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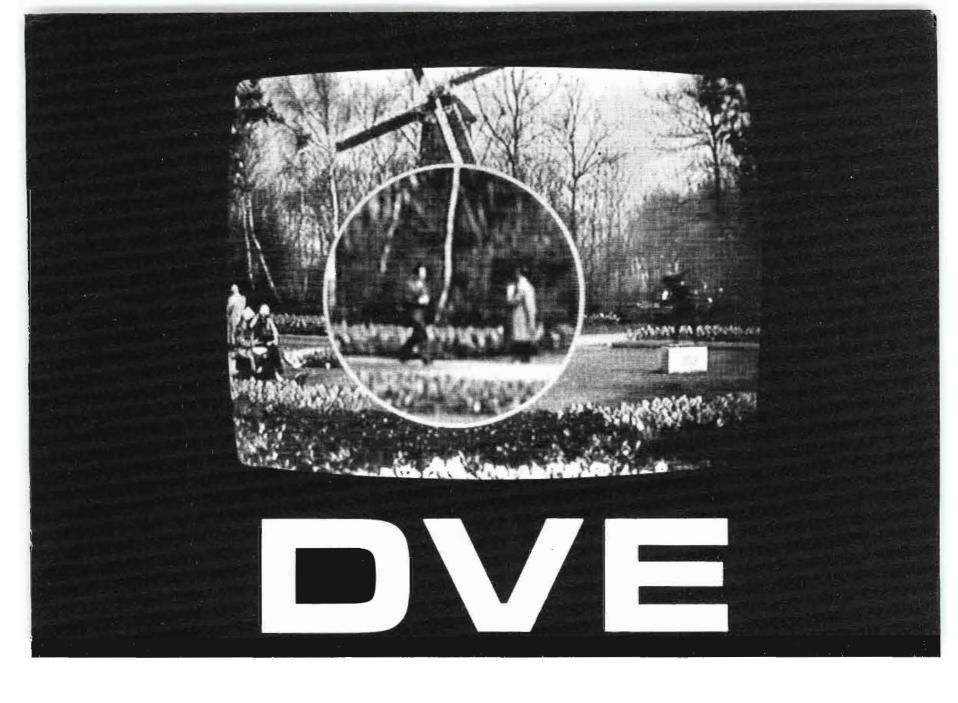
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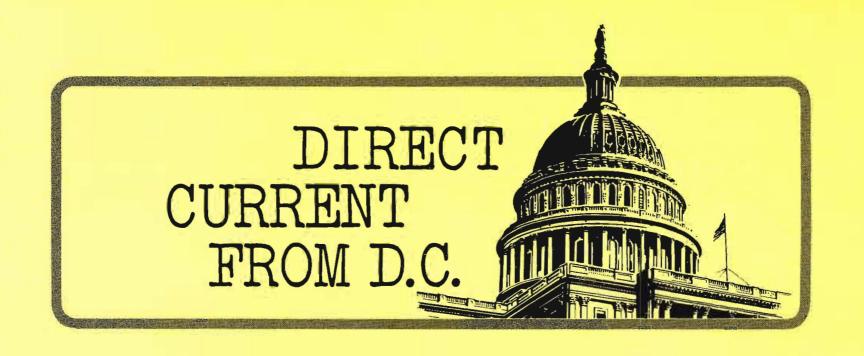
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#### POMPOUS PREDICTIONS

#### AM Stereo

The work of a Joint Committee sponsored by NAB, IEEE, EIA, and NRBA is well under way and testing of the various systems under consideration is scheduled for this spring. The Committee will complete its work and deliberations during the coming year and will submit its report to the Commission. The Commission is not likely to act on the report until next year.

#### Automatic Transmission Systems

Fully automatic transmission systems are now authorized for FM radio stations and for AM radio stations employing non-directional antennas. The Commission will shortly expand this authorization to include AM directional antennas (except a relatively few directionals classified as "critical") and TV stations. All that will be required of the licensee is that the person on duty have a restricted radio telephone permit and that a first class operator be available when needed.

#### Small Diameter Earth Stations

There will be a rapid expansion in the authorization and use of small diameter (4.5 meters or less) earth stations for receiveonly satellite uses. There are already over 100 such stations used principally for pay-cable TV operation serving over one million customers, and at least one background music service has successfully tested systems of this type for direct relaying of background music.

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#### 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC)

The United States <u>must</u> establish its position for the 1979 WARC within the coming year. This position will include proposals for land mobile sharing of at least some of the UHF-TV broadcast channels. It will be proposed to extend the limits of the present AM broadcast band both upward and downward; proposals to reduce channell width below the present 10 kHz are outside the scope of WARC.

#### FM Quadraphonic Sound

The report of the NQRC has been before the Commission for some time. The Commission's Laboratory Division is conducting further tests of quadraphonic systems and the results of these tests will be complete within the next few months. The Commission will issue a formal proposal for FM quadraphonic sound during the year and will invite comments from all interested parties.

#### AM Clear Channels

All parties interested in the AM clear channel case will have been heard from by the middle of the year. The Commission will be confronted with a range of options: maintain the status quo, permit power above 50 kW on some or all of the remaining Class I-A clear channels, and break down some of the clear channels. The Commission will also consider whether to pay serious attention to a proposal by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) to create additional AM channels by reducing the channel width to 9 kHz.

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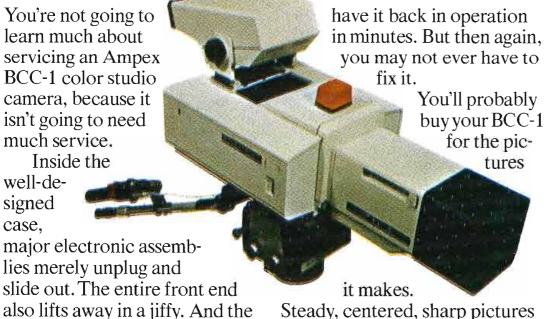
The Commission has pending a proposal to authorize circular polarization for TV transmission on all channels on an optional basis. The Commission is inclined to act favorably on this proposal, although they have been urged to delay approval until further tests have been made to permit an evaluation of the worth of circular polarization, especially at UHF.

#### UHF TV Improvement Program

The Commission has already acted to improve the comparability of UHF and VHF antennas attached to receivers. A proposal is pending to lower the permissible UHF receiver noise figure but the Commission has requested substantial additional information. A report will be made to the Commission during the year on a "receiver of tommorrow" expected to feature improved UHF performance.



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# INDUSTRY NEWS

# KBMA-TV's Bob Wormington: "Go Earth Stations, Fast"

Independent stations which do not now have Earth Stations for reception of satellite programming offerings were urged to make the investment as rapidly as possible "if we are truly to obtain fourth network status," by Bob Wormington, President and General Manager of station KBMA-TV, Kansas City, at the Fourth Annual Convention of the Association of Independent Television Stations, (INTV), in San Francisco.

Despite the investment which Wormington estimated to be about \$100,000 for a 10-meter dish, "the price of a couple of TV cameras," he pointed out that the savings in satellite transmission for various sports programming alone would amortize the costs in a comparatively short time.

"In 14 different sports events" said Wormington, "KBMA-TV's average savings were 20 percent, satellite vs land lines. In a 45-game baseball schedule our savings will average out to about 25 percent and we'll amortize the cost of our satellite in about five years."

Estimated savings projected by KBMA-TV for transmitting programs from various parts of the country according to Wormington were: Oakland to Kansas City-63 percent vs land lines; From Boston-Kansas City-60 percent; From Toronto-Kansas . City—26 percent; Baltimore to Kansas City—an \$1100 savings; From Minneapolis to Baltimore—direct \$1400 savings; via land lines from Chicago—an \$800 savings and from coast-tocoast (New York-Oakland) a savings of over \$4000 via satellite. All of the savings were based on a three-hour usage; the average time of a baseball game.

Wormington noted that if the independent stations were to become viable fourth network representatives, independents in the top

25 markets should have Earth Stations for effective distribution of available alternate programming efforts. "If we can serve the top 25 markets via satellite-Earth Station," said Wormington, "we can approach a true network status. If we can add a few of the network affiliates via our programming schedules in other markets we will have further expanded our potential as a possible fourth network."

Pointing out that the new "Operation Prime Time" programming concept, designed specifically for independent TV stations was "a giant step towards the development of an alternate network," Wormington said that this pioneering independent station programming effort coupled with a mixture of top-level sports and other high quality program offerings, "could be the corner stone for attaining fourth network status for independents in the future."

In addition to the need for more independent stations to invest in Earth Stations in the near future, Wormington also noted that there was a definite need for more transmission points on the part of the satellite operators. "RCA, for instance," said Wormington, "has only 6-up links and 4-down links in New York. 3-up and 2-down in Los Angeles, 2-up and 1-down in San Francisco, 1-up and 1-down in Houston and 2-up and 1-down in Atlanta. Chicago," he said, "is a major bottle-neck for distribution having only 1-up and 1-down link. There should be links available for each of the top 25 markets."

Wormington also told the INTV convention delegates that there were "few" technical problems to setting up Earth Stations once clearance had been given. "It took us about 10 days to set up our dish outside our station site," he said, "and when we went on the air

carrying the ITNA news programs at the Republican Convention in Kansas City, there were few technical flaws, the picture was excellent and we had no trouble with the feed to the ITNA stations."

Wormington also warned the independent station operators not to wait for the smaller dishes people have been talking about. "The FCC has approved a small Earth Station antenna of 15 foot diameter (4.5 meters) but it is not of broadcast quality," he said. "So be careful."

KBMA-TV, which acted as the Flagship station for the distribution of the ITNA news feeds from the Republican Convention was also the first TV station to telecast baseball games direct from Oakland to Kansas City via satellite as a part of its regular programming schedule. The station is also to add a transmit capacity to its earth station in Kansas City, which will make it one of three broadcasting stations so equipped.

## Senators To Address NAB Convention

Senator Ernest F. Hollings (D-S.C.) scheduled to become chairman of the Senate Communications Subcommittee, and Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Communications Subcommittee, will address radio and television executives during the 55th annual convention of the National Association of Broadcasters.

The convention and concurrent broadcast engineering conference will be held March 27-30 in Washington, D.C.

Senator Hollings will speak at the opening television session March 28 and at the general radio session March 29. Congressman Van Deerlin will address the opening radio session March 28 and the television session March 29.

The meetings will be held in three Washington hotels—radio in the Sheraton Park, television in the Washington Hilton, and engineering in the Shoreham Americana. (See articles in this issue for exhibitor lists and exhibit floor plans.)

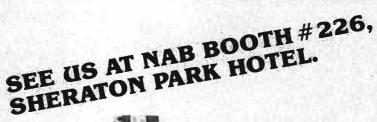
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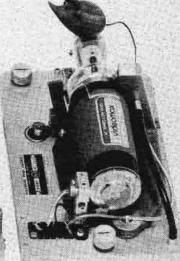
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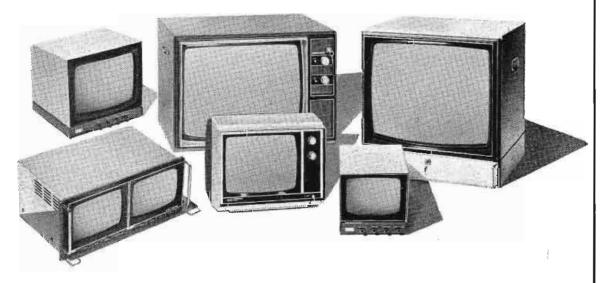
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#### **Industry News**

# NAB Battling FTC On Drugs

The National Association of Broadcasters said the proposal to regulate the advertising of over-the-counter drugs by the Federal Trade Commission "would unduly restrict the flow of information and disserve the public whose protection is intended."

It further stated that the manner in which the Commission has conducted its inquiry raises substantial legal and Constitutional questions.

In its filing with the Commission, NAB said the FTC should not extend the Food and Drug Administration's labeling requirements to advertising, adding that it "is apparently determined to take the FDA's judgment as gospel from which there can be no deviation."

The Association pointed out that strict limitations on allowable terminology "are inappropriate and incompatible with the broadcast media and its impact upon viewers and listeners."

Product labels and advertising, NAB said, "may not always serve the same roles or functions for consumers. A term which is appropriate for a label due to its scientific exactitude may for that same reason be inappropriate for advertising. Scientific terms are rarely part of the consumer's everyday vocabulary."

Furthermore, NAB stated, the Commission cannot simply presume that only pre-cleared or FDA-approved terminology is not deceptive or unfair as the law clearly places the burden upon the Commission to prove, by substantial evidence, the validity of such a presumption.

Another point NAB raised is that the FTC rule would not now and should not apply to ingredients, claims or other conditions placed in category III by the FDA. Other parties to the proceeding have asked that the rule be expanded to include products falling within category III. (Category III includes those products for which data are currently insufficient to permit an

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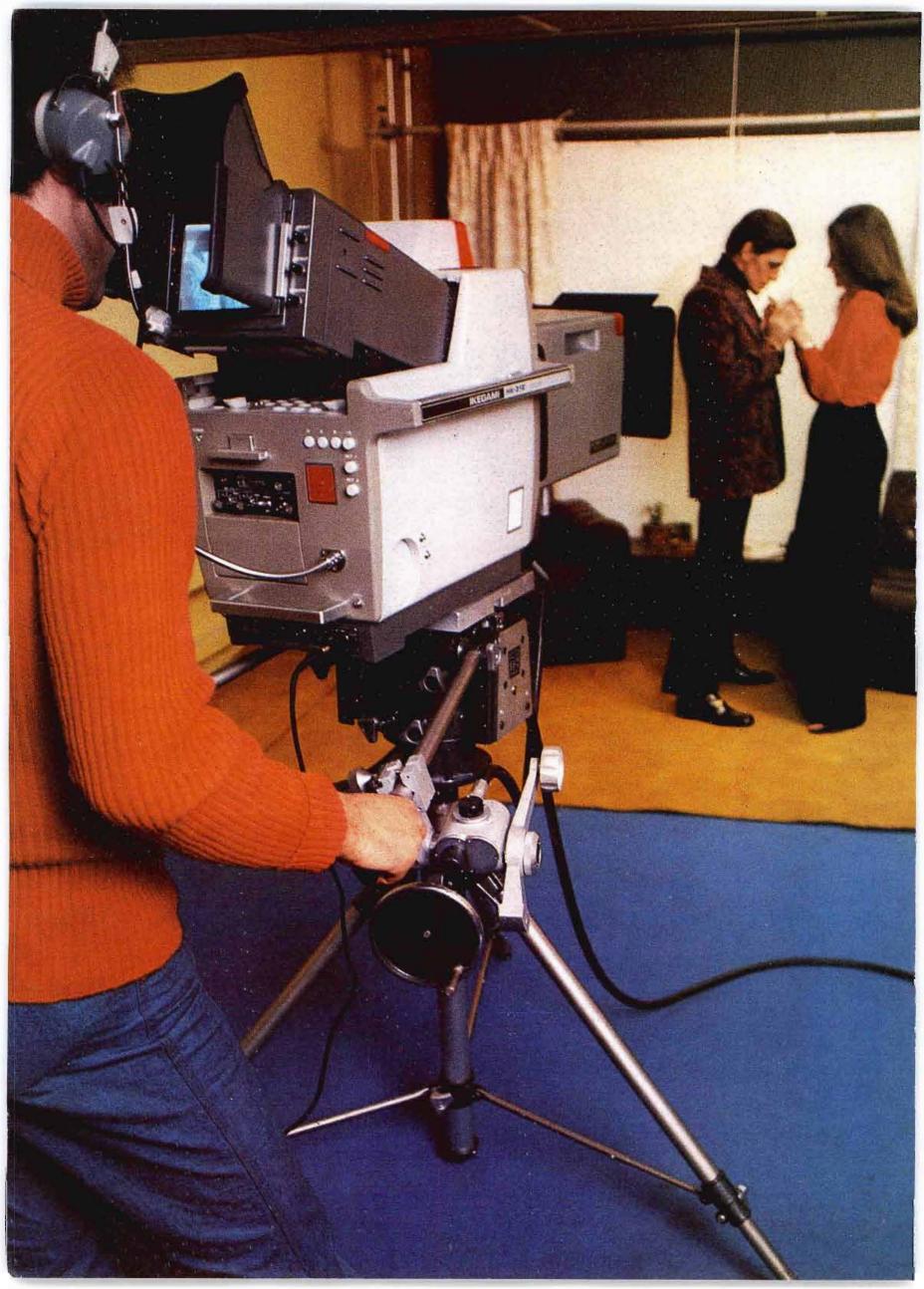
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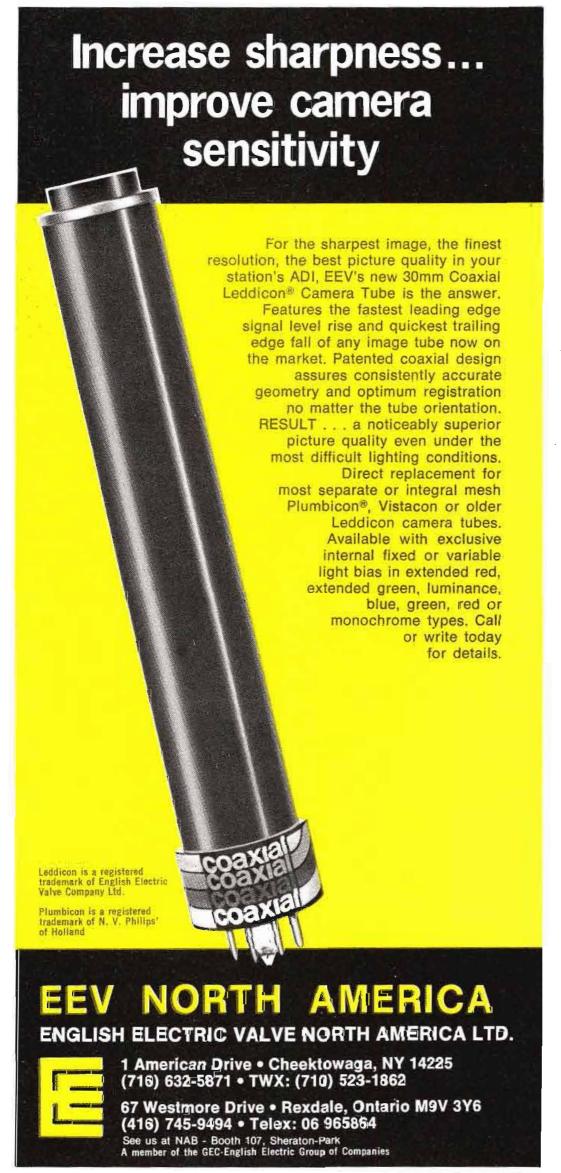
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NAB said that "unless and until the FDA ultimately deems these products or product claims as falling within the prohibitions of category III, the FTC has no authority to regulate their advertisement."

Finally, NAB said that the proposed rule would prohibit all speech not previously cleared by the FDA and that the rule would affect commercial speech regardless of its ultimate truthfulness. Adoption of such a rule would raise substantial First Amendment questions, the Association said.

## Clear Channel Deadline Extended

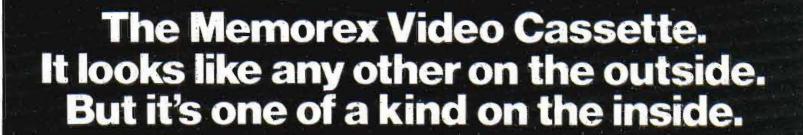
The Commission has extended to April 25 the deadline for filing reply comments in the standard broadcast clear channel inquiry and rule-making proceeding.

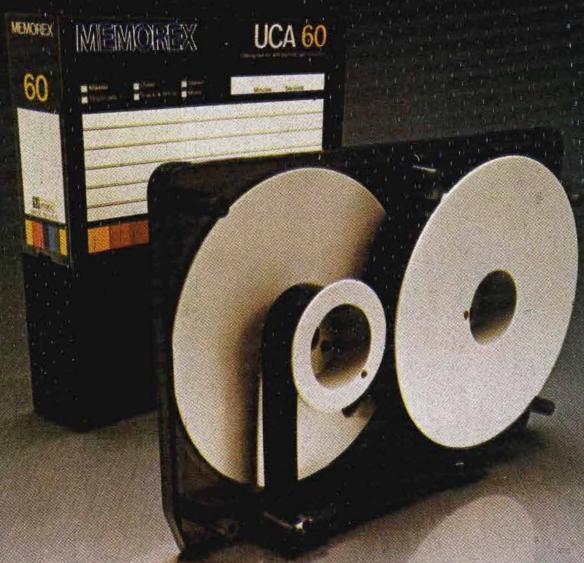
On December 5, 1975, the Commission reopened its AM clear channel proceeding that had been terminated in 1961. The FCC's stated purpose of the proceeding was to seek information for possible amendment of the rules governing the use of the 25 clear channels listed in Section 73.25(a) of the rules, including allowing Class I-A stations to operate with higher power (in excess of 50 kw).

Originally, comments were due by March 16, 1976, and replies by April 18, 1976. These dates subsequently were extended several times resulting in the current deadlines of November 22 for comments and January 24 for replies.

Clear Channel Broadcasting Service (CCBS) requested that the date for filing reply comments be extended for five months, until June 30, contending that the extension was necessary due to the lengthy, complex and numerous comments submitted in the proceeding.

It also pointed out that its engineers currently are engaged in Continued on page 16





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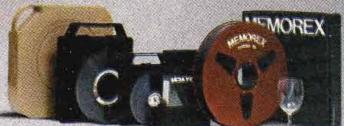
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preparing comments to the Third Notice of Inquiry in Docket 20271 regarding preparation for World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC), which has caused delays to its preparation of comments in the clear channel proceed-

#### FCC Will Accept Small Dishes

Subscribers to many of the nation's more than 3,400 cable television systems could have their viewing options expanded dramatically as a result of action taken by the Federal Communications Commission.

By unanimous vote, the FCC has agreed to accept applications for small dish antennas to be used by cable systems in the reception of domestic communications satellite transmissions. The decision, which was consistent with extensive engineering data supplied by the National Cable Television Association, will reduce by nearly a third the cost of constructing earth station facilities.

NCTA President Robert L. Schmidt hailed the FCC's decision. "The Commission's new procedures for licensing earth receiving stations simplify applications and will open satellite service to many small and medium-sized communities." he

Under previous FCC rules, receive-only earth terminals used in satellite/cable television interconnections had to be at least nine meters in diameter. The Commission, after reviewing extensive data submitted by NCTA, said it would process applications for earth station antennas (or dishes) as small as 4.5 meters diameter meeting applicable technical requirements.

The Commission's action will allow smaller cable systems to expand program and information distribution options at considerable savings. Nine meter dishes cost approximately \$100,000. The newlyapproved smaller facilities cost between \$25,000 and \$50,000 to

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#### Take 1!...ASTVC at the Inauguration

Among the many engineers, cameramen and assorted technical wizards assigned to the Washington area for the 1977 inauguration of President Jimmy Carter were many carrying the ASTVC identification card. Tom Jocelyn from Metro-Media's WTTG, Frank Melchiorre and Marv Cahn from ABC, NY, and George Weisz along with Bob Zweck from NBC, NY to name just a few....We were happy to have George along to rap with as he was one of the original "founding fathers" of ASTVC.

Although there were many NBC technical-types assigned to the big event, there were only five men assigned the specific chores of airing the nightly news....and they were all from the NY crew who regularly do the show when it is in Rockefeller Center including, in addition to Weisz and Zweck, Jack Durkin, Charlie Wilson, and Arnold Gold....

The assignment was a good one, the Metro-liner travel enjoyable, and the hotel accommodations at the Arlington Hyatt House luxurious....but a bonus feature was the chance to meet with counterparts from other stations such as WTOP, WRC,...etc....Indeed, after exchanging some questions and answers, we find that people such as WTOP's Charlie Balkan and WRC's Leigh Sutherland and George Lopez might be the nucleus for a membership drive to add to the group now formed at WTTG-TV....

For the benefit of any reader interested in affiliating with the Washington Metropolitan area chapter, we suggest that he or she contact the membership director, ASTVC, Box 296, Sparkill, NY 10976. Those interested will be put in touch with a Washington area rep closest to your home or station.

As a note of technical interest, we should point out that whereas in NY a cameraman is a cameraman is a cameraman (for the most part), in Washington **one** does multi-functions as is true in most of the rest of the nation's TV stations....It was quite an experience to be sent up

the ladder to hang lights, change the filaments, set the dimmers and so on....And in all truthfulness, quite enjoyable....

## Take 2!...The Swedish Guild of TV Cameramen proposes an Alliance!

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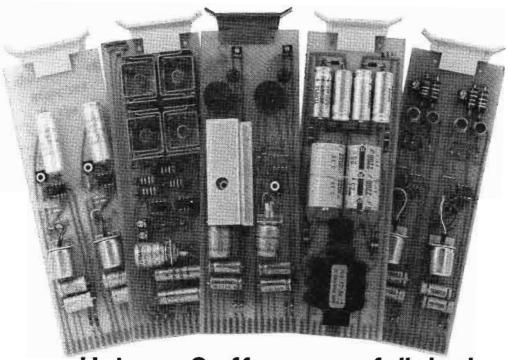
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federation of TV associations. Vern Dyer, our British liaison member, has been proposing this sort of thing from time to time. Now, we have received direct communication from the Swedish Guild....who propose the very same sort of thing. It seems that after consulting with the British, the Swedish Guild will be taking the initiative in establishing some sort of dialogue relevant to "ground rules" for all interested national groups....We, in our turn, have responded to their inquiry with a hearty endorsement of the project. We eagerly await further developments on this international scene and will certainly keep the membership informed of any and all progress....The prospect of an international convention of TV cameramen sounds mighty interesting....Where do you propose we hold the first one?....

#### Take 3!...T-Shirt, anyone???

Associate Director for Member Services Greg Suhm has informed this column that the T-Shirts are about to be filled....Greg, who incidentally designed ASTVC's new logo, is about to place an order for X number of these shirts which will feature the ASTVC logo over the appropriate pocket area and which will come in assorted sizes such as small, medium, large and extra large. We know that there are many of you out there in radio-land that have been eagerly awaiting just such news....Therefore, we now ask you to get off your camera pedestal and let us know how many shirts you want for your wife, kids, favorite in-laws and, of course, yourself....Give us an idea of quantity and the sizes desired and we will forward an order form with all further particulars and the price for the whole bit....At this writing, we anticipate that the shirts will be in the price range of \$3.00....

Greg tells us that next up will be lapel insignia, tie-tacs, charms, blazer patches, license plates and other items featuring the ASTVC logo....Please write in to this column and let us know what items

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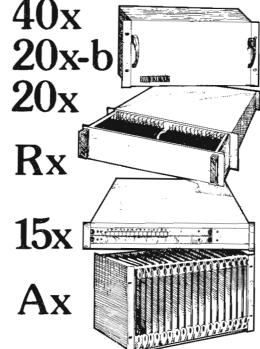
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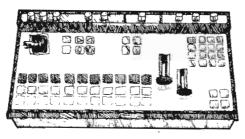
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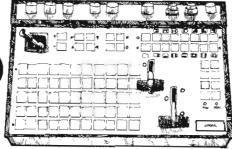
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you might be interested in, even if we failed to mention them above. If you have a good idea, we'll try to supply it.

Speaking of thoughts from the Member Services area reminds me that Jack Keyes of Canon, USA let us know that he will be expecting to see as many of us as possible at their Hospitality Suite in Washington during the upcoming NAB convention....This is an event that we should all try to attend, if at all possible....Also important....we would like you all to try to be there for the presentation to **BE** and Ron Merrell....

#### Take 4!...CB and ENG

What with the emphasis shifting from film to ENG in the news area, more and more of our colleagues are being assigned to mobile vans or station wagons or even converted sedans....They inform this column that in addition to the standard commercial phone that ties them in with their assignment desk, they find both CB and ham gear coming in mighty handy. It seems that this additional gear gives them the extra "ears" sometimes quite important while travelling through areas with fast breaking news such as in disaster areas. We can forsee how those possessing this assortment of electronic gear may have the "jump" over those not so equipped ....Another desirable item for the mobile ENG crew may very well be the HI/LO band scanner for the PS band along with the weather channel....

Whenever stories are sent to this column relating experiences in the field utilizing the aforementioned equipment, we shall pass it on to our readers. Send your info to: Editor, ASTVC Column, Box 296, Sparkill, NY 10976.

Until next time....

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For Latest News See Direct Current page 4

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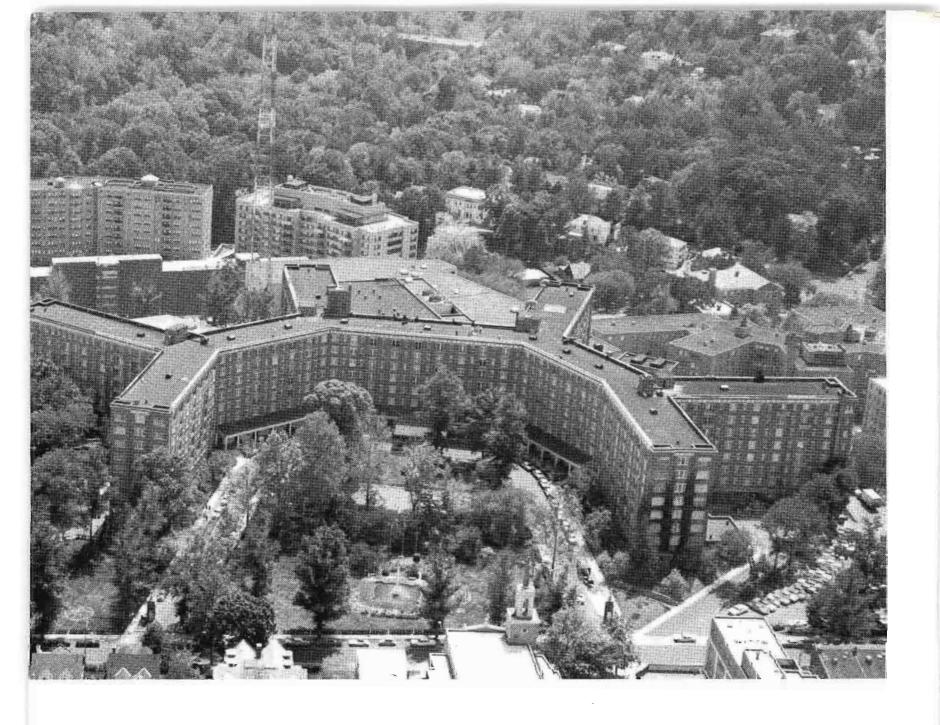
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# **Sheraton Park Exhibitors Guide**

Although Washington, D.C. has been the scene of many NAB conventions, the 1977 version will be the last in that city for several years. Typically, the Sheraton Park has been the headquarters hotel for past conventions. And just as typically, convention attendees have been getting lost in its caverns or stuck between floors in its elevators.

And this year, with the surge of new exhibitors and expanding demands for floor space, the Sheraton Park will share the spotlight with the Shoreham and the Washington Hilton. The sheer size of it all will make this the biggest and most challenging of all NAB conventions.

In this article, we're bringing to

you all the information we had at press time on who would be showing what equipment and what will be shown for the first time. You'll note that some exhibitors have a red "running line" under their exhibit info. This red line refers you to the exhibitors advertising in this issue.

If hospitality suite information was available at press time, it was included. And in another section of this issue you'll find a set of floor plans, showing—hotel by hotel—where all the exhibitors are located. We'll have extras to hand out at the convention. Last minute changes will be included on the last page of the section we'll hand out at NAB.

Acrodyne Industries Inc.—Booth 202. 100 Watt UHF translator, 10 Watt VHF TV translator, 10 Watt VHF TV transmitter, 10 Watt UHF translator, and 100 Watt VHF transmitter.

New: 6 kW visual 600 Watt aural VHF externally diplexed transmitter.

See ad on page 125

A. F. Associates—Booth 224 (in Consolidated Video Systems booth). Remanufactured tape machines.

New: AFR-1200 quad tape machine.

See ad on page 27

Alford Manufacturing Company — Booth 212.

Amco Engineering Co.—Booth 308.
Video monitoring consoles, studio control consoles, studio work stations, power supply cabinets and Continued on page 26

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ECS-1 Joystick Editor provides, for the first time, film-style editing flexibility on helical videocassettes. News film editors converting to video tape find the ECS-1 a snap to operate. In fact, networks and group owners are already using the ECS-1 by the hundreds. Production houses have found our Editor to be perfect for economical on-line and off-line editing. The Convergence Editor is great by itself, but it's fantastic when combined with the PC-3 and the TT-4 — the newest members of our Fabulous Family.

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consoles, cabinet systems, styled or plain for housing total station operations. See ads on pages 146, 147

American Data Division, Airpax Electronics—Booth 101. Distribution switching system, four channel parallel video processor, production switching systems, modular amplifiers, one bus quad split, and 18x1, 12x1 and 12x5 routing switchers.

**New:** Distribution switching system, production switching systems, and modular amplifiers. See ad on page 131

American Electronic Laboratories— Booth 216. AM and FM broadcast transmitters, stereo generators, and exciters.

Belar Electronics Laboratory Inc.— Booth 317.

**New:** ATS accessories, FM modulation monitor, AM frequency monitor, FM stereo modulation monitor, and equipment designed for ATS use.

See ad on page 123

**Bird Electronic Corporation—Booth 311.** RF directional wattmeters, RF loads, self-cooling line terminations (RF), and hi-power transmission line filters.

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See ad on page 176

Bogner Broadcast Equipment—Booth 201 (in CCA booth). TV CP antenna, and FM antenna.

New: Emergency antenna.

Booth 110 (in EMCEE booth). Low & medium power translator line. See ad on page 102

Boston Insulated Wire & Cable Co.— Booth 108.

Broadcast Electronics, Inc.—Booth 206. Tape cartridge machines, audio control consoles, AGC amplifiers, limiting amplifiers, turntables, and package studio systems.

New: Multi-deck tape cartridge systems. Hos. suite: E-420.

Canon U.S.A., Inc.—Booth 301. Zoom lenses for broadcast and CCTV cameras.

New: Studio/field zoom lens.

See ad on page 59

Capitol Magnetic Products — Booth 313. Mastering tape, low noise tape, 2 mill low noise print tape, and audiopack A-2 broadcast cartridge. Hosp. Suite: F540, F541. See ad on page 117

CCA Electronics Corporation—Booth 201. AM and FM broadcast transmitters and accessories, consoles, mixers and accessories, TV products and accessories, FM circularly polarized antennas, and UHF-TV antenna.

New: Optimod stereo generator, modular audio consoles and accessories, and FM 55 kW broadcast transmitter. See ad on page 95

Ceco Communications Inc.—Booth 204. Electron transmitting tubes.

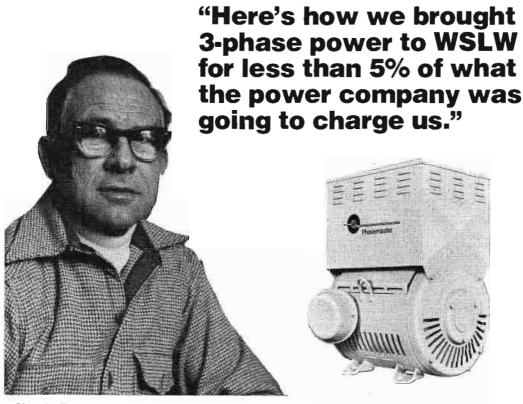
Central Dynamics Corp.—Booth 104. Video production switchers, master control automation system, tape editing systems, downstream keyer, RGB and encoded chromakeyers, digital sync decoder, audio mixer/switcher, distribution amplifiers for pulse, cable equalizing, STL's and broadband applications.

New: Production switcher with sequential effects amplifier, and System 100 Master Control Automation with interface to BIAS Business Automation System. Hos. Suite: Sheraton Park. See ad on page 115

Cetec Broadcast Group—Booth 227. AM and FM transmitters, audio studio and remote equipment, FM antennas, and radio automation systems.

New: FM antenna, 3-stack tape cart playback and multi-cart system playback. See ad on page 5

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WZTV-TV Nashville, TN □ AMPEX VR-2000

WVEC-TV Norfolk, VA □ AMPEX VR-2000

**KEVN-TV** Rapid City, SD □ (2) AMPEX VR-1200's

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**EUE Screen Gems** New York, N.Y.  $\square$  (2) AMPEX VR-2000's

National Video Center New York, N.Y. 

AMPEX HS-100

**Dolphin Production New York, N.Y.**  $\square$  AMPEX VR-2000

Innervision Productions St. Louis, MO ☐ AMPEX VR-1200

Media Stream Lake Charles, LA □ (2) AMPEX VR-1200's

#### MANUFACTURERS

Consolidated Video Systems, Inc. Santa Clara, CA ☐ AMPEX VR-2000

**Recortec Inc. Sunnyvale, CA** □ (2) AMPEX VR-1200's

Spin Physics, Inc. San Diego, CA ☐ AMPEX VR-1200

Computer Magnetics Corp. Sunnyvale, CA ☐ AMPEX VR-1200

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Chyron Telesystems—Booth 303.

