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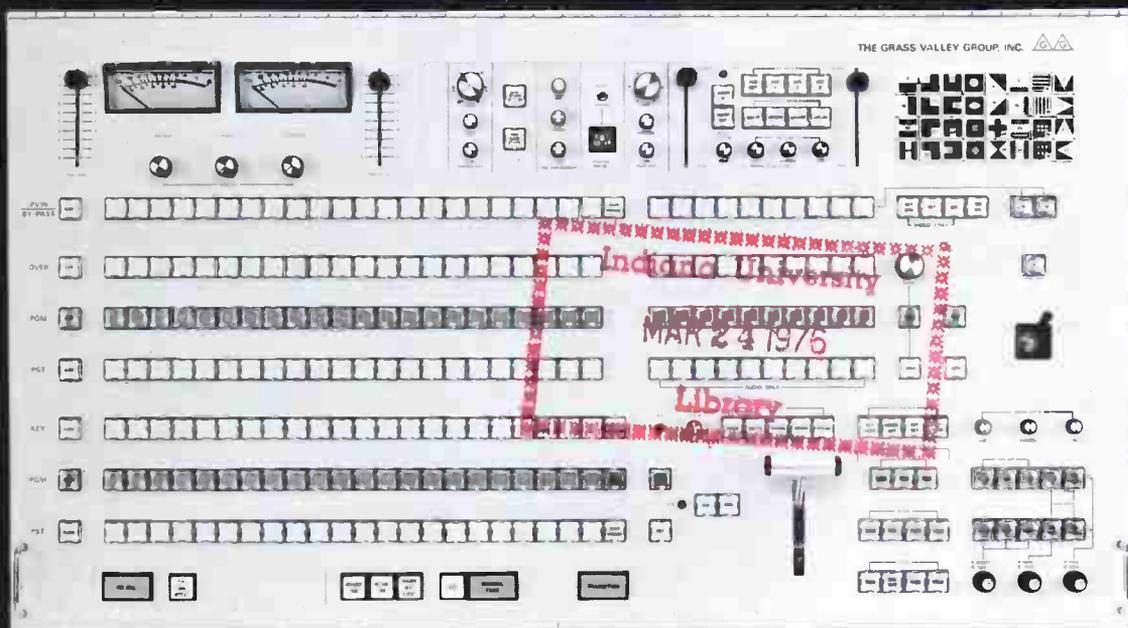
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BROADCAST INDUSTRY NEWS

License Renewal, Deregulation, Given Priority By NAB, NRBA

Two national organizations currently sparring for position in the broadcast field—the National Association of Broadcasters and the National Radio Broadcasters Association—agree on the desirability of at least two things: legislation aimed at stabilizing license renewal and FCC deregulation of radio.

The NAB Board of Directors announced that the NAB “reaffirms its commitment to licensee stability and a lengthened license term for all broadcasters.” The directors of NRBA, as expected concentrating on radio licensing problems, said: “We are hopeful that the latest draft version of our bill (for radio licensee stability) will satisfy all interested parties and go on to early acceptance in the Congress.” NRBA also pledged to fight proposed laws setting up additional performance fees, and to work for significant deregulation of radio.

A further NRBA policy statement, likely to be regarded as controversial by the NAB, was to the effect that radio and TV are very different and should be regulated separately and differently.

“Live From Lincoln Center,” Premier Telecast

Realization of a programming dream that has stirred many people for a long time—the telecasting of actual programs from New York’s culturally super-rich Lincoln Center—got underway January 30th with a concert by the New York Philharmonic, with Andre Previn as conductor and Van Cliburn as soloist. Lincoln Center called it the first in a three year series, being underwritten jointly by the Exxon Corp., several foundations, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The series has been more than two years in preparation, largely because the Lincoln Center management insisted that the TV pickup not intrude in any way on the performers or audience—no special lights, no obtrusively obvious cameras, etc. Success required intensive experimentation with low-light level cameras and other techniques.

Future programs in the series will be drawn from all sectors of Lincoln Center’s activities—ballet, theatre, operas, etc. Audio of the first program

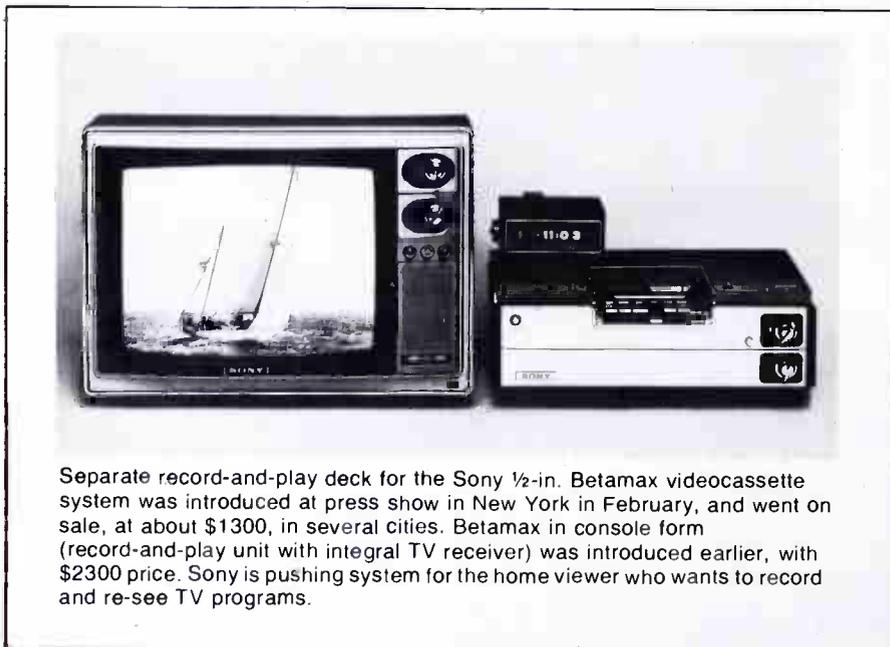
was broadcast simultaneously in the New York area in stereo by station WQXR; similar simulcasts were made in other cities. One New York listener-viewer found the WQXR audio of high quality, as expected, but also found the regular TV audio far above usual quality levels, clearly a tribute to the technicians at Lincoln Center.

FCC Dereg On Several Fronts; Rule Changes Flow Strongly

In a series of rule changes announced late last year, the FCC continued to show that its recent stance on the side of deregulation is more than talk: close examination of all the broadcast rules is clearly underway.

Some of the latest changes are: the requirement that RF currents be measured only with a thermocouple type meter amended to include also “others suitable for RF measurement.” Antenna input power, required to be measured by the direct method (current square times resistance at measurement point) can now be measured by the indirect method if the meter is defective or the antenna was malfunctioning. A five day restriction on the use of auxiliary transmitters when making equipment modifications or changes was removed (it had previously been removed for transmitter changes). Licensees will be authorized to substitute type-accepted AM, FM or TV transmitters for those in use without detailed FCC approval; they must only notify the Commission and the engineer in charge of the district within three days of the new installation. The FCC noted that the change would save considerable Commission manpower, as well as administrative detail for licensees. On TV remote pickups, the FCC removed the requirement for 1st or 2nd class licensed operators for low-power 1 GHz links, or where operation is effectively under control of a licensed operator at the receiving point. One rule, however, was reaffirmed—CB equipment may not be used to transmit material for retransmission, live or delayed by a broadcast facility.

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Separate record-and-play deck for the Sony 1/2-in. Betamax videocassette system was introduced at press show in New York in February, and went on sale, at about \$1300, in several cities. Betamax in console form (record-and-play unit with integral TV receiver) was introduced earlier, with \$2300 price. Sony is pushing system for the home viewer who wants to record and re-see TV programs.



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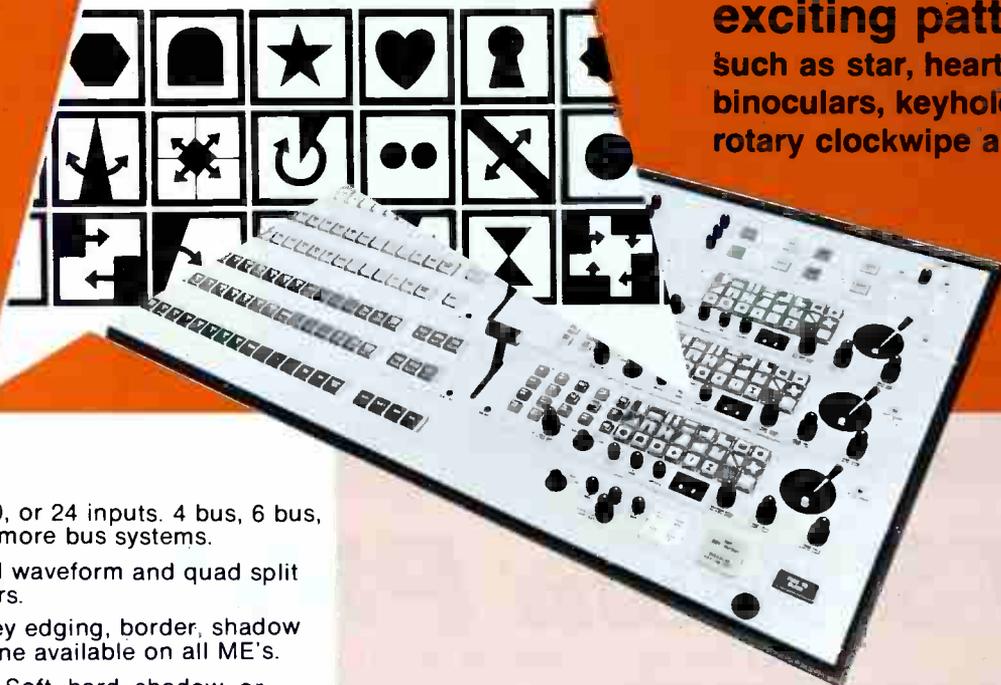
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FCC Clarifies EBS Equipment Requirements

Application of the regulation that every station install the two-tone EBS interstation signal equipment has been clarified by the FCC as it applies to multiple stations under one ownership.

Co-owned, co-located stations (for example, AM and FM stations using combined studios) need install only one set of two-tone units, says the FCC. In the case of co-licensed stations separated geographically, the licensee may by letter request the right to use only one set of EBS equipment at a common point, describing the circumstances in detail: each case will be decided on its own merits.

In any event, the FCC added, "EBS equipment must be installed in such a way that it enables the staff, at normal duty locations, to monitor the emergency message and to act accordingly." As previously reported in BM/E, the time for switch-over to the new two-tone system remains at midnight, April 15th; several requests for extension were denied by the FCC.

IDS Identification Rule Deleted; System Halted

A six-year attempt by International Digisonics Corp. (later called IDS Services) to establish its system for identifying TV programs with superimposed picture data got an official ending late in January when the FCC deleted the rule permitting use of the system. The IDS system, developed to give advertisers positive evidence of transmission of specific programs, used patterns placed in the four corners of the picture, intended to be invisible on a normally adjusted receiver. But IDS was unable to improve technical operation enough to keep the patterns out of view with reasonable consistency. IDS has stopped operating a program identification service.

The FCC, in eliminating the rule, said stations would be allowed to use, until January 31, 1978, material that was encoded with the signals before January 28, 1976. A spokesman at the FCC told BM/E that, at press time, no similar identification systems were before the FCC; a number have been discussed at recent industry technical meetings.

Vertical Interval For Deaf Captions Proposed

Responding to a rule-making petition filed by the Public Broadcasting Service, the FCC has proposed that a part of the vertical blanking interval be used for transmitting captions to aid the deaf

in following TV programs. In the system developed experimentally by PBS, the captions would be encoded digitally at the transmission point, and transmitted on line 21 of the vertical interval. The viewer would need an inexpensive decoder to translate the digital signals and put them on the screen; otherwise they would not be seen. Thus there would be no intrusion of the captions on those not needing them. The FCC asked for comments by March 10th and reply comments by March 24th.

FCC Briefs

Cable operators will get "a modest increase in news availability" through a new rule that allows them to carry network news, not broadcast on TV stations carried by the cable system, when no station in the market is broadcasting a local news program A further reduction in AM-FM program duplication starts January 1, 1977, when it will be limited to 25% (it is now 50%) in markets of more than 100,000 and to 50% (now unlimited) in markets of 25,000 to 100,000, with the latter category dropping to 25% on January 1, 1979.

Educational stations that get Federal financial assistance must make and hold for at least 60 days audio recordings of all programs in which issues of public importance are discussed, and the recordings must be available on a reasonable basis (including payment of copying costs) to requests from the public: stations can delegate the recording task to central program producers such as PBS and NPR Employment of women in broadcasting went up from 25.2% in 1974 to 26.2% in 1975, and of minorities from 12.3% in 1974 to 12.9% in 1975, according to an FCC study.

NCTA Sees Silver In 25th Anniversary

Beset with several years of hard times as a result of over-regulation and high interest rates, the cable industry sees a glint of silver as it travels to Dallas, April 4-7 to celebrate its 25th year.

Interest rates are down, payable is thriving and strong support for the industry is showing up in Congress. The National Cable Television Assn. has taken strong heart from the recent House Communications Subcommittee staff report that says cable TV should be treated as an independent medium. It can hope for legislation that will curb the FCC's zeal for protecting broadcasters from competition.

The Subcommittee report urges a new copyright formula—one based on payments for distant signal carriage

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only. If NCTA can manage a switch in its "consensus agreement" stand to support this concept (favored by Tele-Prompter and smaller independents), or if NCTA's official stand is undercut by overwhelming individual operator support for the fee-for-distant-signal-only concept, new ground rules might emerge for the industry that will accelerate growth.

Key legislators/regulators will speak at Dallas: Cong. Torbert MacDonald and John Moss, Sen. Hartke and FCC chairman Wiley.

Thomson-CSF To Sell Cohu Telecines

An agreement has been reached whereby Thomson-CSF will be the exclusive distributor of Cohu TV film cameras in the U.S. and Canada. These cameras will become an important element in Thomson-CSF's full line of broadcast TV equipment.

Three FM's On One RCA Antenna In Miami

A new ring-radiator antenna developed by RCA will radiate circularly-polarized signals for three FM stations simultaneously, the first time such an antenna has been so used, according to the RCA announcement. The stations are all in Miami, Florida: WINZ-FM, WYOR-FM, and WBUS-FM, the first two with 40 kW transmitters, the last with a 50 kW transmitter. R.L.



Rocamora, RCA antenna engineering manager, said that the new design is cheaper than a panel-type unit, has lower wind loading. The antenna will have eight bays, each with radiators more than twice as large as those in previous single-station antennas of the type. The photo shows several of the antenna bays under test at RCA's Gibbsboro antenna facility.

Interface Plan Smooths Road To Total Automation

Total automation of TV broadcasters will be advanced substantially by an

agreement among the three leading makers of automatic switching systems—Central Dynamics, Grass Valley, and Vital Industries—for standard method of interfacing with business automation systems.

Data Communications Corp. makers of the BIAS business automation systems, have already said the BIAS is being equipped for rapid efficient link-up with the new standard interface. Jim Cook, director of R&D for DCC, pointed out that his firm has been actively encouraging the development of such a standard since 1973. He said that each of the three makes of a program switcher already has an order from a station with a BIAS system, looking toward a total-automation hook-up: WNAC, Boston will install CDL; KTLA, Los Angeles, will use Grass Valley; and WPTV, Palm Beach, will use Vital.

The logical goal of automatic progress over the last decade, as described often in BM/E and elsewhere, total automation consists in the direct control of program switching by the business automation system, and the automatic feedback of event data from switching to business. Several television stations have already inaugurated total automation, but in each case the required design and construction of special interface systems for the link-up. An industry-wide interface standard will greatly reduce the cost of total automation; the DCC-Grass Valley-CDL-Vital agreement is a major step toward that.

New Jersey Public TV Sets Program Records

Record numbers of viewers were reached by New Jersey's Public TV network in 1975, and they saw more hours of programming from the station than in any previous year, according to a summary issued recently by D. L. T. Frymire, Executive Director. Instructional programs totaled 120 hours; there were 56 remote broadcasts, including 86 hours devoted to state financial and legislative affairs. Independent surveys found a 33% increase in viewers from the previous year.

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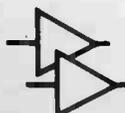
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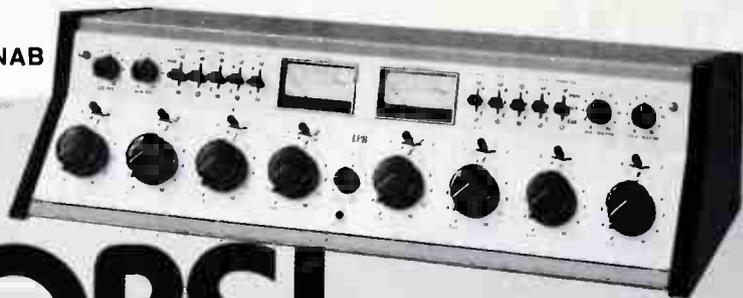


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L.S. Wayman, president of Magnasync/Moviola, said that primary use would be in flatbed editors, but other important uses would be in telecine chains, previewing machines, library readers, and transfers from film to tape.

Cohu "Talk" Gear In South African TV

When the South African Broadcasting Corp. finally brought regular nationwide TV to that country early this year ending years of controversy, \$400,000 internal communication system, installed by Cohu, Inc., went into use. The state-supported TV system is highly centralized, with a studio complex in Johannesburg of half a million square feet, roughly twice as large as any single TV complex in the U.S. Cohu's subsidiary, FRL, installed the system for "talk paths" throughout the installation, including about 200 stations, paging, interconnecting telephone systems, and special telephone switchboards in Johannesburg, Capetown, Port Elizabeth, Durban and Bloemfontein.

The programming will consist initially of a single channel, alternating between English and Afrikaans; later there will be separate programs in the two languages, and eventually a third channel addressed to the black population. About 250,000 receivers had been sold before the start-up.

Mobil Officer Says TV Network Control Tighter Than Oil Industry

Where ideas and viewpoints are involved, the U.S. marketplace is only partly open to private business, charge Herbert Schmertz, Mobil Oil Corp. vice president of public affairs. The statement was contained in a speech given to the American Gas Assoc. at its 57th annual meeting in Houston.

Additionally, said Schmertz, the
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marketplace is "anything but free. And where commercial network television is involved, the marketplace of ideas is tightly circumscribed, and it is oligopolistic if not downright monopolistic."

Schmertz's speech followed his company's attempts to buy air time for "idea" commercials to present Mobil's positions on the energy crisis. He said they wanted to convey "some accurate information and our own viewpoints. Our aim was... simply to broaden the spectrum of information—and thus of choices—

available to the American people." Schmertz said the networks have refused to sell time to Mobil for its "idea" commercials.

Projection TV Going To Bars, Clubs; Syndicated Programs Ready

With several projection TV systems being marketed, a major push of larger systems is on for use by bars, discotheques, and night clubs to attract a larger clientele. The Advent Videobeam (\$3500) with 7-ft. screen, is the equipment base for a programming syndication launched recently by Projectionvision, New York entertainment

entrepreneurs. Plan includes installation of Videobeam with high quality sound in clubs not already equipped, with distribution of entertainment acts on U-Matic cassettes. Many programs are produced at The Bottom Line, New York night club which books top favorites in rock and pop fields.

Another large screen system being sold actively to clubs is that of Projection Systems, Inc. of Passaic, N.J., in several models, with screens from 8-ft. to 20-ft.; prices range from about \$5000 to about \$30,000. Projection Systems claims superiority in a wide viewing angle for the screen, uses Schmidt lens system for image enlargement.

A smaller system is aimed at the home by Tele-Pro-Sys of Salt Lake City, Utah. Entire system is within cabinet; by buying projection system and cabinet in kit form, buyer can get 56" (diagonal) screen for around \$400 plus cost of receiver. Base of the system is an unmodified 15-in. Sony Trinitron receiver.

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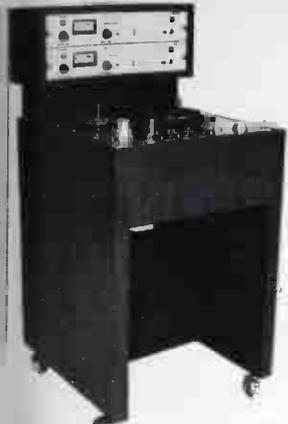
The Video Systems Division of Pierce-Phelps, Inc. has scheduled its **Eighth Annual Video Forum** to be held April 20, 21, 22 in Philadelphia and April 27, 28, 29 in Washington, D.C. Those wishing invitations or information for Philadelphia should contact Ronnie Hill at 215-879-7171. Those interested in Washington, D.C. should contact Debbie Leavell at 301-530-9580. The forthcoming Vidsec 76 (Video Systems Exposition and Conference) will feature the third annual **Video Library** to be held at McCormick Place, Chicago from June 13-16. The Library will be open to all attending Vidsec, and the Summer Consumer Electronics Show, and there is no admission charge. For further information write Vidsec 76, 11th floor 331 Madison Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10017.

A one-day **Communication Transmission Seminar** on High Speed Digital Transmission Techniques will be held at Princeton University on March 16. Fees are: IEEE member \$40.00, non-member \$45.00. For further information contact Dr. Paul Schnitzler, Bell Laboratories Room 3B-308, Holmdel, NJ 07733 201-949-2216.

The Delaware Valley Industrial TV Society will hold **Video Fair '76** on Wednesday, March 17 in Philadelphia an event aimed at helping local businessmen to better understand the use of TV in company communications. For

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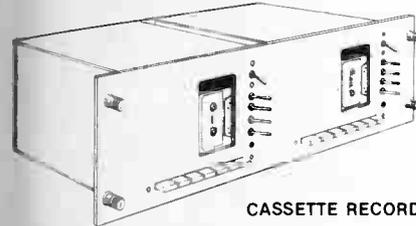
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The system is packaged in a two module bay with provision for module to module dub function. The package size is 7" high x 19" wide x 12" deep.

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The ASCO 2000 Control Box is a solid state, retrofit modification for older 351 style transports. Features include: fast motion dynamic braking (i.e. braking is accomplished by reverse motor torque until reel stoppage, then normal brakes are engaged)—tape motion sensing that eliminates tape breakage by locking out the play function until tape has stopped—edit function—constant tension holdback with optional constant tension takeup—optional constant torque holdback and takeup—access is provided for search and cue equipment interface—provision for tape lift function—delayed stop for "pop free" bias turn off—torque boost to accommodate high speed fast start—logic design provides access from any transport mode to any other transport mode—provision is made for logic lever control of all function—optional slow start capstan—capable of three speed operation—switch selectable tension settings to accommodate different tape sizes.

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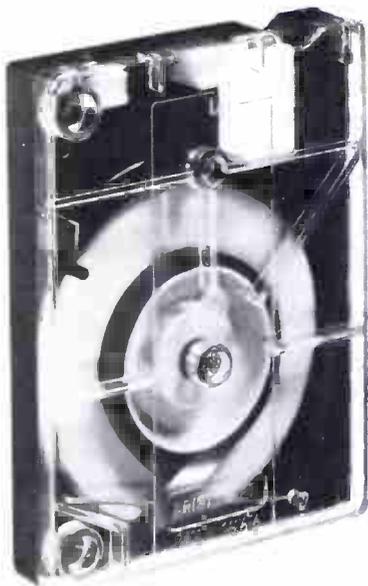
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more information contact Ron Brown, MarketDyne International, 1600 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA 19101, 215-241-2778 "Effective Programming—The Next Step" will be the theme of the **8th Annual International Conference of the International Industrial Television Association (ITVA)**, March 27-30, Anaheim, CA. For more information contact Herb Wolff, Conference Chairperson, New England Video Services, 501 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02117.

The **Tenth Annual Midwest Acoustics Conference** will be held Saturday, May 1, in the Norris Center of Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. The topic of MAC '76 is "The Measurement of Sound Fields and Their Effect on People." For further information contact H.O. Saunders, Room 24A, 225 W. Randolph St., Chicago, IL, 312-727-4331 Ximark Corp. has begun holding two-day regional **Pay TV and Maintenance Marketing Seminars** across the country. For more information write: Ximark Nat'l Cable Marketing Conference & Training Center, Cazenovia College Campus, Cazenovia, NY 13035.

Programming Briefs

The Progressive Radio Network is now offering **News Blimp**, densely produced 3-minute features using rock music, actualities, comedy and sound effects on a subscription basis. Currently, almost 50 AM and FM rock stations nationwide subscribe and they are available on a market exclusivity basis. For further information, contact Eric Riback, Sales Manager, the Progressive Radio Network, 321 Rider Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10451; 212-585-2717 **Modern Talking Picture Service** is now offering *In Celebration of Flight*, a 28½-minute film by the Federal Aviation Administration and *Sylvia Porter's Advice For Today's Woman*, a 5½-minute film presented by the American Society of Chartered Life underwriters on free loan throughout the country. Write Modern TV, 2323 New Hyde Park Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040 for playdates Twenty-one cable systems recently joined the network of cable affiliates for Satori Productions' weekly one-hour variety-talk show **Daytime/Nighttime** bringing the total number to 225 in 375 communities. For information contact Satori at P.O. Box 688, Radio City Station, NY, NY 10019 **Satori** also announced "Celebration," a popular rock music show, has been added to the line-ups of three pay TV

outlets; Atlanta Home Theatre of Atlanta, Ga., Telecinema of Columbus, Ohio, and Macon Cable TV of Macon, Ga. . . . **Trans World International** is now producing a new, 1-night series of sports specials that are nationally syndicated by J. Walt Thompson Co. called "Sportspecial the Month," the 90-minute show premiered last January **Modern TV** is offering three new films: "Cathy Rigby's Busy World," about the Olympic gymnast; "LNG: It's C Its Way," describing a project which will provide a fuel supply to an energy-hungry nation; and "The Official 1975 All America Team," highlights of the 1975 college football season. All films are available on free-loan basis from Modern TV, 2323 New Hyde Park Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

A series of 36 weekly radio programs geared to the Bicentennial called **Our Heritage, Our Hopes** is now available free to stations. The 30-minute tape programs explore such issues as the shrinking frontier, First Amendment freedoms, and private enterprise. Information about them can be obtained from Grant Spradling, 287 Park Ave South, NY, NY 10010 **Perspectives On Health**, a weekly 41-minute news interview series is available free to radio stations via tape. Contact Dr. Rawland Cresser, College of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, 100 Bergen St., Newark, NJ 07103. Great Plains National Library has announced two new series available for lease/purchase on video tape or video cassette **The American Economy**, which approaches the study of our economic system from a practical viewpoint, and **Man Builds-Man Destroys**, an environmental series, and information about them can be obtained from GPN, Box 80669, Lincoln, NE 68501 A TV special documenting the life and achievements of actor-singer-athlete-black activist **Paul Robeson** is now available for direct viewing on ¾-in. "U" standard video cassette. The one-hour program can be purchased or leased from the Public TV Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza S.W., Washington, DC 20024. Modern Television has announced several new 16mm-sound and color motion pictures **Metallic Tales**, presented by The Aluminum Association is available on free loan to TV stations throughout the country. **Harbors** explores some of the East Coast harbors that have played an important role in our nation's development. The 27½-minute film can be obtained free-loan. **The 197: Kemper Open** tells how golf pro Ray Floyd finally captured the title after seven years. The 26 minute TV film is also available free-loan. For more information contact Modern TV, 2323 New Hyde Park Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

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information on the films write Modern TV, 2323 New Hyde Park Rd., New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

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The National Cable TV Association and Continental Cablevision of Ohio, a member company, have petitioned the FCC to revoke the industrial radio license of the Toledo Edison Utility Company for engaging in abusive monopoly practices in the provision of CATV pole attachment services. The

petition, if successful, could have broad ramifications for other electric utility companies providing pole attachment service to CATV companies. . . . **RCA Corp.** has announced that it will close its receiving tube plant at Harrison, N.J., by July 30, 1976 affecting approximately 1,100 employees.

The Bible Broadcasting Network of Norfolk, Va. has received permission from the FCC to proceed with the transfer of WAVO-AM in Decatur, Ga. The new station serves the greater Atlanta area, and becomes the fourth station in the network. . . . Robert Precht, President of Sullivan Productions, Inc., and Jerry B. Greene, President of **Classic Cablesystems Corp.**,

have announced agreement for sale of Sullivan's New York CATV systems to Classic. The acquisition will be the first for Greene who has been active in the cable industry for more than 11 years. He recently resigned Vice President—Finance and Treasurer of Teleprompter Corp.

WMUK-FM, Western Michigan University, has begun programming "The University of the Air," a series of radio instructional offerings which can be taken for credit toward degree programs at WMU. . . . **WPSX-TV**, University Park, Pa. has received a grant from the Pennsylvania Public Broadcasting Network to produce an hour-long special on nutrition.

ComQuest Corp. has announced it will conduct a major multi-client study called *Closed Circuit Video Systems: U.S. Market Analysis (1976-1981)*, an area that U.S. industry is currently spending \$300 million annually.

J.R. Poppele, president and one of the founders of the **Veteran Wireless Operators Association**, presented President Gerald Ford with a telegram and a sounder at a special ceremony in the White House Rose Garden following the organization's 50th anniversary dinner in Washington, D.C. . . . **The National Broadcasting Company**, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary, will receive the 1976 Gold Medal of the International Radio and Television Society—IRTS' highest honor awarded annually for "achievement in or contribution to broadcasting," at the IRTS' 36th Anniversary Banquet, March 18, at the Americana Hotel, New York City.

Audio-visual producer **Close Productions** of Fort Myers Beach, Fla. offers its clients individually-tailored color slides at a new low bottomed price of only \$12.95 per slide.

Jerrold Electronics has produced its 100,000th Super Descrambler at its Nogales, Mexico plant. . . . **Ampex Corp.** has announced delivery of its 500th AVR-2 modular videotape recorder/reproducer to Australian station Ten-10 in Sydney. . . . Approximately 12,000 radio and TV programs entered in the annual Peabody Awards competition during the past 5 years have been acquired by the **University of Georgia** libraries.

Bebell, N.Y. film laboratory located at 416 W. 45th St., has announced daily development service for the new Ektachrome 7240 video negative film.

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Business Briefs

Ampex Corp. has been awarded a \$1 million contract to deliver color videotape recording equipment to the National Iranian Radio and TV organization.

on The Broadcast Products Division of **Harris Corp.** has received a 345,000 order from the General Electric Broadcasting Co. for a BTD-36L, 6 kW IF modulated TV transmitter and a \$53,000 order from the Jefferson-Pilot Corp. of Charlotte, N.C. for a System-90 program automation system **International Video Corp. (IVC)** has received an order in excess of \$260,000 for studio and portable broadcast color TV cameras and associated equipment from London Weekend TV.

Twenty radio stations joined the **CBS Radio Network** in 1975, bringing the number of affiliates to 256. On January 19, **WFDE**, Flint, Mich. became an affiliate **Eastman Kodak Co.** has opened new offices as part of expansion of its Whittier marketing and distribution center, headquarters for the company's Pacific Southern region

Audio-Video Concepts has moved to new facilities at 6909 Old Alexander Ferry Road, Clinton, Md. 20735; 301-868-7600 **R F Systems** has announced the completion of its new test range facility at Cohasset, Mass. for R.F. antennas up to 50-ft. in diameter **Sudden Music** has formed a new company, **All Of A Sudden Music**, Riverdale, N.Y., to handle the firm's ASCAP licensed compositions .

Walther M.A. Anderson & Associates have named two new field sales organizations: **Fieldtec Inc.** based at 4500 Campus Drive, Newport Beach, Calif. 92660 714-540-4000 to cover southern California and Arizona and **Foster Associates**, 1078- Wentworth St., Suite B, Mountain View, Calif. 94043 415-965-4010 to cover northern California and Nevada **Hervic Corp.** recently announced the availability of new price listings covering some of its Beaulieu Camera Systems. Lists can be obtained from **Hervic Corp.**, 14225 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91423 **International Tapetronics Corp.** has announced a two-year warranty on their entire line of professional cartridge and open reel audio tape machines **Scientific-Atlanta, Inc.** announced that it has completed arrangements for a 15-year loan for \$6 million from the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

People

Lawrence M. Clamage has been appointed Program Manager of **WKBD-TV**, the Kaiser Broadcasting Station in Detroit **Jim Dyer** has been appointed Program Manager for **KOOL AM**, Phoenix, Az. . . . The appointment of **Cheryl Daly** to the position of Manager of Press Services for the CBS Radio Division has been an-

nounced **Dr. Tom Brislin** has joined the staff of Guam CATV System as Cablecasting Manager.

Philip W. Semisch has been named Vice President of **Jerrold Electronics Corp.'s** Manufacturing Operations **Richard M. Sykes** has been elected Vice President—Finance and Treasurer of **Teleprompter Corp.** by its board of directors **Video Concepts, Inc.** has announced that **Joe Benaim** has joined its staff as Senior Vice President, Research & Development **Robert J. Lewis** has been elected President and Chief Operating Officer of **Jones Intercable** by its board of directors **Sylvia Caso, Patrick Caruso and James W. Elmore** have been named Vice Presidents of **Cablevision, Inc.**

Richard Putman has been appointed Instrumentation Optics Manager of **Angenieux Corp. of America** **Thomas W. Smith** has been appointed—Manager, Telecommunications Instrument Product Line of **Scientific-Atlanta, Inc.** **David C. Herbert** joins the Video Systems Division of **Peirce-Phelps** as Systems Engineer in the company's Washington D.C. office.

Donald F. Smith has been named National Sales Manager for **CEI (Commercial Electronics Inc.)** **Spindler & Sauppe** has announced the appointment of **Vern Schultz** as National Sales Manager **McMartin Industries** has appointed **Charles F. Rockhill** as Western Sales Manager **Henry M. Edwards** has been named Western Manager for **Phelps Dodge Communications Corporation.**

Gerry Heitel has joined **Recortec** in the newly created position of Vice President of Marketing **Fred P. Wilske** has joined the staff of **Video Concepts, Inc.** as Director of Marketing **Jerry M. Astor** has been named Director of Marketing for the Video Products Division of **Akai America Ltd.** **Phillip L. Gantt** has been appointed Sales Manager of the Video Systems Division of **Peirce-Phelps, Inc.** **Brand-Rex Company** has announced that **Kenneth L. Porter** has been appointed Marketing Coordinator for the industrial market, **Richard H. Bamford** has been promoted to Manager of Sales and Marketing for **Industrial Products**, and **George C. Graeber** has been promoted to Manager of Sales and Marketing for **Electronic Products** **Peter Comandini** has been named Director of Technical Sales for **Image Transform CCA Electronics** has announced that **A.W. Bill Trueman** has been appointed Director of Marketing and that **Sam Colodny** has been promoted to Director of Engineering.

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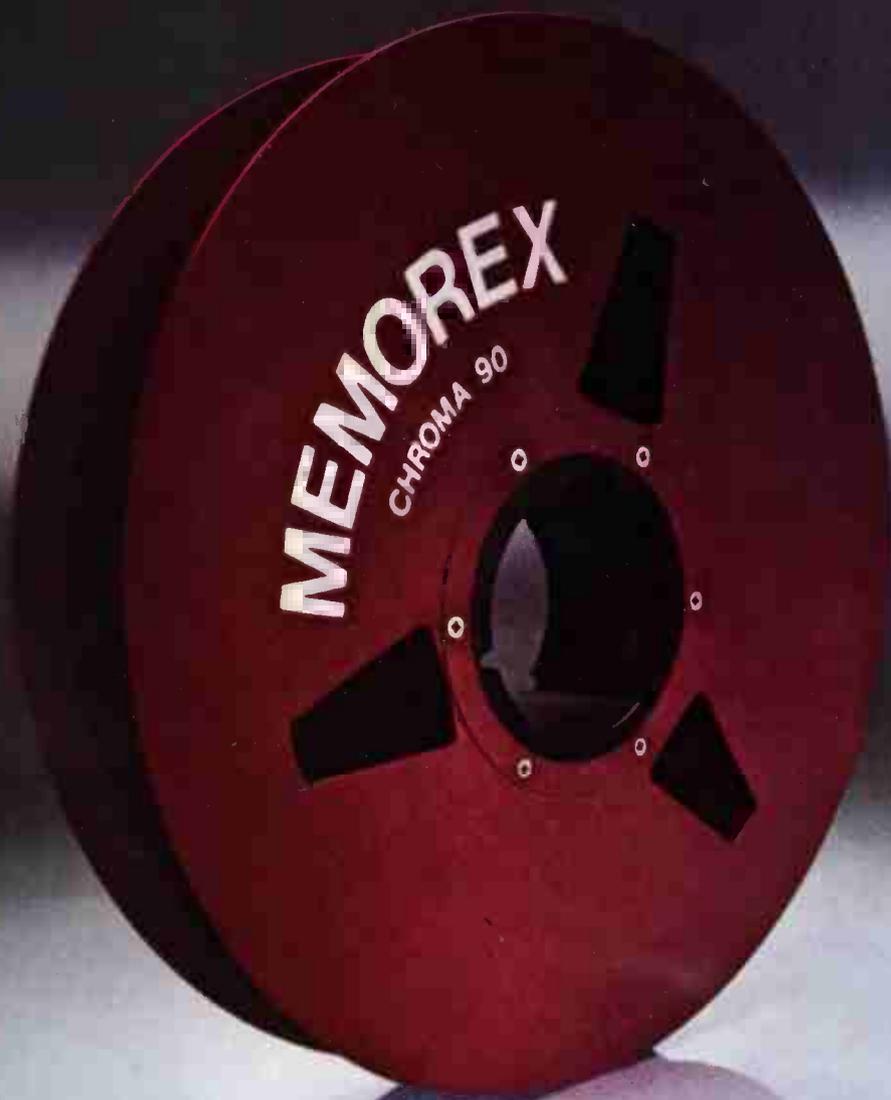
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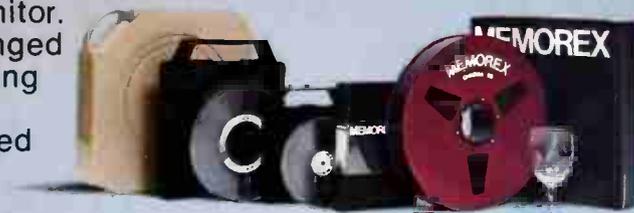
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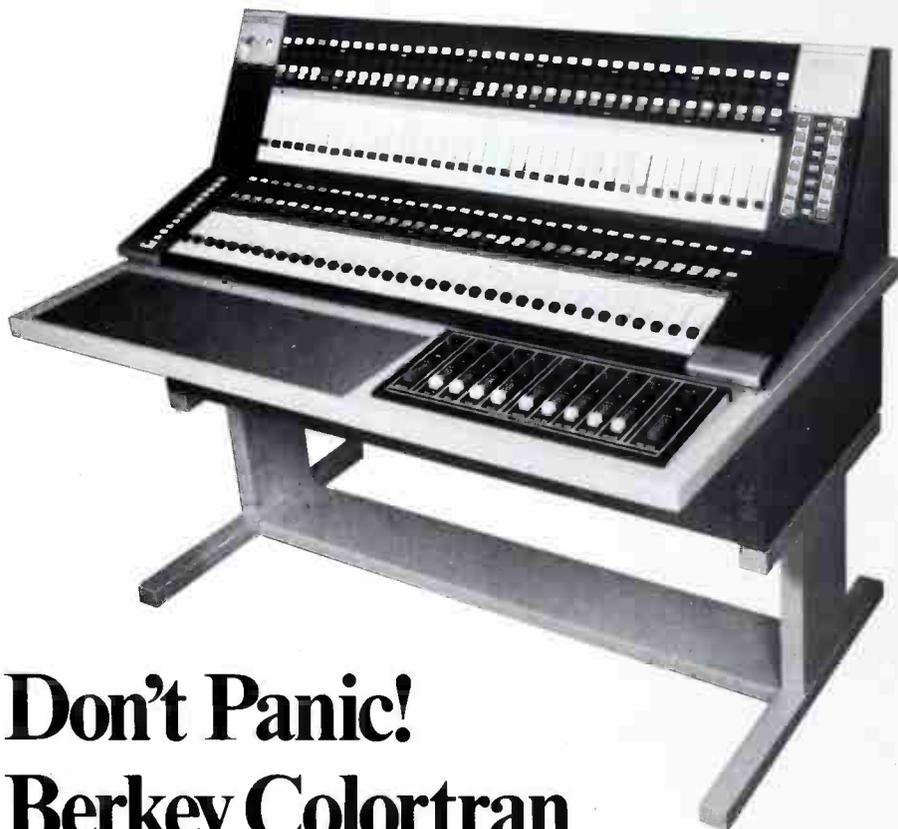
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New Community Ascertainment Guidelines For Broadcast Renewals

By Frederick W. Ford and Lee G. Lovett of Pittman, Lovett, Ford and Hennessey, Washington, D.C.

New guidelines for ascertainment of community needs, problems and interests for presently licensed broadcasters have been adopted by the Commission.¹ The revised guidelines apply only to *commercial* broadcast renewal applicants.

In short, the new ascertainment guidelines provide for *continuous* ascertainment of community needs, problems and interests. This supplants the previous requirement that an ascertainment survey be made within six months of the renewal application filing date. The *1971 Primer*² still governs new broadcast license applications.

Detailed hereinbelow are the Commission's new broadcast renewal ascertainment guidelines.

I. Demographic Showing

Renewal applicants need no longer prepare a complete demographic study of its city of license. Instead, a licensee must maintain, in its *public file*, a listing of the following demographic characteristics of its city of license:

1. Total population figures.
2. Numbers and proportions of:
 - a males and females;
 - b minorities;
 - c youth; and
 - d the elderly.

