

feed for ABC-TV news the same evening.

As the Starkweather chase swirled around Lincoln, Neb., KFOR there was able to handle developments, it reports, by hard work and with the help of a three-way monitoring system connecting the KFOR newsroom with police, sheriff and state highway patrol. As corpses were discovered successively in North Lincoln and South Lincoln, KFOR added dimensions to the story with remote pickups and interviews. After the capture KFOR newsmen guessed they had handled, in addition to KFOR work, calls from 29 stations in this country and Canada, provided feeds to two networks and Storz stations and answered countless queries by visiting newsmen and telephone callers. So many listeners came to the station General Manager Richard Chapin had to order the doors locked.

HOLLYWOOD—KNX here provided almost instant coverage of the Feb. 1 Norwalk, Calif., air crash, in a report made possible because a staffer, en route to his home, saw the accident. George Gardner of the KNX-CBS Radio engineering maintenance department telephoned from a filling station next to wreckage of one of the planes, giving KNX its first phono-tape report, with details filled in by the filling station operator. The KNX shortwave mobile unit took over from there and worked on the story throughout the evening.

KTLA (TV) Hollywood had live pictures of the crash—bulletined at 7:29 p.m.—on the air at 8:18 p.m., beamed from station mobile units. At 9:21 KTLA General Manager Lew Arnold ordered regular programs pre-empted and remote coverage of the crash continued uninterrupted until 11:20. Gil Martyn, director of public service and public affairs, supervised coverage.

KTTV (TV) Los Angeles also had two remote units at the separate crash sites, pre-empting some 2½ hours of programming.

BOSTON—F. D. (Dinny) Whitmarsh, news supervisor of WBZ-TV here, worked out a way to telecast 8 mm film on a news show an hour and 45 minutes after receiving the problem reel. The rare footage showed an airman's parachute descent after the collision of two jets near Boston last month [DATELINES, Jan. 27]. Leo F. Gill of Newport, R. I., a passenger in a private plane, shot the plummeting pilot and his subsequent rescue by helicopter and rushed the film to Mr. Whitmarsh at WBZ-TV. The WBZ-TV team went to work on the 8 mm problem and shortly worked out a system of projecting the film on a rear screen with the tv camera picking up the picture from there. The film was processed and went on a regular 6:45 p.m. newscast.

KOMO-TV Newsfilm Subpoenaed

A filmed interview with a confessed murderer was subpoenaed for a trial in King County, Wash., Superior Court and news staffers of KOMO-TV Seattle were called in to testify. Newscaster Herb Robinson and KOMO-TV cameraman Howard Ramaley confirmed for the court their part in getting footage in which the defendant told why he killed his wife.

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