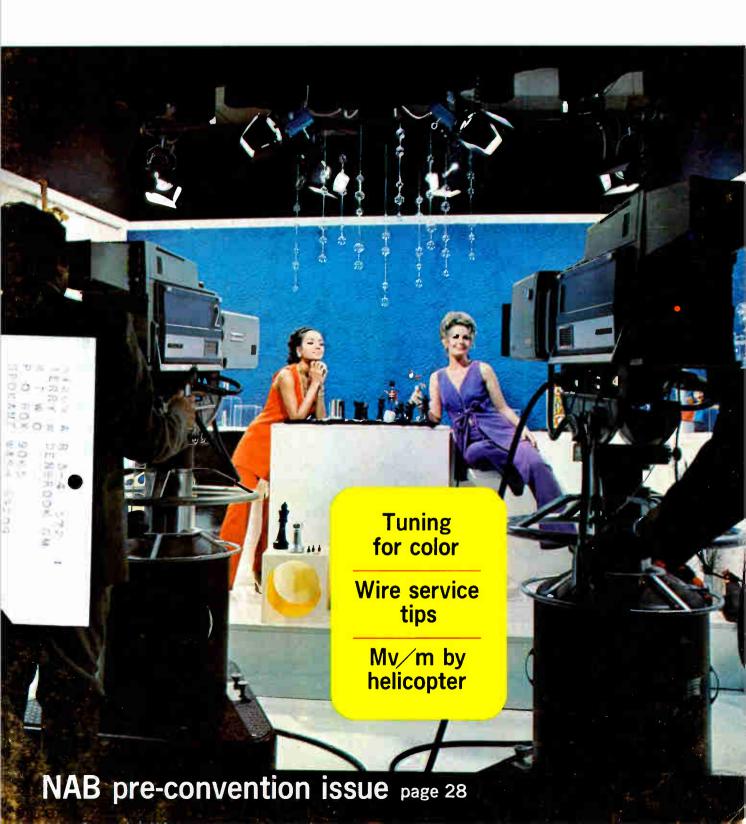
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# White House Plans New Communications Office

The White House has proposed the establishment of a new Office of Communications to oversee broad issues of communications policy for both government and non-government users. It is expected that the new Office would exert considerable influence on such matters as allocation of frequencies, cable television systems, and the rising communications demands of computers. Establishment of the new Office would not change present FCC responsibilities, although White House recommendations would undoubtedly be given considerable weight at the FCC.

The White House has also recommended that the Commission permit wide use of communications satellites for domestic relaying—a problem which has been under study for some five years. If these recommendations are followed, a variety of heavy communications users will be permitted to operate their own domestic satellites—rather than limited entities such as COMSAT of AT&T.

The three major national television networks, which have been in the fore-front of proposals for a satellite system for domestic television relaying, have already awarded a \$100,000 contract for studies of a domestic television satellite relay system.

# FM Stations May Test Four-Channel Stereo

The Commission has authorized tests of the new four-channel stereo sound system by pairs of FM stations serving the same area. Under ordinary circumstances, advance FCC approval is not required so long as each of the two stations meet all of the requirements with respect to ordinary pilot sub-carrier stereo transmissions.

The Commission has not yet authorized testing of systems which provide for the transmission of all four stereo channels by a single FM station. An experimental authorization for such transmissions is required from the Commission, and full technical details must be supplied.

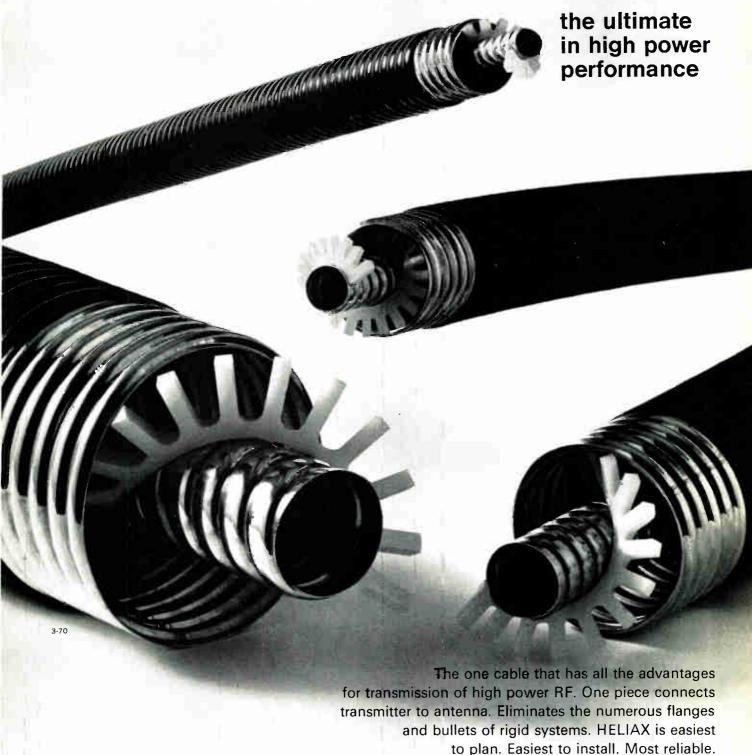
The Commission's Field Engineering Bureau is acquainting the district offices with the new policy, and further details are available from your friendly local R.I.

# CATV Getting Substantial Breaks

In a flurry of activity, the FCC has taken the following major steps, all favorable to fostering the development and growth of cable television systems.

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- 1. transformed the former FCC CATV Task Force into a full-fledged bureau, placing the CATV Bureau on a par with the Broadcast Bureau,
- 2. forbidden telephone companies to increase charges for CATV pole line attachments and joint duct use.
- 3. ordered telephone companies to stay out of the CATV operations and to divest themselves of any CATV holdings.
- 4. exempted CATV systems having less than 500 subscribers from the requirements of Section 74.1103 of the Rules, which establishes carriage and non-duplication requirements for a CATV system (this exemption has been protested by NAB),
- 5. announced its willingness to permit the continued and expanded use of the 6 GHz band for CARS, except near large metropolitan areas.

# Commission Orders Improved UHF Television Receiver Performance

The Commission has made final proposed Rules restricting the permissible local oscillator radiation from UHF television receivers (see Jan., 1970 D. C.). The previous Rule, in effect since 1956, held local oscillator field strengths to 500 uv/m at a distance of 100 feet, although this limit had actually been 1000 uv/m as a result of a continuous series of waivers.

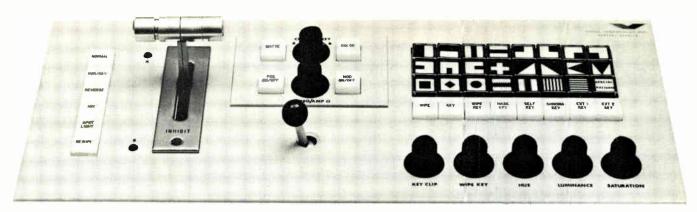
The new Rule lowers the permissible radiation to 350 uv/m at 100 feet, to be the average of several measurements taken throughout the band. No single measurement may exceed 750 uv/m.

The Commission has also proposed to require that television receiver tuners provide comparable tuning performance at UHF and VHF. The new proposal, to go into effect May 1, 1971, would apply to all television receivers with picture diagonals of more than nine inches. The new rules would not require any particular type of tuning; however, all channels would be required to be tuned by the same method whether detent, continuous or otherwise.

Performance of receiving antennas is not mentioned but is known to be under study. Perhaps comparable television receiving antenna performance will be required for all channels, a nice trick if someone can figure out a way of overcoming the antenna wave-length factor, which gives UHF an automatic 20 dB disadvantage compared to VHF.

# Short Circuits

The AT&T radio rate increase has been further postponed to July 1, 1970 . . . The Commission has authorized a 10-watt VHF TV translator east of the Mississippi (in North Carolina) . . . The FM Rules have been amended to permit increased power for Class A FM stations employing high antennas . . . The Commission has concluded oral argument in the matter of sharing television channels with the land mobile services and is expected to act shortly . . . The "temporary loan" of 2106.4 MHz, a broadcast auxiliary frequency, to NASA, has been made permanent . . . The Commission has called for comments on subcarrier telemetering to be used with the remote control of VHF television transmitters, hopefully the last detail to be resolved before authorizing regular VHF remote control authorizations.



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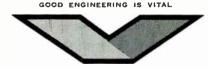
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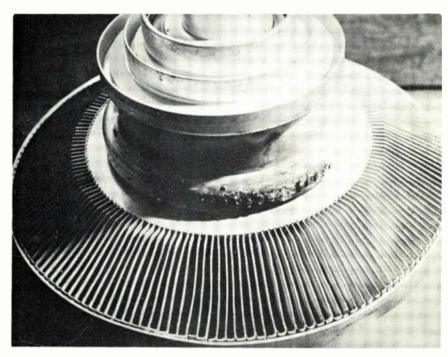




# Save That Power Tetrode

In the January 1970 issue of **Broadcast Engineering**, the article "General Transmitter Maintenance: A Nuts and Bolts Procedure" by Patrick S. Finnegan, shows on page

37 "A UHF power tetrode showing damage that can be caused by a poor plate spring contact". Finnegan further states: "The tube shown here is damaged beyond repair."



If looks are not deceiving, that tube is an RCA 8501 or similar tetrode such as we at WYAH-TV use in our RCA TTU-10A UHF transmitter. We have had several 8501's which were damaged similarly and were reused after gently cleaning the burnt places on the plate ring of the tube with a relay burnishing tool, and then gold plating the area with one of Radio

Shack's little "Science Fair" Insant Plating kits, which sells for about \$15.

The tubes so treated have given many hours of service since this treatment.

T. L. Mann Engineering Depart. WYAH-TV Portsmouth, Va.

# **VAB Winter Meeting On Target**

The broadcast engineering shortage and FCC Rules were the two major topics of session addresses at the Winter Meeting of the Virginia Association of Broadcasters. Since most of the positions taken by the speakers would be adequate meat for a host of BE editorials, we are,

instead, recapping in this column some of the more important statements made at that meeting.

John C. Morgan, WFVA, Fredricksburg, read a speech for the NAB's George Bartlett. Bartlett was attending the NAB meeting in Hawaii at the time of the VAB meet.

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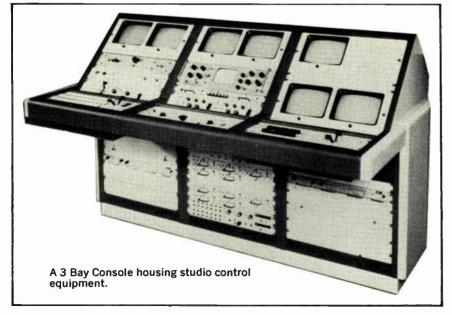
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Among other comments, he said that more of the responsibility for violations and forfeitures should be taken on by the engineer responsible. He went on to say that, contrary to propular belief, most of the Rules violations fall into non-engineering categories. But of the engineering violations, proof of performance was the leader.

# Direct Line On FCC Citations

Jerry Freeman, chief of the Richmond FCC field office, said that during 1969 a number of engineers were notified of violations, and they were not notified through their station address. Since a great many industry leaders follow this line of thinking, and because the FCC seems to be in agreement, 1970 should see even more citations sent directly to the home address of the engineer responsible for the violation.

This question was brought into focus when VAB president Phil Whitney (and this year's NAB engineering award winner) described one case where FCC inspectors parked near a remote transmitter site and waited for the engineer to show up to make his readings. The engineer arrived and left a short time later. Within days, the FCC asked to look at the log of that station, and they found that his times did not agree with the time they had visually noted at the site.

Fair? Unfair? Neither is quite as accurate as log falsification. The engineer was sent a notice of violation, not the station.

# Comments From The License Schools

At the same meeting, a spokesman from REI said that their schools do not pretend to put out broadcast engineers after five weeks of training. Rather, he said, they are able to pass the First Phone test and they take with them a basic background in electronics. At the same time, he admitted that it takes quite a lot longer than five weeks to cover electronics thoroughly. The strong points of the "90 day wonder schools" seemed to be that they organized the material for their students in such a way that they could pass the test and that these "wall-paper licenses" do fulfill the requirements of the FCC.

# Walker Looks At New Day In Hiring

Speaking to both engineers and management, William L. Walker (recently departed from the NAB after a long service record) told the VAB, "The day when an employer could staff his organization by hanging out a sign lettered "Help Wanted" is gone. Today," he said, "if he utilized that approach, he might just as well have the sign read 'No Help Wanted' for all the response he would probably get."

Walker is the VP of the Larson/ Walker & Company consulting firm. He acts as a management consulttant, assisting broadcast stations in problem solving and general trouble shooting.

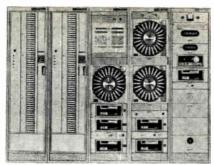
If you want to keep staff turnover down, Walker suggested these guidelines: "If you are the nit-picking manager who checks every detail, look for employees who thrive under constant supervision. If you can't stand being bothered by details, search for people who resent intrusion in the manner in which they perform their duties, so long as the end result is satisfactory. In short, seek out the type of people you can manage best, be they engineers, salesmen, or go go dancers. Try to figure out which manner of reward will best motivate them. Treat them accordingly, and you will be well on your way toward a successful organization."

# BE Sees Need For Practical Engineering And Management Rules

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be levied on responsible engineers after forfeitures have been accessed by the FCC.

Also, I pointed out that if the engineering staff is treated and paid as a necessary evil, the result would be (1) higher turnover in staff, (2) disappearance of loyalty and staff pride, and (3) sub-par station operations. These three do, of course, also lead to FCC citations.

Although everyone wants at least enough salary increases to meet the rising cost of living, pay is not always paramount. Engineers can survive and help the station maintain excellent signal quality when given a working atmosphere that encourages the use of individual talents, offers further technical training, and includes high fidelity communications with station management. The record is clear that at a number of stations engineering talent is not a collection of drifters because there are high expectations, challenges, engineering-management communication, and OJT programs.

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# INDUSTRY NEWS

"Ineffective Utilization"

# NAB Backs SRI Report

The National Association of Broadcasters has endorsed a report by the Stanford Research Institute which shows that any shortage in land mobile frequencies is the result of improper frequency allocations and mismanagement.

In a filing with the Federal Communications Commission, NAB said the Stanford study shows FCC has assigned frequencies "in blind reliance" on land mobile claims that more space is needed and that there's "little or no occupancy" on many channels reserved for use by police, fire departments and other land mobile users.

The Stanford report on spectrum space was commissioned by the FCC to explore the sharing of land mobile channels and to study frequency assignment principles.

The SRI report, NAB said, "has clearly demonstrated that land mobile congestion is attributable to improper frequency assignment principles rather than a lack of adequate frequency spectrum."

NAB's comments, filed by John B. Summers, chief counsel, urged the FCC strongly to weigh the report's findings.

"The report," NAB said, "bears out the long-standing contentions of NAB, the Association of Maximum Service Telecasters, the All-Channel Television Society, and other parties that relief could be provided to land mobile radio by implementation of frequency management policies designed to correct the wasteful practices which afflict those services."

The report, it said, further shows that since the inception of land mobile services, the FCC has managed those frequencies "in blind reliance on factors which are not necessarily relevant to actual frequency needs."

The Stanford study calls for direct measurement of spectrum utili-

zation as the only adequate means of measuring land mobile needs. It cites a lack of factual data on existing land mobile use and reports that the situation was so poorly defined that "virtually no claim of channel or spectrum saturation could be analytically assessed."

Other report findings: (1) In the three urban areas examined (New York City, Los Angeles, Detroit), the distribution of users among the land mobile channels was found to be seriously inequitable." (2) Land mobile groups and their frequency coordinators "do not have the resources, the capability, or the basic mission . . . to solve the radio spectrum problems . . . in large urban areas" or to engineer and manage effectively regional frequency problems. (3) A combined national and regional spectrum engineering and management approach is required to untangle existing land mobile assignments. NAB said the findings clearly show that "the congestion problems which plague many land mobile licensees do not stem from a shortage of frequency space but rather from ineffective utilization of the present land mobile spectrum."



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# Program Exclusivity Subject Of FCC Rules Amendment

Amendment of Section 74.1103 of the Rules governing the processing of waiver requests for program exclusivity and carriage and distribution of TV signals to specify only CATV systems with 500 or more subscribers has been proposed by the Commission (Docket 18785).

The Commission, on March 7, 1968, issued a Public Notice "Temporary Modification of Processing Priorities in Section 74.1103 Waiver Cases" (FCC 68-259), in which it announced that processing of matters filed under Section 74.1103 would be deferred in cases involving CATV systems with fewer than 500 subscribers.

The Commission explained at the time that it is these small systems "which frequently can best make out persuasive hardship cases" and that processing of matters involving such small CATV systems can "engender difficulties out of proportion to their impact on broadcasting." At the same time, the Commission emphasized that broadcast station licensees could call its attention to unusual situations that might require early action. The Commission made it clear, however, that "a persuasive showing of hardship would have to be made before relief would be granted."

The Commission has found that, since this procedure has been in effect, it has worked very well, and there have been few adverse comments. The Commission suggested that, based on its experience with the temporary procedure, its adoption as a permanent policy would be

desirable.

The Commission emphasized that requests for special relief can still be filed against systems with fewer than 500 subscribers if special hardship can be shown.

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# SMPTE AND NAFMB SET Chicago Convention Dates

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Exhibit Chairman Matt Herman, Geo. W. Colburn Labs., Chicago, recently announced that booths will go on sale beginning January 23. "So far," Herman said, "inquiries about Exhibit space have been encouraging. However, only 52 booths will be available and because of the limited space booths will be put on a first-come first-served basis."

The Exhibit will open on Monday afternoon, April 27, with official ribbon-cutting ceremonies and an open house for Conference registrants. Following the ceremony the Exhibit will be open for inspection. A full range of new equipment for television and motion pictures will be on display.

On Wednesday morning, April 29, an Equipment Papers Session will be held where exhibitors will present papers and demonstrations of new equipment and designs.

For more information on the Equipment Exhibit, contact: Matt Herman, Geo. W. Colburn Labs., 164 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. 60606, or SMPTE Headquarters, 9 E. 41st St., New York, N.Y. 10017, Att: 107th Equipment Exhibit.

# NAFMB Meet April 3-5

"New Dimensions in a New Decade" will be the theme of the 1970 convention of the National Association of FM Broadcasters, to be held in Chicago April 3-5.

Convention Chairman John Richer (Station Manager of WFIL-FM, Philadelphia) announced this week that the NAFMB convention this year will concentrate on an exploration of trends in radio programming for the 70's.

Scheduled just prior to the annual meeting of the NAB, the FM broadcasters group will hold its meeting at the Palmer House in Chicago, with registration set for the after-

noon of Friday, April 3, followed by a full schedule of convention activity on Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5.

Presentation of the 1969 Major Armstrong Awards for excellence and originality in FM Broadcasting will be made at a luncheon scheduled during the convention and other sessions will spotlight successful programming innovations and concepts currently being used by radio broadcasters throughout the United States.