The Commission did not specify how often this data must be updated, but it seems reasonable to assume that updates should be made as soon as readily available statistical updates are published. Broadcasters should note that the Commission requires retention of statistics relating *only* to the city of license and not to other portions of the licensee's service area.

II. Community Leader Interviews

One of the most difficult aspects of community needs ascertainment has been the selection of a representative "cross-section" of community leaders. The Com-

mission introduced some certainty into this process by composing a Community Leader checklist. The checklist includes the following institutions/elements of your community

1. Agricultural
2. Business
3. Charities
4. Civic, neighborhood and fraternal organizations
5. Consumer services
6. Culture
7. Education
8. Environment
9. Government (local, county, state and federal)
10. Labor
11. Military
12. Minority and ethnic groups
13. Organizations of and for the elderly
14. Organizations of and for women
15. Organizations of and for the youth (including children and students)
16. Professions
17. Public safety, health and welfare
18. Recreation
19. Religion
20. Other

Since the Commission has determined that these structural and institutional elements are common to most communities, any licensee seeking renewal can protect himself as follows. First, if he has interviewed leaders from each of these community segments, he will be deemed to have met Commission standards for "gross quantitative sufficiency" of the Community Leader Survey. Second, if he meets the "gross quantitative sufficiency" standard, he will be immune from challenge to same *IF* the number of Community Leader consultations equal or exceed the following:

| Population of City of License | Number of Consultations |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10,001 to 25,000 | 60 |
| 25,001 to 50,000 | 100 |
| 50,001 to 200,000 | 140 |
| 200,001 to 500,000 | 180 |
| Over 500,000 | 220 |

¹First Report and Order in Docket No. 19715, FCC 75-1361; adopted: December 15, 1975; released: January 7, 1976.

²Primer on Ascertainment of Community Problems for Broadcast Applicants, 21 RR 2d 1507 (1971).

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Note Carefully: Even if a licensee conducts the minimum suggested Community Leader consultations, his community ascertainment may still be open to challenge in terms of "qualitative sufficiency" (i.e., whether the relative coverage given to the several significant elements found in the Community Leader checklist achieves "representativeness"). For example, a licensee in a city of 26,000 may conduct 100 Community Leader surveys and still be open to challenge concerning "representativeness" on the grounds that no Leaders representing minority and ethnic groups or religious institutions were interviewed.³

In a significant change from prior policy, the Commission now permits up to 50% of Community Leader interviews to be conducted by non-management-level employees (so long as they are under proper supervision). (The old guidelines required that 100% of the Community Leader surveys be conducted by principal or management-level employees.) The other 50% of the interviews must be conducted by management-level employees, officials and principals of the licensee. Further, those Community Leaders representing the interests (1) racial and ethnic minorities and (2) women should among the 50% interviewed by principals, officials or management-level employees.

While reiterating that face-to-face interviews with Community Leaders "should remain the staple," the Commission acknowledged that some minor use of telephone consultations with Leaders will be acceptable, especially in outlying portions of a renewal licensee's secondary service area. *In spite of this directive, to be safe, broadcasters are urged to conduct face-to-face interviews with virtually 100% of the Leaders that they select.* In the event of renewal challenge, the minimum additional effort required to do so will obviate time-consuming and potentially costly hearing issues.

Community Leader surveys should be conducted throughout the three year license terms. Summaries of interviews must be placed in the licensee's public file within a "reasonable time" (not more than 30 to 60 days) after each interview. Any interview that is not reflected in a licensee's renewal application must be placed in the public file *on or before* the date that the renewal application is filed. Each Leader's public file documentation shall include:

- 1 Name, address, organization, and title of Leader interviewed;
- 2 Date, time and place of interview;
- 3 Name of principal, management-level, or other licensee employee conducting the interview;
- 4 Problems and needs discussed during interview (if interviewee requests that statements be held in confidence, statement to that effect);
- 5 For interviews conducted by non-principals or non-managers, date of review of interview record by licensee principal or management-level employee.

The licensee need *not* file copies of the Leader interview records with the Commission each year. Instead, each licensee should file one "Community Leader Checklist" for the three prior years with its renewal application. This Checklist should list the 19 institutions (elements noted above), the number of Leaders

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³If one of the 19 institutions/elements does not exist in a licensee's community, the licensee must so explain in its renewal application.



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of each interviewed, and a brief explanation if no Leaders from any one category were interviewed.

III. General Public Survey

The Commission retained its General Public survey requirements. Renewal applicants have a choice of conducting continuing surveys (e.g., one during each of three license years) or one survey prior to filing of the license renewal application (as was previously required). Licensees must place (1) a "brief narrative statement covering the techniques and results" of the General Public survey in the station's public file within a "reasonable time" (generally not longer than forty-five days) of survey completion. A General Public survey that is relied upon in a renewal application must be placed in the public file *on or before* the date that the said renewal application is filed.

IV. Annual Problems-Programs List

AM and FM broadcast licensees will hereafter be required to prepare (1) an annual list of not more than ten significant problems and needs existing in their service areas during the preceding 12 months, and (2) a related list of illustrative programming presented during that period to treat those problems and interests. (Television licensees have been required to prepare such a list for some time.) Each list must be placed in the station's public file on the anniversary date of the filing of the renewal application. (Of course, in the license renewal

year, the list must be placed in the public file on the date that the renewal application is due to be filed with the Commission.) The license renewal application shall contain the "Annual Problems-Programs List" for each of the three preceding years.

V. Exemption For Small Market Stations

All broadcast stations located in small communities (i.e., with populations under 10,000 and not within a "Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area") are exempt from Commission inquiry into the manner in which they become aware of community problems and needs. This means that such smaller community stations (1) need not conduct Community Leader interviews, (2) need not conduct General Public surveys, (3) need not maintain a checklist of demographic aspects of its community, (4) need not draft (or include in their public file) a Community Leader checklist and (5) need not file a checklist with their license renewal application. *Small community licensees must still remain conversant with community problems.* Further, these small market licensees must prepare an "Annual Problems-Programs List" which must be submitted with license renewal applications.

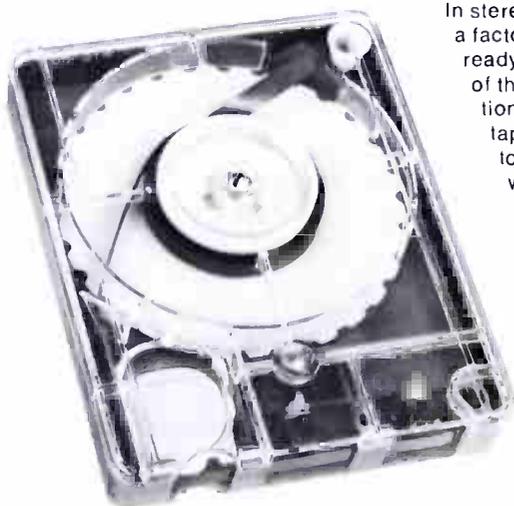
VI. Effective Date

The revised community ascertainment guidelines become effective as follows:

1. For licensees whose authorizations expire on or after December 1, 1976 (e.g., whose renewal applications are due to be filed on or after August 1, 1976), the new guidelines become effective on or after February 6, 1977.

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2. For renewal applicants whose licenses expire prior December 1, 1976 (e.g., whose renewal applications due to be filed on or before July 1, 1976): *Upon commencement of the new license period.* Thus, such licensees will be expected to follow existing guidelines in the 1971 *Primer* with regard to their 1976 license renewal application.

VII. Primer For Renewal Applicants

The Commission adopted a *Primer* for its new community ascertainment renewal guidelines. *The Primer for Renewal Applicants* is similar in scope to the 1971 *Primer* which was originally designed for new broadcast facility applicants. Current licensees should refer to the new *Primer* when planning and implementing their community ascertainment studies. Note that the *Primer* requires licensees to *certify* in their renewal applications that the required demographic checklist, Community Leader checklists and Annual Problems-Programs checklists were timely placed in the station's public file.

VIII. Conclusion

The Commission's 1971 *Primer* has resulted in ending confusion and a plethora of issues designated in conjunction with renewal hearings. The Commission hopes to obviate some of these problems by announcing the new guidelines detailed hereinabove. While community ascertainment will be simplified somewhat, several areas of difficulty still remain. The *Renewal Primer* should clarify some of these problems and broadcast stations should carefully review same before beginning community ascertainment preparations. **BN**

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ENG And Digital Video Double Bill At Winter TV Meet

Topics are prelude to what will be discussed at Chicago NAB Convention.



ENG experiments were related by broadcasters. Raymond Smith, WKYC-TV, Cleveland, led off the program.



Photo of WKYC-TV mobile unit.



Joseph A. Flaherty of CBS-TV network (left) and Renville McMann Jr., president Thomson-CSF Labs, look over their joint development effort, the Microcam.

Organizers of the Tenth Annual Winter Television Conference, Detroit, went all out in an effort to establish this annual event as *the* technical meeting of the year. By picking the two hottest subjects in TV, ENG and Digital Video, they were successful. Over 700 flooded into the Southfield complex which would have seriously overflowed the area were it not for the fact that many local citizens had departed the area for milder and sunnier climates.

But with a generous wine and cheese party hosted by WJBT-TV one night and a double-barreled seminar Friday night, there was no need to venture into the winter chill.

Highlights of the conference were premier presentations of two outstanding developments: the new Thomson-CSF Microcam and the joint Ampex/CBS effort, the Electronic Still Storage system.

There were other very significant first time announcements—Nippon Electric Co. Ltd. described the development of a new camera that certainly need not take a back seat to the Microcam. The NEC MNC-61 is a single piece camera weighing 13-lbs., and which consumes only 25 watts. Its compact size is achieved by virtue of using a hybrid microcircuit.

While not revealing precisely what they would show, Ikegami used the

occasion to announce yet another ENG camera—one that would be unveiled at the NAB Show. Ikegami was followed by Sony which declared it would have a brand new large broadcast line of products at NAB including portable cassette units, an editor cassette console, and an editing system. Also something of a first was the showing of a working model of the TK-76 ENG camera by RCA. Here, however, only a prototype was shown.

Another first was the announcement by Cinema Products that it was coming out with a stabilizer for film cameras—a device that could also be used on ENG cameras. A film demonstrating the virtues of this camera stabilizer showed some incredible pictures made as the cameraman was jiggling on rugged terrain or running up and down stairs and shooting at the same time.

A new communications system for studio-to-field intercommunication was described by Motorola. And although the device was displayed at earlier events, the new editing system by Convergence Corp. got official recognition by virtue of having a paper on the editor included as part of the program.

The remaining half of the Winter TV Conference was devoted to digital video. A great many papers were tutorial or research oriented, but a few described actual equipment. The highlight product in this category was the new Electronic Still Storage system developed by Ampex for CBS Television Network as a result of a joint Ampex/CBS development effort. Drawing a great deal of interest was

Leonard Golding, Digital Communications, discusses methods of making quality assessments of digital signals.





Photo of the new NEC camera as projected on a screen at Winter TV meet.

description of the new Quantel Digital time store synchronizer. A paper on this device was read by J. Brian lately, Micro-Consultants, Inc., Palo Alto. Micro-Consultants is the sales man in the U.S.

There were other papers on other equipment but most of the products described were already known to broadcasters.

For the first time, the Winter TV conference included an exhibit area.

It were the products already mentioned—the RCA TK-76, the convergence Corp. editor, and the Quantel digital synchronizer. Among other relatively recent products on display were the BCC-2 Portable color broadcast camera from Ampex, a one-video assist aid for film making from Cinema Products, a video disc recorder from Eigen and some new ENG antennas from Nurad. There may have not been another product present. CMX Systems showed a shipping crate marked NAB Chicago and Secret. In it could have been the new CMX ENG editing system the CMX-340. We understand this editor will be a pulse-count type selling in the under \$20,000 range compared to the more expensive CMX-40 SMPTE time base editor.

See NAB Preview article for more on ENG cameras

Since the ENG cameras described at Detroit will be exhibited and highlighted at the forthcoming NAB Convention we are describing them more fully in the article on the NAB that follows. Please refer to that section.

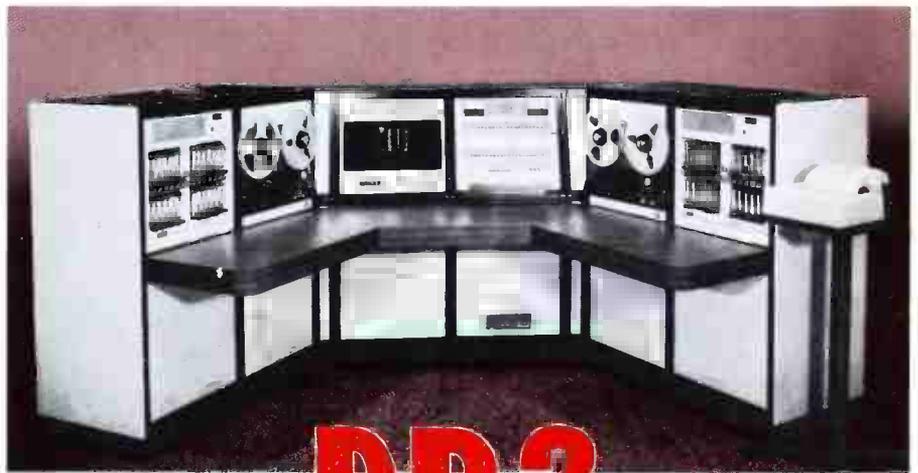
The Electronic Still Storage system (ESS)

Engineers attending the Detroit Winter TV meeting were subjected to a title 'future shock' despite an intense effort to avoid such an occurrence. We refer, of course, to the introduction of the new Electronic Still Storage system as a replacement for the telecine chain. This is a device that can randomly search a library of still pic-

tures, arrange stills into the order to be played, play them at the rate of one second per still, and do it without touching the medium. It's a shocking device in concept but more than that it shocks you into realizing digital video is here!

During the tutorial seminar the preceding evening and during the morning session prior to the paper on ESS a laudable effort was made to introduce the subject of digital video without threat. From the presentations of Frank Davidoff of CBS and Leonard Golding of Digital Communications on the first

evening and that of Charles Ginsberg the following day (Ginsberg is chairman of the SMPTE Digital Television Study Group) one got the impression that digital video was certainly coming, but its introduction would be at best slow. We learned that the least likely device to go digital would be the video tape recorder because the bandwidth requirements for digital video are greater than that for analog. We heard that in digital TV the minimum active bit rate is 45.8 M bits/sec. You roughly translate bit rates into
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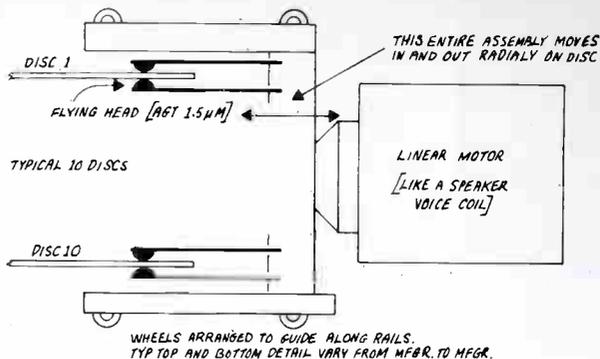
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bandwidth by multiplying by two. To handle such bandwidths and/or bit rates VTRs would have to have a tremendous writing speed. So you relax—no need to master this subject just yet, because it ain't practical. Then Mr. Connolly of CBS steps up to the microphone and delivers his paper. He describes a digital video recorder that is a reality now! As it turns out, by using a disk drive rather than videotape, high writing speeds are practical



Simplified drawing of disc pack containing discs. Heads are always aligned and 16 surfaces constitute one video frame.

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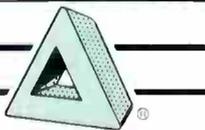
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and it is all possible. But we're getting ahead of the story. Let's go back to why even consider replacing the telecine with a digital system.

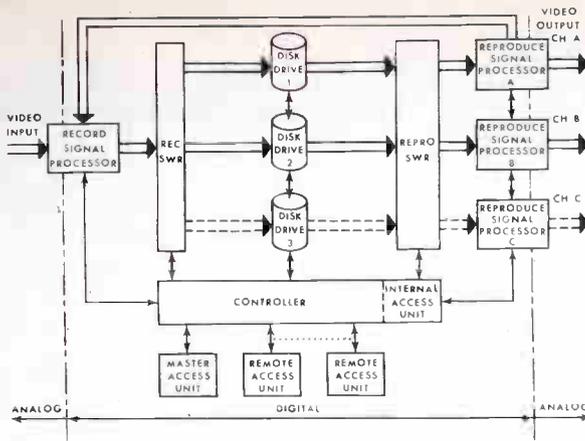
Connolly points to three trends at which downplay film: 1) the increased use of the automatic TCR-100 and ACR-25s for playing commercial spots, 2) the fact that feature films are now integrated into videotape for broadcast, 3) the switch of TV from film to videotape.

This means that the broadcasting of stills is the last major function of the telecine chain. Even in this realm character generators have made slides unnecessary in the first place. One then calculates the cost of using telecine for simply showing slides and turns out to be expensive.

If one doesn't make a slide and achieves graphics directly by putting a card in front of a camera, one is even more guilty of making wasteful use of equipment. Mindful of these considerations and trends, CBS thought it was time to examine using digital video storage devices for storing video images in digitalized form. Studies at CBS stations using slides showed that 900 stills are about the number that are active in a 100 day time frame. Altogether, 3000 slides are probably the most that would be in inventory and usable. This kind of load can be handled by an ESS.

Basically, an ESS system performs four functions: record, retrieve, assembly of a sequence for broadcast and play. Such a system should be able to access any still in storage in less than one second and it should be able to access stills on a continuous basis. Also one should be able to play and repeatedly with no deterioration in playback quality. A further requirement is that an ESS should be able to play back two different stills simultaneously. This will permit preview—or the possibility of superimposing two slides. So that others in the station can view stills, remote access is necessary and there should be two independent video channels so that on-air programming is not interrupted. All of these objectives

Simplified block diagram of the ESS (from Connolly paper).



A frame is stored each revolution. A frame is then a "cylinder"; the perimeter of the cylinder is one of the 800 tracks and the height (or depth) is the sixteen surfaces all directly below the head associated with the top surface. This one-to-one correspondence of "cylinders" to stills means the playback of a frame is accomplished without head carriage movement. (It also makes it simple to rearrange stills into sequences for airing. Up to 128 of the 800 "cylinders" of each disk pack can be assigned as working tracks for continued on page 40

been met in the Ampex/CBS design.

It was assumed in the ESS design phase that a sampling frequency of three times color subcarrier would be adequate and that each sample would have eight quantizing bits (256 levels). Connolly said "The eight-bit value assigned to a sample is fortuitous for the reconciliation of PCM video standards to computer standards, since it coincides with the eight-bit "byte", the unit used by the computer industry to measure mass memory size. Large memories are measured in "kilobytes" and "megabytes"."

The disc drives that are standard in the computer industry work ideally in an ESS system. The Ampex DM 331 system, rotating at 3600 rpm offers 800 tracks per surface and provides a capacity of 200 megabytes per disk pack. Information is transferred serially, one bit at a time at 6.45 megabits per second. There is one read/write head for each surface; the head does not come in contact with the magnetic surface. The air-film distance is approximately 45 micro-inches. This air gap means the head can move radially across the 800 tracks of the disk rapidly and without wear. Traverse time across the disk is 55 milliseconds.

The physical parameters of the Ampex DM331 Disk System permits the stretching of the linear packing density. Thus, the 6.45 megabit per second linear packing rate must be increased to 10.7 megabits per second, which is the familiar rate of three times color subcarrier. This 60% stretching of packing density has been successfully accomplished in the feasibility model. The resulting error rate is well below the one part in 10^7 deemed acceptable for digital television.

A key to understanding the ESS system is to realize that a still is not recorded on a single disk. Rather the system is formulated so that a single video field is divided up into eight disk surfaces. The head associated with each surface is wired to the output of one of the eight quantizing levels. It takes sixteen heads (and disk surfaces) to record two fields or one full frame.

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A Simple System For Quick And Precise Cartridge Phase Alignment

By Grady Moates

By using the three cue oscillators as simultaneous test tone sources, this easily built system allows very fast and accurate azimuth alignment of stereo carts, for elimination of phase error. At station KIKK the system has not only cleaned up sound on matrixed, stereo, and mono FM and on simulcast AM (allowing for higher levels), but also provides rapid quality checks of new carts, checks for playback levels when recording, and distinguishes mono and stereo carts.

In November, 1972, BM/E published an article called, *Solve the Cart Phase Problem with Instant Alignment*. This article began: "By now, nearly everyone in the technical end of broadcasting has at least heard about interchannel phase error in stereo tape cartridges . . ."

Well, now it's 1976 and that sentence, with a minor editorial correction can start this article, too. By now everyone in all phases of broadcasting is aware of the stereo cart phase problem. And in a way, that's nice!! No, not the problem, I mean the awareness. It signals the start of a new era in radio. 1976 is going to be a great year for the broadcast engineer, primarily because of this new *awareness at management levels* of subjects such as phase linearity, synchronous AM, ringing, and their attendant symptoms of poor separation, IM distortion, ragged sounding highs, and inconsistent modulation levels. Management has learned, the hard way in some cases, that if these problems and others like them are not dealt with, they will cost money in the form of lower ratings and consequential lost revenue when the competition cleans up their act and we don't.

Phase problems particularly are getting a higher priority at budget planning time, and that's been a long time coming. Too long, with the advent of matrix-quad FM, because encoded-quad *will not decode properly*, and in some cases *will not modulate at a consistent level*, if the original phase relationship between the channels is not maintained. Even if a phase error is introduced before the synthesis, it will cause more problems in matrix-quad than will the same degree of phase error in a simple stereo program situation, according to Jerry Budelman and Daniel Gravereaux at the CBS Technology Center.

Looking at some simple vector diagrams of the encoding process will verify this. No matter which matrix system you use, it works by altering the phase relationship of the rear channel information with respect to the front information, and then mixing them together.

Since in the synthesis process the front and rear in-

formation is basically the same except for a 90° phase differential, if the front channels are carrying monaural audio a 90° phase error in the cartridge tape system will cause the front channels to partially cancel with the rear channels when mixed to mono, due to the 90° phase shift introduced by the quad synthesis circuitry. This effect is minimized by a 3 dB lower rear channel information level introduced by the quad synthesizer, but the cancellation will still occur to some degree. Because of the additional problems introduced by matrix-quad encoding, many FM broadcasters have not only switched to the new "phase-standardized cartridges," but are doing further exploration in this area to see if further refinements of the system can be made.

This article presents an easy, inexpensive solution to these problems. It's a refinement of the approach used in the 1972 article mentioned earlier. Soon after the article was published, ITC made available a factory modification to the RP-0004 which allowed mechanical front panel adjustment of the record head azimuth to optimize response and phase in exactly the manner outlined in the article.

Later, ITC offered a newer design incorporating a small DC motor driven azimuth adjust screw, with a three-position spring-return toggle on the front panel. This new design included automatic switching of the kHz cue oscillator so that response could be peaked by monitoring the "CUE-PLAY" position of the meters.

This, however, leaves room for a 20° to 25° error due to slight differences in tapes and record head gap scatter. In order to adjust stereo phase tracking accurately, an external oscillator with variable frequency or a sweep oscillator is usually necessary, in addition to an oscilloscope-type display connected to the output of the playback amplifiers.

It occurred to me, however, that with the three very stable cue oscillators already available internally in the record amp, spread out in the audio spectrum as they are, the whole process could be greatly simplified and made less expensive, eliminating the need for external oscillator or sweep generator.

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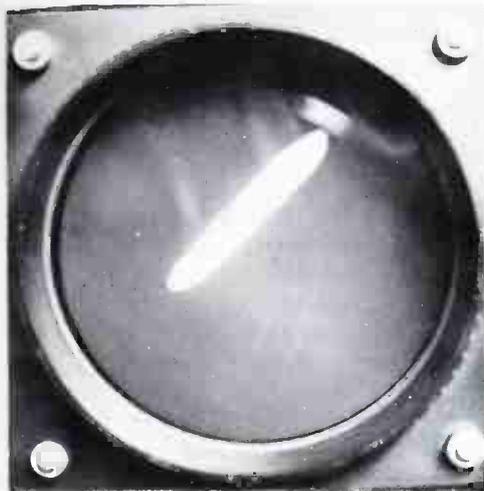


Fig. 1 Familiar 45° line usually signifies an in-phase condition; but in this trace, made with two oscillators, the 150 Hz is in phase in the two channels, the 8 KHz is 360° out of phase.

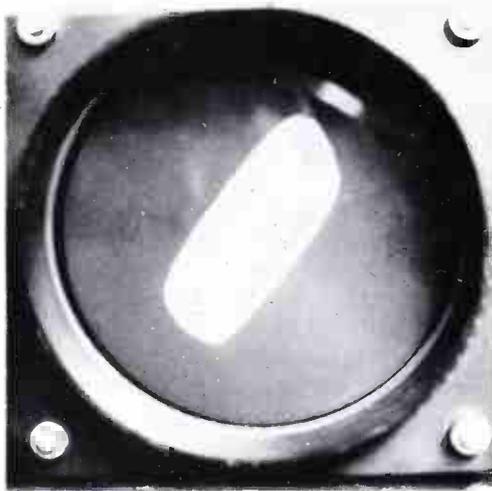


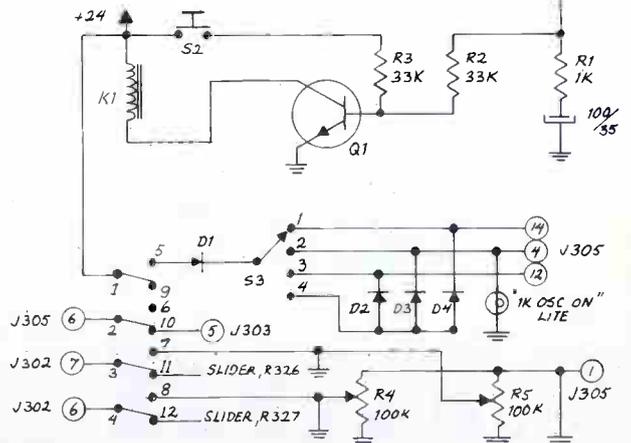
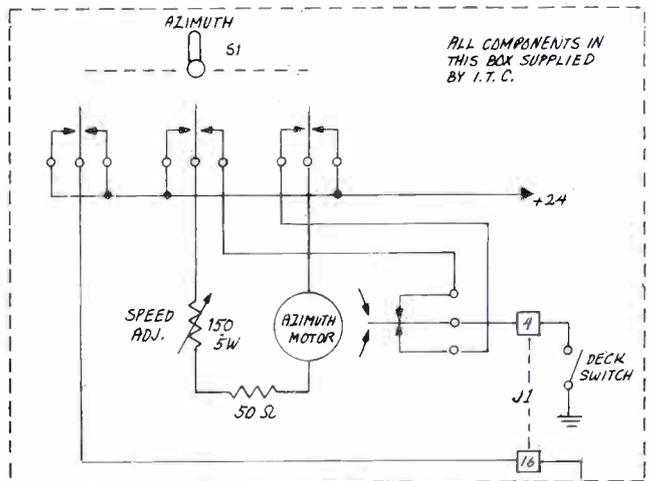
Fig. 2 To show the out-of-phase condition not revealed in the preceding trace, the third cue oscillator (1 KHz) is turned on; with three tones, only perfect alignment will produce straight 45° trace.



Fig. 3 Another typical out-of-phase trace is shown here, with at least two of the three oscillator signals far off coincidence in the two channels.

Fig. 4 Above (right) elements of the ITC system for azimuth adjustment; and below, schematic of author's switching system for applying the three cue oscillator signals singly or simultaneously to the cart. The test system can be readily adapted to any cart machine that provides manual or motorized azimuth adjustment.

K_1 = P&B KHP17P11 24 VDC
 All diodes + ECG 116
 S_2 = manual oscillator ON
 S_z = oscillator selector (150 Hz, 1 kHz, 8 kHz all)
 When azimuth adjust switch is actuated, Q_1 will hold K_1 "ON" for approximately 8 seconds.



PHASE CART ALIGNMENT

Any machine with a means of adjusting the record head azimuth either mechanically or electrically may be used, and with the addition of about \$15.00 worth of parts (cost new) and a cheap scope, repeatable phase tracking within five degrees throughout the spectrum will be easily attainable.

The basic circuit works as follows. A relay is used to perform these switching functions simultaneously:

- 1 turn on all three cue oscillators;
- 2 disable the bias oscillator feed to the cue record gap;
- 3 feed the oscillator outputs to the left and right inputs of the record amps, disconnecting the regular inputs, without disturbing any level or equalization adjustments;
- 4 provide a delayed-off feature to allow the display to stabilize for several seconds after the final adjustment of record azimuth has been made. This allows time also for a check of response tracking and phase-flutter;
- 5 at the conclusion of these tests and adjustments, all circuitry automatically returns to normal

You may wonder why all three oscillators must be used at once for the initial phasing of the cart. Referring to Fig. 1, you will note a standard 45° line indicating an in-phase condition. This trace was taken using only the 150 Hz and 8 kHz oscillators.

It looks nearly like a perfectly phased cart, but in reality is drastically out of phase. The 8 kHz component of the signal is 360° out of phase between the channels, while the 150 Hz component is only about 2° out. A casual look could fool an inexperienced operator. Addition of the third tone, however, removes all doubt, as in Fig. 2. Fig. 3 shows another typical out-of-phase condition. Because of the mathematical relationships of the three frequencies, *there is only one point at which all three frequencies will yield a flat line, and that is in perfect phase*. Schematic of system, and connection to ITC, is in Fig. 4.

Q¹ turns on K¹, and C¹ and R¹ with R² provide approximately 8 seconds of delay before turn off. S¹ is the azimuth adjust switch supplied by ITC, S² is a manual on



Fig. 5 Trace shown is composite of 150 Hz, 1 KHz and 8 KHz; switching oscillators on and off will reveal that the component at less than 45° is from an 8 KHz tone that is much lower in one channel.

switch for obtaining a display without changing the record azimuth. S³ selects each oscillator independently and then simultaneously. K¹ contact set 1-5-9 present +24 vdc to S³ to key the oscillator bank, set 2-6-1 disables the bias feed to the cue record gap, set 3-7-1 disconnects the normal audio and feeds the oscillator audio to the left channel, and set 4-8-12 does the same for the right channel. R⁴ and R⁵ set tone levels, and are fed from the common point on the oscillator card, available through a 33K resistor at pin one of J305 in the ITC.

Operating procedure is quick and easy:

- 1 erase cart to be optimized and insert in recorder;
- 2 press record button, then play button;
- 3 actuate azimuth switch or manual switch to obtain display;
- 4 adjust for thinnest possible line on scope screen;
- 5 watch display for a few seconds after last trimming of azimuth to check for stabilization;
- 6 remove cart, erase, reinsert in machine, and proceed as normally.

Fig. 5 shows a cart that is phased optimally, but with a poor response tracking problem. To verify, simply switch each oscillator on alone for about a second each and watch the slope of the trace. If it varies from the normal 45° slope, there is a response imbalance in that part of the spectrum. This can be due to any of the following:

- 1 improper equalization in record or playback circuits
- 2 worn tape;
- 3 poor gap-to-tape contact due to dirty or dished heads or abraded tape on one track, or tape skew;
- 4 poor tape tension, worn pads or worn tape guides in cartridge.

If the display at 8 kHz is at 45° but will not remain fairly stable, straight line, you have a phase-flutter condition, caused by any of the above, or also:

- 1 unstable tape tension, due to worn lubricant or abraded tape edge or surface;
- 2 tape turntable binding.

Finally, this same system is really handy for sorting brand new carts fresh from the carton. You can readily find the 4 or 5 percent of your new carts that are unstable as received, so that they can be returned without even causing a problem on the air.

This system has been in use for over two months at KIKK, and the operators love it. They have a way not only to optimize for phase, but also to check for proper playback levels, while recording; check the mono component of agency tapes to determine if any phase correction is necessary; determine if a source is mono or stereo so that in the case of a mono signal it can be dubbed from only one channel as source, thereby further minimizing phase error. On the air, the system has cleaned up our sound considerably, not only in quadrasonic, stereo and mono FM, but in mono AM when simulcasting which is a large percentage of the time. AM loudness is up, and AM highs are cleaner than ever before!!

In 1972, this idea was a "make-do" idea to ease smaller station's phase problems without the great expense of switching to all new carts at once. But in 1976 using the "phase-standardized cartridges" this approach yields phase stability and tracking throughout the spectrum approaching that of your studio to transmitter link.

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The Absolute Field In Directional Antennas

By T. Frank Ritter

In an earlier article, BM/E April, 1975, Mr. Ritter discussed how the magnitude and phase of the current in each tower affected the electromagnetic radiation pattern created by "n" towers. In this article, the author discusses conical patterns and the effects of different height towers.

(Ed. Note: In the earlier article, the terms of equation 2 were reversed. Equation should have been $[(A \times \cos B + j(A \times \sin B))] = ALB$. The examples using the equation were correct.)

Complicating the treatment of AM directional antenna pattern calculations are factors such as antenna height and non-horizontal radiation. This article discusses these factors and their quantitative relationships to the theoretical pattern. Hopefully, the explanation will allow the novice to understand some rather complex directional antenna theory.

One reason for employing a directional antenna system is the ability to provide pattern "nulls" which protect the service area of an existing distant station on the same frequency, while delivering a strong signal in other directions. The horizontal pattern plot of a directional antenna system is a step toward predicting and controlling this process, but nighttime ionospheric reflection of various vertically-directed waves may also cause significant interference to a distant station.

Less ominous, but also important, is the fact that nighttime AM reception often involves both the direct and ionospherically-reflected radio waves. These waves

will have a phase difference based on their respective path lengths, and may add or cancel, depending upon their resulting combination. As the ionosphere changes the path length of the reflected wave may change, dynamically distorting the received signal. Thus, the existence of a relatively large high-angle lobe, in addition to wasting power that might better be used in the horizontal ground-wave signal, may considerably reduce nighttime distance reception.

The calculation of the relative horizontal pattern for an array of equal-height towers is relatively straightforward with the application of equation 8.

$$E = \sum_{k=1}^{k=n} E_k / \sqrt{r_k + S_k \cos(\phi - \phi_k)} \quad (8)$$

Equation 8, however, does not allow the calculation of conical patterns; i.e., fields radiated at various elevations to the horizon. Thus we are unable to even approximate long-distance interference.

Developing the vertical angle component

Imagine, for a moment, that we can immediately move ourselves to any position around and over a directional antenna array. Riding a distant orbit over a directional system, we may notice that the distance difference between ourself and each of the towers will change as we glide toward the vertical. If we stop directly over the array, we will find no difference in the distance between ourself and any tower in the array. Since this distance difference (and resulting relative phase shifts between fields arriving from each tower) is the primary explanation for directional characteristics, it is apparent that the horizontal pattern shape cannot apply at various vertical angles.

When we analyze the situation, as in Fig. 6, we find that whatever spacing differences exist between the towers (as we observed the situation at the horizon), they decrease by the cosine of the vertical angle assumed by the observer (with respect to the horizon). We can now proceed to modify equation 8 with our new information. Vertical distributions of energy radiated from a vertical

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Another Approach To Understanding Directional Antennas

Jack Layton, chief engineer, WTEL, put his pen to work and TAB Books published in December, *Directional Broadcast Antennas: A guide to Adjustment, Measuring and Testing*. The book lives up to this title and is filled with practical information.

Recognized that a subject as complex as directional antennas involves some mathematics for effective explanation/understanding, Layton strove to present the necessary theory with an elegant simplicity, using only simple high school math. Ritter's math in the accompanying article has been kept at the level of trig but the subject is developed from a mathematical perspective. The subject is developed quite differently by the two authors. Layton adds simple diagrams extensively to get across working principles.

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tower, will be included as symbols $E_k \theta$ in equation 9.

$$E = \sum_{k=1}^{k=n} E_k f_k(\theta) \angle \Psi_k + S_k \cos \theta \cos(\phi - \phi_k) \quad (9)$$

- where: E = complex resultant wave
- $E_k f_k(\theta)$ = relative or absolute field from tower k at vertical angle θ
- Ψ_k = phase of current in tower k
- S_k = physical distance at tower k from reference point, degrees
- θ = vertical angle from horizon, degrees
- ϕ = azimuth bearing
- ϕ_k = physical bearing of tower k from reference point

This is the basic equation we will use for calculating the three-dimensional pattern for any array.

Vertical radiation distribution

The energy radiated by a single tower is distributed in the vertical plane as well as the horizontal. For short antennas, this distribution takes the form of a regular hemi-toroid (like a donut sliced in half edgewise, although the hole is only a single point). For taller antennas, the shape begins to flatten and widen, until a new, high-angle lobe comes into existence for towers over $\frac{1}{2}$

wave in height. Thus, ground-level field strength varies even for the same radiated power, from antennas of different height. Of course most listeners exist at ground level, so in one sense, the efficiency of an antenna system can partly be related to the portion of the input power which it radiates to the horizon. FCC rules require minimum horizontal field values for all directional arrays.

Energy radiated from a vertical tower is distributed non-uniformly in the vertical plane because a standing wave exists on the tower which affects the current at each point on the tower. Radiation occurs from each point along the length of the antenna in proportion to the current flowing at that point. Each of these infinitesimal "current elements" radiates a toroidal pattern, each with an electrical phase difference (due to its height on the tower), and physical distance difference when seen from any elevation other than horizontal. The summation of the toroidal patterns from each point on the tower, with the effect of the ground plane at the base, serves to map the radiated energy field distribution pattern for a tower.

A small tower can radiate just as much power as a large one, but this radiated field is distributed differently. Horizontally, the patterns from both towers will have a circular shape, although different in size. The vertical

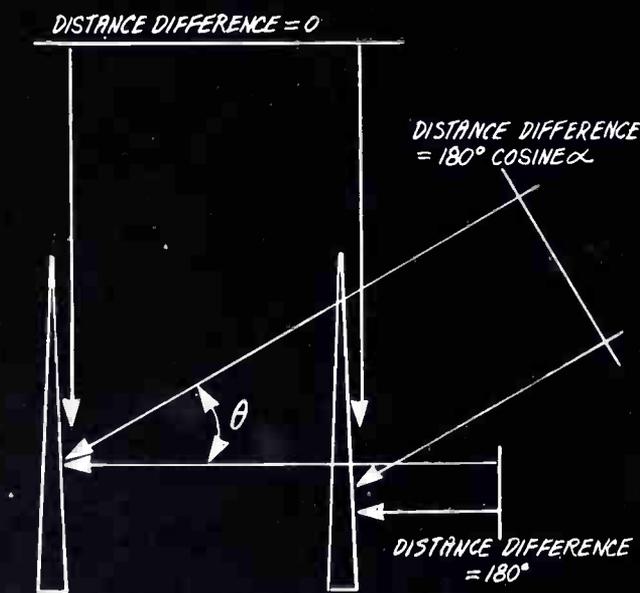


Fig. 6 Variation of distance differences between towers seen from various vertical angles (cosine alpha should read cosine theta).

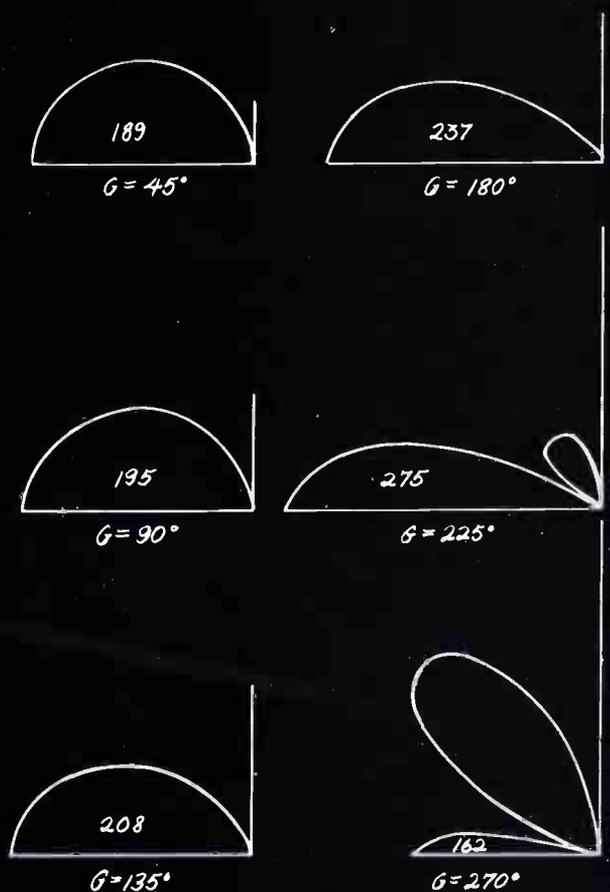


Fig. 7 Vertical energy distribution from various height vertical antennas. Number inside pattern is 1kW non-directional horizontal field.

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patterns will be different in shape and size. This relative shape compared to the horizontal field is found from equation 10.

$$f(\theta) = \frac{\cos(G \sin \theta) - \cos G}{(\cos \theta) \times (1 - \cos G)} \quad (10)$$

where: $f(\theta)$ = field radiated at vertical angle θ , compared to horizontal field

G = length of antenna, degrees
 θ = angle from horizon, degrees

Despite the fact that different height antennas have different vertical pattern shapes, if two different-height towers radiate the same amount of power, intuitively one senses there must be some relation between their overall patterns. Observing Fig. 7, one might be tempted to jump to the conclusion that the areas under the vertical distribution curves might be equal. The relationship is not that simple.