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CMX Systems, Orrox Corporation— Booth 226. Expandable computer assisted video tape editing system, and portable SMPTE time code generator, and time code reader/display.

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The Collins Commercial Telecommunications Division of Rockwell International Corporation—Booth 217. AM and FM transmitters and consoles, and full line of audio equipment.

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Commercial Electronics Inc.—Booth 222. Color television camera systems, including studio, ENG and portable production, lenses, and video support equipment.

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Consolidated Video Systems, Inc.— Booth 224. Broadcast and CCTV timebase correctors. See ad on page 23

Continental Electronics Mfg. Co.— Booth 220. 5, 10 and 50 thousand Watt AM transmitters.

Hos. Suite: A311. See ad on page 133

CSI Electronics, Inc.—Booth 309. 4 Watt-20 kW AM transmitters, and 10 Watt-25 kW FM transmitters.

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Delta Electronics Inc.—Booth 300. Antenna monitors, remote control systems, RF ammeter systems, impedance bridges, receiver generators, meter jacks, and torodial current transformers.

New: Units for ATS. See ad on page 87

Di-Tech Inc.—Booth 109. Video D.A., Pulse D.A., video passive switchers, Video D.A. with diff. input, clamper and equalizer, Pulse D.A. with variable delay, audio/video routing switchers, touch tone systems, audio monitor/amplifier, video presence detector, and video presence detector with relay switching.

Electronics, Missiles & Communications, Inc.—Booth 110. UHF/VHF television transmitters and translators, MDS transmitter, MDS high power amplifier, UHF transmitting antennas, ITFS transmitter, and ITFS receiving converter.

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English Electric Valve North America Ltd.—Booth 106 (in Marconi booth).

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New: 1" extended red, and 1" ACT. See ad on page 14

Fidelipac—Booth 218. Master cart, alignment, wow & flutter, and cue cartridges, studio on-air light, cartridge storage racks, tape eraser, height gage for tape guides, head insertion and night-angle zenith gages, cleaning fluid, splicing blocks & kits, and removeable cartridge lables.

New: Wow & flutter meter.

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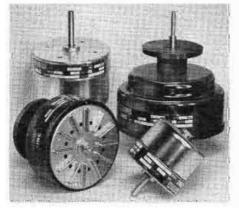
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The Grass Valley Group, Inc.—Booth 209. Production, master control, routing, and automation switchers, digital machine control systems, automatic program control equipment, video, pulse, and subcarried distribution, sync generators and auto-changeover systems, and processing amplifiers.

New: NEC frame synchronizers, and digital video effects systems. Hos. Suite: A500. See ad on page 3

GTE Sylvania—Booth 302. Lamps for studio lighting, and sun guns for "on the spot" lighting.

New: Daylight fill lamps.

Hammond Industries (Revox and Beyer)—Booth 221. Tape recorders, reel-to-reel, and microphones.

New: Amplifier, and PPM meters.

Harris Corporation, Broadcast Products Division—Booth 205. Live color cameras, television transmitter, 1 and 5 kW AM transmitters, 2500 Watt FM transmitter, 20 kW FM transmitter, micro-computer prog. auto, stereo consoles, turntable, cart machines, test racks, TV test rack, TV antenna display, FM antenna display, camera in film chain configuration, and a automatic transmission system demo. New: 2.5 and 20 kW FM transmitters, and FM processor. Hos. Suite: D500. See ads on pages 169, 171, 173, 175

Hitachi Denshi America, Ltd.—Booth 228. Portable ENG cameras, and studio/portable camera.

New: Portable ENG camera. See ad on page 113

Innovative Television Equipment—Booth 310. Camera support dollies, tripods, pedestals, pan/tilt heads, and accessories.

New: Camera heads and tripod.

International Tapetronics Corp.—Booth 229. Cartridge reproducers and recorder/reproducers, record/reproduce/delay machine, economy line of cartridge reproducers and recorder/reproducers, reel-to-reel recorder/reproducers, eraser/splice locator, cartridge recorder/reproducer with motor driven record head, three deck reproducer, and reproducer only for automation use. See ads on pages 48-49

Kliegl Bros.—Booth 107. Q-level 2000 lighting control system, portable dimming system, 2 kW soflite, 4 kW soflite, TV lighting fixtures, and 5Q portable lighting kit.

**New:** Memory lighting control systems, and portable dimming system.

Lenco, Inc., Electronics Division—
Booth 312A. NTSC encoders, b/w
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All ADM consoles are ruggedly built. Or we wouldn't back them with the strongest warranty in the business—an exclusive 5-year warranty.

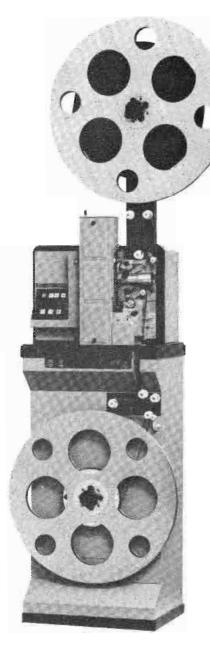
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#### Sheraton Park

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cameras, video noise meter, sync changeover switch, video presence detector, Video D.A.'s, Pulse D.A.'s, Subcarrier D.A.'s, Pulse Delay D.A.'s, cable equalizers, stabilizing amplifier, sync generators, sync generators with genlock, sync generators with helical genlock, sync generator substitute, automatic sync changeover switch, NTSC color bar generator, blackburst generator, color background generator, bar-dot generator, visual reference generator, multiburst generator, video sweep generator, stairstep generator, ramp generator, system delay, NTSC chroma decoder, universal amplifier, sub-carrier oscillator, video clampers, video impedance matching amplifier, and differential input video amplifier. New: Video processing amplifier, video delay amplifier, b/w video monitors, and 8x1 video switcher.

Listec Television Equipment Corp.-Booth 305. Television camera, mounting equipment, pedestals, tripods, dollies, cam heads and cranes, captioning equipment including slide projectors and roller machines.

New: Self levelling pedestal.

Marconi Electronics, Inc. Communications and Broadcast Division-Booth 106. Working demonstration of Mark VIII TV studio camera associated portable head, vision switcher, film chain, and DICE-digital intercontinental conversion equipment. See ad on page 5

Marconi Electronics, Inc. Instruments Division-Booth 106. Fully automatic VITS measuring system which conforms to the requirements of NTC report #7, digital phase and gain test set, and comprehensive TV swept measuring system.

See ad on page 51

Marti Electronics, Inc.-Booth 207. Aural STL-mono-stereo, radio remote pickup, audio amplifiers, and remote control systems-digital.

New: Remote pickup equipment.

See ads on pages 174, 177 McCurdy Radio—Booth 315. Stereo reproduction package, AM air package, intercoms, switchers, audio distribution and television production console.

New: Audio D.A., and monitor amplifiers. See ad on page 11

Inc. - Booth McMartin Industries, 200A. AM transmitters, exciters, audio consoles, remote pickup broadcast products, FM SCA receivers and moni-

New: 55 kW FM transmitter. Hos. Suite: M790-794.

Micro Consultants, Inc.-Booth 312. Synchronizers, timebase corrector, analog to digital converters, digital to analog converters, digital video converter, and digital image processor.

New: Timebase corrector, digital to analog converter, digital image processor, analog to digital converter, and digital video converter.

See ad on page 109

Microtime, Inc.-Booth 314. Time base correctors, image corrector, automatic broadcast control system, and remote synchronizers. See ad on page 77

Micro-Trak Corporation - Booth 219. Audio production system, news production, automatic antenna heater control system, tone arms, four and five channel audio consoles, phono preamps, turntables, studio furniture, audio tape cartridge racks, and production controller.

New: Newsdesk, audio console monaural, audio console stereo, automatic antenna heater control system, and phono preamps. See ad on page 181

Microwave Associates, Inc. - Booth 200. 2, 7, or 13 GHz ENG microwave systems-versatile "window" minicam links, mobile van high power transmitters and down links, STL and TSL links, long-haul 2, 7, and 13 GHz high power heterodyne systems, and complete engineer, furnish, and install services.

New: 15 Watt max. solid state 2 GHz RF booster, and all channel 2 GHz high power portable ENG link.

Mole-Richardson Co. — Booth Studio lights, hangers, and mounting fixtures.

Moseley Associates, Inc.-Booth 203. Aural studio-transmitter link equipment, stereo generating equipment, remote pickup equipment, audio limiter, analog and digital transmitter remote control systems, automatic transmitter logging equipment, and automatic transmission system, and equipment for AM and FM applications. Sec ads on pages 80, 106, 138, 168

Nurad, Inc.-Booth 230. SUPER-QUAD™ scanner, GOLDENROD™, DUALROD™, dual-band microwave antennas, ENG/EJ antenna systems, omnidirectional microwave antennas, and helicopter antenna systems.

**New:** SUPERQUAD™ scanner, a high gain pan-only, quad-polarized antenna system for extended-range, ENG/EJ operations, dual-band antennas; and digital remote control systems for ENG/EJ quad-polarized antennas.

See ad on page 137

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BROADCAST ENGINEERING

# BROADCASTENGINEERING.

Includes floor plans for the equipment exhibit areas of the Sheraton Park, Shoreham Americana, and Washington Hilton hotels.

There are four NAB sections in this issue of Broadcast Engineering. The first three are "hotel articles," designed to give you the equipment lineups and equipment to be introduced at the convention. If you haven't gone through them yet, turn back to the first of these articles and make the following plan of attack.

As you scan the exhibitors list of each hotel, circle or mark those that have equipment you want to see. After you've read the first hotel article, turn to this section and find that hotel's floor plan. Now, circle or mark the booths you'll want to visit. Do that for each article, and you'll have a plan of attack for each hotel and a pretty fair idea of what will be shown at this convention.

Of course, you'll note that the hotel articles include advertising information lines at the end of each exhibitor's summary who advertised in this issue. That will give you the jump on looking at equipment introductions.

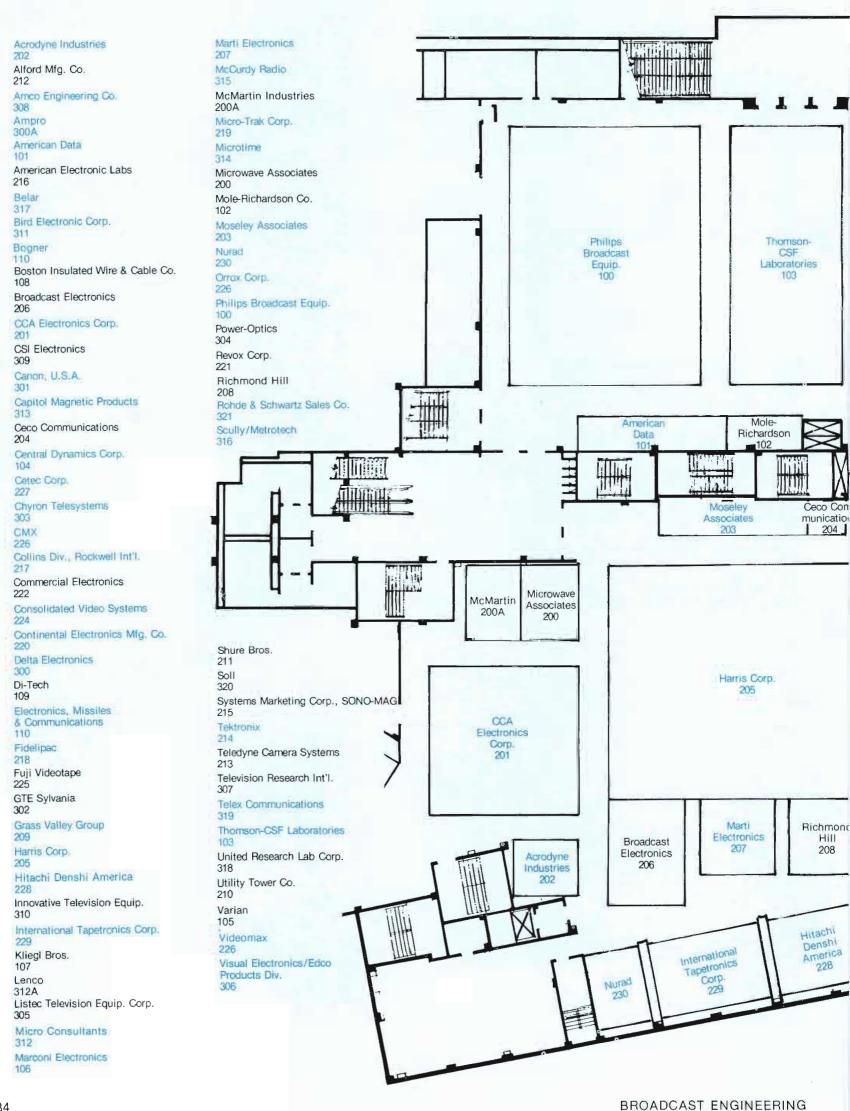
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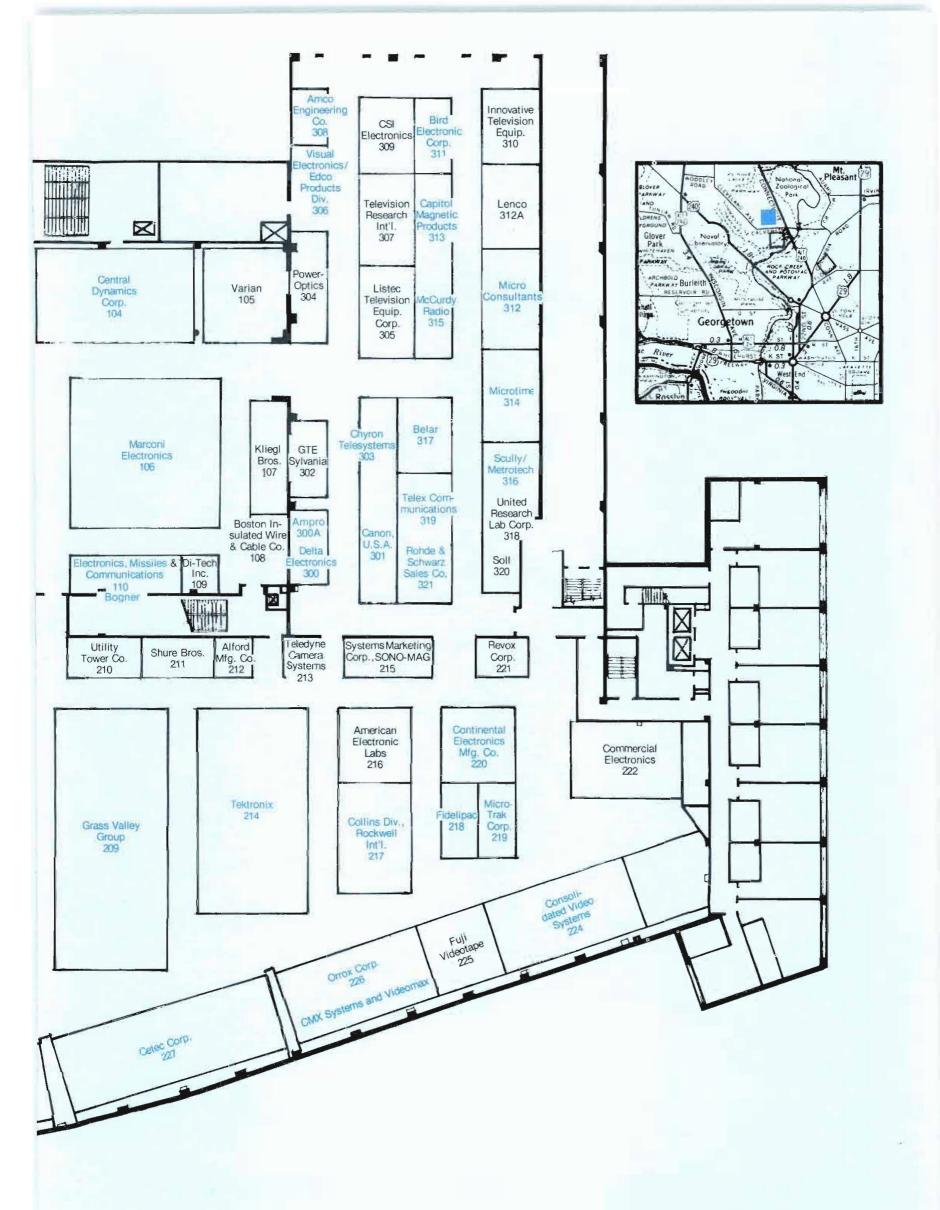
and equipment. In this issue, the last page of this section is a schedule of sessions. But we'll have extra copies at the convention. And on those copies we'll drop the schedule and indicate all the late changes brought to our attention. What you see in this issue is all that was available to us at press time.

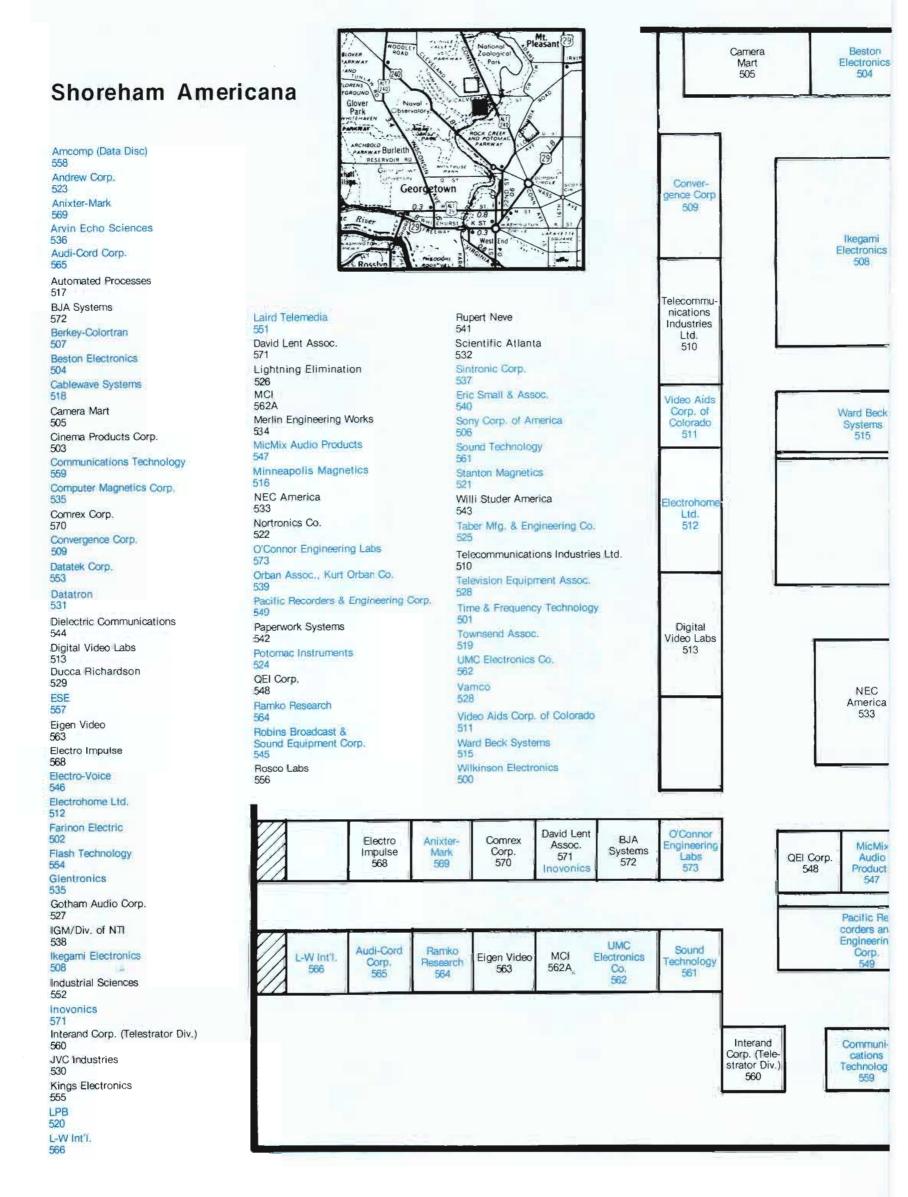
Because so many companies are exhibiting this year, not all of them could be squeezed into the hotel exhibit areas. Several companies will be exhibiting their equipment in hospitality suites. So, if you missed seeing that company you had hoped to find amid the exhibits, chances are good they'll be exhibiting in a suite. Be sure to check all those hospitality suites listed in the lobby of each hotel. Equipment exhibited this way will allow plenty of hands-on tweaking and a friendly atmosphere.

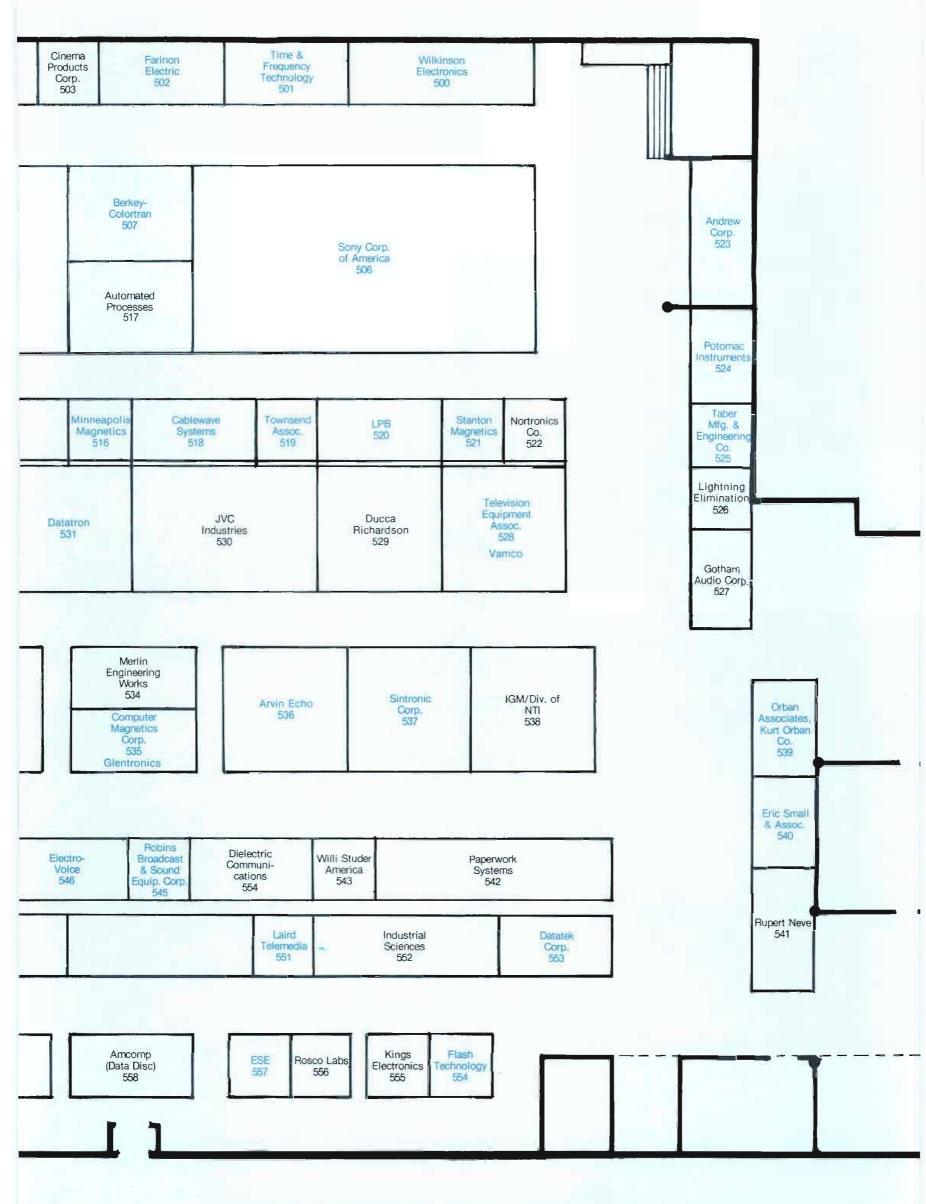
The companies listed in blue in this section are those who advertised in this issue. If you missed them in the hotel articles, return to "go," collect yourself, and start over again. While there will be surprise equipment unveilings at the convention, the ads will give you a fair idea of what's new and where to find it.

#### **Sheraton Park**

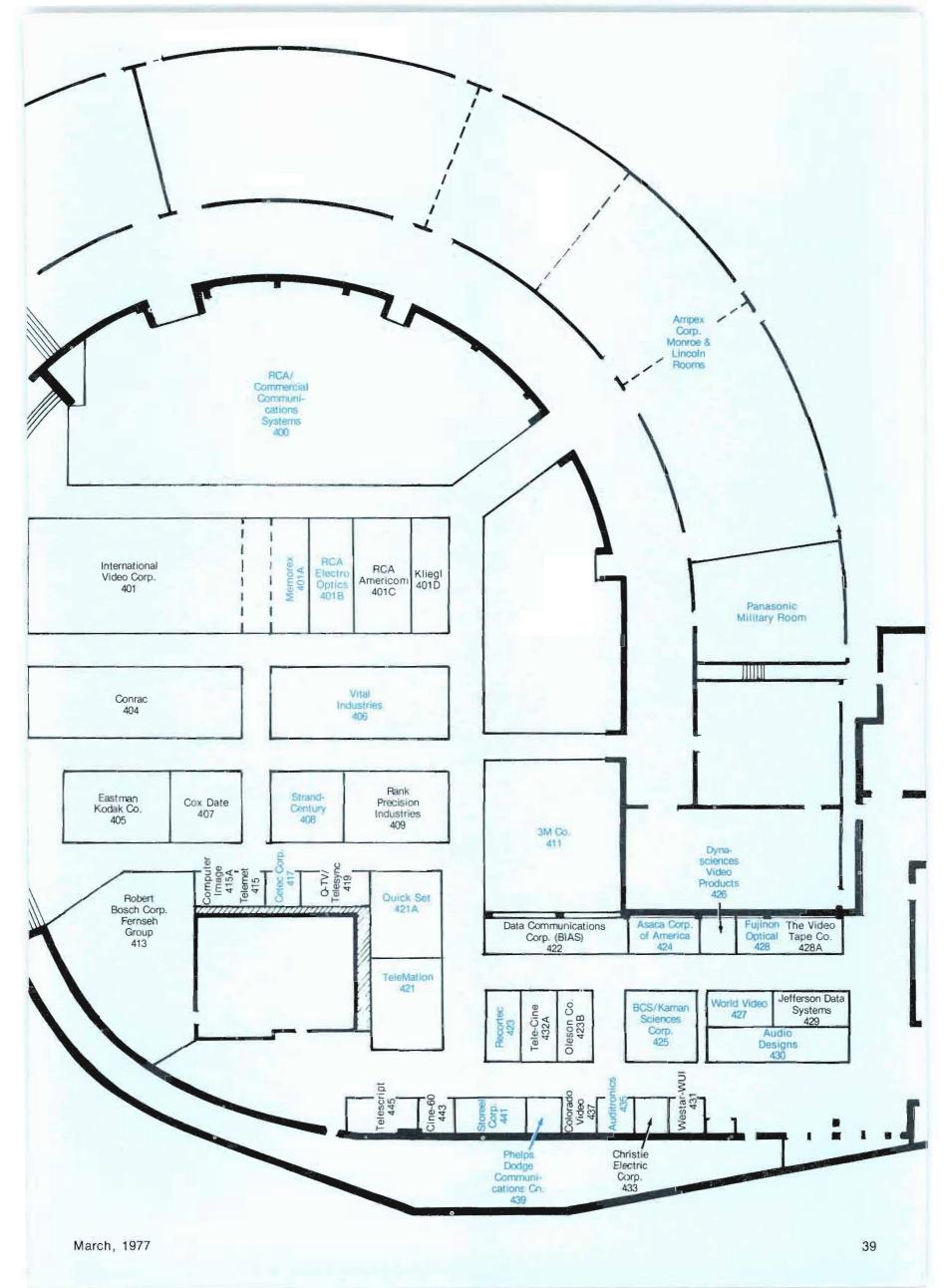












### NAB

### Convention Agenda

### Sunday

3:30 p.m.

Radio-Television General Assembly (With Engineers)

### Monday

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Television Workshops

2:00 p.m.

Free time to visit

exhibits and Capitol Hill

9:00 a.m.

Radio Session

Television Session

12:30 p.m. Radio Luncheon

11:00 a.m. Radio Workshops 12:30 p.m.

Television Luncheon

3:30 p.m.

General Assembly (With Radio-TV Delegates)

**Engineering** 

Conference

Agenda

9:00 a.m.

Workshop

12:30 p.m. Luncheon

10:30 a.m.

2:30 p.m.

Radio-Television

Radio-Television Session

Session

### Tuesday

8:00 a.m.

**ENG Labor Relations** 

Workshop

(Television and

Engineers)

8:30 a.m. Television Workshops 9 a.m.

Workshops Radio

9:30 a.m.

**Television Session** 

10:15 a.m. Radio Session

12:30 p.m.

Radio-Television

Luncheon

2:00 p.m.

Radio-Television First **Amendment Seminar** 

and free time to visit exhibits and Capitol Hill 8:00 a.m.

**ENG Labor Relations Television Session** 

Workshop

(With Television

Delegates)

9:00 a.m.

Radio Session

9:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Luncheon

2:00 p.m.

Free time to visit exhibits

### Wednesday

8:00 a.m.

Radio Report Back on Hill Visits

8:00 a.m. TV Report Back

on Hill Visits

9:15 a.m.

Radio Workshops

9:15 a.m. TvB Television

Session

10:30 a.m.

Closing General Session

(With Engineers)

12 noon Adjournment 8:00 a.m.

Workshop

10:30 a.m.

Closing General

Session

9:00 a.m.

Radio-Television Session

(With Radio-TV Delegates)

12 noon

Adjourment

### About the only thing our new 3M D-8800 Titling System can't do is spel



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If you can spell, you can create video excitement never before possible with the new dual-channel 3M Datavision D-8800 Titling System. That's because we've combined two fast, programmable microprocessors with some innovative video engineering to produce a flexible video graphics system that'll make you look great on the tube, whatever the job.

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change from one font program to another letter by letter, generate letters and words in 8 different colors, and in several sizes at the touch of a button. You can even control the letter spacing!

On the 8800, not only will your words be gorgeous, you can present them just the way you want 'em, too.

You can initiate roll and crawl at several speeds and adjust both the roll and crawl masking to achieve just the 'right' look. And you can also select crawl position and roll and crawl direction. An

inter-active panel display 'walks' the operator through every move, so complicated effects are easy to make and error free.

All graphic font and title information is stored on floppy discs . for quick, easy program changes and retrieval. And the 8800 features numerous custom fonts and other options, to help you create those very special images you want for your station.

If you want great video graphics, put your best font forward. Take a good look at the new 3M Datavision Model D-8800.

Try out the 8800 yourself at booth #411 during the NAB show in the Hilton Hotel.

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### Sheraton Park

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Philips Broadcast Equipment Corp.—Booth 100. Multi-conductor studio and field camera, triaxial-cable studio and field camera, portable production color camera, and portable ENG/field production color camera.

**New:** Convertible color camera and production system, telecine camera chain, and broadcast transmitters.

#### See ad on page 43

Power-Optics, Inc.—Booth 304. Latest remote camera control system, and Scene-Sync—a device to enable a camera to pan and tilt when using chroma key techniques.

Richmond Hill Laboratories Ltd.—Booth 208. Video production switchers, quad split generators, chroma keyers, auxilliary transition unit, composite out background color gen., video clamping amplifier, Video D.A., video activated control, digital cueing generator, Pulse D.A., automatic changeover unit, and audio follow video switcher.

Rohde & Schwarz Sales Co.—Booth 321. Broadcast modulator, color TV monitors, modulators, VIT analyzer test system, off-air TV monitors, RF sweep test system, and FM analyzer test system.

New: Color TV monitors, and FM analyzer test system. See ad on page 148

Scully Recording Instruments, Div. of Dictaphone—Booth 316. Pro audio tape recorder/reproducers, tape reproducers only, and broadcast loggers.

New: Recorder and reproducer series. See ads on pages 56, 58, 79

Shure Brothers Incorporated—Booth 211. Microphones, mixers, circuitry, tone arms, disc reproducers.

**Soll, Inc.—Booth 320.** Design, construction and installation of complete broadcast facilities, and RF switching systems.

Systems Marketing Corporation-Sono-Mag—Booth 215. Automation system, logi-carts cartridge equipment, and every source logging.

**New:** Every source logging, and automation system.

**Tektronix**, **Inc.**—**Booth 214.** Color picture monitors, precision demodulator, automatic corrector, sync and test signal generator, series, signal generator, and secam vectorscope.

New: Color picture monitor, and precision demodulator. See ad on page 57

Teledyne Camera Systems—Booth 213. Tri-optical color telefilm recorder.

Television Research International Inc.—Booth 307. Video and audio equipment, video editing, and time code editing.

**Telex Communications**, Inc.—Booth **319.** Tape equipment, headphones, and headsets.

**New:** Telex/Magnecord MC series of broadcast cartridge equipment.

See ads on pages 91, 170

Thomson-CSF Laboratories—Booth 103. Vidifont, character generator systems, color correction systems, telecine systems, triax color studio TV cameras, lightweight color TV camera, AM & FM volumax, automatic peak controller, mono & stereo audimax, automatic level controller, dynamic presence equalizer, and dual distribution audio amplifier.

**New:** Digital noise reducer, sing and two-channel 950 MHz wireless microphones, and multiframe vidifont system. **Hos. Suite: C540.** 

See ad on page 127

United Research Lab. Corp.—Booth 318. Auto-tec tape recorders, auto-tec multi frequency oscillator, conversion amplifiers, audio operational amplifiers, and replacement parts.

New: D.A.

Utility Tower Company—Booth 210. Computer designed towers for every purpose—AM, FM, TV, CATV, microwave and two-way.

Varian Associates—Booth 223. UHF-TV klystrons, and power grid tubes.

Videomax, Orrox Corporation—Booth 226. Video head refurbishing/rebuilding capability, high band and low band heads, and conversion of low band to high band. See ad on page 9

Visual Electronics/Edco Products Div.
—Booth 306. Tape cartridge equipment, stereo phase enhancer, audio cassette equipment, and video switchers

New: Cassette equipment, video switcher, and tape cartridge equipment. See ads on pages 178, 180



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# The finest multi-core studio and field camera system ever produced by Philips.

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That Philips has again leapfrogged the competition can surprise no one who knows broadcast cameras...since we created Plumbicon\* technology. After a decade of refinement and improvement Philips is still the *only* company that manufactures all of the critical picture determining components—computer-matched yokes, beam splitting prism, deflection circuitry and Plumbicon\* tubes. The *only* company that can design each component for optimum performance of the entire camera system. These advantages, of superior Philips design and in-house component availability, offer you unsurpassed stability, picture quality and value.

Further, at Philips, we offer you options that *are* options. The LDK-25 you buy is a custom unit, equipped

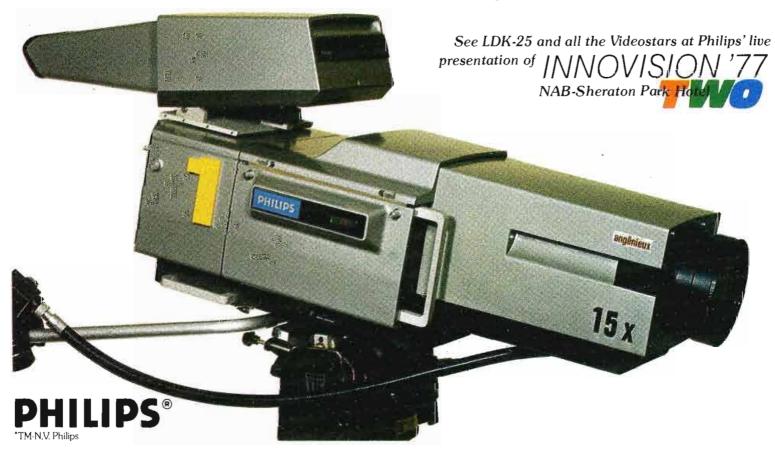
with the automatic features you select...not a 'loaded' factory package.

But you can't just read about the LDK-25...you've got to experience it.

Only a demonstration can show you how our anti-comet-tail Plumbicon\* tubes handle highlights up to 32x normal peak-white level without blooming or streaking—and without loss of our famous color rendition and resolution. 'Live' is the only way to learn what our Color Line-Up Equipment (CLUE) can do for ease of balance... what electronic color temperature control, auto white balance, flexible auto iris and contrast compression mean in use.

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To get your hands on an LDK-25 or to get more information, call us today at (201) 529-5900; (201) 529-3800, or write: Broadcast Products, Philips Audio Video Systems Corp., 91 McKee Drive, Mahwah, N.J. 07430.



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## **Shoreham Americana Exhibitors Guide**

The front of the Shoreham Hotel faces the back of the Sheraton Park, so at least two of the NAB convention hotels are within walking distance. And that will help you see at least two-thirds of the exhibits without taking a taxi or bus.

