15/3/43. No. 12

NOT FOR PUBLICATION, BROADCAST, OR USE ON CLUB TAPES BEFORE 0030 B.S.T. (1.0. FOR MORNING PAPERS) ON <u>TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1943</u> THIS EMBARGO SHOULD BE RESPECTED OVERSEAS BY TREFACING ANY MESSAGES FILED WITH THE EMBARGO

AERONAUTICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Appointment of Professor Sir B. Melvill Jones, C.B.E., A.F.C., F.R.S., F.R.Ae.S.

The Ministry of Aircraft Production announces:-

The Minister of Aircraft Production has appointed Professor Sir B. Melvill Jones, C.B.E., A.F.C., F.R.S., F.R.Ac.S., to be chairman of the Aeronautical Research Committee in succession to Sir Henry Tizard, K.C.D., A.F.C., F.R.S., with effect from April 1, 1943.

Sir Henry Tizard, whose resignation Sir Stafford Cripps has accepted with great regret, has completed ten years as chairman of the Committee. During this period the Committee has made notable advances in the co-ordination of research, particularly of high speed and high altitude flight from the point of view of both aircraft and engines. This work has contributed much to the superiority in aircraft performance which the R.A.F. have enjoyed over the enemy.

Professor Sir Melvill Jones is Professor of Aeronautics at the University of Cambridge. He has been a member of the Aeronautical Research Committee for some years and his work in the progress of aeronautics is widely known and appreciated in the United States as well as in this country.