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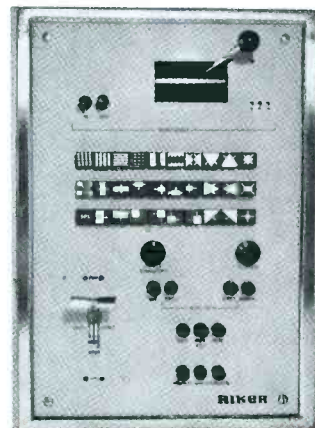
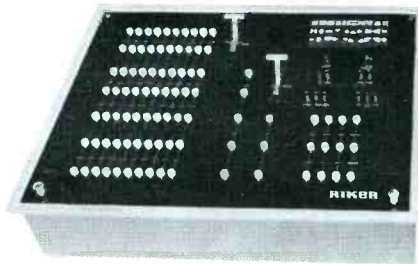
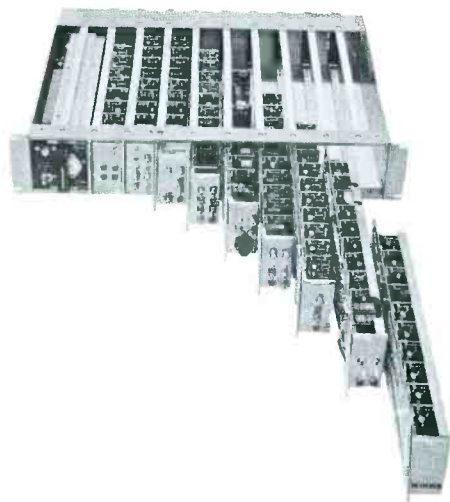
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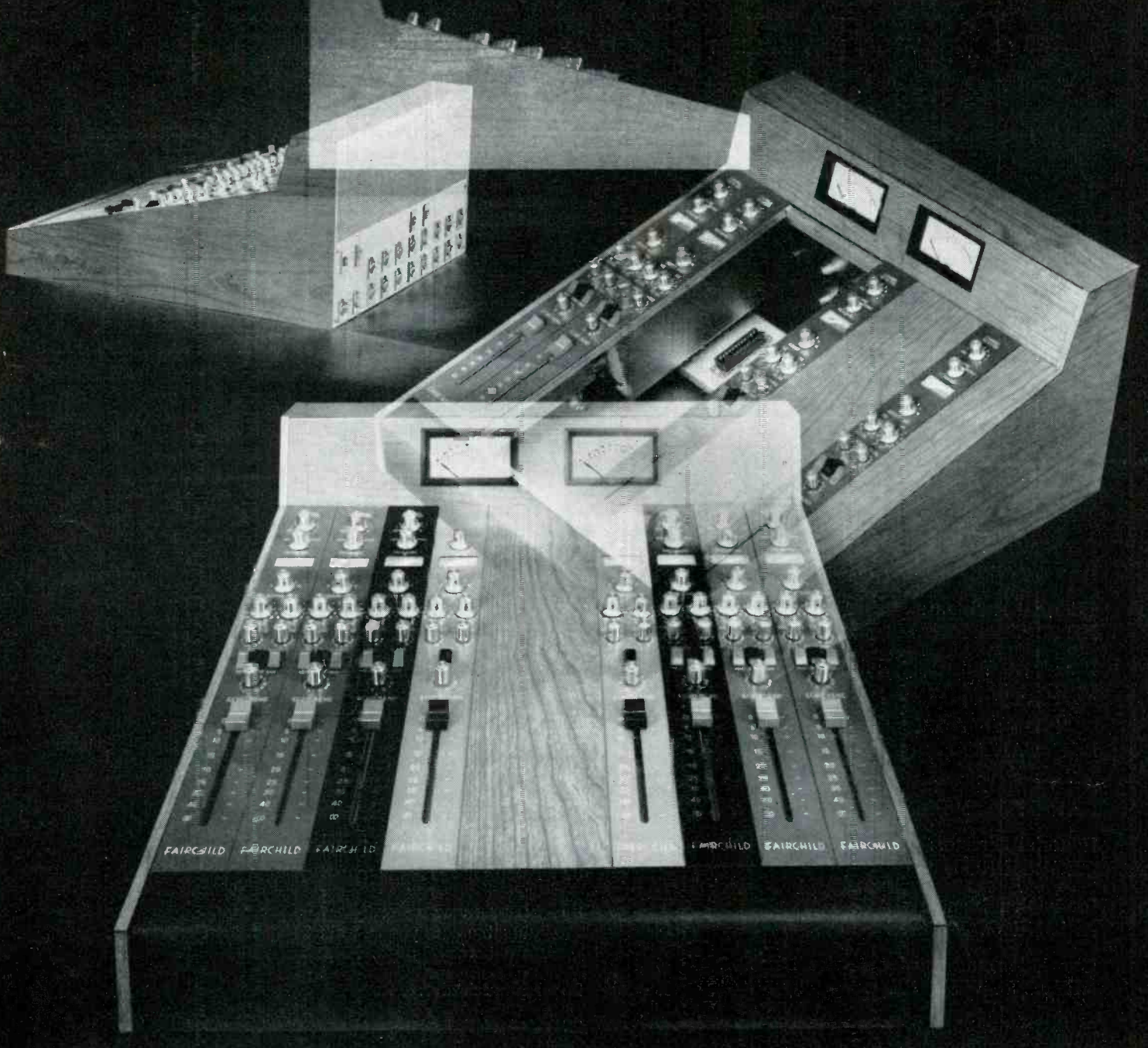
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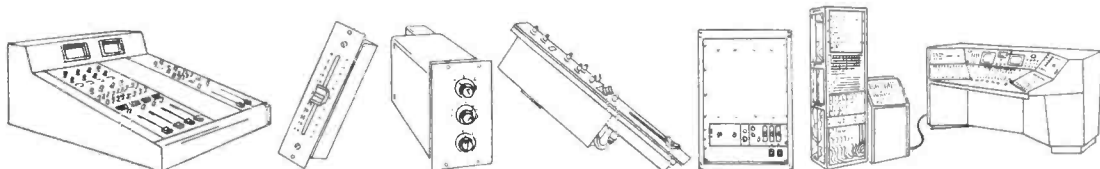
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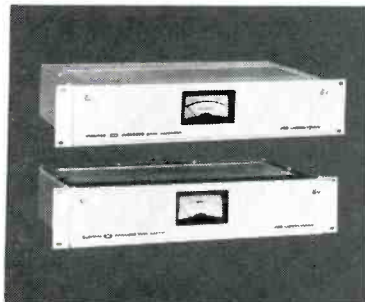
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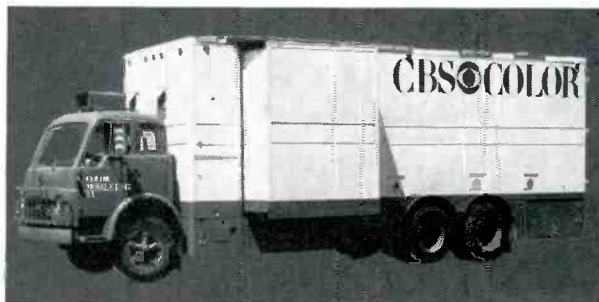
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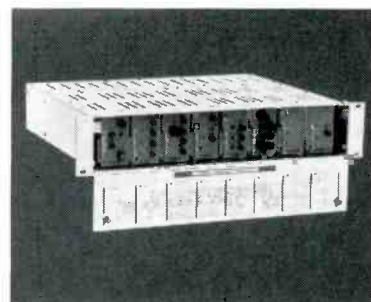
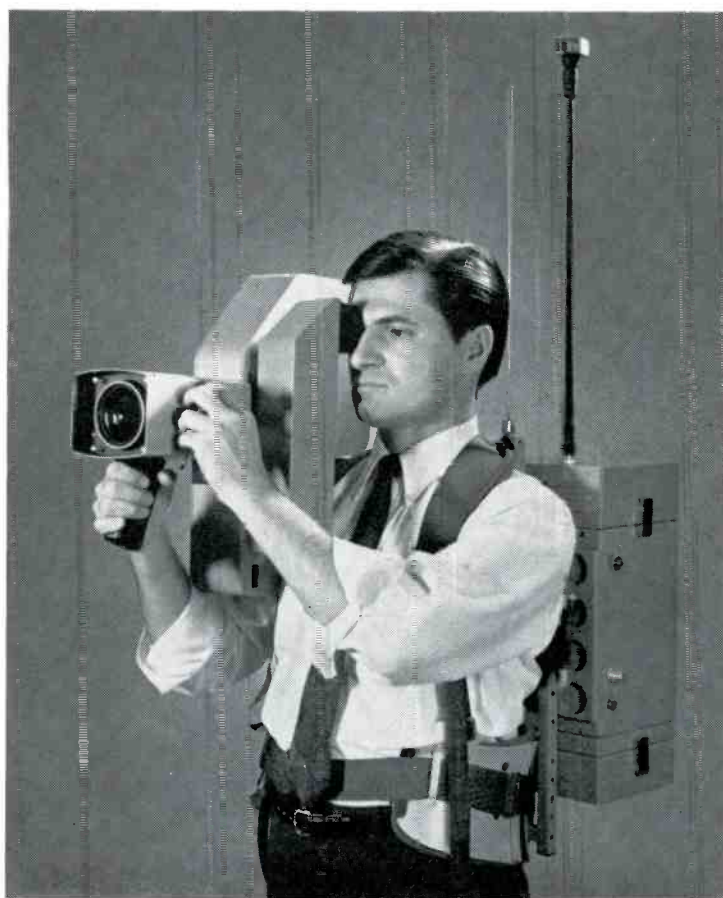


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# BROADCAST INDUSTRY NEWS

## Equipment highlights NAEB convention

McGeorge Bundy, president of the Ford Foundation, New York, N.Y., will deliver the keynote address November 20th at the 44th annual convention of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters. The meeting, expected to draw over 4000 educational broadcasters and representatives from allied industries, will be held at the Washington, D.C. Sheraton Park Hotel.