Richer, who is Vice-President of the NAFMB, has invited all radio broadcasters to attend the group's annual meeting, noting that the National Association of Broadcasters will not—as in previous years—include an "FM Day" in its convention schedule which gets underway in Chicago the same weekend. Further information regarding the NAFMB convention will be sent to both commercial and educational broadcasters during the next few weeks, and inquiries concerning registration and convention space can be made by contacting the organization's Administrative Director, Karen Layland, at the NAFMB offices 665 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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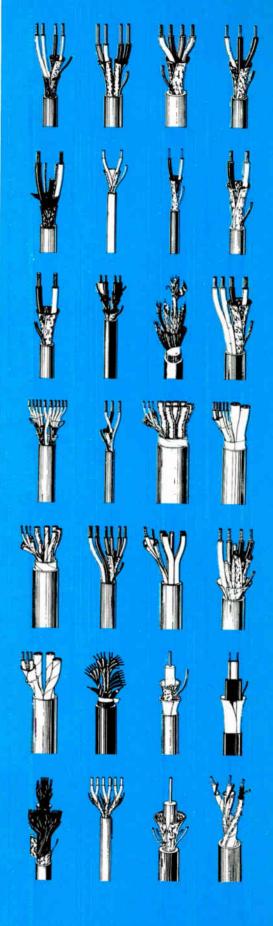
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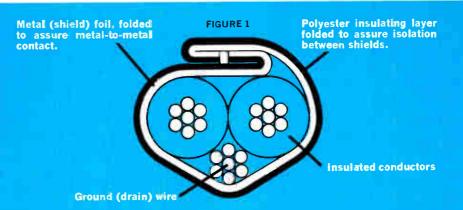
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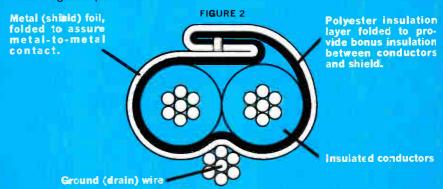
Capacitance between conductors in a pair: 30 pf per ft. nom.

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# EDUCATIONAL BROADGASTING Looking Inside Non-Commercial Broadcasting

# FCC Waivers Aid Intercity Relay

Two educational television systems have been given the go ahead, in recent FCC waivers of Sections 74.631(a) and 74.631(e), for the development of intercity relay systems.

Applications by the South Dakota State Board of Directors for Educational Television for a television intercity relay system to be used in connection with the South Dakota Educational Television Network have been granted by the FCC (BMPTI-303-4; BPTI-1375-78). A request for waiver of Section 74.632 (a) of the Rules was also granted.

The rule section provides that a license for a television intercity relay station will be issued only to the licensee of a television broadcast station. The South Dakota Legislature in 1965 authorized the State Board of Directors for Educational Television to construct and operate all state-owned television facilities. The Board filed the applications in its own name because it must bear overall responsibility for intercon-

nection facilities in South Dakota, although it has delegated authority to the particular licensees to operate the stations.

The intercity relay system includes a three-hop northbound system from the University of South Dakota's Station KUSD-TV at Vermillion, to South Dakota State University's Station KESD-TV at Brookings, along with the southbound reverse system from Brookings to Vermillion.

Applications by the University of New Hampshire, licensee of non-commercial educational television station WENH (Channel 11), Durham, New Hampshire, for a three-hop television intercity relay system from Station WENH to Boston Station WGBH-TV, have been granted by the Commission. A request for waiver of Section 74.631(e) of the rules was also granted. The rule section requires that all program material transmitted over a TV broadcast intercity relay station must be intended for use by a television



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station owned or controlled by the TV intercity relay station licensee. WGBH-TV is licensed to the Massachusetts Educational Foundation. The University stated that the television intercity relay stations would deliver programming from the New Hampshire Educational Network, the Vermont State Educational Tel-State Educational Television Network to Station WGBH-TV. The interchange of program material is necessary, the applicant said, to further coordination of educational television within the northern New England States.

# Speak Up!

**Open Invitation** 

Broadcast Engineering invites your comments on material covered in this column and other material appearing in this magazine. We also invite letters to the editor and news from your AM, FM or educational TV station. Keep in touch with BE by writing to: 1014 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Mo. 64105.

# **IBS Convention Set For April 3**

The Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, Inc., (IBS) will hold their 31st annual convention in the La Salle Hotel in Chicago from April

Several highly controversial speakers are scheduled to work over the convention theme: Freedom To Speak-or-How to be relevant without really saying anything. The convention will include an IBS forum, college radio exhibits, specialized small group workshops, and the National Association of Broadcasters' exhibits. The NAB will be holding their national convention in the Conrad Hilton Hotel from the 5th through the 8th of April.

For further information on housing and convention sessions, write to: Michael Kohlstrom, IBS Vice President, 825 Edgecomb Avenue, York, Pa., 17403.

# **NAB Support**

The National Association of Broadcasters announced that its Board of Directors has passed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting has been organized, has attracted capable leadership, and is in its critical planning and development phase, and

"WHEREAS, the Corporation has the potential for a significant contribution to the future of noncommercial educational broadcasting to serve the public interest and needs, and

"WHEREAS, NAB and individual commercial broadcasters are supporting non-commercial educational broadcasting and NAB has hertofore officially supported the creation of the CPB,

"NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that NAB reemphasizes its endorsement of the goals of the CPB as set forth in the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 and that NAB will continue to support adequate broad-based public financing

for non-commercial educational broadcasting as a matter of vital public importance."

# Federal Grants To Support Two CP's

Application by St. Lawrence Vallev Educational Television Council, for construction permits for two educational television stations to serve Watertown, N.Y., on Channel 16. and to serve Norwood, N.Y., on Channel 18 have been granted by the Commission (BPET-335,

These stations will be the first educational stations partially financed by a grant of federal funds. The grant was from the Economic Development Administration of the Department of Commerce. The remainder of the financing is available from state appropriations, donations and a bank loan. St. Lawrence Educational Television Council is a nonprofit educational corporation chartered by the Board of Regents of the State of New York for the purpose of constructing, owning and operating noncommercial educational television broadcast stations.





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# **Industry Gets New Leaders**

# Hilliard Re-elected

Dr. Robert L. Hilliard, Chief of the FCC's Educational Broadcasting Branch, was re-elected to a fourth term as Chairman of the Federal Interagency Media Committee (FIMC) at the Committe's December meeting.

# **NERN Manager**

Michael C. Harris, program manager, WAMU-FM, Washington, has been appointed manager of the National Educational Radio Network, according to an annoucement made today by Robert Mott, executive director of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters' National Educational Radio Division. Harris, who replaces Lucinda Landreth, has been with WAMU since 1961 serving as a producer and operations manager before assuming his present post in 1968.

He has taught courses in radio production and direction at The American University, licensee of the station, and is the recipient of several awards from the university including the C. C. Glover Award for outstanding undergraduate leadership in 1964.

Frederick Breitenfeld, Jr., Executive Director, Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting, Baltimore, and O. Leonard Press, Executive Director, Kentucky Authority for Educational Television, Lexington, have been elected to four-year terms on the Board of Directors of the Educational Television Stations division of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters, it was announced today by ETS Executive Director Chalmers H. Marquis. The addition of these two new directors increases the ETS Board to a total of eight directors, an increase voted by the membership at the November, 1969 NAEB Convention, Directors also serve half of their 4year term on the NAEB Executive Board.

The six directors currently on the ETS Board are: Hartford N. Gunn, Jr., Chairman, General Manager, WGBH, Boston; Vice Chairman, Loren B. Stone, Station Manager, KCTS, Seattle; Warren A. Kraetzer, Executive Vice President and General Manager, WUHY, Philadelphia, and WHYY, Wilmington, Delaware, and Chairman of the NAEB Board of Directors; Howard D. Holst, Station Manager, WKNO, Memphis; Lloyd Kaiser, General Manager, WITF, Hershey, Pa., and William J. McCarter, Vice President and General Manager, WETA. Washington, D.C.

# H. Rex Lee Named Education Chairman

Commissioner H. Rex Lee has been named Chairman of the FCC's Educational Communications Committee. The Committee, a new addition to the list of Commission working groups, will be responsible for coordinating educational communications activities and for developmental work in this area.

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# SCANNING THE CATY SCOPE

By Harry Etkin

# How Much Is Exclusive?

Let us start with the matter of Exclusivity Protection as described in FCC Rules and Regulations Section 74-1103. Requirements Relating to Distribution of Television Signals by Community Antenna Television Systems and Sub-paragraphs 74.1103 (e) Station entitled to Program Exclusivity, 74.1103 (f) Program Exclusivity; Extent of Protection, and 74.1103 (g) Exceptions.

What is the dictionary basic definition of Exclusivity? In general, it is the process of "shutting out all others, or in which no others have any share". In response to this definition the Federal Communications Commission asserted its right to regulate CATV like it does Broadcasting and provided cable-TV systems with the regulatory rules

In 74.1103 (e) it is stated that any cable TV system which operates, in whole or in part, within the Grade B or higher priority contour of any commercial or non-commercial educational television station or within the community of a fourth priority translator station (100 watt translators), and which carries the signal of such station shall, upon request of the station licensee or permittee, maintain the station's exclusivity as a program outlet against lower priority or more distant duplicating signals, but not against signals of equal priority, in the manner and to the extent specified in Paragraphs (f) and (g) of this section.

74.1103 (f) provides for same day non-duplication protection in the case of all CATV systems no matter where located. Upon the request of the TV station the CATV system operator must refrain from duplicating any program broadcast by the TV station, provided the re-

questing station has notified the CATV system of the date and time of its broadcast of its program and the date and time of the broadcast to be deleted. This notification is to be no later than 48 hours prior to the deleted broadcast.

Included in this Section is 74.-1103 (g) which provides four exceptions related to Paragraph 74.-1103 (f) which states the CATV system operator need not delete reception of a network program provided it adhered to the requirements specified in the exceptions.

### **Five Conditions**

This exclusivity protection regulation applied on the basis of five priority conditions related to commercial and non-commercial educational stations, namely stations within principal community contours, stations within Grade A contours, stations within Grade B contours, translator stations with 100 watts or higher power, and four other exception requirements described in Section 74.1103 (a) (b). The CATV system operator will note that any TV station in a higher category was entitled upon request to same day non-duplication protection with respect to the same program being carried by a station of lower priority.

The required field intensities, F (50, 50), in decibels above one microvolt per meter (dBu) for the Grade A and Grade B contours are as follows:

|          | Grade A | Grade B |  |
|----------|---------|---------|--|
| Channels | (dBu)   | (dBu)   |  |
| 2-6      | 68      | 47      |  |
| 7-13     | 71      | 56      |  |
| 14-83    | 74      | 64      |  |

These limits are presented for the benefit of CATV system operators involved with exclusivity problems. The cable TV system operators, broacasters and law counselors will

notice that the regulatory control of the exclusivity rule is complicated. It is a thoroughly complex system and is probably one of the most difficult subjects facing the industry today. The exclusivity rules must surely disillusion many in the CATV industry. It has become one of the more frustrating aspects of the FCC-CATV Force.

As the FCC has yet to propose any revisions at the present time in the exclusivity protection rules, the NCTA-NAB proposed compromise actions present a distinction between cable TV systems located in the primary TV markets and those in the secondary markets. Some of the highlights of the compromise are that a CATV system located within 35 miles of a top 50 market is deemed to be located in a primary market. Other CATV systems that are located more than 35 miles from a top 50 market are within a secondary market.

# The Compromise

The compromise also proposes that the priorities listed in Section 74.1103 should be deleted and only two priorities be listed in this Section. Therefore, local signals of Grade B or better and distant signals. It specifies that all local signals are equal and no local signals would be entitled to exclusivity protection as against other local signals. Some exclusivity would be required only where the CATV system would be within 35 miles of the top 50 market.

The compromise describes that where a television station is entitled to program exclusivity, the CATV system shall, upon request of the station, delete any first-run syndicated or copyrighted program on local signals from a distant top 50 market station which has broadcast the copyrighted program at least once in the market. No further exclusivity protection would be required for that program. For example, in the top 50 markets, a local TV station which has an exclusive contract to show a program can require a CATV system to black out identical programs from distant stations until the local TV station's exclusive contract for the program expires. If a TV station in the top 50 market is entitled under its contract to exclusivity rights to a motion picture for five years, the CATV system would be precluded



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from retransmission of that program from distant market signal during that five year period.

In television secondary markets a more relaxed system of exclusivity protection should be provided. There should be no protection applied on local signals. They should all be equal. Local TV stations would be entitled to exclusivity program protection for first run syndicated programs from distant signals.

In many cases the FCC may authorize the substitution of additional signals to replace blacked out signals. CATV systems are also required to black out sports events in areas in which TV broadcast stations are similarly required to black out the event.

The NCTA-NAB compromise has taken small steps towards simplifying the exclusivity problems. CATV systems, no matter where located, should be guaranteed the right to important distant signals as necessary to provide adequate television service.

# The Outlook

Congress and FCC in the very

near future should provide the right of CATV systems to carry all local signals for the public interest of the people. Withholding of the TV program should be made an impossible factor either in a CATV statute or by FCC Rules and Regulations forbidding TV stations from being granted unreasonably long program exclusivity protection in the copyright licenses.

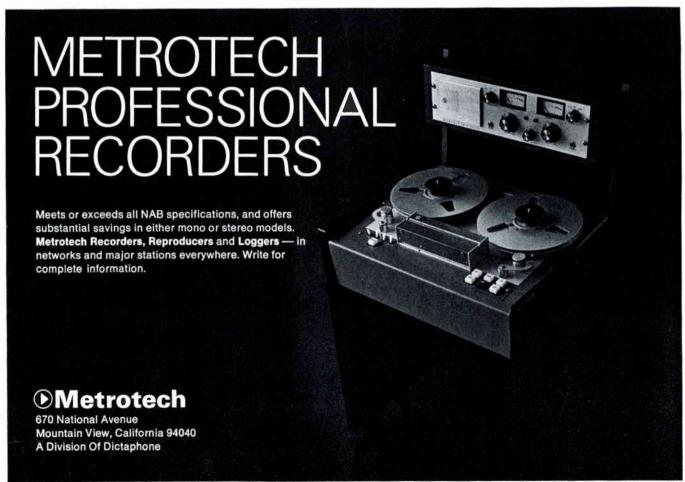
Even though the NCTA-NAB staff agreement and compromise could eliminate the unfair practice, the cable television industry is not completely out of the dark until the FCC has clarified its restrictive clauses on exclusivity. The FCC is presently in the process of analyzing this important matter even though the Commission's position is not yet definitive in this area.

Program exclusivity as required by Section 74.1103 of the Rules is interwoven with distant signal carriage and copyright exclusivity. There is also a close relationship with Sections 74.1105, 74.1107 and 74.1109 of the FCC Rules.

In providing details on exclusiv-

ity provisions directed by the Commission to show cause why the CATV system should not be ordered to cease and desist from any further violation of the FCC section of the Rules by failing to provide program exclusivity for any particular TV station, it is recommended that the cable TV system operator use the advice and services of a competent attorney, one who is knowledgeable and familiar with the FCC Rules and Regulations, when formulating a waiver request to the FCC regarding any specific factor of station program exclusivity. The evil of unreasonable delay must be eliminated by directing opposing requests to the Commission at an early date for FCC-CATV action.

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# **NAB News Special**

# Apollo 11 Crew To Be Honored At Convention

The Board of Directors of the National Association of Broadcasters has voted to honor the crew of Apollo 11 during one of the luncheons to be held during the NAB's annual convention in Chicago, April 5-8.

The recognition will be a new feature of the convention, as will the holding of early morning workshops on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the annual sessions. The workshops will be conducted simultaneously each day and will be repeated each day. They will cover such subjects as license renewal, finding and training minority employees, local radio sales, use of computers in station operations, audience measurement, broadcast news freedom, and public relations.

The proposals were made by the NAB Convention Committee, cochairmaned by James M. Caldwell, WAVE, Louisville, Ky., and Hamilton Shea, Gilmore Broadcasting Group, Harrisonburg, Va.

In discussing the convention workshops, Harold Niven, NAB vice president for planning and development, said they will provide programming of a practical nature for smaller groups. Since they will be repeated three times, individuals will be able to participate in up to three workshops.

Everett E. Revercomb, NAB secretary-treasurer and convention manager, reported that all exhibit space at the convention has been sold out and members are registering to attend in large numbers.

John M. Couric, NAB vice president for public relations, said the theme of the convention will be "Fifty Golden Years and the Best is Yet to Come" in reference to the year-long celebration of broadcasting's first half century. He reported that all promotional material for the convention will be tied in with the observance and that all exhibitors are being furnished information and suggestions to enable them to recognize the event in their booths and hospitality suites.

Shea said the Broadcast Pioneers will provide a special banquet on Tuesday night at the convention with a "heavily nostalgic" program.

George W. Bartlett, NAB vice president for engineering, told the committee that the engineering ses-

# Whitney To Receive Engineering Award

Philip Whitney, general manager of radio station WINC, Winchester, Va., who developed many of the remote control systems in use by the radio industry, has been named by the National Association of Broadcasters to receive its annual Engineering Award.

Whitney, president of the Virginia Association of Broadcasters, is also the supervisory engineer for the R. F. Lewis Radio Stations, owners of WINC and seven other stations in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire.

The award, NAB's top engineering honor, will be presented during the Association's 48th annual convention in Chicago at an engineering luncheon on Tuesday, April 7.

Whitney began his broadcasting career as an engineer at station WJEJ, Hagerstown, Md., after graduating from the New Hampshire Teacher's College and the First National Television School in Kansas City, Mo.

Listed among his accomplishments are development of the first complete broadcast microwave remote control systems upon which most systems are based today; development at WRFL, Winchester,

of one of the nation's first automated systems which permitted the station to operate totally automatically and by remote control. He also developed a subaudible activation system for network control of a group of stations in emergencies and designed and constructed such broadcast aids as remote transistor amplifiers, portable console tables for remote broadcasts, and mobile broadcasting units.

Whitney is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Elec-



Phil Whitney

tronic Engineers and a consulting editor for **Broadcast Engineering** magazine. He is the author of more than 25 technical articles in seven publications.

He recently was named chairman of a broadcasting committee which advises the Federal Communications Commission on the Emergency Broadcast Service for the state of Virginia.

Whitney also is a member of NAB's Engineering Conference Committee which is charged with planning the program for the annual Conference to be held as part of NAB's 48th Annual Convention in Chicago next April 5-8.

In addition to Wallenhaupt and Whitney, other committee members are Albin R. Hillstrom KOOL, Phoenix, Ariz.; Eldon Kanago, KICD, Spencer, Ia., Leslie S. Learned, MBS, New York; Richard T. Monroe, Westinghouse Broadcasting, New York; James D. Parker, CBS-TV, New York; Royce L. Pointer, ABC, New York; Russell B. Pope, Golden Empire Broadcasting, Chico, Calif.; Roland R. Richardt, WSAU, Wausau, Wis., and William H. Trevarthen, NBC, New York.

sions are shaping up and that the Broadcast Engineering Conference Committee is working on procurement of the technical papers which will be presented.

The radio sessions, under the planning of Charles M. Stone, NAB vice president for radio, will feature sessions on advertising, programming, black Americans in radio, and a special presentation on records.