The true relationship between the vertical-distribution shapes is that towers of different heights radiating the same power will have different three-dimensional patterns with the same surface area. If the surface area for this complex solid is calculated, it can be compared to the surface area of a known non-directional reference, and a constant found that will scale the relative vertical distribution values to absolute values in millivolts per meter (mv/m) at 1 mile. The values derived in this manner will be correct only in a non-directional system (since they were derived by comparison to a non-directional reference), but the proportional field relation between one tower and another at any particular angle will remain the same. Equation 11 presents the reference field from a uniform hemispherical radiator which has the desirable characteristic of an easily-calculated reference surface.

$$E_s = 152.151 \times \sqrt{PR}$$

where: E_s = field from hemispherical radiator, mv/m @ 1 mi.

PR = radiated power, kilowatts

Two important methods will now be presented for calculation of absolute fields from a vertical antenna. The first is relatively uncomplicated and direct, which is why we present it first. Unfortunately, the method has a serious inherent inaccuracy for towers over a certain height. The second method is tedious and roundabout, requiring (for now) the computation of a full three-dimensional pattern simply to scale even the horizontal fields. It will, nevertheless, handle all arrays.

Calculation of absolute field values from base current

The oldest and simplest method for calculating absolute fields from various height antennas at any vertical angle is equation 12.

$$E_k f_k(\theta) = \frac{37.2765 J_k}{\sin G} \left[\frac{\cos(G \sin \theta) - \cos G}{\cos \theta} \right] \quad (12)$$

where: E_k = field magnitude from tower k, mv/m @ 1 mi.

J_k = base current in tower k, amperes

G = antenna height, degrees

θ = angle of elevation, from horizon

Equation 12 is predicated upon the ideal standing-wave model of tower current: i.e., tower loop current equals base current divided by the sine of the tower height in degrees. Unfortunately, this approximate relationship breaks down rather badly on towers over 120 degrees, yielding some amazing results at 180 degrees. The magnitude result of equation 12 is inserted into equation 9 as the $E_k f_k(\theta)$ terms. Equation 12 must be re-calculated for each combination of different tower height and vertical angle.

Since most directional pattern computations are made at the horizon, equation 13, the simplified special-case of equation 12, may be used instead.

$$E_k = \frac{37.2765 J_k}{\sin G} [1 - \cos G] \quad (13)$$

We should note that an electromagnetic field exists around any conductor when an RF current flows in it. In a negative operating-base-resistance tower, induced power from the fields of other antennas flows from the antenna back into the power division system. Realizing this fact unnecessarily complicates matters, since the direction of power flow has no effect on the existence of the "radiated" field. The field "from" a negative-resistance tower may be considered a "negative field," if you can imagine that, but it is a real field nonetheless. Equations 12 and 13 are accurate independent of tower base resistance or lack thereof.

Since a directional antenna system radiates more power in some directions than others, some of those directions being above the horizon, it is desirable to be able to calculate the "average" effective field at various vertical angles. We could expect the "average" effective field to be greater than the pattern minima, and less than the maxima; being graphically a circular pattern of the same area (thus, power) as the directional pattern.

Fields from a directional antenna system are proportional to current flow, not power. To find the "average" field, we must employ a technique which will insure that the total power from both the directional pattern and the equivalent "average" pattern are actually equal. The method used is to square the computed field magnitudes at a number of equal bearing intervals, find the average of those squared values, then take the square-root of that value, as in equation 14.

$$RMS = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \times \sum_{k=1}^{k=n} E^2(\theta_k)} \quad (14)$$

where: RMS = Root-Mean-Square field

n = total number of bearings used

$E(\theta_k)$ = actual or relative field at k th bearing

This is usually done for each 10-degree interval, a total of 36 bearings for each vertical angle RMS.

Alternately, the RMS value may be found by graphical techniques. The calculated field values are plotted to scale (perhaps 1" radius = 100 mv/m @ 1 mi) on polar graph paper, and the radius of a circle found which would enclose equal area. If the polar plot is traced onto a sheet of small-grid graph paper (say .1" square), the area of the directional pattern can be found by counting the squares inside the figure. Remembering that there are 100 one-tenth-inch squares to one square inch, the radius of a circle with equivalent area can be found from equation 15.

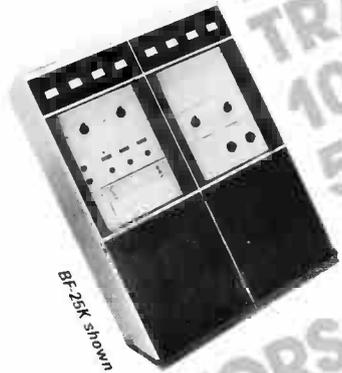
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$$r = \sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}} \quad (15)$$

r = radius of circle with area A

Converting the resulting scaled distance value back into field value, the RMS value for any pattern at any particular vertical angle may now be found. Accurately counting 600 or more tiny squares is no joke: if you have not already been introduced to this method, you may wish to try it—once. Such graphical methods were of great import prior to the advent of inexpensive electronic calculators.

Calculation of absolute field values from radiated power

Since equation 12 breaks down when used on towers over 120 degrees in height, it is desired to have a method for handling arrays containing high towers. One method makes use of a concept of radiated power which we have previously seen related to a single tower. Knowing the radiated power of the array, we can find the true surface area of the complex three-dimensional pattern for that array, derived from equation 11. Calculating the relative three-dimensional pattern (from theoretical horizontal field ratios), the relative surface area of the solid pattern can be found. Comparing the two surface areas, a constant can be found which will scale the relative field results to absolute values. The same constant will also scale relative tower fields to absolute values.

The relative field pattern is developed by inserting the

results of equation 10 into the $f_k(\theta)$ term of equation 9. The horizontal field ratios are known, and these value are inserted in equation 9 as E_k . The entire pattern is the computed at 36 azimuth bearings (usually 0 through 35 degrees) for each of 9 vertical angles (0 through 8 degrees; from equation 10 we see there is no 90-degree field). The relative RMS values for the patterns at each vertical angle may now be found using equations 14, and the necessary field constant directly calculated from the approximation of equation 16.

$$k = \frac{364.197 \sqrt{PR}}{\sqrt{\frac{E_o^2}{Z} + \sum_{n=1}^{n=8} E_{10n}^2 \cos 10n}} \quad (16)$$

where: k = field constant, in mv/m

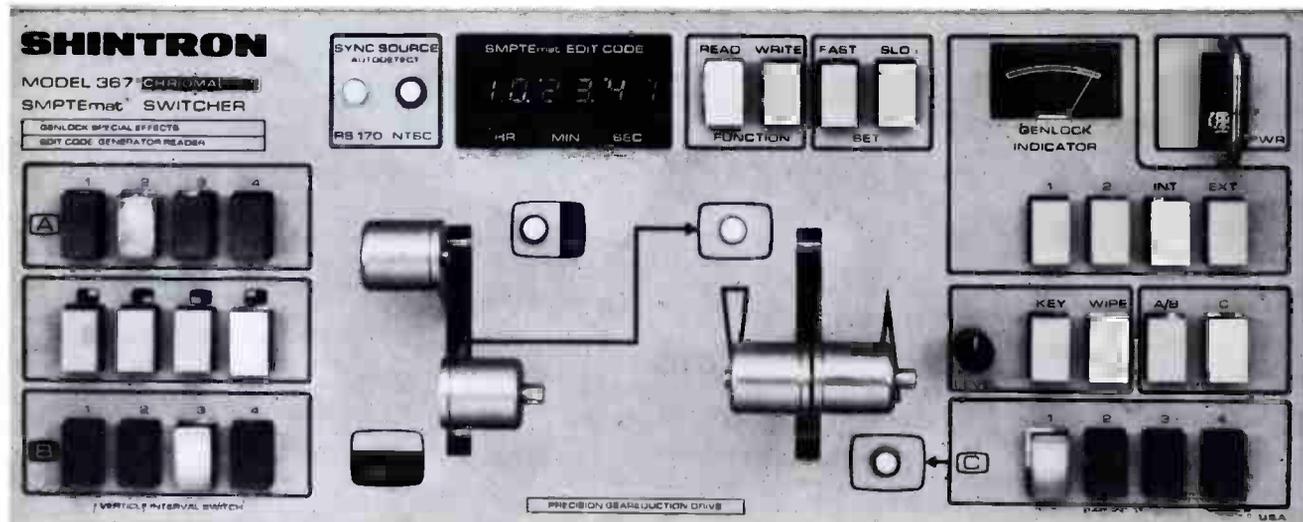
PR = radiated power, kilowatts

E_o = relative pattern RMS at horizon

E_{10n} = relative pattern RMS at $\theta = 10n$ degrees

In conclusion, I have described some of the effects of different tower heights on radiated RF fields. Equation for finding the relative fields at different vertical angle from single towers or any desired array have been presented. The relationship between radiated power and the resultant field pattern, regardless of pattern shape have been covered. This led to techniques for finding actual field values based on calculable or observable array values. This is a fairly complete treatment of patterns although some advanced relationships, shortcuts and other techniques are possible. **BM/I**

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Circular Polarization Could Greatly Improve Television Reception: It's In the Cards For 1976

The case for circular polarization in TV, as presented to the industry during the past year, is very strong. The FCC is expected to open a rule-making on the subject, hopefully early in 1976, with the decision by summer, at best.

Markedly improved reception on rabbit ears, loops, whips, and other antennas with non-horizontal elements; more solid coverage with all antennas in the primary coverage area; great reduction in ghosting, if a circularly polarized receiving antenna is used, are the main advantages of circular polarization in TV (CP), as put forward at major industry meetings in 1975.

The discussions have centered on fully-developed CP

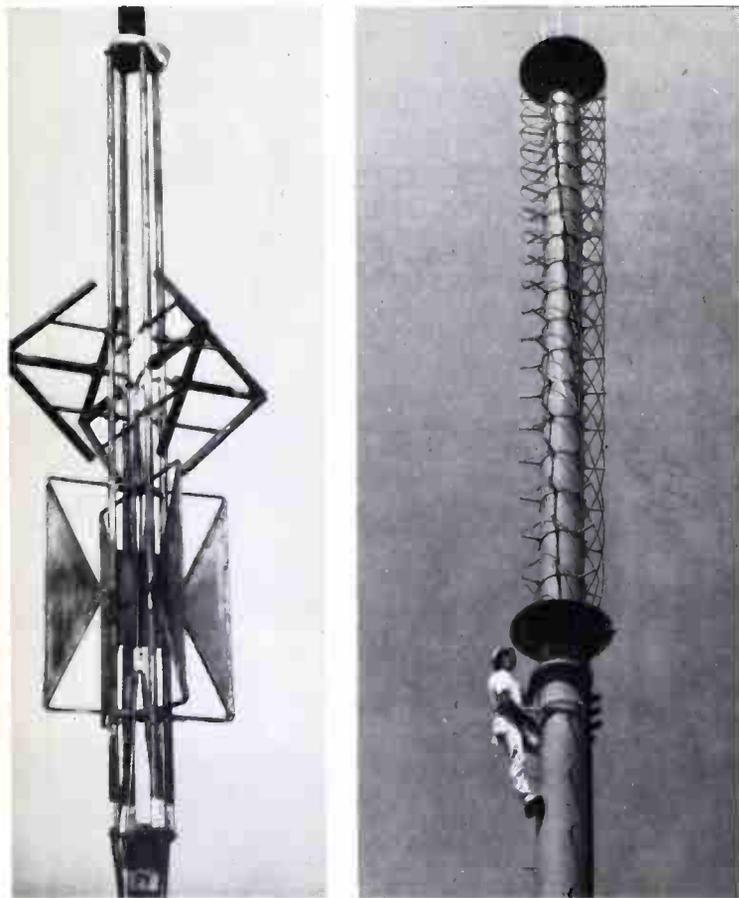
antenna designs announced by three firms, Harris, Jampro and RCA. In addition, the industry heard preliminary reports on two extensive series of on-the-air tests by broadcast stations under FCC experimental authorization, one at VHF using an RCA antenna, and one at UHF using a Jampro antenna. These tests have in general confirmed the expectation that CP would strongly benefit television broadcasting.

How does the industry stand on moving into CP? The FCC, of course, has to change the rules to make CP legal for television. The two series of on-air tests were designed in large part to stimulate the FCC to open a rule-making looking toward such a change; reports on the tests, or at least major parts of them, were due to reach the FCC at the end of 1975 or very early in 1976. Informally, the Commission has indicated a positive view of CP and does promise a rule-making on the subject.

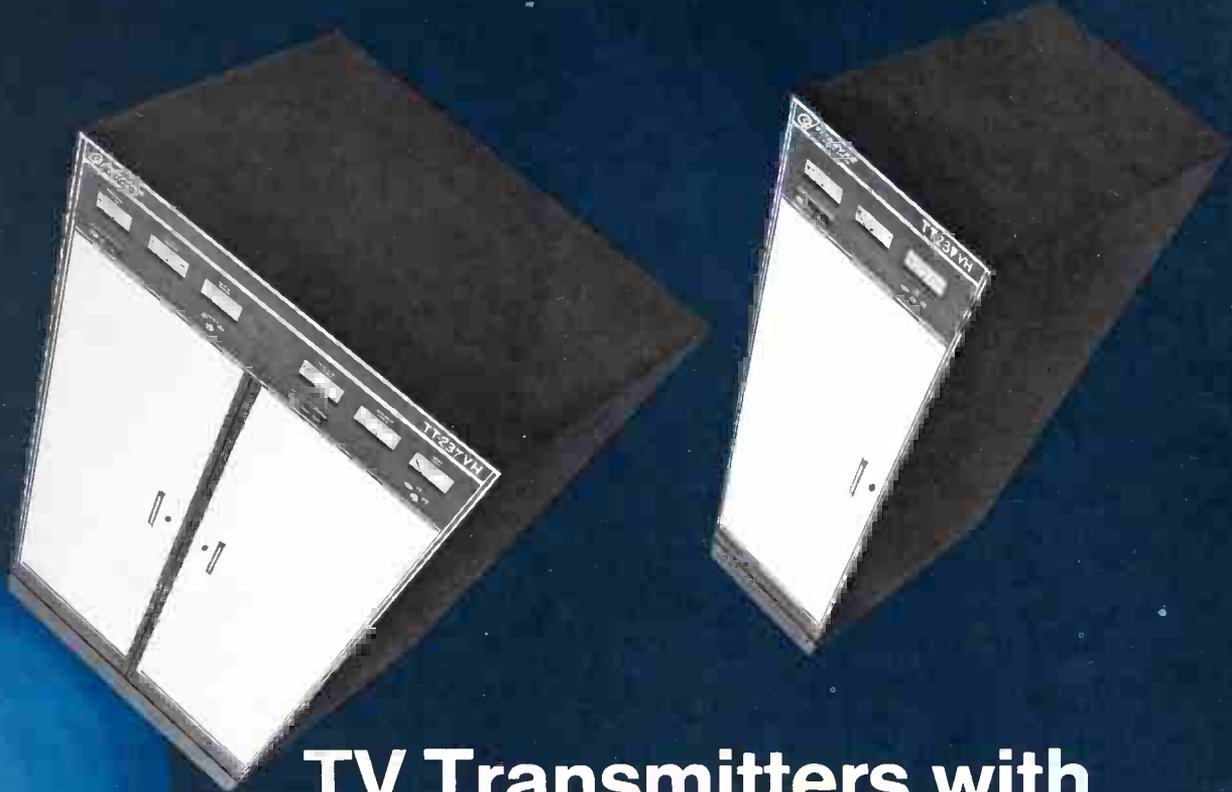
In the meantime, broadcasters will want to study the basics of CP in television and the results of the tests, so they can express themselves effectively to the FCC when the rule-making is opened (the most hopeful prediction is on that are late winter or spring). In the accompanying article, Dr. Matti Siukola of RCA sets forth the basics of CP for television, describes the RCA design, and summarizes the tests made with it at WLS-TV in Chicago over a period of nearly a year. Mr. Neil Smith of Smith and Powstenko, who were engineering consultants for the WLS tests, has detailed the test results elsewhere, including findings that CP does, indeed, improve performance in the major coverage area, does not substantially change that area, and does not increase the station's potential for interference.

Results of the tests with the Jampro antenna, carried out at Station KLOC, Modesto, CA., on Channel 19.1, were similarly positive. Mr. Peter Onnigian, president of Jampro, told BM/E that they hoped to finish the KLOC tests around January 1st, with the final report going to the FCC a little later. He supplied some interesting highlights from the results: with a method for quantifying ghost reduction, Jampro found that circular-to-circular transmission easily produced ghost reductions of 10 to 20 times; receiving antennas (of whatever kind) often need not be pointed directly at a CP transmitting antenna for good reception, simplifying matters when TV stations are in different directions from the receiver; quantification of the results with rabbit ears and loops showed that improvement by factors of three to five times could be commonly expected.

All the developers of CP antennas have pointed out
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Circularly-polarized antennas of two of main developers are shown above: RCA at left, Jampro at right. The RCA model, one of several forms built by that firm, uses crossed elements which are fed with signals phased to produce a rotating field. Jampro has a spiral radiator wrapped around a vertical cylinder. Both antennas have been used in extensive on-air tests by broadcast stations.



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that the design requirements are extremely stringent as compared with a CP antenna system for FM, in use for many years. This is one important reason that CP for television has been much longer in arriving. It is all the more interesting that the designs of the three main developers are all radically different.

As the photos show, the RCA antenna uses a combination of horizontal, vertical, and angled elements. Jampro uses a spiral radiator wrapped around a cylinder. Engineering logic of these designs was described in papers at the NAB, and at the IEEE Broadcast Symposium (see BM/E's reports).

The Harris antenna, also the result of several years' development work, was refined by the maker in comprehensive testing facilities built for the purpose. It uses a cavity in back of a "butterfly" design of crossed dipoles. The "cavity" has been formed by an open cage of wire to reduce wind loadings (photo). The dipoles are fed in quadrature and excite the entire cavity with a rotating RF field. The cavity helps control the characteristics of the radiated field in a number of ways.

One of the important aspects of CP that the television broadcaster must consider is its effect on ERP, and the relation of transmitter power to antenna gain and coverage. As Dr. Siukola points out in his paper, since the horizontal and vertical components are in effect separate, the full ERP can be carried by each component, doubling the power in the field without changing the official "contour," as far as horizontal and vertical receiving antennas are concerned. But this requires a doubling of transmitter power.

There is a negative side: if CP is installed without increasing transmitter power (or antenna gain), there may be some loss of fringe coverage for horizontal antennas. The major coverage area will not be affected in this way.



Harris CP antenna has crossed dipoles backed by a cylindrical cavity formed of open wire to reduce wind loading. Rotating field from dipoles excites cavity, which in projection of CP signal at high efficiency.

Circular Polarization: A Ready Way To Improve Local Coverage, Reduce Ghosting In Television

by Dr. Matti Siukola

Before we get to the potential benefits of circular polarization (CP), let's compare it with the horizontally polarized transmission used presently in TV broadcasting.

In horizontally polarized (HP) transmission, the electric field vibrates in a horizontal plane as shown in the drawing of Fig. 1. The instantaneous field passes through a zero value every half wavelength. A dipole antenna, oriented horizontally in this field, captures energy from the field. When this same dipole is oriented vertically in the field, however, no voltage is induced and thus no signal received. The intensity of the received signal depends upon the orientation of the receiving dipole and is proportional to the length of the dipole as projected to the horizontal plane.

With CP the situation changes considerably. The field produced, for example, by two orthogonal dipoles with currents 90° out-of-phase rotates without passing through a zero value. The rotation is either clockwise or counterclockwise depending on the lead/lag phase relationship

of the exciting currents. Fig. 2 illustrates this behavior.

A clockwise-rotating field, looking toward the propagation direction, is termed a "right-hand" polarized field (RH); a counterclockwise rotating field is a "left-hand" (LH) polarized field. In a circularly polarized field, a receiving dipole captures a constant level of signal regardless of its orientation: horizontal, vertical or at any angle in between as long as the dipole is perpendicular to the propagation path.

CP is compatible with standard antennas and increases coverage among "portables"

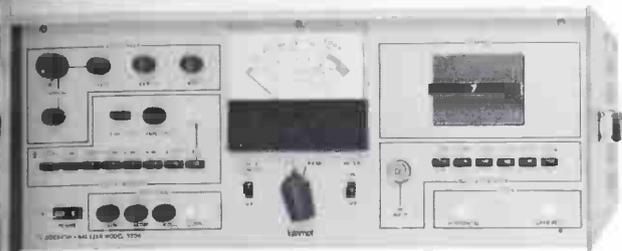
As a result, circularly polarized transmission is expected to be compatible with the receiving antennas in common use today: the "whip" (a vertically polarized antenna); the "rooftop" antenna (horizontally polarized); and the "rabbit ears" antenna (which might use both vertical and horizontal components of a circular field). Fig. 3 illustrates this point graphically. In addition to obvious reasons circular polarization should make whip and rabbit-ear antenna orientation less critical than with horizontal polarization. This should improve coverage

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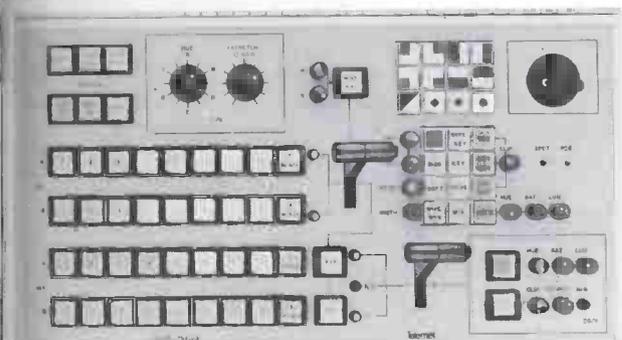
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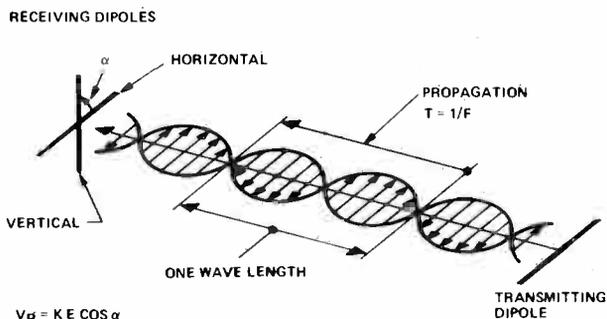


Fig. 1 Horizontal transmission, illustrated in this drawing, has all the energy moving in horizontal plane, going through zero each half-cycle.

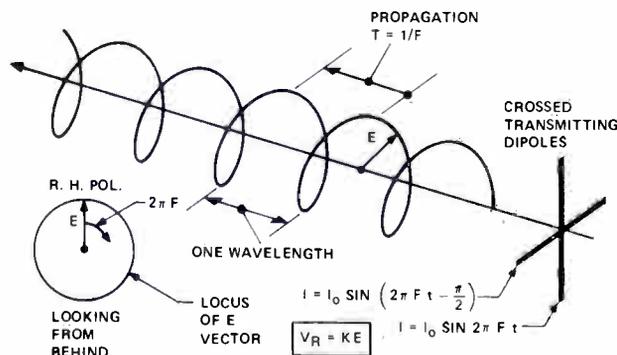


Fig. 2 Circular transmission, produced by crossed dipoles fed 90° out of phase, rotates around the axis of propagation without going to zero. Clockwise rotation, viewed in the direction of propagation, is called "right hand."

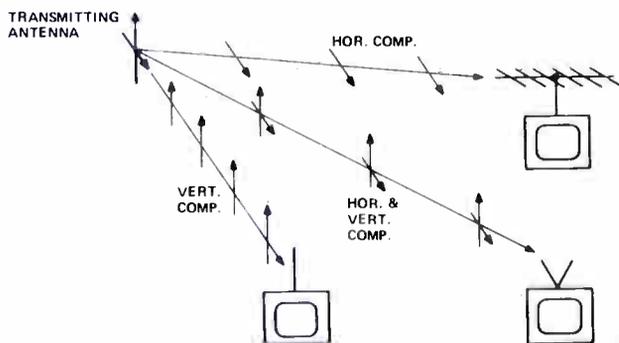


Fig 3 CP transmission is compatible with all receiving antennas, as shown in the drawing above. Vertical whips respond to the vertical component; rabbit ears get energy from both the horizontal and vertical components; horizontal antennas from horizontal component.

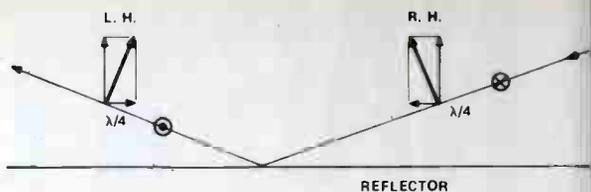


Fig. 4 Reflection reverses the direction of CP rotation, by reversing the phase of the horizontal component, as illustrated in drawing above.

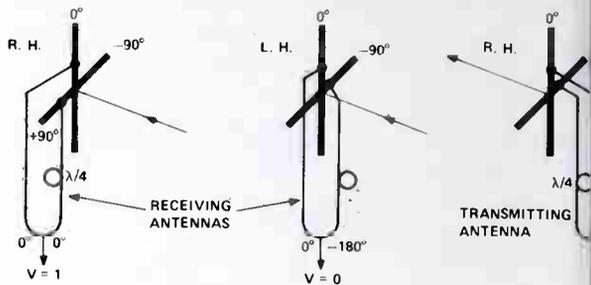


Fig. 5 A right-hand antenna for CP responds only to a right-hand signal; it is virtually "blind" to a left-hand signal and vice versa. The drawing illustrates the additive relationship in the first case, the opposing relation in the second case.

combination of increased power and increased aperture.

If total ERP in each component is obtained by increasing the antenna aperture, the close-in coverage will be reduced due to the narrower vertical beam-width associated with larger apertures. For an existing station it is more desirable to maintain the close-in coverage by retaining the existing antenna aperture and increasing transmitter power. It seems reasonable to expect that the power doubling, by itself, would provide better close-in service. This is especially true if circularly polarized receiving antennas are used.

CP reduces multipath ghosting

When a circularly polarized field is reflected from a perfect reflector, the vertical component remains unchanged while the horizontal component reverses polarity as shown in the drawings of Fig. 4. The reflected signal has an opposite sense of rotation as compared to that of the incident (or direct) signal: an RH polarized incident wave creates an LH polarized reflection and vice versa. This sense of rotation reversal gives circular polarization a capability for picture-ghost reduction in situations where multipath propagation is a problem because it complements a characteristic of CP receiving antennas.

Polarization discrimination by receiving antennas

A right-hand CP antenna responds only to right-hand circularly polarized fields; it is essentially blind to left-hand polarized signals. This is illustrated in the drawing of Fig. 5. An RH polarized field develops additive currents at the RH polarized receiving antenna output because of the 90° phase relationship between the vertical and horizontal dipoles. In an LH polarized receiving antenna, however, opposing currents are developed because of the reversed polarity provided by the horizontal element of the antenna. Thus, an ideal RH polarized antenna is essentially blind to an LH polarized signal.

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unresponsive to the reflections of a right-hand rotating field. The drawing of Fig. 6 illustrates how the antenna "blocks" the reflection. This is the polarization discrimination characteristic of circularly polarized receiving antennas.

This same mechanism might also reduce other multipath-caused picture distortions such as changes in picture sharpness or color saturation due to less-than-perfect video response of the path.

Under ideal reflection conditions, perfect ghost rejection would result if both transmitting and receiving antennas were perfect circularly polarized devices. Unfortunately, true circular polarization is an ideal; polarization is always more or less elliptical rather than truly circular. As a result, RH polarized antennas radiate a small amount of LH polarized signal while RH polarized receiving antennas respond, in a small degree, to LH polarized signals.

The "quality" of circular polarization

We can describe the quality of circular polarization in two ways: "polarization ratio" and "axial ratio". *Polarization ratio* is the mathematical ratio of maximum vertical component to maximum horizontal component of the signal. *Axial ratio*, on the other hand, is the ratio

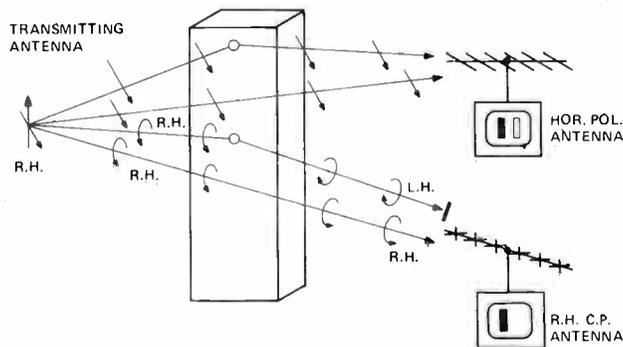


Fig. 6 CP transmission provides reduction in ghosting since reflected signals change direction of rotation. A CP receiving antenna can thus discriminate against the reflections, as illustrated in drawing above.

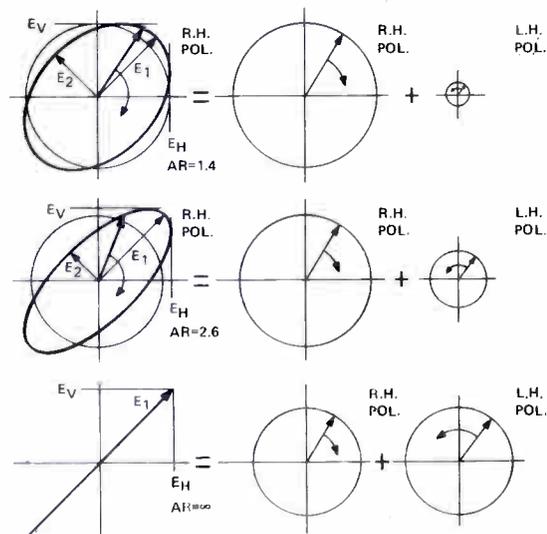


Fig. 7 Drawings illustrate effect of axial ratio and polarization ratio on discrimination against reflections. Text of article describes how discrimination is mainly dependent on axial ratio, which is thus important parameter of CP quality.

of the major axis of the polarization ellipse to its minor axis.

The polarization ratio adequately describes performance of antennas used in FM radio because the receiving antenna is usually either vertically or horizontally polarized and not circularly polarized. FM radio essentially provides a dual service: one for auto radios and portable sets with whip antennas and another for home receiver with rooftop antenna.

For antennas used in television broadcasting, however, we expect that the axial ratio will become a more important parameter of antenna quality because as the axial ratio approaches unity, the potential reduction in multipath ghosting increases.

To illustrate, let us assume that we have an elliptically polarized antenna radiating mainly in the RH mode with a small amount in the LH mode as shown in the top drawing of Fig. 7.

The RH rotating signal is picked up by an RH polarized receiving antenna while the LH part of the signal is rejected. However, the LH energy in the incident wave becomes RH when reflected and, as a result, is acceptable to the RH receiving antenna. Since the reflected wave is mostly LH polarized and includes little RH polarized energy, the reflected signal is of little consequence as far as the received picture is concerned. On the other hand, if the transmitting antenna's axial ratio is infinite (the worst possible case; bottom drawing of Fig. 7), the RH polarized energy in the reflected signal matches the LH component. In this situation, the "circularly" polarized transmission mode would provide no ghost reduction, even though the polarization ratio may be unity. Thus we see the value of Axial Ratio as a parameter of CP antenna quality.

Possibility of reduced interference

Another potential benefit of circular polarization is a possible reduction in co- and adjacent-channel interference. Advances in receiving antenna design will be the governing factors in this area.

Generating a circularly polarized signal

Antenna design principles for receiving systems are identical to those for transmitting systems. It is often easier, for purposes of discussion, to consider the whole system as a transmitting antenna; we do that in the following.

To generate a circularly polarized signal we need a rotating field which might, for example, be the sum of two fields of proper magnitude and relative phase, oriented at right angles to one another.

In the discussion above, we used orthogonal dipoles with a 90° phase shift between the two radiating currents which are of equal magnitude. Such an antenna produces a circularly polarized field and is simple in construction. Crossed-dipole design is often the basis for panel-type transmitting antenna designs.

A circularly polarized antenna can also be obtained by displacing the dipoles a quarter wavelength apart along the axis of radiation. With the essential phase shift provided by the displacement, the exciting currents to the dipoles can be in-phase, eliminating the need for an electrical phase-shift device.

If we form a multiturn helix with an approximately one wavelength periphery and a quarter-wavelength pitch, we have an end-fire-helix circularly polarized antenna.

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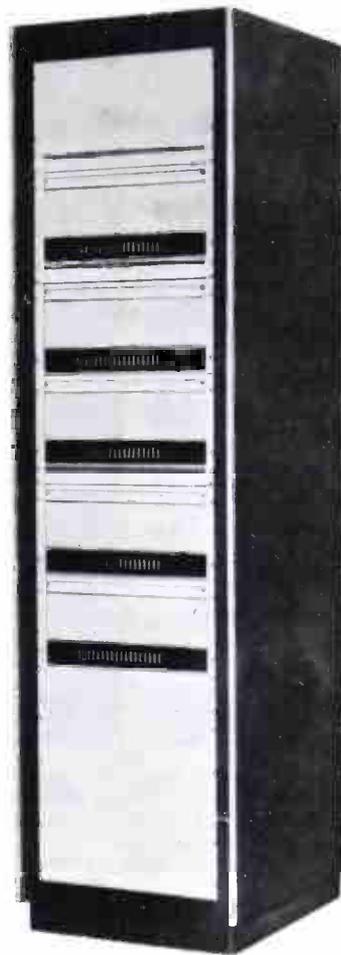
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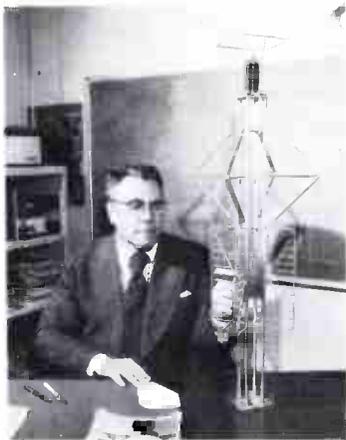
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Fig. 8, left. FM version of the CP antenna, long used, is shown in photo on leg of Mt. Sutro Tower in San Francisco, where it serves for high-power transmission. Fig. 9, right. CP antenna got on-air tests at Chicago station WLS-TV, mounted atop the world's-tallest Sears Building as shown here.

Author Siukola shows model of basic crossed-element CP antenna, used in early lab tests to check out design.



radiator. This type of antenna is popular for radar-tracking and telemetry applications. The design is also useful as a basis for broadcast antennas. RCA has developed a circularly polarized helical antenna for VHF-highband with the shallow helix mounted in a dishpan-like reflector. The axial ratio of this antenna is better than 3dB and a quite-acceptable ± 2.5 dB horizontal pattern circularity can be achieved. The design is feasible for omnidirectional antennas with total combined power gains up to approximately 16.

The WLS transmitting antennas

Chicago's WLS is presently conducting a large-scale

experiment on the circularly polarized mode of transmission for TV broadcasting. The American Broadcasting Company requested that RCA provide suitable antennas for the experiment. At that time, during 1971 it was determined that two separate arrays were most suitable for the purpose: one, a circularly polarized three-layer system and, the other, a two-layer, horizontally polarized system. The circularly polarized array was based on a design used for high power FM broadcast, scaled down for the higher operating frequencies of Channel 7. An FM version of the antenna design operates on one leg of the Mt. Sutro Tower in San Francisco¹. The photo shows the array on the tower leg. The horizontally polarized WLS array uses the RCA "Butterfly" design.

Since the antenna-test information was to be supplied to the FCC for possible use in rulemaking, the WLS antenna was completely assembled and tested at RCA-Gibbsboro (NJ) antenna engineering facility and test range.

The antenna, in its ultimate environs, is mounted on the side of a steel cylinder atop the Sears Building in Chicago. (Fig. 9). This cylinder affects antenna performance because of its proximity to the radiators. As a result, the cylinder had to be simulated on the test range using a screen of steel mesh in the shape of a cylinder. Since the antenna design also includes a radome, that was in place during the tests at Gibbsboro. After testing, the antenna was shipped to Chicago and installed atop the building late in 1973.

The system design includes separate feed systems for the circularly and horizontally polarized antennas so that either one might be operated independently of the other. The first on-air tests took place during January, 1974, in the early hours of the morning. These tests confirmed the fact that the new mode of transmission resulted in an appreciable increase in coverage area, to satisfy the requirement that there be no increase in co- and adjacent channel interference.

The tests that followed showed that the circular polarization caused no degradation in the received picture. Once these requirements were satisfied the FCC granted permission, in May of 1974, for operation of the circularly polarized system during normal programming hours instead of only during off-air hours. Tests continue today and no negative effects have been discovered as of this writing.² As a result of the test success, ABC petitioned the FCC (in February, 1975) for rulemaking recommending adoption of circular polarization as an optional transmission mode for television broadcast.

Items in the trade press indicate that other experiments in circular polarization are underway.^{3,4,7}

What are the characteristics required of an antenna to assure proper operation? In a horizontally polarized system, the important antenna characteristics are its input impedance across the operating channel, its power gain and its vertical and horizontal patterns. Adding vertical polarization requires knowledge of the gain and pattern characteristics for both polarizations. When the system is circularly polarized, it requires an evaluation of axial ratio in addition to those listed above.

Making measurements on antenna models

All these parameters are easily measured during antenna development using scale models on a three-

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turntable" with a fiber glass boom that supports the model above ground. The model antenna is operated as a receiving unit for a signal source that mounts on the ground below the model antenna. The signal source radiates upwards toward the antenna under test to avoid errors due to reflections. Rotating one or both antennas provides all the measurements needed. This technique was described by Dr. Ben-Dov in 1972⁵.

Full-scale antenna measurement

Testing full-size antennas, unfortunately, isn't quite so easy. We discussed earlier how an RH polarized signal tends to change into an LH polarized signal at the point of reflection. In test terms, this means that if we measure the axial ratio of even a perfect circularly polarized antenna in the presence of a reflected wave, we encounter considerable error. As the ratio of reflected wave to direct wave increases, the axial ratio of the antenna—as seen by the test antenna—increases. For example, a ten percent (-20dB) reflection results in a measured axial ratio of 2dB on a perfect antenna. Obviously, such a technique is unsatisfactory for full-size antennas.

Another test error factor arises from propagation differentials. With large antennas, long distances between the test antenna and the signal source are essential. Although depolarization is quite small under such conditions, we can't be sure that vertical and horizontal polarized signals propagate alike. To offset this, we compare test data with that of a reference antenna. Even then, small errors due to depolarization tend to reduce accuracy.

We've found that, in practice, using a very good test range—one with a minimum of depolarization—we can make separate measurements of the vertical and horizontal components. A calibration between these two measurements can be made for gain purposes. Other means, however, appear necessary for the measurement of axial ratio.

A technique used is to mount a portion of the large antenna high above ground or, alternatively, energize only a portion of the large antenna and locate the signal source below it, on the ground. By rotating the signal source, we can establish the axial ratio of that portion of the antenna. Fortunately, the axial ratios are essentially identical from one layer to another of the antenna.

Obviously, circularly polarized antennas require more factory tests than do their horizontally polarized counterparts. In addition, the circularly polarized antenna requires considerable care in testing even when the test range is a good one.

Conclusions

Circular polarization offers enough potential advantages to encourage implementation in television broadcasting.

