a rare distinction and so it delights us to announce that James Weir has accepted the invitation of our President and Council to become an Honorary Member.

Mr Weir was the foremost of that small group of pioneers which, by its support of the late Juan de la Cierva's experimental work in this country after 1925, led the whole world towards the evolution of practical rotary wing flight. As a Director of Messrs G & J Weir, and Chairman of the Cierva Autogiro Company, he has guided development of the autogiro through intermediate stages to the helicopter, and indeed the first Weir Helicopters were flown well before the outbreak of World War II.

From the birth of this Association Mr Weir has been its firmest friend and most generous supporter. He was a Founder Member and served as our first President from 1949 to 1952, and for a further three years continued to give us his active help, time and wise advice as a Vice-President. Upon his recent withdrawal from the latter Office, the Executive Council was unanimous in its desire to offer him Honorary Membership as being the one way in which the Association can show its appreciation of his enthusiastic leadership. We are all greatly honoured by his acceptance.

NEW MEMBERS

Members

W/Cmdr F W Higginson, D F C ,
D F M (G B)
S/Ldr D C L Kearns, A F C (G B)
Lt Col J F T Scott, T D , R A
(G B)
W H Sear (G B)
Capt Robert Smith, R A (Ret'd)
(G B)

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K H Hoie (Norway)

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Major C G Irving-Bell (G B)
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W I M Evans (G B)
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B J Rosenberg (New Guinea)
L Terne (Canada)

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Lt E O Tonkin, R N (G B)