The television sessions will include advertising, a conference on major industry problems, and on television information, William Carlisle, NAB vice president for television, said. A secondary market television session also will be held.

On Monday afternoon, separate radio, television and engineering sessions are scheduled.

Tuesday morning, April 7, a radio conference is planned along with engineering sessions for both radio and television. A television session and an engineering conference is scheduled for Wednesday, to be followed by a general assembly meeting.

Radio programming for the 1970's will be the topic of one of the radio sessions. Also, on Tuesday, April 7, NAB radio chairman Richard Chapin will make his annual report.

FCC Chairman Dean Burch will join the speakers lineup for the convention. He is scheduled to address the management session on Wednesday.

Separate luncheons for management and engineering will be held on Monday and Tuesday, with a joint management-engineering luncheon set for Wednesday.

Exhibits by associate member equipment manufacturers will be on display Sunday, 10 AM to 7 PM; Tuesday, 9 AM to 7 PM; and on Wednesday from 9 AM until 5 PM. Over 100 manufacturers will be displaying new and revised equipment in booth areas that went for \$6 per square foot.

Designed to cover many different aspects of the broadcast industry, the workshop topics will include audience measurement, small markets, acquiring and retaining station personnel, fair employment practices and standardization of paperwork.

# Distinguished Service Award Goes To Rosel H. Hyde

NAB president Vince Wasilewski will officially open the annual NAB convention on Monday, April 6 with a keynote address before a general assembly of delegates. A ceremony will follow in which Wasilewski will present the NAB's Distinguished Service Award, the broadcast industry's highest honor.

The National Association of Broadcasters announced that Rosel H. Hyde, retired Federal Communi-



Rosel Hyde

cations Commission Chairman and career government employee, will receive the NAB's Distinguished Service Award this spring in recognition of his "40 years of unique, continuing service in developing broadcasting in the public interest."

Hyde is the second retired gov-



ernment leader to receive the award since its origination in 1953. The first was former president Herbert Hoover, who was honored in 1957 for his work in helping develop commercial broadcasting while Secretary of Commerce in the 1920's.

In addition to industry management leaders, the award has been given to a wide range of individuals, including Bob Hope, commentators Lowell Thomas, David Brinkley and Chet Huntley, and two former NAB presidents Judge Justin Miller and Mark Ethridge.

Hyde was selected yesterday by the NAB Convention Committee which met as one of the activities of the NAB Board of Directors meeting here. The award will be presented on Monday, April 6.

Hope received the NAB award in 1963; Thomas in 1968; Huntley and Brinkley in 1967; Judge Miller in 1961, and Ethridge in 1955.

Others who received the NAB award are David Sarnoff (1953); William S. Paley (1954); Ribert E. Kintner (1956); Frank Stanton (1958); Robert W. Sarnoff (1959); Clair R. McCollough (1960); Edward R. Murrow (1962); Donald H. McGannon (1964); Leon ard H. Goldenson (1965), and Sol Taishoff (1966).

# NAB Membership Total Now Set At 4,240

The National Association of Broadcasters announced recently that the association entered the new year with 4,240 members, 48 more than on January 1, 1969.

Alvin M. King, NAB's director of station relations, issued the new membership figures for radio and TV stations and networks and associate members. AM radio station members now total 2,214, an increase of 2 over a year ago. FM station members now total 1,209, an increase of 30.

NAB gained six TV station members, bringing the total to 544. All seven major radio and TV networks are NAB members. Associate membership gained by 10, with associates now numbering 266.

# **Engineers Set To Tackle Ice**

The Engineering Advisory Committee of the National Association of Broadcasters has ordered a special study of a problem causing a good deal of concern—ice forming on transmitter towers.

Appointment of a subcommittee was authorized to investigate the availability of ice-resistant towers or of mechanical or chemical means to prevent icing. The group also could recommend a research project for the development of such towers or de-icing devices.

Albert H. Chismark, director of engineering, Meredith Broadcasting Co., Syracuse, N.Y., chairman of the Advisory Committee, will also serve as chairman of the special subcommittee. Also named to the subcommittee were Robert W. Flanders, director of engineering, the WFBM Stations, Indianapolis, Ind.; Royce L. Pointer, director of broadcasting engineering, ABC, New York, and Benjamin Wolfe, vice president for engineering, Post-Newsweek Stations, Washington, D. C.

The Advisory Committee also approved plans to develop standards for cassette tape recorders, latest in NAB efforts to assure the interchangeability of broadcast equipment. George W. Bartlett, NAB vice president for engineering, told the committee that broadcasters are now using cassette recorders quite extensively, particularly in gathering news for later presentation on radio.

NAB some years ago adopted standards for disc and tape recordings to assure maximum fidelity in broadcasts and they now are industry standards throughout the United States and in most of the world.

The Association later developed a test record to permit station engineers to evaluate the performance of their audio equipment, including turntables, and since has distributed 6,000 copies here and abroad.

Distribution of a cartridge test tape has just begun and a second test tape, reel-to-reel, is about ready for distribution.

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# NAB Election Results In

The NAB has released the winners in the recent election. Here are the names of the winners in each district:

Dist. 2, Phil Spencer
Dist. 4, J. R. Marlowe
Dist. 6, Ken Marston
Dist. 8, George Foulkes
Dist. 10, Donald Dailey
Dist. 12, Allan Page
Dist. 14, William Merrick
Dist. 16, Dan McKinnon

For AM stations in the class A market, Perry S. Samuels; class B market, Ben Laird; class C market, Clint Founley; and FM, Ed Allen, Jr.

Upon recommendation of Vincent T. Wasilewski, the Review Board has approved the appointments of Charles Batson, Cosmos Broadcasting Co., Columbia, S. C., and Morton S. Cohn, WLOS-TV, Asheville, N.C., to the Television Code Review Board. They will succeed Willard Michaels, Storer Broadcasting, Miami Beach, Fla., and R. Reeve Owen, WTVC, Chattanooga, Tenn.

'Inconceivable...'

# NAB Hits AM Proposal

The National Association of Broadcasters asked the Federal Communications Commission recently to drop proposed rules which would prevent existing AM facilities from improving their service to areas they already are licensed to serve.

The proposed FCC rule would deny AM applicants any major change in existing facilities unless they would provide a "first service" to 25% of the proposed service area or to 25% of the population within that area. Thus, only stations providing "first service" in remote areas which lack adequate radio service would be permitted to expand their facilities. Existing highpower FM service (with one millivolt per meter or greater) would be taken into account in determining whether a particular area or population is without

service.

NAB believes the proposed rule as it relates to major AM changes is "ill-founded and will not assist in conserving spectrum space, but rather will result in a diminishment of the AM licensee's ability to operate in the public interest by serving listeners in his area."

Under the proposed rule, existing AM facilities will be prevented from improving their service to areas they are already licensed to serve, even though these improvements would not violate FCC's technical requirements.

"It is inconceivable," NAB filing said, "to think that existing AM stations will be unable to continue broadcasting in the areas which they are licensed to serve without eventually having a need to undertake major changes."

NAB's comments, filed by Chief Counsel John B. Summers, said:

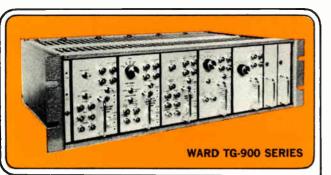
"No station would be able to request even a minimal power increase nor would it be able to effect any improvements in service which involve 'major changes.'

Even requests for new transmitter locations might be denied or drastically limited, he said.

NAB said the Commission should not apply its proposed rule to "major changes in existing facilities which meet applicable technical requirements," especially since many existing AM stations were established with power levels and facilities which are rapidly becoming inadequate to serve the enormous population growth.

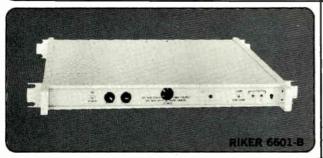
Improvements in AM service could be allowed by the FCC, NAB said, "without its resulting in the injuries it fears will arise in a limited spectrum simply by requiring that any improvement requested be able to meet the well-established technical requirements applicable to such a request for change."



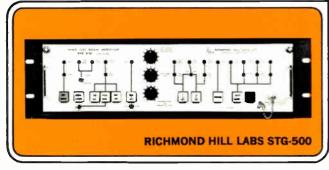




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# **NAB New Equipment Special**

No matter how you look a it, the annual NAB convention is the place to send up new equipment balloons. Engineers, managers, owners, engineering firms and a host of other interested people will make their way through the amazing array of new equipment and old equipment with new paint.

Working their way through the NAB exhibit area this year should prove to be a time consuming, awe inspiring effort. It is with this in mind that **Broadcast** Engineering brings you in this pre-convention issue a look at some of the new equipment that will be on display for the first time.

As usual, some manufacturers want to spring their latest at the convention, preferring not to tip their hand until show time. For this reason, this section of the March issue does not include every new piece being readied for the convention.

The technical advances that climbed the hill of the 1960's should now begin to snowball their way down through the 1970's. And unless we miss our bet, nothing should escape change. Even the RCA video cart machine that got so much attention last year will get

a face lifting for this show. In fact, there will be new cameras, tape carts, switchers, microphones, mixers, modular lighting units, transmitters and a host of other new products.

Last year there was an apparent trend toward solid state and PC boards that can be lifted for quick replacement. This year the trend will continue, but the major direction will be to explain that nearly all units can be, in one way or another, tied into the automation cycle that is now beginning in the industry. Schafer, Gates, International Good Music and others will show convention delegates what will be leading the way in the 1970's.

With all this in mind let's take a look at key products that will be exhibited and, doubtless, will be the topic of conversations long after the hospitality suites have shut down on the last of the convention. And notice that following each new product there is a product identification number. For further product details, circle the matching numbers on the reader service card at the back of this issue. If you can't make it to the convention, you can still keep up on what was on exhibit at the show.

## **Color Corrector**

An electronic color television broadcasting device that corrects color variations in programs beamed to home television will be shown by CBS Labs.

The new device was developed for the CBS Television Network by CBS Laboratories in a joint effort with the network's engineering department. The network has a field test program underway and the unit—first of its kind for American television—will soon be available to all broadcasters.



The Color Corrector permits television engineers to adjust color variations in a television program after it has been encoded and at any point during its transmission to the home. In the past, color balance adjustments were made at the camera source, with no practical method of modifying this balance at subsequent program transmission stages.

The device also makes it possible to adjust color program balance during a videotape playback. In addition, program segments and television commercials shot at different times under varying light conditions can be previewed with the compact unit and their color tones balanced to match the overall program. Consequently, corrections are made in near real time without the viewer sensing any variation.

The problem of maintaining consistent color in television broadcasts was explained by Renville H. Mc-Mann, Jr., CBS Laboratories Vice President for Engineering, who said: "Color television in the United States is delivered as an NTSC (National Television Standards Committee) encoded signal, thus requiring only one video channel rather than three. But once the NTSC signal is encoded it is diffi-

cult to modify it in a simple fashion without producing objectionable color and luminance errors on the pictures received. If signal sources are to be matched colorimetrically, they must be matched by controls at the originating cameras."

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### Disc Recorder

Ampex Corporation, which not too long ago developed the slow-motion disc playback machine, now have a new low cost recorder called the DR-10. Readers may recall that Ampex's Lee Stratton predicted last February in an article written for Broadcast Engineering that the company would produce smaller more economical disc recording units.

The new Model DR-10 Series of video disc recorders is designed for a wide range of applications in education, industry, medicine, research and sports, wherever "stop motion" is required for close study of recorded television pictures.

The basic DR-10 is the first disc recording system which can be upgraded to provide longer recording capacity and higher picture resolution, according to Lawrence Weiland, vice president-general manager, video products division.

"The DR-10 brings the advantages of disc recording to the fast growing closed circuit television market," Weiland said. "Most valuable of these benefits are instant access to pictures and the continuous still-frame or slow-motion capability for detailed study.

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### Cameras

Phillips will spring a new set of cameras for the NAB convention. Among the four cameras that will be demonstrated is the newer version of the PC-70. The PC-70S is basically the same unit that caught on so well at last year's convention.

The PC-100 digital controlled camera will be demonstrated along with the "Minicam" portable digital plumbicon color camera—the PCP-90.

A last word from Phillips was that there might be a new transmitter on display for the TV market.

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GBC will show their new 3-vidicon color camera that has only one operating control—the zoom lens. And this zoom is a 16.5 mm to 95 mm at f2.

By using a separate mesh electrostatic focus instead of magnetic, the camera sets up between 10 to 15 minutes. This method eliminates the heat problem of other systems so that readjustment is not necessary. The camera also includes a full NTSC studio viewfinder. Currently in the under \$8,000 camera bracket, this camera uses FET's in the preamp circuit, and it includes built-in sync generator and cacoder. It also will accept external sync.

A unique feature in versatility is the camera's sweep reversal switch. The camera can be used in the film chain simply by flipping this switch.

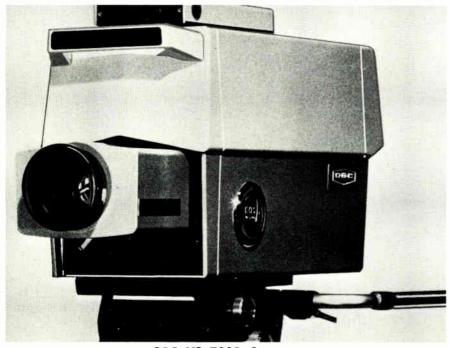
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Commercial Electronics will show their new color camera. Using an SEC camera tube built by Westinghouse and designed for military survelance usage, this camera is especially effective in studio or remote locations at under 5 footcandles with an f4 setting. The camera also employs an iris override switch that can be controlled at the camera or from the deck. Stable registration and an extremely wide spectral response are two of the camera's features that make it usable for studio or remote location production. The control deck for the camera occupies only 20 inches of rack space.

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General Electric will exhibit two new color cameras, the PE-400 and the TE-201, in addition to a new color encoder. Also new from GE will be a broadcast automation system using the TS-400 video program switcher. In addition, the company will show new staging (front projection) using the PJ-400 color video projector.

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GBC VF 7001 Camera

### Cart Machine

Broadcast Electronics is introducing its revolutionary SPOT-MASTER TEN-70 line of tape cartridge machines featuring latest state-of-the-art concepts and backed by the company's decade of cartridge equipment specialization. Standard TEN-70 features will include manual fast-forward, built-in mike/line mixer, plug-in deck module, die cast front panel with illuminated color-coordinated controls.



All units are designed as table top units and offer the convenience of instant rack mounting. An exclusive option will be Auto-Cue providing auxiliary tone activation of both fast-forward and sequential start modes. Five models covering record/play and play only in both mono and stereo and a delay unit will be offered.

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### Cartridges

Stanton Magnetics will introduce a new elliptical phonograph pickup cartridge, the Model 681SE. It is intended to fill the intermediate range for which the standard ellipticals are too sensitive and the spherical configurations give less performance than the elliptical.

Historically, most broadcasters have used the most rugged stylus assemblies available which nearly always meant a spherical stylus tip. The trade-off for the ruggedness of the assembly was somewhat less performance at high velocities, notably at inner diameters, than the performance available from the elliptical stylus. The quality-conscious broadcaster was aware of the advantages provided by the elliptical but the lighter mechanism was frequently overshadowed by his requirement for dependability. With the development of the 681SE, according to Stanton, it is no longer necessary to compromise performance for dependability-for the broadcaster this represents the best of two worlds.

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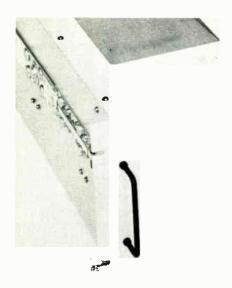
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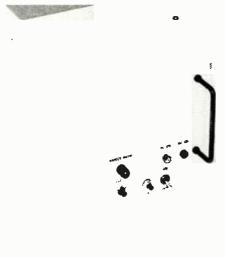
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### Character Generator

Visual Electronics will display their Data Vision V-1000 character generator and a new studio intercom system.

justable aspect ratio, automatic horizontal centering, preset title space area, flash proportional spacing, separate keying output for edg-





The V-1000 leads off with credentials like the introduction of character letters that do not look so mechanical as those used in the past, and these more modern looking letters will be available in color.

Other features include a height of 28 TV scan lines, roll, crawl, ad-

ing, and adjustable delay.

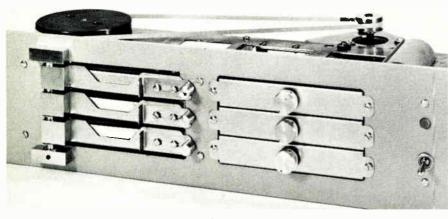
The model 77 intercom system is especially designed to give multiples of 14 stations for maximum communications for special and/or varying requirements of programmers.

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# **Format Machine**

A format machine containing three tape magazines has been announced by MacKenzie Laboratories, Inc. Designed to permit instant access to any one of three different recorded programs for tightly timed time, weather and traffic intros and other special effects and idents, it uses the Mac-Kenzie tape magazine with the driven tape hub. The Model 300 is solid-state, all silicon design. It is built to broadcast standards and uses circuitry and tape handling techniques field proven since 1958.

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MacKenzie Model 300

### Portable Power

The Terado Corp. of St. Paul, Minn, announces the production of a new inverter/battery charger/ power supply combination unit, the Mark I Model 50-131. Mark I is the ideal universal electrical conversion unit for it produces up to 500 watts 117 volt AC power from 12 volt DC battery input or up to 40 amp 12 volts DC from 117 volt AC input (power supply feature). Mark I is also a convenient threeposition battery charger and will charge at 20 amps, 10 amps or a trickle charge, determined by simply rotating the selector dial.

The unit will operate most 117 volt appliances, lights, radios, small hand tools, test equipment, television, etc. The power supply feature allows those using 12 volt DC equipment such as that which is commonly installed in recreational vehicles to operate this equipment from the power supply when parked in regular 117 VAC power-serviced camp sites, eliminating the need to run off battery power which so often is inadequate. Batteries can also be brought back up to total charge at the same time.

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# Light Measuring

Engineers specifying or installing CCTV surveillance equipment and other low-light level television systems will be interested in this new light measuring device from Photo Research of Burbank, California. Designated the Spectra TV Snopper it measures scene illumination, through any given lens, (C. Mount), at the image plane of the TV vidicon faceplate before the actual installation is made. Another function. which requires the use of a 100 Footlambert extended reference source, is for relative T-stop calibration of lenses.