The Shoreham is a deceptively simple facility. You'll have to take your time and check the floor plans to make certain you've seen all the exhibits. Even the hallways will be in use.

The information compiled here for your use was gleaned from questionnaires sent out in late December and early January. This was followed by endless telephone calls, updating booth numbers and equipment, adding to or subtracting from the listings. The results

show the information available to us at press time.

Because the convention is spread across three hotels, you'll need all the information you can get before you attend the convention. By scanning the three BE hotel articles, you'll have a pretty fair idea of who is going to exhibit what. Many of the manufacturers have advertisements in this issue. If you run down the list, you can check off the exhibits you'll want to visit. Then note the red advertising information line and look up the ad. This way, you can compile an exhibit visiting list. Coupled with our guide to the exhibits, you can work up a plan of attack and save your energy for the hospitality suites.

A. F. Associates-Booth 535 (in

**Computer Magnetics booth).** Remanufactured tape machines.

**New:** AFR-1200 quad tape machines. **See ad on page 27** 

Andrew Corporation—Booth 523. Heliax coaxial cables, STL microwave antenna systems, earth station antennas, UHF transmitting antennas, and pressurization equipment.

See ad on page 89

Anixter Mark—Booth 569. Microwave antennas.

New: High performance microwave antenna. See ad on page 156

Arvin Echo—Booth 536. See ad on page 53

Audi-Cord Corporation—Booth 565. Modu-cart cartridge reproducers, and modu-cart cartridge record-reproducers.

New: Modu-cart multiple transport reproducer. See ad on page 175

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### TWO NEW COLLING SOUNDS:



A new high efficiency 5-kW AM transmitter and a new high performance stereo console at lower prices . . . They're here! The new Power Rock AM transmitter with high performance, super-efficiency and a supercompetitive price. And a Collins eight channel stereo console that offers superior performance at a price 50% less than our ten channel model.

The new Collins 828E Power Rock 5-kW AM transmitter: Uses switching modulation (the time-proven technique used in most high efficiency regulators) and a new high efficiency RF amplifier. This adds up to lower power bills • Features an advanced output network called Q-Taper which improves frequency response and reduces adjacent channel cross-modulation interference • Other goodies: Automatic power output and modulation control. 125% modulation capability. Built-in diagnostic aids. Plus other features that foreshadow the day of automatic transmitter operation • And it's all in a cabinet the size of a 1-kW unit!

The new Collins Mark 8 Stereo Console is an engineer's delight: All plug-in construction — switches, PC boards, attenuators and amplifiers. Plus a host of other maintenance aids • Performance that equals consoles several times its cost: 22 dB of headroom. ½-dB frequency response. ¼% harmonic and intermod distortion. Big 25-W monitor amps. 5-W headphone amps. And optional machine control functions for ease of operation.

For more information on the Power Rock and the Mark 8 or any of the full line of Collins quality broadcast products, contact your local Collins Broadcast salesman. Or Broadcast Marketing, Collins Commercial Telecommunications Division, Rockwell International, Dallas, Texas 75207. Phone: (214) 690-5574 or 5424.



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### For equipment adjustments and performance measurements—Model D-630A

The Model D-630A Video Sweep Generator is ideally suited for measuring and optimizing station video equipment. It includes comprehensive marker facilities with frequency readout, fixed and variable sweep rates, CW mode and internal as well as external sync and blanking facilities.

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Audio Designs & Mfg.—Booth 550. Custom audio console, stock audio console, distribution amplifiers, patchbays; program amplifiers, noise suppressors, limiters, and spectrum analyzers.

New: Electronic pre-select for custom consoles. See ads on pages 31, 99

Automated Processes Inc.—Booth 509. Audio broadcast consoles (monostereo-quad), audio production consoles, tape synchronizers, audio equalizers, full line of audio modules, audio cross-point switchers, and audio communications systems.

**New:** Full line of audio amplifiers, VU meter amplifiers, and automation programmers for audio consoles.

Beaucart Division, UMC Electronics Co.—Booth 562. Cartridge tape machines, splice finders, bulk erasers, audio heads, and motors.

New: Economy cartridge machine line, and sports remote console cartridge machine. See ads on pages 28, 154

**BEI**—**Beston Electronics**, **Inc.**—**Booth 504.** High speed automatic light controls for large and small image film chains, pulse cross generator, and character generator.

New: Low cost titler. See ad on page 128

Berkey Colortran—Booth 507. Sunlites, fresnels, memory lighting control, suspension equipment, gelatran (60 colors), and dimmers.

New: 60 color gelatran color media, fresnels, compact dimmers, and memory II. See ad on page 67

BJA Systems, Inc.—Booth 572. Chromaton 14 video animator, chromaton 135 colorizer, and natural coloring process.

New: Natural coloring process.

Cablewave Systems Inc.—Booth 518. Transmission line systems, elliptical waveguide systems, AM sampling line systems, dehydrators and associated pressurization equipment, and parabolic antennas.

New: Transmission line. See ad on page 65

The Camera Mart Inc.—Booth 505. Video cameras, aux. base station, VTR units, time base correctors, zoom lenses, tripods, video products, video cart, and monitors.

Cinema Products Corp.—Booth 503. Steadicam with video camera, newsfilm cameras, fluid head tripods, and quartz lighting kits.

New: Steadicam with video camera.

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# Amperex announces a new family of Plumbicon tubes with 37% less lag\*

When we first introduced the Plumbicon, its obvious superiority made it seem like the "ultimate" TV pickup tube. But in the dozen years since then we have produced a steady stream of advances in technology that have vastly improved its performance.

Now, with the new XQ1410 family of Plumbicons, we bring you the next step forward in pickup tubes for broadcast color: Internal bias lighting-resulting in a dramatic reduction in lag that conquers even the toughest low-key lighting conditions.

No more color fringing...vastly reduced picture smear ..even better dynamic resolution than before—and all with the traditional Plumbicon's spectacular color performance.

Bias lighting has been offered before...as in our XQ1080, available for the past four years...but never in a fully integrated line of variable- and fixed-bias light tubes. The XQ1410 family is physically and electrically interchangeable with our industry-standard XQ1020 family. Only a minor field change is required to permit adjustment of bias light intensity if you use variable-bias tubes. (We supply complete instructions, of course.)

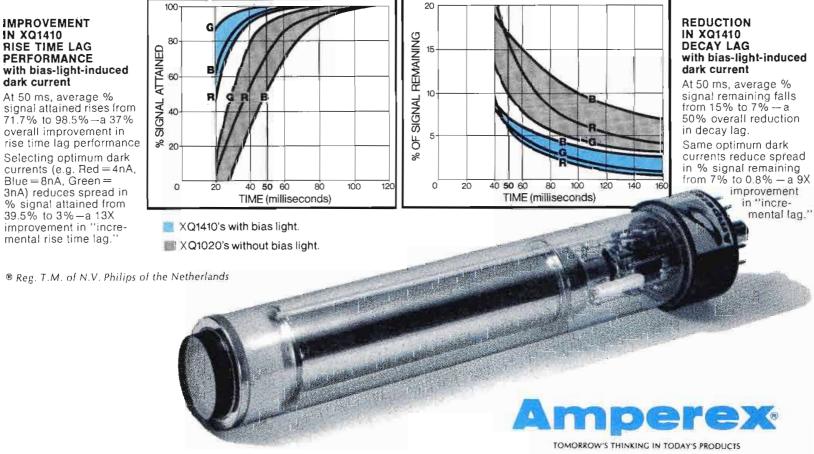
With bias lighting, the Plumbicon's near-zero dark current rises to a few nanoamperes to modify the target's beam-acceptance characteristics. The effect is to sharply decrease both rise time (signal buildup lag) and decay lag in all three channels. As shown below, the result of optimizing all three bias currents, in a "typical" camera, is a 37% reduction in lag.

Since the bias light intensity can be externally adjusted in each of the XQ1410 tubes...luminance (XQ1410L), red channel (XQ1410R), green channel (XQ1410G), and blue channel (XQ1410B) ... all channels can be matched within the camera for identical lag characteristics, thus optimizing overall camera performance at levels never before achievable. The result: A new plateau in the quality of broadcast color. You'll have to see it to believe it.

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### RISE TIME LAG PERFORMANCE with bias-light-induced dark current

signal attained rises from 71.7% to 98.5% -a 37% overall improvement in rise time lag performance Selecting optimum dark currents (e.g. Red = 4nA, Blue = 8nA, Green = 3nA) reduces spread in % signal attained from 39.5% to 3%—a 13X improvement in "incremental rise time lag.



For further details and applications information, send for Bulletin No. 31.

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# Kevin O'Connell, WQXI, Atlanta says:



# "I.T. C. designed it for me!"



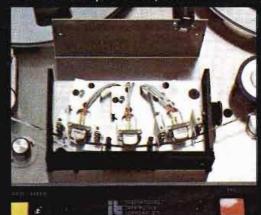
"When I mix reels I just flip a switch to compensate for the different hub sizes. And because the calibrated level control 'clicks' when I move it out and back into position I can always return to my calibrated setting. Easily."



"There's also a fool-proof push button tape marker. Or, I can crease-mark the tape against a disc positioned for this purpose."



"When I touch FAST, the gate opens automatically and lifts the tape from the head. Or, I can open the gate manually. Manual positioning, or 'gating', lets me monitor the tape in high speed modes without risking damage to meter, amplifiers or speakers."



"The hinged lid lifts back for access to the entire head assembly."



"Dumping tape in the edit mode is fast, easy, foolproof. Moving the tension arm down turns the take-up reel off. I can discard tape, listening as I go."



"This new high-friction polyeurethane roller pulls the tape with less pressure. Less wow and flutter."



"The Playback/Record Synchronizer lets me record on one channel and listen to another, in complete synchronization."



"The 4-position Meter Mode switch allows visual comparison of recording input and playback output so I can create virtually distortion-free recordings."

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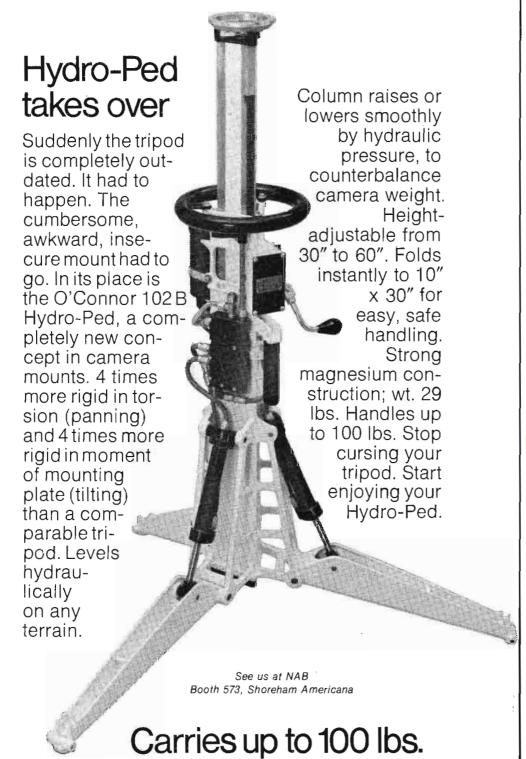


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Communications Technology, Inc.—Booth 559. Video-audio routing switcher, 20x10 5-level routing switcher, 15x12 video-audio routing switcher, 16x10 video-audio routing switcher, 48x10 audio routing switcher, ENG assignment switcher, 11x3 production switcher, and 11x5 production switcher.

New: Routing switcher, ENG assignment switcher, and production switcher. See ad on page 20

Computer Magnetics Corporation— Booth 535. Video disc, video quad heads, audio heads, auto equalizer, and velocity error corrector.

New: Velocity error corrector.

See ad on pages 160-161

Comrex Corporation—Booth 570. Remote broadcast due systems, wireless microphone systems, TV aural monitors, remote pickup transmitters and receivers, and speech processing equipment.

Convergence Corporation—Booth 517. "Joystick" editing control system, "Joystick" search module, program computer, LED digital tape timers. See ad on pages 24-25

Datatek Corp.—Booth 553. Videoaudio switchers, Video and Pulse D.A.'S, Audio D.A.'s, TV transmitter color phase equalizers, video waveform correctors, video sweep generators, and envelope delay meas. sets.

New: Video sweep generator.

See ad on page 46

Datatron—Booth 531. Time code generators, ENG video editors, digital dissolver, time code readers, and character generators. See ad on page 63

David Lint Associates—Booth 571. Recorder/reproducer, in-cassette duplicator, processor and replacement electronics, broadcast cartridges, cassettes and software packaging, heads, audio and high speed duplicating, and electro sound automatic splicer.

**New:** Quality control reproducer and electro sound automatic splicer.

Digital Video Laboratories, Inc.—Booth 513.

**Dielectric Communications—Booth 544.** RF loads and Wattmeters, waveguide and accessories, RF switches, strobe guidance systems, and high power passive components.

Duca-Richardson Corp.—Booth 529.

New: Video production switching systems.

**Eigen Video—Booth 563.** Slow-motion Continued on page 52

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disc recorder.

New: Slow-motion disc recorder.

Electrohome Ltd.—Booth 512. Monochrome monitors, and color monitor.

New: Color monitor. See ad on page 10

**Electro Impulse**, **Inc.—Booth 568**. Dummy loads.

New: Dummy loads.

Electro Voice, Inc.—Booth 546. Professional microphones and monitor loudspeakers. See ad on page 105

**ESE—Booth 557.** Digital clocks, digital timers, time programmers, time calculators, timer/source interface, master clocks and slaves, and time code reader.

**New:** Clock/timer with memory, time code reader, handheld time calculator, console mount slaves, and timer/source interface.

See ads on pages 121, 155, 157, 159

Farinon Electric—Booth 502. Portable microwave for ENG, fixed microwave for STL and intercity relay, and accessory equipment.

**New:** Amplifier for portable microwave transmitters. See ad on page 71

Flash Technology Corp., of America—Booth 554. High intensity tower lights. New: Signal isolator for use with hot towers, and new combination red/white top light. See ad on page 54

Glentronix Ltd.—Booth 535 (in Computer Magnetics booth). Switchersproduction, audio-video routing, master control console, clock drivers, time code generator, reader, character generator, and color frame calculator. New: ACR-25 fault analyzer.

See ad on page 154

Gotham Audio Corp.—Booth 527. Condenser microphones, flutter meters, harmonic distortion meters, noise reduction systems, audio cable, miniature input transformers, tape recorders, broadcast turntable systems, rumble meters, monitor loudspeaker systems, peak reading, video monitor projected, audio meters. New: Noise reduction system, 3d harmonic distortion meter, peak reading, video monitor projected, audio level meters, and rumble meter.

IGM/NTI—Booth 538. Rampart control system, PAL logging system, instacart, and go-cart.

**New:** Cartridge playback unit, and computer control system.

Ikegami Electronics (U.S.A.), Inc.— Booth 508. High quality computerized studio camera, announcer booth cam-Continued on page 54

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era, 14" high resolution color monitor, 20" color monitor, one pc. type portable camera, and two pc. type portable camera.

New: Triax operation one pc. type portable camera, triax operation two pc. type portable camera, low cost studio camera, and 20" color monitor with white band. See ad on pages 12-13

Industrial Sciences, Inc.—Booth 552. Routing switcher systems, production switchers.

New: Television audio consoles.

Inovonics—Booth 571 (in David Lint booth). Audio signal processing devices, and tape recorder placement electronics for updating and improving old machines.

New: Multiband audio processor, and noise suppressor. See ad on page 85

Interand Corporation—Telestrator Division—Booth 560. Telestrators.

**New:** Star\*Probe —CCTV response and teaching systems.

JVC Industries—Booth 530. Professional 34 inch portable and editing VCRs.

New: Hand-held ENG color camera.

Kings Electronics Co., Inc.—Booth 555. Triaxial quick disconnect connectors, video switches, video plugs and jacks, audio plugs and jacks, and cable assemblies.

Kirkpatrick Industrial Plastic Co.— Booth 567.

Knox Ltd.—Booth 703. Character generator

New: External add-on memory.

See ad on page 172

Laird Telemedia Inc.—Booth 551. Optical multiplexers, dissolve slide projectors, character generators, and time/date generators.

New: Dissolve slide projectors, character generators, and time/date generators. See ad on page 167

Lightning Elimination Associates— Booth 510A. Lightning dissipation arrays, line surge eliminators, transient eliminators, and lightning warning systems.

**New:** Line surge eliminators, and transient eliminators.

LPB, Incorporated—Booth 520. Audio consoles, preamplifiers, compressor/limiters, studio furniture, low power AM transmitters, turntable and arms, distribution amplifiers, studio systems and accessories, and educational FM transmitters and transmission equipment. See ad on page 52

L-W International—Booth 566. Television film chain projector, and TV broadcast projector. See ad on page 32

Merlin Engineering Works, Inc.— Booth 534. Custom quad VTRs, quad VTR accessories, and quad VTR high band color conversion kits.

New: Quad duplicator system.

MICMIX Audio Products, Inc.—Booth 547. Reverberation chambers.

New: Master-room reverbs, master audio meter, audio delay, and effects gen. See ad on page 179

Minneapolis Magnetics, Inc.—Booth 516. Replacement audio heads for professional recorders.

New: Replacement heads for cartridge machines. See ad on page 150

Nortronics Company, Inc.—Booth 522. Magnetic tape heads, and tape recorder maintenance accessories.

**New:** Professional lapping kit, and replacement heads.

O'Connor Engineering Laboratories, Inc.—Booth 573. Fluid camera heads, lightweight hydraulic pedestals, tripods, fluid zoom controls, and camera support accessories.

New: Fluid head. See ad on page 50

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Orban Associates—Booth 540. Optimod-FM. See ad on page 82

Orban Associates (Parasound)—Booth 539. Optimod 8000, parametric equalizer, de-esser, reverb, stereo limiter/compressor, and stereo synthesizer.

New: stereo limiter/compressor, and reverb. See ad on page 82

Pacific Recorders & Engineering— Booth 549. Fully operable production system, MCI tape recorders, fully operable on-air broadcast console, multimeter broadcast limiter, and the digitimer 2 series clocks.

New: The multimax AGC gain reduction unit, and on-air broadcast console. See ad on page 66

Paperwork Systems—Booth 542.
Broadcast computer systems, and cable TV computer systems.

**New:** Computer systems, and 200-line-per-minute printer.

Potomac Instruments—Booth 524. AM antenna monitor, and AM and VHF field strength meters.

**New:** Automatic distortion, wow & flutter, and phase and ratio audio test set. See ad on page 151

QEI Corporation—Booth 548. AM monitor, AM RF amplifier, FM monitor, FM RF amplifier, stereo monitor, VHF-TV monitor, FM exciter, 10W FM transmitter, stereo generator, SCA generator, AM peak limiter, FM peak limiter, AGC amplifier, and composite STL system.

Radio Programming and Management — Booth 526.

Ramko—Booth 564. D. A. Audio, mic amps, line amps, equalizers, studio monitor amp, and audio crosspoint switchers.

New: 8 new audio consoles. See ad on page 81

Robins Broadcast & Sound Equipment Corp.—Booth 545. Broadcast console, TV console, distribution amp, portable mixing console, reverberation, pacing ambicon, linear attenuators, and amplifier modules.

New: Broadcast modules. See ad on page 18

Rosco Laboratories Inc.—Booth 556. Tough heat stable color media, front and rear screen projection material, and complete line of HMI lighting equipment.

Rupert Neve Inc.—Booth 541. TV sound production console.

New: Comprehensive radio console.

Scientific Atlanta, Inc.—Booth 532. Receivers and earth station antennas. New: Video receiver.

Sintronic Corporation—Booth 537. 1000 Watt AM transmitter, 1000, 3000, and 25,000 Watt FM transmitters, and FM VSWR protector.

New: 1000 Watt solid state AM transmitter. See ad on page 78.

Eric Small & Associates—booth 540. ATS equipment, towerlight monitor, and peak program meter.

New: ATS equipment, towerlight monitor, and peak program meter.

See ad on page 82

Sony Broadcast—Booth 506. 1" high band production recorders, 1" high band portable recorders, ENG recorders, ENG editing systems, time base corrector, portable production and ENG cameras, monitors and SMPTE code gen. and readers.

New: Will introduce products in every category. See ad on pages 72-73

**Sound Technology—Booth 561.** Distortion analyzers, audio generators, and FM stereo generators.

See ad on page 21

Stanton Magnetics Inc.—Booth 521. Cartridge, headphones, gyropoise turntable, and stylus wear gauge.

**New:** Headphones with isolation ear Continued on page 58

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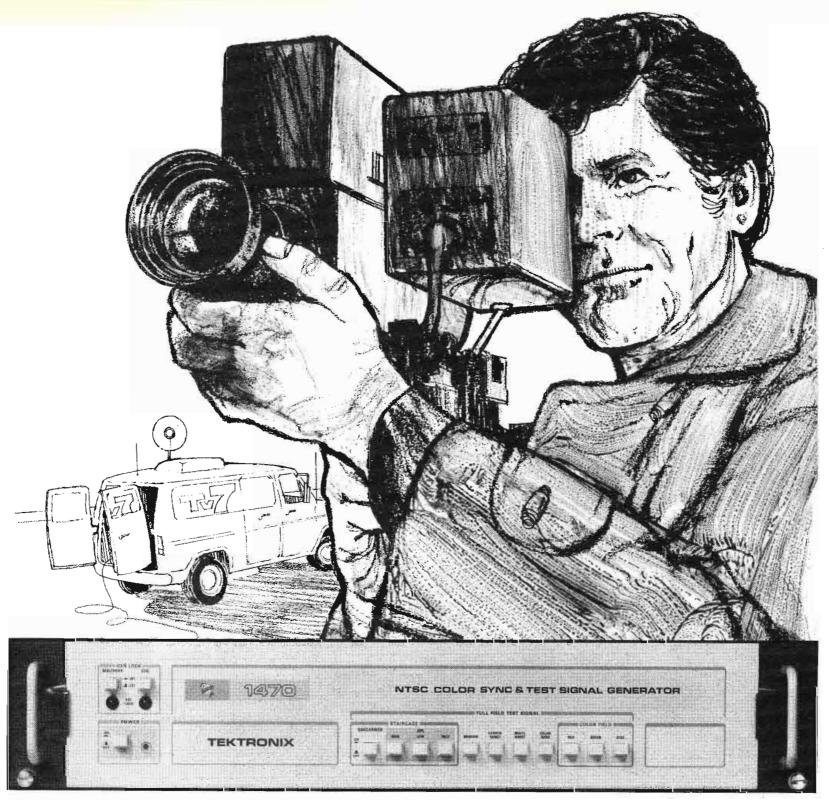
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Willi Studer America, Inc. - Booth 543.

System Concepts, Inc.—Booth 701. Character generator.

New: Character generator.

See ad on page 29

Taber Manufacturing & Engineering Co.—Booth 525. See ad on page 94

**Telecommunications Industries Limited**—**Booth 510.** Test charts, slides, films and transparencies, and spherical transparency illuminator.

New: ENG two-chart system, flesh

tone reference, electronic cinematography test charts.

Television Equipment Assoc.—Booth 528. Headsets, headphones, video delays, pulse delays, video filters, automatic video equalization, chroma corrector, portable test signal generator, sportscaster headset, and color monitor comparator.

New: TV line selector, tape evaluator cleanser, portable audio mixer, camera tube test channel, intercom systems, and wireless mic. See ad on page 106

Time and Frequency Technology, Inc.

—Booth 501. Transmitter remote control, FM tuneable modulation monitor,

AM tuneable modulation monitor, and TV modulation and frequency monitor. **New:** Transmitter remote control and FM modulation monitor.

See ad on page 76

Townsend Associates, Inc.—Booth 519. UHF Klystron transmitters to 220 kiloWatts, UHF IF modulated exciters to 10 Watts, and power increas kits for UHF transmitters.

New: VHF IF modulated exciters to 60 Watts, and 20 Watt UHF amplifiers. See ad on page 92

Vamco Engineering—Booth 528. Complete line of digital tape timers, including 2" timers, 1" helical, and 34" cassette.

**New:** Digital tape timer that fits in helical ENG machine replacing the old mechanical counter, and 12x1 audiovideo routing switcher.

See ad on page 164

Video Aids Corp. of Colorado—Booth 511. Color sync generators, crosspulse generators, video line isolators, burst-phase meters, horizontal-phase meters, VIRS inserter, horizontal-phase meters, inserters, VITS inserter, party lines, editor-programmers, and helical gen-lock sync generators.

New: Black-burst generators, NTSC multi-test generator, ENG/EFP color sync generators, VITS inserter, NTSC multi-test generator, editor-programmer, and VIRS inserter.

See ad on page 140

Ward Beck Systems Inc.—Booth 515. Recording consoles, TV audio consoles, radio consoles, TV intercom systems, distribution amplifiers, monitor amplifiers, and extended range VU meters.

**New:** Modular compressor, modular noise gate, and effects filter.

See ad on Inside Back Cover

Wilkinson Electronics, Inc.—Booth 500. 2.5 and 5 kW AM transmitters, 1.5 and 20 kW FM transmitters, FM exciters and stereo generator, silicon rectifier stacks, AC line surge protector, AGC amplifier, limiting amplifier, AM modulation monitor, audio consoles, turntable preamplifier, and FM rebroadcast receiver. See ad on page 152

### **Ambassador Room**

Ampro Corporation—Booth 610. See ad on page 101

Audio Sellers Inc.—Booth 607A. Radio stations sales production libraries.

**New:** Music production library— "Music Explo."

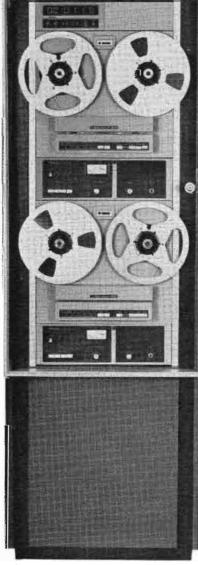
Bogner Broadcast Equipment—Booth 614 (in Comark booth). ENG antennas. See ad on page 102

California Switch & Signal—Booth 607. Jack panels, multiswitches™, Continued on page 60

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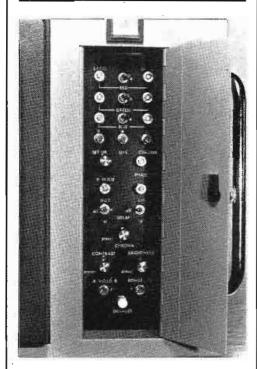
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microphone connectors, and audio cable identification collars.

Comark Industries—Booth 614. Demodulators, peak power meter, directional couplers.

New: Microprocessor based remote control. See ad on page 176

Concept Productions-Booth 615.

**Dolby Labs—Booth 602A.** Dolby FM broadcast unit, and consumer receivers.

Drake Chenault-Booth 613.

Garner Industries—Booth 616. Reel-toreel high speed tape duplicator, and bulk type eraser (conveyor belt type).

Kay Industries Inc. - Booth 610.

New: Phase converter (alternate three-phase power source)
See ad on page 26

Leitch Video Inc.—Booth 613. Master and slave synchronizing pulse generators, video test generators, video processing amplifiers, video and pulse distribution amplifiers, video source synchronizers, automatic changeovers, and genlock video switchers.

New: Color black assignment switcher, precision impulse clock, PAL Synchronizing pulse generator, and remote synchronizing code system.

See ad on page 135

Lipsner-Smith Corp./Research Technology Inc.—Booth 622. Ultrasonic film cleaners, film inspection machines, and built-in previewers.

New: Pulsar-IC with previewer.

Micro Probe-Booth 613A.

Nagra Magnetic Recorders Inc.—Booth 606. Non-sync broadcast recorder, non-sync stereo broadcast recorder, miniature broadcast recorder, synchronous recorder, synchronous stereo recorder, intermediate non-synch recorder, intermediate synchronous recorder, 10½" NAB adapter, small size high powered monitor loud-speaker amplifier.

New: Non-sync. broadcast recorder. See ads on pages 104, 148

**Optek Inc.—Booth 603.** Automatic bulk tape deguasser, and visual transmitter demodulator.

New: U-matic cassette degausser. See ads on pages 169, 172

Otari Corp.—Booth 617. Automation system tape reproducer, tape record-

ers, including portable, console, and rack mounting units, and high-speed open reel tape duplicator.

New: ½" and ¼" tape recorder. See ad on page 93

Philips Test & Measuring Instruments, Inc.—Booth 605. IF modulator, digital pattern generator, subcarrier gen., encoder, RF converters, demodulator, VITS generator, and VITS analyzer.

New: Video test signal generator. See ad on page 97

Sansui Electronics Corporation— Booth 602. Stereo and quad receivers and preamps, and turntables.

New: 4-channel receiver.

**Sescom, Inc.—Booth 620.** Audio transformers, audio modules, micsplitters, mic-snakes, microphones, mic-cables, and cable testers.

**New:** Presidential new bridge, active direct boxes, and mic-line driver.

Shintron Co., Inc.—Booth 601. Production switchers, and video typewriter.

New: Broadcast production switcher.

Spindler & Sauppe, Inc.—Booth 600. Producer 32 slide projector.

New: Producer 32 slide projector.

System Concepts, Inc.—Booth 701.

New: TV production titlers (character generators). See ad on page 29

Technology Service Corporation—Booth 606. Weather radar.

**New:** Weather radar-TV converter, and electronic overlay unit.

Telescript, Inc.—Booth 611. Monitor prompting systems, and telegraphics.

New: The "lever principle"—an innovation of monitor/prompter mounting TV cameras.

**Tentel—Booth 604.** Tape tension gauge.

New: CCTV and broadcasting troubleshooting instruments. See ad on page 150

Terracom, A Division of Conic Corporation—Booth 608. Microwave STL systems, ENG and TSL systems, satellite receivers, and earth station systems.

**New:** Miniwave portable transmitter and programmable receiver.

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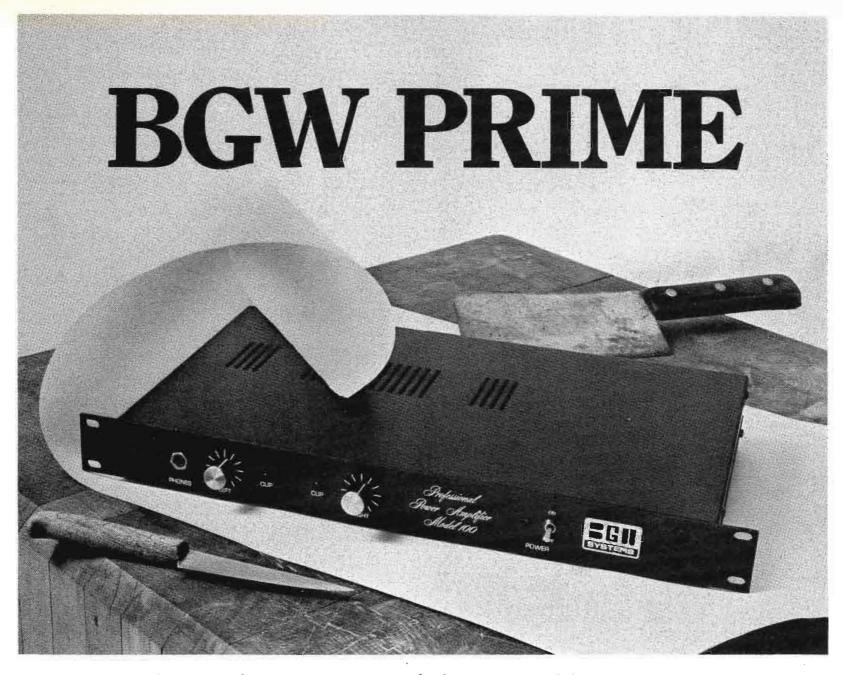
Trace, Inc.-Booth 609.

New: VIP, broadcast interface.

The Winstead Corporation—Booth 612. Editing consoles, video tape storage systems, tape, film and programming trucks, mobile cabinets, and storage system planning and design.

New: Editing consoles.

See ad on page 156



BGW is about to whet your appetite with their new Model 100 Stereo Power Amp.

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### Washington Hilton Exhibitors Guide

The Washington Hilton is the newest addition to the NAB-Washington hotel group. And, it's a much newer facility. As each NAB slips up on us, it's painfully obvious that the convention is outgrowing cities we've become accustomed to using.

In this, as in our other two hotel articles, we're featuring the equipment lineups of exhibitors who answered our questionnaires and our phone calls before press time. Normally, this would be no great ordeal. But several companies opted for struggling with prototypes and curtains for at-the-show surprise introductions. Your editor can never remember being sworn to secrecy by so many manufacturers before a major convention.

And while our key to this issue is to provide pre-convention information, I'll just have to admit ahead of time that the surprise factor will make this convention one of the best ever. Also, we've heard from many manufacturers who were left standing in line when the last square foot of floor space was gone. Many of them will be exhibiting their equipment in hospitality suites. The key to finding them will be to check the hospitality boards in each hotel.

In another section of this issue, we've laid out the floor plans of each hotel's exhibit area. Additional copies of that section will be available at the convention.

You'll note that each exhibitor's information includes a booth number, equipment to be exhibited, and equipment introduced for the first time. The red line that follows the lineup is reserved for advertisers as an ad finding guide.

Ampex Corporation—Lincoln and Monroe Rooms. See ad on page 7

Asaca Corporation—Booth 424. Portable color TV camera, 1" 4 heads VTR. New: Portable color TV camera (no backpack), envelope delay measurement, and chroma noise meter.

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Angenieux Corporation of America—Booth 402. Complete 42x continuous zoom for studio environments, ultimate high quality zoom lens, extreme wide angle zoom lens for studio environment.

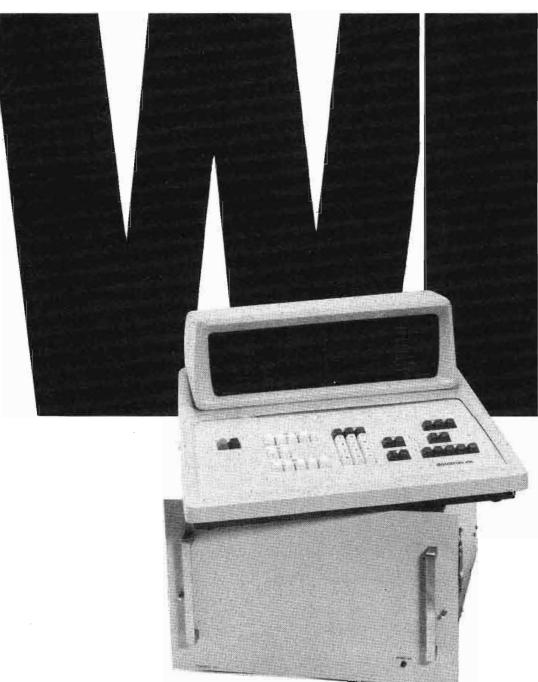
New: Complete 42x continuous zoom for field/remote applications, ENG zoom optics system, and portable TV camera zoom optics system. See ad on page 129

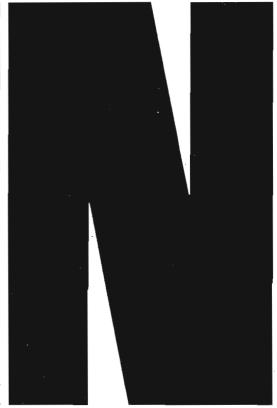
Auditronics, Inc.—Booth 435. Audio production/recording consoles.

New: Television audio production console. See ad on page 134

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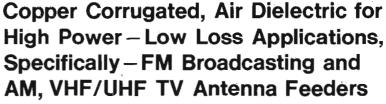
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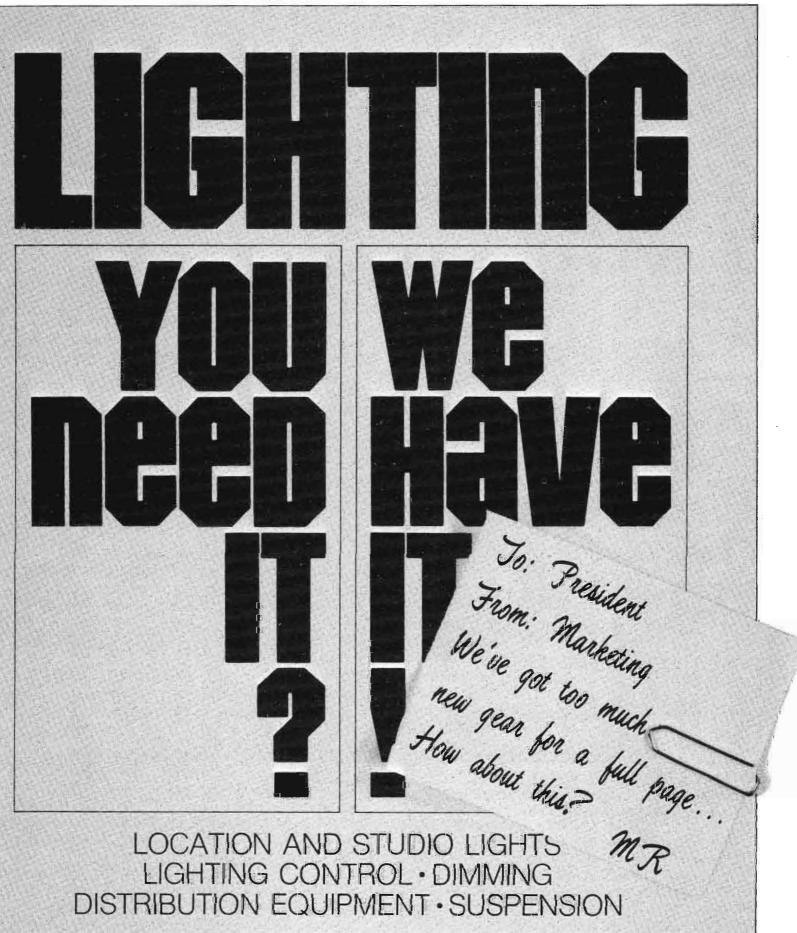
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### **NAB Product Review**

A few months ago there didn't seem to be much happening in the way of new products being rushed to completion before the NAB convention. Then the crunch hit, and as it turns out, a high percentage of those exhibiting will be showing new products. ATS probably will come under fire because of its recent passage, but excitement will continue over ENG equipment.