A comprehensive program of continuing meetings throughout the convention has been planned by the Engineering Professional Interest Section. Topics which are slated for discussion are videotape, TV reception and distribution; automation and interconnection. Other activities of interest will encompass the categories of graphic arts, production/direction, television teaching, utilization and research.

Hardware on display at this

year's meeting will fill three halls at the Sheraton Park Hotel—the largest hotel exhibit space in the world. The exhibit space is 75-percent larger than last year's NAEB convention space, and is the largest in NAEB history.

Dr. Sterling M. McMurrin, dean of the Graduate School, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, will address a luncheon meeting at the convention on November 21. Dr. McMurrin is currently chairman of the commission in Instructional Technology which is evaluating the present status and future needs of instructional broadcasting recommended in Title III of the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967.

The final luncheon of the convention will be addressed by Frank Pace, Jr., chairman of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and president of International Exchange Corps, New York. Pace was appointed to his CPB post by the President in mid-February.

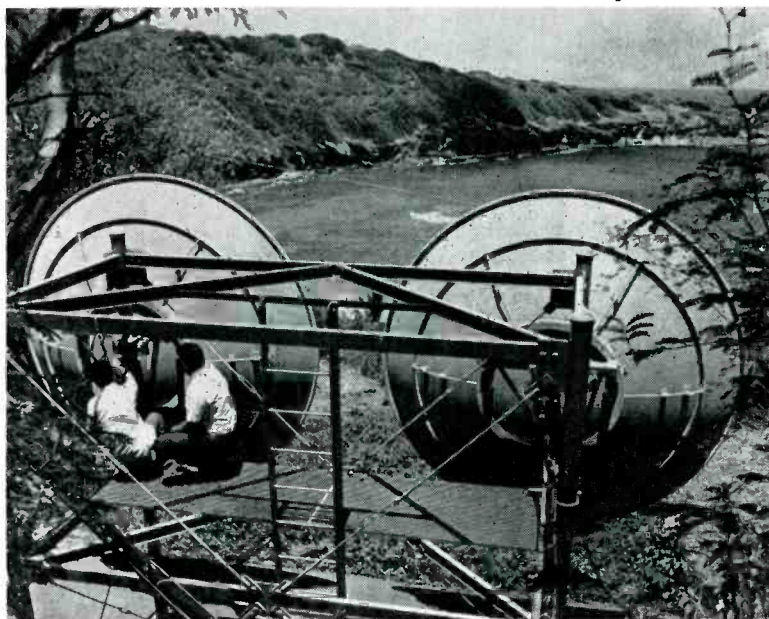
Opening day of the convention

—November 19—has been planned for the delegates. The theme of this year's meeting, "Educational Broadcasting and the Fifth Freedom," was inspired by President Johnson's education message to the Ninetieth Congress when he coined the term "Fifth Freedom" and defined it as freedom from ignorance.

This year's NAEB Man of the Year Award for distinguished service to educational broadcasting will be presented to Ralph Lowell, chairman of the board of Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co. Lowell has had a lengthy association with educational broadcasting and is the past Educational TV and Radio Center chairman, now serving as president of the WGBH Foundation, Boston.

For the first time at an NAEB convention, news information will be available to educational and commercial radio stations via pre-recorded summaries. Two different feeds will be provided each day including actualities from the convention speakers.

## Microwave . . . Hawaiian-style



Twin dishes peer out over Hanuama Bay on Oahu—part of a multimillion-dollar microwave system that will upgrade system capacity from 48 to 600 voice-grade channels among the Hawaiian Islands. The system, produced for Hawaiian Telephone by Lenkurt Electric Co., will also be able to relay television signals. When completed in mid-1969, the microwave links will cover a total of 388 miles—mainly over water—between Hilo, Hawaii and Kauai, via 16 relays and terminals. In the photo, engineers from Lenkurt and Hawaiian Telephone are shown examining a waveguide connection.

## NAB president defends broadcasters

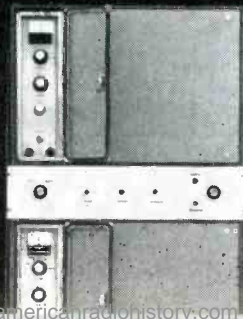
"Broadcasters cannot soften reality to suit audience tastes," stated NAB President Vincent Wasilewski at the Federal Bar Association convention.

Wasilewski added that TV's most serious problems occur when it becomes involved in the problem of our time. The emotions that are provoked in the audience are usually directed not so much at the problem as at television itself.

In discussing television's role during the Democratic Convention, the NAB president stated that the question of whether it was fairly covered will probably never be resolved because emotions make a detached evaluation nearly impossible. "One thing is clear though," he said, "and that is that the news media were placed under restrictions that can't be defended and should never be repeated. Perhaps a new pattern of news coverage will develop in the next few years,"

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he added. "A starting point for such change might be a clear distinction of function."

## Uhf spectrum squeeze prompts ACTS action

The developmental air-ground radio telephone service, scheduled to terminate by 1970, has been extended by the FCC. Frequency allocation are in the 454.6625- to 455.000-MHz and 459.6625- to 460.000-MHz remote pickup bands. No cutoff date has been set.

In addition, the Commission proposes to expand the developmental service by splitting channels, increasing them from 6 to 12.

The developmental air-ground service is a radiotelephone service for airplanes to communicate with ground stations. It began in 1957. The eventual goal is for a regular public service to extend telephone communications to commercial and private passengers.

In July 1965, the Commission had denied reconsideration for establishment of nationwide air-ground service. It said that because of land mobile congestion, no more frequencies could be made available near those already in use.

Reflecting the continuing concern over land mobile needs for uhf frequencies, the All-Channel Television Society recently urged the FCC to withdraw channel-sharing and reallocation proposals now pending. In a letter to Chairman Hyde, ACTS asked that no final decision concerning regulation and reallocation of frequencies for land mobile use be made until studies authorized by the Commission (dealing in part with restructuring land mobile for more efficient use) have been completed and the results evaluated. ACTS quoted a recent report by the FCC which stated that for the most part "Land mobile radio service is characterized by transmissions having a low duty factor; there are frequent periods of inactivity when . . . no transmissions are taking place. Transmissions are relatively short and intermittent."

Pointing out that alleged "shortages" in land mobile spectrum are apparently due more to inefficient use and allocation of presently assigned frequencies than to a dearth of space, ACTS stated that the Commission should assure itself that land mobile is being used to the fullest extent before interfering with uhf channels.

## Court condemns FCC censorship

The so-called "fairness doctrine" and its implied FCC censorship of broadcast news media has been dealt a severe blow by the U.S. 7th Circuit Appeals Court in Chicago. The Court's unanimous opinion declared unconstitutional any FCC attempt to censor controversial programming.

With this decision, the Court came close to telling FCC that its jurisdiction over stations is limited to technical, financial and ownership regulation. Under the First Amendment's aegis, broadcasters should have the same freedom as printed news media. The decision is now headed for review by the Supreme Court.

## Presunrise rules amended

Presunrise rules for a-m stations have been amended by the FCC. The change substitutes "6 A.M. local time" for "6 A.M. local standard time." The amended rule, which became effective Sept. 1, covers about 1400 stations on regional channels, mostly daytimers. Now a reasonably early uniform sign-on time can be maintained throughout the year. Many secondary stations on Class I-B channels also benefit. The FCC emphasized, however, that this sign-on time adjustment will affect only those stations holding supplemental Presunrise Service Authority. It does not change the nonadvanced "sun" times specified in licenses.

## NAB convention plans approved

Preliminary plans have been approved for the NAB's 47th annual convention slated for Washington March 23-26, 1969. The meeting, which is to be held at the Shoreham and Sheraton Park Hotels, will place less emphasis on internal industry issues and more on broadcasting's role in national and world affairs.

A reception for Congressmen and other top Washington officials will be held Tuesday, March 25.

## Tests urged for modulation monitor

Joint industry/government tests should be run to determine indicator light system viability as an

a-m modulation monitor, according to the NAB.

The monitor presently in use relies on a semipeak meter for reading modulation percentages. The new monitor replaces the meter with four indicating lights which glow successively as peak modulation equals or exceeds 25, 50, 85 and 100 percent.

In considering approval of the new monitor, FCC called for comments from interested parties. Most respondents agreed that before an indicator light system can be substituted for the amplitude modulation metering, joint tests should be run to check out the indicating light system's parameters.

## 8-month network TV billings surpass '67

Businessmen invested 3.4 percent more money in network television during the first eight months of 1968 than in all of 1967, according to TV Bureau of Advertising.

August showed a 1.4-percent decline in investments, due mainly to telecasts of the Republican and Democratic national conventions.

Once again, weekend daytime garnered larger billings with August showing a 35.2-percent increase. This trend can probably be attributed to greater advertising investments in weekend sports programs, says the TvB.

## NAB opposes narrowed TV monitor range

The NAB is urging rejection of the proposal to narrow the range of aural frequency monitors for TV.

FCC rules for type-approved equipment now require a 3000-Hertz range above and below assigned center frequency in aural frequency monitors. The Commission is considering an amendment to permit a minimum range of  $\pm 2000$  Hertz.

Douglas A. Anello, NAB general counsel, believes that such an amendment would present difficulties in determining correct performance of TV transmitters.

## FCC rebukes NBC for conflict of interest

Conflict of interest has been cited by the FCC in commentaries by newsman Chet Huntley because of his meat industry affiliation. The Commission cited five broadcasts Mr. Huntley made while he owned



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a cattle ranch and was also vice president of a cattle-feeding corporation. Huntley had attacked certain meat inspection requirements, implying that they adversely affected cattle growers.

An FCC letter to NBC has requested the network to submit a statement on this matter within thirty days. The letter also contained a discussion of licensee responsibility for the integrity of news operations.

### **Outstanding coverage award to WIOD**

Award for outstanding coverage of the Economic Opportunity Program, Inc., of Dade County was made to radio station WIOD. The award was presented by Dr. H. Franklin Williams, president of EOPI at the October 8 meeting of the agency's board of directors. Newsman Henry Barrow received the award on behalf of the station.