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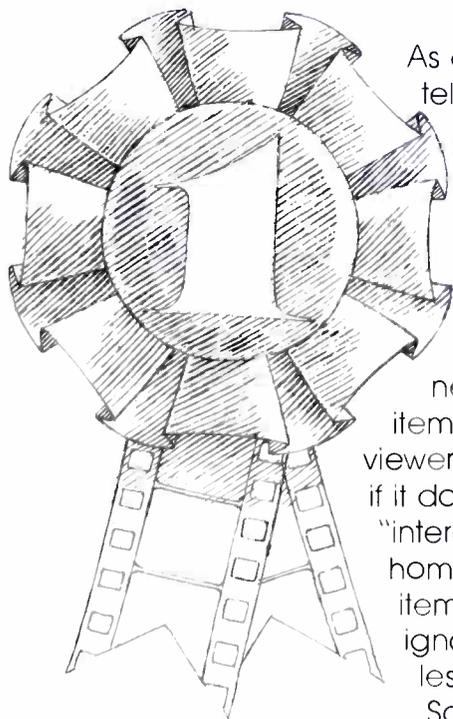
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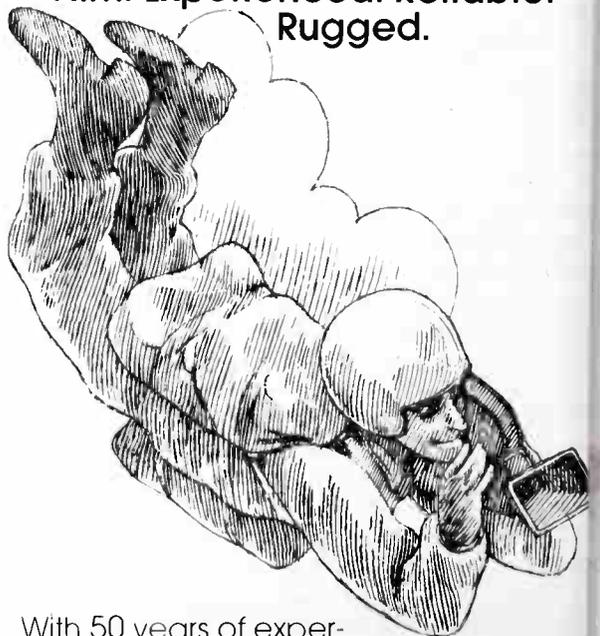
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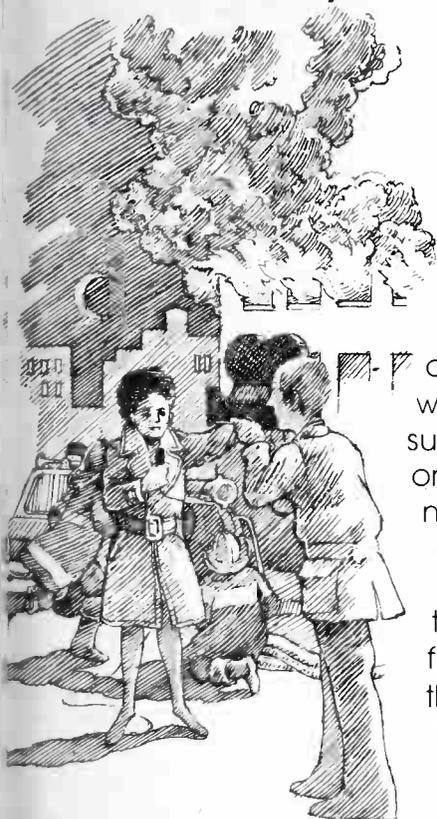
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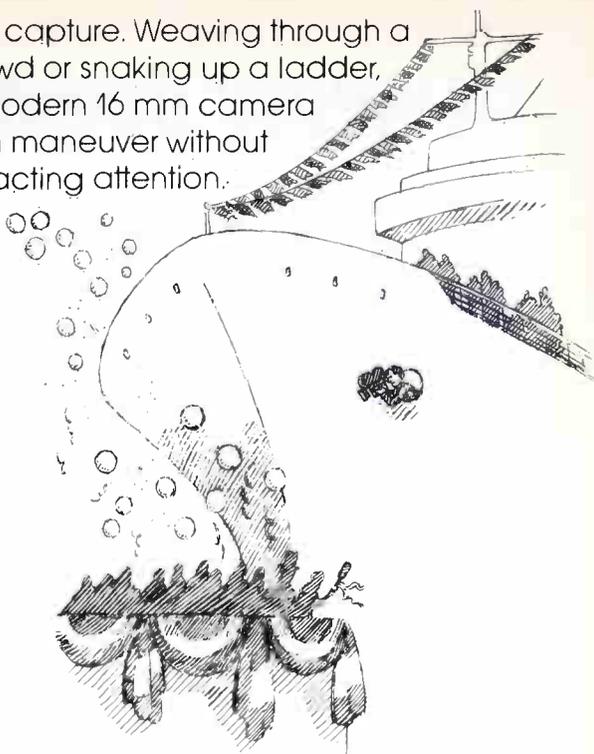
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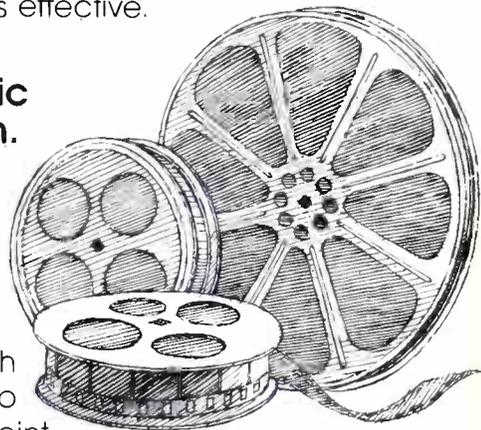
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3. Have subjective tests ever been made to determine picture quality of a digitallized color video signal?

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4. Will video be transmitted digitally to home receivers?

Depends upon your conception of "transmission." The main video signal will *not* be transmitted to home receivers in the foreseeable future. However, digital information in the vertical interval (repeated at field or frame rate) may be used for special services.² The more immediate application is strictly in-plant; tape, laser (or other) recorders, time-base correctors, image enhancers, automatic synchronizers and timers, standards conversion, video compressors, special effects, all-electronic slide (storage) projectors, etc.

5. Is digital video and digital control the same thing?

No. Digital control of analog video switchers, analog tape editing, color cameras etc. is already well established in the field. Digital video is the actual handling of video signals in digital form, not analog form.

6. What is the "digital form" of video?

The varying analog video signal (usually 1 volt peak-to-peak) is converted to a system of binary numbers representing 0 to 1 volt.

7. What is the basic principle of converting an analog

signal to a system of binary numbers?

By "sampling" the signal, usually at a symmetric rate, and converting each instantaneous sampled level to a corresponding binary number. This process is termed "pulse code modulation" (PCM).

8. What does "sampling" the video signal mean?

A method known as "quantizing" is used as shown in Fig. 2. Note that the amplitude of the quantized signal changes in equal steps. (Termed "pulse-amplitude modulated" or PAM). This is accomplished by a "sample and hold" circuit. (See Q16). Each step is termed a "quantum" and the maximum quantizing error is $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ quantum. The midpoint (hopefully) of each step is then converted to a binary group as indicated. The signal is now PCM. This requires a 4-bit binary number for the 16 levels shown in Fig. 2. Note that although the count is 15, 16 levels occur counting zero.

If the quantized signal (PAM) were applied to a monitor, steps (contours) of 16 shades from black to white would appear rather than the continuous transition of the

Table 1—Effect of Sampling Levels

| Bits | No. Of Levels | Comments | Unweighted p-p Signal To rms Noise Ratio (db) |
|------|---------------|--|---|
| 1 | 2 | Can get intelligible information through, but far from broadcast quality. | 13 |
| 2 | 4 | Significant improvement over (1) but very bad contouring. Far from broadcast quality. | 19 |
| 3 | 8 | Significant improvement over (2). Still very bad contouring. Not broadcast quality. | 25 |
| 4 | 16 | Some improvement over (3). Some contouring. Not quite equivalent to present broadcast quality. | 31 |
| 5 | 32 | Small improvement over (4). Slight contouring. About equivalent to poor S/N ratio camera or VTR. | 37 |
| 6 | 64 | Small improvement over (5). No contouring. About equivalent to average low-band VTR. | 43 |
| 7 | 128 | Slight improvement over (6). Equivalent to best present cameras and VTR's. | 49 |
| 8 | 256 | Equivalent to anticipated future cameras, VTR's and other signal sources. | 55 |

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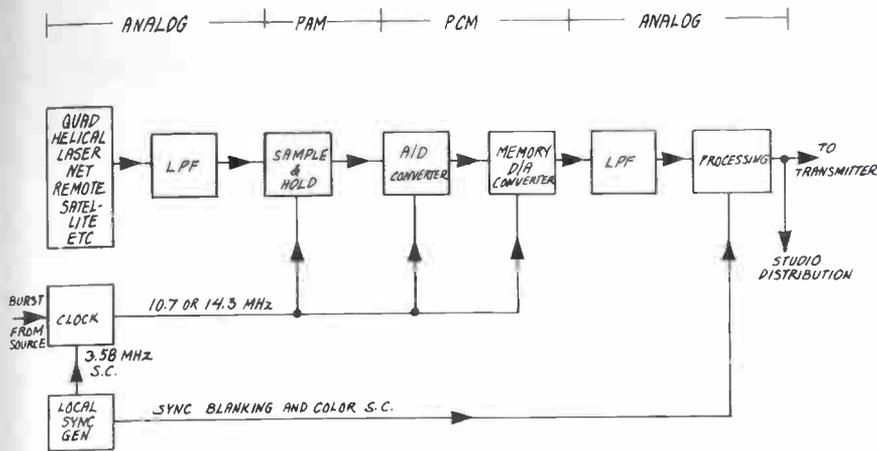


Fig. 1 Simplified flow diagram of how digital video fits into a broadcasting plant.

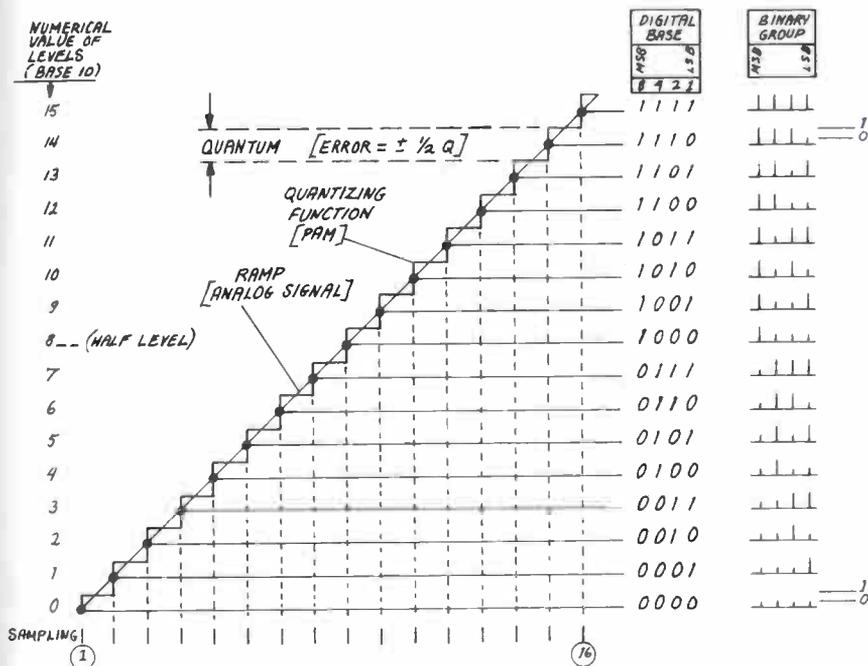


Fig. 2 Analog-to-PAM-to-PCM for a four bit signal of 16 levels. Broadcast TV calls for eight bits resulting in 256 levels.

original ramp signal. Note however, that if the quantizing signal was filtered out before monitor application, the appearance would very closely approximate the original ramp signal.

Note also that the most significant bit (MSB) of the binary group first occurs at half-level. This understanding is useful in certain binary operations (see Q17).

On the far right of Fig. 2, small pulses representing binary "zero" are shown. In practice, typical values are:

- binary 0 = 0.2v
- binary 1 = 4.0v

Thus you have a voltage ratio of $4/0.2 = 20 = 26$ dB, and "1's" are readily recognized from "0's."

What is the maximum quantizing error for the signal in Fig. 2?

Since there are 16 levels:

quantum

$$(Q) = 1/16$$

$$\frac{1}{2}Q = 1/32 \text{ or } 1 \text{ part in } 32$$

$$= 0.03125 = 3.125\% \text{ max quantizing error.}$$

Thus if the ramp signal represented 0-1 IEEE units (0.714 volts) then:

$$0.714 \times 0.03125 = 0.022$$

thus: $0.714 - 0.022 = 0.692$ min

$$0.714 + 0.022 = 0.736$$
 max

Another way of saying this is that the quantized signal (for 16 levels) is almost 97% accurate, or that 97% of the original information is contained in the quantized signal. (Worst case). The inverse of quantization accuracy is quantization noise. Q error and Q noise are generally taken as one and the same.

10. How many sampled levels are actually used in present digital video systems?

256 levels is well standardized in present digital video systems. Table 1³ shows average effect of picture monitor presentation correlated to binary bits and resulting number of sampled levels. Note that to obtain 1/256 as the LSB, an 8-bit binary word is required. Also note that each bit reduction reduces the S/N ratio by 6 dB.

11. What is the maximum quantizing error for a 256-level (8 bit) system?

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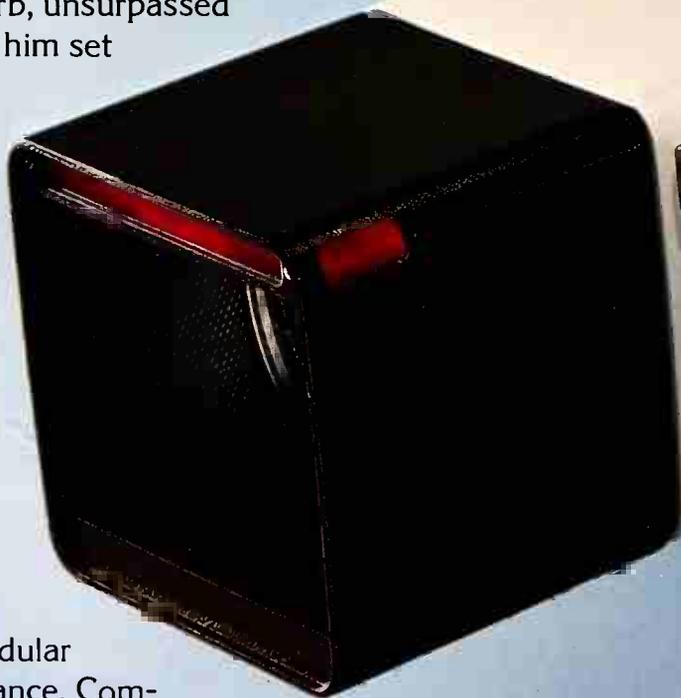
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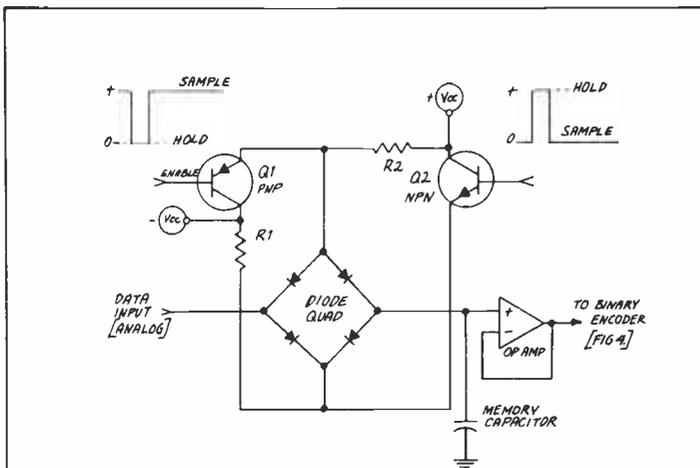


Fig. 3 Example of sample and hold gate.

cluding sync and burst.

13. How is the minimum sampling rate (frequency) established for digital video?

Sampling theory is based upon the "Nyquist Criterion."^{4,5} Briefly, this states that the sampling (encoding) frequency must be at least twice the highest information frequency concerned. Look at it this way; sampling similar to a double-sideband, suppressed carrier modulator. Thus if the sampling frequency (f_s) was less than twice the highest video frequency (f_v), the lower sideband ($f_s - f_v$) would overlap the video causing decoding (separation) problems. If f_s is higher than $2f_v$, this problem does not exist. In practice, to avoid phase distortion and filtering problems, $1.2(2f_v)$ is considered the minimum practical sampling frequency for digital video. Thus: $1.2 \times 2 = 2.4 f_v$. Since highest f_v is 4.2 MHz: $2.4 \times 4.2 = 10.08$ MHz absolute minimum. Sub-Nyquist methods beyond the scope of this paper do exist in other services.

14. What is the actual sampling frequency used in present digital video systems?

It has been shown⁶ that it is desirable (probably necessary) that f_s be an odd multiple of one-half the line rate. A convenient choice is three-times the color subcarrier frequency, or $(3.58)(3) = 10.74$ MHz. This is the most common f_s in present digital video systems. However, there is a strong movement underway for standardization on 4-times the color subcarrier (14.3 MHz).^{7,8} This is an even multiple of the color subcarrier frequency (f_{sc}), and f_{sc} is an odd multiple of $\frac{1}{2}H$.

15. What is the required signaling speed in a digital video system?

The 8-bit character for each of the 256 levels must be propagated at 3 or 4-times the color subcarrier frequency.

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for } 10.7 \text{ MHz: } & 8 \times 10.7 = 85.6 \text{ megabits/sec.} \\ \text{for } 14.3 \text{ MHz: } & 8 \times 14.3 = 114.4 \text{ megabits/sec.} \end{aligned}$$

When parity bits (error detection) are employed, the 85.6 megabits/sec becomes 100, and the 114.4 becomes 143. Bit-rate reduction schemes are being experimented with at the present time.

16. Fig. 2 shows that each represented level is "held" momentarily so that the pulse-amplitude modulated signal can be converted to a system of binary numbers (pulse-code modulation). Is there a special type of sample-and-hold circuit?

It differs from the conventional type only in the method of "keying." As observed in Fig. 3, the circuit acts as a data gate from the sampling (clock) pulse. With Q1 and Q2 both cut off, all diodes are conducting from the current through R1 and R2. Thus the data input charges the memory capacitor during this time. (Gate is open allowing passage of the analog data input). The interval is the sampling time.

When the clock pulses arrive (opposite polarity in

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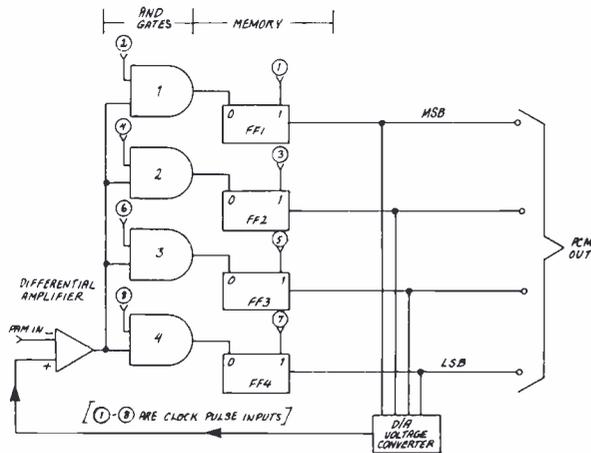


Fig. 4 One example of a PAM to PCM encoder.

Since:

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= 1/256 \\ \frac{1}{2}Q &= 1/512 \text{ or 1 part in 512} \\ &= 0.00195 = 0.195\% \text{ or } 0.2\% \text{ approx (worst case).} \\ &= 99.8\% \text{ quantizing accuracy (worst case).} \end{aligned}$$

This effect on a 0.714 volt signal is:

$$\begin{aligned} 0.714 \times 0.002 &= 0.0014 \\ 0.714 - 0.0014 &= 0.7126 \text{ min} \\ 0.714 + 0.0014 &= 0.7154 \text{ max} \end{aligned}$$

and this error could not be read on the IEEE scale.

Note: When the 256 levels are concerned with the entire composite video (see Q12) only about 180 samples are reserved for video. This very slightly reduces the accuracy.

12. Is the entire composite signal (including sync) sampled, or just the active-line video?

Depends. For in-plant use, only the active lines need be sampled, with blanking, sync and burst injected later (Fig. 1). For digital transmission outside the plant, the entire composite signal must be sampled. Some in-plant systems also sample the entire composite signal in-

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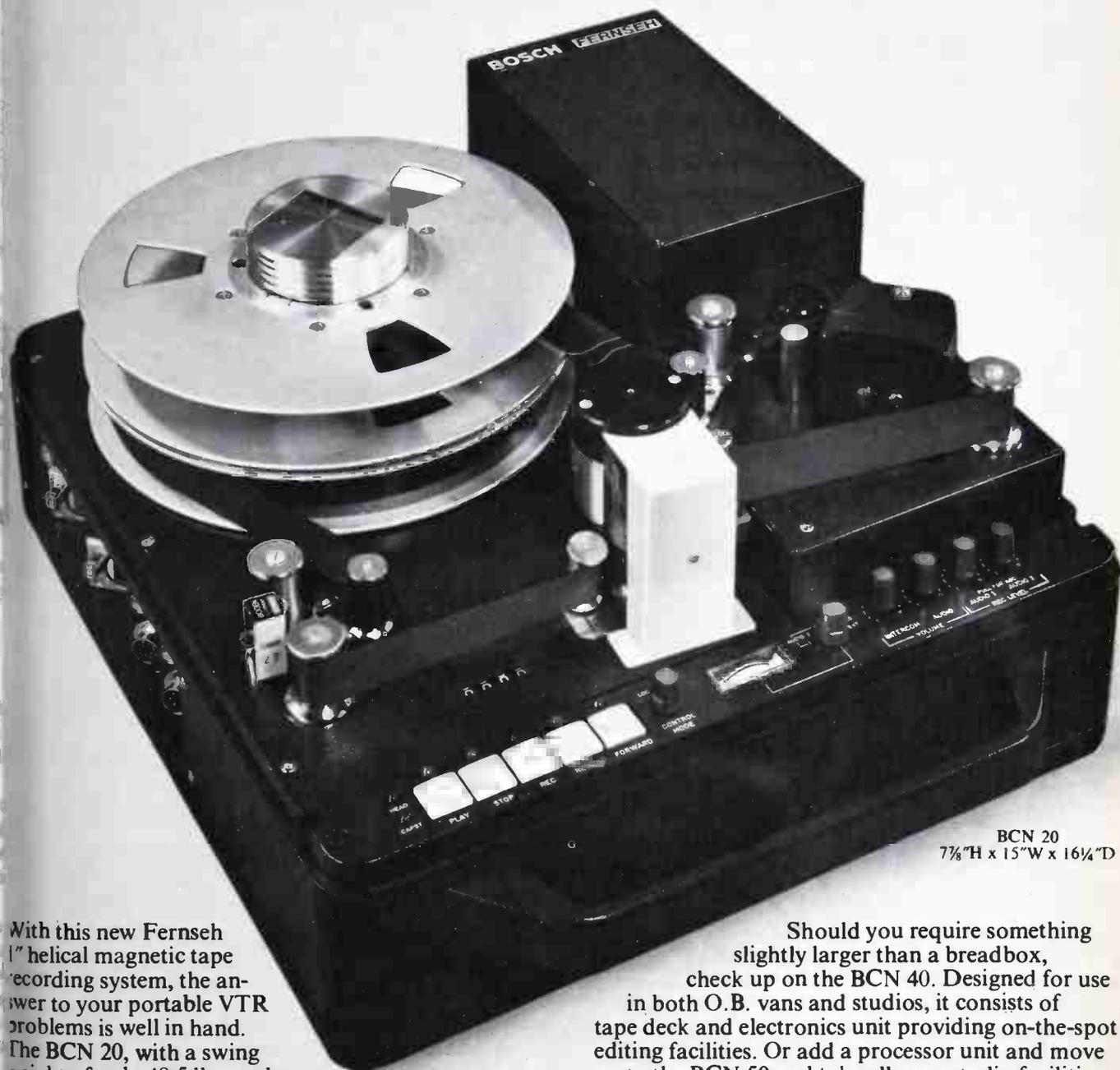
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example), the diodes become reverse-biased, closing the gate so that the charge on the capacitor is "held" at the level sampled. The operational amplifier acts as a buffer between the memory capacitor and the encoder input.

17. How is PAM converted to PCM?

Pulse-amplitude modulated signals (PAM) are converted to pulse-code modulated (PCM) signals by several different means. One type (successive approximation) is shown by Fig. 4. This illustrates memory for a 4-bit (16 level) binary.

At the start of each sampling interval each flip-flop (FF) is set to its zero state by a clock pulse. (Same as sampling pulse). Note that the clocked inputs are to both the AND gates and flip-flops. Clock pulses occur simultaneously, speeding up the conversion; *i.e.* 2 and 3, 4 and 5, 6 and 7 are simultaneous, with 8 and 1 the "start" pulse.

As observed from Fig. 2, the MSB of any binary word first occurs at half-level. The MSB responsible for half-scale voltage sets the action of FF1. (Fig. 4). Its weight is converted back to an analog signal via the D/A (digital-to-analog) converter. If this input to AND gate 1 (via the difference amplifier) equals or exceeds $\frac{1}{2}$, the bit is allowed to remain. If it is less, the MSB is turned off by the clock pulse at 2.

The process is repeated for the next MSB ($\frac{1}{4}$ voltage

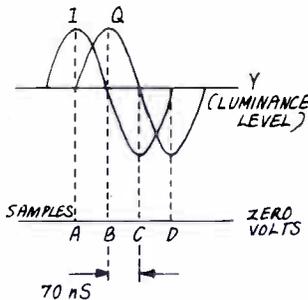


Fig. 5 Shows I, Q and Y components sampled at 14.3 MHz rate.

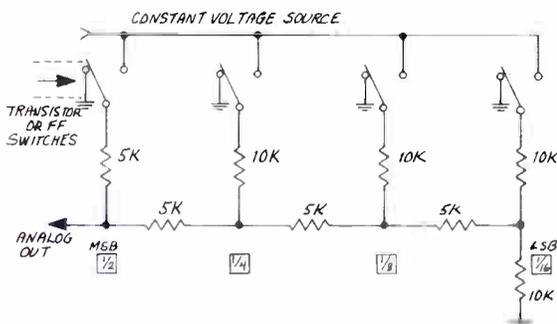


Fig. 6 Constant voltage source with ladder attenuator shows digital-to-analog conversions.

level) until the LSB ($1/16$ level) has been subtracted or added. Thus a 4-bit binary character has been created from the instantaneous voltage level sampled.

Note that the above requires 4 "looks" for a 4-bit system. Obviously an 8-bit binary requires 8 memories. This means that an 8-bit group is created for each of the 256 levels. Thus 8 "looks" for an 8-bit system is required.

There are other (higher speed) methods of conversion. For example, a separate voltage comparator for each of the 256 levels can be used. This requires 255 comparators. Another method is a 16 level "one-look" type of A/D yielding a 4-bit number which represents the most significant digits. When re-sampled, a 4-bit number is obtained representing the least significant digits.

18. How is color information extracted from a digital video signal?

Usually by digital comb filtering and a matrix network. See reference (7) for rigorous treatment.

Very briefly, I and Q color signals are superimposed on the dc level of the Y (luminance) component. (Fig. 5). This drawing is for a 14.3 MHz sampling rate. Therefore, the sampling period is $1/14.3 \text{ MHz} = 70 \text{ nanoseconds}$.

I and Q can be digitally extracted as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= A - C \\ Q &= B - D \end{aligned}$$

Then Y can be extracted as:

$$Y = \frac{1}{2}(A + C) \text{ or } Y = \frac{1}{2}(B + D)$$

19. How is digital video converted back to analog information?

A common method of D/A conversion is illustrated by Fig. 6. In this drawing, transistor (or FF) switches are represented as toggles. Note that the MSB is attenuated the least ($\frac{1}{2}$) while the LSB is attenuated to $1/16$ the original voltage used as reference.

Switching the resistor network as shown between two given constant voltage source and ground provides the possible levels of output. (Since each input can be 0 or 1 the total combination is $2^4 = 16$). In practice, 8 digits are used, giving 256 possible levels counting zero. A constant current source with different configuration may be used with lower value resistors.

As observed in Fig. 1, a low-pass filter (LPF) is used at the input and output of the digital system. The input LPF removes all analog frequencies and spurious components above the 4.2 MHz intended passband. Similarly, the output LPF removes the sampling and digital transient components above the intended video passband.

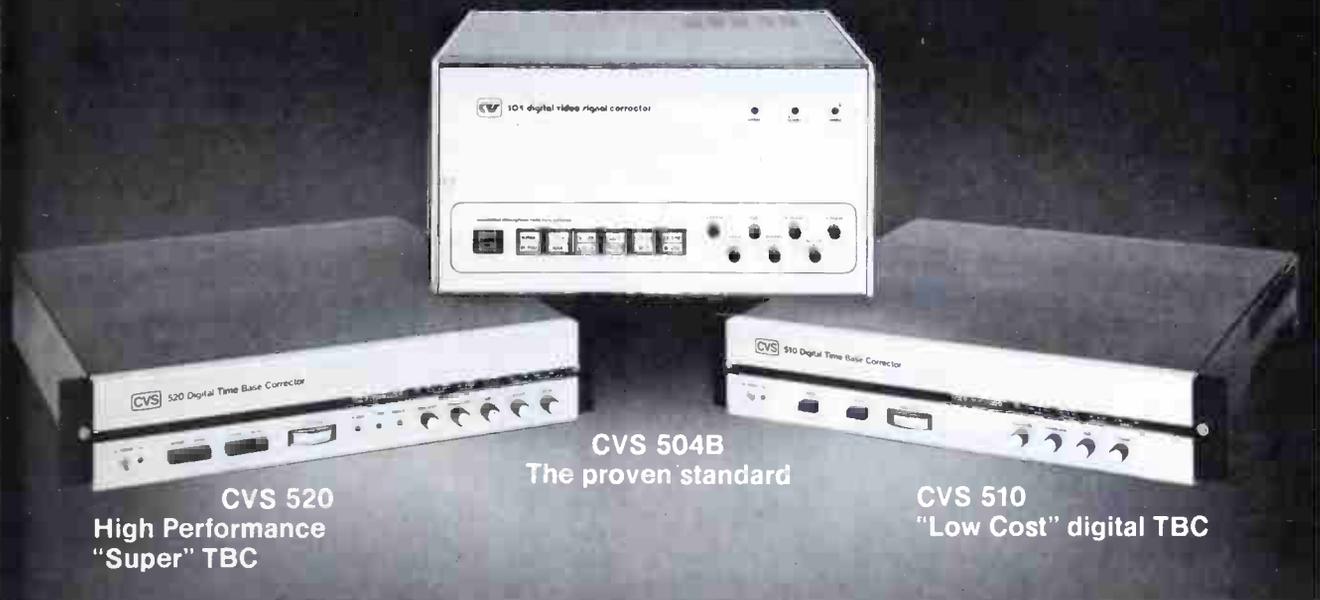
20. What sequence of training should be followed to upgrade the technical staff in digital video?

Binary math. Logic. Digital technology that includes PCM. Ask help from your librarian. Investigate manufacturers seminars. The following references are vital but even those listed under "Additional References" for students require a background at least equivalent to the contents of this Q&A.

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(Editor's Note: The following article is adapted from a detailed report prepared by David Green, acting station manager of the Educational Television Center, and Michael O'Sullivan, director of the ICE/TV Network.)

"All aspects of nursing and medical care are changing so rapidly we just cannot keep up. Our nurses are constantly threatened with 'future shock.' Isn't there some way we can get together for an effective joint attack on this problem?"

About a year ago a number of organizations in the San Francisco Bay area responsible for the training of nurses got together; they agreed unanimously on the fact stated above and on the question that follows it. They reported a constant bombardment of demands for new educational programs to instruct hospital personnel in the latest medical techniques, to orient new employees, and to refresh older ones in medical basics.

Adding urgency to their questions was a new California law, to go into effect in 1978, which will require nurses, along with a long list of other licensed professionals, to complete prescribed educational courses for a mandated, periodic re-licensing. A third incentive for enlarged educational programming was the desire to enlarge opportunities for nurses and others to complete courses for advanced degrees.

The decision of the group was to seek a Federal grant to help them start a centralized, regional educational program that would deliver course material to all the participating organizations. Their presentation to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare brought them, in January, 1975, a three-year grant to help set up an educational network for the Bay area, which would hopefully, in a short time, be self-supporting.

The joint effort, calling itself In-Service and Continuing Education by Television (ICE/TV), after a thorough study decided that an ITFS system would be the best and least costly way to deliver the program to the participant hospitals and nurse training centers. This was especially true in their case because they had access to an ITFS system already in being, on which they could rent the "air time" needed for their programs. This system is a facility of the Educational Television Center (ETC) of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

It has a central transmitter feeding three regional transmitters which easily reach all the hospitals and medical training centers in the area. The four channels assigned an ITFS system would allow ETC to continue serving the more than 50 schools which were its prime "clients," while renting to ICE/TV the program time required for the medical program.

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The "students," for their part, will watch the programs at times assigned while they are on duty; when a scheduled course comes through outside of a student's regular duty hours, the nurse will be required to report for "school," and will get extra pay for doing so. Distribution of the programs within each facility will be simple in most cases because nearly all the participating centers have internal MATV systems, each of which requires only a single ITFS converter to cut into the system.

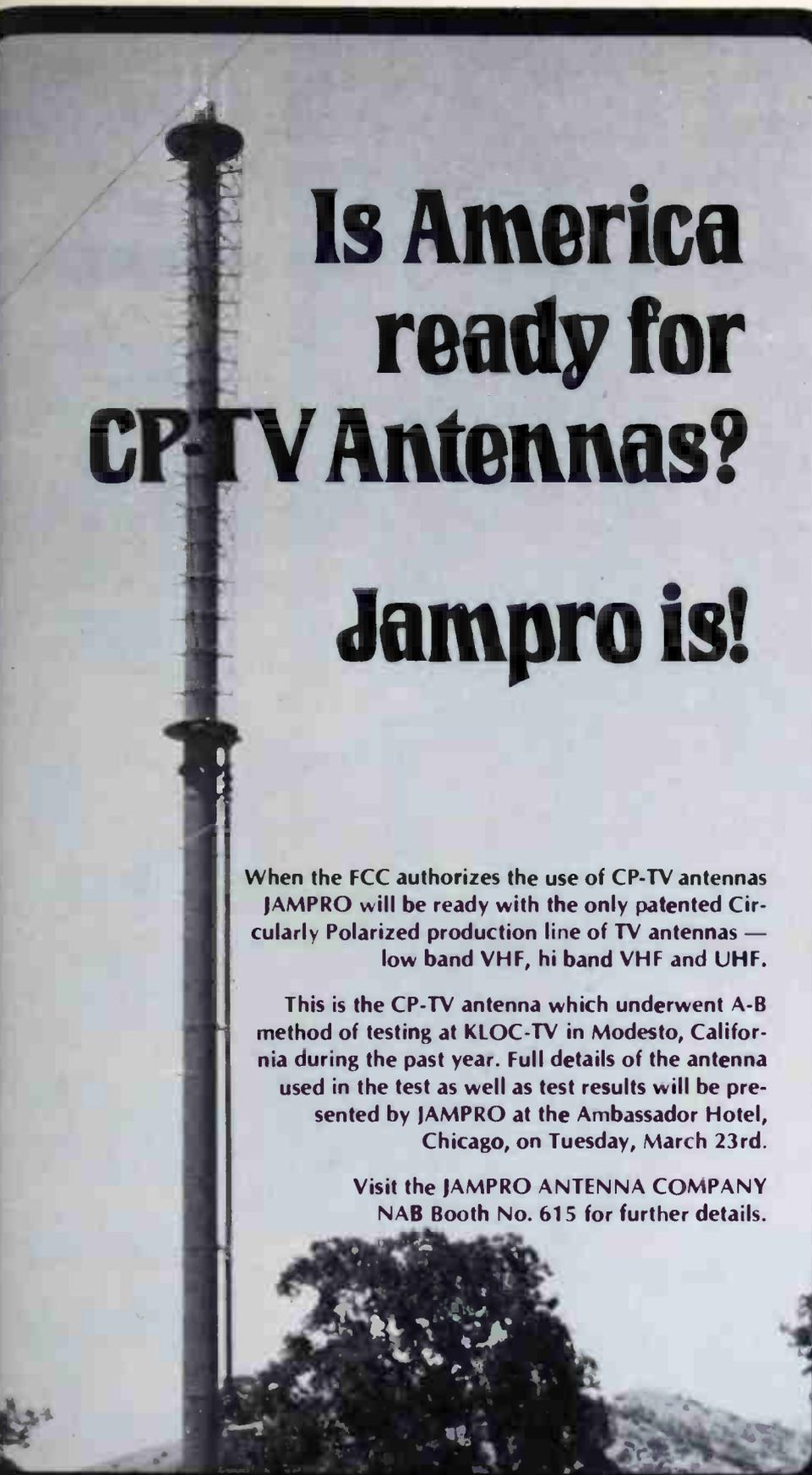
Obviously, ICE/TV could have chosen any of several other methods for delivering the course material throughout the area. Videotape cassettes bicycled from point to point are, of course, the chosen vehicle for hundreds of commercial and public service organizations with somewhat similar training problems, and ICE/TV studied that possibility. Other possible systems considered were open-circuit TV broadcast (renting air time from a public TV station in the area); point-to-point straight line microwave; and coaxial cable.

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Public TV was attractive for low receiving cost, but was eliminated by the relatively high cost of air time and the limited availability of the single air channels. Straight-line microwave would have required heavy investment, and would be inflexible to change, and to delivery over a number of different directions and distances. Coaxial cable, with plenty of channel "space" and low cost after installation, would require the large capital investment of all since no system covered the area—far beyond any foreseeable resources of the group.

With an ITFS system already in being and available, it was far and away the best solution. The system could be "on line" 24 hours a day, at comparatively low cost. The Bay Area ICE/TV program thus appears as an appealing model for other public-service organizations with similar needs.

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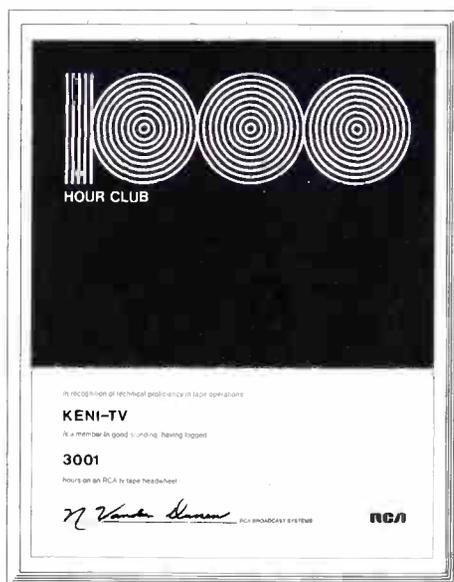
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KGUN-TV, Tucson, Arizona, and WEDH-TV, Hartford, Connecticut are about as different as two TV stations can get. The first is a highband commercial station; the second, a UHF public TV outlet.

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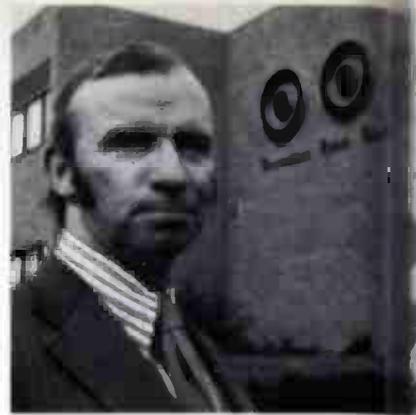
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"The TT-25FH just sits up there and runs. It's a winner!"



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"Our RCA Antenna/Transmitter system was installed in 1973. It has given us excellent coverage and signal strength—to the point where WEHA is currently the top-rated Public Television UHF station, and #5, among all Public TV outlets.

"Our new TFCU-20J omnidirectional antenna resulted in a phenomenal

"...phenomenal improvement in signal clarity."

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The Impact Of The New Techniques On The Television Viewer And Broadcaster

J. T. Waters, Dir. of Engineering, RTG, Dublin

Based on presentation made at Ninth International TV Symposium, Montreux, Switzerland, May 23-29, 1975.

Aldous Huxley, writing in 1932 in his novel "Brave New World," conceptualised his view of the audio visual entertainment of the future. His fantasy envisaged the public enjoying the media through four of the five senses: for instance, he described the motion picture as "An All-Super Singing, Synthetic-Talking, Coloured, Stereoscopic Feely, with Synchronised Scent-Organ Accompaniment," calling on the senses of sight, hearing, smell and touch; taste alone is omitted, but perhaps the North American phenomenon of the "TV dinners" satisfies that sense.

In the forty years or so since Huxley wrote his novel, developments have come unbelievably close to his predictions. In the cinema we have had films with multiple sound and colour stereoscopic images and we have even had the additions of odours to lend realism to the situation. Modern television systems, whilst perhaps not providing all of the ingredients of Huxley's "Feelies," go a long way to meet the realisation of his dream. We have in the past thirty years or so expanded and enlarged the medium.

However perfect may be the modern television system, technologists will seek to improve it—adding additional dimensions as new techniques are developed. To predict the television system of the future, one must consider the state of the art to-day. With more than 300 million television receivers, valued in excess of \$1 billion, in use throughout the world, it is fair to assume that compatibility, as in the past, will dictate that additional information will have to be accommodated without distorting the present television waveform. Indeed there seems to be no reason why this information cannot be accommodated within the waveform as it now stands. Television engineers are opportunists, exploiting the physiological characteristics of the persistence of vision and memory. Indeed we might be described as masters of deception. Fifty times each second we deceive the viewing public by exploiting human attributes, giving the illusion of continuous motion and full colour fidelity.

The next step in our progress towards ultimate perfection will undoubtedly be to add the third dimension to the television image. Stereoscopic television will evolve from developments currently being pursued, either from holographic techniques or from multi-image projection applications.

The additional information will be conveyed to the viewer as an addition to the standard waveform. We have learned how to add more and more information within the confinements of the allotted channel widths, by additions of modulated sub-carriers, carefully chosen to avoid mutual interference with the primary information, and by coded digital information superimposed on the redundant part of the television

waveform. Even with the addition of colour information and alpha numeric data—such as Teletext—there is 20% of the inter-line and frame space still available to carry additional material.

The great illusion could not be complete without the addition of enlarged sound reproduction. Stereophonic and tetraphonic sound are a reality to-day. They can be easily added to the television waveform.

But what of the home of tomorrow: how are all these developments to be accommodated in the average dwelling house? Television screens displaying life-size images will require large areas of wall space: sound images extending well beyond the confines of the room will demand special listening arrangements. All this will undoubtedly mean that the home of tomorrow will have as a normal facility a special viewing room with one wall accommodating the large screen and sound reproducers strategically placed. Who knows, it may even be possible by some electro-chemical and electro-mechanical devices to add odours and feeling to complete the Huxlian picture.

With the miniaturisation of electronic components, television receivers will become more portable. With portability will follow the personal television facility—just as the transistor radio has become a personal facility to-day. An illustration of what a breakthrough in technology can do may be drawn from the phenomenal development of the pocket calculator. In the world of the media the same proliferation of miniature television receivers will make demands for more and more programme channels, to satisfy the diverse needs of a knowledge and entertainment hungry public.