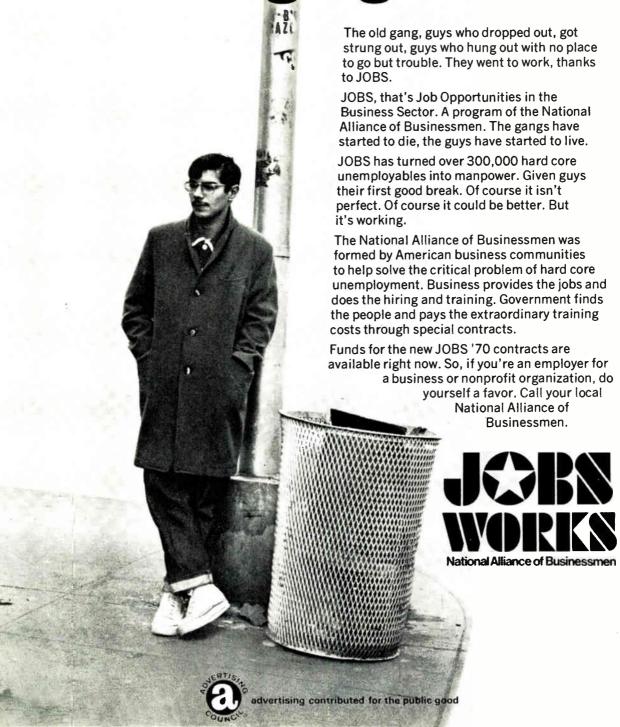
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# **Editing System**

Vidicue opens up on the commercial line for the first time with an automatic editing and control system using a cut tone system for VTR's that will control the transport and edit three machines. Four modes are selectable for scene isolation and it offers sequential program construction. Edit point display aids its operation.

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# **New Product Special**

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# **Automation Systems**

The modular approach allows the broadcaster to select a system to suit his particular requirements. Sparta will illustrate a medium-sized automation system, the SS-232. The heart of the system is the automatic programmer which may be purchased separately and will work with standard broadcast equipment. This building block concept allows for future expansion without large commitments of capital funds. The complete system may be seen at NAB along with a new dual-channel rack-mounted audio console. also to be introduced.

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The new AR-1000 Automation System from Broadcast Products, Inc. is an all solid-state, modular

designed, total automation system that provides simplified operation and unlimited program flexibility to meet any format requirements.

As a completely self-contained system that has been time and operationally proven in many stations around the country, the AR-1000 permits individualized programming up to 24 hours in advance, from up to 12 audio sources. With all controls and inputs front panel mounted, format changes are made quickly and easily.

The AR-1000 features all plugin circuit elements, independent power supplies, photocell audio switching with full overlap, and built-in facilities for network joining. For real-time program logging, an all solid-state digital logger is also available.

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**Sparta Automation System** 

# Lighting

Bardwell & McAlister, Inc., will show a whole new line of the latest in compact, portable, backdrop, strip and flood lights. These lights feature the Tungsten-Halogen "Quartz" lamps. The smallest unit, the Mini-1000 is available with four-way barndoors and clear or frosted versions.

For limited space operations, the company will show a mini-cyclorama one light strip light with two-way barndoors for lighting backdrops and set pieces. Lamp range is 500, 750, and 1000 watts.

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# **Modular Lighting**

Skirpan Lighting Control Corporation will unveil a new modular approach to the design and assembly of studio lighting control systems. The company now manufactures a total of 40 different control panels and solid state dimmer modules which mount in standard enclosure systems based on EIA Standard RS-310. Using this equipment, stations may assemble their own lighting systems with unlimited system expandability. A completely operative modular system will be displayed as well as a new audio-visual systems controlling a sound, slide and light show.

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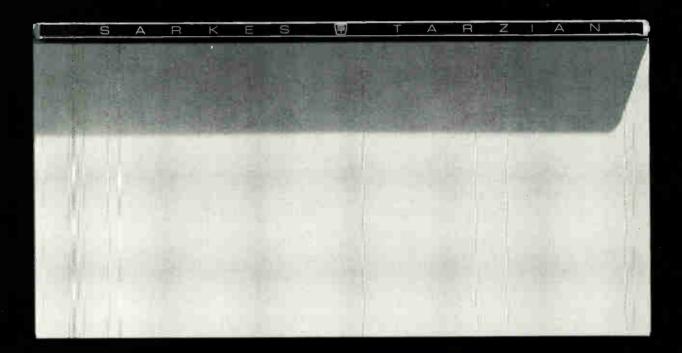
# **Coaxial Load System**

For optimum coverage, broadcast transmitters are frequently located in high terrain where cooling water is an expensive luxury. The new **Bird** 8636 self-cooling Moduload<sup>TM</sup> RF Load Resistor Module is the first in series of compact line terminating systems that eliminate the need for supply of the usual 4-8 gallons per minute required to dissipate the heat from 10kw transmitter output.

In a scant three cubic feet of space, the new coaxial load system operates continuously under full 10kw power in 5°C to 45°C ambients (-20°C to +20°C with antifreeze) with its integral heat exchanger. Model 8636 terminates a 50-ohm line with a low VSWR of only 1.1 from DC to 1000 MHz and 1.15 to 1400 MHz. 1-5%" EIA is accommodated with Model 8636. Other units cover 3-1%" lines and 51-5 ohm unflanged installations.

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# **New Product Special**

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Couplers

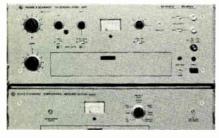
Jampro Antenna Company, Sacramento, California, announces the introduction of 3 dB couplers in its line of filterplexers, vestigial side band filters, and notch diplexers for VHF and UHF Television. The 3 dB couplers have inherently higher isolation values than the conventional quarterwave hybrid ring diplexers.

This high isolation value makes antenna reflections look at least 20 dB better, since antenna system reflections are absorbed by this amount in the output circuit of these devices.

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# **Demodulator**

The new Rohde and Schwarz Nyquist-Slope TV Demodulator can be used both at the transmitter and for off-the-air-operation with the addition of a receiver section. The demodulator has both RF and IF inputs, a switchable sound trap, two decoupled video outputs and an aural output. The receiver has an RF input-sensitiviy of 2000  $\mu$ V and has an output of 200 mV at IF which is fed into the IF input of the demodulator,



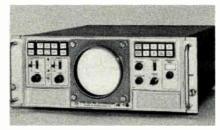
The new Rohde and Schwarz Video Distribution Amplifier with five or ten decoupled outputs also will be shown at NAB. It is fully transistorized, has a frequency range of 1 Hz to 20 MHz, differential phase of 0.1° for output voltages up to 1 V.

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Pai Vectorscope

Tektronix, Inc., will present their new Type 522 PAL Vectorscope, designed to measure luminance, hue and saturation of 525 line 60 field PAL Colour TV signals utilizing a colour subcarrier frequency of 3. 575611 MHz.

Dual inputs are provided permitting time-shared comparison of input-output signal phase and gain distortion. A chrominance channel is provided which demodulates the chrominance signal to obtain colour information from the composite video signal for use in Vector PAL, Vector NTSC, R, G, B, U, V, Dif-



ferential Gain and Differential Phase displays. A luminance channel separates and displays the luminance (Y) component of the composite colour signal. The Y component is combined with the output of the chrominance demodulators for R, G and B displays at a line rate.

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# Speaker Line Test

McMartin Industries has developed a new test set for testing commercial sound. The TX-700 is the company's answer to the need for a device that will accurately measure the impedance of constant voltage speaker lines. With this instrument, the technician can quickly measure the speaker line impedance and calculate the wattage requirement of any 25 to 70 volt balanced speaker line. The simple three step operation also will perform continuity checks.

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### **FM RF Amplifier**

Belar Electronics Lab, Inc. is now producing a new all solid state FM RF Amplifier Model RFA-1 for remote FM monitoring. The compact unit features 100 dB gain



Belar RF Amp

with a 70 dB dynamic range and 1 watt output level. The 600 kHz phase linear bandwidth will not degrade a stereo multiplex transmission while the zero axis limiters and good selectivity characteristics (50 dB down at 800 kHz removed) insure that adjacent channel interferences are suppressed. The RFA-1 effectively turns an FM monitor into a wide-band receiver with full monitor specifications.

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Background Music

Seeburg Music Library, Inc. will introduce for the first time a background music tape library. This service will offer those background music operators an opportunity to avail themselves of Seeburg Background Music. The series will be recorded at 3.75 ips and reels will be of eight hour duration. An Ampex 450/2000A will be used for demonstration of this new service.

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Switching System

New at the Rust Corporation exhibit area will be a low cost, pushbutton remote access video/audio switching system. Two pushbutton consoles will be unveiled—the PBS-1 for ten (10) input systems, and the PBS-2 capable of selecting up to 100 inputs. Either unit can be located up to twenty (20) miles distant from the Video/Audio Switcher main frame.

A new concept in Remote Control systems and an improved model Remote Modulation Panel will also be demonstrated.

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Tape Recorder

The first in a new series of Tandberg tape recorders for the 70's has been made available with the 3 speed, solid state 6000X stereo deck—a 57 transistor instrument representing "a dynamic new thrust in recording capability".

The 6000X incorporates a fresh styling concept that departs from previous Tandberg efforts, and is said to challenge the performance of the most precise professional equipment. According to Robert Bowman, the company's marketing V. P., the unit includes many features which make it possible for the user to easily obtain "professional quality recordings even at slower speeds".

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# Revolutionary Film Processor

A new company ABTO, Inc., with President Frank Marx of ABC and vice-president H. Charles Riker, formerly of Riker Video, will introduce a new color film process that uses standard Plus X black and white to produce color film.

In order to achieve color with the ABTO process, only a slight modification is needed on the present station motion picture camera and on the projector. These modifications, however, will not affect the use of this equipment with other black and white or color films. Other features of the new process include non-color fading and the ability to duplicate ABTO film to standard film stock or to duplicate from standard stock to ABTO film.

The company will demonstrate their process in the lobby of the Essex Inn, across the street from the Conrad Hilton.

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# Microwave Links

A new series of fully self contained solid state portable microwave relay links featuring output powers to 4 watts will be displayed at the NAB Show by RHG Electronics Laboratory, Inc.

Known as the "MRS-AP" series, these portable links are available from 0.7 to 13.25 GHz with typical outputs from 0.25 to 4.0 watts. Receivers and transmitters are complete with tripod, pan head and antenna. Built into a cast aluminum housing, the receiver or transmitter is easily attached to the antenna RFI protected.

These RHG Microwave relay link systems provide high fidelity transmission capability for color or monochrome TV, wideband video data, or multi-channel telephoney.

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# **NAB Special**

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# **Impulse Sound Meter**

Model 2204 Impulse Precision Sound Level Meter, new from B&K Instruments, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio meets the proposed international standard for measuring impulsive sounds as brief in duration as 200 microseconds.

A "Hold" circuit freezes maximum meter deflection after the noise burst has passed. The instrument as A, B, C and the new D weighting networks for precise sound level measurements. Interchangeable meter scales and linear response permit use of an accelerometer for direct reading of vibration levels.

When fitted with the Model 1613 Filter Set, octave band analysis is performed. AC and DC outputs accommodate a wide range of recording devices. A plug-in FET input stage allows transducers to be mounted over 100 yards from the meter.

The 2204 meter is suitable for all

noise investigations, vibration measurements, audiometer calibration, and acoustic measurements over a frequency range from 2 Hz to 70 kHz.

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# Camera Pedestals

Listec will announce the availability of two new TV camera pedestals. The 419 features advanced hydraulic design with a full 30 inches of column displacement. Model 556 utilizes an improved pneumatic design with long life between recharging. They will also show a new TV test generator for testing VTR's, amps, and distribution systems.

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# **Sweep Generator**

Texscan will show their new 0.5 to 1200 MHz ruggedized VS-80DH sweep generator. The unit has a birdy-bypass marker system with provisions for up to eight single frequency or harmonic markers.

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# **Modulation Monitor**

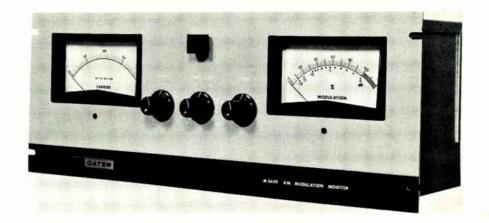
A solid-state AM modulation monitor for broadcast and short-wave service in the frequency range from 540 kHz to 30 MHz will be introduced by Gates Radio Company, a division of Harris-Intertype Corporation. Type-accepted by the FCC, the monitor will meet or exceed all requirements for measuring modulation percentages, and is suitable for proof-of-performance measurements.

Gates' new monitors are factory calibrated by precision instruments and need no further adjustment. The monitor's solid-state circuits are not affected by aging and the resulting change in circuit constants that normally affect calibration accuracy. Thus, monitor measurement accuracy will be retained indefinitely after installation.

Correct positive or negative peak indications given by the monitor assure true peak measurement, even on program bursts as short as 40 to 90 milliseconds. The over-modulation flasher light also has the same superior accuracy as the meter. For aural monitoring the monitor has a 600-ohm output.

Of course, Gates is expected also to show for the first time before commercial broadcasters their new color TV transmitter.

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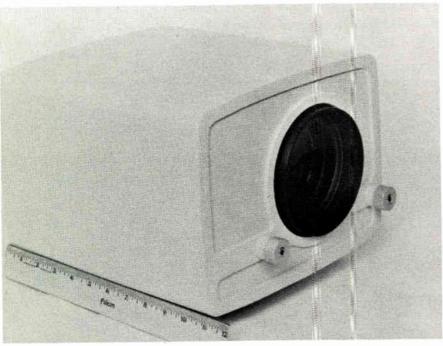


# **New Product Special**

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# Zoom Lens

A new high resolution zoom lens for the color television broadcast industry will be shown by Rank Precision Industries, Inc., recently organized American subsidiary of the



Rank Precision 10:1 Zoom Lens



Metrotech will exhibit New Recorders and Slow-Speed Loggers. Circle Number 181.

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The RTH (Rank Taylor-Hobson) 10:1 zoom lens, designated F-22, has a focal length range of from 20-200 mm with maximum aperture at f/2.8. It is a crtically sharp lens which focuses down to 4 feet. Fitting all cameras' plug-in servo iris, it is equipped with a two speed zoom control, control cables and an all-in-one pan focus handle. The new RTH lens weighs 25 pounds and measures 11 inches in length.

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# Multiplexer

Computer Labs, Greensboro, North Carolina has introduced the Model MUX-810 Multiplexer for use in high-speed digitizing of analog inputs. Eight analog signals can be connected to a single output at a rate of 6.6 million connections per second. The connections can be made sequentially, with any number of channels in the sequence; or on a random access basis. A front panel push button and digital read-out tube can also be used for stepping the connections one channel at a time. The equivalent "ON" resistance of the unit is 0.2 ohm, making the Model MUX-810 an ideal choice for switching 100-ohm lines. It is completely equipped with internal power supplies and will operate on 120, 208, or 220 volts AC, over a frequency range of 47 Hz through 420 Hz.

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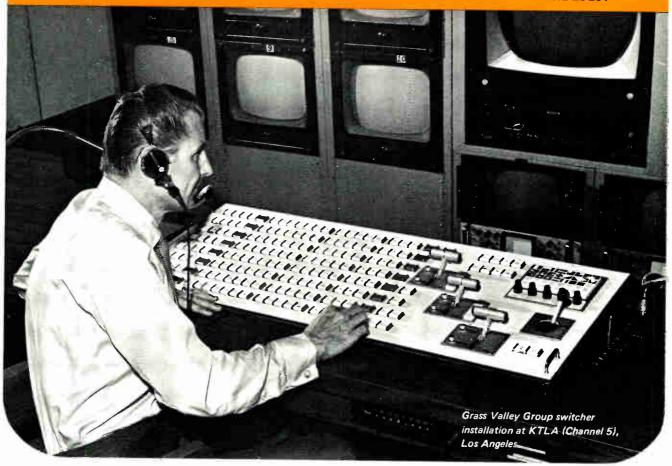
# Solid State FM Aural STL

A new aural studio-transmitter link operating in the 890 to 960 MHz spectrum, for AM-FM-TVintercity service is available from Moseley Associates, Inc. The firm's new Model PCL-404 features all solid-state circuitry and direct frequency modulation. Direct frequency modulation should give flat frequency response and low distortion. The PCL-404 will accept multiplexed subcarriers for auxiliary program or SCA feeds, remote control, automatic logging systems, or other ancillary uses. The link operates from 120/240 V, 50-60 Hz, AC with DC supply operation optional. This new model will supplement the firm's existing aural STL equipment.

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# **New Product Special**

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# **FM** Transmmitter

Granger/Bauer has developed a new 2.5KW FM transmitter for Class A FM broadcasters. The Bauer 602 (with 2500 watts output) together with a Bauer 3-bay CP antenna gives an ideal economical Class A package. Output stage of the 602 uses the new stripline technique with only three operating parts. There are no moving contacts, no cavities, and it is virtually drift free for supurb stereo. The solid state FM exciter provides stereo, mono, and SCA with plug-in modules. Remote capability is built in with no extras needed. See it at Booth 221, NAB.

Bauer will also have its new 20

KW FM transmitter on display. A second amplifier can be added for a total of 40 KW.

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# Transmitters

CCA Electronics will display its most powerful AM and FM broadcast transmitters. One is an air cooled, high level 50 KW AM transmitter that is completely self-contained in three units that occupy a total floor space of 48 square feet.

The new FM transmitter will hit 25 KW and consists of an independent 3 KW transmitter driving a 25 KW amplifier, thus allowing emergency cutback to 3 KW. The final stages in both the driver and the amplifier utilize zero bias, grounded grid triodes. In addition, CCA will show a new 1 KW AM transmitter capable of 125% modulation.

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# Film Processor

Jamieson Film Company's Equipment Division will exhibit at the Chicago NAB Convention its new-

est model Mark V Color Film Pro-

The Mark V processes Ektachrome film at 65 FPM and incorporates the same tube-tank configuration proven so successful in the smaller Mark IV model.

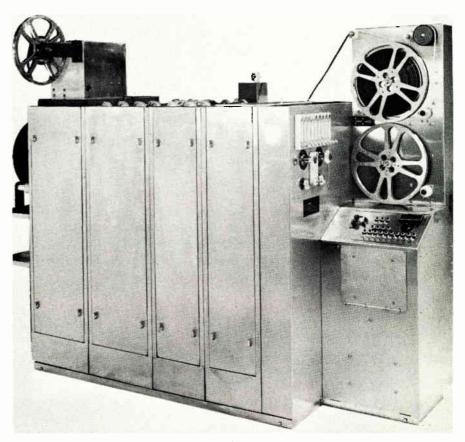
The Mark V offers among many new features forced processing to one or two stops by switch selection on the control panel and a digital display of speed and temperature parameters.

