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The first Minta Martin lecture in aeronautical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was given last night by Dr. William R. Hawthorne, Hunsaker Professor of Aeronautical Engineering at M.I.T.

The new endowed lectureship was established this year in conjunction with M.I.T.'s Jerome Clarke Hunsaker Professorship. Last night's lecture on "The Aerodynamics of Aircraft Engines" was also presented with the cooperation of the Boston Section of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences.

The founder of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, Lester D. Gardner, a graduate of M.I.T. in 1898, was among those present at the lecture. Mr. Gardner conceived and aided in the founding of the Hunsaker chair at M.I.T.

The Hunsaker chair is named for Professor Emeritus Jerome C. Hunsaker, famed founder of M.I.T.'s course in aeronautical engineering, the first such course in the country.

To emphasize the national character of the Hunsaker professorship, the late Glenn L. Martin, a pioneer in aircraft production, contributed a special gift to provide for the presentation each year by the Hunsaker Professor of the Minta Martin lecture, named in honor of Mr. Martin's mother, in several aeronautical centers throughout the country.

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Dr. William R. Hawthorne, first Hunsaker Professor at M.I.T. and first Minta Martin lecturer, is on leave of absence from Cambridge University (England) where he has held the applied thermodynamics professorship. He is one of the world's leading figures in aeronautical engineering.

During World War II Dr. Hawthorne worked on combustion chamber development with Sir Frank Whittle, who built the first jet engine, and in 1946 he was awarded the U.S. Medal of Freedom for his jet engine work.

Since the war, Dr. Hawthorne has served on many governmental committees both in this country and in England dealing with aircraft propulsion, fuels, and guided missiles.

The Minta Martin lecture is being given this year by Dr. Hawthorne at the University of Maryland in Baltimore (Wednesday, March 21), at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena (Monday, March 26), and at the Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland (Wednesday, April 11) as well as at M.I.T. (Thursday, March 22).