### **Spot TV billings up; automotive gains**

Spot TV billings have advanced 18.1 percent from the second quarter of 1967 to the second quarter of 1968. The automotive industry registered the largest gains during that period both on a dollar and

percentage basis: up 58.2 percent, according to the Television Bureau of Advertising.

Nighttime television reflected the largest dollar gain and the largest percentage gain over that one-year period. The 30-second commercial continued to attract most advertiser investments.

### **Memorex-Technicolor merger approved**

Combining magnetic products and equipment with a photographic line, the merger of Memorex Corp. and Technicolor, Inc. into the Memorex Corp. has been approved by both firms' boards of directors.

The merger, when approved by the shareholders of each corporation, will create a diversified company specializing in the user-oriented information handling and image recording media and equipment businesses. The Technicolor photographic products business will be operated as a subsidiary of Memorex under the name Technicolor, Inc.

### **Reply date for FCC proposal extended**

Reply filing time to the proposed multiple-ownership amendments

has been extended to Jan. 28, 1969. This extension was granted by the FCC in answer to the NAB's petition.

Supporting its petition, the NAB announced plans for research aimed at developing accurate data on concentration of control media in local markets. Also under study will be opportunities for opinion manipulation by broadcasters in local markets.

### **CCTV equipment sales edge up in 1968**

U.S. factory sales of closed-circuit TV and supporting equipment increased by 3.3 percent in the first half of 1968, according to the Electronic Industries Association. Approximately \$12.4 million worth of CCTV and supporting equipment were sold during the first six months of the year compared to \$12 million in sales during the same period in 1967.

Video monitors showed the largest percentage gain, rising by 15.6 percent to reach \$2.8 million during the first six months of 1968.

Sales of supporting equipment climbed 13.1 percent to reach \$3.8 million, while camera sales declined by 6.7 percent during the same period.

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The first installation of RCA's new "butterfly" broadcast antenna is slated for WBDO-TV, Orlando, Florida. The antenna will be mounted on a 1484-foot tower and is expected to increase the station's Grade B coverage by 24 percent.

The six-bay panel antenna gets its name from the wing-like radiating elements that are placed backwards towards the reflectors for optimum impedance and radiation characteristics.

Advantages of this antenna include its ability to permit operation of an elevator inside the tower to facilitate inspection, servicing and changing tower lights. The new antenna can also be field modified for omnidirectional service should the station's needs change.

## MM-Transam. proposal has 4th net potential

On October 10, John R. Beckett, president and chief executive officer of Transamerica Corporation and John W. Kluge, chairman of the Board and president of Metromedia, Inc. announced the approval in principle of a merger of the two companies.

While Messrs. Beckett and Kluge will not presently admit that they are planning a fourth full-time network with all the trimmings, they do say "that the joint resources of both organizations could provide Metromedia the capability for an alternative program service for television stations lacking network affiliations."

The resources referred to in the statement amount a combined net worth of about \$700-million.

The merger agreement calls for Transamerica to exchange  $\frac{3}{4}$  share of its common stock for each outstanding share of Metromedia common. Transamerica proposed a 2-for-1 stock split the day before the merger announcement, subject to stockholder approval. If approved, the exchange would become  $1\frac{1}{2}$  shares of Transamerica stock for each share of Metromedia.

Beckett and Kluge hope to avoid the fate of the ABC-ITT merger by attempting to convince the FCC and the Justice Dept. that competition will be stimulated, rather than stifled by the merger.

Transamerica is a San Francisco based corporation. Its holdings are in the fields of insurance, finance, real estate, air transportation—and somewhat out of step

with the merger, entertainment services.

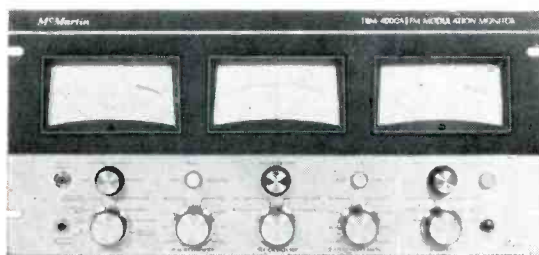
The entertainment services interests of Transamerica, represented by United Artists Corporation, is in apparent competition with Metromedia's Music Group—Metromedia Music and Metromedia Records. Mr. Kluge stated, however, that UA and the Metromedia Music Group would, at least for the foreseeable future, operate independently.

Mr. Kluge, who will become a director of the Transamerica Corporation and continue as chairman, president and chief executive officer of Metromedia, stated that discussions had been in progress four or five years.

## Meredith acquires WNEM-TV

Meredith Corporation has purchased from Gerity Broadcasting Co. the assets of WNEM-TV, serving the Flint, Saginaw and Bay City, Mich. areas.

Announcement of the purchase, subject to FCC approval, was made October 9 by Darwin Tucker, Meredith president and chief executive officer, and James Gerity, Jr., president of Gerity Broadcasting.



## New TBM-4000A FM/SCA Modulation Monitor Type-Approval No. 3-153

The transistorized TBM-4000A offers instantaneous monitoring of the critical functions of FM SCA broadcasting. Total and main channel modulation, sub-channel modulation and sub-channel frequency may be monitored simultaneously. It will also monitor either of two sub-channels. This unit has no tuned circuits and uses plug-in modular design for quick servicing.



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# FCC ACTIONS

**Application reinstatement** has been made to Apple Valley Broadcasting, Inc., for a new TV station to operate on channel 35 at Yakima, Washington. Application had been blocked initially by Cascade Broadcasting Co. (KIMA-TV, channel 23, Yakima), which had petitioned for review of the Board's action. The new TV channel is a joint venture, and action has been blocked pending hearings on the merger. Result: green light for channel 35.

**Irresponsible contest advertising** by NBC affiliate WKYC a-m and fm, Cleveland, Ohio, has been cited by the Commission in a letter to NBC in New York. The contest, called a "Million-Dollar game" in station advertising, was in fact statistically rigged. The FCC stated, "Although these statements are not technically false, they were deceptive and misleading, since the chances against WKYC's awarding \$1,000,000 in prize money, or any sum near that size, were extremely remote." Actual cash

outlay in the contest: one winner at \$1,000.

**WSUR-TV, Ponce, Puerto Rico**, has received permission to change its facilities and use a directional antenna system with maximum lobe visual ERP of 57.5 kw. WSUR-TV's antenna is 2270 feet above the ground, and this change will prevent increase of common Grade B overlap with WKBM-TV, Caguas, Puerto Rico.

**Radio station KDKO's request** for expedited consideration of its application tendered June 19, 1968, has been "favorably considered." A dam soon to be built will flood the present KDKO property. The tendered application requests increase in nighttime power of the station from 1 kW to 5 kW on 1510 kHz, and change in daytime radiation pattern at a site 1.4 miles east of its present location. The station is now operating unlimited time on 1510 kHz with power of one kilowatt, directionalized.

**The Greater Toledo Educational TV Foundation, Inc.** has been granted permission to change the facilities of its educational station WGTE-TV. Section 73.685 (c) was waived. The

Foundation plans to operate with a directional antenna system and maximum lobe visual effective radiated power of 1170 kilowatts. Operations will be moved to a site approximately 5.5 miles east of Toledo.

**Anti-CATV petition** by KAKE-TV, Garden City, Kansas, has been denied. The petition called for a review of an application grant given to Mountain Microwave Corp. permitting the CATV operator to import Denver signals into Dodge City via microwave. FCC did modify the grant to say it will be automatically cancelled if the Commission prevents importation of Denver signals to Dodge City after notice is given that service is to begin.

**Request of Voice of Dixie, Inc.** for waiver of Section 73.207(a) has been granted. Application for a construction permit for a new Class C fm broadcast station in Birmingham, Ala. was also accepted. Voice of Dixie plans to broadcast on fm channel 258. A rules waiver was needed because the new station is about four miles short of the 150-mile spacing required by the Rules.

