



some text in 8 languages. The 273B & D models are the same as two of those already described for METAL KITS, and the latter had those numbers on their model leaflets.

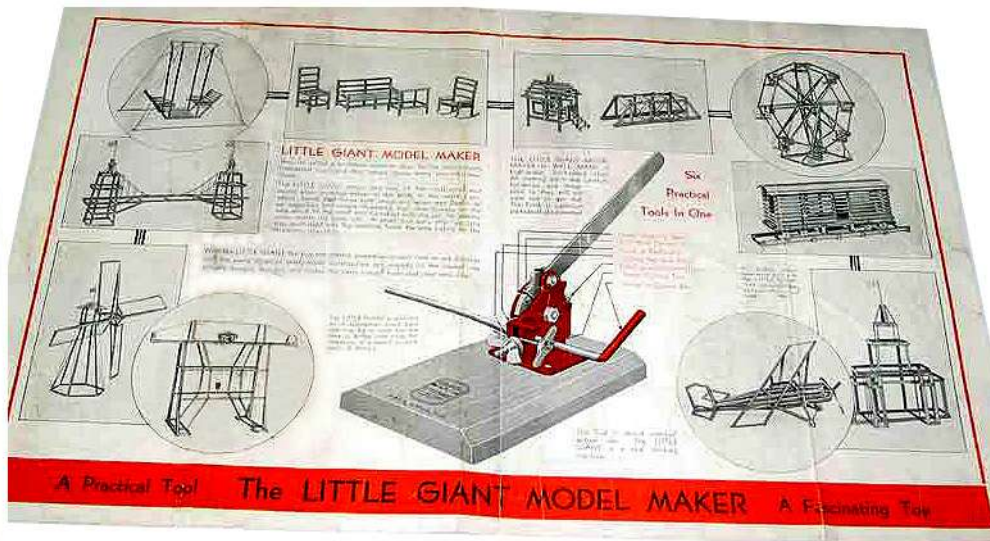
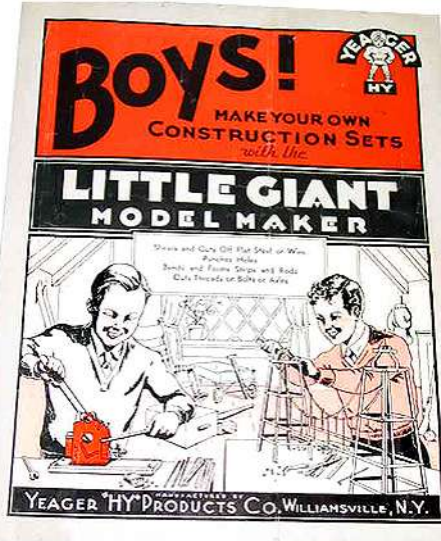
TECH 4 sets were seen on the UK Ebay late last year. The model on the lid right is new to me; those on the other sets, a Quad Bike, a Helicopter, and a Tank, look very similar but not identical to three of the models from the CT901 outfit.



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POLYLONG: S11

Snippet. LITTLE GIANT Models A little on this American 'DIY' system was given in 36/1070 but at the time no models had been seen. Below the front & inside of a flyer or model leaflet: it is probably just a single sheet folded over.



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LITTLE GIANT: S2

Snippet. 'New' System: TECNICAVIA L.P. Two Ebay lots of this system have been seen, both with blue and silver parts that look identical to those of Phase 1 AVIADYP (see 35/1052). The first has a fairly deep box with the lid right; it has Boîte 'A' under the name & 'c'est un jouet Sofic Sapem' at the bottom. It is recalled that 'S.O.F.I.C.' was blanked out on the Phase 1 No.2 set lid in OSN 35. 'L.P.' is on the hangar & also follows the name on the manual cover far right. Possibly they are the initials of Louis Petit who signed some of the AVIADYP artwork, and he invented the system and/or was the principal of the company who made it (compare STANDARD L.R., see 21/590).

The parts in the lot included Floats, a Wing Centre Skin (AVIADYP #24), & more Wing parts than would be needed for a parasol wing model, but not enough for a Biplane. Thus the Set A may be the equivalent an AVIADYP No.2 but with some parts missing (or less likely Nos.1+1A with a few parts from another set). Also shown in the Lot, two brownish backing cards in the same general style as those used in Phase 3 AVIADYP with the outlines of the parts drawn on them. However only the PN's of the parts are shown, not their names, & though they can't be read clearly they don't look to be the same as AVIADYP. Other difference are: a) in some cases the drawings of the parts differ very slightly from their AVIADYP counterparts; b) a few of the No.2 parts are not shown, notably the smallest Fuselage Frame #37 & the Wing Full-span Spars #32; c) the layout of the other parts is not the same as the No.2; d) several major parts are shown as if assembled or packed one on top of the other, the Floats, & the

Fuselage Skins #9 & 10, for example; and e) no holes can be seen in the cards for cord or clips to hold the parts in place.

As can be seen the manual is also for Set A. But what of the model



on the manual cover? There were no twin-fuselage models in

AVIADYP Phase 1 and even allowing for some artistic licence the centre wing & fuselage don't look possible with Phase 1 parts. Nor with later parts for that matter. Was there a Set B with extra parts?

The second Ebay lot has no box or cards but is otherwise similar to the first. It consisted of a near complete Low Wing Monoplane that looks identical to Phase 1 AVIADYP, the same Set A manual, and some parts not used in the model, including Floats, parts for another Wing, & an assembled Centre Wing.

On balance it seems most likely that TECNICAVIA preceded AVIADYP and perhaps the change was made to take advantage of the popularity of Bébé DYP.

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TECNICAVIA: S1