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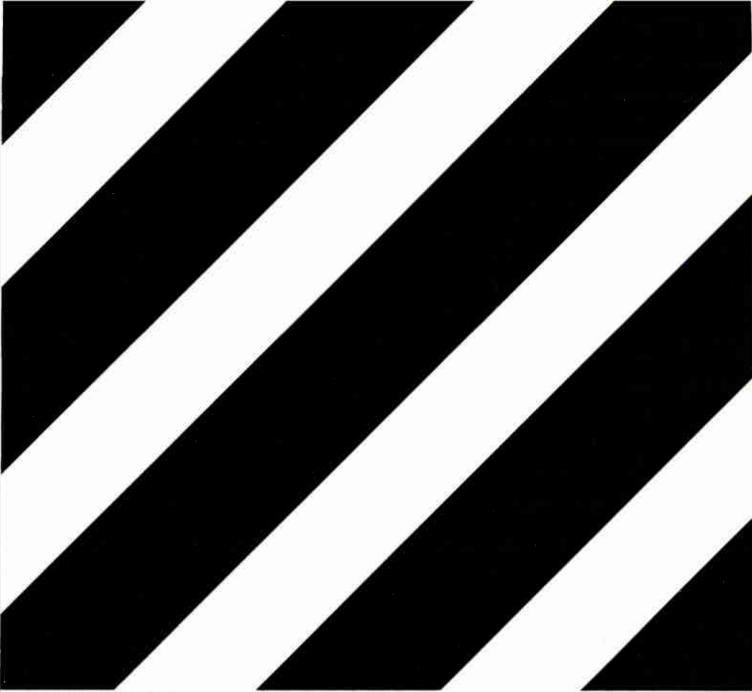
# **Audio Console**

McCurdy Radio will anounce the SS4388 Eight-Mixer Single-Channel Audio Console designed for desk-mounting in news booths, DJ areas, or educational facilities. One HL and one LL input to each mixer. Monitor, PA feeds, self-contained power supply, and cue system. Also featuring space below the attenuators for optional pushbuttons for remote control of turntables, and tape recorders.

McCurdy Radio also will show a new TV Intercom System utilizing a high-reliability reed-relay switching matrix. One type of input amplifier accommodates carbon mic, dynamic mic, or line input. Optional compressor available with input am-



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# **New Product Special**

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plifier. The output amplifier is 2 watts at 8,150, or 600 ohms. Standard intercom configurations are 10 x 10, 18 x 20, and 36 x 40.

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### **Generators**

Ward Electronics will display three new sync generators, one monochrome and two color. All units are of digital design, using integrated circuits. Other new units will include two new video test sets, a video processing amplifier, a chroma keyer, and an all new color background generator.

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### **Video Switcher**

For television systems who require broadcast switching facilities at budget prices, **TeleMation**, Inc. has developed a broadcast video switcher which provides a preview output without the expense and complexity of a separate preview bus. In the TPCS-8X2, the preview output is automatically switched to whichever of the two mixer busses is not in use. The video switch is effected by electronic crosspoints controlled by the fader arm position.

Designed for color or monochrome use, the TPS-8X2 employs vertical interval switching. Crosspoints are all solid-state and are controlled by integrated circuit logic, assuring precise timing of switching transitions. It includes an integral video processor with average picture level compensation to eliminate switching transients and bounce.

The unit is equipped with eight video inputs, either synchronous or non-synchronous, composite or non-composite video. In all respects the TPS-8X2 performance is equal to that of professional broadcast switchers. With the added cost-saving feature of automatic preview, it is ideal for instructional and cable television studios which must produce quality programming on a limited budget.

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# **Portable Console**

Fairchild Sound Equipment Corp. will display a new portable recording console, the FPC-50. This por-

table mixing console has 16 inputs and 8 outputs, designed primarily for on-location recording. It will operate from built-in flashlight batteries or from a standard AC outlet.

Along with the FPC-50 is a new 12 input 2 output portable console, the FPC-30. This unit is especially designed for broadcast use. Fairchild also will show their console components and a new reverberation unit.

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Unisphere Mic

A new unidirectional microphone, which combines numerous professional features will be exhibited by **Shure Brothers Inc.** 

Called the Unisphere B Model 588, the new microphone is ideal for use with high quality sound systems and tape recorders. Its performance features include a true cardioid pickup pattern that suppresses feedback, and allows the speaker or vocalist greater freedom of movement around the microphone without unnatural voice coloration. The cartridge of the microphone is shock-mounted to sharply reduce handling noise. The built-in filter reduces wind and breath noises ("pop").

The new "ball-type" microphone is extremely rugged. It features a chrome-plated, all-metal case, and can be used indoors or outdoors, either on a stand or detached for hand-held use.

Frequency response of the Model 588 is 80 to 13,000 Hz. It comes with a built-in locking On-Off switch, a 20-foot detachable cable with a Cannon-type connector, and a swivel adapter. It is available in a choice of three models: the Model 588SA (high impedance), the Model 588AC (high impedance with "C" series type connector) and the Model 588SB (low impedance).

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# **TV Test Receiver**

Jerrold Electronics will introduce their new Commander Demodulator model CCD, a solid state, industrial-type, television broadcast receiver. The unit accepts any standard VHF TV channel 2 to 13 and provides audio and video signals of broadcast quality. TACO will exhibit in the same booth a new logperiodic antenna.

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Cart Tapes

Marathon Broadcast Equipment will introduce a new 20 minute cartridge that will provide double the playing time at 7½ IPS over conventional cartridges. It will fit in all automation machines as well as single-deck cart machines.

Among other new tapes, Marathon will demonstrate strobiscopic and torque test tapes along with a delay cartridge capable of extremely long life and available in delay times from 5 to 50 seconds.

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**Tape Recorder** 

Magnetic Recording Systems, Inc., will introduce their new M.R.S. Model A-700 magnetic tape recorder. The unit includes an automatic tape lifter with a manual override, and features digital logic integrated circuit memory controls with interlocked momentary contact . . . and even illuminated push buttons.

The reels are independently driven under porportional bi-directional closed loop servo control to maintain constant tension regardless of load conditions.

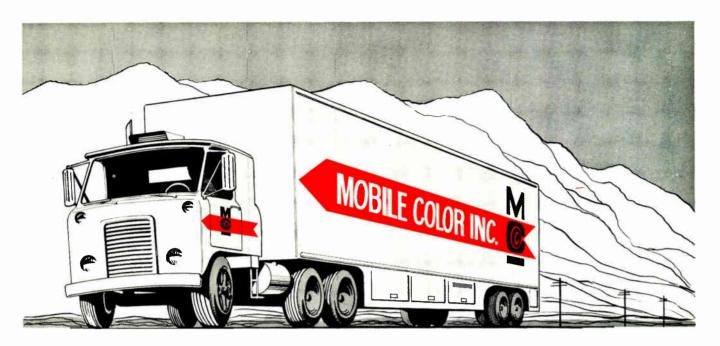
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# Signal Conditioner

Telemet, a Geotel Company, announces the introduction of a new video signal conditioner, Model 4600, to be shown at the NAB Convention. The new unit is designed to correct mid frequency phase disturbances that account for most conditions of "soft" color or monochrome picture quality. Model 4600 is said to eliminate both negative and positive smearing.

All corrections of disturbances in the 15 KHz to 500 KHz band, such as streaking and exponential under and overshoots, which occur in the most active portion of a picture, can be corrected at base band by Model 4600, says Telemet.

Another salient feature, says the company, is that four separate time constants are available by a front panel selection switch for the most common situations encountered.



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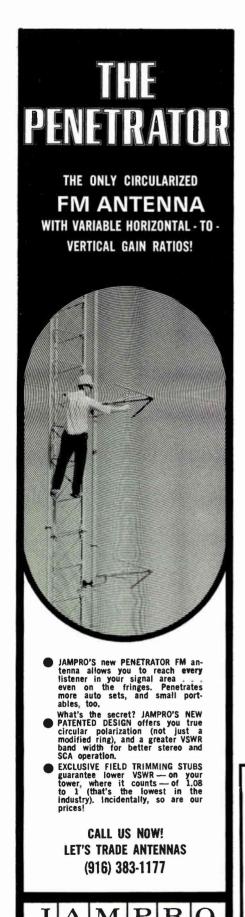
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# **Titling Generator**

The Telemation TCG-225 provides the benefits of electronic titling at about one-third the cost of a full-page character generator. The unit displays one or two lines of 25 characters each, in a static or dynamic (crawl) mode. Vertical positioning on the page is variable and controlled from the keyboard. Other keyboard-controlled functions include selection of alternate video/ drive sources and control of paper tape punch and reader.

A unique feature is an optional non-additive mixer for selection of black, white or any gray level to obtain optimum contrast range.

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# Compressor/Limiter

Gotham Audio Corporation has introduced the EMT-156 Stereo Pulse Duration Modulation Limiter. Compressor and Expander. The characteristics of the three functions can be varied to suit the program material. In the automatic mode, a built-in analog computer controls the release time of all three functions. It is programmed to minimize the perception of gain changes. A separate input is available to accept external programming of the gain function.

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# **Microphones**

AKG Microphones will show a new dynamic shotgun with a high degree of directivity achieved by gradient and interference principles. It performs with smooth frequency response and full range off-axis rejection. Complete with two-position bass roll-off switch. The AKG condenser microphone modular system C-451 with field effect transistors will be shown with newest additions to this add-on microphone concept.

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### **CATV** Converter

The AEL Suburbanite Converter makes it possible to add seven additional Super-Band channels to your 12 channel system. The Suburbanite has been designed for use in CATV systems where the ambient signal levels from off-the-air channels are not too strong. With a system using the new AEL Super-Band® amplifiers with expanded bandwidth out to 270 MHz, additional channels can be carried without distortion and beat problems.

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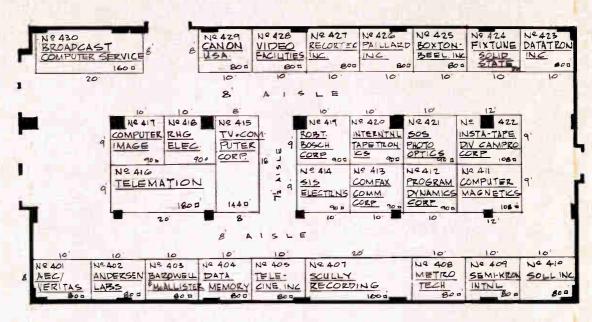
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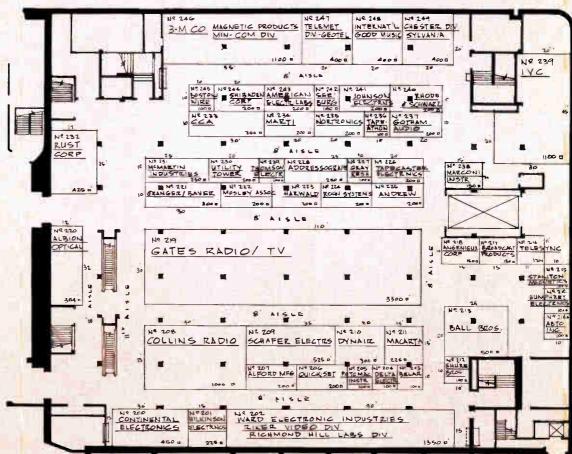
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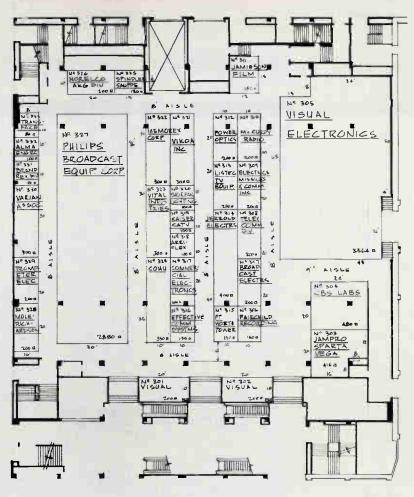


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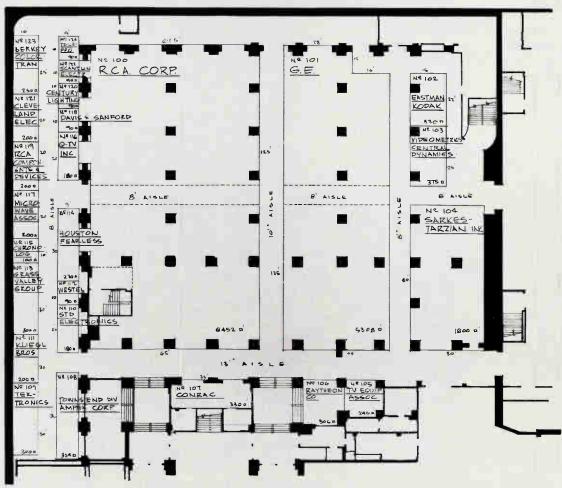


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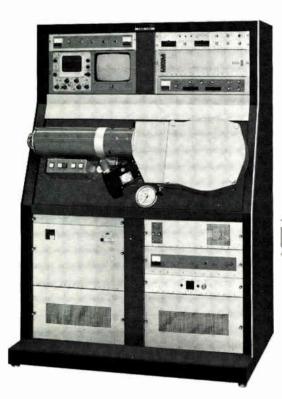
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# Peaking the Color Transmitter

# By Patrick Finnegan\*

How well a transmitter will pass color without distortion will depend somewhat upon its vintage and also upon its operation. An old monocrome transmitter will not pass

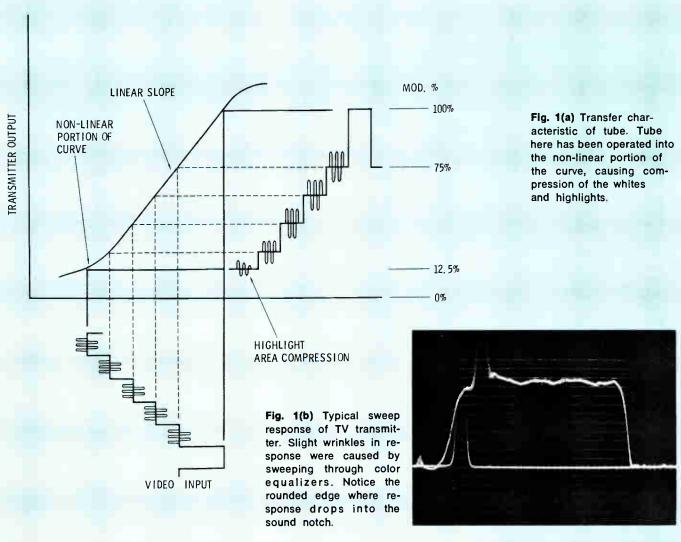
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color without severe distortion. There are many of these old transmitters around today, and many of them have been successfully converted to color. The new transmitters have been designed for color so they should pass color well, but transmitter parameter familiarization is still necessary in order to understand how and where distortion

can occur even in new color TV transmitters.

There are five basic conditions that must be met in order that color may be transmitted successfully. They include the following:

Monocrome. A transmitter must be able to pass an excellent monocrome signal. If it cannot pass a good monocrome signal, it cannot



possibly handle color.

Bandwidth/response. Color requires a somewhat greater bandwidth than monocrome and the response throughout this bandwidth should be as uniform as possible. The region between 2.1 MHz and 4.18 MHz above carrier should be especially uniform as this is the region where the color is carried.

Differential gain. Also called linearity. Transitions in brightness from black to white should be uniform or corrected to do so. The term linearity as used with transmitters refers to the transfer characteristic of input to output, and has no relationship to the linearity of a picture tube display.

Differential phase. There should be no change in phase during brightness transitions from black to white. Poor linearity often causes differential phase shifts, but other conditions can also cause it.

Envelope Delay. A phase change that can occur when all the frequencies of the modulating signal do not pass through the transmitter at the same time intervals.

# Where Trouble Begins

Many areas of the total system, such as terminal equipment, microwave relays, etc. can distort the color signal. This article is concerned only with the distortions that can occur within the transmitter itself.

Video stages can be overpeaked while trying to make up for RF circuit losses. Such peaking can cause noise problems, phase problems, ringing, clipping and phase changes.

The modulator is a critical stage and it can be operated improperly. The tube itself may be aging or going bad. A tube that is operated improperly or which can no longer maintain its parameters will effect all areas of color.

The modulated amplifier is another critical stage. It is also an RF stage. In some transmitters, the circuits of this stage also contribute to the bandwidth shaping. The operating parameters of this stage must be maintained as close as possible or color deterioration will occur.

Linear amplifiers, whether they be traveling wave tubes, tetrodes or klystrons, must be operated as a linear amplifier. They can be easily misadjusted so that they no longer operate as linear amplifiers.

Bandwidth shaping filters although passive elements, do contribute to color deterioration.

# Response

Video stages in new style modulators are designed without adjustable video peakers. More care is taken in the design so that a uniform amplitude and good bandwidth to 8 MHz is obtained.

Older style modulators that are modified to meet color standards often add video peaking to extend the bandwidth. This is often "stagger-tuned", that is, different stages peak at a different mid-frequency so that the overall result is an extended bandwidth. Regardless of the age of the modulator, if these peakers are misadjusted or if a component fails which may give the same effect, other stages may become overpeaked.

When checking the transmitter video response, it is well to view the video out of the modulator. It

should be reasonably flat and without "lumps" or sharp transitions. If the stages are adjustable, make certain that the required correction is distributed throughout all the stages. The practice of observing only the transmitter output while making all corrections can result in overpeaking of video stages to make up for deficiencies in RF stages. The overpeaked stages can become overloaded during normal programing, resulting in clipping of the peaked frequencies (usually in the color range) causing phase and amplitude changes in the color signals.

# **Correction Filters**

Color correction filters are placed ahead of the transmitter video input. These are passive units but they do cause loss of amplitude of the higher video frequencies. While amplitude equalizers are added to overcome this, they do not correct it entirely. If such is the case, the remaining amplitude loss can be made up by the video peakers of the modulator video stages or the RF stages may be "tilted" somewhat.

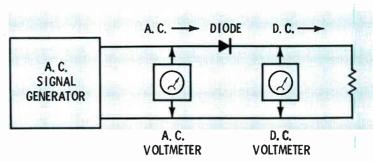


Fig. 2(a) Test set up to check linearity of a diode. AC input may be any frequency that you can accurately check.

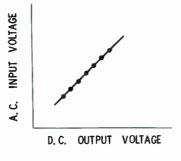


Fig. 2(b) Graph of results of the test on the diode. It describes a straight line.

From a response viewpoint, the author has always considered these color correctors as part of the transmitter and the input to these as the input to the transmitter. Any loss of high video frequencies here is then made up in the transmitter. Generally, the transmitter instruction manuals say to feed the sweep into the transmitter itself. This makes it a little easier for the transmitter to meet specs. Any loss here is a fixed loss and must be made up somewhere. The author prefers to do it in the transmitter.

RF stages should be broadbanded to 8 MHz, if possible, and no less than 6 MHz. Broadbanding of an RF stage will cause it to lose power output which will have to be made up through increased drive by the preceeding stages. The station engineer may be trying to nurse a few more hours out of an old tube. In this case, he may be able to reduce the bandwidth somewhat to make up for the poorer efficiency of the old tube. If reducing the bandwidth causes loss of response, however, he

should discard the tube.

# Coupling and Matching

Coupling and matching between stages is very important and can have effects upon response as well as other problems, which is more the case when the coupling link is coaxial cable. The load end of the cable should be matched as nearly as possible to the impedance of the cable by the next stage input matching circuit. Mismatched cables can cause standing waves on the line, reflections, instability, and possible cable damage when high power is present.

Matching of cable can best be done with a "thru-line" wattmeter. Such a wattmeter contains a directional coupler so that the reflected power can be observed. The matching adjustments should be made so that reflected power is zero, not just a minimum, but zero. It takes some adjusting, but it can be done. Since the carrier itself is the predominant power element here, this matching is taking place at carrier.