At this point it isn't safe to say that any major equipment will escape change.

While this issue of Broadcast Engineering contains three articles on who is showing what, not all manufacturers were able to get space on the exhibit floor, even though three hotels will be used this time. Several manufacturers will be exhibiting only in their hospitality suites. This will offer a great hands-on opportunity for those who drop by, so be sure to check the suite numbers in the hotel lobbies.

You can look for a few new TBCs, including something in the lower cost line. Video switchers will jump ahead again. And, there will be new cameras to pan. Another change to look for is in new editing capabilities for ENG equipment.

Meanwhile, if you turn to the articles describing what's new, you'll see a number of companies listing new equipment that will be exhibited at the show. As always, there is a certain amount of secrecy surrounding the new products coming out of some companies. Check the ads and the hotel articles. Then next month we'll be back with items unveiled for the first time at the NAB convention.

### Modular Studio/Portable Color Camera

Commercial Electonics Inc. will introduce a modular camera system, the CEI-300. This color TV camera system takes advantage of the modular approach. By changing modules, the basic camera can be used as a studio camera or as a

hand-held camera for ENG applications.

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Each of the ten control channels in the X-10 also has an LED status feedback indicator. This gives visual verification that command is activated at the remote point.

The X-10 system uses all digital data transmission techniques, and both control and status data are updated every 300 milliseconds. Data integrity is maintained by a system of "double scan/compare" logic. In this system, each digital word is sent twice to the remote unit, and both words are compared, bit for bit, in parallel. Control and/or status holding registers are then updated only if every bit matches.

The X-10 consists of two units, one for control point and one for the remote point. Each unit takes up 3½ inches of rack space.

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### Videotape Recorders

A new series of videotape recorders that provides continuity to the standard IVC one-inch format, while introducing completely new performance specifications that exceed current IVC one-inch as well as Japanese three-quarter-inch videotape recorders, has been announced by International Video Corporation.

Ronald H. Fried, IVC President and Chief Executive Officer, said the new IVC-1070 ChromaCon series videotape recorder incorporates the basic recording format used in all IVC one-inch videotape recorders produced since 1966, but has a totally new video and audio signal system.

Signal-to-noise ratio has been increased to 47 dB. Visible moire' has been eliminated. Differential phase and gain errors have been substantially reduced. Both audio channels deliver 50 dB. The new video and audio specifications permit multi-generation dubs of up to five generations without significant degradation of picture quality or color accuracy—more generations than any competitive VTR, Fried said.

"We have called the new concept ChromaCon 10, and extended it to existing IVC recorders by making it available in kit form. ChromaCon employs sophisticated new video circuitry that delivers a high luminance signal-to-noise ratio and excellent chroma linearity. The IVC-1070 produces pictures that are subjectively equal to high band equipment," Fried said.

"In developing the ChromaCon 10 concept, our goal was to retain the loyalty of the thousands of IVC one-inch owners as well as appeal to a whole new segment of teleproduction users," Fried said.

The new recorder has applications in electronic field production, off-line editing and studio mastering, industrial, educational, government as well as broadcast markets.

Special attention has been given to the IVC-1070's audio system. One channel has been designed for Continued on page 70

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### **New Products**

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audio-only edits. Two line and two microphone inputs can be mixed simultaneously in both audio channels.

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#### **Audio Consoles**

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In addition, Ramko will be displaying their new remote control DC-12 audio console. All audio electronics are located in a rack configuration and are controlled remotely from the mixer control panel or other information generating systems.

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#### Color TV Camera

Hitachi introduces a new color TV camera, the FP-1010, featuring <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>-inch three tube which offers a choice of either the newly developed Sativon or Plumbicon, vidicon. The camera is self-contained for versatility and mobility.

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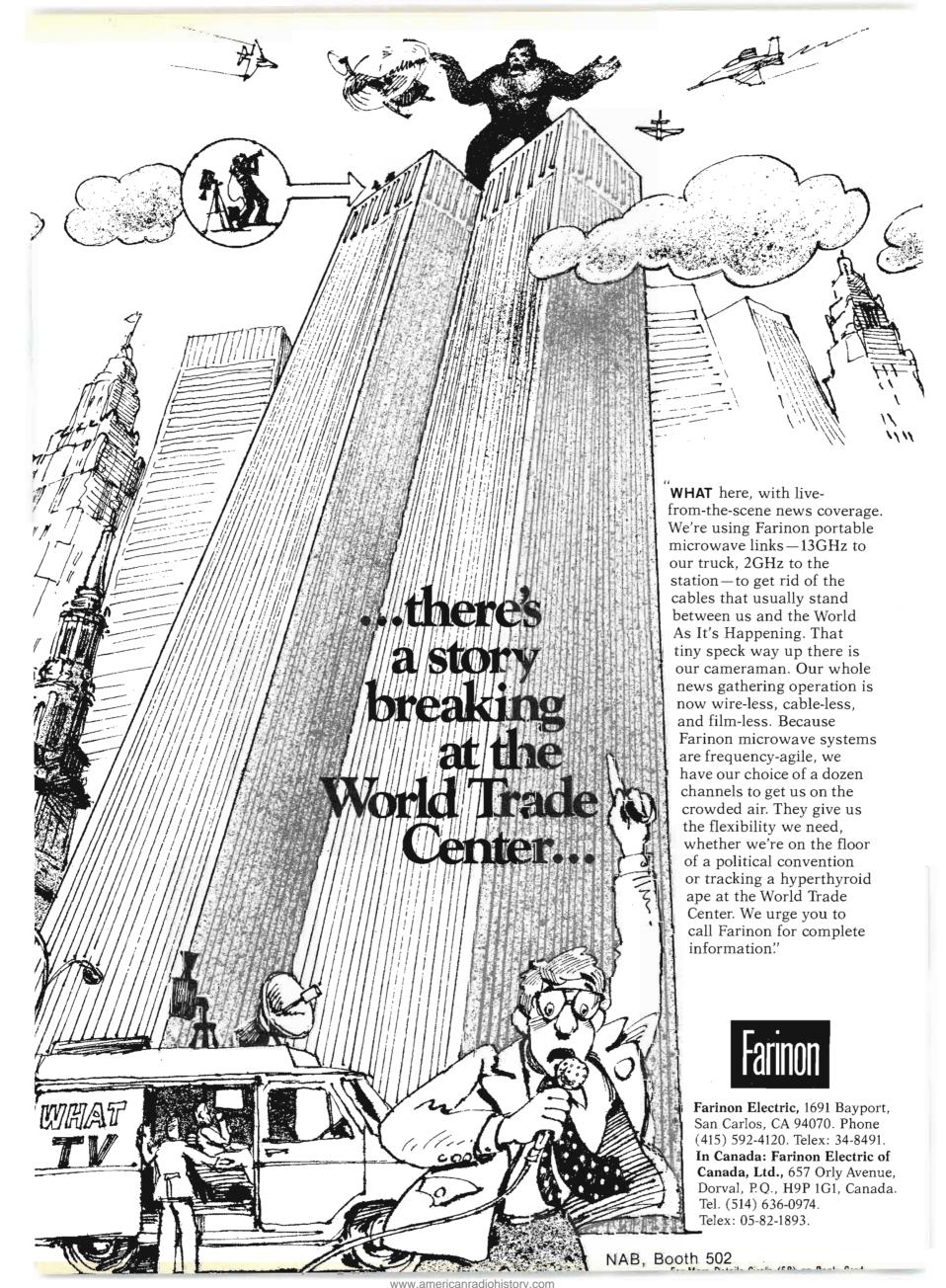
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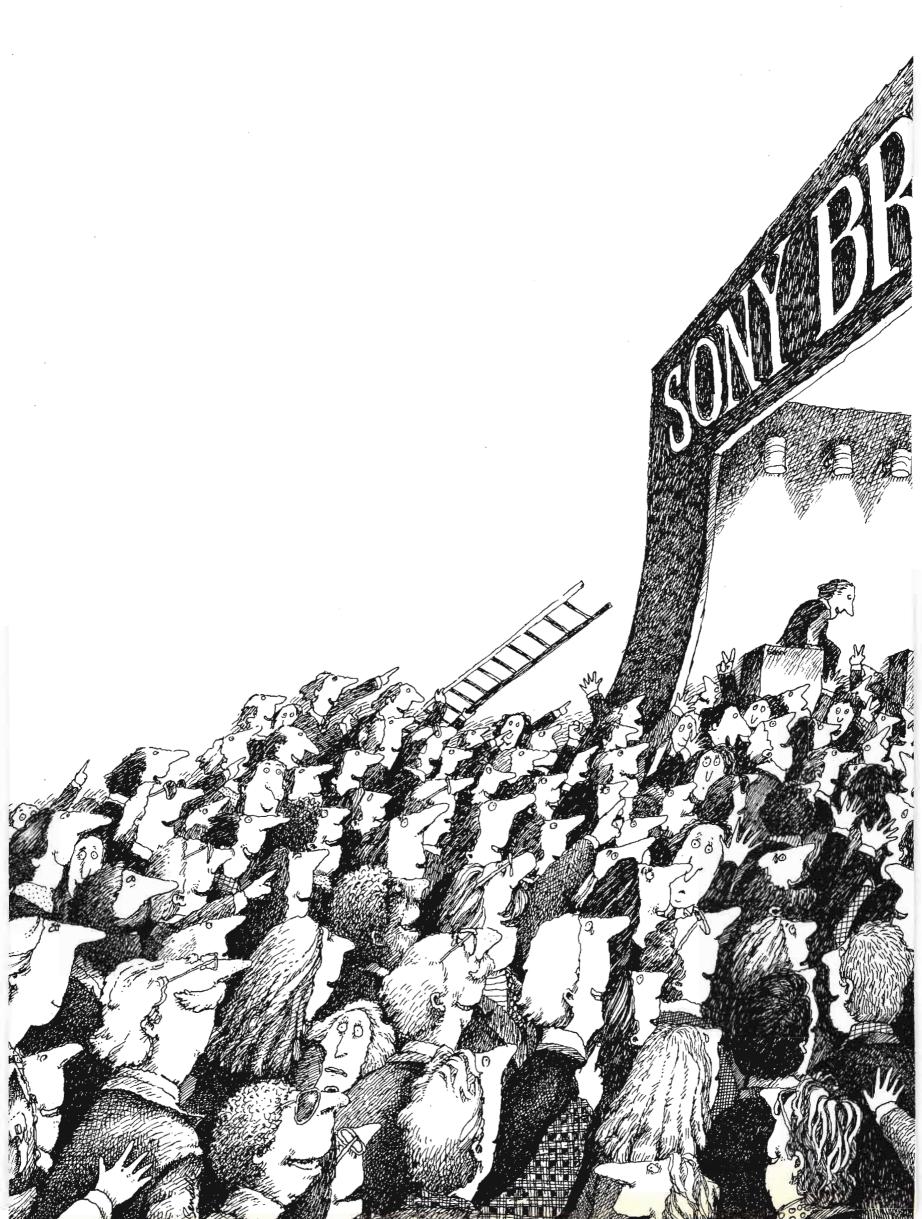
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## ATS: We've Got It, But What Do We Do With It?

By Robert A. Jones Consulting Engineer, La Grange, Illinois, and consultant to Broadcast Engineering magazine.

For some time now we have been hearing about ATS. What it can do, how it will help, and even what it won't do for our broadcast industry. But most of these stories have dealt with news releases and FCC Public Notices, rather than in-depth analyses of the basics.

Let me begin by a quick review of where we stand today concerning regulations. First, there is the FCC Docket (20403) that was recently granted by the FCC and became effective on February 14, 1977. This was predicated upon a petition filed by the NAB, way back in February of 1973. But actually, the basic approach to ATS began as far back as 1953! Yes, that's true.

You old-timers will recall that it was in 1952 that the FCC first broke the precedent established by the Communications Act of 1934 and relaxed the rule that a First Class operator had to be in charge of each transmitter and physically at the transmitter site, and allowed remote control of unattended operation of stations. They also relaxed operator requirements such that each AM station of less then 10 kW-ND, or FM station of less than 10 kW, need have only one First Class operator. All other transmitter operators could be the holders of restricted radio telephone permits.

In 1958, the FCC increased the remote control rules to allow unattended operation to all stations, regardless of transmitter power or type of antenna. Licensed operators were still necessary even though the remote control merely transferred the control point from one point to another.

The requirements of operating were relaxed further in October of 1963 when the FCC changed the rules to allow AM stations employing non-directional antennas and FM stations, each having power up to 10 kW, to use contract engines in lieu of full-time employed engineers. This allowed a station for the first time to operate completely with Third Class radio-telephone operators. In January of 1976 the

obtaining of Third Class licenses was eased by issuing Provisional Licenses. This was the first time an operator did not have to travel to an FCC testing point to take the test. It was, of course, good for only a year, and could not be renewed. While I do not wish to detract from the ability or the talent of some of these Provisionals, it does point up the fact that the FCC once again recognized the further technological advances made in the design of transmitters over the years. Nevertheless, it still remains that the FCC has used a piece-meal approach to correct its rules to accommodate and recognize the advances in technology.

## **Notice Of Inquiry**

The first effort by the FCC specifically directed toward automatic transmission occurred in March of 1968. The FCC on the 27th issued a notice of inquiry in Docket 18109. This was precipitated by a petition on the part of Collins Radio Company. It is of interest to recall the Collins definition for an automatic transmitter. "An automatic transmitter is selfmonitoring and self-adjusting of the essential operating parameters."

In Docket 18109, the FCC stated their purpose was to discover what applicable electronic techniques could be incorporated into broadcast systems. The end result was their hope to eliminate the need for repetitive log keeping as well as to do away with the need for transmitter supervision. The FCC did not propose to eliminate operators, since this would be a significant departure from the age old concept as well as the requirements of the Communications Act.

The FCC sought nine basic answers, or areas of inquiry. First was the relationship between technical automation and program automation. Second the question of the feasibility of modifying existing FM transmitters to the standards suggested by Collins Radio Company. Third was how the implementation of ATS would affect the

type-acceptance of transmitters. Fourth was the question of how the frequency and the power should be controlled. Fifth was the need for standards on what would constitute the rules for automatic shutdown of the system. Sixth was the question of what modulation controls should be imposed. Seventh is the question of what sort of automatic logging should be required. Eighth is how would a station employing ATS be able to comply with the EBS rules. And the final area of inquiry was how would ATS affect those FM stations using FM stereo?

Nothing much resulted from this initial inquiry, although it did start the thinking on ATS.

## **Docket 18930**

In July of 1970, the FCC was studying operator rule changes in connection with Sections 73.93 and 73.265. Part of Docket 18930 was an inquiry by the FCC as to what would equipment time frame manufacturers need to be ready to produce fully automatic AM and FM transmitters? While considerable opinions were submitted, nothing of a concrete nature resulted. Hence, two years later when the FCC issued its decision in Docket 18930, they said, "The replies to the notice of inquiry including comments on automatic transmitters did not contain sufficient information or opinions upon which any Rule Making action could be considered at this time." This effectively killed ATS at that time.

## NAB Petition

In 1973 the NAB engineering advisory committee compiled an update and supported a petition by the NAB to reopen the FCC inquiry into ATS. They quoted the FCC in Docket 18930 as stating that it was difficult to believe that the automation of the transmitters themselves could pose any major engineering problems, but rather the question they felt was would the equipment manufacturers be able to offer automatic transmitters or

## APPENDIX B

(Summary of New ATS Rules)

conversion kits for existing transmitters, at prices which will make them economically attractive to station owners? The question of economics has to be balanced against a licensee's anticipated reduction in transmitter surveillance expenses.

The FCC was asked to set three requirements for ATS. These were control of power output, control of frequency, and control of modulation. The NAB further suggested that stations choosing to operate by ATS should be free of record keeping, since compliance with the FCC's technical criteria must be a design feature of any ATS system.

In general, what was said is that any automatic transmission system should be designed to electronically determine its compliance with the FCC technical rules, including self-checking of percent modulation and carrier frequency, as well as having the ability to automatically compensate or correct for excessive deviations in modulation and power output.

There were other comments filed in support of the NAB petition by RCA and by the Electronics Industry Association. The end result brings us to Docket 20403.

### **Docket 20403**

Finally in April, 1975, the FCC issued a new notice of inquiry into automatic transmission systems. This time station owners and manufacturers did not sit on their hands as they did in 1968 and 1970 and many comments were received. Of these the most extensive were those submitted by Ed Herlihy of KTLA-TV and some Canadian unattended operator tests by Harris Corp. Possibly one of the most perceptive comments was one which said that the moment is at hand for the broadcast industry to come of age.

I think the reply comments of CBS were very good. They pointed out that the concept of automatic transmission systems will not involve the elimination of any of the currently required control or monitoring functions, but merely in-

## 73.140 Use of Automatic Transmission Systems (ATS)

- (A) All non-directional AM's are eligible
- (B) Application will be by informed requests to Washington, D.C.
- (C) Log entries in 73.113 (A) (i) (iv) need not be made, in lieu of 73.93 (A), (C) and (D) restricted operators may be used, inspection of the transmitters are monthly
- (D) A station must comply with Subpart "G"
- (E) Transmitters must be manually activated each day

### 73.142 ATS Facilities

- (A) No type acceptance required
- (B) The system must be equipped to: monitor power output, adjust power output, detect peak modulation
- (D) Must have an automatic clock to change power, etc.
- (E) ATS must terminate in accordance with 73.144
- (F) ATS must provide alarms in accordance with 73.146
- (G) Alternate transmitter can be used with ATS
- (H) Modulation must be sampled continuously
- (I) ATS must have a method of testing itself

### 73.144 Fail-Safe for ATS

- (A) Transmissions must terminate if power exceeds  $\pm 105\%$  for more than three minutes, overmodulation for three minutes, failure of the clock, failure of any of the circuits
- (B) Manual operation may continue if for any reason (A) fails
- (C) ATS cannot be reused until it is repaired

### 73.146 ATS Monitoring and Alarm Points

- (A) Must have one or more monitoring points
- (B) ATS has to have the following controls or alarms; means to turn power off and on, off-air monitor, alarms as specified
- (F) Employee at the monitoring and alarm point is not restricted in his duties
- (G) Employee must be familiar with his ATS duties as well as EBS
- (H) Licenses must be posted

73.340, 73.342, 73.344 and 73.346 are similar but pertain to FM stations

73.540, 73.542, 73.544 and 73.546 are for noncommercial FM stations

volves the substitution of automatic electronic control for present manual controls. This, CBS stated, would produce greater consistency, reliability and precision of operation than is attainable with existing manually operated equipment.

Finally, in March of last year, the FCC came out with its "Notice of Proposed Rule Making." Comments and reply comments were filed by many parties, networks,

engineers and manufacturers. Of the 36 some parties who commented, only one was opposed.

The FCC in this Notice had hoped to obtain substantive and specific recommendations by broadcasters, the industry associations and professional consultants. They had expected to find detailed engineering and operational information that would help move Continued...

## ATS (Continued)

them along toward the goal of automatic transmitters. But for the most part, comments were in general terms assuring that ATS is a viable concept (with which the FCC already agrees). However, most of the comments received by the FCC, or so they contend, failed to come to grips with or elaborate on, the specific problems which may have occurred to commentors as a result of more careful assessment of the practical applications inherent

in ATS.

In view of this poor response, the FCC staff felt that the responsibility of developing adequate professional criteria fell primarily on them. They then devised a framework for automatic transmission systems, which was included as Appendix B to the April 1976 notice.

## Rule Making Appendix

Let me summarize briefly the points raised by the FCC staff. 1) All AM, FM and TV stations may use ATS. 2) ATS will be optional, as a third method of operating. 3)

Until Paragraph 318 of the Communications Act is amended, operators will still be required. 4) The station operator may be assigned other duties, and must be an employee of the licensee. 5) Stations fully complying with the ATS rules will not be required to have a First Class radiotelephone licensed operator. 6) The output power shall be determined by the direct method. Presumably for FM and TV this would be a measure of any reflected power change. 7) Existing transmitters may be retrofitted with a black box. 8) ATS must monitor or control; power output, modulation, loss of audio, time, tower lights, directional antenna parameters, alarms, change of power at sunset, or switching to an auxiliary transmitter. 9) The fail-safe should shut down the transmitter in the event of: excessive power, loss of control from alarm center, failure of clock, over modulation, substantial antenna failure, a failure of any part of the ATS system. 10) Daytime stations or S.H. stations will need a time clock to perform switching modes.

11) ATS must have circuits to adjust and maintain power output. 12) ATS must have features that will allow testing and calibration. 13) ATS may incorporate the ability to switch between main transmitters and auxiliary transmitters, but if so, the auxiliary must also comply with ATS Rules. 14) ATS must be able to control percent modulation. 15) Excessive power output between 90 percent and 105 percent will cause an alarm. If 80 percent to 110 percent, it would terminate immediately the transmitter. 16) All ATS alarms and resets can be accomplished only at the transmitter site. 17) Optional ATS features will be: automatic logging, indicators showing cause of alarm, etc. 18) ATS systems may have a control switch to override in case of emergency operation. 19) AM stations will need to remeasure their antenna or common point impedance. 20) Directional stations employing ATS must provide alarms for excessive ratio or phase angle deviations.

21) ATS alarms must be capable of out-of-tolerance conditions of the pilot carrier or SCA of an FM station. 22) Tower lights may be Continued...

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equipped with alarms in lieu of daily inspections. 23) All ATS stations need be inspected monthly by a First Class operator. 24) Inspection and maintenance logs will be required. 25) Although no transmitter readings will be required, logs must be kept of hours of operation, alarm signals, EBS alerts, emergencies, FAA notices, etc. 26) All other standards pertaining to transmitters will be maintained, such as annual audio proofs, etc.

Let's take a look now at what the FCC finally did or did not do in its first report and order in Docket 20403.

First, ATS is presently limited to the facilities of FM stations or to AM stations using non-directional antennas. TV stations as well as those AM stations who employ directional antennas will be dealt with later, the FCC said; hopefully within the next 12 months.

Stations who wish to use ATS for a portion of the broadcast day and then manual operation for the remainder of the day can so operate.

No type acceptance is required. Each licensee is free to choose, make, or install any type of equipment he may desire. In so doing he has the responsibility that the continued operation of the equipment will meet the objectives of providing a reliable and effective broadcast signal. Stations may install ATS equipment without prior notification or authorization. Upon completion of all testing, the licensee will submit to the FCC a request to use the ATS. This need be signed by the owner of the station, and shall include a certification by the chief or consultant who did the work, that the ATS equipment is installed, tested, and fully meets the rules for ATS operation. Full ATS can commence immediately upon receipt of ATS authorization from the FCC.

Transmitter inspections are reduced from weekly to monthly inspections. While no meter readings need be logged daily a log is required of the signatures of the employees on duty at the monitoring and alarm point and the station hours. In other words, at all times

attendance of the station is required by an operator holding at least a restricted radiotelephone operator permit. He needs to turn the station off and on, monitor the ATS alarms for malfunctions, keep a log of operating hours or interruptions as well as notify maintenance personnel when a problem occurs.

The Rule on operating power is the same as proposed, 80-105 percent. Rather than requiring the ATS system to monitor changes in the antenna resistance, the FCC decided it would be more realistic for licensees to continue routine inspection of antenna system characteristics. The ATS system can be hooked up to monitor either the power output by the direct method or the indirect method. This is also true for FM stations.

In controlling modulation the FCC has finally defined what constitutes "peaks of frequent recurrence." For the purpose of ATS "peaks of frequency recurrence are defined as modulation of more than 10 bursts exceeding the specified modulation level within any one minute period. All peaks that occur within a single 5-millisecond interval will be considered to be one burst. The only other requirement imposed was if the modulation level becomes excessively low for a period of more than three minutes, an alarm must sound.

Parameters need not be monitored as frequently as is modulation, so, output power must be observed at least once each minute, with modulation being observed on a continuous basis.

It should be obvious that an EBS monitor will be required to be installed at the monitoring and alarm point.

Although the technology for implementation of ATS has been available for many years, the present FCC Rules do not particularly encourage its use. In fact, the present operator and log keeping rules may actually discourage the use of new technology. Licensees will be allowed to install those portions of ATS that may be desirable, even if they do not wish to go all the way, if it thereby relieves them of certain existing operating procedures. Whether the new ATS Rules will actually result

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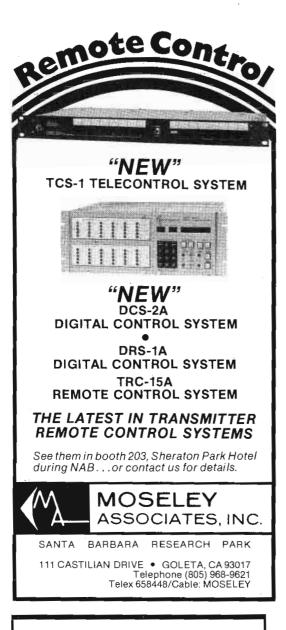
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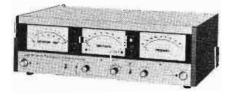
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in many licensees applying to install ATS, only time will tell. It is nevertheless the sincere hope of the Commission that licensees will be encouraged to improve their operations by using these new options to the extent they desire.

In connection with Section 318 of the Communications Act of 1934, the FCC will request legislative amendments which will be successful. In the meantime there is no reason to believe that all the operator functions required can be met by a restricted radiotelephone operator. Until Congress does amend the Act, we will never truly have an unattended fully automatic broadcast station.

Possibly one of the most perceptive suggestions made by the FCC in this Docket was the one that type acceptance will not be required. Why? Since the continuously advancing technology would otherwise require continuous amending of the ATS "hardware" rules. Flexibility must be allowed for manufacturers to upgrade their "black boxes." All a licensee will ever need to do is to be careful that the equipment be purchases or home-builds does comply with the final ATS standards. At the time such ATS equipment shall be installed, a performance report will have to be prepared by the chief of the station's consultant, and retained on file.

One area of great concern is whether a minor overpower or a minor over modulation should cause an ATS system to shut down. Certainly a minor overpower condition will not cause serious interference to another radio station. If existing standards are to be maintained some rules had to be established. Therefore an alarm will be set off if the power exceeded +105 percent of the authorized values. It is proposed that a three-hour delay be provided before automatic turn-off. This presumably would permit the operator who received the alarm, to contact the station's maintenance operator to take corrective action. The problem here is the one that a momentary overload to the operator at the alarm point would seem the same as a continuous overload! The

FCC also states that a +110 percent overpower would cause the station to immediately shut down. This certainly is good if the trouble is due to a component part failure, or other mechanical breakdown.

But suppose the problem is one most operators are familiar with ice on the antenna. Whether it is AM or FM the impact of ice can cause the VSWR or the antenna impedance to change which could "fool" an ATS alarm system into thinking a +110 percent change had occurred when in fact it may not have. I realize that no system can predict the difference between real trouble and imaginary trouble, as a live operator can do. Probably, in situations like this, any station owner would be best to put a live operator in control of the station. The FCC hopes to circumvent this by installing an ATS system which would have a device that would indicate the net difference in the indication of power flowing toward the antenna and the power reflected back from the antenna to the transmitter. Their thought being premised on the concept that such a device will not give erroneous indications during periods when weather conditions may be abnormal. This is, no doubt, why the FCC allows a broadcaster to use either direct or indirect measurement of power.

The final area of consideration is modulation alarms. In regard to undermodulation, one of the original proposals, no minimum level shall be required. However, a lack of modulation should cause an alarm to sound. Unless the operator or owner is asleep, no station I know of would allow five minutes to elapse before taking some action. For the FCC to require undermodulation is to assume that unattended stations will also be unlistened to, too!

The FCC stated clearly that they have retained the concept that licensees using ATS must serve the public interest by providing a service at least equal in quality and reliability to that provided under the old rules. The licensee has, the FCC says, an obligation to avoid an increase incidence of interruptions to service and should continue to have an adequate preventive and remedial maintenance program.

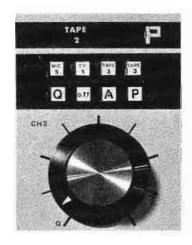


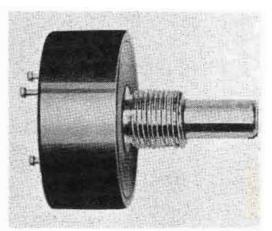
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ATS became effective on February 14, 1977. ATS is coming and you should be prepared for it. The real question is what will it cost. To date, none of the manufacturers to whom I've spoken will even venture a guess on what an ATS System will add to today's cost of a transmitter. Let's look at what the increased cost of transmitters will have to offset.

The savings will come in transmitter log keeping, both in time required to physically enter readings, retain logs, and eventually destroy them, plus the cost of printing such logs, plus the savings in hiring employees as transmitter operators. How do we put prices on these items? Let's try.

A typical AM station has a log that is filled in every three hours by the operator on duty and requires 60 seconds to do it. In a twelve-hour day this would save five minutes of time. If the operator gets paid \$5.00/hour this would be a saving of 42 cents per day or over 365 days a total of \$153.30 per year. If we assume the logs no

longer used cost two cents each, this would add \$7.30 more per year to the savings. Thus a typical AM station could be expected to save about \$160.60 per year. This is predicated upon the fact that almost all small stations use combo-operators. In which case nobody would be laid off.

Let's look at a bigger station which has a fulltime chief and several operators. In addition to the above savings, the station would save the cost of time required by the chief in reviewing the logs. In this case I could project a saving of about \$525 per year.

The only stations to which significant savings could be expected are large stations or some TV stations where operators are specifically employed to keep logs. In these stations it could be a saving of from \$5,000 to \$2,000 depending on whether the employee let go is part-time or full-time, plus what local pay scales would dictate.

It would appear that the advantages in cost savings from installing ATS will really only benefit the big stations. Yet the technological advantages would be most

helpful to those who will not be economically motivated to avail themselves of it.

In conclusion, let me quote from Chairman Richard E. Wiley's separate statement in Docket 20403.

"In my opinion, the Commission's approval of ATS marks the beginning of what, hopefully, will be a new regulatory philosophy for the FCC, one which focuses more on the end product desired (in this case, the technical integrity of a station's signal) and less, much less, on complex rules and procedures to achieve that objective. Our action today permits licensees themselves, rather than the government, to select the best means of maintaining the technical compliance of the station in his or her particular circumstances. The broadcaster will be held accountable for the bottomline integrity of the signal and not for observance of numerous and detailed regulations. This is a philosophy with which I am in profound agreement and one that I believe can be applied in other areas beyond technical operation."

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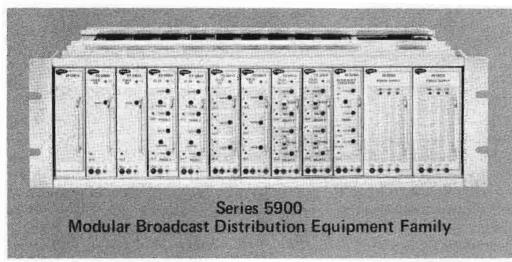
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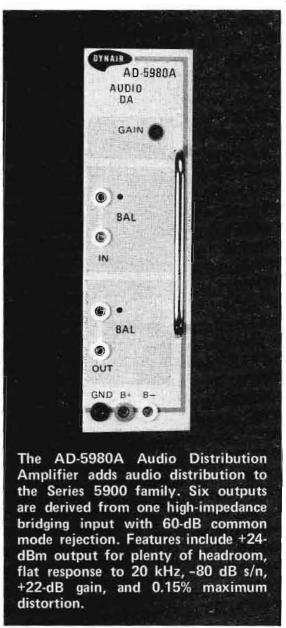
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By Ron Whittaker

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One of the reasons that some people are inclined to view AM stereo as mostly a gimmick is that they believe the quality of the AM broadcast process is decidedly inferior to FM; and since stereo is a kind of "quality dimension" in sound reproduction, the AM process has two strikes against it from the very beginning. And, doesn't everyone listen to AM through three-inch speakers anyway?

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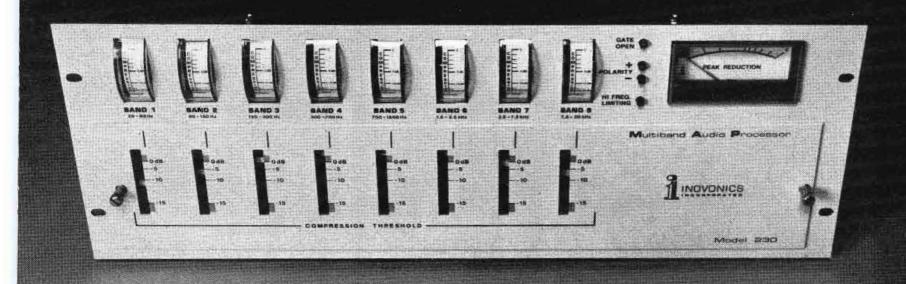
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## AM Stereo Fires Up

The FCC authorized WKDC, Elmhurst, Illinois, to start testing AM stereo using the Motorola system on October 1, 1976. Due to restrictions placed on us by the FCC, we were not permitted to announce or advertise this. Now that the initial testing of the Motorola system has been completed at WKDC, here is our account of what happened. As a broadcaster with 42 years in the business, I can say that I was very enthused with what we heard on the air.

Testing in the experimental hours and working after midnight does not always bring out the best in men. Every frequency of the tone generator was used many times—first on one channel and then the other. Comprehensive testing of all handmade equipment was done (it seemed as though we'd never get there), and we did have some malfunctions. The expertise of Norm Parker and Frank Hilbert of Motorola, working together with four other Motorola representatives, resolved the problems.

The cooperation of the FCC was superb. It certainly underscored their interest in AM stereo. We were granted experimentation provisions because we are a low-powered station on 1530 kHz, a two-tower directional, and located in the high RF area of Chicago. (WKDC is in Elmhurst, 16 miles due west of Chicago's loop.) When this station was built in 1974 all new equipment was installed, and everything except the transmitter and final audio equipment was stereo. WKDC had "The Faith."

## On The Air Stereo

Along about the middle of December we were ready. The Motorola System performed splendidly. We broadcast music after midnight for several nights to get out all of the last minute bugs. Then a special request was made to the FCC to permit WKDC to transmit daytime AM stereo. This was granted immediately.

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Moore Sound of Elmwood Park in Chicago to record off-the-air from a tap on the AM stereo receiver for the nighttime skywave broadcast. At 12:19 p.m. on the 21st of December, the same stereo broadcast was made so that nighttime reception could be compared to the regular daytime transmission of WKDC on the same day.

A Teac deck was used with a high resolution Sony amplifier. I told Len Potter that we desired as flat a response as possible on the tape with positively no embellishments of any kind, and that all nighttime settings were the same as the daytime settings. The recording of the nighttime broadcast did produce some sky-wave interference—which was expected. However, the daytime broadcast was absolutely startling.

We made an announcement so our listeners would be informed while we shut down transmission (daytime) to make the necessary changes at the transmitter (a Sparta 701B) to accommodate the stereo broadcast. We came back on the air in a few minutes with stereo; we eliminated one channel and then the other. The phone lines were busy with listeners who said that reception was wonderful (on their mono receivers). Listeners said they could hear the channel separation very well. Of course they wanted to know if we were always going to transmit AM stereo.