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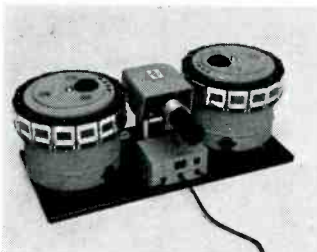
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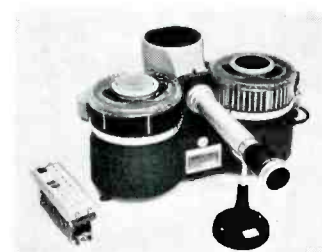
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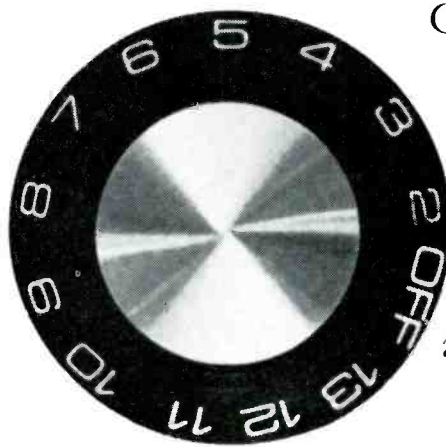
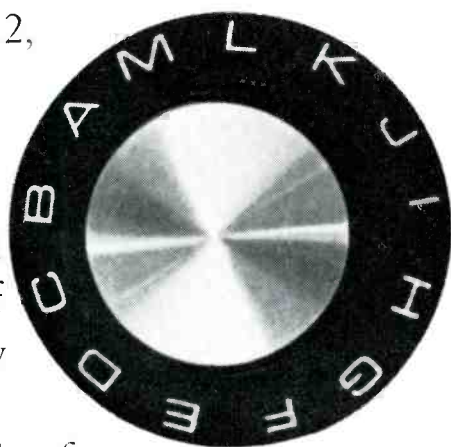
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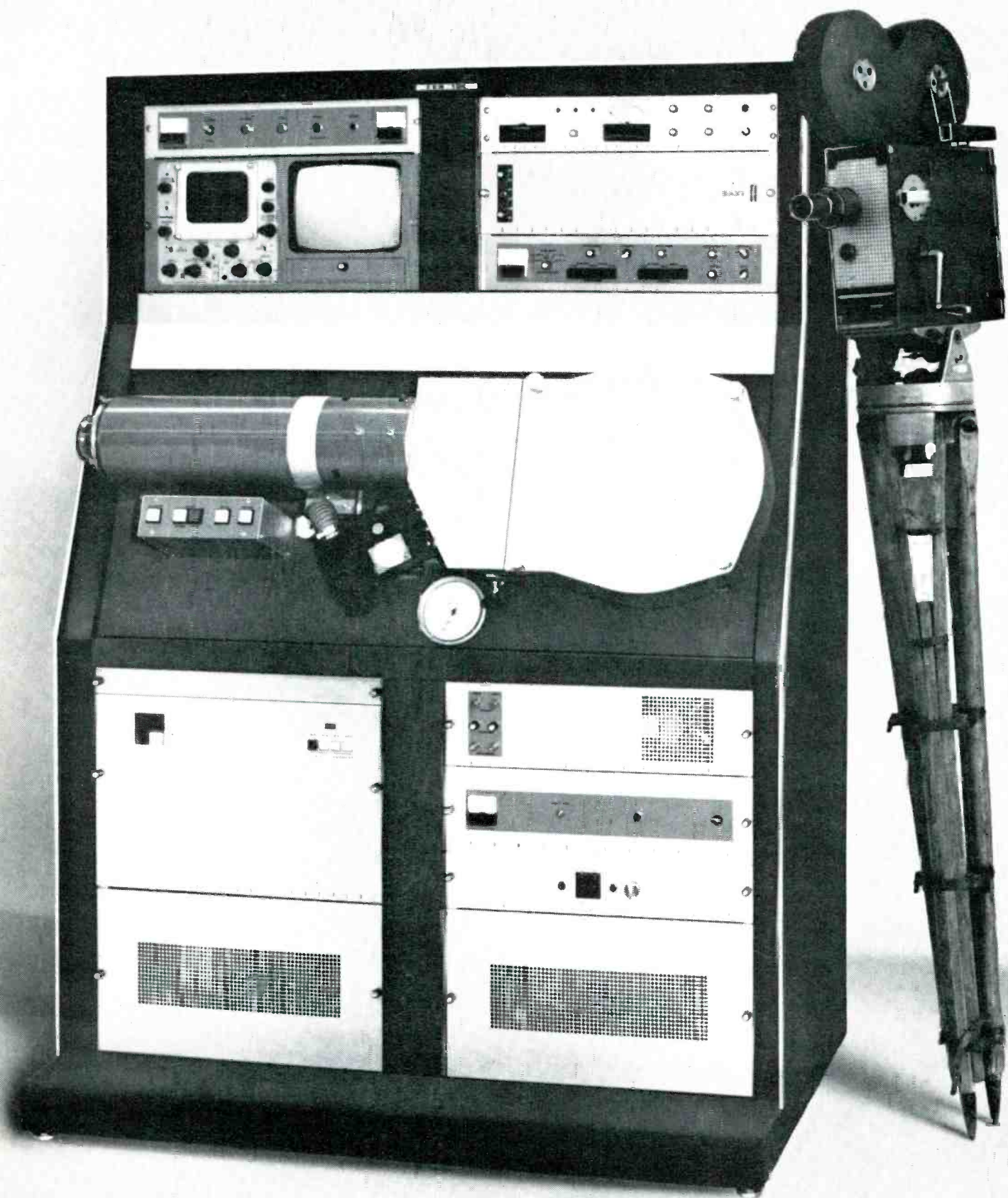
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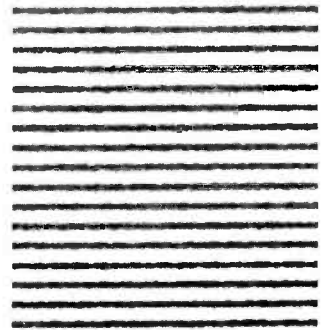
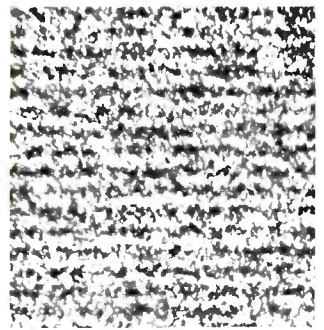
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# INTERPRETING THE **FCC** RULES & REGULATIONS

## The broadcaster's responsibility to ascertain community needs reemphasized

SINCE ITS 1960 TREATISE ON PROGRAMMING (Report and Statement of Policy re: Commission En Banc Program Inquiry, 20RR 1902) and its 1965 issuance of the program form (Parts IV-A and IV-B of the renewal, transfer and construction permit forms), the Commission has demonstrated an increasing interest in the licensees' efforts to seek out and meet the programming needs. On August 22, 1968, the Commission again manifested its concern in a Public Notice (FCC 68-847) captioned "Ascertainment of Community Needs by Broadcast Applicants." Therein, the Commission observed that broadcast applicants (for new licenses, renewals, transfers and assignments) frequently tender deficient showings in these areas.

The Commission restated its 1968 holding (*in Andy Valley Broadcasting*, FCC 68-290) that:

A Survey of community needs is mandatory and that Applicants, despite long residence in the area, may no longer be considered *ipso facto*, familiar with the programming needs of the community.

Apparently, numerous broadcast applicants fail to follow the edicts of the 1960 treatise on programming, the prolific case precedent, and/or, more saliently, do not respond fully to Parts IV-A and/or IV-B of the FCC forms.

In its determination to force broadcast applicants to provide this data, in its 1968 *Minshall Broadcasting* case (11 FCC 2d 796), the Commission articulated the four elements necessary to respond to Part I of the "new" (1965) Section IV-A and IV-B:

- (a) Full information on the steps taken to ascertain community needs;
- (b) Program suggestions received from listeners;
- (c) Applicant's evaluation of suggestions; and,
- (d) Programming to be offered in direct response to those needs.

Numerous broadcasters have charged that (1) the Commission is attempting, and has practically

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accomplished, a "back-door" entry into control of their program content and (2) promulgation of the aforementioned notice further undermines their basic rights of free speech. It appears that the 1960 Program Inquiry, the 1965 issuance of new program forms (Parts IV-A and IV-B), and the August 1968 Public Notice all portray an inexorable trend towards ultimate governmental control of programming. In any event, it is important that all licensees understand (1) their responsibilities and (2) analyze the Commission's requirements as to broadcaster's programming.

### Analysis of the Commission's reemphasized programming goals

The Commission's August 1968 reemphasis of the importance of ascertaining community needs should not be taken lightly. For years, the Commission has gradually intensified its interest in this area and augmented its determination that licensees will comply. To wit, the foundation of the American system of broadcasting was laid in the Radio Act of 1927; therein, Congress placed the basic responsibility for all matter broadcast in the hands of the station licensees. That obligation was carried forward to the Communications Act of 1934, and remains unaltered and undivided.

In the sense that his license to operate his station imposes upon him a nondelegable duty to serve the public interest in his community, the licensee is, in effect, a "trustee."

In the 1960 programming treatise, the Commission stated that it had a statutory responsibility to review and pass upon a licensee's program proposals. Section 307(b) of the Communications Act requires the Commission to "make" such distribution of licenses . . . among the several States and communities to provide a fair, efficient and equitable distribution of radio service to each of the same. Under this section, the Commission has consistently licensed stations with the end objective of either providing new or additional programming service to a community, area or state, or of providing an additional "outlet" for broadcasting from a community, area or



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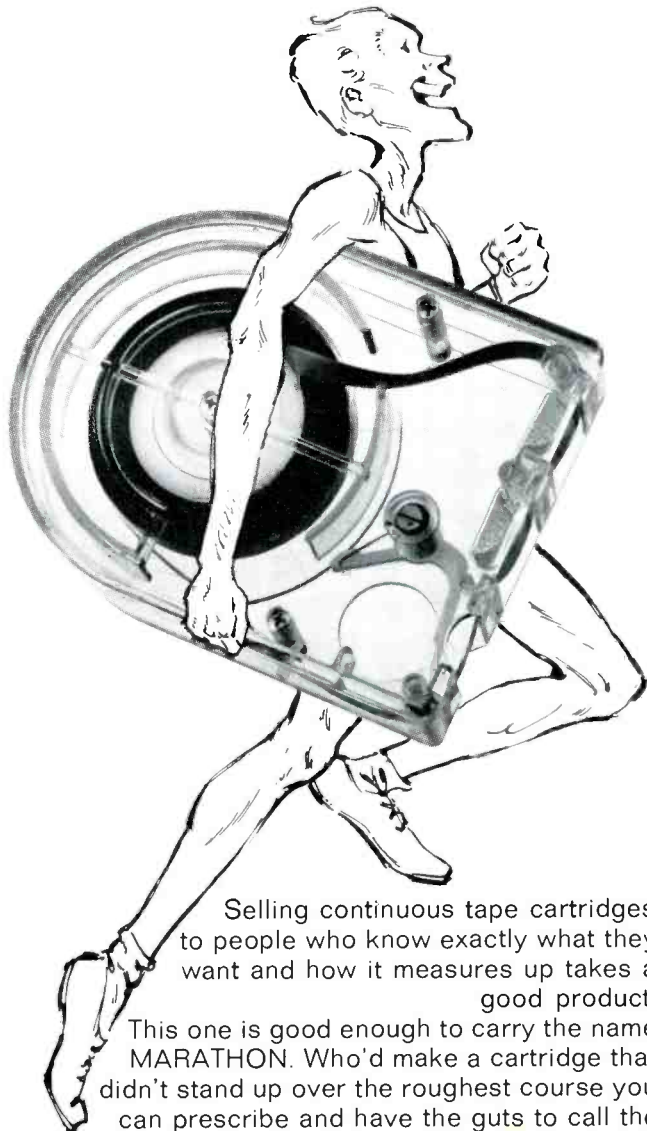
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state. Implicit in the former alternative is increased radio reception; implicit in the latter alternative is increased radio transmission and, in this connection, appropriate attention to local live programming is required.