Broadcasters will have to provide the means of distribution. Before the end of the present century, capacity for at least ten simultaneous broadcast programmes will be available utilizing the available six program capacity of the terrestrial transmissions in the VHF and UHF bands, and the proposed four channel capacity of the direct broadcast satellite. The extension of cable systems will, in the cities at least, offer choice to satisfy every need. Fibreoptic "cables," with their low loss, high bandwidth and immunity to electro-magnetic interference characteristics will open up still further possibilities.

Although there is a tendency towards 'science fiction' in some of the things I have been saying, there is no need to remind you of the dramatic and rapid technological evolution of television in recent years. Apparently impossible problems have been solved by the application of developments in the broadcast and sister technologies. Progress may be faster than we expect, so with "tongue in cheek" I will predict that by the beginning of the twenty-first century Huxley's futuristic fantasy will to a large extent be a reality.

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Easily-Built Pulsers Locates Transmission-Line Faults

by Thomas M. Wimberly

Time-domain reflectometers, pulsers, and similar devices are widely used in the aerospace field, in the telephone system, in CATV and MATV to identify and locate faults in many varieties of cable.

Here is a simple dc pulser (Figure 1) that does a good job of fault location on broadcast transmission line. It provides a pulse that has .02 microsecond half-amplitude duration. Used with a suitable oscilloscope, it can locate cable faults to an accuracy of 10 feet.

As best can be determined from the literature, the term "dc pulser" means only that the pulse *does not modulate* an RF carrier¹. The output of this device is similar to the 2T pulse used in the VITS system.

To use the pulser, connect it to the scope and transmission line as shown in Figure 2. The trigger connection is usually not needed. The switch at the output is set to match the impedance of the line under test. Alligator clips will work fine in connecting the pulser to the line. The dc pulser output is shown in Fig. 3.

A shorted line will send back a reflected pulse that is opposite in polarity to the reference pulse (Fig. 4). An open line sends back a reflection that is the same polarity as the reference pulse (Fig. 5).

Mr. Wimberly is transmitter supervisor, WAND-TV, Decatur, Ill.

To determine the location of a fault you have to know the velocity of propagation of the line you are testing. 6 1/8 inch line has a velocity of 975.13 feet per microsecond. But remember that the scope display will cover the distance both to and from the fault, so the distance indicated on the scope must be divided by two.

For example, Fig. 6 illustrates the dc pulser used on an antenna that had been hit by lightning. The pulse itself would not tell you much unless compared to the reflection from a good antenna. It turns in the direction of short, but so would the reflection from all low impedance antennas, including that from your dummy load.

First let's determine the fault location. The sweep is 1 microsec/CM and the display is 4.3 CM long (leading edge h.a.d. to leading edge). When we divide by 2, we have 2.15 CM. $2.15 \times .5$ gives us 1.075 microsecond. Using 6 1/8 inch line gives us $975.13 \times 1.075 = 1048$ feet for the total distance. The tower is 981 feet tall to the base of the antenna complex. The transmission line covers 40 feet from the point of pulse insertion to the tower base; $981 + 40 = 1021$ ft to the complex base.

So we know that the transmission line is good to the base of the antenna complex. We can't tell much more right away because this antenna is a four-section folded bay ZEE panel unit. The trouble could be in any unit.

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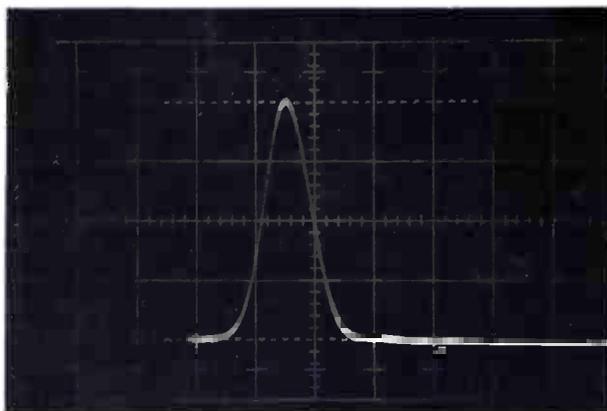


Fig. 3. Shape of the output pulse, with setting for 10 volts/cm gain.

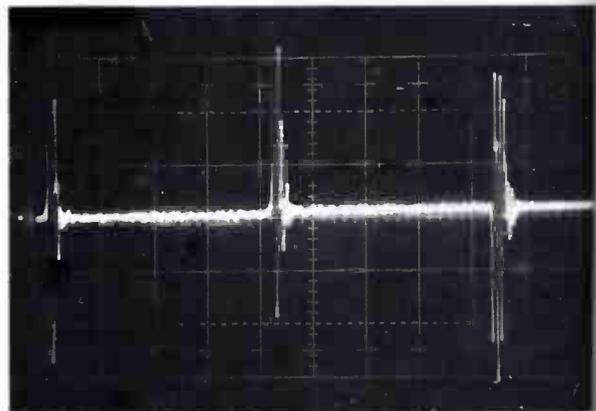


Fig. 4 Transmitted pulse and reflection from a shorted line. The polarity reversal can be seen.

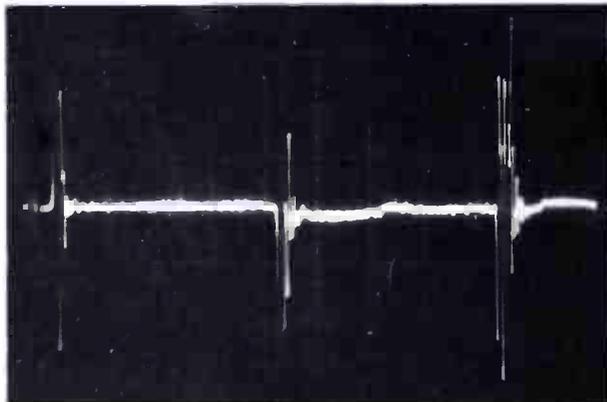


Fig. 5. The reflection from an open line has same polarity as the transmitted pulse. Vertical setting was 1 volt/cm.

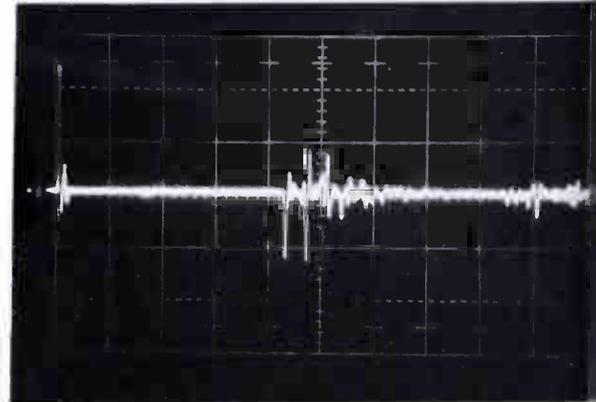


Fig. 6 Reflection from an antenna hit by lightning is used to determine distance to fault. See text for computation.

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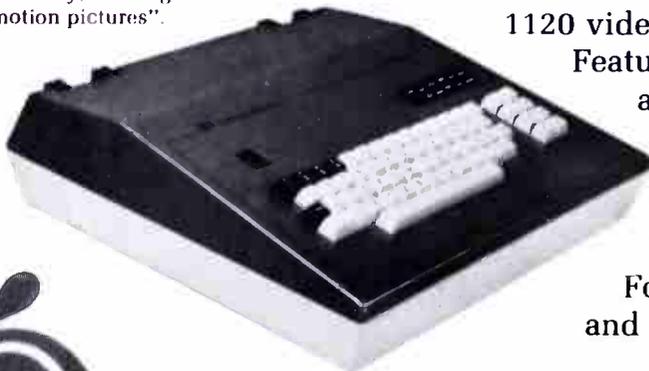
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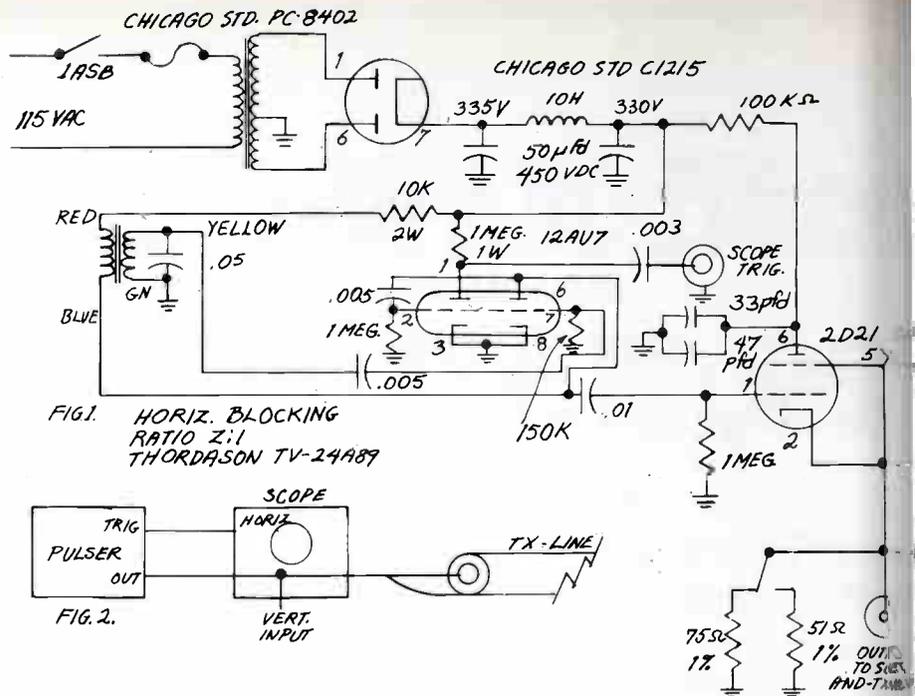


Fig. 2. Pulser is connected to oscilloscope and to line under test as shown here. The trigger connection is often not needed.

happened to be in the second bay up. A 16 foot section of 3 1/8 inch line and a tuned T were burnt.

Fig. 10 shows the "no reflection" from a good transmission line, with the vertical gain turned up to show the roughness of the bullet contacts and/or inner conductor dents. It is a good idea to take a photo on a hot summer night and one also on a cold winter night. This is desirable because a 6 1/8 inch copper line 1000 feet long will expand and contract one foot from hot summer to cold winter, if you are in a temperate or colder climate².

In summary, I suggest that if you don't have a pulser you should build one; you will find it highly useful. When your monthly antenna resistance check is due, use the pulser too. Keep a photo on file for later comparison. Use it to check out your off-air demod antenna and to match long coax lengths. Many other uses will occur to every broadcast engineer.

¹Broadcast Antenna Systems Handbook, Tab Books T44, pg. 162-1
²T. M. Gluyas, Influence of RF Output Systems on TV picture Quality Conference April 1972

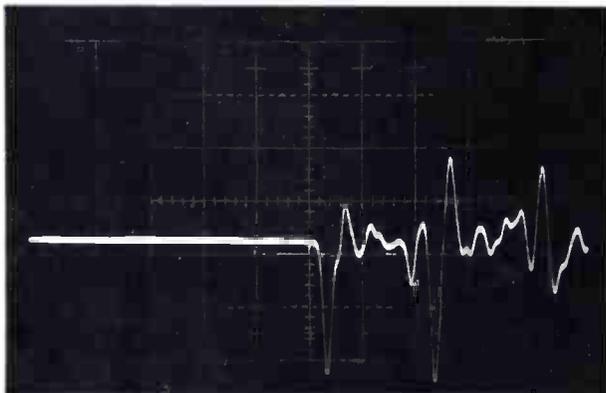


Fig. 7. Expanded view of reflection in Fig. 6; antenna was a four-section, four-bay Zee panel unit.

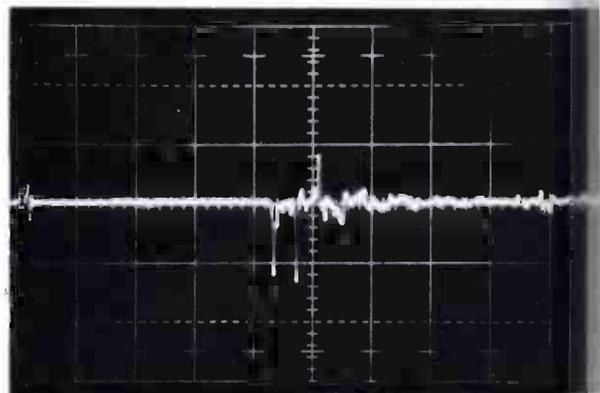


Fig. 8 Reflection from a good antenna; see text for interpretation.

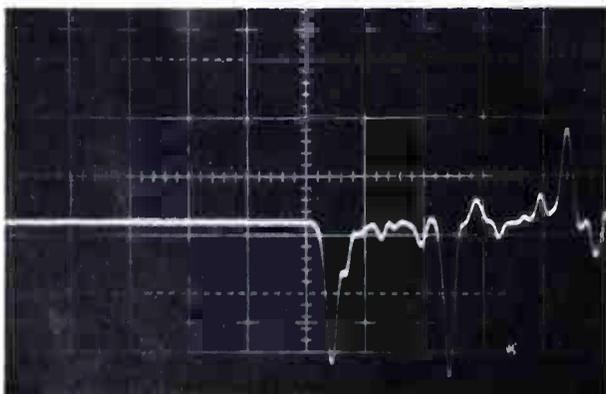


Fig. 9. Another reflection from a good antenna (no fault on transmission line).

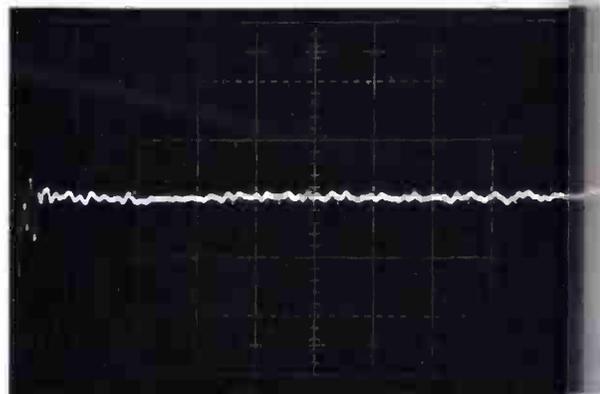


Fig. 10. The "no reflection" from a good transmission line with gain turned up (0.5 volt/cm).

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Supply Power: Notes On Keeping It Alive, Keeping It Steady

At most stations, serious power supply problems don't hit often, but when they do they can be disasters. Below are brief accounts of how some stations coped with power problems.

With a distant mountain-top transmitter, WBRE-FM's supply voltage went up and down so much it was hard to keep the transmitter legal.

In 1967, the management of WBRE-FM, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., replaced an old transmitter on Wyoming Mountain with a new RCA BTF 5E1 transmitter, increasing transmission range from 20 miles to 50 miles. There was only one problem. In its isolated location, the transmitter was at the end of a power line. As a result, line voltage fluctuations were a constant aggravation.

"A mere 5% change in line voltage feeding the transmitter," says Jack Demsky, WBRE's transmitter chief engineer, "could change our power output as much as 10 or 15 percent, beyond the FCC limits of +5, -10 percent. This is because our primary 208-volt AC line has to be built up and converted to 5000 volts DC to power the transmitter. So, for example, a two-volt change on the primary, or incoming line, is multiplied and could mean a 50-volt change on the secondary.

"Since our transmitter is at the end of the line, voltage bounces up and down between 190 and 210 volts. It all depends on draw."

During peak hours from about 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. when plants down the line start up, voltage drops at the trans-

mitter site. When operations cease for the lunch hour at the close of the day, power surges. An hour later when area residents start preparing the evening meal and switching on TV and lights, the power drops again. Later on there's another increase as Wilkes-Barre relaxes for the night.

Faster, less predictable fluctuations are also a problem. "There's an automatic switching operation at the foot of the mountain," Demsky points out. "Whenever voltage drops too low, capacitor banks trip in to increase voltage and that causes a very brief but severe surge. A 24-hour engineer watch was needed to keep transmitter power within limits.

But in 1969 the station installed a Mosley Remote Control System. Engineers no longer stood vigil on the mountain top, monitoring and adjusting power on the spot. A Mosley automatic logging device recorded transmitter power output every 10 minutes, and triggered a bell and blinking light if power dropped below 95% or went above 105%.

The system worked perfectly. It worked so perfectly in fact, that bells rang and lights blinked almost constantly. "We discovered that line voltage variations at the transmitter site were happening often enough to trigger off the new alarm system with regularity," Demsky says. "Putting it mildly, power adjustment took up a lot of the engineer's time."

But even more serious was the fact that a 10 minute interval could pass before a power line drop or rise big enough to put WBRE outside FCC regulations was brought to the engineer's attention.

As the final solution to his problem, Demsky decided to try a Solatron, a solid-state controlled static-magnetic voltage regulator developed by Sola Electric Division of Sola Basic Industries. It has no moving parts, accommodates line fluctuations ranging from +10% to -20% and responds within .16 seconds to maintain output that varies less than $\pm\frac{1}{4}\%$ from nominal.

"Since we installed the regulator in March, 1973, the transmission level has been constant within 2 or 3 percent," Demsky says. "We're all done with the bells, flashing lights, and now our engineers make the long drive to the top of Wyoming Mountain only for routine inspections and calibrations."

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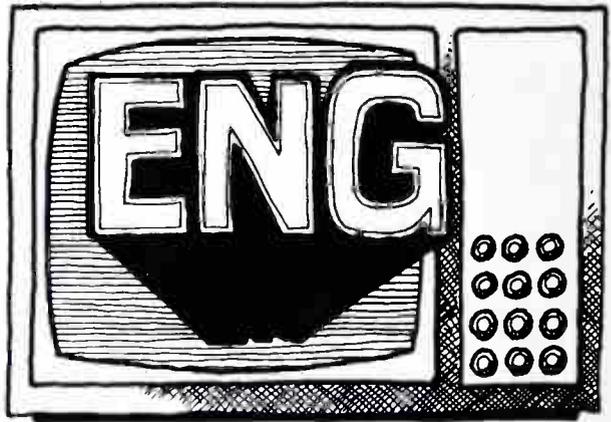
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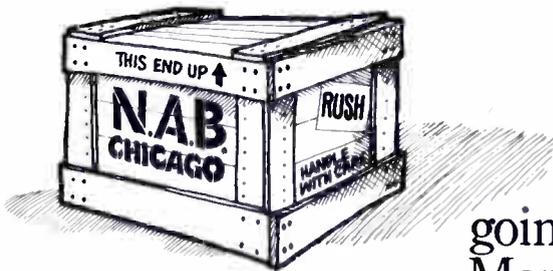


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Windstorm takes out power for all commercial TV in Lexington; educational TV station's emergency power saves day for WKYT's vital news programs.

When a weather emergency strikes, people turn to television and radio broadcasts for essential information on what's happening, what dangers there are, whether to stay home or go out. On January 13th of this year, when a furious windstorm hit Lexington, Kentucky, this information line was broken because primary power was "blown away" for all three commercial TV stations and several radio stations in the city.

But the news management of WKYT-TV, remembering an earlier weather disaster, the tornado of April, 1974, when the emergency power supply at educational station KET-TV kept it going, immediately proposed to KET a joint effort to get the vital news on the air. Management of KET, the Lexington outlet of the Kentucky

Educational Television Network, made their studio and transmitter available to the WKYT news team. Detailed emergency news started going out soon thereafter, with power still out through most of the city.

Actually KET, in a different part of the city, did not lose commercial power in the latest storm, but the emergency generators were fueled up and running in order to take over immediately if a break came. WKYT's management hailed the event as a splendid example of cooperation between commercial and educational TV, for the good of the community. A spokesman there also suggested that the management might be taking a longer look than ever before at the costs and potentials of emergency power.

Ohio University telecommunications goes from 30 kW to 60 kW of emergency power; how the design problems were solved.

Ohio University at Athens has a 33-county audience in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania for its WOUB-TV and WOUC-TV, and large reach, too, for AM and FM radio operations, all adding up to more than half a million potential viewer-listeners. The University management has come to take most seriously its responsibility for staying on the air, as a public-service, state-supported operation with a number of educational, community-aid, and personal-interest programs. Recent surveys have indicated stable audience interest in the kind of educational and cultural material broadcast by the University system.

This sense of responsibility led to the installation of 30 kW of emergency power for the broadcast operation some years ago; and the emergency power proved itself on several occasions by keeping the broadcasts on the air in the face of interruptions to commercial power. Then, about two years ago, it became clear that, because of the great expansion of facilities, the Telecommunications Center would overburden the emergency power system should it be called on again.

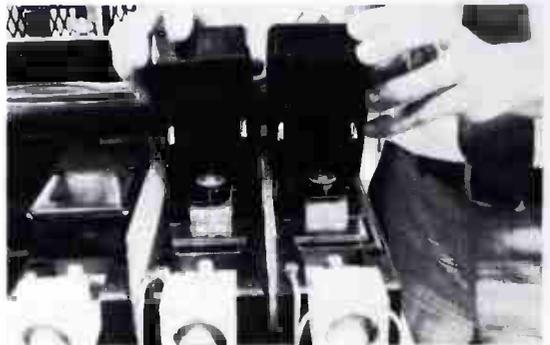
So the University decided to build for the long future by doubling emergency power capacity to 60 kW.

The first choice that had to be made was between buying a new 60 kW system, or trying to incorporate the standing 30 kW into the new system. It turned out to be completely practical, as it does in many similar cases, to add 30 kW of new power in parallel with the old. This included the adding of a number of new automation features to the old system, among them completely automatic start up and load transfer, with a 10-second delay to avoid response to momentary commercial power interruptions. A battery bank takes over the load during the 10-second switch over delay interval. Many other advanced operational features can be optionally added to older systems.

Finding additional floor space, maintenance space, and ventilation capacity, which is often difficult and expensive in broadcast stations that have not planned for enlargement of emergency power, was done with rela-

tive ease at the University through assignment of a totally new space for the additional 30 kW of power. The new equipment was supplied by Onan Corporation, and their engineering department was responsible for integration of new and old into the whole system.

Now, with one generator supplying all building needs in the Telecommunications Center and the other supplying the broadcasting equipment, Ohio University at Athens is feeling pretty secure about the continuity of its service to its three-state audience. **BM/E**

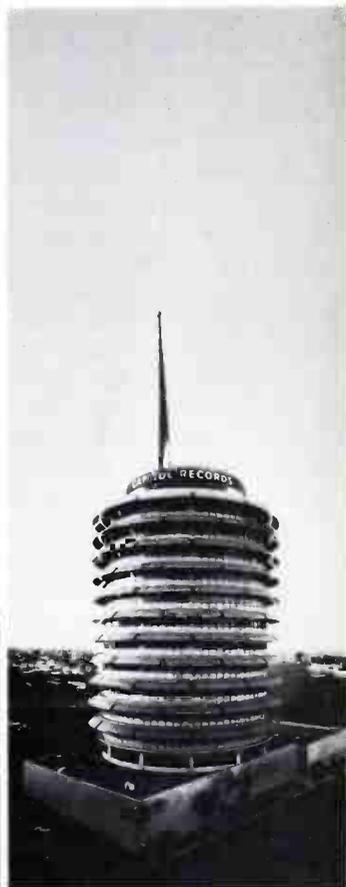


Switch-over to emergency power is effected by these switches, enclosed in heat-resistant contact chambers that control and isolate arcs with tongue-and-groove covers, also keep dirt off contact surfaces.

Old 30 kW generator (left) and new 30 kW (right) at Ohio University occupy adjoining roomy spaces, are integrated by new automatic control systems that provide easy operation of both old and new.



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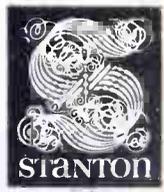
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Part III

Studio Lighting & The Energy Crisis

Problem: Panel Of Experts Discuss Causes & Solutions

This is the final installment of a three-part series that began in March and April 1975 issues of BM/E which deals with energy conservation in TV studios. Panelists are Joe and Moe Tawil, president and chief engineer, and Tom Pincu, product manager, all of Berkey Colortran, and Jim Davis, market planning manager for GTE Sylvania.

BM/E: Let's review for a moment the three things we can do to conserve energy and dollars. One, drop to lower light levels. Two, set better maintenance standards. And three, upgrade equipment. The next question is, what are the improvements in equipment that can allow a television station to operate more efficiently and use less power?

TOM: Better lenses, and reflectors and sockets that stay in better alignment.

JOE: I think our most impressive new unit is the 10-inch Ring Focus fresnel. It just out-performs everything else in both the spot and flood position. I'm talking of beam spread and evenness of field which are the most important characteristics. We're putting out substantially more light than popular brand-name 2,000 watters found

in many TV studios.

MOE: There are two things to look for in evaluating the performance of a fresnel. First, you want higher intensity levels in spot, and flood positions over a wider area. Secondly, a fresnel is used because you want a certain element of control.

MOE: Even the mechanical design of a light can have an impact on energy uses. For example, rear lamping is very convenient. You don't have to move the barn door to change the lamp if it should burn out. This saves time. And you're moving the lens instead of the filament. Also, you're not shocking it and that improves lamp life. All our tests show it cools better than any other fresnel.

BM/E: Running cooler you're not generating as much studio heat?

MOE: No. The heat's still there. But the unit has better thermal flow. The thing that's exciting about this fresnel is that we literally searched the world for a superior lens. One that gives you better barn door control, an 11 to 1 ratio and a higher light output.

BM/E: When was this lamp introduced?

JOE: About two years ago.

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M/E: What kind of response was there in the industry?
DM: In this case, very good. As a matter of fact, we were surprised. It costs more, but it's been well received at many stations.
M/E: Isn't it true that normally many failures occur during focusing?
DM: Right. Because if you move the lamp, you get mechanical shock to the filament. But in the Ring Focus you move the lens. Another development is our bi-post socket. And it's the only UL approved bi-post socket for 100 kw we know of. It permits four surface contacts, as opposed to the standard two or three. And, the receptacle floats.
M/E: So you have more surface contact then. How does that effect power usage?
JOE: Probably very slightly. But it does effect lamp life. If you don't have good contact, you have a voltage drop. It's not that you use more power, but you get less efficiency, less light.
DM: This comes back to maintenance and what we discussed earlier. If you're getting a voltage drop because your plugs are pitted and because your wire is the wrong size, that can cause 10% to 15% less light output. If you end up by using more fixtures and higher wattage to get the level you need.
JOE: A 1% voltage drop across the socket would be quite conceivable. This changes your light output by 5%. If you have a 120 volt lamp that's only putting 119 volts through, that's a 5% light loss.
DM: With the coming of color, many studios originally went to 2,000 watt fresnels. The smaller units weren't usable. Now it's conceivable to use something

like a 6-inch sweep focus light with a 750 or 1,000 watt lamp. It's a very compact luminaire and a very efficient one. Again, if you're upgrading your equipment, it's conceivable to use something like this to reduce your use of power.

JOE: I want to come back for a moment to the power consumption in the cyclorama, which is phenomenal. As we said, the light level established on a cyclorama becomes a reference point for the light level on the foreground. First of all, you want the light level on the cyc as low as possible while still getting technically and aesthetically what you need. But that's not easy to do. The simplest cyc configuration with color requires something like 1000 watts per running foot minimum. One reason is that filters are commonly used for coloring the light on a cyc.

TOM: That's a good point. Take our medium blue Gelatran, which is very commonly used. It only has a 7.3 percent transmittance in the visible regions. If you were to take dark green, the transmittance is 9.5 percent. Once you start to add color, you drop out much of the light. So far we haven't come up with more efficient ways of getting color on a cyc. It's certainly an area to work on. We are dropping a tremendous amount of the energy here.

JOE: But these are things we have done. If the cyclorama starts to get over 12 feet high you're lighting it from top to bottom . . . you're using 2,000 watts per running foot. Visualize 100 feet of cyc; you're talking about 200,000kw, and very often the engineers in the station don't realize this until they actually light the cyc.

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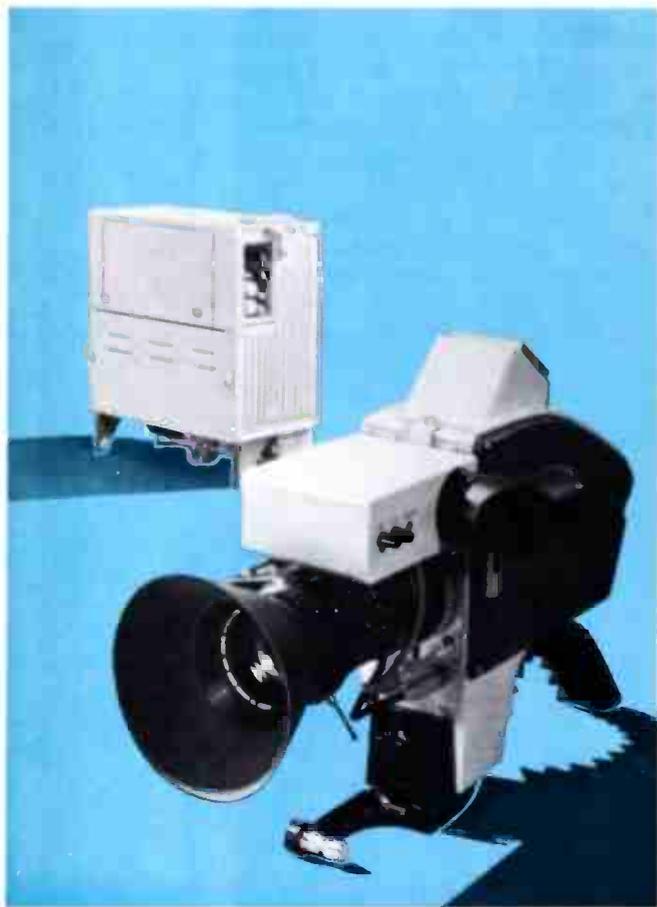
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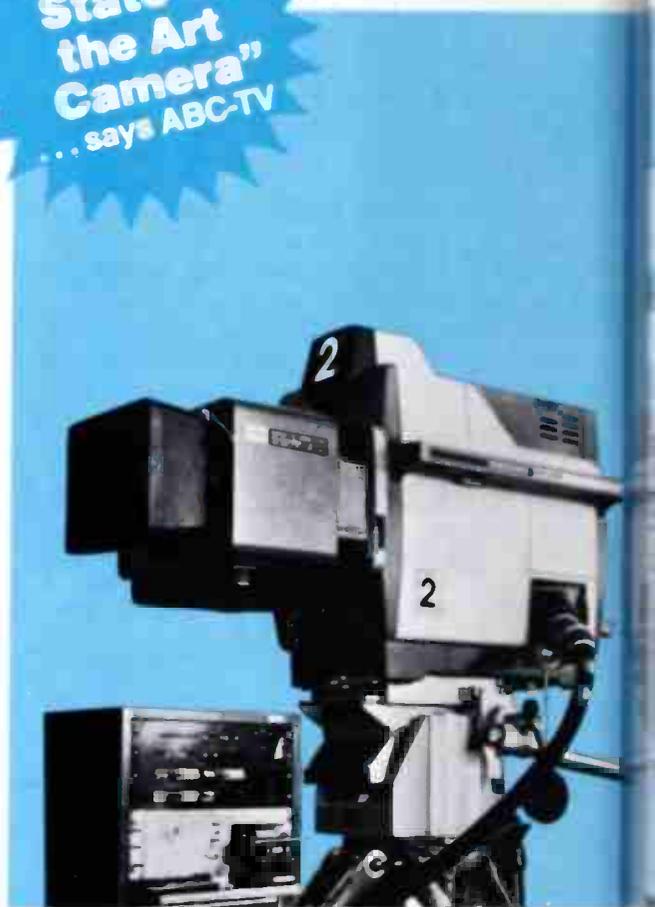
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STUDIO LIGHTING

One of the big power consumers in the studios is the cyclorama, and as a more efficient approach to lighting it is very desirable.

TOM: We designed a unit called the "Far Cyc"—which we can use to light a cyclorama as high as 25 to 30 feet.

MOE: It's engineered with a new concept. Originally the cyc pipes were designed so the lights were 18 to 36 inches from the cyc. The result was a less efficient unit than one mounted with the lights perhaps eight to ten feet away, where the distribution of light was more effective. The light gathering design of the new reflectors and the evenness of light spread are the keys to making the new fixture more efficient. We use more of the light. We get more light on the cyc and less of it bouncing off the floor or spilling out on the top.

BM/E: Was this originally designed for theater lighting?

JOE: No. Far Cyc was originally designed for television by our sister company in England. As we said, Europeans have been more concerned from an engineering point of view, about conservation of power. They were looking for ways to drop the power requirement on the cyclorama quite a few years ago. They designed a unit called "Dominos," which was very successful. We took their basic concept and improved the optical and mechanical design somewhat.

TOM: We can do some things with the Far Cyc that we could not have done with the existing equipment. We



Design of a new bi-post socket used in the Ring Focus Fresnel can enhance energy efficiency by as much as 6

feel the result is more satisfying and you can do it with half the power requirement. It's a system that uses fewer lamps, consumes less electrical power, ties up fewer dimmers, uses less color material and smaller circuit capacities. All these residual benefits may well justify throwing out the old lighting equipment. The money you save on lamp replacements alone will pay for the new lights.

JOE: One of the things built into the design is a color holder which allows uniform distribution of energy across the color filter so you'll actually get longer utilization out of it.

BM/E: How do broadcasters know whether the equipment they have now is giving them sufficient return on their investment? How do they evaluate what they have now as compared to what is available?

TOM: I think there are knowledgeable people within their own organizations in most cases.

MOE: Most of the television people I know are professional engineers. And if management would do nothing more than ask their own engineering department to come up with a quantitative study on what's going on with their lighting, they probably would get 80% of the answers they're looking for. The network requirements are very different from the small independent or educational TV station.

JOE: I think the point we can stress here is that management has competent engineers on their staff. They should have confidence in them. In addition, they can seek out advice and discuss specific problems with the fixtures and lamp manufacturers.

TOM: You know, we have to be careful not to overstate the question. If power becomes a more critical problem, TV stations might not get all they need. So they'd better attack and solve the problem before it gets worse.

MOE: In general, when anybody is installing a new studio, or modifying an old one, voltage drop is a tremendously important thing to consider. We should be concerned about the voltage drop through the dimming system. Try to get the maximum amount of copper because if you skimp on the size of the wire, you're going to have a greater voltage drop. And you pay for that operating costs, year after year.

JOE: In addition to lamp conservation, a good dimming system can contribute a lot of other things to a studio. First of all, the ability to aesthetically control your lighting and get the kind of proportions you're looking for is

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important. Secondly, if you have a solid state dimming system, you use less energy. So you're also cutting power consumption. Thirdly, you can increase lamp life significantly when you minimize the voltage on lamps. Fourthly, the fact that you work through a dimmer very often reduces current in-rush that so often shocks and fails a lamp. So, if you're picking a new system, choose a good quality dimmer that has minimum voltage drop consistent with proper filtering.

TOM: The contributions dimming can make to conservation of energy, improvement of lamp life and aesthetic considerations are very often underestimated or misunderstood by the smaller stations. There are economical packages of smaller dimming equipment, such as Colortran's dimmer pack, which can fit in the tightest budget. They'll probably pay for themselves over a number of years in just the saving of lamp life.

BM/E: What else haven't we covered?

JOE: When a show is rehearsing, don't have the lights on full.

TOM: You don't need gorgeous pictures at this point. You're selecting angles. Rehearsing. When you get ready to run the show, then get up to your required levels.

MOE: When dimming the lights, unfortunately the energy saved is not in direct proportion to light loss. What might be more effective is to use half the lights. At a rehearsal, use only the fill lights which will generally give you a wash of light you can see with. A work light, if you will. Then you'll be able to rehearse using a minimum of equipment, generating a minimum amount of heat.

JOE: Well, again, that's planning. Somebody has to think about what he's doing and decide how he's going to conserve the energy. It's a matter of education at policy, and a matter of planning and consciously deciding you're going to save energy.

TOM: I've walked into studios where the lights were on all the time. Nobody in the studio and all the lights on. Turn off lights when you're not using them. And here is where the dimmer comes in. We can save energy by reducing the burn time of lights. And, the energy doesn't have to consume taking the heat off to cool the facility is also saved.

JOE: I would say that anyone planning a new facility that does not consider this factor is looking for trouble. Maybe he can afford the power he consumes. But can the community afford the peak load requirement that he throws into the power system? By dropping his energy requirements, he can make himself more palatable to his own community. Otherwise, some day that community might say, "We're not going to build a new power plant for you." Then, he's out of business. So he should look toward these economies in power consumption. It may not be just a matter of saving money. It may be a matter of staying on the air!

TOM: I'm not an energy expert, but certainly in the near future, until atomic energy comes on-line and starts contributing significantly to power requirements, we're going to be in a tight bind.

JOE: I think we're going to be in a tight bind for a long time. We're going to see solar energy, atomic energy and thermal energy evolve. But there is *always* going to be a problem. And we'd better start realizing it now! **BM**

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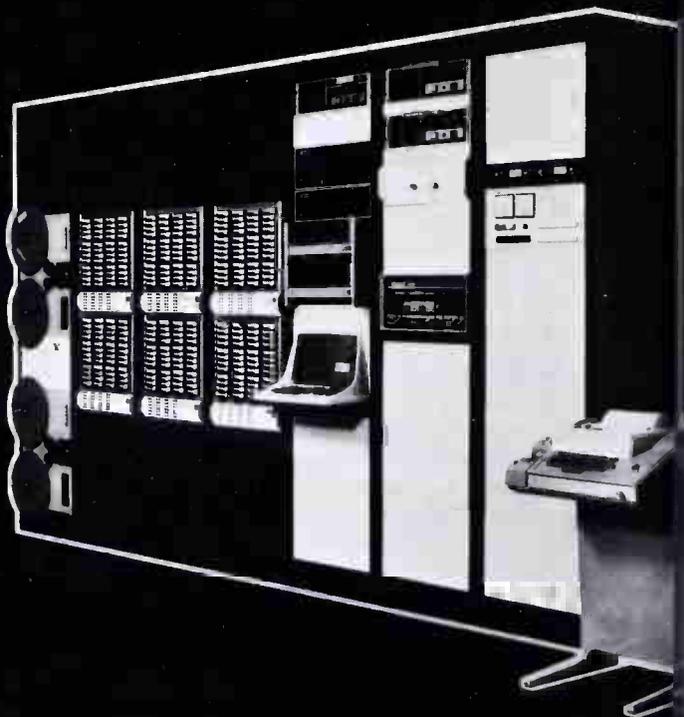
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1976 sees keener competition in transmitters than in previous years (not necessarily in numbers of manufacturers but fuller, more complete lines from those in business). There is sharper competition in radio automation in terms of product capability and broad competition in audio consoles with a fantastic variety of standard consoles available in 1976. There is more competition in the character generator/graphic display area with new sources appearing on the scene and old-time suppliers adding new wrinkles to their products. There's a wide open race developing for ENG dollars—in cameras, microwave, editors, etc. As digital video continues to make headway, we see new concepts emerge in frame storage/synchronizing devices, time base correctors, video special effects, video processors, electronic still store devices, etc. In the VTR area, non-quad systems proliferate.

Immediately below in selected categories BM/E describes some of the brand new equipment that will be at McCormick Place, Chicago. A list of exhibitors complete up to press time including a description of both new and familiar equipment that they will display begins on page 124.

Transmitters: full lines from many

The transmitter section will continue strongly trends of recent years toward more makers, with fuller lines: all the familiar mainstays of the industry are back, most with more transmitters than ever, and there are some newer ones, including one reappearance after a decade. The reappearance is that of Townsend Associates, whose line was taken over by Ampex some years ago; that arrangement has been terminated and Townsend will operate on its own, beginning at the current show with an exciter for UHF, new Klystron techniques for UHF, later introducing a full line of transmitters.

Collins, Continental, Harris, RCA, will have their extensive lines of AM, FM and TV transmitters. Harris' all-solid-state MW-1, the 1 kW AM that made a splash last year, is now well established (the big rival of last year, the Westinghouse 5 kW design, intended for licensing by other manufacturers, will not appear this year). McMartin will establish itself as a full-line trans-

mitter source with a number of new FM and AM models from 10 watts to 55 kW. CCA is back with a refurbished image, with an advanced FM antenna, a new 2.5 kW solid state FM, a new AM. Sintronics has their line; CCA new last year, has a new 25 kW FM; Acrodyne has new CCIR transmitters; AEL has two new models; Wilkinson has a new all-solid-state 250 watt FM; EMCEE has a new 5 watt backpack TV transmitter.

Among the transmitter accessories are some new brightened-up ideas: Bird has a series of harmonic filter and filter/couplers for FM, with 0.5 dB insertion loss and over 60 dB harmonic reduction; Electro Impulse has high-power dummy loads, for example 30 kW in compact package; Cablewave has a new dehydrator for coax. Both Moseley and Marti continue to expand remote-control choices, Moseley with a new digital system.

Antennas are plentiful too, with continued emphasis on circularly polarized TV antennas (anticipating FCC action) by Harris, Jampro, RCA, Micro Communications. Full lines of antennas will be there from Harris, RCA, Phelps Dodge, Jampro. Flash Technology is back with a strobe beacon system usable on "hot" AM towers. Transmitter tubes will be shown by Eimac (high power tetrodes), Thomson-CSF (klystrons) and CCA will appear as a source for all leading brands of transmitter tubes.