## What's Ahead

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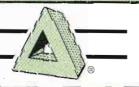
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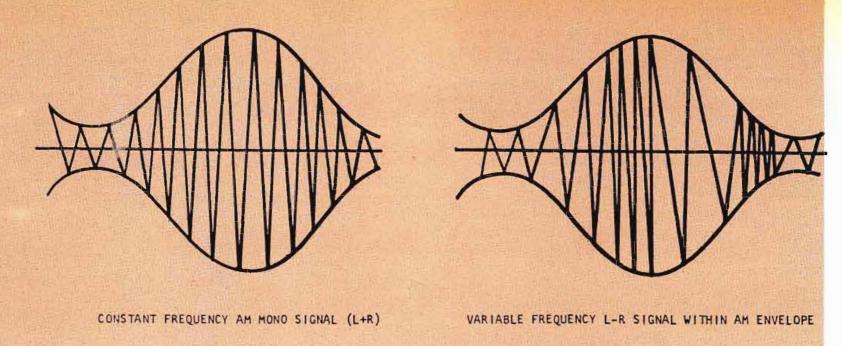


Figure 2. A monophonic AM signal and a stereo-modulated carrier are shown. RCA said the channel bandwidth should be at least 12 to 15 kHz to accommodate the significant sidebands arising from this composite modulation stereo system. In the illustration at the right, the variable frequency is carrying L-R information and the AM envelope L+R information.

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them a greater competitive advantage, since loud stations supposedly are more attractive to listeners tuning across a dial. A number of FM stations have also started compressing; and when you add to this the fact that the record companies are compressing dynamic range in some of their music, you end up with significant restriction on an important dimension in sound quality. The exceptions here are the stations—many of which are classical music FM stations—which consider compression a type of audio "distortion." So you can draw your own conclusions about dynamic range. But, from at least one viewpoint, it is a disadvantage.

## A DX Advantage For AM

Because of the RF frequency range used for FM broadcasting, it is basically a line-of-sight process. This means that FM stereo has a limited range of 60 to 80 miles (100 to 130 km) under favorable conditions. Class A stereo stations, with their power and antenna height restrictions, are far more limited in their coverage.

AM, on the other hand, because of the effect of ionospheric refraction, can go hundreds of miles at night, depending upon the frequency, power, state of the ionosphere, etc. Many of the 75 or so clearchannel stations can be heard throughout the country each night.

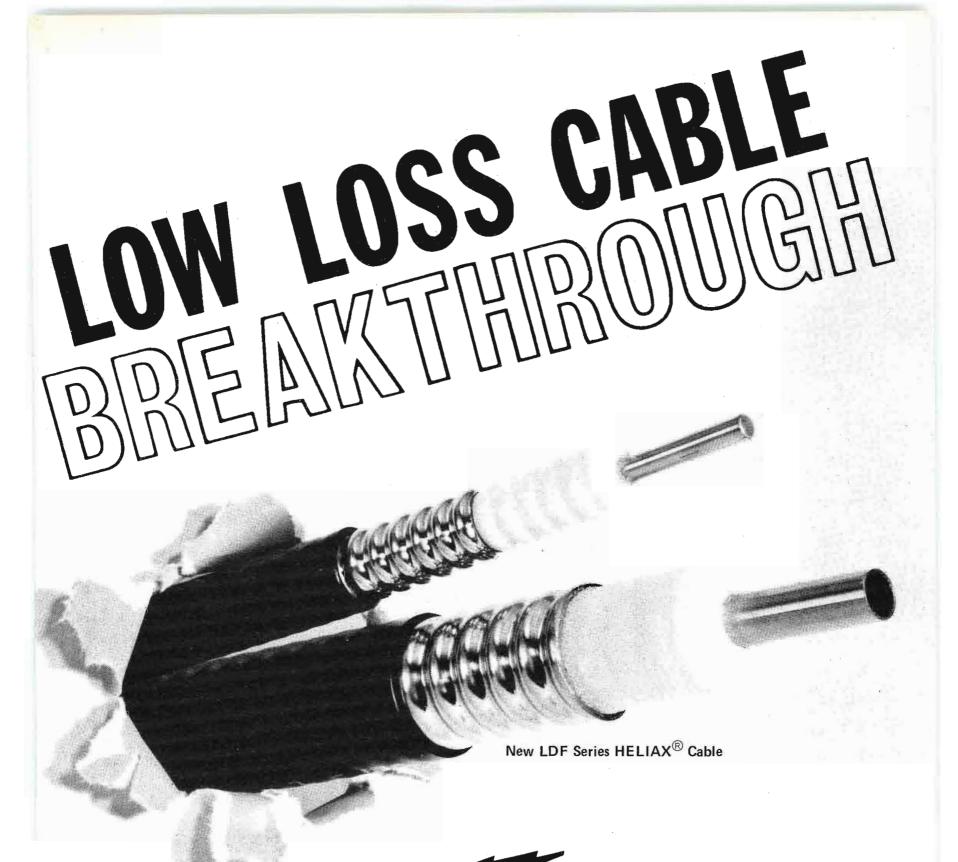
FM stereo has a definite disadvantage when it comes to distance. In addition to the restrictions inherent in a basically line-of-sight service, the stereo signal very quickly loses signal-to-noise quality with distance. The switch from FM mono to FM stereo alone results in a 23 dB reduction in signal-to-noise, which equals a 200-to-1 effective power loss. The AM stereo signal would—depending in part upon what system is selected—hold its signal-to-noise quality over much greater distances from a transmitter. Extensive stereo AM testing has confirmed that excellent sky wave reception is possible hundreds of miles from a transmitter. Since FM stereo broadcasts have never been able to achieve great distances, this has meant that for many rural areas of the country stereo broadcast reception has never been possible.

FM stereo has some other short-comings which AM stereo would not have. Anyone who has tried to listen to an FM stereo station while driving in a big city knows of the major problems with multipath reception. The "swish" and "picket fence" effects as you drive among tall buildings play havoc with FM stereo reception. But given a reasonable AM station signal

strength to start with, and a respectable AGC section on your AM radio, this problem doesn't exist with AM. This would be a big plus for the major market. AM'ers—the same AM'ers who have seen their share of home audiences continually eroded by FM stereo stations in the past decade. (In some major markets, stereo FM stations are now top in the ratings with home listeners. This is especially true in the "youth market" where stereo hi-fi has for some time been an accepted status "must.")

Another plus for an AM stereo system lies in the simplicity of the AM demodulation process. With most any of the proposed AM stereo systems a simple, inexpensive IC could effectively do the demodulation job. AM stereo receivers should be simpler, cheaper and more stable than FM stereo receivers. The public, therefore, might be more likely to purchase AM stereo receivers than the more expensive FM stereo receivers-or be more willing to pay a few dollars more for an AM stereo rather than an AM mono radio.

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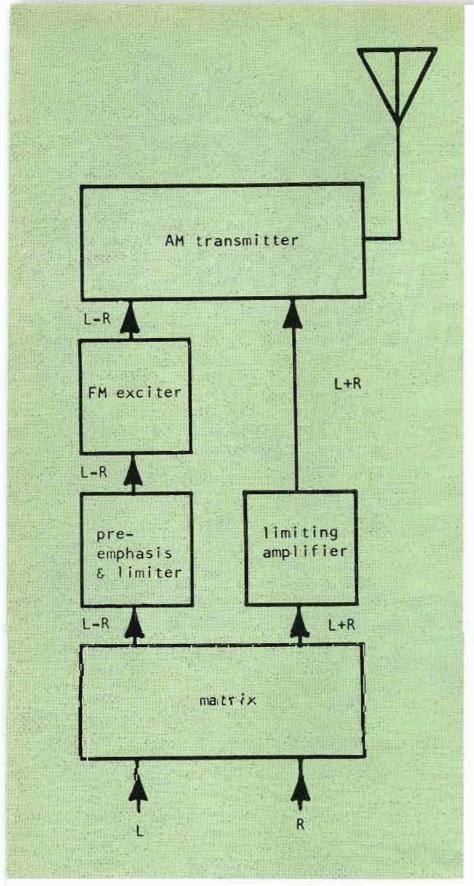
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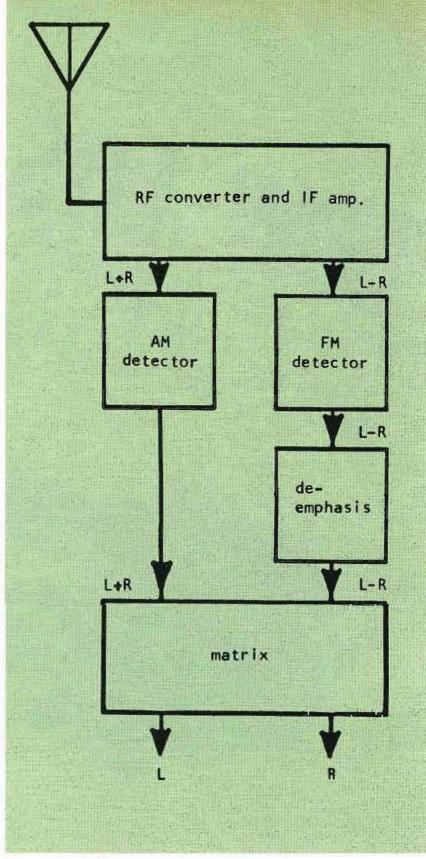
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**Figure 3.** This simplified block diagram illustrates a compatible AM stereo transmitter system. RCA's "AM-FM" system for AM stereo was experimentally demonstrated more than 15 years ago.

**Figure 4.** The RCA proposed AM stereo receiver used a conventional mixer and a single IF amplifier to drive an AM detector and a balanced discriminator FM detector. The AM detector was "bootstrapped" with the de-emphasized FM signal to produce the left and right channels.

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competing co-channel signal needs to be only about one-twentieth as strong as the primary signal for problems to occur. With FM, this ratio can get as high as two-to-one before co-channel problems interfere with reception. Likewise, an AM signal is more vulnerable to general man-made and atmospheric noise. This noise problem—particu-

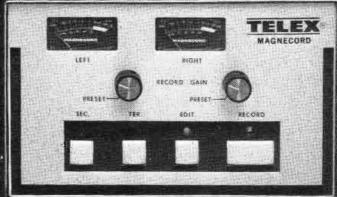
larly when the effects of the ionospheric refraction are added—constitutes the major weakness of the AM process.

## 50 Years Of Stereo AM Proposals

AM stereo is anything but new. The first AM stereo transmission dates way back to 1925, when WPAJ in New Haven, Connecticut demonstrated stereo through the use of two AM transmitters. A year later the first patent on stereo AM using a quadrature modulation of a single RF carrier was granted. A great number of patents have been issued for a variety of approaches to stereo AM in the past 50 years.

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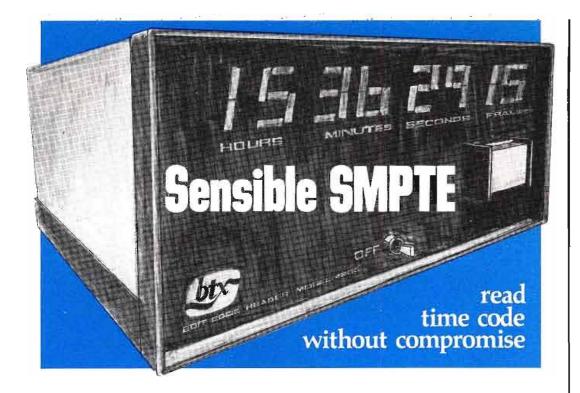
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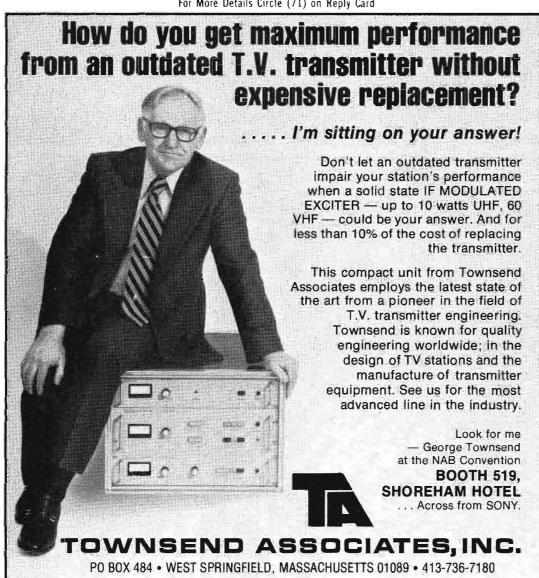
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Throughout these years there have also been a number of successful broadcast demonstrations of AM

In the 1950's interest shifted to stereo FM, largely due to the FCC's attitude of pushing expansion in the FM service. Even so, in the late 1950's and early 60's Philco Corporation, RCA and Kahn Research Laboratories all filed proposals with the FCC for stereo AM. The petitions were denied. A number of reasons were cited by the FCC, including a lack of "public need" and "industry desire." Later attempts at filing proposals for AM stereo also met with failure.

If stereo AM could not be authorized for the United States, then how about Mexico? In 1970, XETRA, a 50,000 watt station on 690 kHz, started broadcasting in AM stereo from Tijuana, Mexico. The strong signal covered (and still covers) large portions of Southern California, principally San Diego, Long Beach and Los Angeles. The stereo equipment was developed by Kahn Research Laboratories, which uses a system of separate modulation of the upper and lower AM sidebands. The sidebands are modulated by sum and difference signals and are shifted 90 degrees with respect to each other.

Distortion is reportedly limited to one percent and channel separation measures up to 30 dB when a special receiver is used. By using two standard AM receivers and tuning one slightly above and one slightly below the center frequency, a very respectable stereo effect can be achieved with about 9 dB of separation. (Even 8 dB will provide a stereo effect.) Although the latter approach might sound a little shaky, it appears to work surprisingly well, even when modestly priced AM receivers are used.

More recently the FCC gave permission for WFBR in Baltimore, Maryland to run tests with the Kahn system. Results were about the same as with XETRA—successful. Total harmonic distortion was held to below one percent. Kahn claims that a reasonably modern AM transmitter can be converted to Kahn stereo in as little as an hour's time. Figure 1 gives a block

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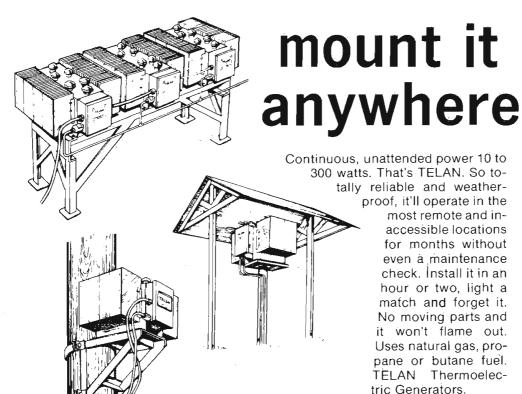
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diagram for a transmitter for the Kahn system.

Companies have come and gone on the R&D side of AM stereo. Along with Kahn, Motorola and Magnavox are pushing hardest these days for acceptance of their systems. Doubtless, the subject will once more be the talk of NAB. But there will be some faces missing this time around.

A formidable opponent to the Kahn stereo system was demonstrated by RCA at the 1975 NAB Convention. Like the Kahn system, RCA's approach is compatible and can make use of existing transmitting equipment.

FCC-approved experimental stereo AM broadcasts—but not regular programming—were conducted by RCA as early as 1959 over WNBC in New York.

RCA calls their approach "AM-FM," since phase modulation takes place within the AM carrier envelope. Figure 2 illustrates the AM-FM signal and Figures 3 and 4 show a block diagram of a transmitter and receiver for the RCA approach. No attempt will be made here to cover in detail the full technical aspects of either the Kahn or RCA systems, but what has been given should illustrate the basic concepts.

Several months ago the National AM Stereophonic Radio Committee was formed as a combined venture of the Electronic Industries Association, the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers, the National Radio Broadcasters Association and the National Association of Broadcasters. The committee was assigned the duty of evaluating all of the proposed AM stereo systems.

In January, 1976, the Association for AM Stereo was formed to promote the idea of AM stereo in Continued...

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general. The association, which has offices in Washington (for obvious reasons) is made up of AM broadcasters who feel that the important dimension of stereo sound should not be confined to FM. The association has filed a petition with the FCC to act on AM stereo at an "early date."

The next event in the stereo AM

issue will probably be the presentation of the National AM Stereophonic Radio Committee's report at the NAB Convention. The results of the Committee's report will be forwarded to the FCC where it is assumed that the AM stereo issue will again be re-opened. It should be noted that Kahn has chosen not to route its petition for AM stereo through the stereo committee's framework, but, instead, has gone directly to the FCC with its own petition. Kahn reportedly feels that

AM operators are anxious for the immediate "shot in the arm" which stereo would give them against FM stereo competition. Kahn claims that it could start delivering stereo AM transmitter exciters to stations within 60 days after FCC approval. They are also prepared to start granting licenses for the manufacturer of stereo AM receivers (which they don't plan to manufacture themselves) within a similar period of time.





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There are close to 4,500 AM stations operating in the United States. Many of these have seen a steady erosion of their audience shares in the past years; a decline that is in direct proportion to the sale of FM stereo receivers. Only with drive time audiences in automobiles has the AM audience held reasonably steady. Figures indicate that there are over 100 million AM radio equipped cars, about 63 percent of which are normally "on" during drive time. Lately, however, the CB craze has been cutting into this 63 percent figure.

AM radio has had to use a variety of new ideas and approaches over the years to hold audiences. For example, program formats, which 20 years ago were all about the same, have become specialized and directed toward specific audience needs and interests. But AM radio has not been able to effectively compete with stereo FM stations for home audiences interested in music. Tests have shown that the added dimension of stereo is even more important to listeners than "hi-fi" quality. You will recall that FM radio really never "took off" until the dimension of stereo was added. There are a few people who would now say that stereo FM is still a gimmick.

Although the issue of AM stereo has been repeatedly swept under the rug for 50 years, it appears that on this "go-around" it may finally be an idea whose time has come. AM radio already enjoys some significant technical advantages over FM. The added dimension of stereo, coupled with a greater engineering emphasis on audio fidelity, may take away the "lo-fi" label from AM and put it on a near equal footing with stereo FM.

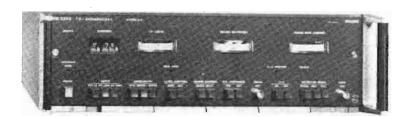
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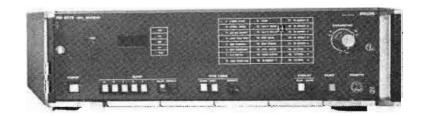
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## Why Increase Loudness?

By R. R. Weirather

A few observations on the coverage aspects of AM and FM broadcast radio will be made. The interest for AM will be to demonstrate how the capabilities of a technically reaching station might be developed. The focus will be on coverage and loudness. I will not attempt to define what exactly is "loudness", but refer to it generally as the "RMS" value of audio waveform. First, AM broadcasting will be discussed.

By observing the results of amplitude modulating a carrier with various signals, we can draw these conclusions:

- 1. The variation of the locus of the carrier peaks correspond to the modulating signal, f(t).
- 2. For 100 percent modulation with a sinusoidal signal, the carrier amplitude is doubled at peaks of modulation and zero at negative peaks.
- 3. Overmodulation on downward modulating peaks results in a distorted AM signal.
  - 4. Overmodulation on upward

modulating peaks does not result in distortion.

5. With 100 percent modulation with a sinusoidal signal, the spectrum of the AM signal is limited to  $f_{\rm C}$  -  $f_{\rm m}$ ,  $f_{\rm C}$ , and  $f_{\rm C}$  +  $f_{\rm m}$ . The sidebands at  $f_{\rm m}$  are one half the amplitude (6 dB in power) of the carrier.

Some general conclusions may be drawn about AM. Amplitude modulation may be considered a process of translating the frequency range of the modulating signal upward to the range about the carrier frequency. The new frequency spectrum is identical in form with the old.

### AM Broadcasting

Several aspects of the AM broadcasting industry have led to significant increases in both coverage and "loudness" of AM programming. The motivation behind such a thrust is clear. Improvement in coverage and loudness serves both the interest of the listening public and the broadcasting facility. The steps which paved the way for these benefits are:

- 1. The increase of positive modulation to 125 percent.
- 2. Transmitters capable of high average modulation.
- 3. Transmitters capable of reproduction of highly processed audio without distortion or overmodulation problems (modulation fidelity).
- 4. Increased attention to the transmitter, phasor and antenna, i.e., the Systems Approach.

To illustrate what a progressive AM station can do compared to several years ago, a prediction of coverage and loudness will be made.

### 125% Modulation

First we must realize the asymmetry that exists in nearly all voice and music.

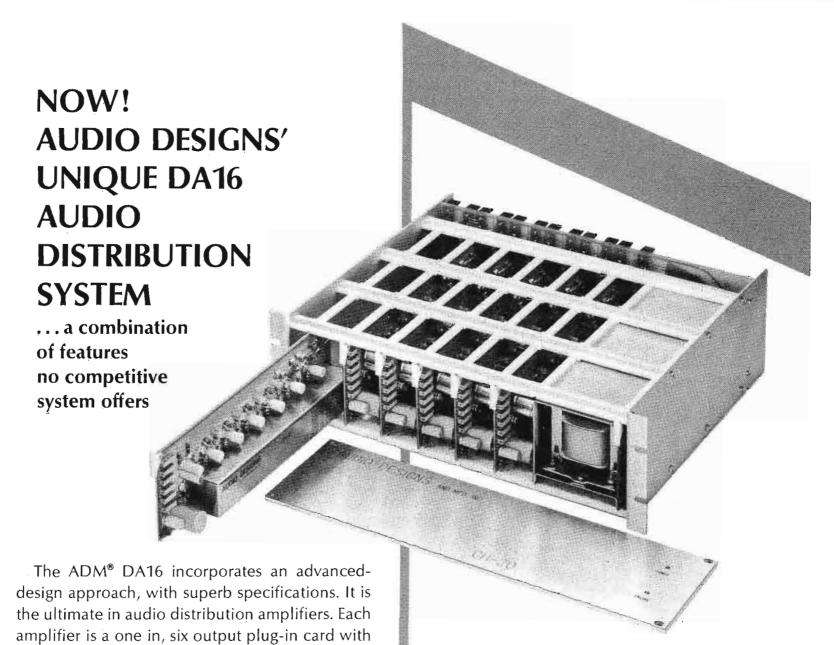
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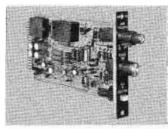
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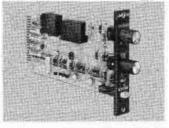
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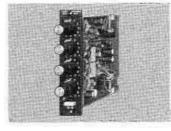


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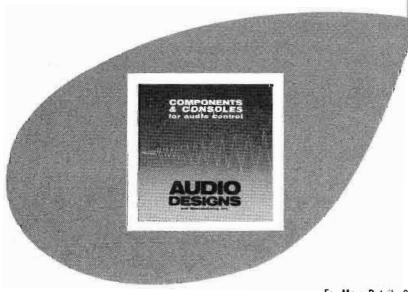


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to their maximum FCC values, an improvement in signal level in the AM sidebands can be expected. If increases in sideband power can be achieved, then a louder signal will result.

## High Average Modulation

Years ago, designs of AM transmitters were based on average modulation levels of 30 percent. Presently, the audio processing made on the original recording and at the broadcasting facility have increased the demand for transmitters with high sustained average modulation capabilities. However, it is not possible to take full advantage of this capability because normal programming does have more dynamic conditions than do test tones. It is fair to say that modulation levels are now up to 50 percent or more. This high average condition contributes to a louder sound. Increases from 30 to 50 percent represent an increase in sideband power of  $(\underline{50})$ 2 or 2.77 (4.43 dB).

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downward and upward modulation indices can be expected to be modified by unequal sideband impedances. The net effect is a loss of modulation capability and increased distortion.

No quantitative number can be placed on a system until the side-band impedances are known. It could be expected that antenna arrays would be more sensitive than an omnidirection antenna. Modulation degradation of 3 dB at the higher sideband frequencies can be easily shown.

## Coverage And Loudness

From these factors, we can list the major areas of improvement and the signal improvement: (1) 125 percent positive peak capability = 1.94 dB; (2) High average modulation = 4.43 dB; (3) Modulation fidelity improvements = 2 dB; (4) Antenna system improvements = X dB. Net increase = (8.34 + X) dB.

How does this additional signal put into the sidebands affect receiver coverage near and far? Let's examine the receiver at both points close to and remote from the broadcast antenna.

In the area of primary service coverage, the AM receiver can be described as an envelope detector and low pass filter.<sup>2</sup>

The total carrier mean noise power at the detector is:

 $N_c = 2 f_m \eta$  watts

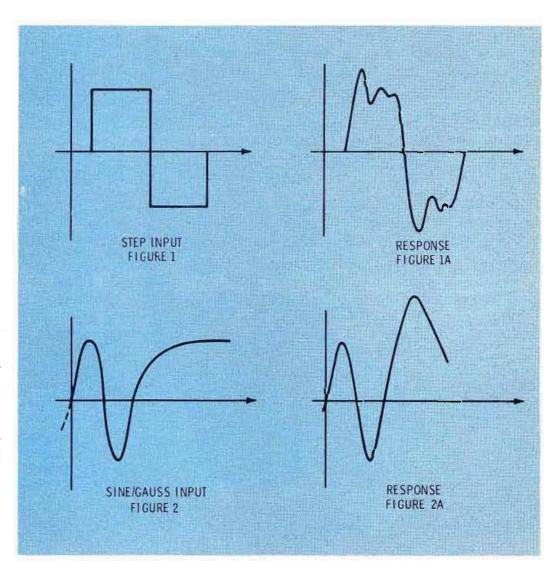
f<sub>m</sub> = LPF bandwidth

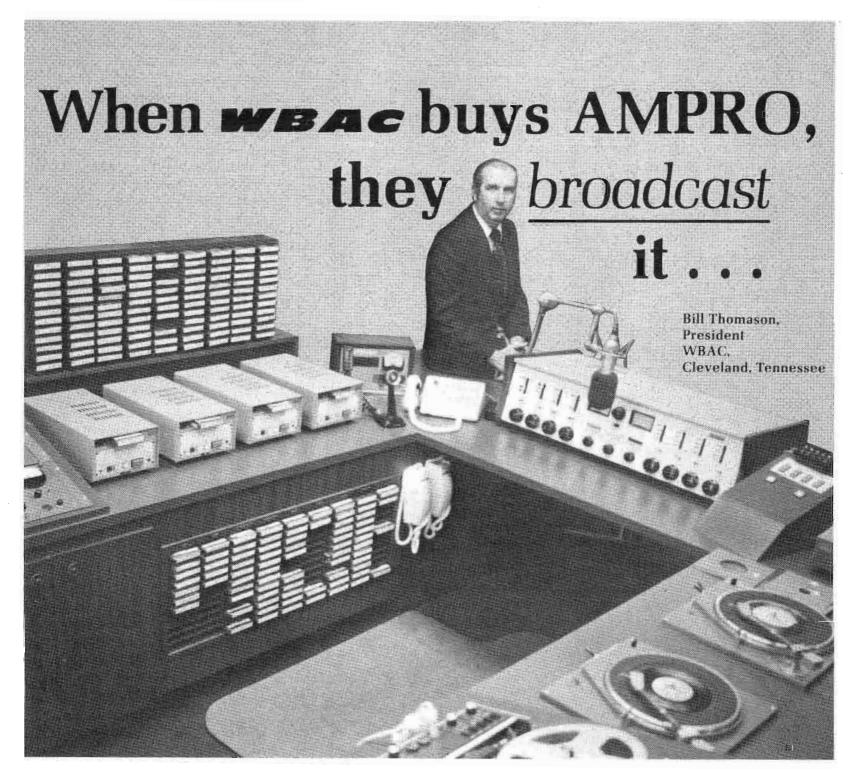
 $\eta$  = overall noise figure of the receiver measured to the detector.

This noise perturbs the unmodulated carrier in a random fashion and will effectively appear as an amplitude modulating signal that will be detected and emerges as a crackle at the receiver output. By further analysis, assuming a large carrier power to noise power, the detector random fluctuations are shown to be:

$$N_0 = a^2 (2.f_m.\eta) = a^2.N_c$$
  
 $a = detector\ constant$ 

For large carrier to noise ratios, the AM receiver noise output is a function of the carrier noise and the detector. The noise will remain Continued...





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constant irrespective of the modulated signal present on the carrier. It then means any increase in modulation levels will be reflected directly as increases in signal output, So:

$$S_0 = m^2 a^2 S_c$$

We now can compute the receiver  $S_0/N_0$  by:

$$S_0/N_0 = \frac{m^2 a^2 S_c}{a^2 N_c} = m^2 \frac{S_c}{N_c}$$

Increases in So will be on a oneto-one basis with modulation increase. This means that the broadcaster who can take advantage of the modulation increases mentioned can expect a 1 dB increase in loudness for a 1 dB of modulated signal improvement.

## Far Field Coverage

For areas of coverage beyond the primary service area, the improvement in S<sub>0</sub>/N<sub>0</sub> can be predicted in a similar manner. For  $S_c/N_c > 6$ dB the power output signal to noise is as computed for the near field case. It is reasonable to assume that the average broadcast AM receiver listener would not tolerate only a 6 dB carrier signal to noise ratio. Thus, because of practical considerations, the far field predictions can be used for all "listenable" receptions. But if increases in modulated signal output So can be made, the listener can enjoy the same program at further distance. Note that in the equation:

$$S_O/N_O \, = \, m^2 \, \, \frac{S_C}{N_C}$$

When S<sub>c</sub> decreases, offsetting advantages can be gained by increasing modulation (m).

Prediction of increased coverage due to modulation increases can be made. Assuming an ideal radiation system, the carrier signal, S<sub>c</sub>, decreases according to the square root law along radials from the antenna. A doubling in carrier or modulation power will increase the coverage by two.

## Loudness And Coverage

We can see that for the near field

case the most notable effect by increasing modulation will be "loudness". The amount of "loudness" that a station can achieve is dependent on how many advantages the station has already exercised. A decibel of modulation increase will be perceived as a louder reception on an AM receiver. All other things being equal, a listener will most likely choose the louder, clearer

## Summary

With AM broadcasting it can be shown that increases in modulation will increase "loudness". There are several ways to increase the modulation level.

The four major methods are:

- 1. 125 percent peak capability.
- 2. Increase average modulation levels by using processing and properly designed transmitters.
- 3. Using a transparent transmitter; the modulation fidelity improvement.
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Coverage will also be increased if the modulation is increased.

## FM Improvements

The improvements that exist for AM have an analogy in FM. The electrical characteristics that have potential for increasing your listening audience are, as you might suspect, different from those mentioned for AM. The FM case is varied also by the receiver type and broadcast type. The cases are mono or stereo transmission and mono or stereo receiver. A lively discussion of coverage and loudness of FM broadcasts is underway and some relevant aspects of frequency modulation needs reviewing.

### Theoretical Aspects

The process of frequency modulation produces a shift of the signal spectrum to the range of frequencies about the carrier. The spectrum of a wideband frequency modulated carrier takes on a complex form which is dependent on the maximum amplitude of the modulating signal as well as its particular form. For a large modulation index, the FM bandwidth approaches twice the maximum frequency deviation. The complex

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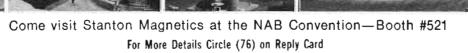
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nature of frequency modulated signals lead to receivers that provide better discrimination against noise and interfering signals.

Some conclusions and observations are noted about a frequency modulated signal:

- 1. Peaks of the modulating signals determine the peak deviation.
- 2. The amount of signal power is invariant with frequency modulation.
- "Positive" peaks are not usable as such to increase loudness.

The system of signal generation and reception adopted for FM broadcast utilizes audio pre-emphasizing and complementing de-emphasizing networks. This results in a superior carrier to noise characteristic at the receiver and a flat audio response.

## The FM **Broadcast System**

The operation of various devices in an FM broadcast system will be discussed in order to determine where a broadcaster might improve his so called "loudness" and coverage.

Let us first consider the elements in an FM transmission system. These include the audio processor and limiter, FM exciter, FM transmitter, antenna system, and the FM receiver.

The audio processor and limiter will be examined first. It should exhibit flat frequency response if desired, low harmonic distortion and intermodulation distortion. symmetrical clipping, fast peak response, and low residual noise output. Its purpose is to provide a high average level of modulation without causing overmodulation, that is, the lowest possible signal should be attainable without frequent peaks of modulation which could cause an FCC rule violation. This is sometimes rather difficult to achieve technically. We must provide in a stereo broadcast, low pass filtering with a sharp cut-off on the limiter output in order to prevent high harmonic distortion, as well as achieving linear phase within the passband. These two requirements

are coupled with the flat amplitude response we desire.

If we achieve these goals, one result is overshoot, caused by one or more mechanisms. Overshoot may be seen as either frequent or infrequent flashing of the peak lamp on the FM modulation monitor, depending on the type of program material. It is heard as a "ch" sound on the trailing edge of a cymbal crash. Overshoot occurs because of the audio input low pass filter. Two such waveforms which cause overshoot are: a square wave audio input; and a sine wave audio input which changes to a gaussian step.

The first type of overshoot occurs as a result of the elimination of higher-order terms in the frequency domain for the square wave. The output waveform thus, will not be a faithful reproduction of the input, instead, causing a momentary peak of greater amplitude than the steady-state limiter output. The second type of overshoot occurs as the result of non-linear phase of the filter in the pass band. If a phase

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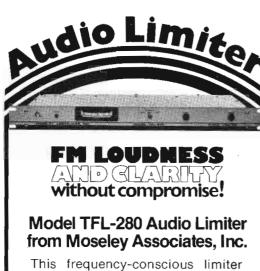
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delay compensation network is utilized, the situation can be improved. This all-pass network makes the time delay of the system more constant, with respect to the input frequency, by adding delays at the proper frequencies. The amplitude response, however, also must be flat out to the high end of the audio range. If both these requirements are not satisfied, both the output gain and group delay will change with frequency, causing distortion of the FM baseband signal.

These distortion products will not cause overmodulation if the peak (as well as average) FM exciter input level is reduced. This can sometimes cause a significant reduction in overall loudness, which is not our objective.

We also recognize that a square wave into a LPF at 5 to 6 kHz results in overmodulation. phase and amplitude response of the LPF are the cause of the overmodulation.

The FM exciter should be able to handle an audio input signal with a high average level of modulation, and preserve the input's low distortion and insure superior separation and crosstalk. This is difficult to accomplish if bandpass filters are present in the exciter. These again must exhibit linear phase and amplitude response in the passband.

The transmitter must then be transparent to the clean signal from the exciter, and not further bandlimit or distort the baseband signal in any way. The transmitter output tank should not cause significant amplitude or phase distortion.

The FM antenna must be tuned such that it will provide a uniform impedance load as seen by the transmitter over the entire bandwidth of the FM signal.

Having given cursory treatment to the broadcast facility, let's turn our attention to the receiver.

What governs the audio signal output of a fully quieted FM receiver? The deviation of the carrier which constrained to be 75 kHz by the FCC. Then it only remains that we need to increase the modulation (deviation) to increase "loudness". Modulation increases due to solving the overshoot problems, improved audio processing, or any other means will increase loudness.

Can you increase coverage? The answer is yes. We at Harris BPD do not venture, yet, how to increase your average FM deviation. Let us, however, demonstrate the impact modulation improvement might have. I am going to assume that a majority of broadcasters are stereo. We all realize that going stereo to mono will impact coverage. What we do predict is the following.

### Mono Receivers

Monophonic receivers comprise a substantial part of the available receivers in a given market. If we examine a "typical" receiver characteristic we could plot coverage as shown. As can be seen, for 30 dB quieting a "noisy but usable" reception gap exists. If we consider the effects of a real transmission, then the increase is as shown in this figure. As can be seen, a possible 1.3 area increase in mono receivers is predicted. Our premise is this: if we can increase modulation and turn these noisy receivers into "listenable" receivers, we have increased coverage.

## Stereo Receivers

Due to the nature of receiving stereophonic broadcast, a large area of "noisy but usable" stereo receivers are opened. This is shown theoretically in this figure. The effects of a real transmission are shown in this figure.

Again, our premise is that if we can increase modulation and turn these "noisy" receivers into "listen-able" receivers we have increased coverage.

## Summary

In FM, it can be shown that increase in modulation will increase "loudness". There are ways to increase modulation.

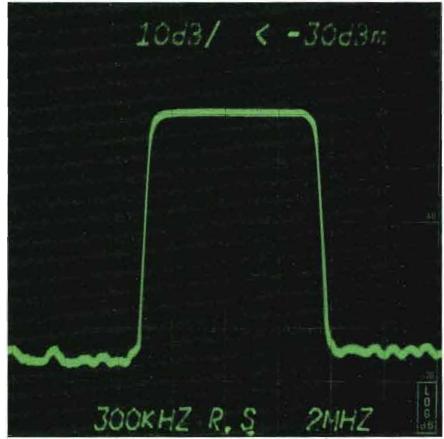
The possible increase in mono FM receiver coverage is not substantial. The possible increase in stereo receiver coverage is substantial. 