The cable length physically can become critical, especially at UHF where the wavelength is so short. Most often a "line stretcher" is inserted in the line. This is an adjustable device that electrically changes the length of the line to optimize the impedance match across the band pass in question.

Matching is first done at carrier using the thru-line wattmeter. The meter is removed and the cable restored to normal. While observing the video sweep response on the transmitter output, the line stretcher is adjusted to improve the frequency response at the high end of the sweep. What happens is this: the cable is actually matched at two places. First at carrier, but at 4.5 MHz above carrier, there is not a perfect match as some reactance is becoming prevalent. The line stretcher causes the line to resonate with the reactance, cancels it out and thus causes a broader match across the bandpass.

Normally the line stretcher adjustments are only made in small

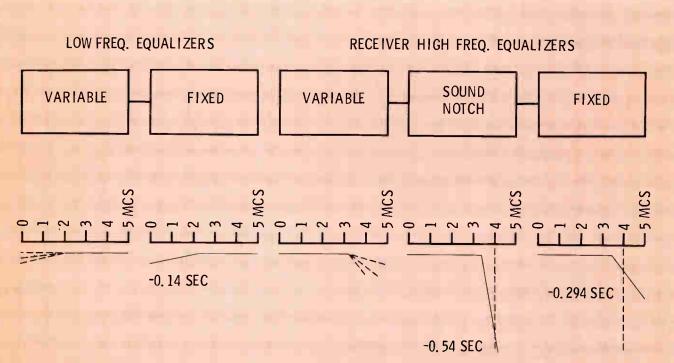
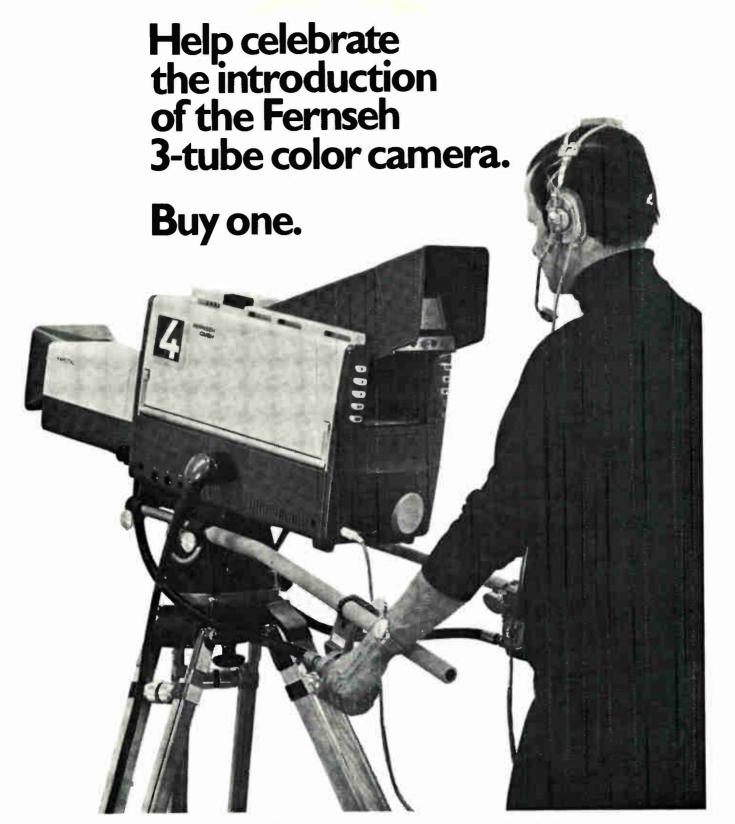


Fig. 3 One set of commercial envelope delay equalizers. Note the pass band area and the amount of both fixed and variable correction available.



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increments, a touch-up adjustment. Should the line stretchers be associated with diplexed pairs of tubes, they must be adjusted equally in small amounts so that the stages remain balanced. If all adjustment is made on one line, the stages will become unbalanced.

# **Shaping Filters**

Band shaping filters will not ordinarily effect the desired overall response, unless of course, they have become damaged or tuned inadvertently. These are very high Q circuits and can be easily effected by temperature changes, damage from dents, or loss of pressure if they are pressurized. If any of these changes occur, the notches will be at different places and these may be within the desired bandpass. In that event it may not be possible to get the desired response curve. Needless to say, the overall bandwidth will not be what is required either. Retuning of these units is not recommended for the station engineer unless he has the knowledge, patience, and required specialized equipment necessary. He should get a consulting firm to do it.

The ideal response curve is that which is shown in the FCC Rules. It shows the upper and lower sidebands, and gives the limits in dB.

Response measurements may be made in several different ways, but the preferable manner is through the use of a video sweeper and a sideband analyzer. The analyzer will permit both the upper and lower sidebands to be displayed on an oscilloscope at the same time. Usually, when adjustments are made to one section of the bandpass it upsets other sections. The analyzer display will permit this to be observed immediately.

While the objective is an overall response as near the ideal FCC curves as possible, it is a good practice for all the stages, both video and RF, to do their share. If only the output is observed, it is possible for one or two stages to be severely overworked during programing. Thus, it is well to observe the response at different places in the transmitter where a sample can be obtained. This can be video out of the modulator and at the output of intermediate driver RF stages which carry the modulation. Such observa-

tions will quickly show which stages are not doing their share. When losses must be made up, the adjustment should be distributed as much as possible throughout all the stages of the transmitter

# Linearity

Changes of picture brightness from black to white should be uniform. If it is not, there will be a change in the gray scale of the picture as well as hue and saturation changes in the color signal. Poor linearity is a characteristic of grid modulation and many TV transmitters use grid modulation. Poor linearity can also occur in video stages, traveling wave RF tubes, tetrodes and klystrons.

The station engineer ordinarily has little to do with the actual circuit design of the stages in his transmitter. His main objective is to maintain the operating parameters established by the manufacturer. If the original just barely makes the grade, he may have many problems. Parameters can deteriorate in service by voltage misadjustments, aging tubes and circuit modifications. For example, the modulated stage may have its bias misadjusted, permitting it to operate on the non-linear portion of its input-output curve.

Non-linearity can take place on either end of the gray scale; that is, toward black and the sync region or toward white and the highlight region. Some tubes have an inherent tendency to compress one or the other regions. Klystrons, for example, prefer to compress the blacks, while traveling wave tubes prefer the whites. Tetrodes usually compress in the whites, while linear stages can go to either end if they are operated improperly, as can small triode modulated stages.

Before making linearity measurements, all the response measurements and corrections should have been made and tube parameters adjusted to the correct values. A stairstep signal with 3.58 MHz bursts superimposed on each step should be fed to the transmitter input and transmitter operated at full power, full modulation.

The output of the transmitter should be observed on a diode that is fed through a high pass filter.

Fig. 4(a) Stairstep signal modulating the transmitter with 3.58 MHz bursts on each step, after being fed through high pass filter to remove steps. This shows transmitter without linearity correction. Also, note the compression of blacks at left.

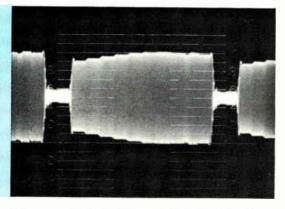
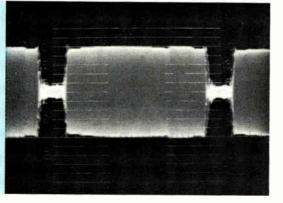


Fig. 4(b) Same modulating signal as in Fig. 2a, but after linearity correction. Notice that the blacks have been corrected. While correction is not perfect, it is entirely acceptable.





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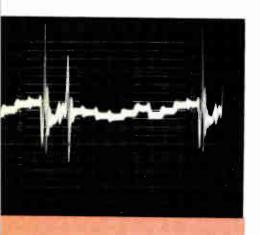


Fig. 5 The same stairstep and burst signal as used for linearity fed through phase analyzer. The large spikes represent the horizontal sync areas, while the small steps are the remainder of the stairsteps. Black is at left, white at right. If all were on the same horizontal axis, the phase shift would be zero. This figure shows phase through the entire transmitter, color, and sideband filters and represents a +3 degree shift.

straight diagonal line if the diode is linear

Transmitter linearity correction calls for pre-distorting the input signal to overcome the system nonlinearity. During adjustments, the output should be checked often for correct modulation, as changing the linearity correction circuits will also change the system gain. The objective is a linear output at full modulation.

Any gain controls between the linearity correction circuits and the transmitter should not be adjusted after these corrections have been made. It should be locked in place and any level changes required during program operation should be made ahead of the correction circuits.

# Differential Phase

As the picture changes in brightness from black to white, there may be a change in the phase. Those factors mentioned earlier that can cause a stage to be non-linear can also cause a change in phase. Other causes can affect differential phase, such as, overloading, clipping, tube internal impedance changing with load changes, feedback circuits, and neutralization problems. The change may cause a shift in hue or color saturation, or both.

Again, correct operating parameters are important. One must guard against overloaded stages and excessive clipping. When replacing components, such as screen by-pass capacitors, correct value replacements should be used. During modifications, care should be taken in the routing of the wiring, always with phase problems in mind.

Differential phase can be observed and measured with the same set up as for linearity, with the exception the output signal is fed to a phase analyzer or a vectorscope. Phase correction circuits should be adjusted so that the scope display shows a flat display, or as nearly as possible. Ordinarily, the only phase correction circuits provided are those associated with the linearity correctors.

# **Envelope Delay**

When all the modulating frequencies do not pass through the

transmitter in the same time interval, there are envelope delay problems which is actually a phase problem. When the color frequencies, for example, do not pass through in the same time interval as the monocrome, the color can be displaced to the right of the monocrome picture. If delay is severe enough, it can cause edgings and appear as camera misregistration.

The sideband shaping filters at the transmitter as well as the sound notch and filters in the receiver can cause phase shifts at the sharp transitions. At the same time, ringing will be evident, when color amplitude changes in these regions. These filters are passive units and do not change. Thus, fixed correction can be added to predistort the signal to overcome them. These correction filters are added at the input of the transmitter video.

A rather expensive instrument is available that can measure and draw a tracing of the system envelope delay. A simpler method that the station engineer can use to check the system is the use of a 100 KHz square wave pulse. The transmitter is modulated with this pulse and operated in midcharacteristic as with the video sweep. Low frequency correction out to about 2 MHz above carrier is provided for the transmitter. The signal is predistorted at the transmitter to overcome the delay caused in the sound notch and filters of the home receivers.

When adjusting the receiver equalizers, it is best to recover the signal with a demodulator which closely resembles the circuitry of a receiver. A diode cannot do this. The recovered square wave is displaced on an oscilloscope and the equalizers adjusted to minimize the ringing that occurs at both leading and trailing edges of the pulse, and also for tilt in the pulse.

When adjusting the system response, it is well to avoid sharp transitions in the signal and especially on the high end towards the sound notch. At the sound notch, it is better to "roll the edge" slightly, rather than have a peak or abrupt change. Such a roll off goes a long way to reducing or minimizing ringing and phase changes at the notch.

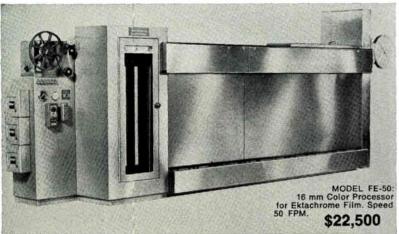
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Our experiences with Betsy gave us the background against which we could judge the need for improvements to our emergency communication system that should be put into effect before the next hurricane season. As a result of these improvements, we were prepared and able to do a better job for the public when disastrous Camille struck last year.

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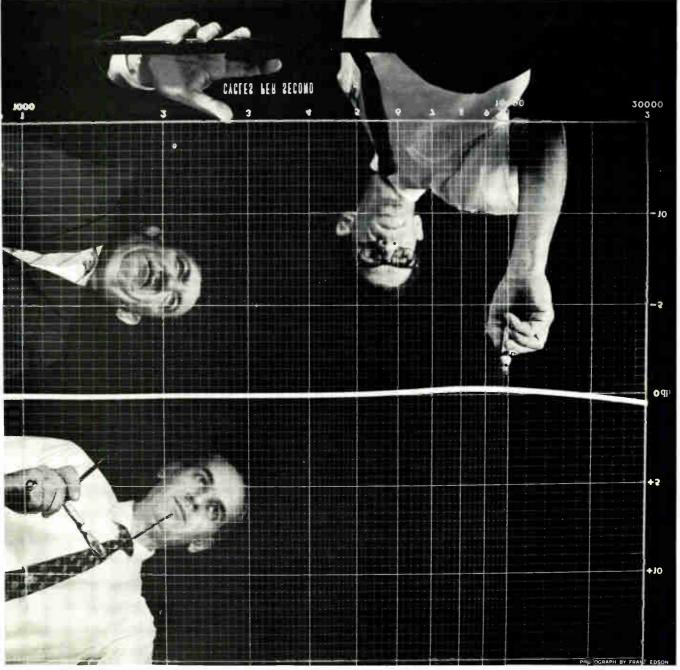
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signed to automatically change back to normal power when it has been restored. In addition, we have another 28 kw engine generator mounted on a truck that could serve our broadcast operations during a storm. It was loaned to the badly damaged Gulfport, Mississippi, area the day after Camille.

During Betsy in 1965 the WDSU-TV transmitter was completely surrounded by water and operated for days without communications or telephone lines. Communication with the transmitter engineer was accomplished by holding a written note in front of a camera, and he would answer by using a note and a Vidicon camera at his location. The only telephone line which remained in operation in our whole system was one to the AM transmitter. These factors led to the present installation to provide complete programming, communication, and power stand-by to make all areas completely operative on their own. Emergency intercommunication and STL program facilities between the two transmitter sites and the studio complex are important facets of our system,

Intercommunication is provided by three Class A Citizens Band transceivers operating on 462.55 MHz, and this works out quite well since in our area the 400 MHz Citizens Band frequencies are not too crowded. We also have Class D Citizens Band equipment normally used for maintenance duties on the radio antenna system.

The two program lines to our radio transmitter are backed up by the remote broadcast relay transmitter normally used for our daily air traffic program, which can be pressed into service as an emergency STL when needed. The radio transmitter also has two additional sources of program feed during emergency conditions. It can take the off-air FM program since FM is usually simulcast with radio at these times. An FM receiver, fixed crystal tuned, is installed for this purpose.

The other source is a Telco line between the control point (television transmitter) and the radio transmitter. Although the radio transmitter is normally remotely controlled from the TV transmitter, we have a policy of manning this site during hurricanes since situations which are not within the capabilities of the remote/automatic devices installed always seem to pop up.

The Airwatch (traffic reports program) airplane proved very useful the morning immediately after Camille, giving our listeners an eyewitness survey of the damage done in the Gulfport/Biloxi area sixty miles east of New Orleans and hardest hit by the killer hurricane.

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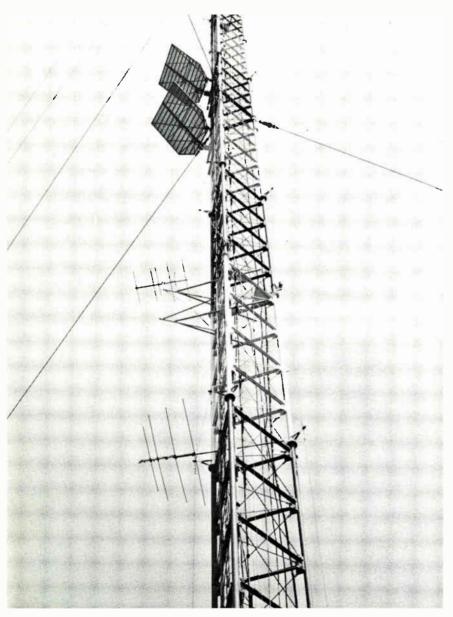


Fig. 2 FM antennas for receiving out of town FM stations that are part of the state FM emergency network.



Fig. 3 The 450 MHz transmit and receive antennas for Civil Defense communications. Baseball bat type antenna is used on 455.85 MHz for AM programming.



Fig. 4 WDSU power panels for FM and TV standby generators. For details on generator placement and care, see the articles written by Loren Mages in the August and December, 1970 issues of Broadcast Engineering.

remote pickup broadcast units, used for this service only during emergencies. In case of failure of this unit, the FM transmitter can then be fed the output of a tuner picking up our radio signal.

Our television STL microwave consists of two completely separate equipments, one of which is battery operated. The paths are completely separate, there being two transmit dishes, two separate wavebenders midpath, two reflectors on the tower, and two separate receive dishes and receivers. Both of these links are equipped with diplexed audio. We have a 12 bay, channel six, batwing antenna, the top six bays of which operate as our main TV antenna, while the lower six bays serve as the radiator for our FM transmitter and auxiliary TV driver/transmitter through the use of a diplexer. Both antennas are fed by separate sets of transmission

lines. Power in the main TV transmission lines is monitored, and when a certain drop level is detected the main transmitter is automatically turned off and plate power is applied to the auxiliary transmitter. Changeover is almost instantaneous.

We also have an amateur radio club at WDSU which usually keeps its ham equipment at our studios. Since communications were almost nonexistent between the hardest-hit Gulf Coast area and the "outside world," the morning after Camille we sent the ham equipment into that area with several of our technicians (who are also ham operators) to help get messages in and out for the people of that area.

A number of years ago, with the help of WSM-TV, Nashville, we constructed a weather satellite receiver out of parts we had on hand. This has proven to be most effective for regular weather programming

and in actually following the hurrican during an emergency. We also have a radar installation which adds to the accuracy of our weather information.

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Fig. 1 The field set was placed on the floor of the helicopter and oriented toward the glass front. Readings were relayed to the ground unit via a two-way mobile radio.

# Intensity Readings by Helicopter

By Alvin H. Andrus; Jansky & Bailey, Communications Div., Wash, D.C.

Section 73.186 of the Federal Communication Commission's Rules and Regulations outlines a procedure for making field intensity measurements to establish the effective field at one mile radiated from a vertical antenna.

A portion of the prescribed procedure requires measurements on eight or more radials, at intervals of approximately one-tenth of a mile up to two miles from the antenna, one-half mile intervals from two miles to six miles, and two mile intervals from six miles to fifteen or twenty miles.

This article will deal with the field intensity measurements required within two miles of the antenna, but made from a new approach.

### The "Walk-In"

The normal technique for taking field intensity measurements within two miles of the antenna is to select a reference point on the desired radial approximately two miles from the antenna using a topographic map. From the selected starting point, it is necessary to pace the distance in 0.1 mile intervals towards the antenna and obtain field intensity readings at each of the 0.1 mile points. The accuracy of the paced distance is always questionable until an obvious landmark shown on the map is passed. These measurements are sometimes affectionately referred to as "walk-ins."

Memorable hazards often block

the "walk-ins," such as unpassable creeks causing lengthy walks around the creek, ponds or lakes which usually are by-passed eliminating some of the important measurements. fenced-in or cultivated fields requiring either permission from the farmer resulting in long delays before crossing each field or else a bold walk across the field hoping that the field can be crossed before anyone notices the trespasser. Of course, animal life such as bulls, steers, snakes, dogs, mosquitoes. etc., always add to the excitement of obtaining the "walk-in" measurements.