Formerly, by reason of administrative policy, and, since September 14, 1959, by necessary implication from the amended language of Section 315 of the Communications Act, the Commission has had the responsibility for determining whether licensees "afford reasonable opportunity for the discussion of conflicting views on issues of public importance."

Prior to 1960, this meant a review, usually in terms of filed complaints, in connection with the applications made each three year period for renewal of station licenses. However, that was a practice largely traceable to workload necessities, and was not limited by law. Today, the Commission examines renewals in depth—with or without complaints.

The confines of the licensee's duty are set by the general standard "the public interest, convenience or necessity." The initial and principal execution of that standard, in terms of the area he is licensed to serve, is the obligation of the licensee. The principal ingredient of such obligation consists of a diligent, positive and continuing effort by the licensee to discover and fulfill the tastes, needs and desires of his service area. If he has accomplished this, he has met his public responsibilities.\*

### Major elements to meet local needs

The major elements usually necessary to meet the public interest, needs and desires of the community include: (1) opportunity for local self-expression, (2) the development and use of local talent, (3) programs for children, (4) religious programs, (5) educational programs, (6) public affairs programs, (7) editorialization by licensees, (8) political broadcasts, (9) agricultural programs, (10) news programs, (11) weather and market reports, (12) sports programs, (13) service to minority groups, and (14) entertainment programming. While the Commission does not

\*Historically, it is interesting to note that in its review of station performance, the Federal Radio Commission sought to extract the general principles of broadcast service which should (1) guide the licensee in his determination of the public interest and (2) in evaluating the licensee's discharge of his public duty. The Commission attempted no precise definition of the components of the public interest; it left the discernment of its limit to the practical operation of broadcast regulation. It required existing stations to report the types of service which had been provided and called on the public to express its views and preferences as to programs and other broadcast services. It sought (1) information from as many sources as were available in its quest of a fair and equitable basis for the selection of those who might wish to become licensees and (2) the supervision of those who already engaged in broadcasting.

The spirit in which the Radio Commission approached its unprecedented task was to seek to chart a course between (1) the need of arriving at a workable concept of public interest in station operation, and (2) the prohibition laid on it by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and by Congress in Section 29 of the Federal Radio Act against standards or guidelines which evolved from that process were adopted by the Commission and have remained as the basis for evaluation of broadcast service. They have mainly been incorporated into various codes and manuals of network and station operation. The Commission emphasized that these standards or guidelines in no sense constitute a rigid mold for station performance, nor are they considered as a Commission formula for broadcast service in the public interest. Rather, they should be considered as indicia of the types and areas of service which, on the basis of experience, have usually been accepted by the broadcasters as more or less included in the practical definition of community needs and interests.



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intend these elements as all-embracing or constant, nor does it claim to dictate the amount that licensees shall carry of each, the Commission has felt for years that licensees generally don't do an adequate job of meeting the local needs. As a result, the Commission has become more determined each year to force the licensee to ascertain community needs. Even the responses to the new program form have not proved, to the Commission's satisfaction, that licensees generally seek out and meet community needs—particularly as to local programming. The August 28th notice is further evidence of that concern.

**Failure to provide enough detail may result in hearing**

The Communications Act provides that the Commission may grant construction permits and station licenses, or modifications or renewals thereof, only "upon written application" setting forth the information required by the Act and the Commission's Rules and Regulations. If, upon examination of any such application, the Commission shall find the public interest, convenience and necessity would be served by the granting thereof, it shall grant said application. If it does not so find, it shall so advise the applicant and other known parties in interest of all objections to the application, and the applicant shall then be given an opportunity to supply additional information. If the Commission cannot then make the necessary finding, the application is designated for hearing, and the applicant bears the burden of providing proof of the public interest. It is not inconceivable that, in the future, hearings may be ordered on the renewal questions concerning the sufficiency of program surveys.

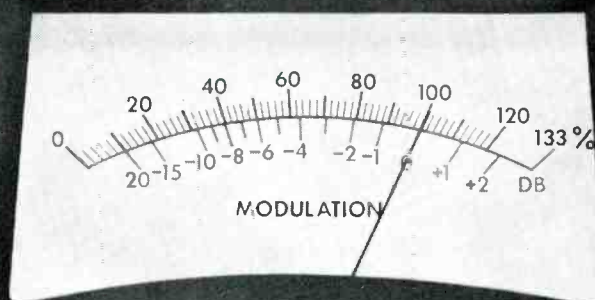
**The amount of necessary program survey data**

The Commission desires documented program submissions prepared as the result of assiduous planning and consultation covering two main areas: first, a canvass of the listening public (who will receive the signal) and second, consultation with leaders in community life. As to the latter, while the Commission's August 28th Notice does not define the degree of specificity required, it appears to expect renewal applications to (1) give the names and addresses of those personally contacted or surveyed and (2) list a respectable number of contracts. The desired number would vary with the size and affluence of the licensee; the number required can best be ascertained by consultation with your attorney.

To date, the Commission has applied an "even hand" on the tenuous dividing line that runs between its licensing responsibilities and the broadcasters' constitutional right to free speech. So long as the licensee can show reasonable effort to ascertain his local community's and service area's tastes, needs and desires, he will fulfill his obligations to the public and, hence, meet the Commission's requirements. Nevertheless, in light of the Commission's August 28th Notice, all licensees would be well advised to take another look at their policies regarding program surveys and consider possible expansions thereof. Consultation with appropriate attorneys is recommended.

