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SINGAPORE'S first radio-controlled taxicabs have recently appeared on its busy streets. Encouraged by results obtained by taxi operators in other parts of the world, a local firm, Radio Taxis Ltd., are installing Marconi mobile VHF sets in their large fleet of vehicles.

So far about twenty-five of these taxis have been fitted with two-way radio and the operating company has already found that the use of radio communication results in a great saving of journeys, as disengaged taxicabs can be directed quickly to fares in their immediate

Fifty taxis operating in Singapore are being fitted with our VHF radio. Above, the taxi fleet superintendent on duty at the headquarters radio station. The population of Singapore Colony is largely Chinese, and below is a street in the city's Chinatown with bicycle rickshaws



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vicinity. A further twenty-five are being similarly equipped. Each vehicle is fitted with a Marconi 3-5 Watt VHF telephony set, comprising transmitter/receiver unit, with microphone, and power supply unit.

The main, or headquarters, station is installed in one of the city's new skyscraper hotels, the equipment in use consisting of a Marconi 50-Watt VHF set arranged for controlled talk-through, with a mains-operated 5-Watt set used as an emergency standby. Good coverage is being obtained in the 60 Mc/s band.



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In Singapore a taxi driver, above, operates his H.P. 11 VHF set. This famous naval and air base of the East is one of the Commonwealth's most important trading entrepôts. The modern square is Empress Place, where stands the statue of the city's founder, Sir Stamford Raffles