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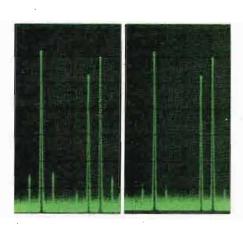
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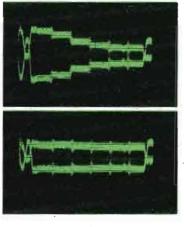
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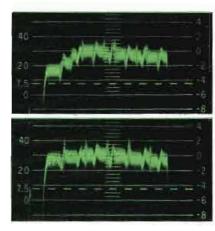
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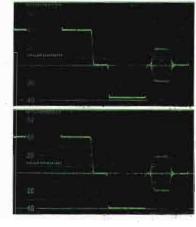
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As any FM engineer who has labored to attain a satisfactory mating between signal processor and stereo generator knows, things are not always what they appear to be. Carefully adjusted systems often produce strange and unexplained peaks that tickle the peak flasher into luminous revolt and force the responsible engineer to lower the limiter output level to allow enough elbow room for these errant peaks.

It used to be common practice to blame the limiter for "letting a few peaks through" but these days most of us realize that the answer is not quite that simple, as there is another gremlin at work...the overshoot.

While some FM engineers have toyed with eliminating and/or repositioning filters and 75  $\mu$ sec. networks in existing equipment to minimize the problem, it is one that does not lend itself to any easy solutions because of the number of variables involved. The Orban Optimod is a good example of a systems approach to optimum modulation control. In one compact unit, the Optimod is a complete signal processor and a stereo generator complete with low overshoot filters.

Since the audio processing and stereo are designed as a system, the engineering folks at Orban are able to obtain the best balance between average level, fidelity and modulation control.

If you have been considering spilling the viscera of your limiter onto the shop table in an effort to duplicate the Orban scheme of things, don't bother. I doubt that you could duplicate the Optimod for what they sell it for, and as you'll see from our description of the circuitry, the limiter and stereo generator are specifically designed to complement each other.

Our investigation of the Optimod consisted of three phases. First, we obtained enough data from the manufacturer to get a clear picture of how the unit is supposed to work. Next, we ran our own lab tests to spot check the factory specs. Then, as a final test we used the Orban on the air under actual broadcast conditions.

### How It Does What It Does

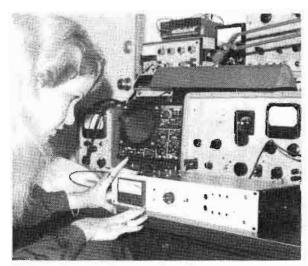
At this stage of the game, it would be helpful to take a look at the simplified block diagram of the Optimod in Figure 1. When we say simplified, we really mean simplified. As you can imagine, it takes quite a bit of electronic hardware to do what those little blocks call for.

Audio enters the unit at a rear panel terminal strip, and is then routed through a series of isolation pads and RF filters; an apropos welcome for audio that's been cohabitating with transmitters. The next section of circuitry provides a high-pass filter, active of course, that rolls off subaudible components below 30 Hz.

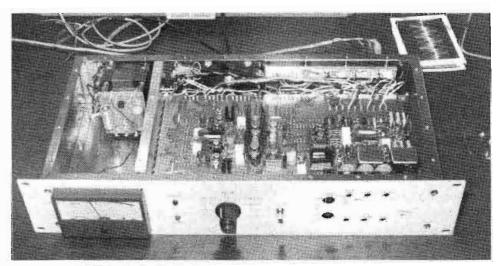
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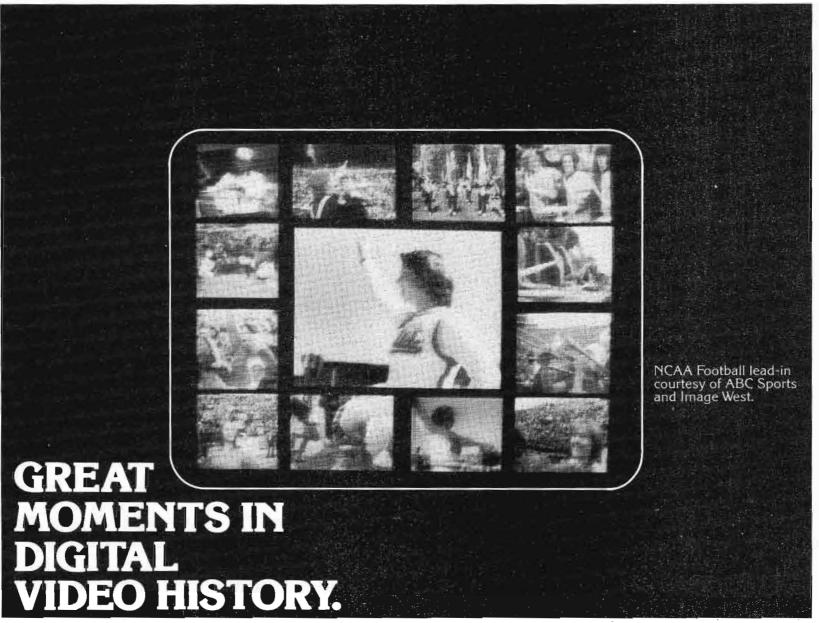
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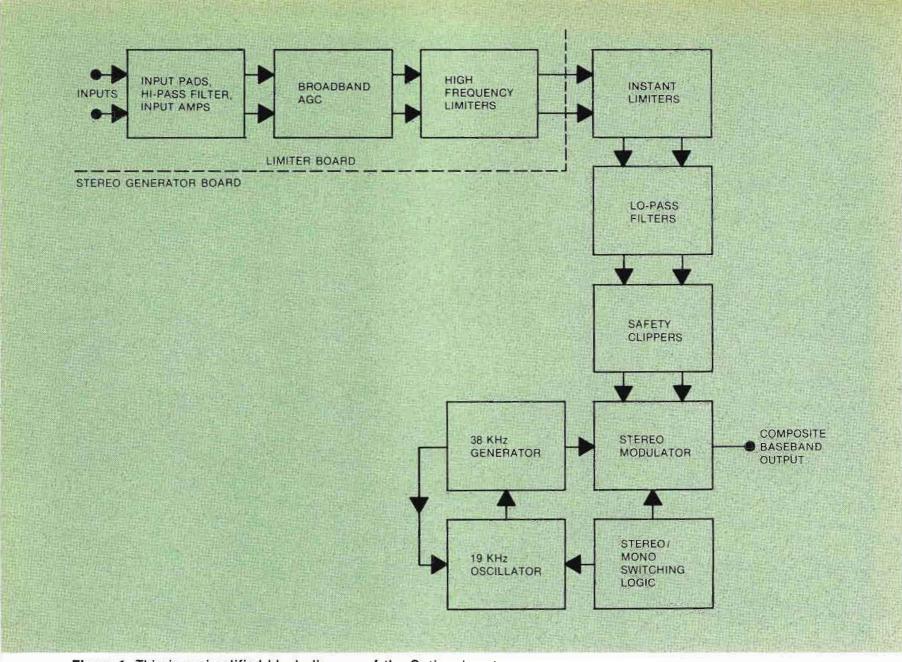


Figure 1. This is a simplified block diagram of the Optimod system.

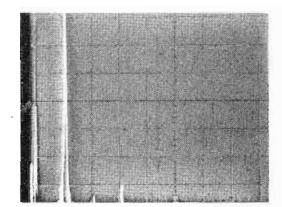


Figure 2. Harmonic distortion at 1 kHz without de-emphasis. Corrected for 75  $\mu$ sec curve, 0.014%. (Scale is 10 dB and 1 kHz/div.)

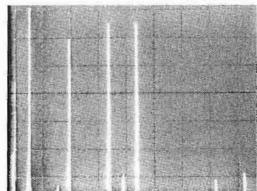


Figure 3. Composite output with 5 kHz left only audio input. Scale here is 10 dB and 10 kHz/div. 38 kHz is suppressed about 55 dB in this photo.

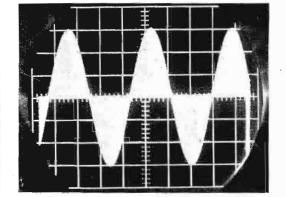


Figure 4. Composite output with left only input and 19 kHz pilot removed. Note the flat baseline. The unit was tested as shipped, and no adjustments were made. When this view was expanded, it showed better than 50 dB separation.

### The Orban Optimod

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The Optimod's designers have determined that 10 dB of compression is optimum for broadcast, as any further squashing produces very little increase in average level. The Optimod's processing circuits, therefore, have been designed to provide the least audible control of the input signal up to 15 dB of compression. If this value is ex-

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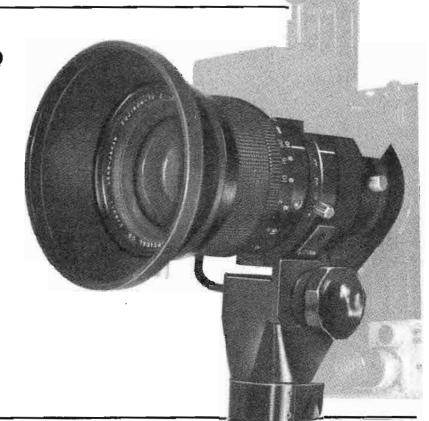
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### The Orban Optimod

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applied to the signal as levels and frequencies demand. The parameters of the high frequency limiters, like the broadband AGC, were based on hundreds of hours of listening tests to obtain the least audible action, and as we saw later in the listening tests (or should we say heard) the high frequency response is amazing considering the average level attained.

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After final limiting by a safety clipper circuit to remove any slight overshoot that might occur, the audio is now fed into the stereo generator which uses a "Gilbert linearized" transductance multiplier.

In the final test data that accompanied the Optimod that we used for the tests, the factory noted that a Tektronix 5LAN Spectrum Analyzer had been used for the tests. Fortunately, we had the same instrument on hand, which gave us an excellent opportunity to duplicate the manufacturer's test set-up very closely. It would be a very interesting test indeed, as all of the factory's distortion figures were below 0.1 percent with midrange values down near 0.01 percent! The factory tests were made in the normal operating mode with 5 dB of gain reduction, conditions which we duplicated for our spot checks.

Our test results, which are re-

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corded photographically in Figure 2, showed 0.014 percent harmonic distortion at 1 kHz when the ratio of the harmonics to the fundamental were corrected for standard 75 µsec. de-emphasis; exactly what the factory test sheet said and very close to the residual distortion of our signal source.

While we could have run our audio generator through a 1 kHz tuned circuit to remove its harmonic content, it seems a moot point when you're looking at figures in the 0.01 percent range. The output, by the way, was sampled at the composite output of the Optimod, so these figures are for the whole system, stereo generator included.

Figure 3 is a look at the composite output with a 5 kHz left channel input signal. Once again, correcting for de-emphasis, the audio harmonics can be seen down there well below 0.1 percent. 38 kHz suppression can be seen exceeding 50 dB, 76 kHz not visible at all and 76 kHz sidebands down about 70 dB. Frequency response was checked using the Low Frequency Spectrum Analyzer in conjunction with its tracking generator, and it was within a fraction of a dB from 50 to 15,000 Hz.

Stereo separation was found to be 56 dB at 400 Hz with the factory data showing 50 dB or less and 50 dB at 15 kHz, which equaled the factory data exactly. Figure 4 shows the composite output with the pilot off. Note the flat baseline. The factory said that the pilot frequency was -.48 Hz from the ideal 19,000 and we measured -.50 with our counter.

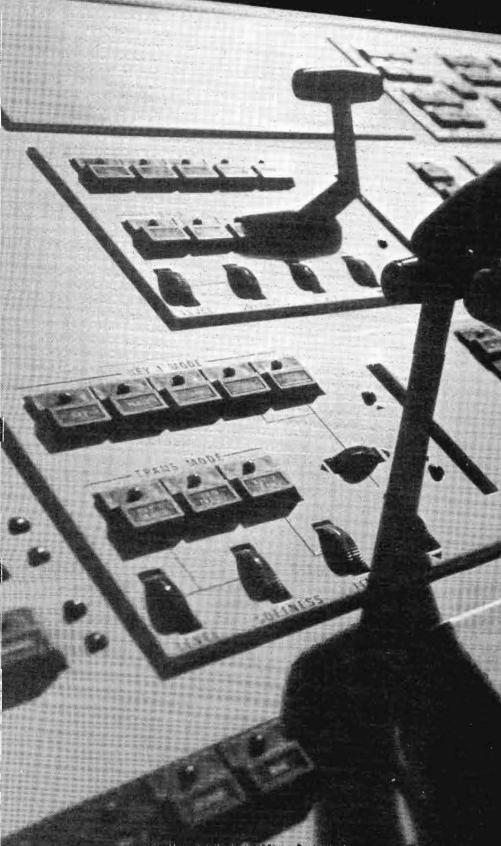
All in all, the Optimod really did live up to its specs. We were anxious to get into the operational part of our review and find out what the unit could do with a program input and what it sounded like on the air connected to a typical transmission system.

For the actual operational checks we were interested in several factors. First of all, how is it built? The unit is a very high density package. It's easy to service, though, because of the way it's laid out. What you can't see from the

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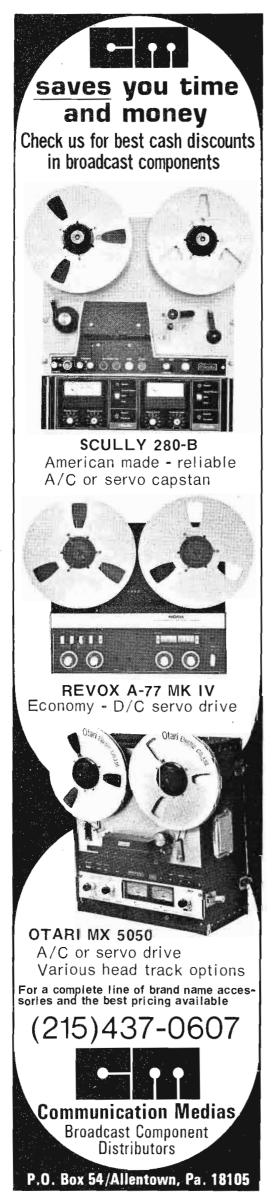
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photo is the quality of components. Many parts are military grade and important adjustments like the composite output control are multiturn pots. The inputs are very well shielded and filtered against RF.

The front panel meter can be switched to monitor just about anything you might want to monitor, including audio input levels and gain reduction. At proof time the test switch defeats all limiters and controls and provides up to 10 dB of headroom so that a proof can be accomplished without re-adjusting the output levels. A front panel release time control provides the user with some degree of control over the control characteristics but not so much range that you could really make it sound bad.

If the input levels are adjusted so that the meter reads normal deflection to full scale with a program input, an average of about 8 to 10 dB of gain reduction will be taking place, a value that the Orban people have found to produce an optimum balance between dynamic range and average modulation level.

The user is free to tailor his own sound, however, by experimenting with different combinations of input levels and release times. An engineer interested in full dynamics and the ultimate in fidelity could operate the unit with lower input levels and the slowest release time. On the other hand, an engineer interested in a really high average modulation level at all times would choose normal meter deflection when monitoring the input and a faster recovery time, thus increasing the density of the audio signal.

The Optimod was mated with a Harris FM20 H3 transmitter, chosen because it currently is in wide use and therefore representative of the type of equipment that you're likely to operate the Optimod with. With many rigs, no interface is required, but the TE-3 exciter in the Harris requires a matching unit that is normally used for hooking a composite STL to the modulated oscillator input. The whole installation only takes a few minutes and once on the air, the pilot and composite output level adjustments are a statement of the

obvious.

The first thing that is likely to impress a new user is the lack of peak flasher activity for a given modulation level. If the output is gradually increased until the peaks are just hitting 100 percent, the average level is at 80 to 90 percent and yes, Virginia, there are no overshoots. The next departure from the expected is the high frequency response. Orban recommends not using any other processing gear ahead of the Optimod and so do we. The unit does a fine job all by itself, and any additional devices would only detract from the clean reproduction that it yields.

Even when operated with the input levels 7 or 8 dB below normal so that almost no gain reduction is produced in the broadband AGC, the clever design of the high frequency limiters allowed an unusually high average level with extremely good fidelity. The input source levels do, of course, have to be rather well-controlled when operating in this mode, but that is usually not too difficult with automated tape systems. Most stations would probably want to use the unit with normal input settings to take advantage of its automatic leveling and to gain an optimum average modulation level.

Next, an H.P. 8558 High Frequency Spectrum Analyzer was set up to measure the occupied bandwidth. Our test unit was fed easy listening program material, which is not notorious for causing modulation problems. We also checked a rock station in town that has an Optimod and in both cases we found the sides to be well within FCC limits.

The Optimod comes to its new home with a very comprehensive instruction manual and lots of explanation about how it works for the guy who wants to plan his own customized adjustments. At the same time it's simple enough to install and set up so that less adventurous persons can be assured of a good sound with a minimum of tweeking.

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Table 2 TRUTH TABLE FOR OPERATOR AND

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### DIGITAL TROUBLESHOOTING

By Harold Ennes

removing an IC.

A logic gate is a black box that has an output dependent upon inputs for the particular type of logic to be performed. We will be concerned at this time only with DTL (diode-transistor logic) and TTL (transistor-to-transistor logic). Other "families" may use different voltage ranges. The 7400-series is TTL.

Signal levels are specified as either HIGH or LOW by boolean

notation. This simply means that a "high" is a 1, and a "low" is a 0. Study Table 1 and you will see the actual voltage ranges as indicated by two basic types of logic probes. The DC (V<sub>cc</sub>) applied to the chip is normally +5 volts. When you use your scope, it should be operated on DC input, with ground level established.

#### The AND Operation

Figure 1 shows the pin number notation and block diagram of the

four individual AND circuits in the SN 7408 chip. We will use only one gate; pins 1 and 2 are the inputs, and pin 3 is the output. Note that pin 14 goes to +5 and pin 7 goes to ground. This must be established in all of the following operations; the +5 and ground is assumed connected.

Table 2 reviews for you the AND operation (truth table). Note that it very simply says that both inputs must be HIGH to obtain an output (HIGH). Zero is no output.

You normally will not be concerned with the internal schematic of a chip. A single chip can replace a fantastic number of transistors and resistors and other components. However, we will present Figure 2 which shows the equivalent schematic of just one gate in the 7408 chip, so that some of the following measurements will "make sense."

To measure DC voltage, use either the DC scope (calibrated) or the digital voltmeter.

#### Follow Through

STEP 1. See Figure 3A. With all pins open (except the +5 and ground pins), you will measure about +1.6 volts on pins 1 and 2, and about +4 volts on pin 3. All other input pins (4, 5, 9, 10, 12 and 13) will measure about +1.6 volts. All other outputs (pins 6, 8 and 11)

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Figure 1. The SN7408 quad two-input AND gate. The pin numbers are related to

a top view of the chip. Caution: Always remove the voltage when inserting or

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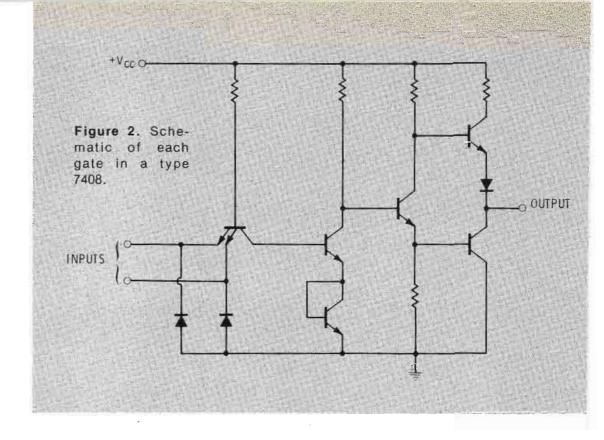
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will measure about +4 volts.

Look at the circuit of Figure 2 and you will see why these voltages exist, particularly in the input circuit. (The "totem-pole" output circuit will be discussed in Part 4). With both input pins floating, the dual-emitter input transistor is not conducting, and you will measure about +1.6 volts at the emitters from the  $+V_{cc}$  on the base. As you know from the truth table, if both inputs are positive (high or boolean

1) the output will be high. If **either** input is grounded (or less than +0.7 volt), the output will be low.

Several rules can now be established. Since the output is HIGH, open input pins are interpreted as a high level. Also, you will note that the output is +4 volts, or about 80 percent (or slightly less) of  $V_{cc}$ . Rule—If the output is +5 volts, you can be sure it is shorted to  $V_{cc}$  either internally or in the printed wiring. Conversely, if the output measures ground or 0, (with input pins greater than +2.4 v) you can be sure it is shorted to

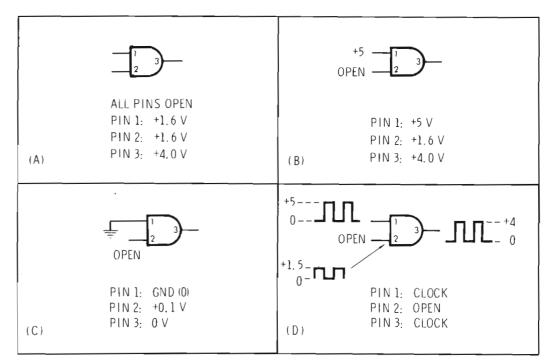


Figure 3.

TYPE SN7408

FIXED: PIN 14: +5 V PIN 7: GROUND

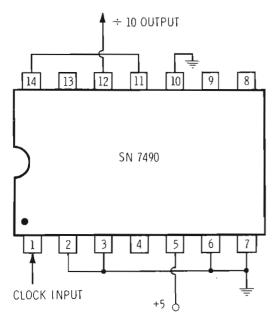


Figure 4. Connection of the SN7490 as a divide-by-ten operation.

ground either internally or externally (in the printed wiring or any connected component).

**STEP 2.** Now apply +5 to pin 1 leaving pin 2 open. (Figure 3B). You will still measure the +1.6volts on pin 2, and +4 volts on pin 3. This again says that the open pin is interpreted as a high level. Note that this level is actually a bad level as indicated in Table 1. To insure that pin 2 is at boolean 0, this level must be under about +0.7 v (Table 1).

STEP 3. Now ground pin 1 (Figure 3C). Since the input transistor in Figure 2 is now conducting, pin 2 drops to about +0.1 volt. Since both inputs are now low, the output (pin 3) measures essentially 0 volts. Also, even if you apply +5to pin 2 (with pin 1 grounded) the output would still be 0 volts because both inputs must be high to get an output. Try it.

STEP 4. Apply the clock waveform to pin 1 and leave pin 2 open (Figure 3D). The clock pulse usually switches between ground and +5volts. In steps 2 and 3 (Figures 3B and 3C) you should note that pin 2 changed from +1.6v in (B) to +0.1vin (C). This was done by simply changing pin 1 from +5 to ground. Since the clock waveform is just a switch between ground and +5, you would expect a 1.6-0.1 = 1.5 volt waveform at pin 2. This is just what you will observe at pin 2 on your scope. The output (pin 3) will now switch between ground and about +4 volts. Again, note that open pin

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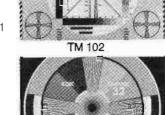
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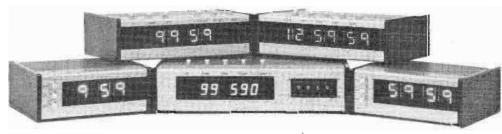
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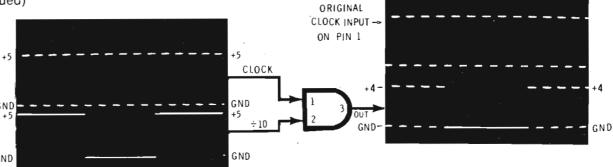
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Figure 5. The clock input on pin 1 is gated by the divide-by-ten waveform on pin 2.



2 is interpreted as a high level, and the output will depend strictly on the pin 1 input level.

### Why It's Called A Gate

If, in Figure 3D, you ground pin 2, no clock pulse will appear at the output. This agrees with the truth table. The IC therefore can be called a **gate**; it is open when pin 2 is high (or even a "bad level") to allow clock pulses to pass through; it is closed to the clock pulses if pin 2 is low (below 0.7v).

STEP 5. Connect your SN7490 as a divide-by-ten counter as indicated by Figure 4. Leave this connected

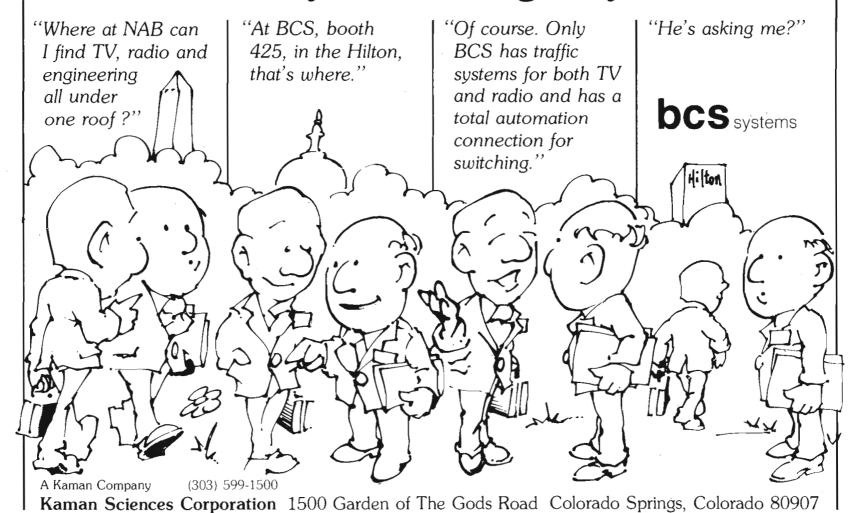
on your board as it will be used later. The output should be as indicated to pin 2 of Figure 5. Note that there is one cycle (a positive and a negative pulse) for every ten clock pulses. Thus the duration of the divide-by-ten pulse is positive over a 5-pulse clock period, and negative over the alternate 5-pulse clock. Note: there are actually 10 clock cycles in each period of the divided pulse, but in digital parlance, we assign a "1" to a positive level and a "0" to a low level. So there are five "ones" in each period. In electronic parlance, a "1" is a pulse, a "0" is no pulse.

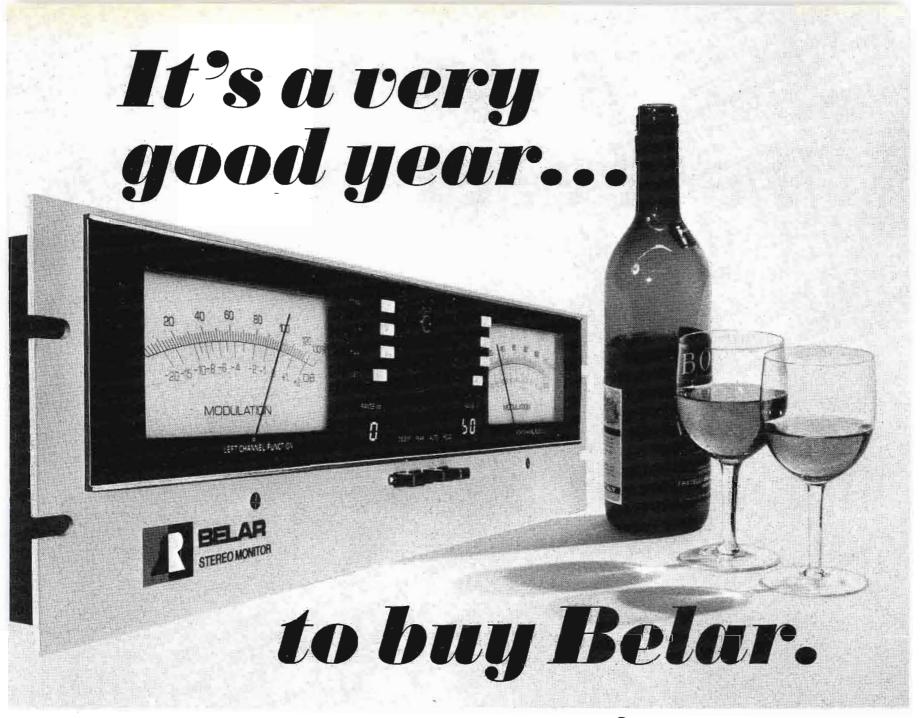
STEP 6. As in Figure 5, apply

the clock pulse to pin 1 and the divided clock pulse to pin 2. The output at pin 3 shows the **gating characteristic** of the AND circuit. When the divided pulse is positive, the clock pulses are passed (gate is open). When the divided pulse is ground, the gate is closed and no clock pulses are passed. Again, this agrees with the truth table for the operator AND.

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## SMPTE Handles The Hot Issues By Joe Roizen

It would be hard to say if the unqualified success of the recent Winter Conference was due to the highly topical nature of its three themes (Beyond ENG, Digital Television, One-Inch VTR's), or simply because the seasonably comfortable climate indigenous to San Francisco attracted so many members away from the Arctic fallout that enveloped everything east of the Rockies.

Whatever the reason, and it may have been a combination of the two, Charles Anderson, conference chairman, reported that over 950 attendees, of whom there were over 750 paying registrants, not only provided SRO audiences for the technical sessions and gratified the more than 30 exhibitors on hand, but also swelled the cash and membership registers of the Society.

The technical sessions were divided into orderly progressions which on the first day worked their way through a series of papers related to the future role of ENG equipment in non-news gathering applications. At the end of these papers, a panel was convened to generate a dialogue between manufacturers, users, and the audience on the important question of the new one-inch helical video tape recorders being offered to broadcasters as alternate or replacement machines for quadruplex VTR's.

On the following day a similar range of papers of consecutively increasing complexity covered the major aspects of digital television in a manner that catered to both the neophyte and expert in this burgeoning field.

The importance of this conference was manifest in the very wide range of attendees from all over North America and several foreign countries. There were representatives of all major networks in the U.S. and Canada in evidence, the BBC and the IBA sent delegations

and individuals from France, Germany, Sweden, Japan, etc. representing either the national network or major manufacturers, all in all, a good turnout for a technically satisfying and socially gratifying SMPTE event.

#### **Beyond ENG**

The Conference opened with a welcome to the packed hall by Frank Flemming of NBC, the Society's Vice President for Television Affairs. The application of portable ENG equipment and its studio interfacing counterparts to fastbreaking news is sufficiently widespread at the present time to be considered an established form of operation. Credited with spearheading the drive in this direction and having also collected a technical Emmy on behalf of his network for pioneering ENG, it was appropriate that the lead speaker at this session be Joseph Flaherty, Vice President and General Manager of Engineering and Development at CBS.

Flaherty put on a convincing presentation which showed the steady growth of tape-oriented program production as compared with film. In the past three years, according to one of his charts, the split between tape and film has reversed itself, going from a 50/20 ratio in favor of film in 1973 to a 70/30 ratio for tape in 1976. Quoting an article by Ron Whittaker in Broadcast Engineering titled "ENG: TV News Will Never Be The Same, "Flaherty emphasized that the trend toward more electronic coverage is irreversible and insisted there will be a commensurate growth in other areas of TV production that will take advantage of these new portable television gadgets to further diminish film usage.

Flaherty divided the "Beyond

ENG" applications into two categories; local and national. On the local scene he predicted the ENG gear will also be used by enterprising stations and independent producers to shoot documentaries, do community-oriented programming, and produce low budget commercials for spot clients. On the national front, the same gender of equipment for perhaps the more expensive versions will also be used for documentaries, on-location commercials, and general entertainment programs that require field acquisition material. Some examples of this kind of programming were shown to the audience and certainly proved the points being made by the speaker.

Perhaps the most impressive demonstration by Flaherty was in the domain of the application of one-inch helical VTR's to originate program production of sitcom-type weekly shows now shot on film. CBS experimented with the currently popular Bob Newhart and Phyllis shows which are done on 35 mm color film. For this experiment the setup included parallel 35 mm movie cameras, Thomson-CSF 1515 triaxial studio cameras and Thomson Labs Microcams.

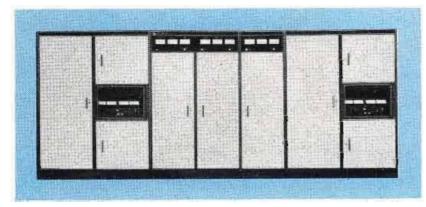
Consecutive sequences of the same images made by each of the three camera setups were replayed from Sony BVH 1000 recorders and there was virtually no visible differences on the color monitor screens between the three different originations. Both electronic cameras showed slightly higher chroma saturation than the film take, and high contrast exterior scenes with vertical fine detail (a second story bannister on a street scene) exhibited some moire or strobing typical of TV cameras, and similar to what we often see when Johnny Carson wears one of his pinstripe jackets for his monologue.

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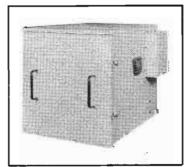
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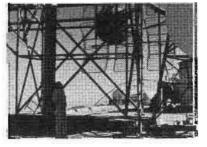


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To prove the editing and multigeneration capability of the Sony BVH 1000, Flaherty ran a program tape of a brightly lit scene involving a musical number and speculars from reflecting instruments. The second generation was excellent and looked like a good quad reproduction. Surprisingly, the 12th generation shown right after was also an acceptable broadcast quality on a subjective evaluation basis. Flaherty assured his audience that these tests were rigorously made, with the multiple generations produced on a machine interchange basis, thus verifying the compatibility of the one-inch format on a multiple machine arrangement.

Perhaps the most significant comment by the CBS Engineering Vice President as far as future television production is concerned, was his statement that upon ratification by IATSE, CBS will provide Sony recorders to production houses that do some of the network's outside programs. The program tapes in the one-inch format can then be

post-production edited either by transfer to quads or on other BVH 1000s equipped with editing accessories. The distribution copy of the master program tape can then be made from the Sony format to whatever is necessary for the recipient TV network or independent studio.

Dr. Boris Townsend of the Independent Broadcasting Authority in the U.K. (the commercial network) was both witty and informative about the progress of ENG in Great Britain. His message was that, while they are beginning to experiment with portable equipment, these techniques are hampered somewhat in England by the fact that the PAL color system demands better portable VTR's than NTSC does. This is due to the wider bandwidth (5 MHz and higher color subcarrier (4.43 MHz). Nevertheless, Dr. Townsend felt the spread of ENG overseas will parallel that which has occurred in the USA as the proper equipment is developed.

A following paper by Uno Nilsson of Swedish Broadcasting reflected some of the previous speakers' remarks in its description of some ELD experiments that proved disappointing as far as picture quality was concerned.

C. Robert (Bob) Paulson gave a humanistically oriented review of the "people problems" that a technological revolution spawns. Beyond ENG teheniques also require special skills, Paulson cautioned, and the professional societies such as the SMPTE must be prepared to provide these so that their members who work in the TV industry are not made obsolete by all the shiny new and unfamiliar gadgets. To sum it up, Paulson said technological revolutions terminate needs for existing skills and abruptly demand instantaneous new skills. His concepts of technical unemployment were frightening enough to warrant serious attention.

Both Isaac Hersly of ABC and Al Hillstrom of KOOL in Phoenix made presentations that involved U-Matic cassettes illustrating their use of ENG equipment for sports coverage and local commercials. Both exhibited innovative use of this inexpensive and portable camera/VTR combination with results typical of multi-generation



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cassette recordings which leave something to be desired from a picture quality viewpoint. Hillstrom brought the house down when after his introduction (by Lee Marvin of TRI), which included the information that he had recently survived open heart surgery and a rearend collision with a large truck, he stated "Good morning, Ladies and gentlemen, I am really glad to be here today!" What was most notable in the Hillstrom paper was some statistics. In 1970 a single PCP 90 covered a few stories. By 1974, two Ikegamis and Sony U-Matics provided 19 stories during that year's elections. The 1976 elections fostered 34 stories and currently the station has two Minicam vans with two GHz microwave and 13 GHz window microwave which lets them go live in minutes. They have Sony equipment including BVU 100s in mobile vehicles, a helicopter and other units at the station. At last count, 13 U-Matics were in use for technical operations and if executive viewers are included, the number jumps to 25.

The afternoon session chaired by

Dave Fibush of Ampex started with an Eastman Kodak paper about a new high-speed news film (7250) and a rapid access processor. Obviously, film isn't going to take all this electronic wizardry lying down.

The following two papers by Nigel Hamley of Keeline Productions in London and Scott Gibbs of KPIX-TV, San Francisco, were poles apart. Hamley described a system for transferring film to the U-Matic cassettes for editing. Using Convergence Corporation joystick editors, he claimed rapid, accurate results using photographic edge numbers to produce the final release print for television or cinemas. Scott Gibbs, an experienced film producer, was given the job of setting up his station's ENG equipment and he found he could do it adequately, but wasn't fully convinced of its supposed superiority over his old medium.

This was the title of the late afternoon panel that kept an audience of over 600 people riveted to their seats. The panel was made up of a star-studded cast of specialists in supposedly adversary positions. On the manufacturers' side, Kiyoshi

Yamakawa of Sony, Henry Zahn of Bosch/Fernseh and Carlos Kennedy of Ampex represented the three non-compatible one-inch formats fabricated by each of their respective companies. Weighing in for the networks were Uno Nilsson of Swedish TV, Boris Townsend from IBA and Marcel Auclair for the CBC.

The interests of the production houses were defended by Blair Benson of Teletronics, Ed Dudkowski, a local independent, and Richard Hill from Consolidated Film Industries. It would be hard to find a better cross section of television tape experts for such a dialogue, and it was ably and vociferously chaired by Jim Lippke, Editor of BME.