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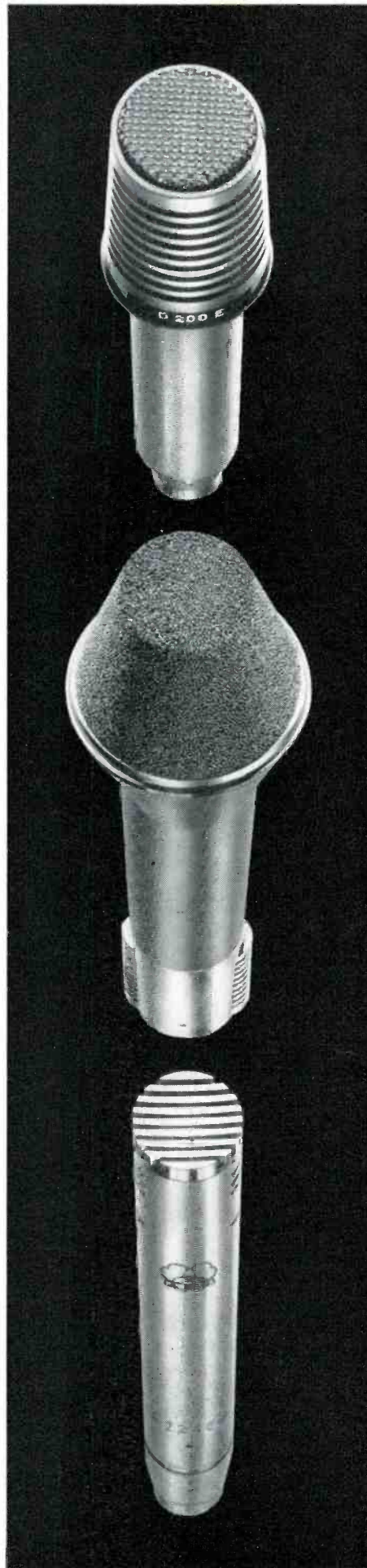
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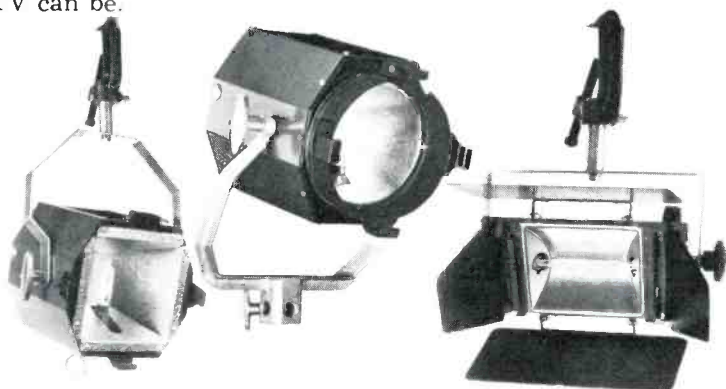
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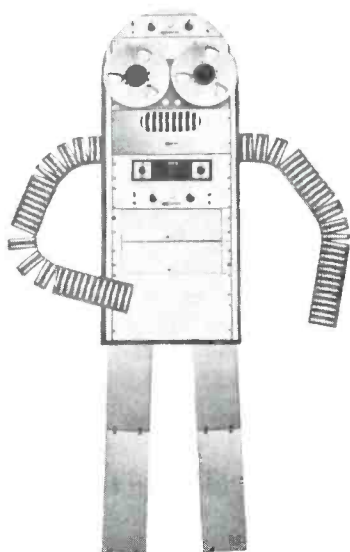
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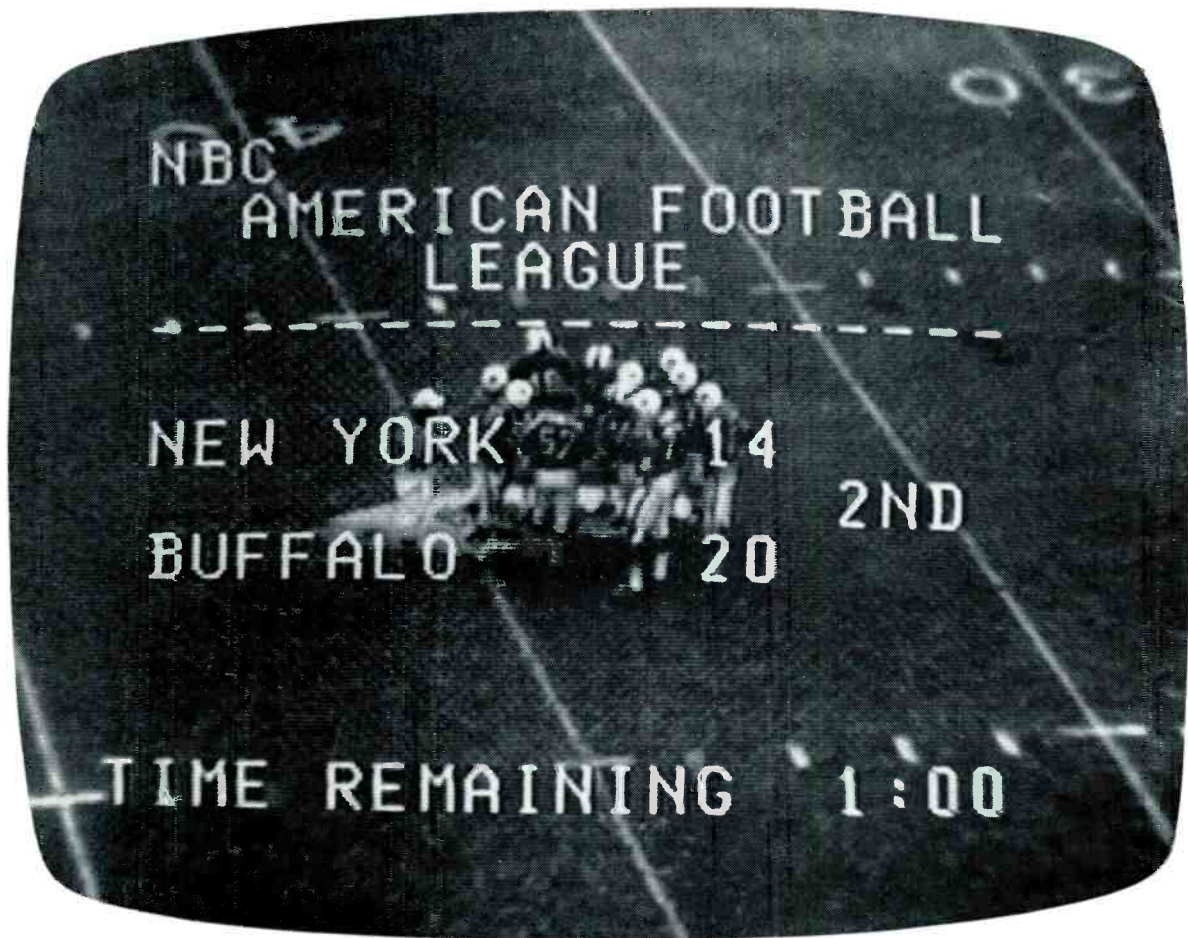
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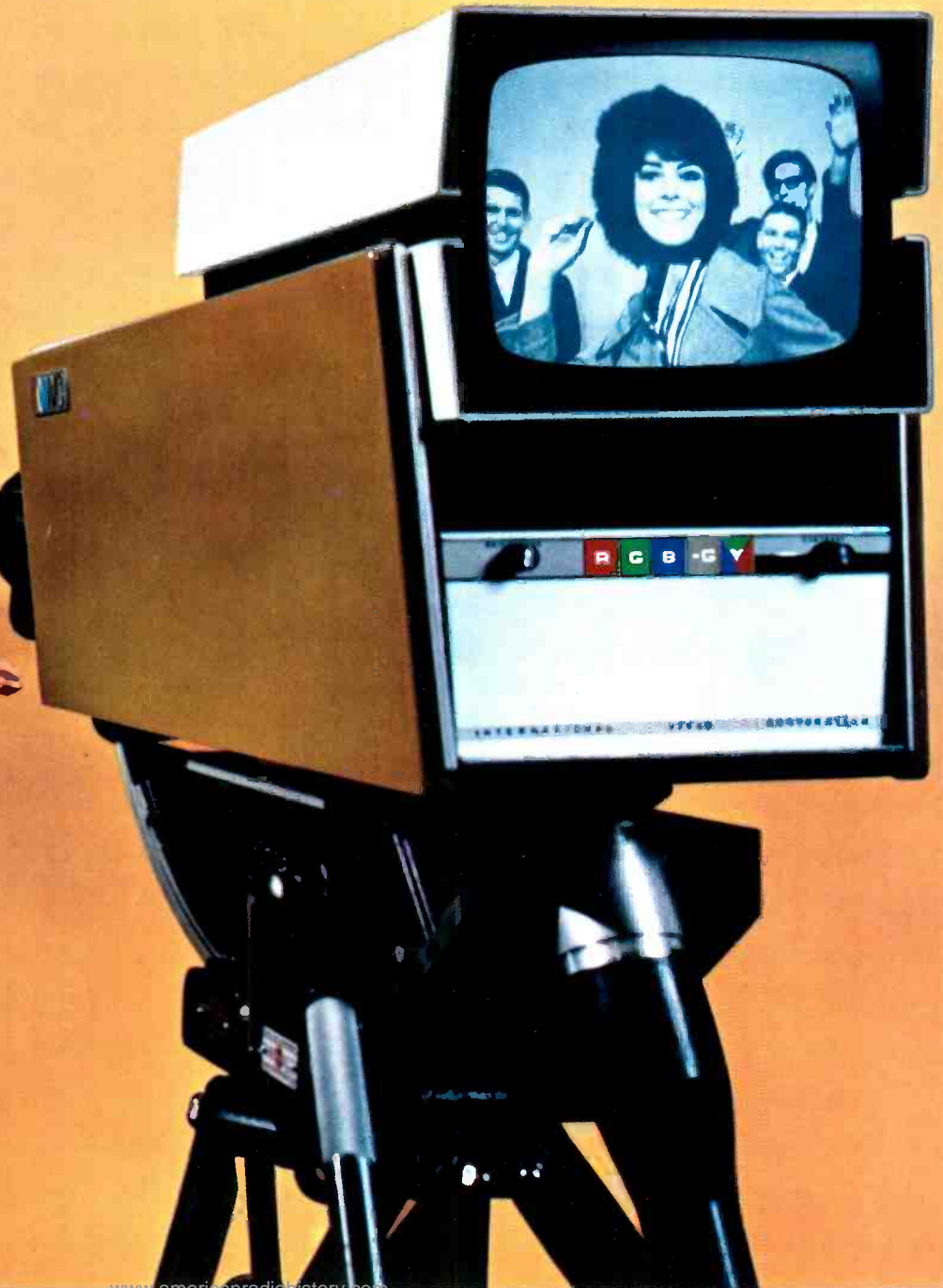
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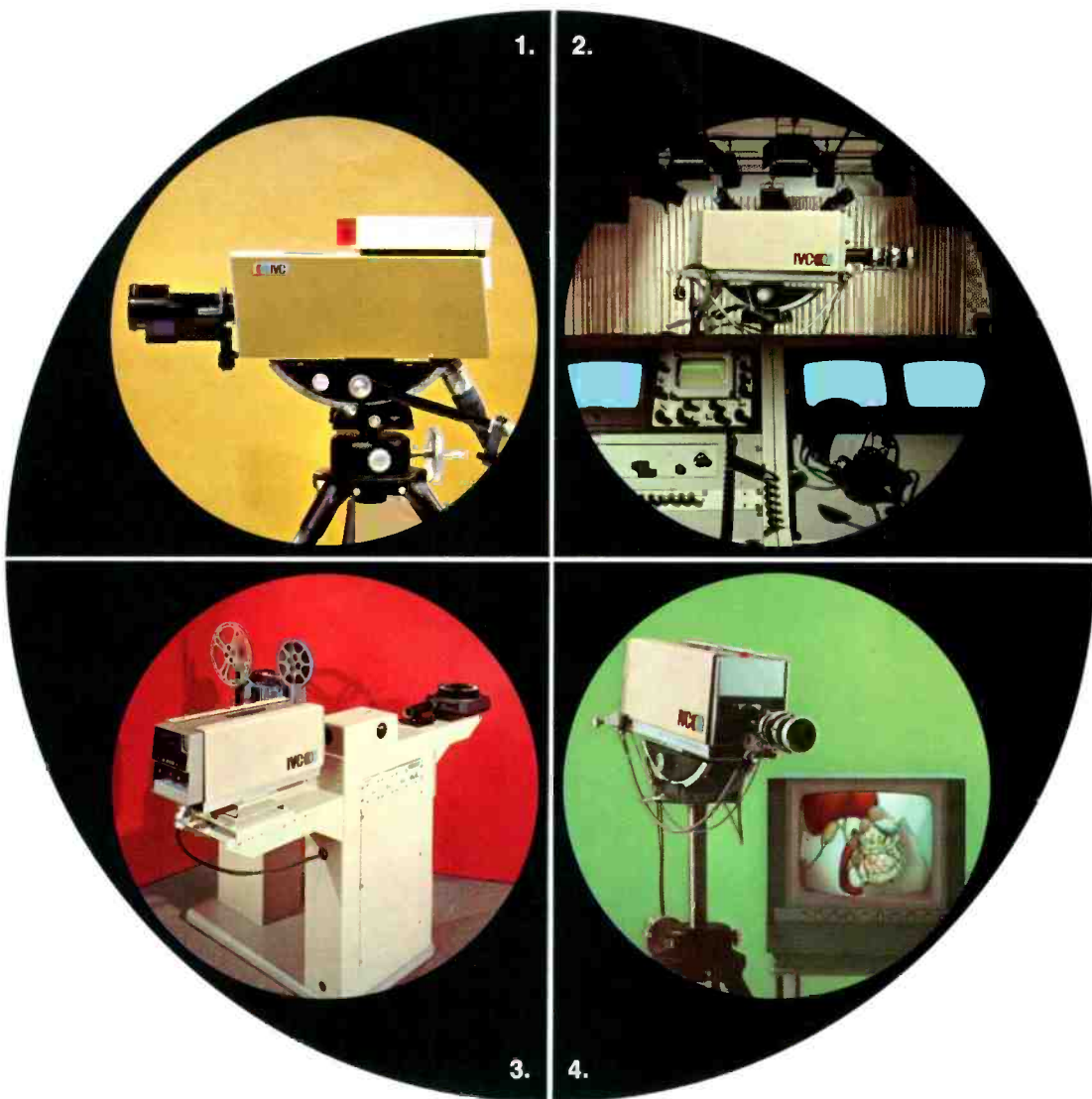
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# Anomaly in Boston: The Prodigy Called WGBH

**Working for the only station in the country to garner both an Oscar and an Emmy, WGBH's youthful staff races pell-mell through a world peopled by experimentation, innovation, high esprit, near-recklessness, and a level of professionalism that's second to none.**

AMONG THE BEST-EQUIPPED ETV stations in the country, WGBH/WGBX in Boston is the hub of an ever-expanding educational forum. Many network programs originate here, and the station's directors are constantly seeking new ways to get the message across—constantly experimenting with unusually daring and provocative techniques.

