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**Cover picture:** The Airbus Industrie A.300 B4 shown can be regarded as one of the third generation of jet-engined airliners with significant perform-ance increments, in terms of fuel requirements and maintainability, over its predecessors. Mr. Ian Chichester-Miles, in his paper in this issue, remarks that the improvement (in the order of 30%) is largely due to the advances in engine technology as exemplified by the introduction of high bypass ratio turbofans. Other areas in which improvements have been made include aerodynamic effici-ency (mainly in terms of cruise lift/drag ratio) and in airframe and engine maintenance.

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