

# CORRESPONDENCE

## THE NAVAL REVIEW

SIR,

At a recent Committee Meeting of *The Naval Review* it was decided to seek a closer relationship between our two journals. This was prompted by the observation of some of our members that several articles of the *JNE* were of direct operational significance, and that some in *The Naval Review* might well set engineering minds off in new directions of design. More generally, there was a feeling that closer liaison would help mutual understanding of problems of the naval profession that can affect both the operator and the engineer. We do of course have many engineering specialists in our membership already, and no doubt many seaman officers get to see your journal; but we believe more can be done.

If you agree that closer links would be helpful, then the first thing to do clearly is to exchange current issues of our publications. Once the reciprocal arrangement is set up we could, I suggest, scan each other's publications as they come out for any articles that might be of interest for cross-publishing, subject of course to two factors: first, the author's agreement: second, in the case of *JNE* articles, confirmation that the article is unclassified or can be downgraded to unclassified by suitable excisions.

(Sgd.) J. R. Hill  
Rear Admiral  
Editor, *The Naval Review*

*The Editor of the 'Journal of Naval Engineering' replied as follows:*

SIR

I welcome your Committee's wish to create a closer relationship between our two journals, with a view to occasional cross-publishing. Such a link might also give the respective editors ideas for further subjects to be covered by specially commissioned articles. A closer relationship is particularly timely now, with the activities of Warfare Branch development, the Officer Study Group and the Pulvertaft study.

My sponsor, the Chief Naval Engineer Officer (Vice Admiral Sir Robert Hill), to whom I mentioned it yesterday, is also delighted with this move.

(Sgd.) T. R. Shaw  
Commander, Royal Navy  
Editor, *Journal of Naval Engineering*

## CHIEF ENGINEER

Sir,

The article, 'Should Engineers wear Purple Caps?' on the future of naval engineers reminds me of the position of engineers in the Ministry of Defence as a whole. There has long been a Chief Scientist but there is a need for a Chief Engineer with expertise in design and production. This is not a new idea; in World War I, d'Eyncourt (Director of Naval Construction) pointed out that the Navy was the largest engineering organization in the country and the only one without an engineer on the Board.

Such a post should be open to serving engineers, both civilian and service, but there are good arguments for an outside person. How about Patrick Head, Chief Designer of the successful, reliable and technically advanced Williams Grand Prix team?—but he is reputed to be paid a million a year—what it costs to win.

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