The chairman reviewed the dilemma facing the industry today with the introduction at last year's NAB show in Chicago of three incompatible formats whose only major commonality is a tape width of one inch. Each panelist was allowed a statement which tended to support the current posture of their individual organizations. Zahn started the discussion by pointing Continued...

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out that the segmented helical BCN format now offered by four companies (Bosch, RCA, IVC, Philips) had been introduced in Montreux in 1975, that 130 machines were already in operation and orders on hand would raise this number to 350. His comments were reinforced by Hans Groll from the same company who vehemently emphasized that Bosch/Fernseh had wasted over eight million DM (\$3 million) trying to build a single head helical non-segmented VTR (BCR) and had finally abandoned this approach in favor of their current BCN.

Carlos Kennedy of Ampex was equally positive of the validity of their one-inch single head helical format which he said Ampex introduced in 1965 and now have over 30,000 machines out. Their new VPR 1 is in production and deliveries began last month. Kennedy claimed that with the latest VPR 1 design and a technical innovation called AST, Ampex has eliminated all the admitted deficiencies of their older one-inch machines, but retained the format

for compatibility with the huge number of existing products.

Undaunted by his two predecessors, Mr. Yamakawa claimed Sony had developed their one-inch format recently to cater to broadcasters' needs and that the BVH-1000 had inherent advantages lacking in the other two. Among these were fast search editing, straight track geometry, an extra head for the vertical sync interval, and extra audio tracks.

On behalf of the networks, Auclair, Nilsson and Townsend expressed varying degrees of caution about a rapid changeover to a new format, although each admitted they are exhaustively testing all machines as they become available.

The CBC, with 220 quads and an average of 55 to 60 percent of their programming on tape, find these operations expensive and are looking for an alternative. One-inch machines could be the answer, but they don't know which one is the better as yet.

Swedish Broadcasting found the BCN both good and reliable, but they want to see what the operating features of the VPR 1 and BVH 1000 are before they make a

decision in this regard. If they do go to one-inch machines, they will start by replacing aging quads in the regional stations.

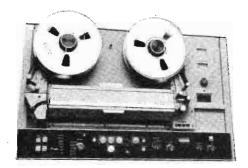
The IBA, according to Townsend, has very rigid technical codes of practice and will need a lot of persuasion that the present fully interchangeable quad one format should be abandoned. He sees the possibility that large British TV centers could afford two formats in house (one and two inch), but the small companies would probably rather stick with the quads they have now.

Dick Hill (CFI) felt his organization merely supplies what the customer wants. The direction in which they will go will be determined by the demand from clients who ask for tapes in specific formats.

Benson of Teletronics echoed Hill's comments on waiting to see what the marketplace wants. Currently, they are converting to Super Hi-Band quad with pilot and high energy tape to maximize present quad quality. Dudkowski pointed out the absurdity of using a \$3K to \$6K U-Matic recorder with a \$30K

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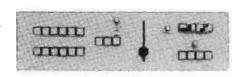
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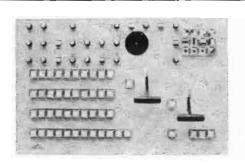
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to \$40K color camera and be saddled with the limited U-Matic picture quality. As an independent producer, he wants a universal, easy to use, high quality format at a reasonable cost. (Ed. Note: Who doesn't?)

It was a lively discussion. However, the biggest surprise of the evening was the revelation that a "white paper" had been presented to the SMPTE on behalf of CBS and ABC that deplored the proliferation of one-inch formats and requested that the Society's VTR standards committee consider a newly proposed format as a compatible compromise between the Ampex and Sony one-inch formats. A precedent for such unusual action took place over seven years ago when the manufacturers of time code generators were starting to build five non-interchangeable code formats. An industry ad hoc group stopped this activity and through the SMPTE and IEC standards committees proposed and ratified a standard 80 bit address code that is now universally accepted and used.

Perhaps to avoid favoring either Sony or Ampex, the parameters and track geometry of the proposed non-segmented format in the "white paper" is different from either manufacturer's current format.

This topic was not expected to attract as large an audience as "Beyond ENG" because it is a very specialized technology at present. Nevertheless, the opening session ably chaired by William H. Orr of CMX Systems had a packed hall and standees at the rear. Joe Roizen, the program chairman, gave a short pictorial review of the current status of digital television with examples of most recent applications.

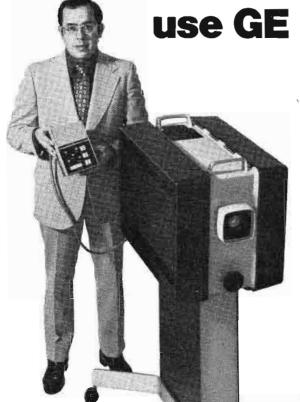
Likening present digital TV to the tip of an iceberg with the bulk of its future still shrouded below the surface, he predicted an increasing penetration of this technology until TV studios and production houses will be so digitized, the only analog devices left will be the people telling the computers what to do.

Roizen stated that four European countries now have "Magazine of the Air" transmissions using digital signals inserted in unused lines of the vertical interval. He showed off-screen color images made in the U.K. of the BBC's Ceefax and the IBA's Oracle transmissions which, at the touch of a small keyboard on the home receiver, presented the viewer with alpha numeric (or graphic) news headlines, weather, stock quotations, theatre listings, horoscope readings or the recipe of the day.

Digital conversion and large capacity, solid state memories which can store a field or a frame of TV information have created a variety of very useful digital products that time base stabilize, synchronize and standards translate television signals for a wide variety of purposes. Roizen's illustrations of these applications showed camera-equipped mobiles and helicopters at the Montreal Olympics, RF minicams and the Goodyear Blimp at the Crosby Pro-Am, direct satellite transmissions from the People's Republic of China, all depending on framestore synchronizers and digital television meth-

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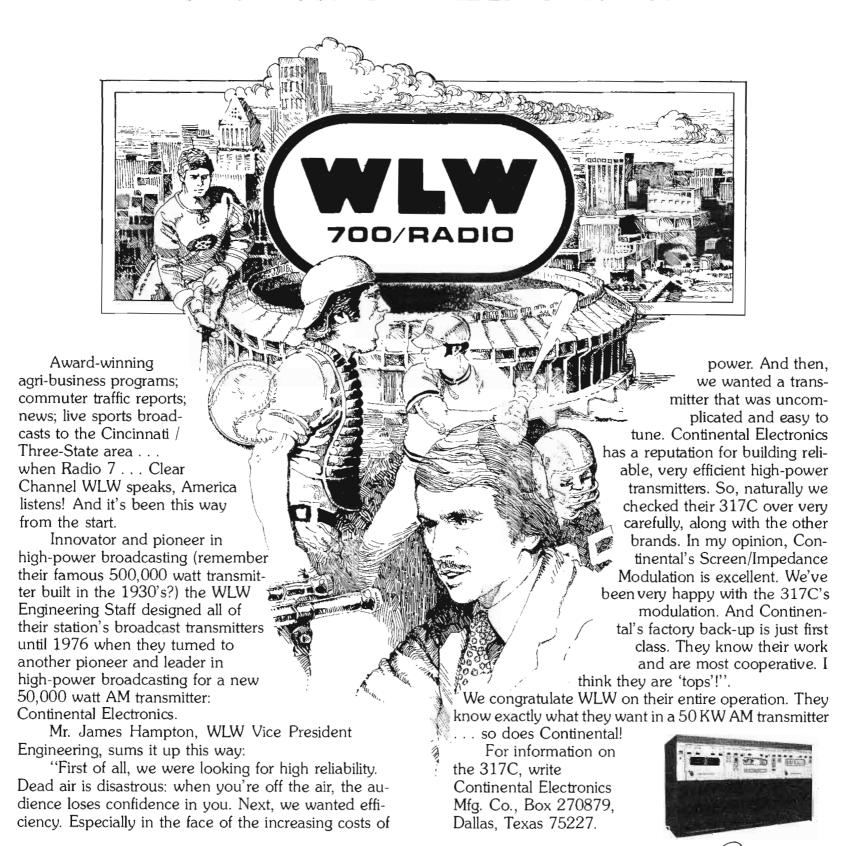
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technical grasp of the subject at hand, the SMPTE had arranged for a reprint handout of a glossary of digital TV terms which was printed in the January, 1977 Journal. In addition, at the suggestion of Bill Hedden, the incoming president of the Society, Frank Davidoff of CBS was specially invited to present an updated version of his tutorial paper on the subject which had been given previously at other SMPTE meetings and considered an invaluable primer in this field.

Walter Kester of Computer Labs gave a comprehensive review of the history of digital television developments and showed graphically the reduction in size, weight and cost of A to D converters. His slides of early converters made 5-10 years ago were by his own admission good boat anchors. However, the latest modularized units are compacted to a few cubic inches and similarly condensed to more affordable prices.

Gene Leonard of System Resources gave what was described by Fred Remley of the University of

Michigan as a "Think Piece" which extrapolated current digital techniques into a TV future full of digitized interactive devices. His most salient point that seems axiomatic in retrospect was directed toward the sudden burgeoning video games field and the future digital takeover of many television applications. Leonard pointed out that for the first time a consumeroriented device would motivate technology toward low-cost components which are directly transferable into the broadcast industry.

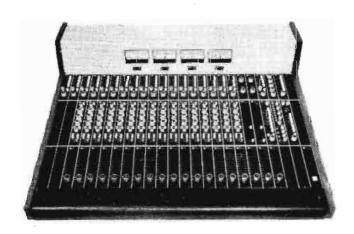
Leonard's exercise in intellectual prognostication gave way to a very different type of pragmatic presentation by Dr. Its'hak Dinstein of Comsat. Dr. Dinstein reviewed his company's efforts to evaluate a variety of digital coding and decoding techniques and categorize the results on the basis of subjective evaluation by qualified observers. Applying numbers to a set of value judgments, viewers were asked to respond to test images reproduced on side-by-side color monitors on which the original scene and its digitized counterpart were visible. Various manipulations

could be performed in the digitized channel with regard to bit rate, signal-to-noise ratio, etc. and the viewer could respond to variations in the test signal. These responses were computer correlated and served as the basis for Dr. Dinstein's charts which he used to verify the importance of various picture parameters toward adequate A to D conversion methods.

The afternoon session, which was well moderated by Louis "Dee" Pourciau of IVC started with a brief review of European digital standardization efforts given by Dr. Townsend of IBA. Because of the widespread use of two color standards in Europe, there is general agreement that it would be desirable to have a single digital sampling rate at four times PAL subcarrier frequency which would cover both. Townsend explained Working Party C of the EBU is indeed working toward this goal and his organization (IBA) and the BBC in the U.K. are supporting such action.

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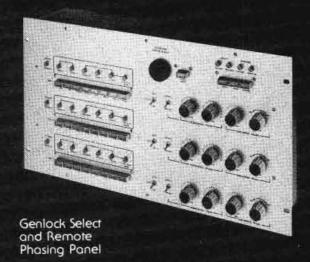


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#### **SMPTE**

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USA that the proliferation of digital television hardware not impose on broadcasters a wide range of differing interface devices which do not easily converse with one another.

A more widespread and contemporary use of digital techniques was described by J. Brian Matley of Micro Consultants, who started his paper with a short historical review of the key dates in framestore synchronizer development.

Matley described the progress made by his company and others in condensing digital field and framestores to manageable sizes with current models being easily transportable for remote applications. The roster of applications he illustrated looked like a "Who's Who" of tape events in television, the Montreal Olympics, both political conventions and the election, the Rose Parade, the Super Bowl and the Crosby Pro-Am being among them.

Matley explained that a framestore synchronizer is in effect an infinite window for a remote television signal, permitting the lockup in perfect phase of any outside signal to any studio source without having to gen lock the studio to the remote. Furthermore, the field memory can freeze on a picture if the incoming video is interrupted or badly deteriorated.

The question of analog versus digital enhancement of video signals was also covered by joint authorship of a paper on this subject. Yves Faroudja of Yves Faroudja, Inc. and Al Swain, a private consultant, individually addressed each side of this question and Faroudja presented their conclusions.

Charles Rhodes of Tektronix surprised the audience with his announcement of a new Codec developed by his firm which is not only extremely compact, but is being offered to digital equipment manufacturers at about half current Codec prices.

Built around this core, Tektronix have put together a video signal testing system that can be used to verify proper performance of every device in the video chain. Rhodes described this digital tester as a rapid means of verifying all of the signal parameters normally inspected with the aid of a waveform monitor and vectorscope. Furthermore, a printout in accordance with FCC logging requirements makes this a truly automatic monitoring system. His claim is that this measurement device which he says would be approximately double the price of a waveform monitor and vectorscope combination greatly simplify the proof of performance needs of any TV plant by providing a fast, accurate hard copy readout of the necessary signal parameters. If there was any doubt about the need of such a sophisticated video test tool, it was dispersed by the reaction of two audience members, Marcel Auclair of the CBC and John Lowry of Digital Video, who offered to buy serial numbers one and two.

Luigi Gallo of Ampex provided an insight into the design details of Continued...



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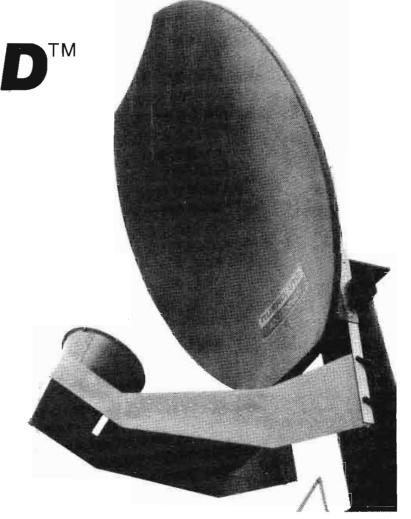
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Charles Ginsburg of Ampex completed the day's paper roster with a review of the work of the SMPTE's digital standardization committee. First, he explained the problems being generated by an uncoordinated development of a variety of "black boxes" that perform Codec functions. As a result a number of separate devices in the video signal path may repeatedly digitize the signal, causing a detrimental cascade effect. As an example, he described the case of multiple VTR's with their own

internal digital circuits and outside time base correctors using wide window digital methods. Add to this the need for framestore synchronization and standards translation over a digital converter and it would be easy to accumulate six or seven sequential Codecs which process the signal.

As the mounting din of packing crates being hammered shut in the adjacent exhibit area permeated the lecture hall, Joe Roizen gave a short summary of the day's activities which included an expression of the Society's gratitude to the speakers and moderators for their contributions and to the membership for their attendance and support. On the question of speedy standardization of digital devices, he repeated an anecdote that Howard Steele, Director of Engineering of IBA, used in relation to the same question being raised at an EBU plenary session in Oslo last April. An Irishman being asked by an English friend if there is a word in the Irish language equivalent to the Spanish "mañana," replied that there are indeed several, but none with the same urgency!



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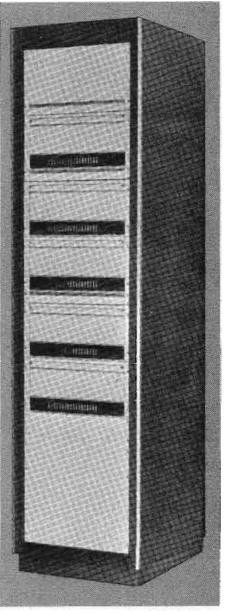
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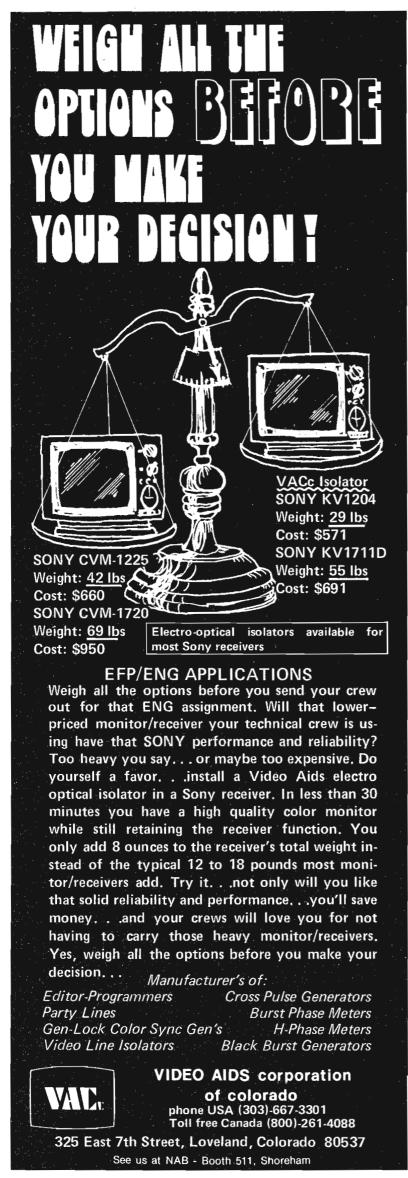
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### PEUPLE IN THE NEWS

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**Arthur Constantine** will be responsible for the total marketing of Fidelipac® NAB Tape cartridges and accessories both domestically and internationally as Sales Manager of Fidelipac....Thomas F. Rossiter has joined Sharp Electronics Corporation as Manager, National Service Administration.

The Board of Directors of Richmond Hill Laboratories announces the appointment of Fred W. Huffman as President and Chief Executive....Wayne Freeman will handle the sales management for BGW's professional and consumer lines in his new position as National Sales Manager.

Arthur A. Silver joins CCA Electronics as Sales Vice President....Robert D. Sidwell has been appointed Vice President at CCA....Leroy Wallace rejoins CCA as Director of Television Products.

Don James has joined A. F. Associates as the Western Regional Sales Manager....Frank J. Haney joins A. F. as Systems Project Manager...Mort Russin has been appointed Vice-President for Sales and Marketing of Ikegami Electronics.

Central Dynamics announces the following staff changes and additions: Howard Shephard appointed Vice President and Director of North American Marketing....Robert Faulkner appointed Vice President and General Manager....Davisson Spindle joins as Midwest Regional Manager....Kimi Akiyama named Field Engineering Supervisor....Kal Hassan named Field Engineer.

Donald V. Kleffman has been promoted to Vice President-General Manager of the audio-video systems division of Ampex Corporation....Steve Rand has been appointed Vice President and General Manager of Superscope, Inc.'s wholly-owned subsidiary, Superscope Canada, Ltd.

Howard Webster Town, 47, prominent in the television broadcasting industry for 20 years, died at his home in Redwood City, California, November 21. At the time of his death, Town was Audio Engineering Section Manager for Ampex Corporation. As Director of Engineering, WTTW, Chicago, Town was instrumental in installing WTTW's television transmitting station on the Sears Tower, the world's tallest building. Town was a charter member of the Executive Board of the Society of Broadcast Engineers, the American Standards Association, chairman of the National Educational Television Engineering Committee, a member of the Michigan ETV Engineering Committee and the American Technical Committee of the European Broadcasting Union.

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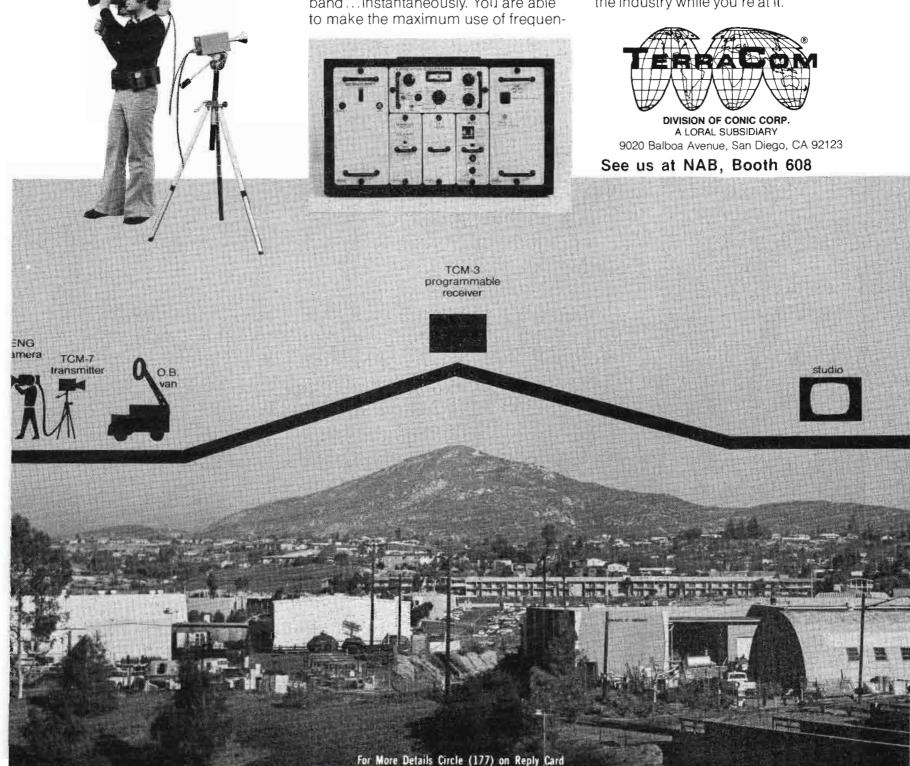
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#### People

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Donald R. Beall, president of Electronics Operations of Rockwell International, has announced the appointment of four new presidents in that organization. They are: C. I. Rice appointed President of Collins Avionics Division....G. W. Sullivan named President of Collins Commercial Telecommunications Division....D. J. Yockey appointed President of Collins Government Telecommunications Division....T. A. Campobasso named President of a newly-established Electronics International Operations.

Yoichi (Joe) Shimada is filling the position of Sales Manager of the Professional Motion Picture Products Division of Canon U.S.A.....Shimada fills the vacancy created by the return to Japan of Yasuji Asai, who recently completed his tour of duty in the United States.

Dan Roady has been promoted to Director of Engineering at CMX Systems, Inc., a division of Orrox Corporation....Larry E. Zaiser has moved to Automation Electronics, Inc. as President....Louis G. Donato is now filling the new post of Director, Video and Audio Services at RCA American Communication, Inc.

Martin Dunn has been appointed Vice-President, Industrial Sales at GBC Closed Circuit TV Corporation....Allen H. Ecker will be responsible for the administration of all corporate research and development projects on new products in his new position as Director of Research for Scientific-Atlanta, Inc.

Vic Paulsen retired from KSFO radio, San Francisco, on January 1, 1977. He had been an engineer at KSFO for 22 years....Alexander H. MacDonald was appointed Assistant Chief Engineer at WNEW-TV, New York.

Steven Russell Messer is now Station Chief Engineer of Standard Broadcast Station WAMM-AM, Flint, Michigan....Bill Wilson is the new Executive News Producer at WRTV, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Joseph J. Kilcullen, 53, Vice President and General Manager of WICZ-TV, Binghamton, New York, died January 12. Kilcullen was formerly Sales Manager of WGBI-AM-FM-TV, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and had been associated with Consolidated Molded Products Corporation before joining WICZ-TV, a division of Stainless Broadcasting Company.

Robert W. Peters has recently been appointed Manager of Corporate Market Research and Product Planning at Orrox Corporation....Henry J. Maynard has joined Dynair Electronics as Vice President, Engineering.

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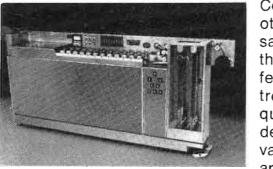
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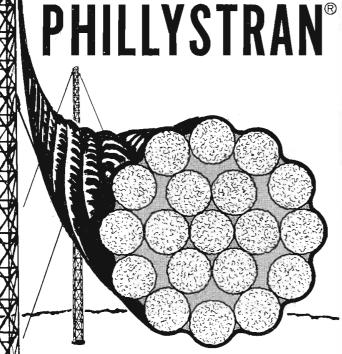


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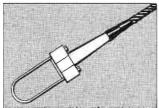
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If you need certification application forms in a hurry, scout up your June, 1976 issue of Broadcast Engineering. The certification article written by Ron Merrell includes a set of application forms.

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### NAB Asks For Monthly News

National Association of Broadcasters President Vincent T. Wasilewski, in a letter to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Richard E. Wiley, suggested that the FCC mail each month to all broadcast licensees, the text of new and amended FCC rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of broadcast stations.

Wasilewski said that one of the difficulties encountered by many licensees in keeping abreast of changes in FCC rules is the long delay in receiving revised regulations from the Government Printing Office. It is not unusual for notice to come six to eight months after the rules have become effective.

The NAB President suggested that the Commission include in the mailing a copy of Public Notices explaining changes in FCC rules and policies. In addition he recommended that the Commission institute a monthly newsletter consisting of brief summaries of Commission broadcast actions.

The Commission might provide a valuable information service, Wasilewski's letter continued, with a minimum of expense and effort. This would result in more efficient use of FCC staff time since there would be fewer inquiries and misunderstandings concerning current Commission policies. This would convince licensees that the Commission means business and is working for a more personalized and meaningful regulatory approach designed to better solve a licensee's problems and thereby provide an improved broadcast service to the public.

### **NAB Exhibits**

The National Association of Broadcasters has announced that 203 associate members will exhibit their products during the Association's 55th annual convention in Washington, March 27-30. In addition, one national association will maintain an exhibit booth.



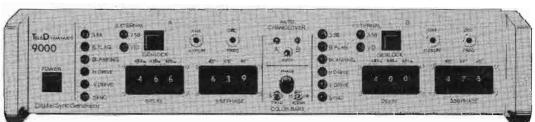
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### The First Exams

The first set of examinations for Associate, Broadcast, and Senior Broadcast Engineers will be given on or about June 15, 1977. The exams are scheduled to be held at most of the SBE chapters, if there is sufficient demand. Exact exam dates and locations will be announced.

The following locations are tentatively scheduled to be the testing

sites: Binghamton, New York; Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Topeka, Kansas; Atlanta, Georgia; Phoenix, Arizona; Boston, Massachusetts; New York, New York; Seattle, Washington; Minneapolis, Minnestoa; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Spokane, Washington; Syracuse, New York; Madison, Wisconsin; Indianapolis, Indiana; Chicago, Illinois; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Tucson, Arizona; Cincinnati, Ohio; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Louisville, Kentucky; San Diego, California;

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Requests for SBE Examination forms should be sent to: Society of Broadcast Engineers, Exam Secretary, P.O. Box 88123, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

### **National Election**

The ballots for the SBE National Elections are to be counted on March 5, 1977. The following are the candidates for the Executive Committee: President: Robert Wehrman, Atlanta, Georgia; Executive Vice President: James Hurley, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Secretary/Treasurer: James Grinnell, Chicago, Illinois.

Five of the following seven candidates will be elected to the Board of Directors: Morris Courtwright, Jr., Yuma, Arizona; Steve de Satnick, Needham, Massachusetts; Ed Herlihy, Los Angeles, California; Howard Immekus, San Francisco, California; Robert Jones, La Grange, Illinois; Bart Paine, Tucson, Arizona; Larry Taylor, Elmira, New York.

### **Notice of Annual Meeting**

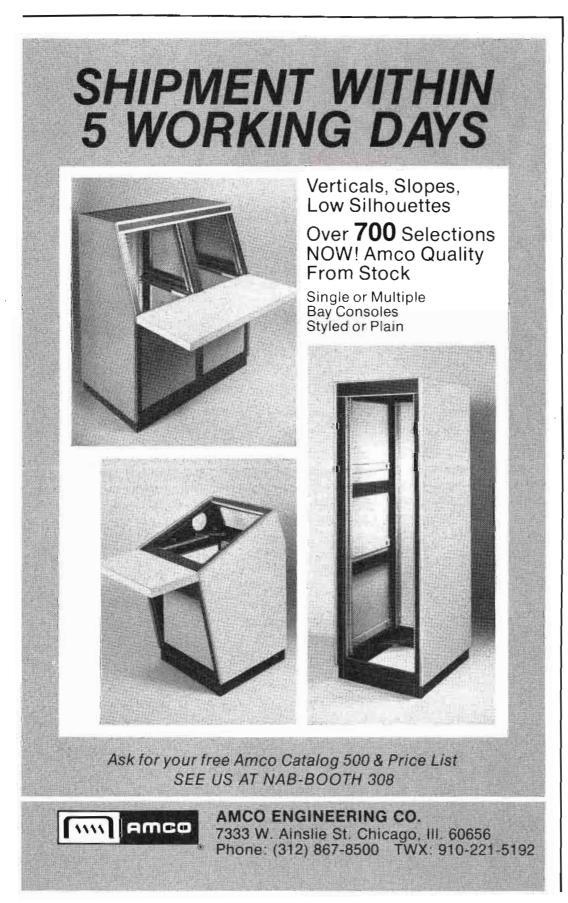
The annual meeting of the Society of Broadcast Engineers will be held at the Shoreham Americana Hotel in Washtington, D.C. on Sunday, March 27, 1977. The SBE Board Meeting will be held from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Press Room. The SBE Membership Meeting will take place at 3:00 p.m. in the Empire Room. There will be a reception at the conclusion of the meeting.

### Chapter 1—Binghamton, New York

During our January 11th meeting, John Shipley presented a technical paper that discussed where our modern technology is going and what we need to keep up with it. The paper was presented at a past NAB and several SBE meetings, where it was also extremely well received. The subject did not center on AM, FM or TV; but discussed all in general. (Gary Simon, WSYETV, P.O. Box 314, Elmira, New York 14902, 607/733-5536.)

### Chapter 3—Kansas

At the December 14, 1976 meeting, Bill Keegan, Program Chairman, introduced Carlson Farha,



regional Sales Engineer for Ampex (also a Kansas SBE member), who presented a slide and film program detailing the process involved in manufacturing magnetic recording tape, followed by a presentation of the care and maintenance of recording tape. The formal program was followed by a tour of the KVOE/KLRF transmitter facilities by the meeting's host, David M. Wiese, including his new "toy," a Harris MW-1 solid state 1 KW AM transmitter.

The program committee chairman on January 11th introduced Rea Bowman, Broadcast Consultant and SBE Charter member, who presented a program on AM antenna systems. The program is the first of a series on the subject, covering the history, development, theory, design, tuning, and maintenance of all kinds of AM broadcast antennas. After Bowman's presentation, Harold Kincaid, Chief Engineer of KLWN-AM/FM, the host of the meeting, conducted a tour of the facilities. (Bob Fulkerson, KPTS-TV, 352 N. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas 67202, 316/262-4461.)

### Chapter 15-New York City, **New York**

The January 13th meeting was held at WOXR Presentation Theatre. After the usual business meeting, the program featured a technical and descriptive discussion of a new FM antenna with broadband characteristics by Bogner Broadcast Equipment Corporation which is solid and distributed by CCA Electronics. The speakers included: Art Silver, Vice-President, Sales of CCA Electronics Corp.; Don Powers, Headquarters Sales Manager; and George Blackmon, Marketing Service Manager. The new design concept offers a multiplicity of propagation as well as practical advantages for FM and TV antennas. The talk was complemented by a slide presentation and a question and answer session. (Larry Strasser. WTFM, 173-15 Horace Harding Blvd., Fresh Meadows, New York 11365, 212/357-8000.)

### Chapter 16—Seattle. Washington

Chapter 16 met at noon on January 12, 1977 at the Swedish Club. Al Harwood presented a progress report on the NW Regional Convention scheduled for May 25

and 26. The convention will be at the Seattle Center. Bob Dietsch, FCC, reported that fees for FCC licenses were discontinued effective January 1, 1977. He also reported that for remote broadcast pickup applications, there is a new procedure. Instead of requiring a separate form for the base station and each remote, now the base station and all remotes can be included on one form. John Boor, a Seattle SBE Chapter member and long time broadcaster, described and presented slides on his experiences on a demonstration of TV satellite

technology to developing nations which required world wide travel. It was a three-month U.S. Department of State project as part of an on-going effort to provide technical assistance to developing nations. (Al Saari, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington 98505, 206/ 866-6270.)

### Chapter 17—Minneapolis/ St. Paul, Minnesota

The January 19th meeting took place at the University of Minnesota Media Resources Center. "New

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Test Equipment for Tape Recorder Maintenance," a talk/demonstration on the Ferrograph Recorder Test Set and Auxiliary Test Unit, was given by Russ Iverson, Engineering Supervisor, KUOM Radio, University of Minnesota. (Lance Raygor, Rte. 1, Box 337, Chisago City, Minnesota 55013, 612/373-4807.)

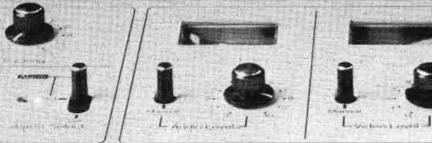
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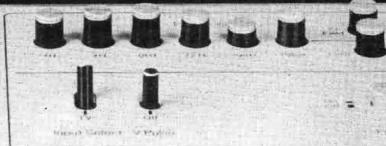
The January meeting of the Madison Chapter of SBE was held on January 27, 1977. Following a brief business meeting, Neal Mc-Lain, Chief Engineer for CCTV, gave an overview of the operation and led a tour of the facilities. The officers for 1977 who were elected at the November meeting are: Ken Dixon, Chairman; John McKenna, Vice Chairman; Jim Crooks, Secretary/Treasurer. (Ken Dixon, WHA, 821 University Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53706, 608/263-4088.)



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Another favorite incident occurred when I was visiting a nearby station and the announcer quipped, "Good luck to all you fishermen tomorrow on the first day of fishing season. If you don't catch anything, I know a good fish market near Pineview Reservoir." He then switched to a taped announcement, which, much to his dismay began, "I read about that in the journal of the American Medical Association."

Thomas W. Bridges Station Manager, KUIB-FM Vernal, Utah





being aired our newsman dashed upstairs like a speeding bullet, pulled out microphone plugs, patch cords, turned off turntables, the tape machines and finally killed the sound after "Lions Club" was uttered. In the meantime the announcer on the board was potting up and down all the pots except the network line, where all the trouble seemed to lie.

As chief engineer, I investigated the situation and deducted that our production feed became the network line temporarily. The funniest thing about this was the production board was not patched into anything else to feed the control room. Somehow, somewhere the Mutual Radio line was temporarily crossed to our production studio line making it a potential hazard which came as Jimmy Carter was becoming our 39th president of the United States.

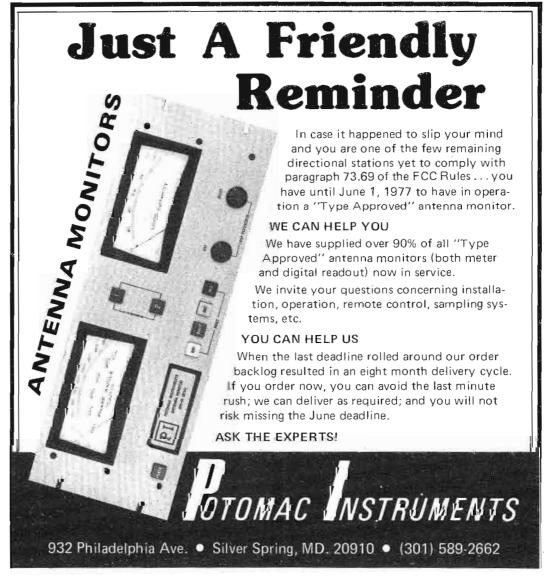
> Fred Shetka Chief Engineer WIXK AM-FM New Richmond, Wisc.

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Inauguration Day, January 20, 1977, had a Blue Banana added to Jimmy Carter's swearing in and beginning of his speech.

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Our news director heard it in his office and thought someone left the pot open for the production room, and thought the announcer on the board knew where the problem was and rectified it. However to his dismay, and to ours, as Jimmy Carter began his speech once again we heard, "Today on our Kares program I am pleased to have as our guest, the president of the Star Prairie Lions Club." As this was



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### **Industry News**

# Commission Approves SBS Satellite Plans

The Commission has authorized Satellite Business Systems (SBS) to construct and operate facilities to provide specialized domestic satellite communications services.

SBS is a partnership sponsored by COMSAT General Corporation (COMSAT General), International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) and The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company (Aetna).

The operating partners are COMSAT General Business Communications, Inc. (CGS), a wholly owned subsidiary of COMSAT General; Information Satellite Corporation (IBMS), a wholly owned subsidiary of IBM, and Aetna Satellite Communications, Inc. (ACS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Aetna.

### The SBS Proposal

The FCC said SBS's plan involves two major phases—a pre-operational program and an operational system.

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be used in the operational system, and to demonstrate its feasibility.

The first phase of the preoperational program will be a six-month developmental program limited to two earth stations located on parepared sites furnished by IBM at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Los Gatos, Calif. The facilities will be used in this phase only for evaluating equipment performance.

In the second phase of the preoperational program, the same two earth stations plus five others will provide private line communications services to IBM and others on a common carrier basis. The five new stations will be chosen from among the following: Gaithersburg, Md.; Manassas, Va.; Boca Raton, Fla.; Atlanta, Ga.; Lexington, Ky.; Greencastle, Ind.; Rochester, Minn.; Austin, Tex., and Boulder, Colo.

The SBS operational system consists of a satellite system for data, voice and image transmission, operating in the 12 and 14 GHz bands. This will be the first domestic satellite system in those bands and offering an all-digital transmission service.