It is estimated that under average conditions, one man can average two or three radials per day within two miles of the antenna system and obtain perhaps 70% to 80% of the total measurements possible. Since the average non-directional or directional proof of performance includes 10 to 15 radials, it is obvious that to perform such "walk-ins" requires four to five days.

A recent project involved the necessity of obtaining accurate measurements on fifteen radials from two miles to within one-half mile of the array. The array was located in the relatively flat section of Oklahoma with numerous fenced-in fields for cultivation and cattle grazing. The presence of rattlesnakes was more than a possibility.

# Helicopter Method

A Hughes "300" helicopter was

rented from the local airport to obtain the measurements (Figure 1). In lieu of taking the time to install a permanent mounting of the field set, DC amplifier, and chart recorder in the aircraft and to bypass the problem of space limitations in the copter, it was decided to mount the field set on the floor of the copter oriented towards the glass front and to relay the readings to a ground unit via a two-way mobile radio.

Approximately six hours flight time was utilized in obtaining an accurate calibration factor to convert from the field intensity reading in the copter to the ground reading. Two methods were used to arrive at the final conversion factor.

# **Calibration Procedure**

Prior to renting the helicopter, conventional field intensity measurements were obtained on the ground at accessible locations from one to three miles on several radials.

On the following day the helicopter hovered over each of the locations at 100 feet, 150 feet, 200 feet and 300 feet to obtain field intensity readings for each elevation. In calibrating the field set before each measurement, it was a simple matter to hover the copter at right-angles to the antenna for the purpose of checking the calibrating oscillator frequency and setting the gain control.

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150 and 200 foot levels, the helicopter field intensity values times 2.6 gave the corresponding ground reading.

It was noticed that the 300 foot

level readings tended to decrease by 5% as compared to the 100 feet, 150 feet and 200 feet level readings which were constant. It was decided, therefore, that the measure-

ments would be obtained at the 150 foot level which was still at a relatively low angle from the 450 foot high towers but high enough to clear all the obstructions in the area.

Since reliance of the above calibration method was upon the previous day's measurements on the ground, it was decided that simultaneous measurements would be obtained on the ground and in the copter while the copter hovered 150 feet over the location. Several locations were visited in this manner and it was found that excellent correlation was obtained with the previous calibrating method.

It was ultimately decided that either calibrating method was acceptable and produced identical results. Once the calibrating factor was determined, the actual measurements along each radial were obtained in a matter of two or three minutes.

# Measurement Procedure

A convenient landmark such as a road located two to three miles from the array on the radial was selected for the course starting point. The copter hovered over the starting point while the field set was calibrated. The copter then made a wide circle to obtain an approximate ground speed of 35 mph which the pilot maintained for the entire course run. At the instant of passing over the starting point the "mark" was relayed to the ground team along with the first reading.

The ground team started the stop watch and recorded the first reading. To free the man in the copter of reading a watch or writing, it was decided that the ground crew would relay a count to the copter at 10 second intervals by sending the count of 7, 8, and 9. The man reading the meter in the copter would then relay the reading that was obtained to the ground at the count of ten. In this manner, readings were obtained at exactly 10 second intervals while the copter flew at 35 mph and 150 feet above ground toward the tower. The previous agreed upon course finishing point was flown over at approximately 0.5 mile from the array—with a simultaneous reading and course ending "mark" relayed to the ground crew which then stopped the stop watch.

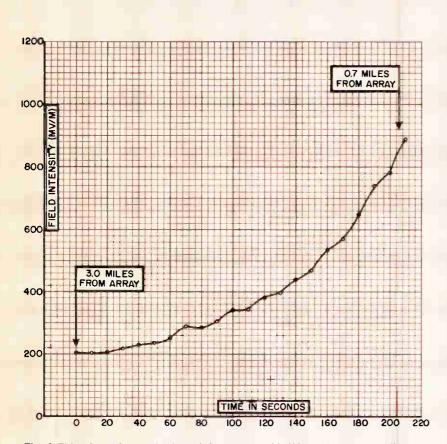


Fig. 2 This chart shows plotting of the curve in Mv/M vs. time over a distance of 2.3 miles, starting at 3.0 miles from the array.

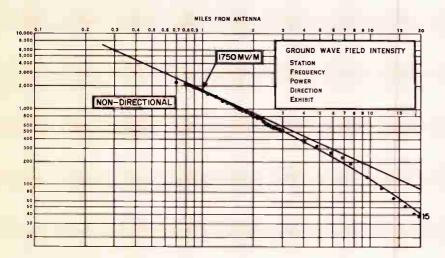


Fig. 3 Typical groundwave graph of measurements taken within three miles using the helicopter method.

# **Reading Conversion**

Since the total distance of the course was known and the total time to fly the course was known, the average ground speed could be computed as follows:

ground speed in MPH. = total distance in miles x 3600

time in seconds

At a later time the actual helicopter field intensity readings were plotted on linear graph paper versus time in seconds. The time scale can then be converted to a distance scale since the length of the course is known. A smooth curve can be drawn through the readings as shown in Figure 2. Values can then be taken from the curve for 0.1 mile intervals, multiplied by the established correction factor (in this case 2.6) and the resulting field intensity values can then be plotted on standard groundwave field intensity paper and analyzed as normal standards of good engineering practice dictate. A typical groundwave graph is shown in Figure 3 and the measurements within 3 miles of the antenna were obtained by the use of the helicopter.

It was found, in this case, that the 15 radials were obtained in approximately eight hours of flying time. It is believed that this method of obtaining the measurements is at least as accurate as the typical "walk-in" procedure and 100% of the desired measurements were accomplished.

It should be mentioned that there are some limitations to the use of the helicopter such as:

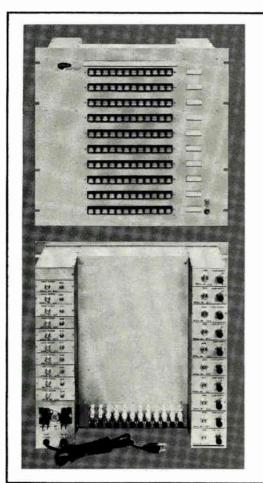
- (1) A near-by airport is required for re-fueling as the typical copter only carriers 1½ to 2 hours of fuel.
- (2) Difficulty is experienced in holding the copter directly towards the tower if the tail or broadside wind is in excess of 40 mph. Headwinds are no problem in maintaining a true orientation towards the tower.
- (3) A high ground speed (above 50 mph) results in inability to read the meter accurately particularly within one mile of the tower since

the readings are increasing more rapidly with distance as compared to flying two or three miles from the array.

- (4) It may be impossible to fly at the required low elevations to accomplish close-in measurements in mountainous terrain or highly populated areas.
- (5) A highly stable field intensity meter is required since the field set must run continuously for two to three minutes after calibrating.

Even with these limitations, the helicopter method of making field intensity measurements is more than just a novel way of satisfying the Rules. It saves valuable engineering time. And this time, converted into station costs, can more than offset the helicopter costs.

After set-up procedures have been standardized for a station, subsequent measurement flights require lower rental time. What's more, it just may be possible that airborne measurements made on a regular basis are more reliable than those made on foot after a rain or during a dry spell.



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# Flexibility in the '70's

# The challenge of lighting

By Stanley Schwartz\*

Most Lighting Directors in television should seek as much flexibility as possible in the systems they use. So should the engineers and technicians who arrange and operate these systems.

But for Herb Greeley, lighting director for the Johnny Carson "Tonight" show, flexibility is not just desirable—it is mandatory. Consider his problem as L.D. of NBC's mot successful television program: Most L.D.'s get plenty of rehearsal time for a show that goes on the air one hour a week. "The Tonight Show" is on the air 90 minutes every night. The lighting crew shares the one-hour rehearsal time with the orchestra, the audio crew, the video staff, the technical director, and all the other technicians.

Although the show is taped, it goes out over the network less than four hours after the taping is completed. There is no opportunity to go back and correct mistakes or do anything twice. No one, including Lighting Director Herb Greeley, knows exactly what is going to happen on the show. Often, because of the nature of "The Tonight Show," unrehearsed events take place, timetables have to be instantly scrapped and lighting cues rearranged on the spot. To compound the problem further, the "Tonight Show" is broadcast every night in full blazing color, creating extra demands for the lighting system.

How these problems are solved every night so that a professionally prepared, well lit show is sent to the network is the story of an innovative staff working with a carefully designed lighting control system that delivers flexibility and precision.

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### Ten Scene Preset

Generically, the Kliegl Bros. system designed for the NBC Tonight Show is a ten-scene preset control system. There are 42 dimmer circuits and 18 non-dim circuits controlled through the system. The circuits connect to approximately 325 fixtures permanently located in the studio.

The operating section of the system is located one floor above the studio so that power lines can conviently run from the fixtures and raceways, hung on the ceiling, directly into the patch panel and dimmer bank. The master control desk, the preset board and the dimmer bank are all located in this one room. An internal communication system keeps the electricians in the lighting control room in continuous contact with the L.D. and the floor crew

Greeley sets up his 42 dimmer circuits this way:

Dimmers 1, 2 and 3 are connected to fixtures over the audience. Frequently, Johnny Carson or other performers will go into the audience as part of their routines. Those areas must be adequately lit.

Dimmers 4-11 are used to illuminate "home base," the term the Tonight staff uses to identify the desk at which Johnny Carson sits and chats with his guests.

Dimmers 12-19 are used to control the lights over the area where Johnny Carson, and guest comedians, deliver their monologues.

Dimmers 20-27 are used in the orchestra area.

Thirteen dimmers, 28-40, are used for production numbers. Since the Tonight Show has an air of casualness about it, most viewers don't realize that there is at least one production number (a singer, a

musical group, a magician or some other type of performer requiring special lighting) every night. It is also not uncommon to have two production numbers in a night. There must be adequate dimmer circuits to cover all those contingencies.

Dimmers 41 and 42 are used for commercials which are taped along with the show.

# **Lighting Rehearsal**

Each afternoon, rehearsals for the Tonight Show begin at 4:00 o'clock. But Greeley and his staff have been on the job since that morning. Each day they check each of the color filters and each of the fixtures to make sure that the lights are still true and colors have not burned out.

Besides checking fixtures and running the system through its presets, the lighting staff also uses time during the day to rehang lights that have been moved for the show taped the night before. Greeley attends production staff meetings at which that night's show is run down and gets his first advance word of the type of performance he will have to light.

When rehearsals begin, the production numbers and guest stars are run through as quickly as possible. During the course of this rehearsal, Greeley takes light meter readings on each of the performers to get their incident light. He uses this to determine the foot candles of illumination he will need on those performers. The three cameras used at the Tonight Show are RCA TK 44 units, and they have a 20:1 contrast range. The average f stop of the cameras is 6.3.

Besides lighting people, the lighting system is used to wash color



Fig. 1 Jerry Savitch at the master control console which provides for submastering and blink-free cross fading. The system has 42 dimmer circuits, 18 non-dim circuits, connecting approximately 325 fixtures.



Fig. 2 Here are some of the 325 fixtures. All are connected overhead in wireways and run into the floor above the studio.

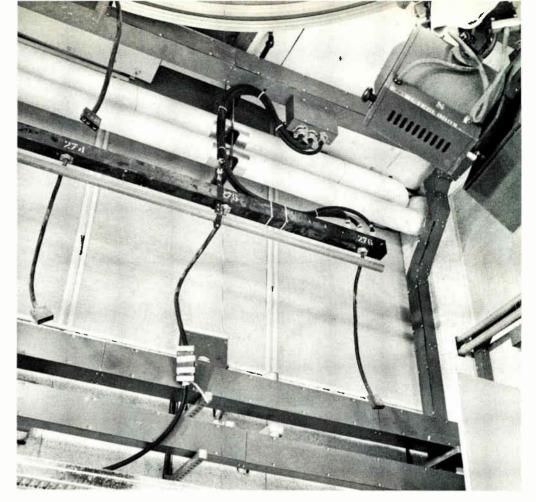


Fig. 3 This shot was taken in a corner of the studio, showing collection of cables into raceways. Note the plugs that allow fixture removal for quick changes.

over the sets. A new set is built for virtually every night's production numbers. The scenic designer paints all his sets off-white and the Kliegl luminaires, with Cinemoid filters providing the color, "paint" the scene with lights.

During this hectic rehearsal the lighting staff must determine the cues it will need, rehang lights where necessary, change filters, and assign cues to preset scene numbers. To make this task possible within such a short period of time, five presets are left standing each night. These presets are: 1. "Home base" . . . the famous desk where Johnny Carson sits; 2. The orchestra: 3. The curtain area from which the monologue is delivered; 4. The area to the left and rear of Johnny Carson from which guests enter. This preset is also used for the place in the studio at which many singers and other performers (except comedians) work; 5. The "funny mark". This is the spot in the studio closest to the audience. It's called the funny mark because it is used mostly for guest comedians who want to be as close to the audience as they can

Presets 6 through 10 are left for

production numbers which vary each night. During his brief time at rehearsal, Greeley assigns the 12 dimmer channels he has available to these presets (he does not use all of the five available presets each night) and writes his cues on a cue sheet.

#### **Running The Show**

When the show is taped, starting at 6:30 PM, Greeley calls the cues to his operators in the master control room and on the floors. There are two follow spotlights in the back of the studio, each equipped with its own dimmer and not normally operated through the system.

So flexible is the format and so unpredictable is the program itself that the master control operator only has an outline of the cues he will execute during the evening's performance. Often, Greeley will give him the setups for a cue during a commercial break or while the show is actually being taped. The preset board is handy to the master console so the chief electrician can set those on-the-air cues if needed.

Another electrician sits in the lighting control room each evening and often has to reassign fixtures

from the dimmer channels to which they were originally assigned. For that reason, it was important to have the patch board in the same room with the master control desk and preset panel,

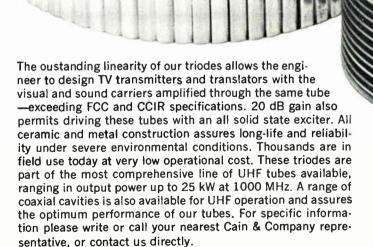
Editor's Note: There are few shows that place such demands on the technical staff as does "The Tonight Show," but this does not mean that what Greeley's staff does is of little more than passing interest to others passing video signals.

The concept of lighting "The Tonight Show" hinges on realizing the potential and working to increase the potential of the lighting system. Tiresome sets, to take an extreme, are used every day for news shows. It might just be possible that looking at lighting as a challenge instead of as a necessity might add something to your picture.

Granted, most stations are not blessed with as many technicians as are used for "The Tonight Show", but with more attention being given these days by manufacturers to system improvements, a closer look at system potentials seems in order. You might end up doing the unusual with no additional staff.

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### Care and treatment of wire service machines

By Roy B. Carter\*

There is probably no single unit at any broadcast station that gets more attention from the entire staff than the wire service teletype machine. From the "rip and read" for-

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mat to the heavily staffed news team and on to the "all news" format, there is a natural dependence upon the wire service as a main supplier of the news. Yet for all its importance, the wire machine is probably one of the least understood units at the station.

This lack of understanding is not due to circuit sophistication. For

while the wire services have been matching steps with the advancing broadcast technology, the printer itself is still a relatively simple machine. And what causes the majority of wire machine headaches falls into two categories: timing and location.

#### No News Is Bad News

Not too long ago I went out on one of those "hurry up" calls. The station had agreed to take on the Associated Press wire service and was anxious to get the machine installed and in use. Ten days earlier a machine had been set in place at the station, but the telephone company had not yet connected the loop.

Having been sent out with orders to stay at the station until they were receiving good copy, I arrived with the intention of doing just that. But when I called the telephone company, they told me there would be a two hour delay.

During that two hour delay, I decided to go to a drive-in for a cup of coffee. As is my practice, when I'm working on or finishing work at a station, I listen to them. Sitting there in the drive-in, I nearly spilled my coffee down my shirt when I heard the DJ say, "Due to the stupidity of the wire service, who can't twist a couple of wires together, we still don't have any news!"

As I drove back to the station, generally irritated, I was reminded once more that timing is important. The wire service company must give the telephone company at least 30 days notice before service is to start. The Associated Press could, as in this "hurry up" case, deliver a machine within days after an agreement has been made between the AP and the station. But this will change little at the telephone company.

Even 30 days may be cutting it too close, especially if you are a new station. It takes time for the AP to make the necessary arrangements with the telephone company. This means that when you want new service you should give the wire service a 35-day advance start no-



Fig. 1 KPRS Kansas City has set up their radio wire room just seconds away from the DJ's position at the console. Also, note that there are bulletin warning lights to the left of the clock.



Fig. 3 Note that police, weather and radio wire machines are not jammed together. The other machines are a different type that do not require a far forward paper box position.

tice. It is always easier to postpone the start than it is to get a "hurry up" early start.

#### Locating the Machine

If you are starting out with a new station, plan a spot for the wire machine(s). What happens all too often is that they end up in attics, closets, hallways . . . even in the men's room. It is true that these machines will work in even these locations, but not efficiently.

In the attic the machine will run too cold in the winter and too hot in the summer. In the closet, the machine will run hot all year and the paper box cannot be properly located. And machines located in hallways have a way of being bumped by traffic. Visitors and even some of the staff lean on the machine and crack the plastic guard on the top. Then too, it is important to keep the paper box in place as shown in Figure 2. It may not look too neat, but the position is important.

If the paper supply box is pushed back under the machine to present a tidy appearance, the inevitable result will be a paper jam. Also, when running new paper into the machine, be certain to take the cardboard inserts out of the box. They are used in shipment to keep the paper from getting tattered edges. If



Fig. 2 Forward edge of the paper supply box should come directly under the front shelf.

they are not removed, the paper will not be taken up into the machine evenly and without tension.

A major consideration in the installation and location of the wire machine is the distance from the back of the machine to the wall. This distance is as important to machine ventilation as it is to free paper flow. The optimum location is to place the machine the length of the paper box away from the wall. The long term result will be fewer paper jams and lower operating temperatures.

Here again are sound reasons for planning machine location during station construction. If you locate the machine for optimum operation, it will not fit in a hallway or a closet.

When planning the news room, the wire room, or whatever you call the place given over to your wire machines, be certain to put them on a separate AC line. While they do not draw excessive current, they should not be on lines that will blow from an overload by non-broadcast equipment.

No one likes to change the ribbon on a wire machine. The ink comes off on your hands easily, but the change must be made. If you're not sure just how to change the ribbon, ask your wire service technician on his next visit. He'll be glad to demonstrate.

There is nothing very technical about locating and operating a wire machine, but let's sum up by looking over this check list compiled for optimum operation:

- 1. Machine paper box length from wall (20 inches).
- 2. Paper box directly under front shelf.
- 3. Separate AC line in use.
- 4. Ventilation possible for all sides.
- 5. 3.2 amp fuse inserted and spare on hand.

The machine comes with a 3.2 fuse installed. If one should blow, do not use a higher rated fuse. I can recall a case where a station fire was started because someone had inserted a heavier fuse.

Whether your station facility is new or old, the wire machine must be given some priority for space and location. Given a chance, the wire machine can consistently provide even more copy than you can use on the air.