Two guys and a gal form lighting crew, setting up studio for taping session. Gal is summer help, in blue jeans.



Public programming is geared to capture and hold audience interest in far-reaching public affairs programs. Audience response is encouraged and is usually encouraging. For WGBH presents programs with a special kind of flair that not only puts it at the forefront of ETV stations, but is the envy of many commercial broadcasters.

## Humor Mixes Well

The high humor (some insist high-handedness) and élan that pervades backstage is perpetuated by the youth of station personnel. The staff of 175 full-time employees is augmented by many part-timers and other student help. College kids are in and out of studios, control rooms, set storage and a very informal vending-machine-fed cafeteria. The young set is everywhere, underfoot, overhead, attired in blue jeans, miniskirts, long hair, beards, bangles and just about anything else that's stylish on campus.

Typical of some of the station's antics: when a Boston commercial station announced (with lots of fanfare) that it was going color—the first in Boston at the time—someone at WGBH took this as a direct challenge. One day before the scheduled color startup, WGBH very discreetly and quietly aired a color slide, taking the wind out of a few sails.

## Massive Technical Capabilities

The color slide was no fluke; WGBH had been planning for color for some time. Today it has an impressive equipment lineup that outdistances the gear in many commercial TV stations. Cameras include 10 RCA monos and 6 Marconi colors. The ground-floor equipment "cavern" houses some 4 mono VTRs and another 4 color recorders and 3 film/slide chains. The transmitting plant has an impressive brace of RCA and Marconi gear, belting out 50 kW visual and 5 kW aural on channel 2 and a hefty 371 kW maximum visual and 74.1 kW max. aural on channel 44—this from an antenna system that soars 1195 feet above the ground.

All of this equipment lends itself very readily



Master control for two TV channels is a hodgepodge of added-on gear and can select any source for either channel.

to a variety of professional-caliber programming. But the technical expertise doesn't end there. WGBH finds itself very often acting as a production house, turning out tapes and films for educational institutions—programs which may end up at a duplicating house for ultimate distribution all over the country.

The station's present facilities are so extensive that it can feed network programming to the Eastern Educational Net 24 hours a day. It can also act as the originating or feed point for various live, coast-to-coast NET programs and numerous PBL coast-to-coast hookups.

In addition to its production for channels 2 and 44 and the fm outlet, WGBH produces motion-picture films, research documents for the government and a gargantuan amount of network programming. The Boston station was the first ETV outlet in the country to go color, and its technical staff is constantly upgrading mono equipment for color work. Of the station's 9 VTRs, 3 are Ampex VR-2000's, one is an Ampex 1200, one "old" 1000 which has been updated to high band, two old RCA's, one old Ampex 1000-1 sitting idle, one Ampex 1000-C which has been converted to 7½ ips. The high-bands are used for most production work.

#### Gargantuan Mobile Van

The station's new 40-foot mobile unit contains some of the most sophisticated switching and backup equipment on wheels. The van itself is enormous, and is in frequent use. It will

hold four color cameras (pirated from the studio for the purpose) or four monochrome cameras, instead of two of the color chains.

Operating from the country's largest ETV station, WGBH's production people have their hands in a lot of pies. The station's education division (with a 30-man staff) handles all instructional TV for the area, working in conjunction with elementary and secondary schools and on up through university graduate level. The station has been doing engineering consulting work in TV for: MIT's Center for Advanced Engineering Studies, for the University of Massachusetts' new medical school and the new Christian Science Church complex being developed in Boston. A WGBH-designed system at Harvard links 28 classroom buildings and is switched through the station's master control.

#### Computer Center on TV

"One of those 28 buildings is a computer center," explains station operations manager Jack Caldwell. "The hardware's working and now we're developing the best uses for the system." Caldwell says that "It's possible to carry six simultaneous television programs from any building to any other building in the system—all at the same time." WGBH is discussing similar work with MIT and with hospitals and medical schools.

The Boston station's production facilities have also done work on government contracts. These have included such subjects as neurosurgery—designed to alleviate the crush of time on resident



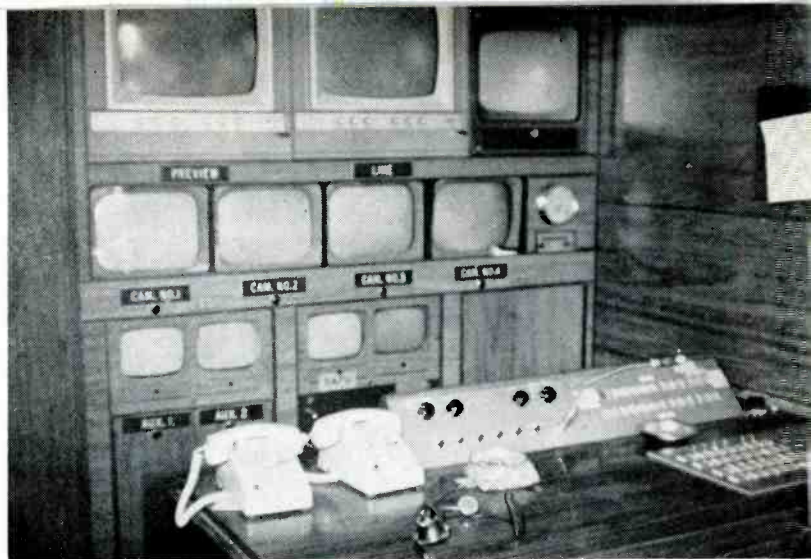
physicians. Says Caldwell, "Residents in neurosurgery spend up to 50 percent of their waking hours commuting—driving from one hospital to another, parking, running from one part of the hospital to another—fully half their time spent moving somewhere. What we determined was the feasibility of conducting neurosurgery seminars without requiring doctors to leave their resident hospitals. Research in this area is still going on.

"Another area is what we call 'Telediagnosis.' Here, we're trying to find out if we can have a doctor diagnose a patient who's physically separated from the physician by a distance of some miles." Telediagnosis has already racked up some impressive results, using a closed-circuit TV link between the patient treatment point (the first-aid room at Logan Airport, for example) and the doctor's office in a major hospital. This method relies on the presence of a qualified nurse at the treatment point, but it allows a busy physician to diagnose and prescribe treatment—making "house calls" by TV—without ever leaving his office. So far, the results have been very encouraging, and the technique has won a high degree of patient acceptance.

Sailors kept isolated from society during 3-month cruises on *Polaris* submarines can take college-level courses via videotape and kinescope recordings—all produced by WGBH. "When the submarine surfaces at the end of the semester," says Caldwell, "the students transfer to an aircraft carrier where a Harvard professor gives the final examination. We fly the professor out to the carrier for the exam."

#### Simulcasts Add Dimension

This past summer, WGBH remote crews winged live concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra from Tanglewood, along with an fm-stereo simulcast for a double treat. Viewers had the option of watching the concert and listening to high-quality stereo audio on their fm equipment. Telco provided two 15-kHz lines from Tanglewood to Boston for the audio, which was matrixed at the



Production control in new mobile van can accommodate 4 color cameras or 4 monos or a combination of both.

studio. Video was carried in color.

A WGBH version of "stereo video" uses the station's two TV channels to transmit two different but associated programs. One such program, featuring dancer Gus Solomons, is all on videotape that's been edited specifically for this special medium. The viewer uses two TV receivers—one tuned to each of the broadcaster's two channels. The tapes for the two channels are exactly synchronized, and the viewer will see Gus walk out of one screen and into the other. As Caldwell describes it, "One picture will counterpoint the other. We may also feed the sound on stereo fm, along with the stereo effect of the TV speakers, for a total of four channels of audio. This is way ahead of what the average viewer can or is willing to set up in his home. We may have only a few viewers properly set up for this."

Another trick possible with this setup, according to production services director Al Potter, is to have the dancer shake hands with himself. He can hand himself something (from one screen to the other), while at other times the two screens simply act as a cinerama-like setup. At times, there would be two entirely different pictures that form a kind of counterpoint to each other.

### Newest of the Nets

**The Eastern Educational Network**, which started out as simply a tape exchange operation, is now a live, interconnected system. It's in full duplex operation from Washington, D.C. to Philadelphia, to New York City to Boston. Its duplex nature permits transmission in both directions at the same time. A full-duplex "spur" connects New York City to the New York State system—a state-owned network that stretches from New York to Albany, Schenectady, and on to Syracuse and Buffalo. The state's network operations control center is in Albany. This system makes it possible for a program originating in Buffalo to be received in Boston or even Washington.

A one-way circuit connects Boston with all state stations in New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine. These stations don't send; they just receive whatever is sent to them on the network

from any originating point in the system. All the network relays are via telco microwave.

Some programs are taped at the recipient station for delayed rebroadcast, while others are carried live in traditional network-type operation. Live shows have included recent tennis matches and the evening news program originating in New York.

The network also makes possible some unusual experimental programs. Recent network-wide war-games had active participants all over the net. The UN-like session featured ambassadors reporting back to central headquarters, with classroom students acting as the constituency. Classroom students in Buffalo would affect classrooms in Syracuse and Boston—all live and on the air. This experiment sparked a very interesting public affairs program in many of the affiliated school systems.

