

ENGINEERS TO SEE NEW VTR PROGRESS

- RCA, Ampex to show gear
- NAB's BEC sets agenda

The newest developments in monochrome and color video tape as this recording medium enters general broadcast service will be unveiled by RCA and Ampex Corp., pioneers in the field, at the 12th annual NAB Broadcast Engineering Conference. The meeting will be held April 28-May 1 during NAB convention week in Los Angeles.

Both aural and video broadcast equipment and techniques will be demonstrated during the 3½-day conference. Sessions will be held in the Statler Hotel, according to A. Prose Walker, NAB engineering manager. Some of the NAB equipment exhibits will be housed in the Statler, with others at the Biltmore Hotel where management meetings will be held.

Engineers will meet jointly with management the mornings of April 29 and 30. The morning of April 29 marks the formal opening of the management program, including the keynote address by CBS President Frank Stanton. The annual FCC-industry panel discussion will be held the morning of April 29, with both engineering and management delegates taking part.

Engineering sessions open April 28. Topics include remote control of directional antennas, by a representative of Collins Radio Co.; remote control of high-power transmitters, RCA; status of remote control and automatic operation, by Mr. Walker; effects of radiation from tv towers on directional antennas, CBS; low-cost remote gear built by station personnel, William C. Grove, KFBC Cheyenne, Wyo.

NAB President Harold E. Fellows will address the opening engineering luncheon. The afternoon program includes papers on the Ampex VR-1000 video recording apparatus by Charles P. Ginsburg, RCA color videotape by A. H. Lind, and the new three-image orthicon color camera, by J. F. Wiggin of General Electric Co.; network transmission panel.

The April 29 afternoon program includes an analysis of compatible single sideband

system by G. A. Olive of RCA, plus operating discussions by Frank Marx, ABC, and John H. DeWitt Jr., WSM Nashville, Tenn., and others; stability in am directional antennas, Dr. George Brown, RCA; fm multiplex, William Tomberlin, KMLA (FM) Los Angeles; uni-level and limiting amplifiers, A. M. McGee, GE.

Sir Harold Bishop, engineering director of British Broadcasting Corp., will address the April 30 luncheon.

The afternoon program includes small-market tv, F. D. Meadows, Sarkes Tarzian Inc.; new image orthicon tube, Dr. H. J. Hannam, GE; systems test techniques, ABC; tv broadcast repeaters, Dr. Byron St. Clair, Adler Electronics; vidicon equipment, Kin Tel.

The final morning program opens with a paper on the Chroma-Key color inset system, F. J. Gaskins and R. C. Kennedy, NBC; a talk on management and the engineer, A. James Ebel, KOLN-TV Lincoln, Neb.; BBC equipment, F. C. McLean; monochrome tv film standards, K. B. Benson, CBS; transistors, John J. Rienzo, Sylvania Electric Products; color tv lighting, Kliegl Bros.; Television Allocations Study Organization, Dr. George Town, director.

The conference will close at noon April 1 with a luncheon at which Admiral Charles Horne, vice president and division manager of Convair, Pomona, Calif., will speak on guided missile equipment.

Dr. Lee de Forest, inventor of the three-element vacuum tube, will be honored at the May 1 luncheon. Now 85 years old, he has over 300 inventions in the electronic and communications fields.

DBA Re-elects Incumbent Slate At New Orleans Annual Meeting

Richard E. Adams of WKOX Framingham, Mass., was re-elected president of Daytime Broadcasters Assn. at the organization's annual meeting in New Orleans Feb. 28-March 1. Returned to office with him were J. R. Livesay, WLBH Mattoon, Ill., chairman of the board, and Joe Leonard, KGAP Gainesville, Tex., secretary-treasurer.

A highlight of the meeting was the closing banquet, addressed by Robert Eastman, president of ABN, who offered ideas to increase radio revenue. Earlier, DBA offi-

cers reported on progress of its moves seeking uniform broadcast hours from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mr. Adams said, "We shall intensify our efforts in this direction and we look forward confidently to the forthcoming proceedings before the FCC." In a resolution the group reaffirmed the action of DBA membership in opposing ratification of the proposed U.S.-Mexico broadcast agreement.

Seven Renominated For NAB Radio Board

Seven members now serving on the NAB Radio Board of Directors have been nominated as candidates for re-election during the spring election process, to be completed March 24. Twelve directorships will be filled during the election—one in each even-numbered NAB district and one in each of the four at-large classifications.

James H. Moore, WSLR Roanoke, Va., was ineligible to run in District 4, having served the maximum two consecutive two-year terms. Edward F. Baughn, WPAG Ann Arbor, Mich., was not a candidate for re-election in District 8. John M. Outler Jr., who has retired from WSB Atlanta, was not certified as a candidate for the at-large group. Robert O. Reynolds, KMPC Los Angeles, and Todd Storz of the Storz station group were not nominated in the District 16 and medium-station classifications.

A special election will be held this spring to fill the District 15 post vacated by J. G. Paltridge, formerly of KROW Oakland, Calif., and now with KABC Los Angeles. The election process will not be completed until May.

Nominees for district directorships follow: District 2—Simon Goldman, WJTN Jamestown, N. Y. (incumbent) and Michael R. Hanna, WHCU Ithaca. District 4—W. Frank Harden, WIS Columbia, S. C., and Jack Younts, WEEB Southern Pines, N. C. District 6—F. M. Smith, WBKH Hattiesburg, Miss., and F. C. Sowell, WLAC Nashville, Tenn. (incumbent). District 8—J. M. Higgins, WTHI Terre Haute, Ind., and Lester G. Spencer, WKBV Richmond, Ind. District 10—Ben B. Sanders, KICD Spencer, Iowa (incumbent), and C. L. (Chet) Thomas, KXOK St. Louis. District 12—Robert L. Pratt, KGGF Coffeyville, Kan. (incumbent), and Thad M. Sandstrom, WIBW Topeka, Kan. District 14—George C. Hatch, KALL Salt Lake City (incumbent) and J. W. Wright, KSL Salt Lake City. District 16—Tom Chauncey, KOOL Phoenix, and Robert J. McAndrews, KBIG Avalon, Calif.

At-large nominees: Large Stations—John H. DeWitt Jr., WSM Nashville, Tenn., and Richard H. Mason, WPTF Raleigh, N. C. Medium Stations (four nominees because of ties)—Richard M. Brown, KPOJ Portland, Ore.; Grover C. Cobb, KVGB Great Bend, Kan.; Robert D. Enoch, WXLW Indianapolis, and Fred A. Knorr, WKMH Dearborn, Mich. Small Stations—J. R. Livesay, WLBH Mattoon, Ill. (incumbent), and Dave Morris, KNUZ Houston. Fm Stations (four nominees because of ties)—William B.

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