Audio consoles reflect new trends

The audio consoles are not going to lose their griping the "most competitive" title: just about everybody who showed consoles last year will be back, many with several new models. An innovation will be complete remote control of console functions, coming from Ramtek. Automated Processes will also show some DC control along with advances in several models. A newcomer to the U.S.) is the Audix line, to be shown by Rank. What we have called Robins/Fairchild or Fairchild/Robins is now firmly fixed as the Robins Broadcast and Sound Equipment Division, and will continue the Fairchild tradition of modular consoles. Philips will become an important console source. Among others who will play the full their established roles as console suppliers almost always with improvements reflecting the intense competition, are Audio Designs, Auditronics, Broadcast Electronics, McCurdy, Rupert Neve, Revox, Russel Ward-Beck, Dipol, QRK, Cetec, Sparta, LPB, McMartin, Microtrak, RCA and Wilkinson.

Audio processors and accessories; microphone, etc.

Prominent here will be the new Orban Optimod, a processor of radical design; a new Volumax from Thomson-CSF may furnish strong competition. Other compressor/limiter equipment will come from

Thomson-CSF (Audimax); Pacific Recorders and Engineering (Multilimiter); Automated Processes, and Broadcast Electronics, a newcomer here with a new "deluxe" unit. Such equipment will be seen in the exhibits of Cetec, Collins, Harris, LPB, McMartin, Marti, RCA and Shure.

Reverb units will be shown by MicMix, with a new series, and by AKG, in the Philips booth. Microphones are coming from AKG (Philips), Electro-Voice, Shure (with two new headband models), Beyer (Revox). Wireless microphones are from Comrex, Vega (both showing new "diversity" systems, with two spaced receivers and automatic choice of the best signal), and Swintek, English brand sold here by Alan Gordon. Turntables are from Russco, Microtrak, CCA, Harris, RCA, Pioneer, Sony, Panasonic and QRK.

Phono pickups will be shown by Shure and Stanton. McCurdy, as in earlier shows, will have a complete operating studio with turntables, console, all support gear.

Audio carts—new types

The new NAB specifications have spawned a new generation of cart machines. They will be there from all the established cart makers: Ampro, Broadcast Electronics, Garron, (Rapid-Q), Harris, ITC, McCurdy, QRK, RCA, SMC, Sparta and Telex. UMC, a newcomer here, has a whole line built on the Beau motors, the "Beau-

cart" series. There will be new cart splice finders: one from Ampro uses a special AGC circuit to prevent falsing on program level changes; Broadcast Electronics and ITC have improved cart splice finders. As for the carts themselves, Fidelipac will show the "Master Cart", aimed at extremely close phase control, and Capitol Magnetics will have the Audiopack, with similar design motivation. (See the article in this issue on a simple system for precise phase adjustment).

Audio tape machines

They will be there in plenty at the extremely high quality of recent years, but no radically new audio machine ideas were in the offing as this was written. Scully/Metrotech has a new model, the 285B. ITC will introduce an economy series, the 750. Otari has improved a number of models since the last show. Others showing well established machines will be Ampex, RCA, Willi Studer, Revox, Telex, Autotec, Nagra, 3M, QRK, Sony, Pioneer and Sparta. There is some rumor that Ampex will have a new machine.

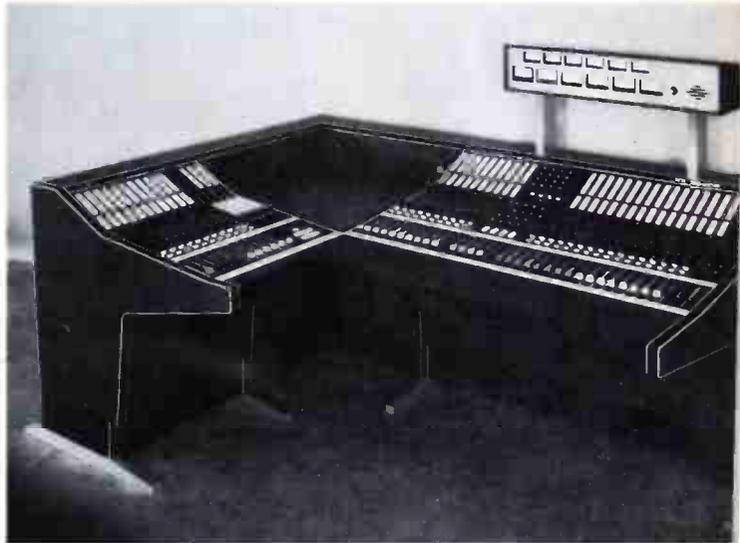
Radio automation

As last year, radio automation systems continue to move in two directions: toward more elaborate, more flexible control and larger event capacity, often using microprocessor or computer control; and also toward

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Mini console/turntable unit by Microtrak.



Large console from Audio Designs.

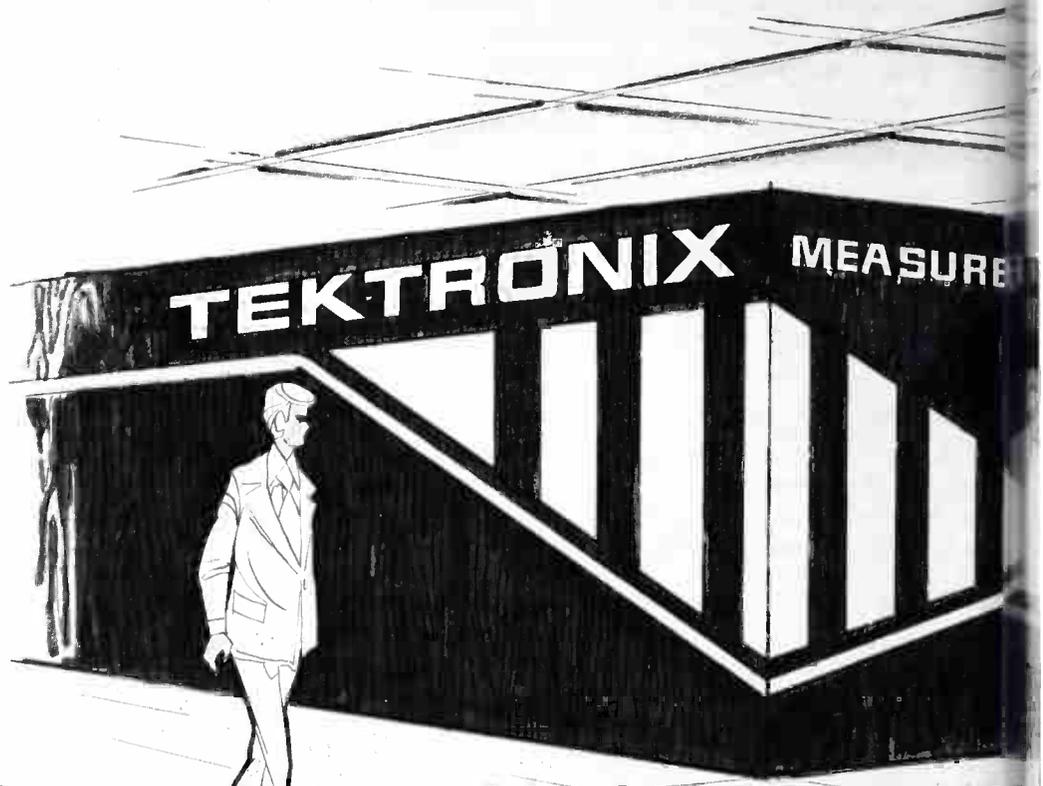


Compact audio console from Automated Processes.



New console to be introduced by Philips.

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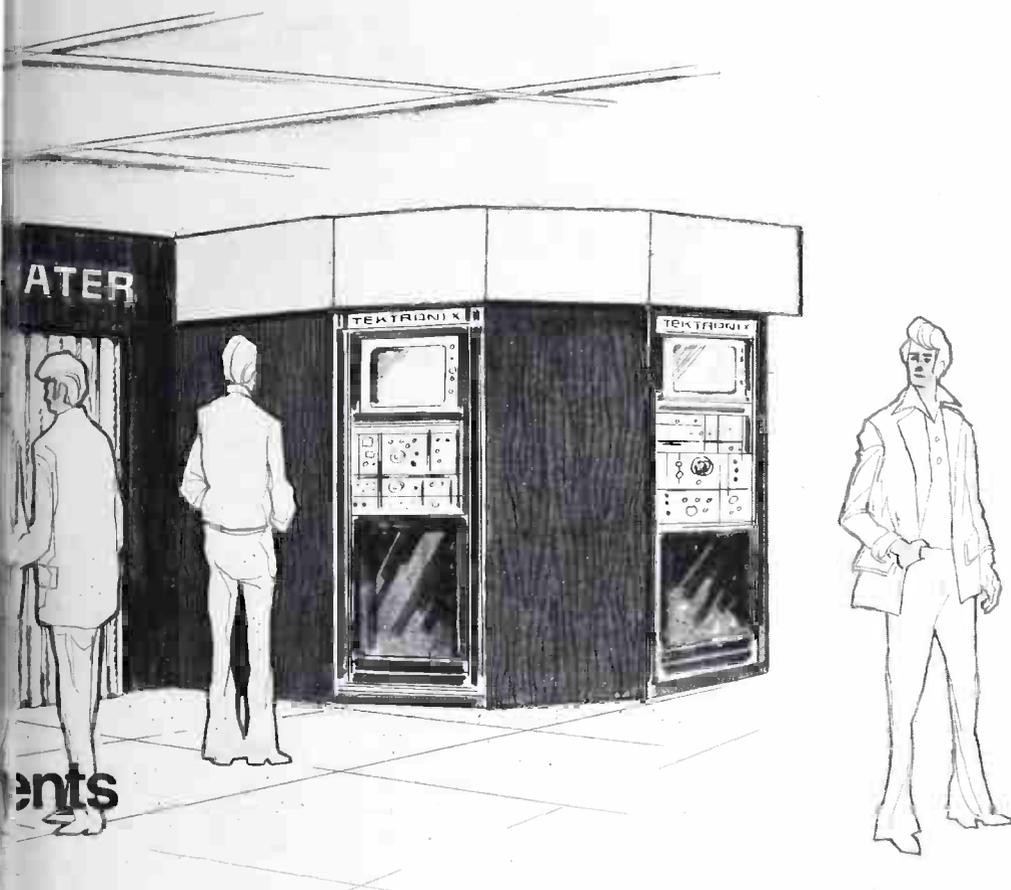
The Measurement Theatre presentations will be "how to" sessions. One will concentrate on AM Station Operations. Another on FM Station Operations. The third will cover measurements in Television Station Operations. The basic elements of each presentation will be Proof-of-performance procedures, monitoring requirements and day-to-day maintenance requirements. Audio systems tests and measurements will be a major part of the AM and FM sessions. If your work gets you into Audio, Video or RF, get yourself into the Tektronix Measurements Theatre.

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Considering a studio monitor? The new 670A is being shown. With variable aperture, this 17-inch color monitor is available now and attractively priced. Of course, we will be showing products to time, test, measure, correct and display the television signal too. Stop by and see us at NAB-76. We will be there to welcome you.

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simplified systems aimed at making the DJ's job much easier and surer with a moderate amount of equipment—and investment. In the first class is the new Schafer 903E, 8,000 events, using time-base control; the Control Design Mark III, and the SMC DP-2 with microprocessor control. Several others in this class will come over from 1975: the Harris System 90, RCA systems, Schafer/NTI 700 computer series. IGM will bring this year an intermediate system, the new Marc VII (manual assist remote control) which uses a microprocessor. Collins will show complete systems based on Control Design components.

Radio Programming will be stressed

Syndicated programmers will be strong this year on the exhibit floor itself, rather than in hotel suites as in earlier years, with at least five nationally-operative outfits demonstrating their wares, in most cases with listening booths. Broadcast Programming International will have several formats; Camex will have both an automated system and programming to go on it; Drake-Chenault will demonstrate their wide range of programs, as will Radio Programs, Inc. Michelson has something a little different: re-runs of famous radio dramas, now growing in popularity, including such long-runners as "The Shadow", "The Lone Ranger", many others.

ENG cornucopia of products

At least six brand new ENG cameras will be on display. Companies indicating that they would have new ENG cameras were Asaca, Ikegami, Hitachi-Shibaden, NEC, Sony and Thomson-CSF. Counting the recently shown Ampex BCC-2, the count is seven. As we go to press, we don't know if the Toshiba CK-38 will be ex-

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Philips LDK-11 is now ready for delivery.



New SK-80 backpackless ENG camera.



New York camerawoman is delighted with light weight of Thomson-CSF Microcam.

1975 Best Station Award Winners

In our December issue, BM/E described the layouts of nine stations that reflected creative but dollar-conscious thinking. We asked our readers to vote for two radio stations and one TV station that they felt should receive a Best Station Award Plaque. The winners for 1975 are:

Radio Station WIDR

Making A Student-Run AM-FM Production and Control Center Do Triple Duty—submitted by John McNeill, Program Director, WIDR, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Radio Station CHWO

Putting Two AM Stations 60 KHz Apart On The Same Directional Antenna Array (Saving A Half-Million In Real Estate Alone)—submitted by Alexander Velleman, Director of Engineering, CHWO, Oakville, Ontario.

TV Station WPRI

Triangular Structure Fits Site; Satisfies WPRI's Operation Needs—submitted by William Kessler and Associates, Inc., architects, on behalf of WPRI-TV, Providence, R.I.

Many congratulations to this year's winners and a reminder to stations currently re-modeling or re-building to keep our 1976 contest in mind!

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hibited or not—or whether it will appear under somebody else's nameplate.

We have no details on the new Asaca, Ikegami, or Sony cameras, but considerable information is available on the Thomson-CSF Microcam and the new contender from Nippon Electric. Both of these units were described at the SMPTE Winter TV meeting in January. Since then, Hitachi-Shibaden has released preliminary information on a new SK-80 unit.

All of these new cameras are broadcast quality and *extremely low in weight and low in power drain*. Hitachi and NEC have put all electronics in the camera head and do not require a backpack. Thomson-CSF has divided the electronics between a small camera head (8-lbs.) and a belt or over-the-shoulder pack (3-lbs.).

To give you some idea of where camera design is headed note these figures:

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| Hitachi-Shibaden | 13.7lbs. | 32 watts |
| NEC | 13 lbs. | 26 watts |
| Thomson-CSF | 11 lbs. | 22 watts |

The lower power requirement means longer running periods without changing batteries. A chart display at the Winter SMPTE meeting by Thomson-CSF reveals the significance of reduced weight and power drain.

We have already described some of the Thomson-CSF camera features in BM/E January, 1976, page 50. These included an image enhancer, three-channel masking amplifier, full I & Q encoding with phase compensated I filter and a constant white balance circuit.

At Detroit, some additional specs were released: noise

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Marconi's Mark VIII P camera for field work.

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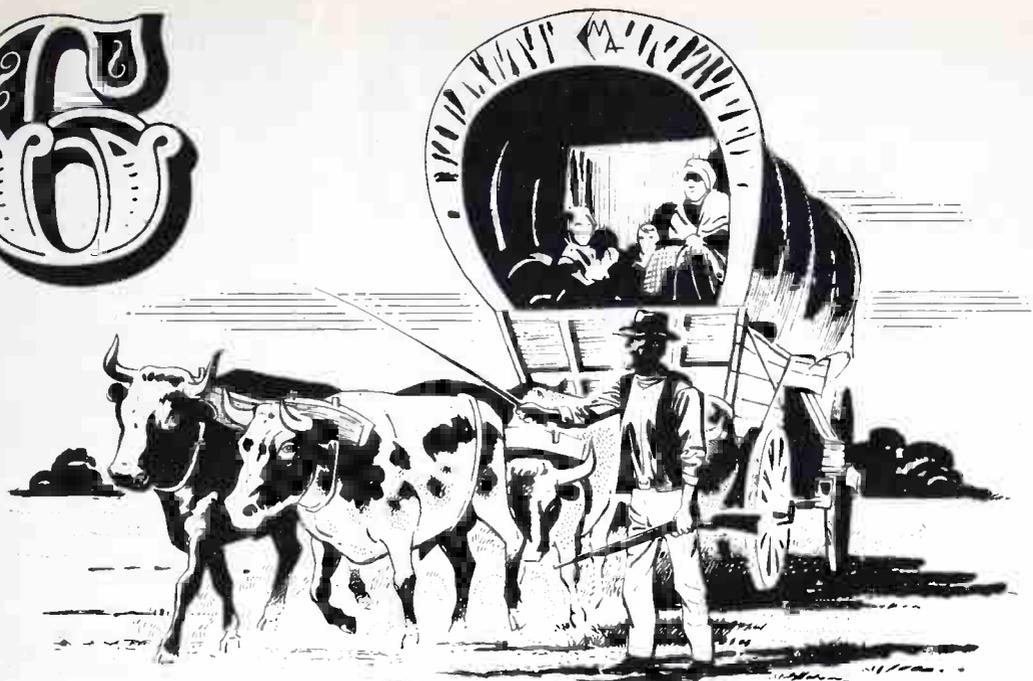
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In a paper at Detroit, NEC said design objectives for its new camera (in addition to light weight) were increased reliability and stability and that these could be achieved only if power consumption was a minimum, thereby reducing heating. Working with NHK Broadcast, NEC began developing a micro-powered processor amplifier in 1974 which was tested in 1975. The results were so successful that NEC decided it could build the final camera design includes the following LSIs: video processor, encoder, pre-amplifier, synchronizing system and deflection system.

NEC says the LSI circuits reduce power ($1/4$ to $1/19$) and size ($1/4$ to $1/20$ th) and upgrade reliability. The process amplifier, for example, includes 126 elements. The company says it can use $3/8$ -in. Plumbicons, Saticon, or Chalnicons. Sensitivity is listed as 2000 lux at x (minimum illumination with $+6\text{dB}$ gain is 200 lux). S/N is better than 50 dB (p-to-p/rms). Working temperature range is listed as -10°C and over 45°C .

The Thomson-CSF camera uses prism optics; NEC uses a relay optical system which it says is now competitive with prisms because of improvements in coating techniques. Although NEC says prisms still are somewhat superior in sensitivity, lens exchangeability is poorer and, further, the center-of-gravity of relay optics can be put over the shoulder for easier camera handling.

BM/E is in no position to evaluate these different claims. What it does all add up to is a few busy days for engineers as they test out all those new cameras. (T)



Microwave Associates MA-13 CP portable microwave.



Nurad's new circularly polarized transmit antenna, the Goldenrod.

NEC camera, incidentally, will be shown in the TeleMation booth).

The new SK-80 self-contained Hitachi Shibaden is an all new camera designed for ENG use. It has three 2/3-in. tubes. The camera on exhibit will incorporate the Saticon H8397 tube which Hitachi feels is ideal for ENG work. Features are full I & Q encoding; H & V image enhancer; bias light; color bar gen; auto white balance; master pedestal; auto iris; 6 dB gain switch; 500 lines resolution at center; S/N 50 dB. There's a low battery indicator and ivideo level indicator in the viewfinder. Standard lens is a Fujinon 10:1 f1.9, auto iris. Camera accepts C mount and Arriflex lenses. Price is listed as less than \$20,000 and camera is available for delivery in June of 1976.

Hitachi will also show its remarkable single tube camera, the FP3030, using the exclusive tri-electrode tube. This camera does not match the quality of three-tube models but it has good colorimetry and stability and is of great interest to stations as a starter for getting into ENG.

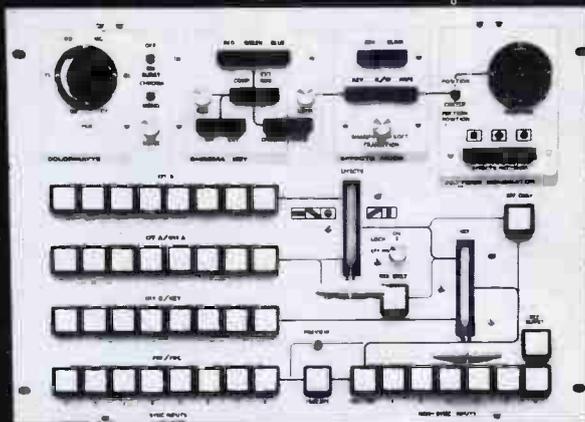
You will, of course, see heavy emphasis on ENG cameras at other exhibits. These include Akai, Bosch Fernseh, JVC, Philips and RCA. Philips has recently begun delivery of the LDK-11 and it's sure to be promoting this fact. Bosch-Fernseh will be promoting the KCN, already in use at many stations and RCA will be showing first production models of the TK-76. Panasonic is an exhibitor this year and it has a small two-tube camera along with a 1/2-in. VTR. Whether or not it will be promoted as an ENG system is not known.

ENG is a theme that will be played at many other exhibits. Camera pedestals for ENG will be promoted by ITE, Listec and Quick-Set. Microwave will be promoted by Farinon, Microwave Associates, Micro Communi-

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Highlights Of The Convention Sessions

The engineering and management conferences will have enough analyses, debates, guidance clinic technical presentations, mind-bogglers to keep the registrant busy five times over. A few of the many Big Top sessions will be: TV programming, with tips and discussions from a panel of industry leaders; a debate about pay cable, between cable operators and broadcasters; "The Business of TV", how to get local air national sales; "Audio Odyssey", a trip into broadcasting's future; how to make a radio station go, with results on the bottom line. There will be 25 radio and television workshops, on important subjects from programming to promotion to financial control, ENG operations, automation, etc., etc. The technical paper sessions cover a score of engineering subjects, and include the traditional question session with an FCC panel of top staffers. There will be the first report from the National AM Stereo Committee, given by the chairman, Harold Kassens. There will also be reports from the Engineering Advisory Committee and the Committee on Intersociety Coordination. A study of the program should lead any registrant to a list of many sessions he really wants to hear.

Important Speakers At The Convention

As this magazine went to press the list of important speakers included Richard E. Wiley, FCC Chairman who will speak to the joint radio-television luncheon on Tuesday, March 23; radio commentator Paul Harvey, who will be heard at the radio luncheon on March 22; Senator Vance Hartke (D-Ind.), scheduled for Monday afternoon's television session; Representative Torbert MacDonaold, (D-Mass.), chairman of the House Communications Subcommittee, for the Tuesday morning radio session; and Representative Lionel Van Deerlin (D-Calif.), slated for the Tuesday morning television session.

The NAB Engineering Achievement Award will go to Frank Gregg Kear, consulting engineer and veteran innovator in the industry. The NAB Distinguished Service Award will go to Julian Goodman, president of NBC. The Federal Communications Commission, sitting all together en banc, will talk about important broadcast topics and answer questions from the floor.

communications, Nurad, RCA and Terracom. A new computerized Teledata Systems (Booth 939), will be on hand showing a control system for maneuvering microwave antennas.

Nurad will be stressing a brand new circularly polarized transmit antenna called the Goldenrod. It is equivalent in performance to a 2-ft. parabolic antenna but has less wind loading and is easier to handle. It will be used as the transmit complement to the Nurad Quadrupole GHz receive antenna now used by over 50 stations.

Farinon will stress an ENG version of its FV(2)P portable system. It is a dial-tuned unit with 6 or 20 watt power out. Terracom will have a new TCM-5 model on hand. Microwave Associates will feature the MA-1 microwave "window" system. Communications for ENG will be the subject of an exhibit by Comcon.

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New lens from Canon.

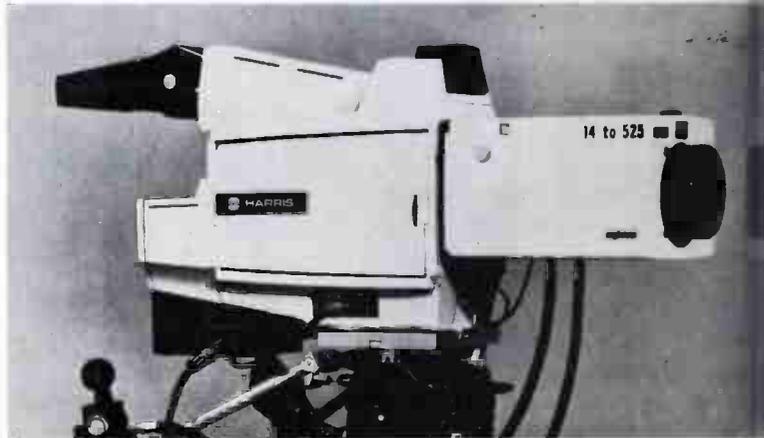


Family of cameras from CEI, including the CEI-287.

The new TC-80 camera from Harris.



New lens from Schneider.



If you are thinking of running two ENG cameras or a camera and a VTR, or if you want to do some keys or wipes during editing, Shintron will show you a switcher for the job. It's a three bus color switcher and includes an edit code reader/generator.

Editors for ENG/production

Much of this year's editing equipment will stress ENG. As we mentioned, Sony will unveil at the show a new line of broadcast equipment which will include a pulse counting editing system. CMX Systems will unveil a new time code system for ENG, the 34X priced under \$20,000. System is expandable until it has full production capability.

Also in the mystery class is a new announcement from Datatron. It's called Tempo '76 and is described as a new generation of editing equipment built around a concept of time sync. Datatron says it is tomorrow's technology available today. It's at booth 409.

Beta Technology says it will have a new editor for video cassettes at the show, the model 650. Possibly Recortec will show something in editing too.

Editing is a feature of the new JVC videocassette unit, the CR-8300. It has an optional remote control panel which means it, too, should be mentioned in this section. Cooke Engineering will have a new SMPTE generator/reader.

Somewhat surprising is the fact that the dynamic upstart TRI will not be exhibiting. TRI apparently cancelled out because it could not get its hands on the new Sony broadcast cassette unit. Without the new version, it

did not have a significant new product to introduce so sitting out this NAB.

Studio cameras will fight for attention

Although ENG cameras are the hot item this year there will be plenty of emphasis on studio units. Don't be surprised to see Ampex put on a huge camera show. It will stress a full range of all-new-cameras—the studio BCC-1, the battery-powered portable BCC-2 and the low cost field unit the BCC-3. Highest quality yet flexibility will be Ampex's theme.

A brand new studio camera will be shown by Harris—the TC-80. It's a top-of-the-line type and offers a cable as one of its options. Commercial Electronics will show a new studio camera, the CEI-287. Most camera manufacturers will display systems already introduced to the market.

Lenses: still more

There's a never ending stream of new lenses—lenses for studio cameras with extended capabilities and lenses for new ENG cameras.

Angenieux will have a new 42xf2 lens and a lightweight (2-lb.) 15xf2.5 system for close focus. Canon will introduce a new series of one-inch Plumbicons—which it calls the "ultimate". Fujinon will stress lenses for ENG cameras. Schneider (Telec booth) will have two new ENG lenses plus a new 3 lens with a focal length of 34 to 1020 mm. Rank will exhibit lenses, but we have no details on types. A full

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The Old. Telex/Magnecord products are still made in the USA so parts and service are always available. The series 1400 is still built on a solid die cast aluminum main frame for reliable operation around the clock. It's still available in full, half and

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lens adaptor will be shown by Comquip.

VTRs still broadening out

Although quad has demonstrated its staying power in the broadcast industry through the introduction of the compact AVR-2 from Ampex and the TR-600 from RCA, there will be a further assault on quad supremacy

ENG lens from Fujinon.



New contemporary look in operator keyboards, the Vidifont Mark IV from Thomson-CSF.

from helicals.

As mentioned, Sony is expected to capture a lot of attention with the introduction of its new broadcast quality U-matic cassette unit. JVC will show a line high competitive with the Sony 2850/3800 combination. Bosch Fernseh will introduce to the U.S. market the BCN segmented helical-scan series (portable-through studio units) now catching favor in Europe.

IVC will continue to highlight the IVC 9000 but says it will have an expanded line of 2-in. and 1-in. VTRs on hand.

The NAB marks the 20th anniversary of videotape recording and one can expect to see a little nostalgia exhibited by both VTR and videotape manufacturers.

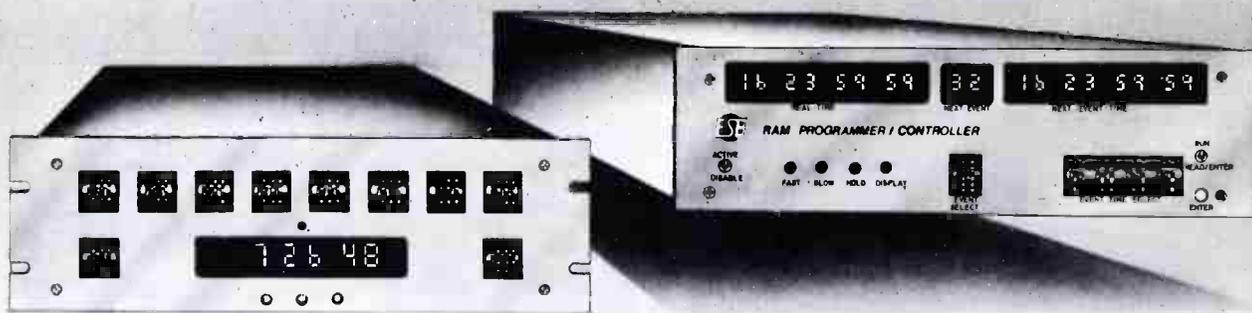
This year there will be two video disc systems demonstrated. Data Disc returns with a competitor to the Ampex slow-motion system and Eigen Video will exhibit a low cost slow-motion/freeze frame system using the floppy disc.

Videographics—new dimensions

The character generator field that we have watched expand over the last several years is becoming a large entity we call "videographics". There is continued movement toward extremely flexible and easy manipulation of graphics on the screen, often with computer control, balanced with a trend to lower-cost, simplified units. Chyron will introduce a "dynamic montage unit" for montage and animation of graphics; Thomson-CSF's new Vidifont IV has interface for camera art; RCA's computerized system will have improved operability

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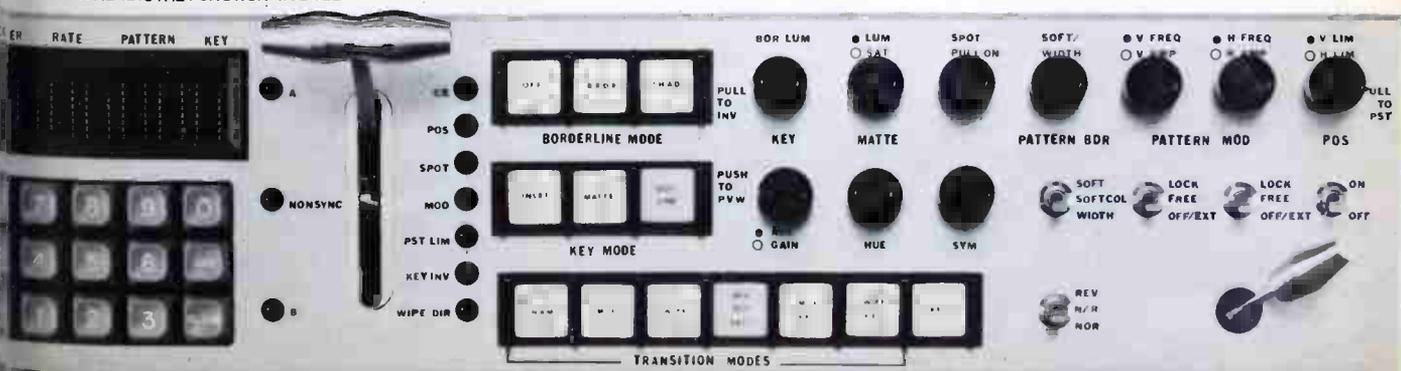


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3M is expanding the Datavision line, taken over last year, with new models of various functions; Laird and Telemation have new medium-priced models. Among the low-cost units is one from 3M, others from Kansas State, Knox (a newcomer). Broadcast Electronics (Scriptel) and Telescript will show systems apparently not using electronic character generation; details at the show.

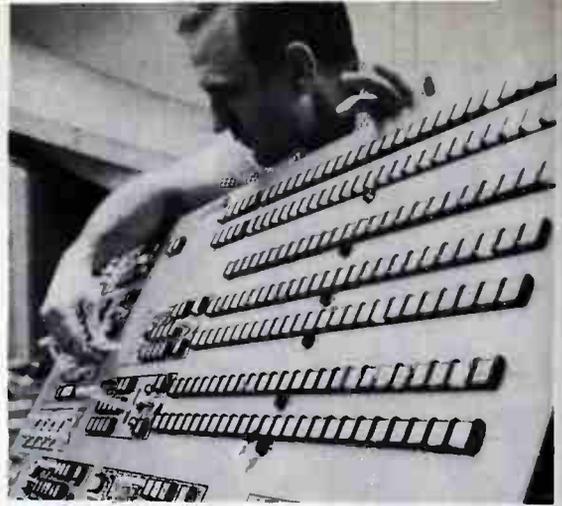
Low cost character generator from KSN.



Production gets new aids

In addition to new things in videographics, you can expect to see something new in video switchers. Richmond Hill will return again to NAB, this time with a fully automated television switching system. Vital will show new switchers with star special effects patterns.

Grass Valley isn't tipping its hand before show time, but Central Dynamics says it will have a radically new video production system. Tied in with the new switcher



New production switcher from Computer Image.

is a new sequential effects generator that does something entirely new in special effects.

Production is the theme of many other exhibits: American Data (a new 558 series), Industrial Science (new 1200 series), Computer Image (new large 72437 switcher), Dynair (Chromatech line), Comtech (low cost switcher), Telemet (the 7960A) and Shintron (E switcher).

Business automation and technical automation will be linked more closely this year than ever. Data Communications (BIAS) will show actual demonstrations, how a system interfaces with three popular production switchers CDL, Grass Valley and Vital. Cox Data will also show an interface to switching systems.

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Production Power

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New video processor

If you've been thinking about buying a frame synchronizer to avoid those gen locking problems encountered with remotes, you'll have plenty to investigate at NAB. NEC is expected to show some new options and CVS, which created a big stir last year with its video compression option will be there promoting its units heavily. But unless NEC or CVS comes in with some surprises, a lot of their thunder is going to be stolen by another company, Quantel Ltd. of Caterham, Surrey, England, doing business in the U.S. through Micro Consultants, Inc., Palo Alto.

Quantel's DFS 3000 Digital Framestore Synchronizer does everything the predecessor units have done and it does it in a smaller, lower power drain unit. It also sports some features not heretofore available—it's both a frame store synchronizer and a time base corrector. Its "look ahead" velocity compensator comes into play when the remote VTR is a direct-record helical. When it's a color under remote, such as the Sony U-matic, a standard velocity compensator functions.

As with all synchronizers the inputs to the equipment may be a non-synchronous network feed or VTR sources. The output from the DFS 3000 locks to local station vertically, horizontally and in color, providing facilities for production mixing, fading and special effects without the need for any gen-lock operation.

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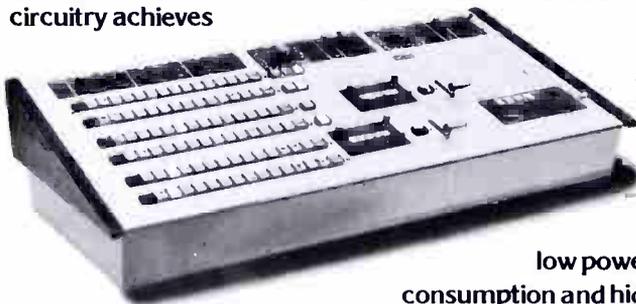
Test equipment

Measurement will be very big on the floor, with a number of new and improved systems reflecting a steady upgrading of standards, the desire for faster, easier, more accurate testing. The Tektronix "measurement theatre" will show how it is actually done. TV, FM, AM, for proof of performance, monitoring day to day maintenance, both audio and radio functions fully covered. Audio Designs will have an audio spectrum analyser that puts 28 vertical bars, representing amplitude every 1/3-octave, on a CRT. Sound Technology will have their combined oscillator/measurement unit that determines audio distortion to 0.002%. Rotund and Schwarz will have automatic measurement systems for TV. Belar has a new RF signal analysis system; Decca a new high-precision antenna monitor. Marconi will show their line of instruments. Potomac has a new line of

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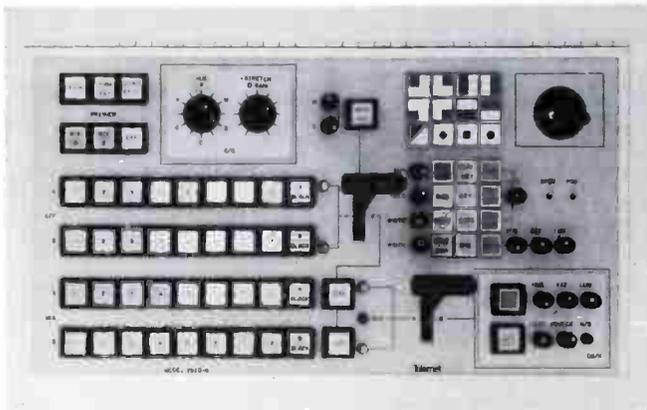
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strength meter; Time and Frequency Technology a new modulation monitor; Tentel new tape tension gauges.

Interesting miscellany

A few miscellaneous, interesting exhibits will be: Ke Marketing's "Instapoll", system for transmitting recorded poll questions automatically to dialed phone and recording the responses; Lightning Elimination Associates' method for prevention of lightning strikes to protected structures; Scientific-Atlanta's complete satellite earth station; Sansui's complete QS quadraphonic (matrixed) audio line. AM stereo will also be shown by Belar (and maybe RCA) and it too will be of special interest.

Cinema Products will be showing a CP-16R reflex camera with a Cinevid-16 video-assist camera. The video camera feeds three monitors. Camera Mart is a new exhibitor this year. If you see something you like and don't want to buy it, rent it from Camera Mart. **BM**

Complete Listing of 1976 NAB Exhibitors

Acrodyne Industries (Booth 109)

Will introduce a new series of **CCIR transmitters with power ratings to 2.5 kW**; on display the 500-watt PAL-B unit from this series. Also introducing: a new 100% solid state 10-watt TV translator. Also covered: complete line of TV transmitters and translators.

Akai America (Booth 545)

Will show the complete line of **color cameras and VTR's for ENG**, including the new VT-150-EP VTR designed to interface with the TRI-EAS video tape editor. Also introducing: the Model TBC-150 time base corrector, usable with most helical scan VTR's; the Model SEG-161 vertical interval switcher/special effects generator, designed for use with the Akai CCS-150M color camera or any other color camera with external control, along with the new color sync generator, Model CSG-162.

Alford Manufacturing (Booth 503)

Will show **antennas for FM, TV, microwave**; RF transmission line equipment and accessories.

Amco Engineering Co. (Booth 827)

Will show **stylized communications consoles, instrument cases, cabinets**; will demonstrate expansion from smaller to larger enclosures.

- Late Exhibitors

 - Broadcast Programming Int'l, Booth 803
 - Camera Mart, Booth 935
 - Cine-60, Booth 913
 - O'Connor Engineering, Booth 916
 - QEI, Booth 943
 - Tepco Corp., Booth 934

American Data Corporation (Booth 403)

Showing for the first time the **Model 558 and 553 video production switchers**; 558 is primarily for large studios and introduces a "four-channel video mixer"; 553 is primarily for small studio applications, including ENG and remotes. Also showing the full line of other video switchers.

American Electronic Laboratories (Booth 601)

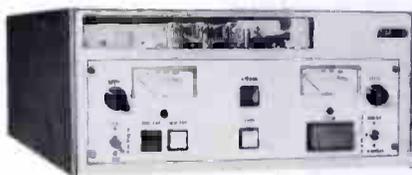
Will introduce two new **transmitters**: the FM-5KE and the AM-5KE. Also showing the FM-25KE and AM-10KD **transmitters, antenna towers, buffers, reject loads, combiners, other RF gear**.

Ampex Corporation (Booth 513)

Will emphasize the **introduction of their new line of studio cameras**, including the BCC-1, BCC-2, and BCC-3. Also showing their comprehensive line of video and audio equipment. And, as in past shows, likely to unveil some completely unannounced items, in tune with the policy of giving little advance notice.

Ampro Corporation (Booth 812)

Will show a line of **redesigned audio cartridge player/recorders conforming to present and proposed NAB standards**. Also introducing: second generation electronic splice



Ampro cart built to new NAB standards.

finder for cart machines, using AGC to eliminate response to program material or erase/bias tone; new modular studio furniture; a new turntable pre-amplifier with built-in remote motor start; new LED peak-reading VU meters as option on audio consoles, as addition to standard VU meters. Also showing: line of broadcast audio consoles.

Andrew Corporation (Booth 504)

Earth station antennas; TV and microwave antennas; transmission lines and line accessories.

Angenieux Corp. (Booth 304)

Will introduce the new 42X16E11, f/1.6 lens for small and large studio production, and the new 15X12.5, f/2.8 lightweight (2-lb.) lens with 24-in. close focusing, extended zoom, and wide angle. Other lenses to be shown: 10X14E11, f/1.6 and the 18X20.5E11, and the 15X18E61 for 1 1/4-in. format and the 15X9.5 for 3/5-in. format.

Anixter-Mark (Booth 130)

Microwave antennas and accessories

Asaca Corporation of America (Booth 614)

Will introduce a **new camera for electronic news gathering**. Will feature a complete ENG system, with camera and VTR. Also shown: the ACC-300 portable color camera.