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By Ron Toller

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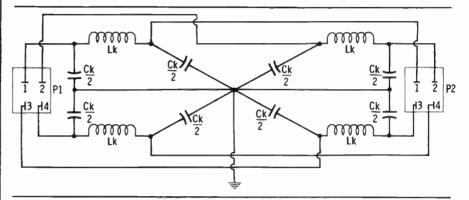
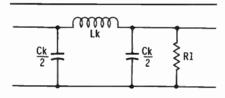


Fig. 2 Filter Schematic



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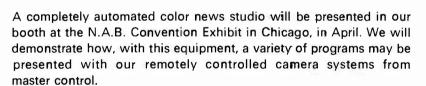
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William I. Orr, W6SAI, and the Editors and Engineers, Ltd., now have their 18th edition of the Radio Handbook for amateurs off the press.

The 1970 edition runs about 900 pages, including excellent chapters on antennas. While the modern day

amateur operator does not have the space to hang but a cut down version of the arrays described, they do offer some variety for the interprising operator who dares to experiment on the higher frequencies. Of special interest is the information included on the discone antenna

Keeping up with the state of the art, this edition matches steps with the SSB equipment manufacturers. However, from chapter to chapter it is evident that solid state has not swept away the imagination of the authors. A great many example and design circuits are based on vacuum tubes, while hybred and pure solid state designs represent a clearcut minority. But it is noteworthy that the beginning chapters include more theory time on transistors than on vacuum tubes.

While few hams today bother to build their own receivers, the authors offer the challenge to build a solid state HF receiver. And while few may never build this gem, it does offer some circuit ideas that are bound to find their way into manufactured circuit ham modifications.

This is one of the most comprehensive amateur books on the market for the last several years, although it lags in a few areas, most of the content will reflect well on the state of the art in amateur radio during the 1970's.

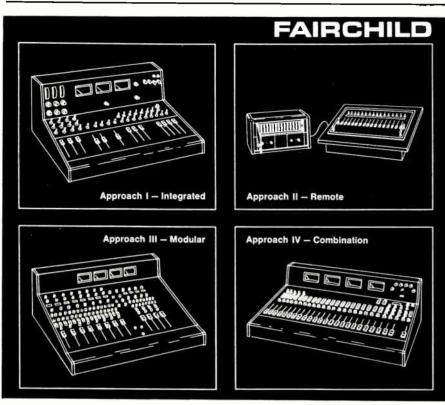
The 18th edition of the Radio Handbook is available through the Editors and Engineers, Ltd., New Augusta, Indiana.

#### Labor Relations

Labor relations in radio and television is the subject of **Broadcasting And Bargaining**, edited by Allen E. Koenig.

The book a must reading for those on either side of the management-union line. Written by representatives of the two interests, the authors discuss the evolution of management-union problems, union development, industry growth, and how the broadcast history and trends affect and shape the future of the broadcast industry.

Perhaps someone will follow in the not too distant future with the effect on unions on the direction of CATV. Meanwhile, this book is available through the University of Wisconsin Press, Madison, Wisconsin.



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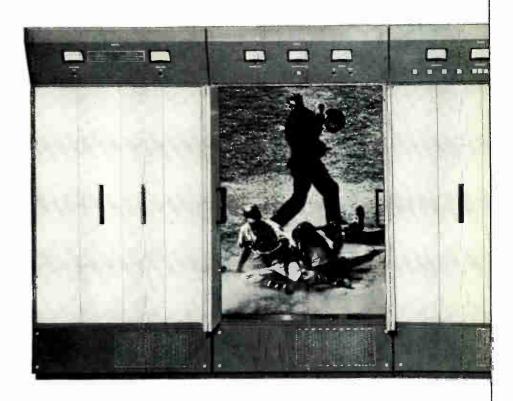
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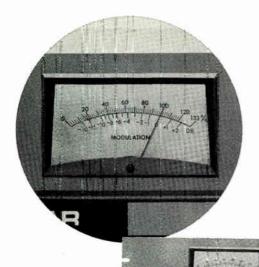
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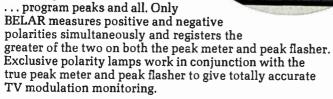


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Requests for waiver of the sponsorship identification requirements of Section 317 of the Communications Act to permit operation of a Public Service Distribution Plan by the Arkansas Broadcasters Association, and a Non-Commercial Sustaining Announcement Program by the Wyoming Association of Broadcasters have been granted by the Commission. (Section 317(d) authorizes the Commission to waive identification requirements when the Commission determines that an announcement is not required in the public interest.)

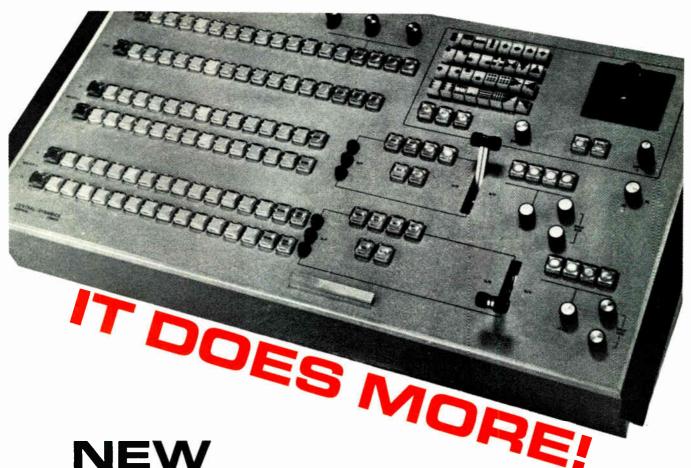
Under both plans, the Associations would receive cash contributions from unspecified non-profit organizations for assistance in the preparation and distribution of public service announcements.

The Commission noted that the Associations will process all requests from public service, nonprofit organizations in the same manner, whether or not a contribution is made; that such non-profit organizations will or have been notified of this fact; and that only the Associations' executive office or committee, not its member stations, will know whether or not a contribution has been made.

#### Similar Requests From Other States

Similar requests have been granted the Southern California Broadcasters Association, the Kansas Association of Radio Broadcasters, and the Montana Broadcasters Association.

The Commission said it was concerned, however, with the possibility that some of the non-profit organizations may be prompted to contribute to the Arkansas and Wyoming Associations by a belief that they will be discriminated against if they fail to contribute and told them that in such an eventuality they were expected to take "effective action" to dispel any such misapprehension.



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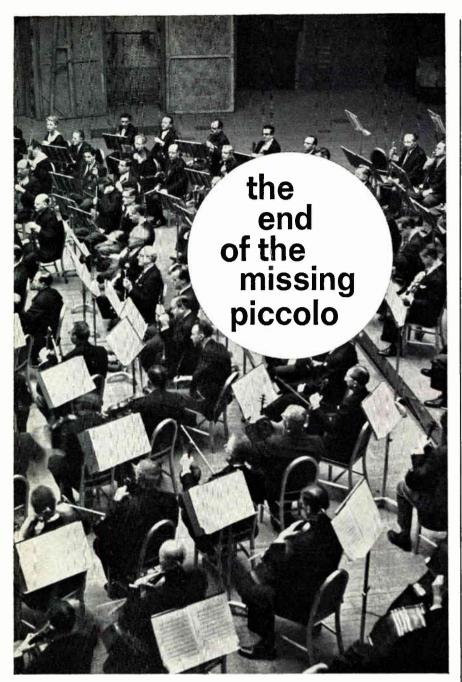
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### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

#### Irion To Head NAB Broadcast Management

Ron W. Irion has been named director of broadcast management for the National Association of Broadcasters as of January 1, succeeding William L. Walker who is resigning to enter the brokerage/consulting field.

Vincent T. Wasilewski, NAB president, said in announcing the appointment:

"We certainly wish Bill Walker the best in his new endeavor. We are most appreciative of his contribution to NAB and the industry during his 21 years with the Association. He will be missed by his colleagues and by our members."

The Broadcast Management Department advises NAB members on station business, personnel and financial matters, provides labor relations and wage-hour services, conducts surveys on wages and other operating costs, and develops yard-sticks and other suggested procedures for more efficient and economical operation.

Irion joined NAB in May, 1967, as assistant director of the department. During the past two years, he has participated in NAB-sponsored Management Development Seminars at Harvard University and in Labor Clinics held for broadcast executives during NAB's 1968 and 1969 conventions.

#### Wasilewski Stays On

Willard E. Walbridge, chairman of the Executive Committee and of the Joint Board of Directors of the National Association of Broadcasters, issued the following statement: ment:

"The Executive Committee of the National Association of Broadcasters yesterday tendered a two-year employment contract to the organization's president, Vincent T. Wasilewski, which he accepted. The term covered extends through Jan-

uary, 1972, and the action is subject to ratification by the full NAB Board.

"We took the action in order both to recognize the outstanding job performed by Wasilewski as our president over the past years as well as to insure his continued tenure in the critical period for broadcasting in the next two years.

"In recent weeks there has been some public speculation that Wasilewski might seek to terminate his association with the NAB. This has created some confusion and uncertainty among our membership at a time when we are beset by many problems that require our full unity, strength and attention.

#### Vitelli Turns On

Imero Fiorentino Associates, Inc., Lighting Designers for "The David Frost Show" and "Beat the Clock" announced the appointment of Carl Vitelli, Jr. as Lighting Director for both shows. Vitelli has been Head Electrician at the Little Theatre since March, 1965 where he worked on "The Merv Griffen Show", "Hal Holbrook's Mark Twain Tonight", and "The Carol Channing/Pearl Bailey Special", among others.

Prior to his affiliation with the Little Theatre, Vitelli was Head Electrician for several industrial shows, the 1964 Presidential primaries and was also Head Electrician for CBS at both the 1964 Republican and Democratic Presidential Conventions.

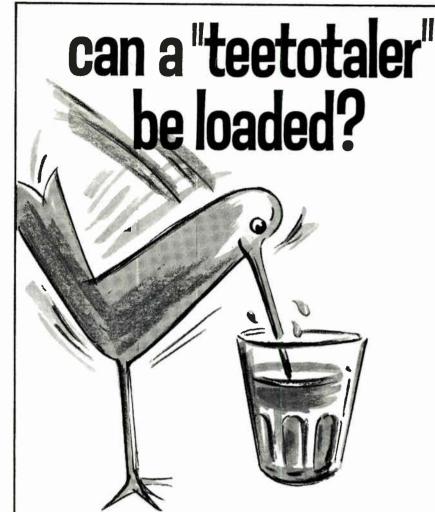
#### **CBS Records Honor**

CBS-Columbia Records was honored as Record Company of the Year, Stax-Volt Executive Vice President Al Bell as Record Executive of the Year and WCCO-Minneapolis as Radio Station of the Year during the Fourth Annual Radio Program Conference.

Some 950 of the nation's leading broadcast, recording and advertising industry executives attended the three-day event, highlighted by announcement of winners in a total 37 categories of competition.

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#### **IEEE Award To Houck**

H. W. Houck of Wallpack, N. J. and Dr. O. H. Schade, Sr., of RCA at Harrison, N.J. received awards for distinguished achievement at a luncheon session of the National Electronics Conference, meeting at Chicago's Conrad Hilton hotel in December. The institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) presented the annual Morris E. Leeds Award for 1969 to Houck "for outstanding contributions to the field of radio-frequency instrumentation.'

Dr. Schade received the IEEE Vladimir K. Zworykin Award "for broad technical contributions to the electronics and optics of television."

#### **CE Joins Gates**

Leonard L. Oursler, Jr., E.E., has announced his resignation as Chief Engineer of Staten-Oursler Broadcasting, Princeton, Indiana. effective December 20, 1969, and will join the Gates Radio Company. Division of Harris-Intertype Corporation, Quincy, Illinois, as a project engineer effective December 29. 1969.

#### New VP For SMPTF

K. Blair Benson, staff consultant, Advanced Technology, CBS-TV Network, New York, has been elected Vice-President for Television Affairs of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers. The election was announced at the Society's recent 106th Technical Conference in Los Angeles.

In 1948 Benson joined the CBS Television Network Engineering Department as a senior project engineer. Since that time he has been concerned with the many design and development problems encountered in video tape recording, television film recording, television film

transmission and standards conversion. He has also been actively engaged in the design of the television systems for the studio plants in the key cities of the Columbia Broadcasting System. He is the author of many technical papers, and chairman of the JCIC Ad Hoc Committee on Color Television Study.

#### New Film Company Ready For Business

The appointment of corporate officers and the opening of offices at 1926 Broadway, N.Y., have been announced by ABTO, Inc.

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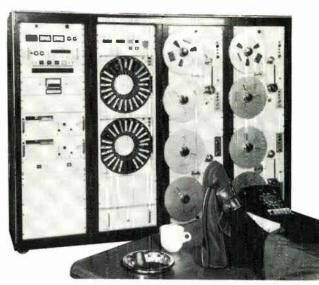
Albert W. Malang, former general manager of the Riker Division of the Riker-Maxson Corporation, has been named vice president for engineering and manufacturing. Previously he was manager of several General Electric engineering groups and chief engineer of the Gencom Division of the Whittaker Corporation. Malang was with the American Broadcasting Company from 1954 to 1964. In 1962, when he was ABC's chief video facilities engineer, he was awarded an Emmy by the Academy of TV Arts and Sciences for development of slowmotion video tape.

H. Charles Riker, former President of Riker Industries, Inc., was appointed vice president for marketing. Riker founded Riker Industries in 1962 and served as its President until 1967. Since that time he has been a director and marketing consultant of the Riker-Maxson Corporation.

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101. AMPEX CORP.—A data sheet describing the new Ampex TD-7020 series of low power, wide band FM broadcast transmitters for educational FM broadcasting and STL (studio-transmitter link service) is now available. The transmitter is designed for 20 watt output in the event the 20 watt limit is permitted in the future by the FCC, and can be operated at any power from one to 20 watts.

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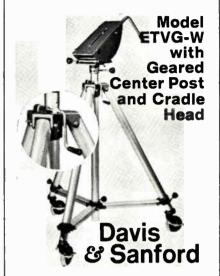
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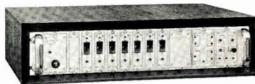
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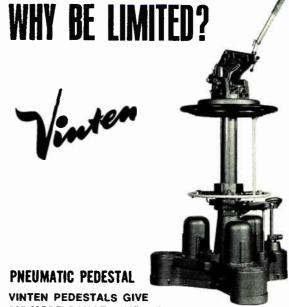
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105. A. B. DICK CO.—A 16page brochure outlines how the new Videojet high-speed ink jet printer is more than just a communications printer. The brochure points out that Videojet was developed because there was a need for an inexpensive computer-oriented printer capable of printing data as fast as transmitted over telephone lines, or to function as a remote printer, and in either case to print quietly on any continuous business form, even on offset masters. Additional advantages and specifications are included.

106. **ELCO—This** unique new 28-page manual describes 12 types of mil-spec connectors used in military systems design. Categories include printed circuit, power, and communications connectors specified by eight major application specifications, which govern the design of airborne, missile, naval (ship and shore), communications, and test equipment. A tabular index illustrates the connectors and indicates, in brief, their characteristics and special features. The manual also contains complete descriptions and specifications for all connectors, as well as MS-to-Elco crossreference data for OPL items.

107. ELECTRONICS DEVEL-OPMENT CORP.—The Program Subcarrier Multiplex Brochure describes system for multiplexing one or more 15 KHz program channels for simultaneous transmission with color television signals in microwave or telephone carrier equipment,

108. FAIRCHILD SEMICON-DUCTOR—A 24-page designer's guide outlining opportunities for improving discrete diode designs by means of multi-functional diode assemblies and monolithic arrays is now available, "Fairchild Specialty Diode Products" is a two-color, illustrated publication which shows how the multiple diode design approach can achieve better performance at less cost, using either standard or custom-made products. Readers can use the brochure both as an information guide to Fairchild's line of standard diode assembly-array products and as a design tool for a wide variety of specialized applications in military, industrial and consumer systems. To obtain a customized product, customers need only specify the interconnection pattern of selected diodes or diode chips so that Fairchild can design and manufacture an appropriate hybrid-like diode assembly or a monolithic diode array, whichever is desired. The brochure presents several diode charts containing electrical parameters, thermal ranges and matching data needed for the evaluation of assembly and array designs. Accompanying the charts are typical applications and schematic drawings.

109. GENERAL ELECTRIC CO .- A new "Relamping Guide" (SS-3) to help users of stage and studio lighting equipment determine the proper General Electric light sources for their fixtures is now available. The new publication is intended to be used in conjunction with another GE booklet, "Quartzline and Incandescent List" (SS-1), which catalogs lamps most frequently used in lighting for theater stages, television and motion picture production, and professional still photography. "Relamping Guide" (SS-3) lists both old and new stage/studio lighting fixtures manufactured by 21 different concerns. Each product listing provides the manufacturer's catalog or model

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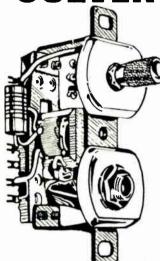
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110. HEWLETT PACKARD— A new 17-page Application Note, "Using the 675A/676A Network Analyzer as an Educational Tool," describes frequency behavior of electrical networks. Useful for both the instructor and student, Application Note 112-2 covers subject material frequently encountered in electrical engineering courses and some two year technical courses. Dramatic demonstrations illustrate frequency swept transfer and driving point measurements displayed on a conventional oscilloscope. Design engineers will find the Nichols chart oscilloscope CRT overlay (which is included with each application note) useful to predict the closed loop behavior of their feedback network designs.

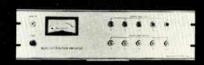
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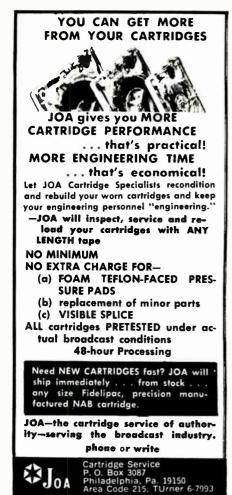
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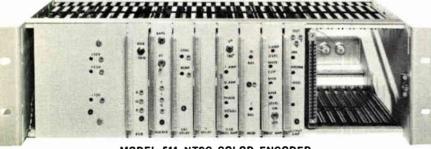
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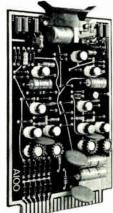
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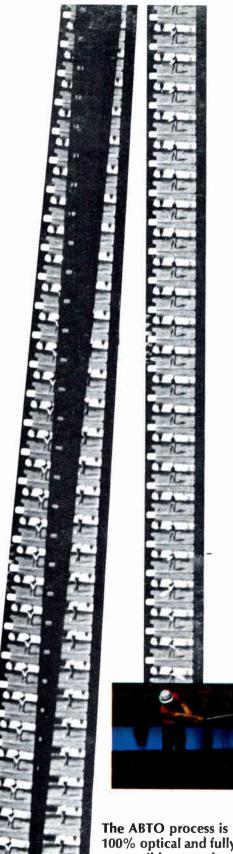
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