The service in the 48 contiguous states will be on a network providing integrated digital transmission among a customer's geographically dispersed business locations. The question of service to offshore points has been reserved for further comment.

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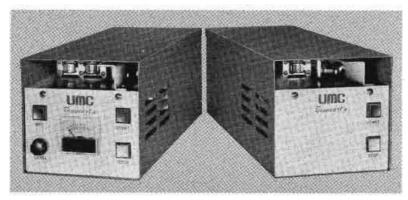


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### PBS Moves Forward On Satellite Network Plans

Collins Commercial Telecommunications Division of Electronics Operations, Rockwell International Corporation, has received a \$25.5 million contract from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) to provide an earth station system.

Collins will provide an earth station system comprised of 150 to 165 stations for the new nation-wide satellite-based television system that will serve the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

Collins Commercial Satellite Communications, located in Dallas, and headed by R. L. Wolf, vice president, will have charge of the program.

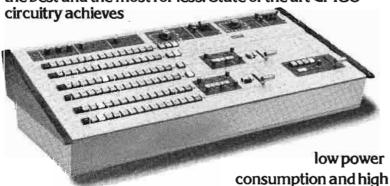
Collins will provide a turnkey system which will include receive-only ground terminals, interconnect links, and services such as frequency coordination and site selection, prototype and qualification testing, side preparation, construction, installation and long term maintenance support.

Wolf said the use of a three and later four-channel satellite interconnection system will enhance many of public television's basic program objectives.

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simultaneously, enabling each station to decide which program to air and which one to tape for later showing," Wolf said.

"Also, the new system will enable PBS to provide additional channels to enlarge programming options for various groupings of its stations," he continued. "The new system provided flexibility and access to public television stations not previously financially possible, and expansion of the PBS interconnection using its new satellite system will be less complex and costly than at present.

"Under present conditions linking up of a new public television station often takes two to three years. With the new system, PBS can have a new ground terminal installed as quickly as the equipment can be erected and frequency coordination requirements met," Wolf said. "Also, the costs of interconnecting new stations in the satellite mode are substantially less than such costs in the present terrestrial mode.

"And finally, signal quality will be improved with the new satellite system. A single signal will be picked up at approximately equal strength by each receiveonly ground terminal. Distance has little significance and signal deterioration does not occur as it does in terrestrial systems."

The new public broadcasting satellite system will utilize three transponders of Western Union's WESTAR satellite to beam signals across the continental United States, and to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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The basic television receive-only earth station system will include 10 meter "nominal" antennas, low-noise amplifiers ranging in temperature from 50 Kelvin to 300° Kelvin and the new Collins 55U3-1SC frequency agile video receiver.

### **Gl**becasting

Plans to provide developing countries with information and education by means of television still often fail because of inadequate technical facilities.

For Africa, the time has now come to introduce educational television on a larger scale: The experimental German-French communications satellite "Symphonie" offers the possibility of broadcasting suitable programs, and a satellite receiving station developed by Siemens, with an antenna diameter of 4.5 m, can be installed quickly and easily anywhere to serve as an earth station.

The small earth station produced with substantial support from the Federal Department of Research and Technology was recently brought into service for the first time in Kigali, the capital of the

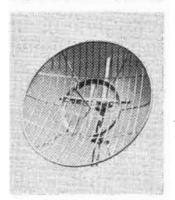
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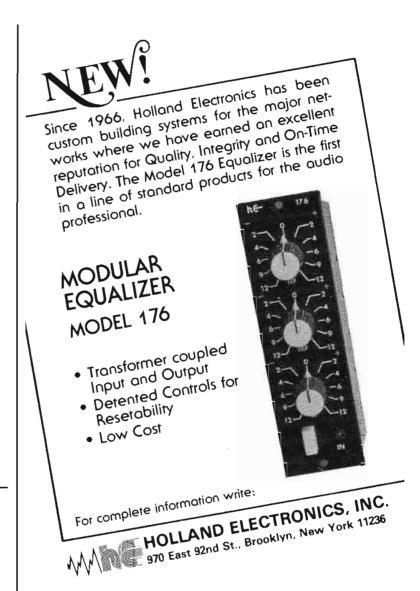
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African republic of Rwanda, where it is being used to improve reception (as compared with short-wave) of the programs broadcast from Cologne by the German radio station "Deutsche Welle."

The suitability of the new earth station for direct TV reception via "Symphonie" was recently demonstrated by Siemens at a four-day colloquium in Jaunde, the capital of Cameroon, which was attended by representatives from 19 countries (including 14 African countries). Excellent picture quality was achieved on up to 12 monitors simultaneously, both in the PAL and Secam color transmissions and in black-and-white large-screen projection. Even heavy tropical rain had no noticeable effect on the reception quality.

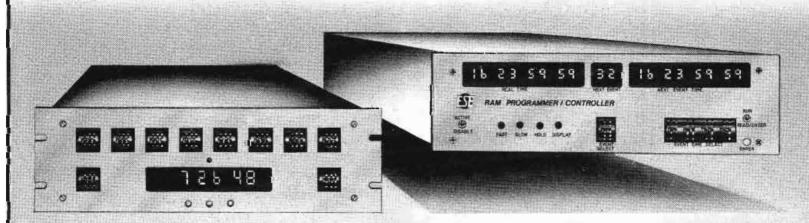
For Cameroon's educational television program "Esope I", which is due to be introduced shortly, the earth station described above will probably be used. It can be transported by air and set up in a few hours, and it does not require steering. At the time of the demonstrations in Jaunde, Cameroon's neighbor Gabon expressed its intention to experiment with educational television via "Symphonie", and the representatives of Congo, Senegal and Uganda also showed considerable interest.

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The new MW-1A, all solid-state 1 kilowatt AM transmitter featuring Progressive Series Modulation (PSM), and the MW-5A and MW-50A, 5 and 50 kilowatt AM transmitters, with Pulse Duration Modulation (PDM), will also be introduced. Now included in these transmitters is a built-in audio processing circuit which increases modulation density. (The MW-1A will be in operation.)

In addition, Harris will introduce a completely new line of FM transmitters, with the FM-2.5 K, 2500 watt, and the FM-20K, 20 kilowatt FM transmitters. These transmitters employ a new solid-state FM exciter utilizing Digitally Synthesized Modulation (DSM). This exciter provides the highest stereo separation in the industry and allows a 2 to 6 dB increase in loudness with no signal deterioration. (The FM-2.5K will be shown with exciter operational.)

The advanced MSP-100 (Maximum Signal Processor) with tri-band Automatic Gain Control (AGC) and automatic attack and release time will also be introduced. This system will increase flexibility for varying formats and provide the highest possible modulation with minimum distortion. (Operating display.)

An Automatic Transmission System (ATS) will be demonstrated at the Harris exhibit. This system may be programmed with up to 1400 time functions to monitor the transmitter readings and initiate corrective action. (Will be shown in opration with an MW-1A.)

Audio equipment will include the Gatesway 80, the Stereo 80, the Mono 5 and the Stereo 5 audio consoles. Also on display will be the Criterion Compact-II, monaural record/playback cartridge system, the Criterion-III multicart tape system; and the new CB-1201, 12-inch transcription turntable.

Along with the BT-25L2 color television transmitter, Harris will display other television transmitting equipment including scale models of the Harris Circularly Polarized, Batwing, Helical and Zig Zag TV antennas. Harris CP antennas are available in both high and low band VHF.

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### **Cueing Receiver**

The **Comrex** model CRA receiver has been designed for broadcast field and studio cueing applications. The CRA receiver is available on any frequency from 50 MHz to 550 MHz, including all VHF TV channels (for cueing during live broadcasts) and the remote pickup frequencies in the 150-174 MHz and 450-470 MHz bands.

The receiver is ruggedly constructed, pocket size (3"x5"x1") and operates on a replaceable 9 V battery. Comrex also manufactures a complete line of cueing transmitters.

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### Audio Switching Module

Modular Audio Products new Model 4011 FET audio switching module provides four fully independent, remote-controllable audio switch circuits on a compact, plug-in PC card, with gold plated edge contacts.

Ideal for use in high quality professional audio applications, Model 4011 may be utilized individually, to perform various switching functions in console mixing channels; or in multiples, to form large or small Matrix type switching/routing systems.

Designed for optimum performance in 600 ohm balanced or un-balanced circuits, Model 4011 features: High Speed—two microseconds from ON to full OFF state (-100 dB at 1 kHz input Nom.); Low Distortion—0.07% at +4 dBm output, 1 kHz; and High Input Level capability—+22 dBv max. Frequency response of the unit is extremely flat from DC to 20 kHz (0.1 db) max). Power requirements: ±15 VDC at 10 mA max. per card. Dimensions: 2¾ inches high by 4½ inches long by 13/16 inches wide.

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### Three-Tube Portable Camera

Hitachi Denshi America, Ltd., will show its new and completely portable color camera, the FP-1020.

The FP-1020 is a three-tube com-

pact self-contained camera that weighs less than 16 pounds. It makes use of a Saticon tube for high resolution and uniform sensitivity.

Setup of auto white and black balance is done through digital memory. Reportedly, this camera will sell for under \$20,000.

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### 12 x 9 f/1.7 Lens

The lightweight (3 lbs.) Fujinon 12 x 9 f/1.7 (9-108mm) offers a wide angle (52°) and close focusing (31 inches). It also has macro focus, back focus adjustment, three-way servo zoom control, pan bar focusing capability with the following controls: auto iris switch, momentary auto iris, manual servo zoom delegate and VTR. Another added feature is that the zoom servo is the "plug-in" type.

This lens is perfect for \(^2\structure{3}\)-inch ENG cameras.

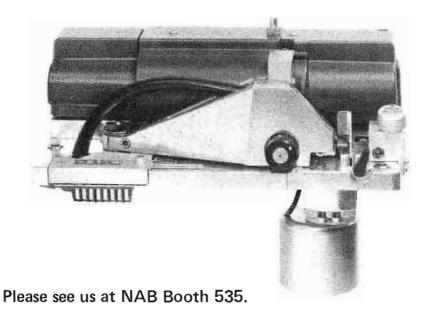
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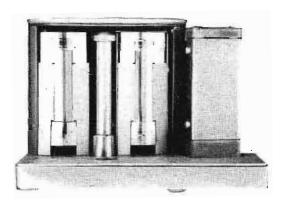
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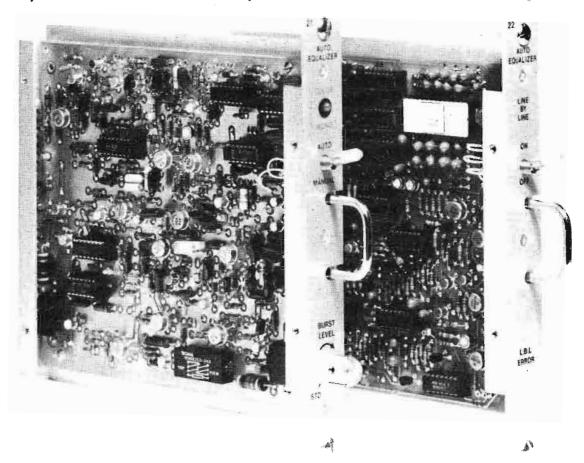


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the United Kingdom by Rank Cintel is now being marketed in the U.S. by Rank Precision Industries, Inc. The Telecine will be demonstrated at the NAB Show, Booth #409, Hilton Hotel.

Unlike most film chains used here, the MK III uses a flying spot system which eliminates the camera together with the problems of lag, color registration and noise in the picture low lights. The single scanning tube utilizes a newly developed short afterglow phosphor with the high intensity required for reproducing dense material.

The MK III will handle 16mm or 35mm films on the same transport with rapid change between gauges. A simple attachment is available to display slides.

Of particular interest to the U.S. market is the machine's built-in capacity to reproduce 16mm or 35mm Cinemascope films full frame with electronic panning. The MK III offers a dramatic improvement in film reproduction, whether it be for transmission or film-to-tape transfer work or inserts into studio production. Its ability to handle

negative stock safety opens possibilities for grading direct from camera original to video tape for editing.

The film is driven by a capstan which replaces conventional intermittent sprocket or claw arrangements. The film travels through the mechanism at a constant speed and is scanned while in motion. The capstan drive, in addition to being extremely gentle in handling the film, is almost completely silent in operation. The Telecine modes of operation are still frame, normal speed forward, slow search or up to 10 times normal speed forward and reverse shuttle with a picture visible at all times. The drive capstan also serves as the sound head, giving runup times on both sound and vision of less than 100 milliseconds.

Threading of the mechanism is simple with no free loops to be formed or maintained, and the servo controlled spooling can accommodate 16mm or 35mm reels of up to 20-inch diameter.

Frame count information from the Telecine may be used to control a variety of preprogrammed systems including automatic color correction.

The optical system features the minimum number of glass-to-air surfaces. The light source is an unmodulated raster on the seven-inch scanning tube, which is focused on the film emulsion by a single objective lens. Light modulated by the presence of the film is collected by a condenser lens and directed into a collimating system where it is divided into red, green and blue components by dichroic mirrors. These components are then collected by photomultiplier tubes, and fed to the vision processing. The machine will reproduce film contrast ranges in excess of 150:1.

The Telecine will operate on either 625/50 or 525/60 standards. On 625 lines 50 Hz field rate, the film travels at a constant 25 frames per second, and two rasters alternate in position to scan each film frame twice as it passes over the vision gate aperture. On 525 lines 60 Hz, the film travels at 24 frames per second, and film frames are scanned alternately three times and

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# **CONTACTORS**



Manufactured under Exclusive Rights purchased from the E.F. Johnson Company, Multronics now has "in stock" the tried and proven 145-101 (SPDT) and 145-102 (DPDT) RF Contactors. These are rated at 17KV, 25 amp.

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two times. While the mechanism is in motion the raster height is half normal, the other half being made up by the motion of the film. When the mechanism is stationary, a normal 4 x 3 raster is generated. Frame position information is derived from a film driven sprocket fitted to each format gate. Electronic framing is provided by changing system phase. The entire transport and scanning system references to station syncs and is independent of power supply fre-

The vision processing is based on the Cintel "Colorgrade" system, permitting the use of "joysticks" to color balance black, gamma and gain components. The equipment will reproduce color positive or negative, and seven positions of logarithmic masking are fitted. Gamma is continuously variable between 0.25 and 0.76, an RGB enhancer provides both horizontal and vertical correction. An electric automatic color corrector is available as an option.

The MK III Telecine is housed as a self-contained unit in a cabinet which is fitted with casters. The mechanism deck is protected by double-folding transparent covers. Local controls are fitted to the front of the machine, and full remote control from up to two alternate positions is possible.

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### Record/Playback Cartridge Tape System

A full-featured record/playback broadcast audio cartridge tape system for NAB standard A, B and C-size cartridges has been announced by the Beaucart Division of UMC Electronics Co.

The Beaucart Type 20 record/ playback unit incorporates features which have made the smaller Type 10 machine popular with broadcasters in the U.S. and Canada. In addition, the wider 3½ inches high by 10-1/8 inches wide by 13-1/8 inches deep units are customarily stacked one above the other in record/playback combinations for desk top or custom studio panel

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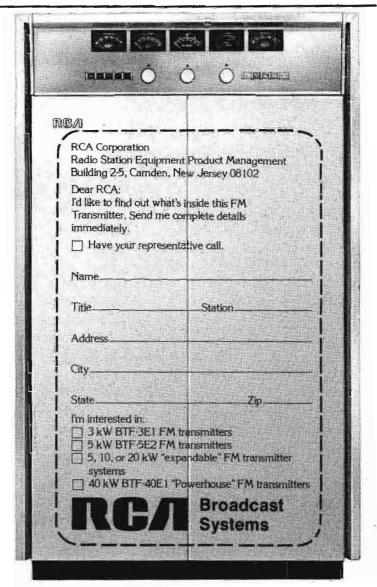
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mounting. The Type 20 shares, with other units in the line, the patented Beau pancake hysteresis synchronous motor. The low silhouette motor incorporates permanently lubricated bearings, heavy zinc die cast rotor, electrolized shaft with 0.00015-inch T.I.R., and inside-out design. Other features of Type 20 reproducers include a silent, airdamped, Teflon coated solenoid and the unique tape head assembly produced by UMC's Beau Motor Division.

Type 20 playback modules were designed to provide all control switches, meters, and indicators right up front for simple, error-free operation. Available in mono or stereo, recorders incorporate a feature allowing manual application of the 1 kHz cue tone whenever required for specialized production formats. A defeat pushbutton manually prevents the automatic application of the cue tone when recording has begun. Meter switching is included for monitoring and maintenance of program bias level, peak recording level, and normal recording level. Type 20 systems have been incorporated into a

number of custom configurations for use not only by the broadcast industry, but in other aspects of the amusement and entertainment fields.

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### Buried Cable Fault Locator

Rycom Instruments has introduced a buried cable fault locator, Model 2785A. It is designed for one man field use and comes complete with transmitter, receiver, headset, probes, all accessories and batteries. It locates path, depth, shield grounds, cut coaxial cables and in addition will locate pipes, power cables and telephone cables.

The frequency of the transmitter is 815 Hz  $\pm 2$  Hz. Its pulse rate is 7-10 pulses/second. Size is 10.7 inches by eight inches by seven inches.

The frequency of the receiver is  $815 \text{ Hz} \pm 5 \text{ Hz}$ . Filter rejection is greater than 100 dB at 540 Hz. The size is approximately 5.25 inches by 3.15 inches by 5.50 inches.

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### Stereo Monitor

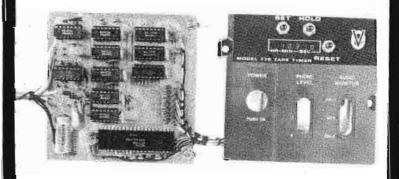
QEI Corporation has just added its new Model 771 "Add On" Stereo Monitor to its growing line of top quality broadcast station equipment. The FCC type approved Model 771 is used for measuring the modulation characteristics of FM stereo multiplex transmitters in the frequency range of 88 MHz to 108 MHz.

An all solid-state component that also incorporates ICs, the Monitor is available for mounting in a standard 19-inch rack. All operator controls are positioned on the front panel while AC power, composite inputs and Monitor outputs are on the rear panel. The front panel also includes a pair of 4½ inch left and right modulation meters calibrated in terms or percentage of modulation and dB. The Monitor can operate from 105/125 V, single phase 50 Hz/60 Hz AC power or 208/250 V, single phase 50/60 Hz sources. The component is clearly identified on the rear panel to indicate the power source to be used.

Front panel controls include a Function Switch, a left-right switch, a test decibels switch, and a deemphasis switch. Demodulated left-right channel high impedance audio is available at one of three front panel jacks for distortion and noise measurements. There is also a "scope" jack. Whatever is displayed on the left or right meter is available here as a wide-

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bound signal. The remaining jack supplies a low impedance, high level composite signal for scope investigation.

The rear panel has a composite level control for attenuating the input composite signal to the level required by the Monitor. There is also a composite input jack functioning as the input signal connection to the monitor.

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### **Telecontrol System**

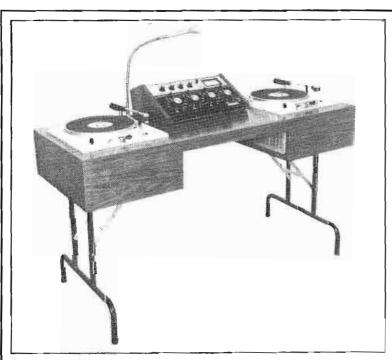
Designed to provide independent command and status reporting capabilities, the **Moseley** Model TCS-1 Telecontrol System is capable of meeting requirements for automatic transmission systems (ATS) or similar applications, including operation of electronic news gathering (ENG) transmit/receive antennas.

Eight individual command functions and eight independent status channels are provided for control and observation of remotely-located equipment. Each command channel functions independently of all other channels.

The TCS-1 will function over a single leased telephone circuit or radio links. Provisions are incorporated to allow the operation of two TCS-1 Telecontrol Systems over a single 3 kHz telephone line, providing 16 individual dedicated commands and 16 independent status channels to a given remote location.

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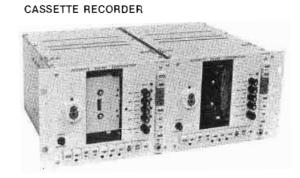


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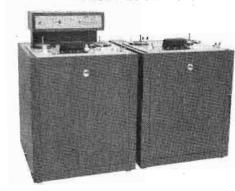
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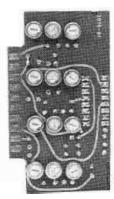


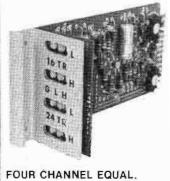












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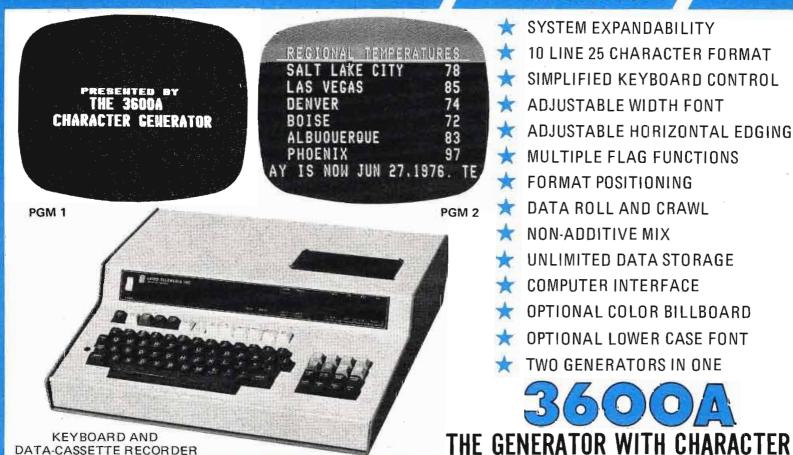
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### **Microwave** Antenna Systems

70 QP1 single-channel systems are van at the transmit site. are now in everyday use for ENG operations throughout the country.

corporating higher-gain receive antion in a given band (2 GHz or 7 tennas. Such systems are parthe area of desired coverage in-

range can be doubled or even tripled without increasing transmitter power.

Both the 20 QP1 and 70 QP1 achieve 360° coverage through a set of four 90°-beamwidth, circularly Nurad, Inc. has announced a polarized horn antennas mounted series of microwave antenna sys- at the receive site. With this notems through which the broadcaster moving-part arrangement, there is will be able to conduct two or more no need to pan the receive antenna lives remote operations simultane- in order to "find the beam" of the ously and independently with a signal from the mobile transmitting single set of quad-polarized receive source. Thus, the ENG system can antennas. The Nurad multi-channel be effectively and reliably set up systems are based on the 2 GHz and operating within a few minutes Model 20 QPI and 7 GHz Model of the time of arrival of the mobile

In its multi-channel quad-polarized systems, Nurad utilizes a single Nurad also offers versions of its set of four antennas irrespective of quad-polarized ENG systems in the number of channels of opera-GHz). Complete and separate conticularly attractive in cases where trols for each operational channel are provided. Thus the operator can volves ranges beyond those or- select the optimum received signal dinarily reached by the 20 QP1 or for each channel independently of 70 QP1. The 20 QP1, for example, the other. The system even accomcovers a line-of-sight range of ap- modates the unusual case where the proximately 40 miles in its standard selfsame horn antenna with the configuration. With the new, high- same or with different senses of gain quad-polarized antennas this polarization is being used for two

or more channels simultaneously. In other words, it is the functional equivalent of multiple independent systems.

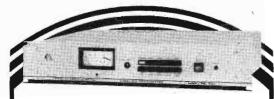
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### **Translators** And Transmitters

Major advances in television translator and transmitter design, resulting in selectivity and performance levels never before attainable, have been announced by EMCEE Broadcast Products, a division of Electronics, Missiles & Communications, Inc.

With what is believed to be the first application of surface acoustic wave (SAW) technology to broadcast equipment, the company can assure significantly improved selectivity. Translators and transmitters employing the SAW devices offer unmatched frequency response without the group delay distortion normally associated with current filtering techniques, according to the company.

The SAW filters make possible rejection of adjacent channels, while maintaining a flat phase-linear Continued on page 168



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bandpass response. This allows broadcasters more effective use of the frequency spectrum by increasing channel selections, particularly adjacent channel operation.

The integrated SAW device has no external adjustments and does not require tuning. This characteristic insures that broadcast equipment incorporating this circuit is easy to align, highly selective, and has long term stability.

Significant advances in performance—specifically, linearity—have also been made. New EMCEE design technology minimizes signal degradation.

The new circuitry incorporates the flexibility necessary to precisely match the inverse of an amplifier's transfer function, and will continuously correct for distortion generated over the entire useful range of powers for which the amplifier was designed. Thus, distortion products are not simply phased out at one power level; instead, linearity at all power levels is considerably improved.

According to EMCEE President Stephen Koppelman, these selectivity and linearity improvements are made even more significant by the fact that they have been achieved in current equipment and at current prices.

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### Analog to Digital Converter

Micro Consultants announces the availability of a miniaturized highspeed analog to digital converter for digital television and radar applications.

Model 2700/3 is 33 percent smaller than its predecessor, Model 2700. A plug-in module, it measures just one inch wide by 23/4 inches high by 7½ inches long.

It incorporates a differential video amplifier, a sampler, and an eight-bit encoder. The sample-hold unit has an aperture uncertainty of 100 picoseconds to allow the video color subcarrier and fast pulses to be sampled with precision. Sampling jitter is held to less than 15 picoseconds.

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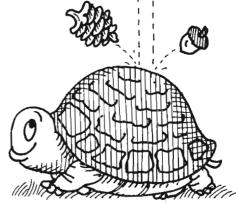


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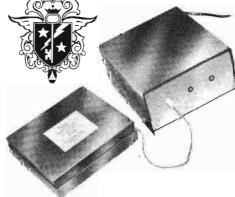
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### Compact Color TV Camera

A new compact color TV camera, a complete electronic newsgathering equipment package, a completely solid-state radio transmitter, and other equipment will be featured at the RCA Broadcast Systems exhibit at the NAB Convention.

The RCA displays of equipment and systems, which will cover approximately 7,500 square feet of floor space in the Washington Hilton Hotel, also will include dramatic demonstrations of the capabilities of TV cameras, tape

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# New in AM from Harris

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A built-in audio processing circuit is now included in the new MW-1A, all solid state 1 kw AM transmitter featuring Progressive Series Modulation (PSM), and the new MW-5A and MW-50A, 5 and 50 kw AM transmitters with Pulse Duration Modulation (PDM). This circuit is designed to increase modulation density.

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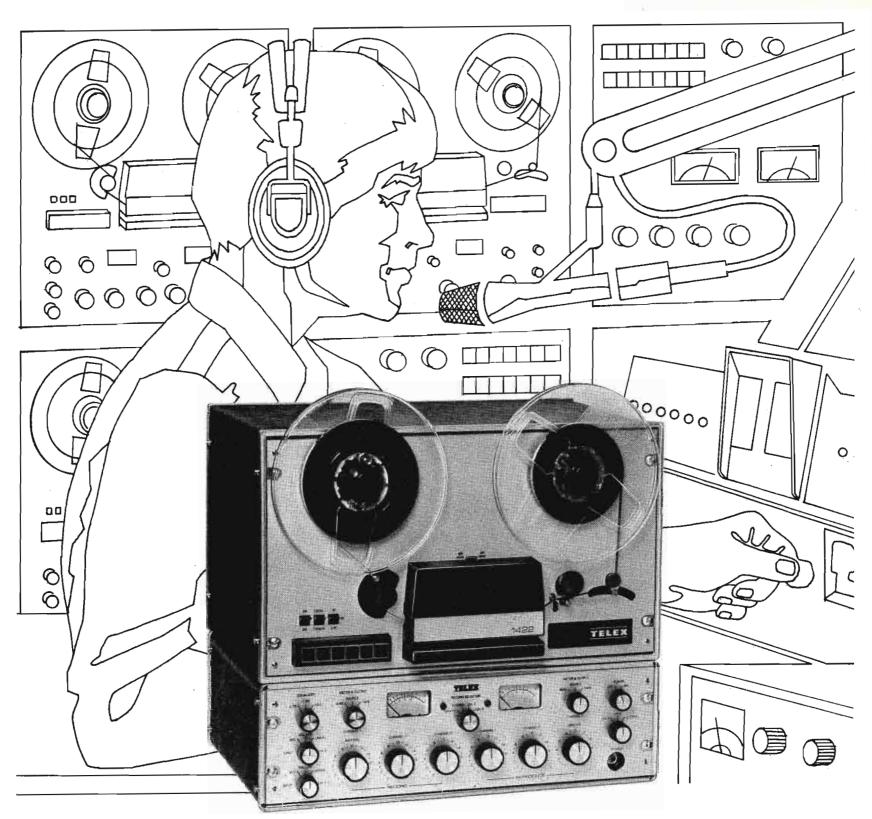
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recording and editing systems, and new radio broadcast equipment, according to Neil Vander Dussen, Division Vice President and General Manager.

Camera demonstrations will highlight a new-design model, designated the TK-760. The new compact color broadcast camera, ideal for either studio or field use, is intended for the budget conscious, quality minded TV studio operator interested in developing new programming potentials, Vander Dussen said.

"Commercial broadcasters, corporate communicators, medical facilities, closed-circuit color TV operators, cable companies, educational TV stations and universities all are expected to find extensive programming uses for this high quality, economically priced camera," he added.

The TK-760, along with RCA's complete line of TV cameras, will be demonstrated in the exacting setting of a TV studio kitchen, where true rendition of colors and operation under varying lighting conditions are critical. The TK-46 studio model, the TKP-45 portable production camera, and the TK-76 electronic newsgathering unit will operate side-by-side with the new TK-760.

For the radio broadcaster, RCA's exhibit will feature an all-new completely solid-state 5-kilowatt AM transmitter.

The radio equipment display also will include items from RCA's line of studio and transmitting equipment, including audio consoles, cartridge tape handling systems, and signal processing devices. Equipment for implementing automatic transmitting systems for AM and FM outlets, as now approved by the Federal Communications Commission, also will highlight the RCA radio demonstrations.

For broadcasters interested in the growing field of electronic newsgathering, RCA will demonstrate a complete equipment package, including the TK-76 camera, portable video tape recorders, time base corrector, digital video frame synchronizer, and other associated equipment.

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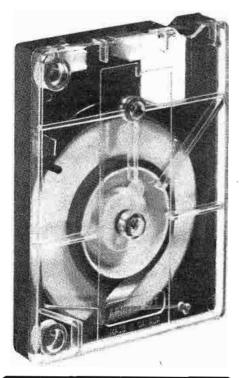
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Also included in the total ENG system will be the RCA TACTEC hand-held two-way radio, and the newly introduced VEETAC line of RCA mobile vehicular radios. The lightweight compact portable radio is ideal for coordination of news and production personnel on site, and the higher power mobile units can be used to maintain communications with home base, Vander Dussen said.

RCA's video tape display will feature multi-media demonstration of the editing capabilities of the TR-600/AE-600 combination. The AE-600 editing system, built into the TR-600 tape recorder, can control one record TR-600, up to eight playback TR-600s and three external devices, for sophisticated time code editing.

In TV film, RCA will demonstrate the TK-28 telecine system with built-in automatic controls for uniformly high quality broadcast pictures, along with the FR-35A servo-controlled 35mm film projector and the PM-86SL magnetic sound recorder/reproducer.

In the transmitter area, RCA will display 25-kilowatt VHF TV transmitters for highband and lowband use, as well as UHF transmitter equipment. TV antennas, designed for circularly polarized transmission signals, also will be exhibited.

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### Camera Stabilizing System

Cinema Products announces the availability of a new "Universal Model" Steadicam camera stabilizing system, which allows the camera to be easily removed from the system, and permits the use of one Steadicam system interchangeably with either a handheld 16mm or 35mm motion picture camera, or a handheld video camera.

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The basic features of the Steadicam camera stabilizing system remain unchanged. The complete system consists of a body brace (a padded close-fitting harness-like jacket), with a support arm attached to the body brace at one end, and (through a free-floating gimbal) to the camera system at the other end. The exoskeletal-type articulated support arm parallels the operator's arm in any position, and almost completely counteracts the weight of the camera system with a carefully calibrated spring force. Due to the human engineering and special configuration of the body brace and support arm, virtually the entire weight of the system (including camera and lens) is comfortably supported at the operator's hips.

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The flat, sled-like lower portion of the camera assembly contains all the electronics for the video view-finder, and the battery pack powering both the camera and the view-finder system. Attached to the "sled" are two vertical members which support the camera mounting platform.

The "Universal Model" configuration makes it possible to remove the camera from the platform and use it independently from the Steadicam system, handheld or on a tripod. It also makes it possible to mount the camera on a tripod adjacent to the "sled," drawing

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# New in TV from Harris

### TSB

**Transversal SideBand Filter** 

Harris introduces a new line of 1300 watt to 220 kilowatt TV transmitters featuring IF Modulation. These transmitters now employ the exclusive MCP solid-state exciter with TSB (Transversal SideBand) filter, offering improved color performance with fewer adjustments.

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power from the "sled" system and using the three inch monitor as an added video-assisted viewfinder.

Also available for the Steadicam system is a full range of accessories, including a follow-focus unit operated by remote control (through cable connection or by wireless transmission).

Cameras presently available for use with the "Universal Model" Steadicam include the CP-modified Arri IIC 35mm camera, the CP-16R reflex 16mm camera (equipped with Cinevid) and RCA's TK-76 color video camera. (All of these may be purchased from Cinema Products as part of a Steadicam package offer.) Most other handheld cameras—video, 16mm and 35mm—of approximately the same weight class can also be adapted for use with the Steadicam system.

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### High-Speed RF Monitor/Control

Series 3170 is a new Bird high-speed monitoring system for remote or on-location supervision of transmitters and ancillary services. The two most important features of the new designs are a shortening of response time down to 200 microseconds—much faster than equipment protection requires—and a remote reset capability.

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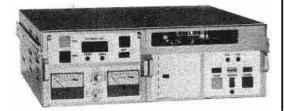
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### TV Demodulator

Rohde & Schwarz Sales Company has announced the availability of the Barco VSD2 demodulator in the U.S. This TV demodulator is used for monitoring a remotely operated broadcast transmitter; for relaying; for remodulating welldefined carriers—for example, HFwired TV networks and CATV antenna sites; for accurate videotape recordings; as a reliable signal source for CATV studios, etc. The VSD2 frequency coverage is 47-860 MHz. It features .1 mv sensitivity, has a separate input or UHF/VHF, two video and two sound outputs, and a video and sound level meter. It also provides monostandard multichannel overall gain independent of the picture content. It is a solid-state and modular design with very good K rating on 2T and 12½T pulses.

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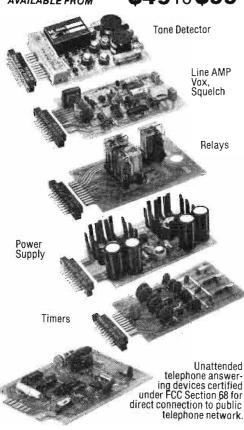
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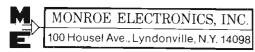
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Approximate nationally advertised value of the Sansui QSD-2 is \$140. For complete information on Sansui's line of audio processing and 4-channel broadcast equipment, visit the Sansui Electric Co. Ltd. exhibits at the Shoreham Hotel, Booth No. 602, during the NAB.

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The HL-37 "Mini Mate" is a two-piece version with performance specifications identical to those of HL-77. In this format the weight of the camera head is reduced to 14 pounds, complete with zoom lens. The shoulder-strap pack containing various circuitry including processing amplifiers, encoder, and sync generator weighs seven pounds.

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### Stereo Limiter/Compressor

Orban/Parasound announces the availability of their Model 418A stereo limiter/compressor. The 418A features program-controlled attack and release times, which enable the device to work quite subtly with all types of program material without the necessity of critical manual adjustment.

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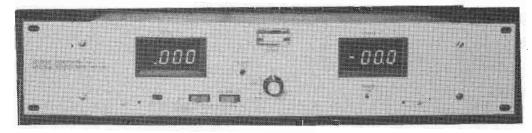
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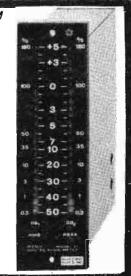
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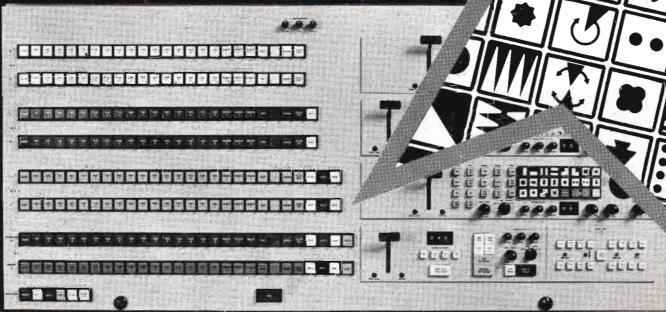
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