Atwood Richards Telescreen, Inc. (Booth 915-917)

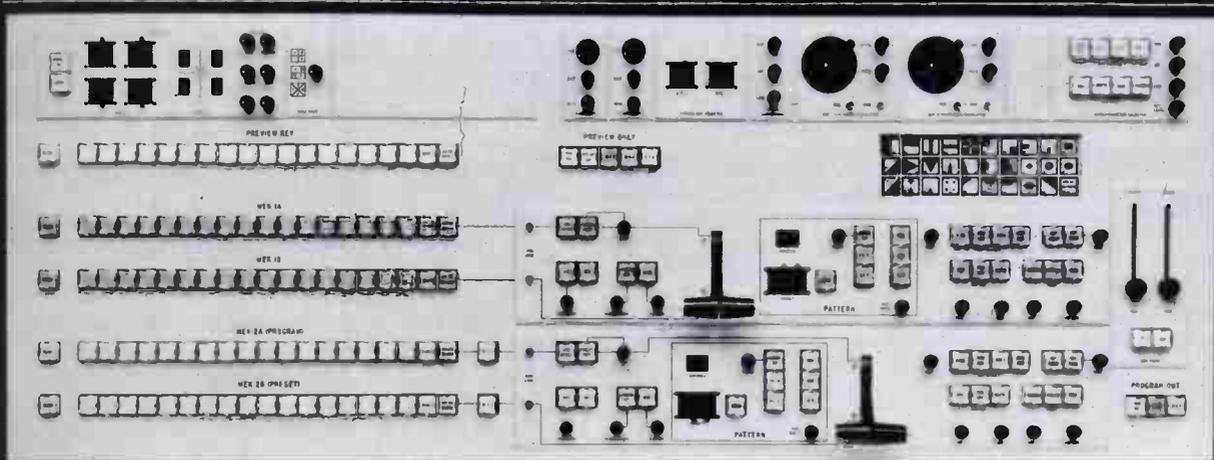
Will show Muntz **big-screen television**, first time at NAB. Also showing video cameras.

Audio Designs and Manufacturing (Booth 511)

Will emphasize their **custom audio** equipment.

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Audiotronics (Booth 804)

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Hall Brothers Research Corporation (Booth 308)

Will emphasize the **Model TCB19 and CR19/25 TV color monitors**; also showing complete line of solid-state color monitors, 19-in. and 25-in.

Belar Electronics Laboratory (Booth 509)

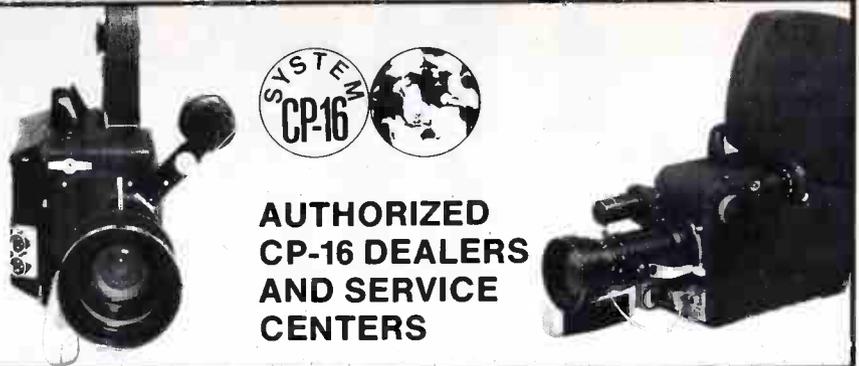
Will introduce **new equipment for accurate analysis of on-air signal**; also two new AM modulation monitors. Also showing the comprehensive line of modulation and frequency monitors for AM, FM and TV, with companion amplifiers, antennas, remote meter panels, silence alarms, etc. Also: developments in AM stereo.

Berkey-Colortran (Booth 107)

Showing for the first time the **multi-purpose Mark III lighting and grid system**, built in UK factory; also emphasizing a new memory-assisted lighting control system. Also on exhibit: complete line of other studio lighting and dimming equipment.

Beston Electronics (Booth 616)

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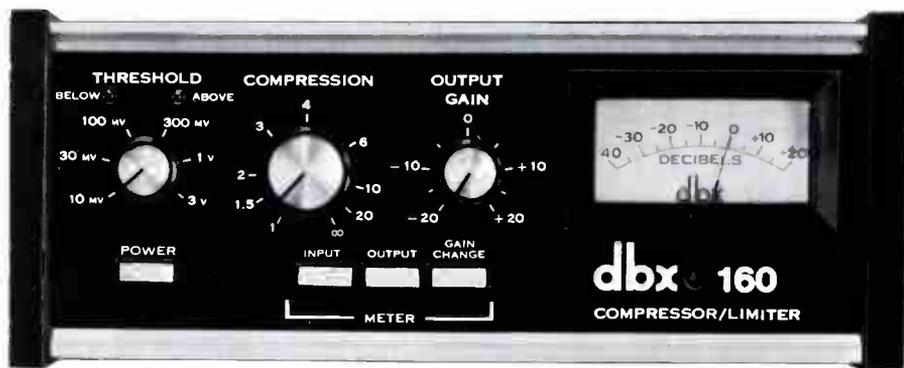
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Beta Technology (Booth 629)

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Boston Insulated Wire and Cable (Booth 204)

TV camera cable equipment, connectors, accessories.

Broadcast Electronics (Booth 50)

Will show the **full line of single-deck cartridge recorder/players, series 2000, 3000, and 4000;** and will introduce the new **500 series of 3-deck and 5-deck cart machines.** Will also introduce the following new console: **four-mixer stereo, table or rack 5-mixer economy model; 10-mixer economy slide-fader model; 10-mixer deluxe modular slide fader model.** Also: a new **splice/fault detector** for cartridges, with user-adjustable quality levels; the new **Scriptel character generator,** with variable-size characters; a new studio system with aids for DJ operation; and a new **CLE-F deluxe compressor/limiter/expand** for mono and stereo. Also showing the line of **Modtec mono TV monitors** and a line of **rotary-fader consoles.**

Broadcast Programming International (Booth 803)

Will have private listening booths for sampling all **programming service.** Will introduce a new **Rock series;** will show the complete line of program services.

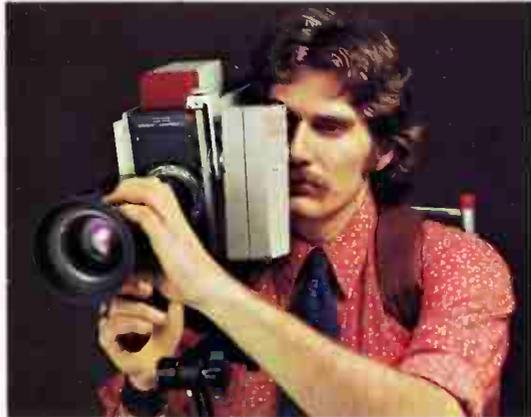
Cablewave Systems (Booth 710)

Will introduce a new low-cost **cab dehydrator, model SPD-10.** Will show the complete line of **coaxial and elliptical** continued on page 13

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Canon USA (Booth 501A)
Will introduce a new series of "ultimate" lenses, including the PV18X12B2, for 25mm format Plumbicon color cameras, and the PV18X16B2, for 30mm format Plumbicon color cameras. Will also show comprehensive line of other lenses for 25mm and 30mm Plumbicon color cameras; and a teleconverter for the PV10X12B.

Capitol Magnetic Products, Inc. (Booth 807)
Will show full line of professional tape and film products: Audiofilm 16mm and 35mm perforated magnetic film; Audiotape Q-15, low noise recording tape and Q-19, high output tape; Audiopak A-2 broadcast cartridge.

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Ceco Communications Inc. (Booth 555)
Will show broadcast electron tubes from all major manufacturers.

Central Dynamics Corporation (Booth 518)
A radically new video production system with new production switcher; a new sequential effect generator; the new VS-14 video switcher; the new AFM-10 audio mixer/switcher; also showing the VS1 switcher.

Cetec Corporation (Booth 615)
The following subsidiaries will exhibit in the Cetec area:
Cetec Audio—Showing a new series of quad audio consoles; the new 20A series of mixer consoles; the com
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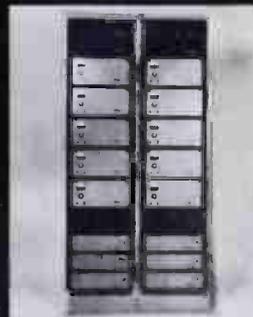
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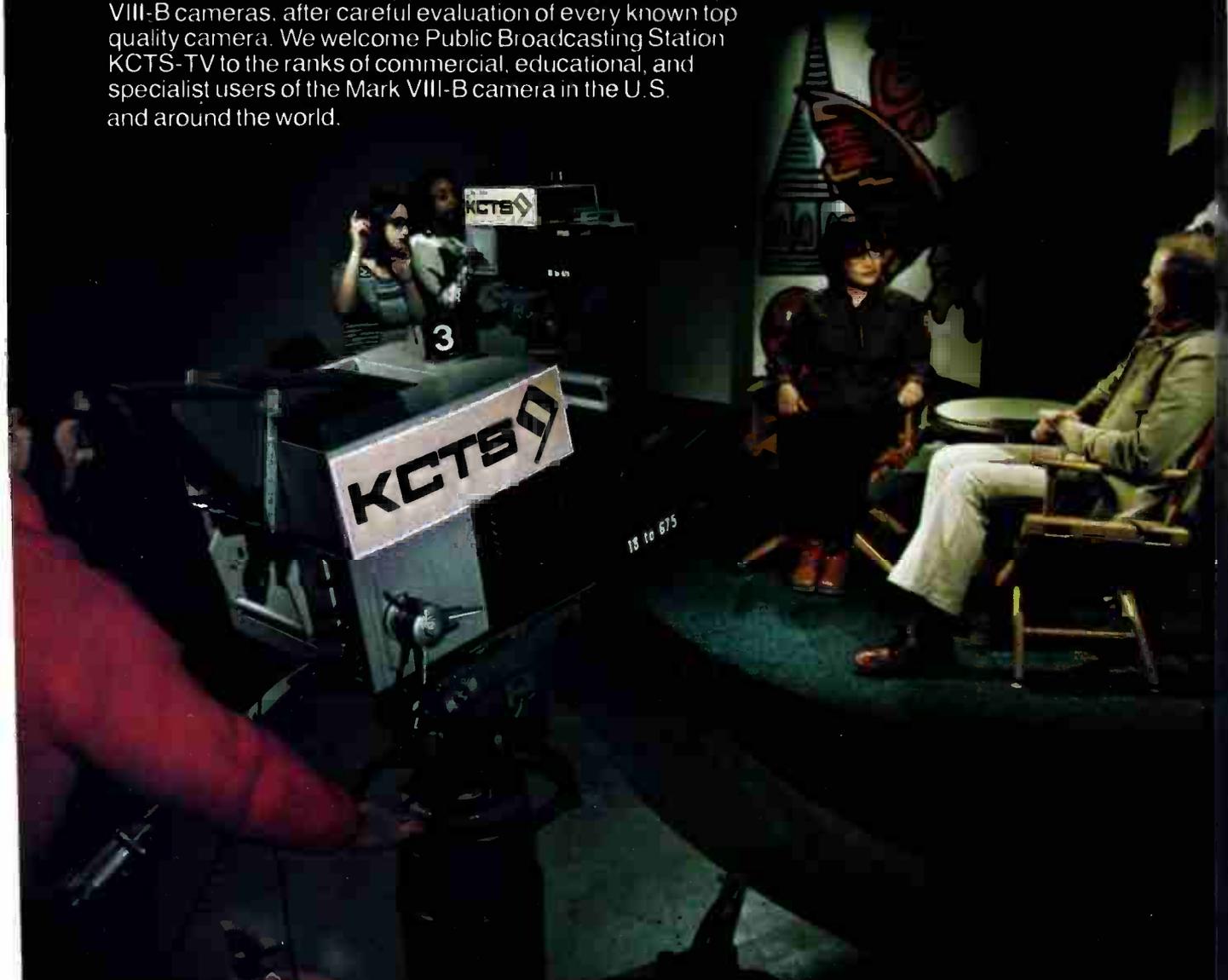
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AM and FM transmitters, including the
new "C" series of solid-state AM
transmitters; also the new Centurion II
of tape cart machines; and the line
of broadcast consoles.

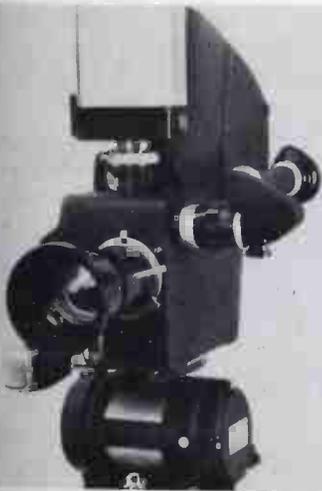
Vega—The complete line of wire-
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Myron Telesystems (Booth 501B)

Will introduce the new **Dynamic Mon-
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Colorado Video (Booth 105)

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Commercial Electronics, Inc. (Booth 519)

Will introduce the new CEI-287 studio video camera, and a new medium camera. Also showing the CEI-288 studio camera, the CEI-290 portable production camera, and supporting equipment.

Communications Technology (Booth 232)

Will introduce new low-priced production switcher model ComTech 3100, with 19 special effects, color background generator, 11 inputs, 11 buses; also introducing the AX line of audio switchers with plug-in expansion and card-frame construction—each frame holds two 24-in. X 10 out modules; and small routing switchers with one, two or three outputs, same features as larger series. Also showing: CEI 15X and 20X video/audio routing switchers.

Computer Image Corporation (Booth 627)

Will introduce the new large Model 7243-B video production switcher with new Master control, and two new computer controlled editing switchers. Will also have on display software production products generated for the Caed electronic animation system.

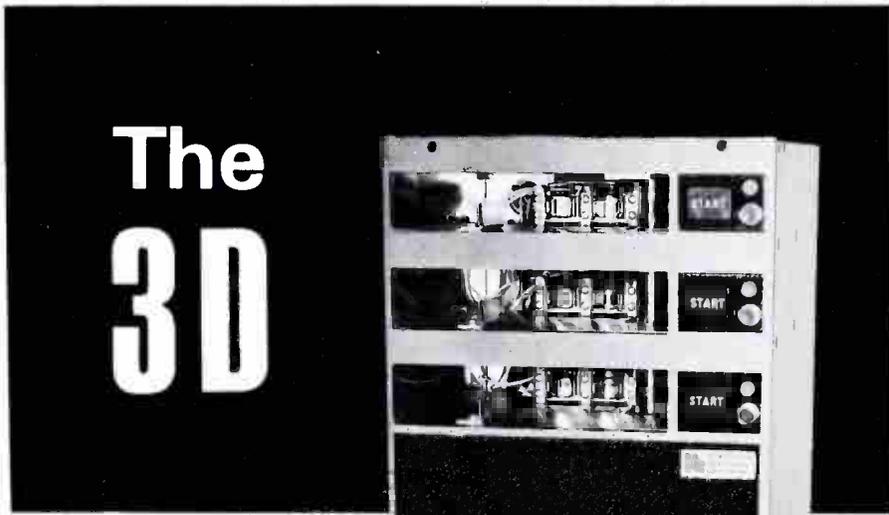
Computer Magnetics Corporation (Booth 543)

Refurbished VTR heads.

Comquip, Inc. (Booth 226)

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Comrex Corporation (Booth 831)

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Conrac Division, Conrac Corporation (Booth 102)

Will introduce four new products: **Model 6000, 19-in. broadcast color monitor**, taking 15¾-in. of rack space, full front access, fully active **convergence circuitry**, modular construction; the **Model 5300, 19-in. color monitor** with budget price; the **Model 5700, 13-in. high resolution color monitor** for 10½-in. tape bridge mounting; and the **DZB, 14-in. updated version of DZA mono monitor**, for 10½-in. tape bridge mounting. The "Colormatch Theatre" will show a



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videotape on the new monitor series.

Consolidated Video Systems (Booth 547)

Will introduce a new **low-cost digital time base corrector**. Will show whole line of digital time base correctors and the digital video synchronizer with electronic video compression.

Continental Electronics (Booth 607)

Will show the **50 kW, Model 315 AM transmitter**; also the 5/10 kW Models 315 and 316 transmitters.

Control Design Corporation (Booth 706)

Will show the **Mark III 8000-event random access automation system** incorporating the Rota Cart 24 random access cart player, providing real-time digital clock operation with up to 168 real-time events per hour, designated by hour, minute and second. Introducing touch-tone telephone system allowing operation of automation from a remote location via touchtone telephone. Also showing: the keyboard entry Mini Pro sequential automation controller.

Cooke Engineering (Booth 805)

Will introduce a new **SMPTM generator/reader system**; also showing a digital clock, digital tape timer for quad machines; video, audio, and pulse distribution amplifiers; coaxial patching equipment; line of SMPTM generators and readers, SMPTM character generator/readout.

Corning Glass Works (Booth 116)

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Cox Data Services (Booth 604)

Showing the complete in-house mini-computer automation system for radio and TV. Will introduce a new

radio system, and show planned system for interface with automated switching.

CSI Electronics (Booth 705)

Will introduce a new 25 kW FM transmitter. Also showing 1 kW, 3 kW, 12 kW FM; 25 kW FM/3 kW AM; 10 kW AM, 1 kW AM (in operation); 6 and 8 channel consoles.

Data Communications Corporation (Booth 104)

Will introduce and demonstrate the BIAS "total automation" concept, including the interface to automatic

switching systems, with actual demonstration of connection to Vital, Gr. Valley and CDL switchers.

Data Disc (Booth 112)

Will demonstrate the BDR-500 slow motion video recorder for slow motion instant replay, with switchable fixed rates forward and back, stop action, digital frame counter, present reset address control, etc.

Datatek Corporation (Booth 313)

Emphasizing the D-400 series video/audio routing switchers, with buses completely independent in control, using a computer-compatible logic system; all adjustments on front of circuit boards, adjustable during normal operation; cable equalizers, clamping vertical interval switching and high audio output are standard. Also showing: color phase equalizers; waveform correctors; video sweep generators; differential phase and gain envelope measuring sets; video, audio and pulse distribution amplifiers.

Datatron, Inc. (Booth 409)

Will unveil a new videotape editing system, "Tempo 76", which uses "time sync", aimed to bridge gap between the economy of control-tape editing and the precision and speed of SMPTE time code systems.

Delta Electronics (Booth 613)

Will introduce the new Model AAM analog antenna monitor, and the new Model TCA RF ammeter system. Also showing: DAM-1, digital antenna monitor; DAML/R-TCNS remote control system; FSM-1 field strength meter; toroidal current transformer impedance bridges, common point impedance bridges, receiver/generator

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Drake-Chenault Enterprises (Booth 806)

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Dynair Electronics, Inc. (Booth 70)

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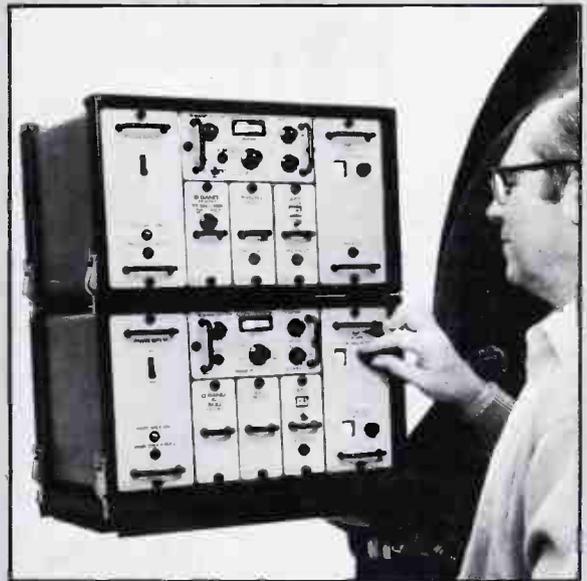
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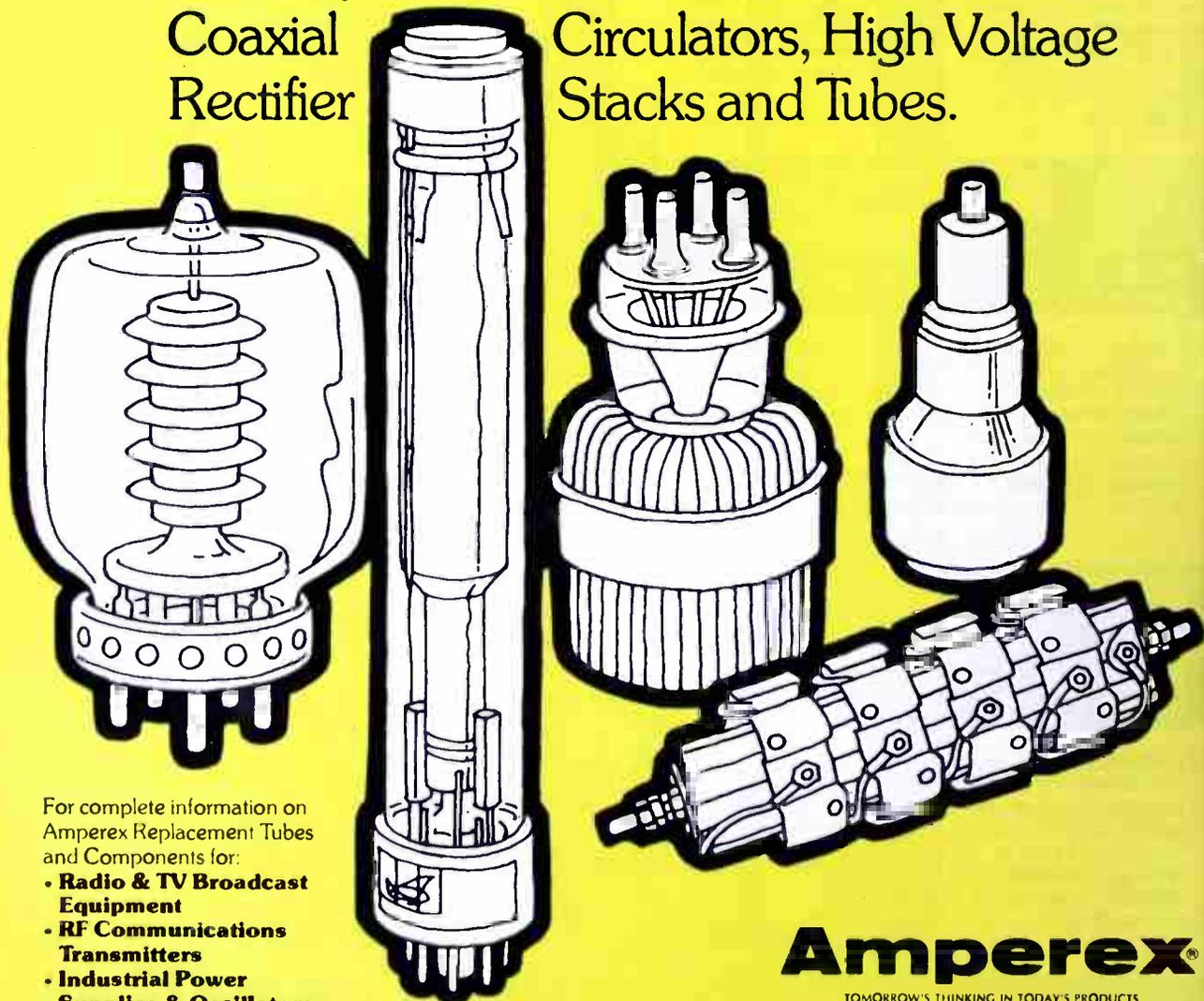
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Dynasciences (Booth 400)

Will introduce the new Model 7200 downstream chroma keyer; also the Zia Stop lens with compensation for picture shake and bounce. Other products include image enhancers, video processors, video switchers, video distribution amplifiers, sync generators, test equipment.

Eastman Kodak Co. (Booth 521)

Exhibit will highlight role of film in television news production. Shown will be Eastman Ektachrome 7240 color news film (tungsten), introduced in September. Also shown: Kodak automatic film videoplayer, VP-X.

Elien Video (Booth 906)

Will feature: equipment for slow-motion instant replay of video material; demonstrations by professional operator; use of "freeze frame" and other editing techniques will also be demonstrated.



Eiac's super-power tetrode.

Eiac, Division of Varian (Booth 310)

Will feature the super-power tetrodes, Model X-2159 (water cooled, 50 kW and the X-2170. Also show the line of other broadcast power tubes, including the Model 8963, 25 kW ceramic focussed triode for television service.

Electrohome (Booth 311)

Showing the comprehensive line of color and monochrome video monitors.

Electro Impulse (Booth 121)

Will emphasize the Model CPTC 30 kW dummy load; an integral unit with water cooling, switching built in; also showing the complete line of other broadcast dummy loads, power meters, attenuators and accessories.

Electronics Diversified (Booth 816)

Studio light controls; patch panels.

Electronics, Missiles and Communications (Booth 314)

Will introduce the TSA-100, 100-watt MDS/ITFS amplifiers, and the TTV-5 portable backpack 5-watt TV transmitter. Also showing line of other TV transmitters and translators in powers from 1 W to 1 kW; the Bogner UHF and VHF television antennas.

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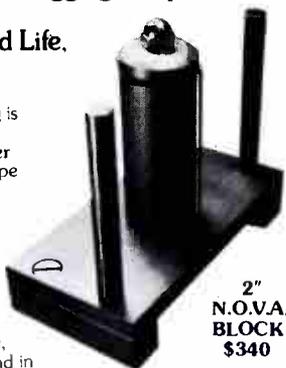
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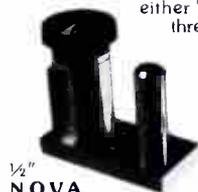
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ESE Enterprises (Booth 122)

Will show **programmer/comparators**, digital clocks, digital timers, network joiner units, EBS two-tone generators and decoders.

Farinon Electric (Booth 110)

Will show a new **ENG-optimized version of the FV(2)P portable microwave system**, for video and subcarrier transmission at 2 GHz, frequency-agile, dial tuned optional 6 W or 20 W output.

Fidelipac (Booth 405)

Will demonstrate the new **Master Cart**, showing stereo phase performance, repeatability among 400 samples. Introducing the right-angle zenith gauge, for cartridge head zenith and gap height adjustments. Also introducing carts specifically for long-life use in delay-head applications. Showing: Models 300, 350, 600 and 1200 broadcast carts; studio on-air light; cart storage racks; alignment gauges; test tapes, other cart accessories.

Flash Technology Corporation (Booth 322)

Will show for the first time the new **FTB-205 Electroflash beacon system, designed for skeletal tower use**, with optional remote monitor/control system for "hot" AM towers; all power and optical components in one enclosure; high-gain optical system has sharp cutoff of lower beam and ground shadowing louvers.

Fujinon Optical, Inc. (Booth 541)

Will introduce a line of **lenses for the newest portable TV cameras**, broadcast and CCTV types. Also showing complete line of lenses for studio and portable TV cameras.

Fuji Photo Film USA Inc. (Booth 411)

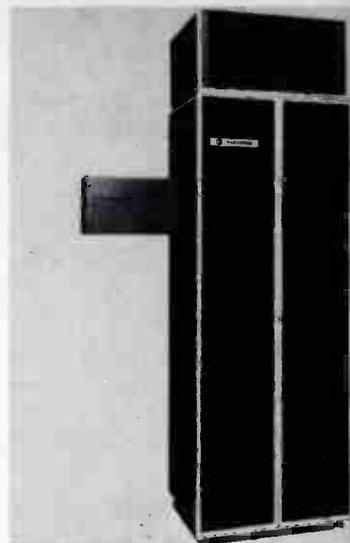
Will introduce the new Fuji **Beridox 3/4-in. U-Matic cassettes**. Will also show the Model H-701 broadcast videotape.

Garron Electronics (Booth 611)

Will show the **Rapid-Q line of cartridge tape recorder/players**, and the STE-100 stereo phase enhancer.

Allan Gordon Enterprises (Booth 925)

Will show the comprehensive line of



Harris TF-100 film camera.

Swintek wireless microphone systems.

Grass Valley Group (Booth 517)

Will exhibit their **comprehensive line of video switchers**, special effects generators, automation equipment, chroma keyers, processing amplifiers, sync generators, colorizers, equalizers, etc.

GTE Sylvania (Booth 306)

Studio and TV lights, lighting accessories.

Harris Corporation (Booth 501)

Will introduce a **new top-of-the-line color camera, Model TC-80**, with optional Triax, using three normal oxide or anti-comet tail tubes, as wanted, plus full range of automation. Also introducing: the new circular polarized TV antenna, with a working model on display. Other new products: the TF-100 broadcast film camera; the new TE-301 color television camera with head, lens and viewfinder weighing a total of 40-lbs.; also the 25 Y BT-25L1 low-band TV transmitter with IF modulation, low-level sideband filtering, compensation for envelope delay. In addition, the new Mono-Stereo-5 audio control consoles. Products for repeat showing include: the TC-50 color camera; the MW-1 solid-state 1 kW AM broadcast transmitter and other AM transmitters; line of FM transmitters; the System automation system; AM, FM and monitoring equipment; line of audio consoles, tape cartridges, and tables.

Hitachi Shibaden Corporation (Booth 200)

Will introduce **two new battery-operated ENG cameras**. Also showing SK-70 multipurpose studio and ENG color camera, the FP-1214 sports camera with 14:1 f/1.8 zoom lens.

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Ikegami Electronics (Booth 522)

Showing the line of **color cameras for ENG applications**; will introduce a new camera.

Industrial Sciences (Booth 539)

Will introduce the all new **1200 series of video production switchers**, with 32 standard special effects patterns,



ITC Model 750 tape recorder.

tandem keying, manual or automatic transitions, adjustable soft white, special pattern modulators, border line pattern revolve; also the new Model 1100 audio-follow-video routing switcher.

Innovative Television Equipment (Booth 111)

Will introduce the **Model ITE-1 hydro head**, specifically for ENG video cameras, providing pan/tilt with hydro damping in both modes, locked friction controls. Also showing: entire line of television support equipment—heads, mounts, etc.

International Tapetronics Corporation (Booth 307)

Introducing the new **750 series economy-priced open-reel tape recorder/players**; also the new automatic cartridge tape splice locator eraser. Also showing: premium and economy lines of cartridge player/recorders; Series 850 open reel player/recorders.

International Video Corporation (Booth 514)

Will feature the **IVC-9000 VTR** and **IVC-7000 series** of color video cameras, studio and portable. Also showing an expanded line of 2-in. dia. 1-in. VTR's, and line of color camera; the new all-purpose digital time-base corrector.

Jampro Corporation (Booth 615)
See under Cetec Corporation.

Jefferson Data Systems (Booth 222)

Showing the **System 80 business computer service for broadcasters**, based on large computers at JDS headquarters, plus mini computer at broadcaster location, to do all traffic, accounting, billing, etc., from original sales contract to profit and loss statements. Also describing mini computer to be introduced this year to do work on location, and services for broadcaster who has a computer, adapted JDS software to the installation.

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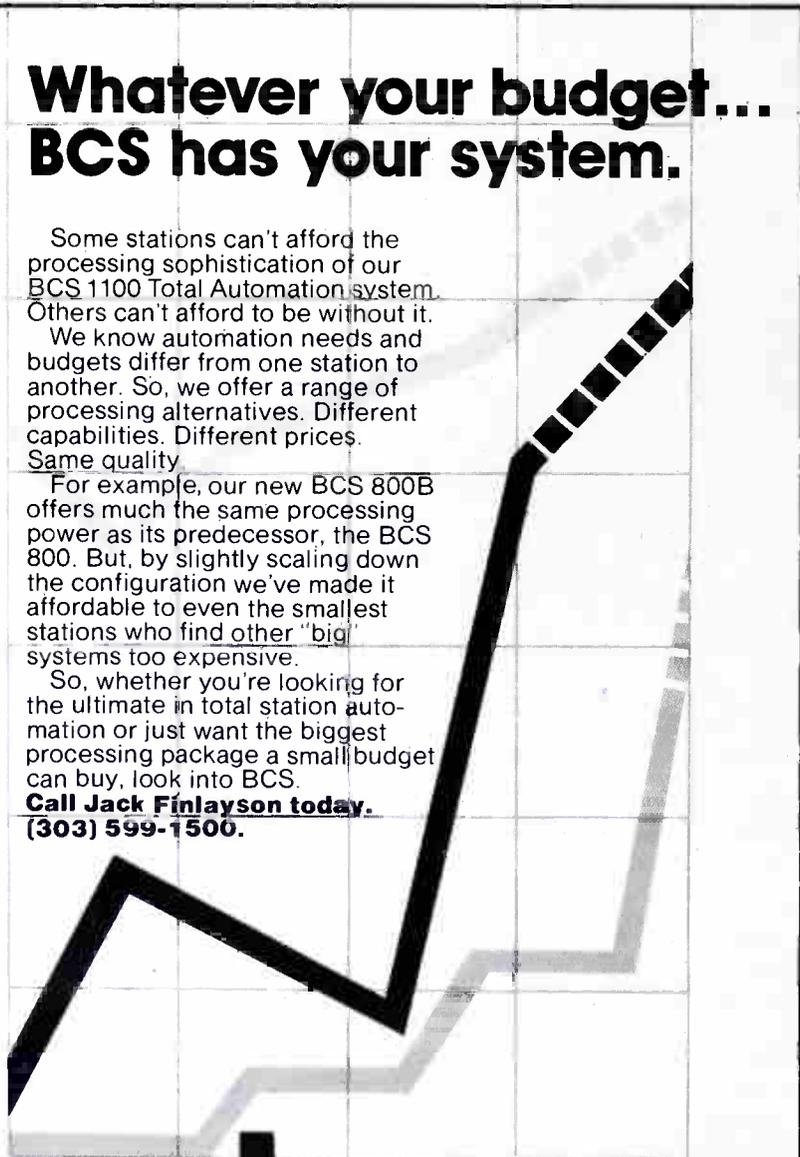
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JVC Industries, Inc. (Booth 41)

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Kaman Sciences Corporation (Booth 809)

Will demonstrate the BCS 1100 business automation system, handling financial and accounting for both radio and TV. Also: will introduce and demonstrate a new BCS 1100 system that **handles AM/FM/TV simultaneously, and provides interface to automated switching.** Will demonstrate actual interfaces to Vital Industries, Grass Valley and CDL switcher.

Kansas State Network (Booth 02)

Will emphasize the **Message Master character generator, Model CC11**, a low-cost production model with speeds of roll and crawl, flash, line, automatic centering, 8 page storage (expandable to 40 pages) showing: line of character generator **TC-100B, CG-600, CG-100, CC**

Key Marketing Corporation (Booth 911)

Will demonstrate their **automatic phone polling system**, for radio and TV stations, "Instapoll", which delivers recorded polling questions to dialed phones, records responses.

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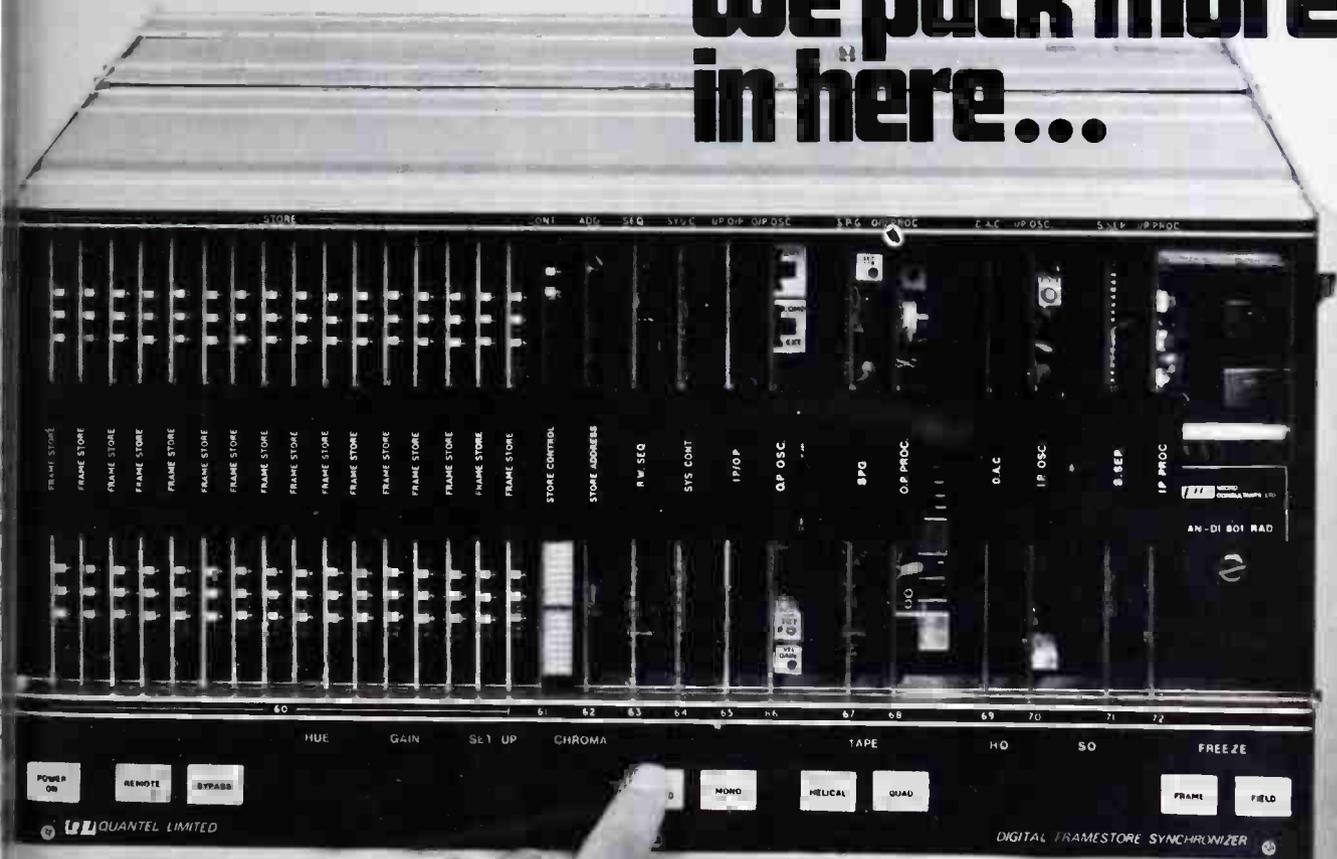
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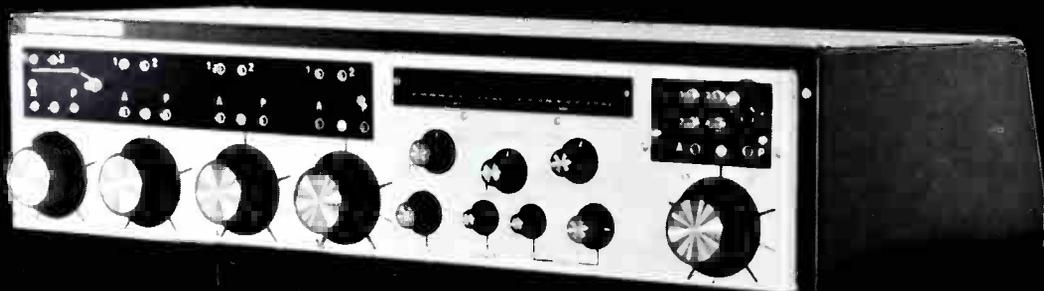
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Lightning Elimination Associates (Booth 115)

owing their system of prevention of atning strikes on protected broad- ct antennas, towers, power lines, etc.

LB, Inc. (Booth 813)

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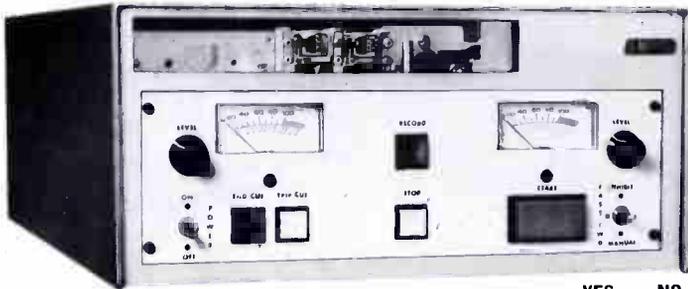
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automatic studio and portable video cameras, with new HOP (hi light overload protection), in an operating studio demonstration. Introduced to the U.S. will be "DICE", digital intercontinental conversion equipment for digital automatic standards conversion among NTSC/PAL/SECAM. Also shown: B3404 telecine system test instruments; camera tubes.

Marti Electronics Inc. (Booth 70) Will introduce "fifth generation remote pickup systems, and also new digital transmitter remote control system for radio and wire line operation. Also showing: aural stereo transmitter links and accessories; compressor/limiter units; program/line monitor amplifiers.



Panasonic portable recorder

Matsushita Electric Corporation of America (Panasonic) (Booth 52)

Will show the portable color system Model WV-2200/NV-3085, consisting of 2-vidicon color camera weighing 7-lbs., camera control unit, and portable VTR. Camera has 6:1 zoom lens, automatic light control, horizontal luminance resolution 400 lines at center, minimum light 50 foot-candles at f/2, RGB optical system, monochrome viewfinder/playback monitor. VTR is 1/2-in. EIAJ, using half-inch, 5-in. reels, automatic video and audio level controls. System is powered by batteries in CCU and VTR. Will also show the Model NV-3160, VTR using 1/2-in. tape with electronic editing signal locked to incoming vertical sync by capstan servo; also the new Model AK-900 color video camera, with the 1-in. Plumbicon tubes, built-in NTSC encoder and sync generator, horizontal resolution 500 lines at center, 15 foot-candles sensitivity.

McCurdy Radio Industries (Booth 704)

Will show for the first time the model 8500 modular stereo on-air console, the SA 141 reel-tape input switcher and cue unit; and the DA 504 audio distribution assembly. Also showing the S-7700 20 input mixer, with 4 submaster

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McMartin Industries Inc. (Booth 609)

Will show a large expansion in the line of AM and FM broadcast transmitters, which includes FM models at 10 watts, 1.5 kW, 3.5 kW, 12.5 kW, 27.5 kW and 55 kW; AM models are 1 kW and 2.5 kW. Both FM and AM transmitters from the line will be demonstrated. Also shown: full line of AM and FM monitoring equipment; remote pickup broadcast systems; 8- and 5-mixer audio consoles; complete McMartin two-tone interstation signal equipment for EBS, with associated AM and FM receivers.

MCI—Quantel (Booth 926)

Will introduce the DFS-3000 digital framestore synchronizer.

Memorex Corporation (Booth 537)

Will introduce a new helical-scan tape for their IVC 9000 VTR. Also showing: Chroma 90 broadcast chromium dioxide videotape and 3/4-in. video cassettes.

Merlin Engineering (Booth 14)

Will have on display custom-built quadraplex VTR's; also hi-band color conversion kits, and accessories for quad tape machines.

Charles Michelson, Inc. (Booth 923)

Showing the “Famous Drama” series of programs now available to radio stations, among them “The Shadow”, “The Lone Ranger”, “Fibber McGee and Molly”, and others.

Micmix Audio Products, Inc. (Booth 829)

Introducing the new “C” series of reverb units at economy prices; also an improved version of the Studio B model. Also showing: the “Master-Room” series of reverberation chambers with models designed specifically for broadcasters.

Micro-Communications (Booth 118)

Complete line of FM and TV antennas, including circularly polarized TV models; microwave antennas for fixed paths; microwave antennas for ENG, with switching selection of from 360° coverage, quadrant and polarization selection; antenna accessories.

Microtime (Booth 709)

Will introduce the Model 2020 video signal processor, which provides time base correction plus additional func-

tions especially for ENG application including automatic tracking for pressing video from portable VTR. Also introducing the “Image EX” image enhancement system, for improving subjective quality, SNR processed video; and the new Digi II, automatic control system for VTR's, with microprocessor provided pushbutton random assignment of V sequences. All assignments shown LED readout, can be amended at time; all switching at the vertical interval; optional are automatic commercial insertion, and automatic recording delay broadcast.

Micro-Trak Corporation (Booth 815)

Will introduce the new “D Compact” series of portable audio playback consoles, consisting of two turntable control system, microphone, in a transportable unit with folding legs, instant set-up on location. Also showing the line of other playback consoles including broadcast, recording, studio and disco models; turntable preamplifiers; turntables; studio furniture tape cartridge racks, other accessories.

Microwave Associates (Booth 36)

Will emphasize the MA-13CP microwave “window” system for ENG. Also showing: the MA-12G, 10 - 13.25 GHz remodulating microwave relay; MA-2BP-W, remodulating GHz portable microwave system; MA-6GW, remodulating 6 GHz microwave system; MA-2G microwave radio system; PAC-4 demodulator.

Minneapolis Magnetics (Booth 80)

Heads for magnetic tape recorder replacement heads for all leading recorder brands.

3M Company, Magnetic Audio/Video Products Division (Booth 527)

Exhibit will have a general Bicentennial theme, plus a 20-years-of-magnetic-recording theme. Shown will be the full line of quadraplex and helical video tapes, video cassettes and video cartridges, plus a number of accessories.

3M Company, Mincom Division (Booth 529)

Will introduce seven new products: Model 1114 production switch with four buses, 11 inputs, special effects generator; D-2000 character generator, low cost titler with 4-page memory, choice of fonts, high resolution (1120 video elements); R image enhancer, with green-derived enhancement, 3.58 combing, adjustable noise reduction; D-8000 video

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Mohawk Wire and Cable Corporation (Booth 212)

TV color-camera cables and connectors for most American and European cameras.

Mole-Richardson Company (Booth 114)

Will introduce **new HMI Mole Solar Arcs at 1200 watts, 2500 watts, and 4000 watts**; also a new 2500 watt HMI Mole Solar Arc Molelipso. Also new: the 1800 watt Teenie-Weenie Mole Kit, consisting of three heads for 30 volt or 120 volt globes, 250—650 watts, plus stands, barndoors, scrims, carrying case, cable, etc. Showing in addition: Focusing spot: focusing quartz, 600 to 2000 watts; comprehensive line of Baby Solarspots,



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Moseley Associates (Booth 505)

Will introduce revised version of **Model PCL-505 series of aural studio-transmitter links**, with new all-solid-state on-frequency RF power amplifier, maximum 7 watts output, higher efficiency than earlier designs. Also showing: SCG-9 stereo generator; Series 8 subcarrier system; and the complete line of remote control, remote pickup, digital remote systems, digital control systems with computer option.

Nagra Magnetic Recorders (Booth 708)

Miniature, intermediate and small **portable tape recorders** for broadcast and recording studios.

National Cine Equipment (Booth 117)

Will show for the first time the **Model TV350 support head** with unique film cam; also showing complete line tripods, dollies, heads, other support equipment for TV cameras.

Rupert Neve Inc. (Booth 715)

Will show the **Model 5302 "M bourn" audio console**, with 16 input channels, separate mike and line inputs and comprehensive equalization, 2 line level direct inputs, main group outputs, complete console monitor, solo, foldback, echo, etc., for studio or mobile applications. Also **Model 8301 "Kelso"**, 10 input channels, 2 main output groups, transportable console, with complete equalization, cue, listen, solo, etc.

Nortronics Co. (Booth 801)

Heads for all magnetic tape applications; replacement heads for leading brands; test tapes; head and bulk degaussers; tape machine cleaning equipment and other accessories; tape editing equipment.

Nurad, Inc. (Booth 320)

New products: **7GHz omni, quarter polarized antenna system for remote TV pickup**; 7 GHz circularly polarized 2-ft. diameter directional antenna; 7 GHz "Goldenrod" circularly polarized antenna for mobile ENG vans and other low-windload requirements; 2 GHz omni circularly polarized antenna; 7 GHz multipolarized 2-ft. diameter directional antenna. Also showing: complete line of other microwave antennas for remote TV pickups.

Optek (Booth 902)

Will introduce the new **automatic universal bulk degausser**, Model 79, handling tape 1/4-in. thru 2-in. on NAB hubs, and all cart and cassette format audio and video, including color chrome and chromium dioxide tape, degaussing to level below -95 dB. Also introducing the **Model 1400 video transmitter demodulator** for use with Tektronix 1440 automatic color corrector. Also showing: **Model 1010B video noise meter**; new two-wire intercom closed circuit headset system, up to 10 stations connected to either of 2 channels, aural and visual page (flashing lights).

Orban/Broadcast (Booth 909)

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Will show the **Multilimiter, multi-purpose limiter for broadcast applications**; Multisync, variable speed control for synchronous motors; Dig-

itimer, digital stop watch; tape velocity indicator for MCI recorders; digital clock. Also: showing MCI recorders for broadcasters.

Paperwork Systems (Booth 108)

Will show new **BAT computerized data systems** for billing, accounting, traffic and payroll, radio and TV, models 1300, 1400 and 1450; also showing the 1500 system.

Pentagon Industries (Booth 621)

Will show for the first time the new **4-channel high speed tape copier, model C4**; also emphasizing the Tri-Master editing/duplicating system.

Phelps Dodge Communications Co. (Booth 625)

Will show **FM antennas**, rigid coaxial transmission line, transmission line accessories.

Philips Audio/Video Systems Corporation (Booth 516)

Will have a "hands-on" presentation of video cameras, including the new **LDK-11 portable color camera, with three 5/8-in. Plumbicon tubes, weight 15-lbs.**, and 19-lb. backpack with batteries, producing processed, encoded signal. Also: the **LDK-25** multi-conductor studio and field camera; the **LDK-5** Triaxial studio and field camera; the **LDH-20S** moderately-



Potomac field strength meter.

priced color camera; **LDH-20T**, same in Triaxial version. Will also show broadcast transmitters; integrated color telecine; Magnavox hand-held color cameras and monitor/receivers; audio mixing consoles; **AKG** microphone test and measuring equipment.

Potomac Instruments Inc. (Booth 523)

Will introduce the new **FIM-71 VF field strength meter**, completely portable, for extended field use. Also showing: **AM, FM and TV field strength meters**; antenna monitors; **RF synthesizer/detector**.

Power-Optics Inc. (Booth 103)

Will show videotapes of results using new **servo optical device, "Scer-Sync"**, which allows panning and timing camera in Chroma Key scenes with stability of background. Also showing line of digital remote control systems for video cameras; **Grafikon** optical color comparator for color monitoring matching.

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Showing line of **video prompt systems**, including Model **VPS-10**, with console transport; Model **VP-300**, conveyor transport.

QRK Electronic Products (Booth 702)

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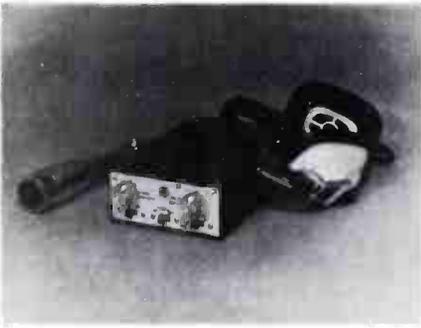
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Rank Precision Industries (Booth 201)

Main attraction will be **Model Mk III flying spot color telecine**, (Rank Cintel), with vertical aperture corrector, automatic color corrector, NTSC encoder, remote control system. Also: static displays of lenses, including Va-

rotal 30, VRM, 16:1 RM and XX.

RCA/Commercial Communication Systems (Booth 500)

Will show production models of **TK-portable video color camera (introduced in 1975 in engineering model)**; camera crews will use to make tapes throughout convention, to be edited and displayed in booths. Also introducing a new TV van for location work, with fiberglass body, carrying two TKP-45 portable cameras, TR-600 VTR, and audio and switching equipment, with roof hatch, for camera positions. Display will highlight RCA's complete TV newsgathering systems, including cameras, portable microwave gear, portable VTR and editing equipment and accessories. Will also introduce a new studio color camera, TK-46, with new low-noise preamps, other refinements. Will show the complete line of videotape products, including the TCR-100 automatic cartridge player, and the TR-600 VTR with a new-generation editing system and new super-high-band recording format allowing high-quality high-speed operation. Also shown: TK-telecine with built-in automatic controls; Video IV character generator with expanded capacity; the TCP-16 film cartridge system; 25 kW VHF transmitters; new klystron pulse modulation for UHF transmitters; new radio automation system with microprocessor control.

Recortec, Inc. (Booth 101)

Will introduce the **Video Spot Assembler (VSA)**, microprocessor-based system for programming video spots from two VTR's, providing random access to up to 100 spots, access to stills and film chains; plays up to 10-second spots back to back, with changes allowable up to last break time; programming is by start and stop time, addressable with frame accuracy; up to 100 breaks programmable, with eight events per break.

Revox Corporation (Booth 549)

Will show their line of **tape recorder for broadcasting**, including the A7, A700, etc.; also the line of **Beyerdynamic microphones**; FM tuners, preamps, remote controls for tape recorders; consoles and mixers (Lamb); disc cleaners; studio lights.

Richmond Hill Laboratories (Booth 100)

Will demonstrate a **fully automatic TV switching system**, with the new VP-3000 series of video production switchers, a new video test signal generator and a new Unipulse pulse distribution system.

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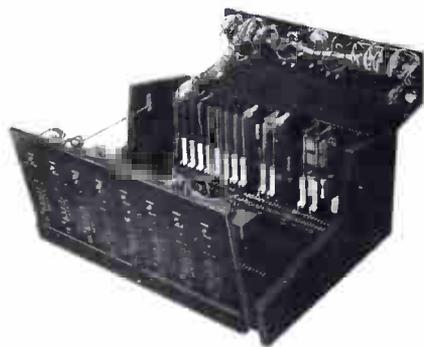
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Robins Broadcast and Sound Equipment Division (Booth 553)

Will introduce the **new portable stereo mixing console, Model FPC**, with 16 inputs, 8 balanced outputs; adjustable limiting, stereo panning, monitoring, pre-hear and equalization on every input.

Rohde and Schwartz Sales Co. (Booth 533)

Will emphasize a **new automatic TV transmitter and video signal measurement system**; a new VHF/UHF receiver/demodulator; a new automatic performance measurement system for sound broadcasting with data trans-



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Russco Electronics (Booth 551)

Showing their **broadcast turntables**; compact audio consoles; preamps; line amps; monitor speakers.

Sansui Electric (Booth 525)

Will have in operation a **complete QS quadrasonic audio line**, from four-channel tape and record input through encoder, exciter, etc. Will also show high-power audio amplifiers, the TU-9900 FM monitor tuner; the SR525 and SR717 direct drive turntables; the QS decoder line; CA 3000 studio preamp; SC3003 broadcast cassette deck.

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The feature attraction will be a **video satellite earth terminal**. Will also



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Will introduce the **new Model 285 recorder/player**, available in full or half-track mono, or two-track or quarter-track stereo, with 600-ohm and 3-watt monitor outputs. Also showing new versions of 280B and 284 recorder/players; and broadcast loggers with time code generator/readers.

Sescom (Booth 119)

Audio amplifiers; audio equalizers

Shafer Electronics (Booth 615)

See under Cetec Corporation.

Shintron Corporation (Booth 907)

Will introduce the **new Model 36 basic four video switcher**, and the Model 315 sync generator for NTS. Also on display: Model 370 switcher with special effects generator, 6 inputs, built-in colorizer and keyer; the Model 367 switcher with sync generator, etc. code capability.

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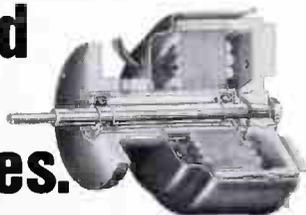
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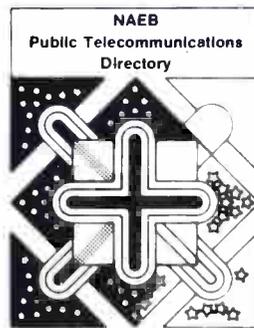
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Will show video tape cleaning and evaluation service; also new and reconditioned videotape at discount prices. Will introduce a **S.T.E. brand videocassettes**.

Systems Marketing Corporation (Booth 709-A)

Will introduce the new **DP-2, microprocessor-controlled automatic system**; and the new "Ras-Pro" random access selector for music formats. Also showing the **DP-2 automation system**; the **Caro-Stat multiple cart player**.

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Tektronix (Booth 515)

Will operate a "**measurement theater**", with sessions demonstrating actual operational measurement of AM, FM and TV stations; audio system measurements will be stressed in AM and FM sessions. Will cover production of performance, monitoring, and day-to-day maintenance. Will introduce the new **1410 series of NTSC sync pulsed and test generators**, with modular construction allowing choice of number of generator types with plug-ins; also introducing the **1470 CC** color sync and test signal generator providing gen-lock sync plus a selection of full-field test signals; it can

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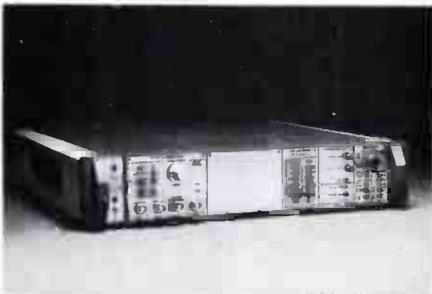
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master sync generator, or be fully or partially timed from external sources; test signals, including color bars, multiburst, convergence, etc. Will also introduce model 1474, with same sync generator functions as Model 1470 but without test signals.

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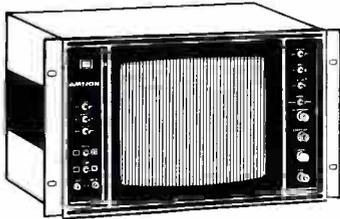
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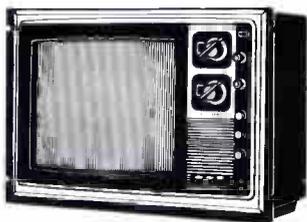


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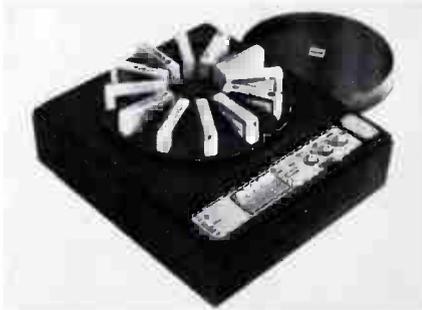
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Tentel (Booth 228)

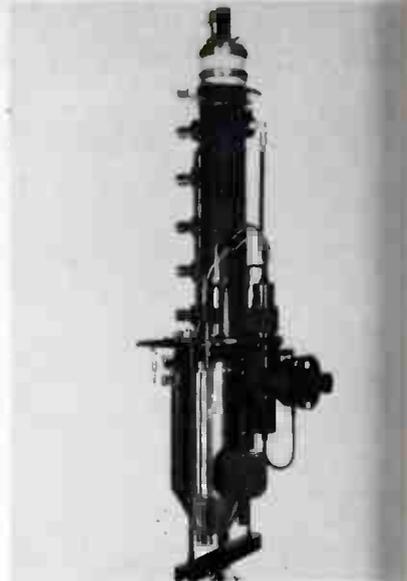
Will introduce a new tape tension gauge for the Sony Series 2850 VTR's. Also emphasizing the Diagnostic Tape Tension Gauge, Tentelometer Model T2, for tape widths from ⅛-in. to 2-in. Also showing: tension gauges for IVC, Ampex, Sony, and other standard VTR's.

Terracom, Division of Conic Corporation (Booth 931)

Will show for first time the TCM-5 series of microwave radio systems, for fixed vehicular or rack mounting; also showing the portable, tunable TCM-6 series; also mounting accessories for portable microwave applications, including lightweight antennas.

Thomson-CSF Electron Tubes (Booth 814)

Will show comprehensive line of high-power integral-cavity Kly-



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trons for UHF TV applications, with output ratings from 10 kW to 44 kW.

Thomson-CSF Laboratories (Booth 520)

Shown for the first time: new FM improved Volumax Model 4101 (mono) and 4111 (stereo); also introduced will be the Vidifont Mark IV with fit compose camera interface, new operator keyboard. Another featured product will be the "Microcam", a hand-held TV color camera weighing 8-lbs., with electronics pack weighing 3-lbs. Other products on display: a line of telecine systems; Triax studio and portable video color cameras; color correction system, image enhancement, chroma insert/keyer; audio processing units for AM and FM, including wide dimax, Volumax, dynamic presence equalizer; the dual audio distribution amplifier.

Time and Frequency Technology (Booth 619)

Will show for first time the new Model 753 precision broadband AM modulation monitor, with linear phase filter and built-in meter attenuator.

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meter and peak flashers automatically calibrated to $\pm 40\%$ carrier level; also the Model 754 tunable preselector, which extends capability of Model 753. Also showing: the full line of frequency and modulation monitors for TV, FM, FM SCA, and AM; digital sync clock system; receivers for WWV calibration.

Townsend Associates (Booth 901)

Theme of exhibit will be improving performance and increasing power of klystron transmitters for UHF; new product on display will be a **solid-state IF-modulated UHF exciter**.

UMC Electronics (Booth 712)

Will introduce a new line of **broadcast audio tape cartridge recorder/**



UMC tape cart.

players, using Beucart motors; Type 10 is for A-type cartridges; Type 20 for A, B, and C-type cartridges. All models are available in mono and stereo versions.

Unarco-Rohn Div. Unarco Industries (Booth 905)

Antenna towers built and erected; microwave reflectors.

United Research Laboratory Corporation (Booth 823)

Will emphasize their **Auto-Tec line of open-reel recorder/players, with new modular electronics**, introduced at the show; also showing solid-state replacement electronics for older tube-equipped recorders; exact duplicate replacement parts for most professional recorders; the "ML-6", low-wear pinch rollers for most professional machines; replacement motors and heads; ultra-low distortion oscillator and audio distribution system.

U.S. Pioneer Electronics Corporation (Booth 837)

Will emphasize the **RT-2022 stereo tape deck**, which has comprehensive set of professional operational features, reel sizes to 10½-in. speeds 15 and 7½ ips; also the RT-2044, same machine with two add-on electronic modules for 4-channel record/playback.

Utility Tower (Booth 531)

Antennas and towers for AM, F, TV and microwave.

Video Aids of Colorado (Booth 14) Will show their sync and cross phase generators; picture monitors; but phase meter; intercom system.

Videomax, An Orrox Company (Booth 606)

Will exhibit **video head refurbishing/rebuilding capability** for Ampex Mark III, Mark X, and for the first time Mark XV; also RCA high-band and low-band heads.

Video Tape Company (Booth 40)

Will introduce a new **videotape cassette**; will also show the VTC-10 quadruplex videotape.

Vital Industries (Booth 106)

Will emphasize total automation of television. Showing for the first time **new video switchers with star speed effects patterns**. Also showing: complete line of video processing units; routing and production switchers; video, pulse and audio distribution systems; chroma keyers; other video products.

Ward-Beck Systems (Booth 407)

Will demonstrate **large custom-built audio consoles**, including one from series for large network installation; also one of 50 **transportable consoles** made for TV-audio at Innsbruck Olympics, also to be used in Montreal Olympics. Also showing the 7000 series intercom systems; audio amplifiers and console accessories.

The Winsted Corporation (Booth 230)

Will show for the first time molded plastic dividers for **videocassette storage racks and video consoles**. Also showing: line of fixed and mobile storage units for videotape reels and cassettes, video and audio cartridge, audio tape reels, 16mm film canisters.

Wilkinson Electronics (Booth 6)

Will introduce a new **all-solid-state 250 watt FM transmitter**; also emphasizing the 2500 watt and 25 kW FM transmitters; studio and audio equipment; silicon rectifiers; line surge protectors.

World Video (Booth 214)

Will highlight the new **CDR series of TV color monitors**, which take 8¾" of vertical rack space, can replace 9" monochrome monitors directly; with A-B inputs, underscan, internal external sync, blue-gun control, key back-porch clamp. Also showing 6210A series of 12-in. color monitors with plug-in electronics; line of other color monitors, including models for CCTV.

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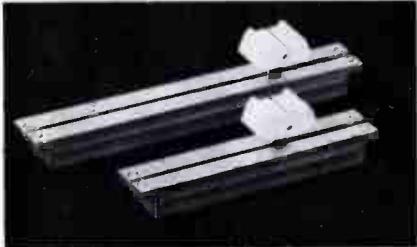
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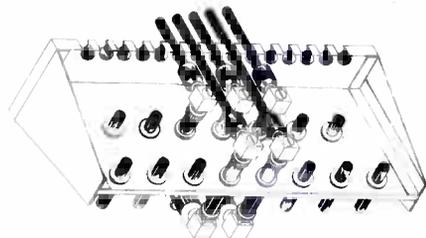
Monitor power amplifier Model F62500, is rated at 25 watts, and operates from a standard 600-ohm audio line. The amplifier drives an 8-ohm or 16-ohm monitor loudspeaker. Power output at 8 ohms is 25 watts continuous; power output at 16 ohms is 15 watts. Harmonic distortion at full power is 0.4% and frequency response is ± 1 dB from 20 to 20,000 Hz. ROBINS/FAIRCHILD **300**

Faders panel controls are half-width and can mount two units in same space as one. The MM-4 and MM-6 conductive plastic faders can be mounted



on $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. centers. For mono use only, the attenuators are available in linear, modified audio, or logarithmic tapers. Specified attenuation is 90 dB (minimum) while tracking (dual) is rated at 1 dB maximum (0 to 40 dB). WATERS MANUFACTURING CO. **301**

Video connector block provides up to 15 quick connect-disconnects on each side for BNC "Wedgelock" coaxial connectors. Model VB-15 mounts on 3/16-in. rails, 9-in. apart, and slides along rails to connect position, where it



can be locked in. It fits the following groups: Belden #8281 and #8279; Alpha RG-62 A/U; WE-724; and is adapted to other groups on request. CONCO ELECTRONICS CORP. **302**

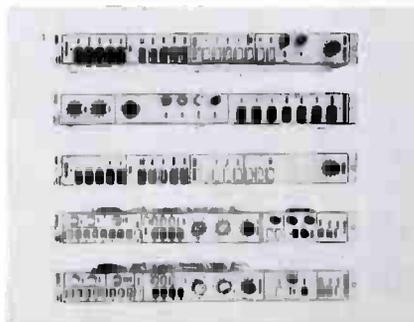
Programmer sequentially places any one of six audio tape machines on the air. The machines can be inter-mixed in any desired combination by dialing in the format on 24 thumb wheel switches. The thumb wheel switches



can be used in 4 groups of six events each to facilitate a four-stops-per-hour format. Switches allow the fourth and fifth events in each group to be skipped if more songs are not needed before a commercial break. Price is \$1,675. MICROPROBE ELECTRONICS. **303**

Five-channel mixer/preamplifier, LX-500C, accepts four microphone and one program-level source with switch selection for either low-impedance balanced or high-impedance unbalanced sources. Two of the mic channels may be switched for RIAA-equalized, magnetic phono inputs. A 1,000 Hz tone generator for presetting levels is standard. Output is via 600-ohm balanced line with additional outputs at 5 kilohm unbalanced. McMARTIN INDUSTRIES **304**

Recording console modules, Series 8422, provide switching and control facilities for multi-track recording, quad-stereo-mono mixdown, and monitoring. Features include: selectable mic/high-level inputs with programmable LED peak level indicators; an internal power network for condenser mics; switchable 70 Hz hi-pass filters; quad panning and quad/4 track/stereo mode selection; direct track feed and two independent echo channels with pre-post fader selection, delay,



echo and monitor send and return functions. Faders, equalizers and/or compressors are omitted from the input modules. MODULAR AUDIO PRODUCTS INC. **305**

Super-8 camera is available only in limited edition and comes equipped with the Angenieux 6-80 mm, f1.2 X zoom lens. Only 100 Beaulieu Moc 4008ZM2 cameras will be offered in the U.S. Features include: existing light filming capability, increased filming speeds of 2 to 80 f.p.s., macrocinematography from within 2 feet of the front element of the lens. \$1,690. HERVIC CORP. **306**

CATV sweeper, Model 1402A, covers the 1-to-400 MHz frequency range and includes a 36-position programmable switch. The switch presents the center frequency of the instrument to IF (MHz), broadcast channels 2 to 13, and lettered channels A to W. Flatness ± 0.1 dB over any of the 35 channels and better than ± 0.25 dB over the entire range. Spurious signals are suppressed greater than 30 dB down from the fundamental output. \$1,395. WAVETEX INDIANA, INC. **307**

FM subchannel receiver, Model TR-E6, is designed for in-home reception of special programs for use by the visually-handicapped or for large audience educational purposes. The receiver has only two front panel controls: power switch/volume and fine tuning. A telescoping whip antenna is built in, but an external FM antenna may be attached. External recording equipment may be connected through the rear jack. \$75 (1-99). McMARTIN **308**

Video switcher, VS-2, automatically sequences between two video cameras with an adjustable rate from $\frac{1}{2}$ second to 60 seconds and is intended for use in small two-camera CCTV system. Front panel controls include: interval timer, homing switch, and power on/off. U.S. ASSOC. **309**

Dual cue controller update kit for audio tape transports, the BE-46, when used with the Model BE-450 synchronizer, offers the user a chase feature. The feature allows the selection of either one of two tape transports to chase the other in a follow-the-leader mode during fast forward and rewind operations, and is in addition to the original capability of cueing two transports (master and slave) automatically.

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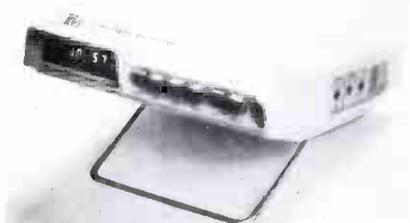
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to any selected point either individually or simultaneously. A code verification routine also has been added. Price of the kit is \$985. EECO 310

Coaxial switch, the Model RF-2, is designed for video, IF, and RF switching applications. The unit insertion loss is less than 0.5 dB with a minimum return loss of 23 dB. COMSONICS 311

Video satellite earth terminal, Series 8000, furnishes network-quality video and audio signals to broadcasters and other users. A 10 meter antenna may be directed from any location in the continental U.S. to a satellite between 70° and 135°W. The terminal receives audio and video signals, then amplifies and down-converts the signal for distribution through existing broadcast equipment. SCIENTIFIC-ATLANTA, INC. 312

Autorangeing digital multimeter, Model 3476, is a 3½-digit, five-function instrument. Voltages are measured from ±100 μV to ±1,000 V dc and from 300 μV to 700 V ac, resistance is



measured from 1 ohm to 11 megohms and current can be measured from 100 μA to 1.1 amp dc, and 300 μA to 1.1 amps ac. Autozero and autorangeing are built in. A range hold feature allows the instrument to be locked to any desired range. The LED readout gives all voltage readings in volts, all resistance readings in kilohms and all current readings in amperes. Model 3476A (\$225) is ac line powered; model 3476B (\$275) is line powered and portable via rechargeable nickel cadmium batteries. HEWLETT-PACKARD 313

VHF sweep generator, Model 1050A, covers a frequency range of 1 to 400 MHz and has a calibrated output of from +10 dBm to -60 dBm. Marker accuracy is 0.005%. A built-in RF detector is included. \$495. WAVETEK INDIANA, INC. 314

Waveform monitor, XWM-2000, features include internal or external synchronization, two separate video inputs with loop-through and termination, Y-pass filter, and selectable 1 volt p-p or 4 volt p-p sensitivity. Display modes include 2H lines, 2V fields, H blank-

ing, V blanking, internal calibration and sync generator test. \$750. SHARP ELECTRONICS 315

Video delay module assembly offers a nominal delay of 63.5 μsec. Signal bandwidth is 10 Hz to 6 MHz, 3 dB. Input level is 1 volt p-p from 50-ohm or 75-ohm source while input impedance



is above 2,000 ohms and output impedance is 50 ohms. Dynamic range is 47 dB; differential phase is 0.5° and differential gain is 1%. WALTHER M.A. ANDERSEN & ASSOCIATES 316

Time date generator, Model 600, features 12-digit display of month, day, year, hour, minute, and second. Characters are 7 or 14 TV lines high, switch selectable. A built-in memory automatically predetermines the number of days in the month with manual override which compensates for Leap Year. A two-speed control permits fast or slow forward for easy setting of time and date. A front panel control matt shades characters from



black to white. The generator works with any 525-line source such as random interlace, 2:1, RS330, RS170 or color. QSI SYSTEMS, INC. 317

FM-AM signal generator, Model 950A, is continuously tunable over the range of 1.5 MHz to 80 MHz. The generator offers direct 5-digit frequency readout. Calibrated FM deviation is from 0 to 10 and 30 kHz, and is read directly from a front panel meter. Generator frequency accuracy is 0.005%. RF output is 3 volts and automatically leveled to within ±0.5 dB. \$2,275. LOGIMETRICS 318

Bench-mount attenuator may be used for measurement-by-comparison and for reduction of high-level signals to sweep generators, oscilloscopes and

spectrum analyzers. The Model features 0-80 dB attenuation in 1 steps, a 75-ohm impedance and 500-MHz frequency range. Insertion loss is less than 0.3 dB at 30 MHz, less than 0.8 dB at 500 MHz. VSW less than 1.2:1 at 500 MHz. Standard connectors are supplied; BNC, T and N connectors are available. ROLD/TEXSCAN

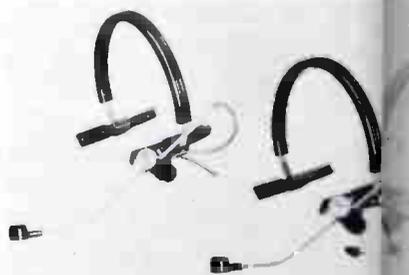
Basic audio amplifiers are available in 25-watt and 75-watt versions, the MS-252 and MS752, respectively, offer the ability to expand amplifier capability to accept up to two plug-in modules. Plug-ins include low-level mic and RIAA-equalized phono preamplifiers, to an electronic buzzer or siren. Electronic mute control of microphone channel is included in basic amplifier models. Frequency response characteristics are ±1 dB, 40 to 15,000 Hz; distortion is less than 1% at the rms output levels. McMARTIN INDUSTRIES, INC.

Inline transformer and accessories series is comprised of 18 units, configured to terminate in a three female input and male output professional audio connector. Models



through IL-5 are for mic matching and have a primary impedance range of 50 ohms. Their secondary impedance range is from 600 ohms to 60 kilohms. Models IL-6 through IL-10 are for impedance matching and show a primary impedance range from 600 ohms to 5 kilohms and secondary range from 60 ohms to 60 kilohms. SESCOM 25

Broadcast microphones, Models SM10 and SM12, are worn on the user's head. The SM10 consists of



headband and microphone only; SM12 has a headband, microphone and earphone. Also available is an accessory cough button, Model A10

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List price of the SM10 is \$72; \$96 (SM12); \$24 (A10CH). SHURE BROTHERS 322

Power-and-sync generator called Porta-Dapter Model 100 allows for independent operation of portable b&w cameras without its recorder. Connectors at the rear provide horizontal and vertical outputs for synchronizing other cameras, switching system or special effects generator. Also provided are separate channels for video output and mic output. A sync polarity switch facilitates compatibility with

cameras built by Sony, Panasonic, RCA, Sanyo and others. Sync is 2:1 interlace, line lock. Both EIA and CCIR standards are available. \$195. QSI SYSTEMS, INC. 323

Time code reader/display reads standard SMPTE time code from any source and displays it as a digital readout. The standard SMPTE code is displayed in hours, minutes, seconds, and frames. Real-time operating speed ranges from 1/5X to 50X. The unit is plug-compatible with any editing system. \$1,990. CMX SYSTEMS. 324

Fluid head tripod, Model 2030, is built by Miller-Universal of Australia.

The tripod carries cameras weighing to 30 lbs., is lockable at 90° tilt and leakproof and dustproof. Fully operative in temperatures ranging from -20°C to +75°C. The tripod features self-operating and adjusting free and concentric tilt lock/tension device which is either hydrostatic or mechanically self-equalizing. The fluid head with wooden tripod legs (6C330) costs \$825. The head only (6C333) is priced at \$625. CINEMA PRODUCTS CORP. 3

Level generator, the Model AT-60 is a portable instrument with a frequency range of 200 Hz to 4.5 MHz. It has an output power range of 0 dBm (mw) to -70 dBm (-70 nw). Its sinusoidal output has harmonically related distortion products suppressed more than 40 dB and non-harmonically related spurious outputs suppressed more than 80 dB. Output power (ohm unbalanced) varies less than 0 dB from its value at 10kHz over a range of 200 Hz to 4.5 MHz. \$2,700. WANDEL & GOLTERMANN INSTRUMENTS, INC. 3

Video cassette, the KCS-30, is now offered in the U-Matic format. Play time is 30 minutes. The cassette is designed for use in the Sony VO-3800 and VP-3000 recorder/players or equivalent. DUPONT CO. 3

Black-and-white 9-inch video monitor, Model VM-909, for close-circuit surveillance and similar applications. Horizontal resolution is better than 500 lines at center. Optical adapters are available for remounting two monitors in a standard 19" cabinet. \$185 each. HITACHI/BADEN CORP. 2

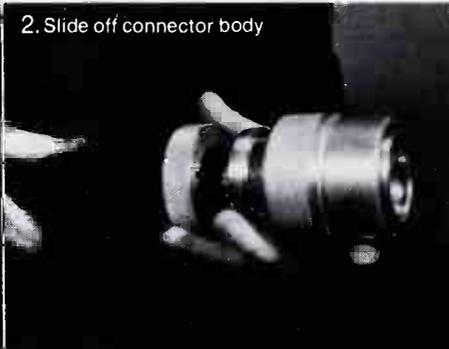
RF modulator, Model RFM-100, adapts video output from any video source (camera, VTR, etc.) and transforms it into an RF signal tunable to TV channels 2-6. Present FCC rules and regulations governing RF devices used in conjunction with MATV, CATV and RF distribution systems meet. CREST ELECTRONICS 9

Function generator/counter, Model 304B, provides readout storage of precise measurement while a new reading is made in either mode of operation. In the function generator mode output frequency is from 10 Hz to 1 MHz. The 1 sec. gate switch provides 0.1 Hz resolution without changing the output frequency range. In the counter mode frequency range is from 5 Hz to 10 MHz with six selectable gate times from 100 μsec. to 10 sec. for resolution to 0.1 Hz. The time base is crystal controlled. Input sensitivity to 50 mV is achieved with a vernier attenuator. Input impedance is 1 megohm. \$595. MONSANTO

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A technical paper, **Design Considerations for Modern CATV Head-end Signal Processing Equipment**, is available on request. The paper describes the signal processing requirements of a modern CATV headend. Jerrold Electronics Corp. **250**

A 34-page booklet entitled **Accessory Guide**, form number CCV-113, describes accessories for **closed-circuit video equipment**. The catalog includes items such as pan and tilt units, scanners, video switchers, housings and enclosures, mounting accessories, controls, video signal equipment, consoles and lenses. RCA Closed-Circuit Video Equipment **251**

A technical data catalog sheet offers information on a line of **broadcast audio cartridges**. The six-page folder gives details of cart performance in a variety of applications. Fidelipac **262**

LETTERS/ FEEDBACK

One of the departments that frequently gets cut from the pages of BM/E is our "Feedback" or letters-to-the-editors column. We value this information and would like to share your comments with others. But when it comes to a choice of running new material or commenting on the old, we usually opt for the former.

There were several unusual events in 1975, however, that we'd like to tell you about. Two articles that drew top praise were *How To Backtime With Your Pocket Calculator* by Mary F. Zoller, September, 1975 BM/E and *The Only True Route To High-Grade AM Audio* by J. Fred Riley and Harrison J. Klein, October and November, 1975 BM/E. Below are what some of our readers said about them.

Zoller's Calculator

Dear Editor:

Thanks to you and a hearty thanks to Mary Zoller, for her article on using a typical calculator to add timings. We only wish we had read this article years

ago. Her technique almost made adding times fun.

Upon posting a copy of Ms. Zoller's article on our production department bulletin board, graffiti immediately appeared. The first asked "What all frames?" Since CPTV has a computer editor, this is an interesting question.

The answer is to use the number rather than 940, to convert number frames that are 30 or greater. If you forgets about the hours figure, and enters into the 8-digit calculator minutes, seconds and frames, the system works perfectly.

We just thought we'd pass this on. Thanks again.
Jay L. Gondelman
Producer, Connecticut Public Television

Dear Editor:

I read BM/E this week with more than usual interest. Mary Zoller's article *How To Backtime With Your Pocket Calculator* is just sensational—a great aid to everyone in ours and many other industries.

I would like very much to have permission to duplicate the article for mailing to all member public television stations in the Central Educational Television work.

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A Letter To J. Fred Riley

Dear Fred:

We talked by telephone yesterday regarding a problem of low readings on positive peaks on a Gates 5693 Modulation Monitor. Thanks again for your helpful suggestions.

I wish I had realized that you were co-author of the article in October BM/E when we were talking, as I think it is the most interesting article that I have ever read in a broadcasting journal.

I was in the radio equipment product management group at RCA for five years (1964-1969) and became very appreciative of the problem of proper transmitter loads during that time. You and I and a few other people appreciate the load at sideband frequencies, but unfortunately I found that many consultants never even check the impedance at the carrier frequency at the transmitter terminal, much less the sideband frequencies.

As I recall, the EIA specification on AM transmitters was that the load not vary from the design or rated figure more than 10% in resistance and reactance in ohms should not exceed 10% of the design load resistance. I think the manufacturers should do more to bring this to the attention of the owners of their equipment, and to those professionals who are involved in installation and testing of equipment for others.

Again, congratulations on a very fine article.

William A. Culpepper
Broadcast Service, Matthews, North Carolina

On Riley & Klein . . .

Dear Editor:

Your two part series on the *True Route To High-Grade AM Audio* was excellent.

Harold Hallikainen
President, Hallikainen & Friends, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

. . . Also Small & Orban

Dear Editor:

Your October BM/E justifies great acclaim. The *Combining High Signal Quality With High Modulation Levels In FM* by Eric Small and Robert Orban clearly represents a breakthrough, and *The Only True Route To High-Grade AM Audio* by J. Fred Riley and Harri-

son J. Klein article is on target.

I do think the caption on Fig. 6, p. 30 makes things seem much better than they are. A 40% modulated AM shown with the claim: "In the test illustrate response is good down to dc."

Surely not by the square wave response illustrated. With textbook method calculation it has a full 50%. The same transmitter set up for 100% modulation on a mid-band square wave could be expected to overmodulate to 25% when swept back to 20 Hz. That isn't good.

Unfortunately the "response down to dc" which should and could be achieved with current technology is still not being produced by today's transmitter manufacturers to the detriment of the profession.

G. Endres
C.E., WRVR-FM, NY, NY

A Letter From Eric Small

Dear Editor:

Many thanks for publishing my paper. I was particularly pleased with the layout and the way the graphics were handled. Please convey my compliments to the artist.

There was, however, a minor error I would like to bring to your attention. The caption on Fig. 5 should read: *First exciter after clipping and filtering demonstrates mainly fundamental energy with a small amount of phase shifted third harmonic. The 2.1% fundamental increase plus the small amount of third harmonic add up to the 132% modulation shown.*

Again, many thanks for the fine work.
Eric Small

Liked ENG Issue

Dear Editor:

Your coverage of ENG in the January issue was outstanding!

Comprehensive, current, well written, apparently accurate, and most certainly fair to all.

Congratulations.
Donald E. Prather
Saratoga, Calif.

Needs Help

Dear Editor:

Please advise. I have at least six Scotch metal 10½-in. reels that defy attempts to de-warp them. They are usable reels but right now they sound against the stainless steel panel on my Revox A 77. Would any of your readers have comments? Thanks.

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