## Big Rich Kids

Funding is a major problem for WGBH, but for an ETV station, the plant on Western Avenue is exceptionally well-financed. The annual operating budget was \$3.6 millions last year.

"I think the reason we have the money that we do is because we do good work, we're leaders, and when people want a quality product turned out, they turn to Boston," says Caldwell. Principal income sources are dues from member institutions (Lowell Institute Cooperative Broadcasting Council), public contributions, special grants for program production. Commercial TV stations help out with promotional announcements and a partial contribution of antenna space on WBZ-TV's sky-scraping transmitting tower.

## Zany Auction

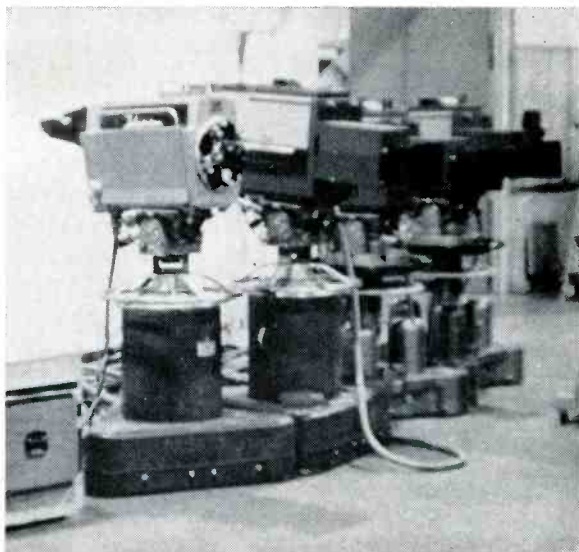
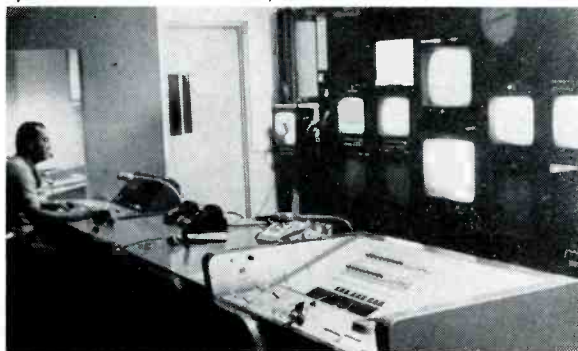
Probably the zaniest element in the Boston station's fund-raising mystique is its annual auction. All scheduled public programming shuts down for six days while the station stages a marathon telethon auction. Past auctioneers have included airline presidents and board chairmen of some of New England's biggest industrial firms. At last year's auction, participants even included economist John Kenneth Galbraith and the bearded Schweppes man, Commander Whitehead.

Articles to be auctioned are contributed, and have included trips to Hawaii, TV sets, Governor Volpe's tie clasp, a ceramic leopard, and hundreds of other equally varied fare. Many firms contribute special services to the station for the auction; one company donated warehouse space to store the goodies last time around; another shelled out \$1000 toward the auction's massive phone bill. Add to this the fact that such contributions (and purchases) are tax deductible, and you have a formula for raising nearly a quarter of a million dollars in a week's frenzied time.

## Experimental Channel

The station's second outlet, uhf channel 44, is still not completely on its own as a separate entity. "Channel 44 is a special-purpose channel," says Al Potter, "and it's in the process of building a program schedule. We were simulcasting a lot

Typical production control is one of three identical such systems for the station's major studios.



Lined up in military formation are one old mono camera and three new Marconi color systems with zoom lenses.

of channel 2's programs, especially during the summer. Now we're up to seven hours a day on channel 44." Channel 2 and 44 can be switched simultaneously, in or out of lock or completely separately. WGBH expects to semi-automate some of its switching functions at some point in the near future.

## Proud Technical Achievement

Quality workmanship is evident in all segments of Boston's ETV station. Most of the equipment has been installed by station technical personnel. Proudest of these achievements has been the complete installation of new Marconi transmitting equipment for both channels 2 and 44. The cooling system plumbing alone prompted technicians to learn a few new skills, including silver soldering.

WGBH proudly points out that it is the only TV station in the country, educational or commercial, to hold both a TV Emmy and an Oscar. The Oscar was for a film documentary, "Robert Frost—A Lover's Quarrel with the World." The Emmy was for Julia Child's cookery series. Julia's effervescent personality smooths over on-camera disasters with earthy witticisms.

Julia Child is one of several out-of-the-ordinary personalities who appear regularly on WGBH. Horticulturist Thalassa Cruso, who thinks nothing of bashing a crawly slug (in front of the camera) that happens to poke its head out of a flowerpot, holds forth on a twice-weekly program of gardening hints.

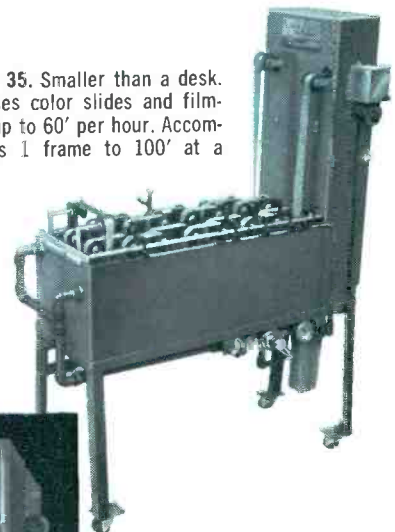
Audience response is gratifying. Mail pours in at astonishing rates—much of it addressed to specific TV personalities. And this audience involvement is bound to mushroom as WGBH tries more experimental and earthy programs. Whether it's an insect being bashed by a flowerpot or a modern dancer shaking hands with himself, if it's innovative, chances are it'll be seen first on WGBH, the *wunderkind* of ETV. **BM/E**

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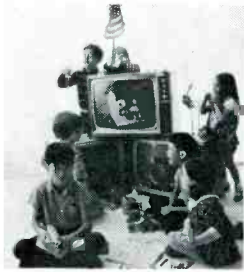
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# 1968-1969: Instructional TV

**Survey: BM/E set out to find examples of maximum use of instructional TV. Result: unmistakable conclusion is that a lot of instructional TV is by and for teachers. Students are benefiting, however.**



EDUCATIONAL TV, in contradistinction to instructional TV, has long since been written off as for adults, not kids. As Father John Culkin puts it, "Producers and performers in educational TV are only interested in prime-time and praise from their peers. They could care less about what some eight-year-old critic thinks of them."

If the classroom is to be more than just a boring interruption in the real learning\* of a youngster, then instructional TV has a big job to do. Right now the teacher controls what goes on in the classroom.

TV (and media other than chalk board and book) is coming, but slowly. Only after the teacher is converted to use multimedia can television and the full use of visuals begin to supplement the talking lecture. Only when the teacher sees herself as a director of learning, rather than the fount of learning, can learning catch up with 20th century communications.

The 19th century concept of a bell-oriented building of classrooms occupied by a teacher who takes 20-30 pupils through a curriculum lock-step is obsolete, though not dead.

There are those who are impatient to move ahead with the mid-20th century concept of in-

dividualized instruction. This vision sees the classroom giving way to an electronic study carrel connected to a library resource center rich with film and videotapes made by specialists. The general classroom teacher becomes an education counselor or director.

Envisioned, now, is a resource center containing a computer that is programmed to display increments of instruction and to feed back positive reinforcement for right answers. The computer will engage in a two-way conversation with the student.

But this modern concept, however attractive it may look to the layman, represents change which is difficult to cope with in today's learning institutions. Schools, basically, aren't research-oriented, or change-oriented. What progress ITV makes, therefore, will come from teachers who learn or decide for themselves that a lesson organized, rehearsed and edited for TV presentation can be better than a live performance delivered in classrooms largely devoid of effective communication aids. Such recognition or acceptance is painful to make.

Blake L. Reed, instructional media production director, Thornton Township High School, Harvey, Illinois, points out that a 30-minute videotape presentation takes over 40 hours of teacher preparation plus 16 hours of time for a graphics artist. Such an effort calls for dedication, possibly some "ham" in one's blood, and positive encouragement from the administration in the form of release time or salary advancement credits.

That ITV will come slowly is a conclusion drawn from a *BM/E* survey of thirty-odd schools and colleges. We sought comments on:

1. Integration of TV into curriculum when TV was the most logical medium, i.e. application of TV as the principal medium for a learning task as opposed to a supplemental or enrichment resource.

\*School as an interruption is a McLuhanism. **Laugh-In** recently philoso-quipped the concept another way: "I'm for bussing. I learn more facts of life in a school bus than in class."

## Impact of Instructional Technology

Excerpted from talk by George L. Hall, Associate Director, R&D, NAEB, delivered at Production '69

The application of technology to the teaching/learning process within the next half decade will cause a significant emphasis shift in the roles taken by teachers. Individual direction and learning management will largely replace "talking-presentation" as the primary activities of the classroom teacher. At the same time most schools and colleges will have staffs of competent paraprofessionals assigned to relieve teachers of burdensome clerical, proctoring and media-operation duties.

One effect of all these changes will probably be a fortunate reversal of the current drift by teachers into a narrow, craft-level "guildism," which has thus far tended to block the tech-

nological takeoff under the fallacious presumption than an individual teacher in a self-contained classroom should be the basic unit of all educational operations at all levels.

There is no question but that the so-called media field will be professionally upgraded to enable those in it to assume a variety of different roles. Some persons in the field will undertake to become "learning systems" designers, supervising psychometrists and systems managers. These will constitute some of the highest professional positions in the whole educational realm.

Other persons in the area of media specialization will undertake somewhat less sophisticated—but nonetheless consequential—roles as producers, storage-and-retrieval specialists, transmission planners and the like. Of course, there will also have to be a large number of media paraprofessionals to facilitate an increased output of television programs, printed support materials and the like.

# is for the 'teach,' not kids.

2. More effective use of teachers as a result of using TV.
3. Maximum use of TV equipment for minimum dollars.
4. Use of TV either to (a) improve instruction, or (b) reduce pupil cost per hour.

Direct answers reveal that:

- Rarely is TV considered the principal medium. In fact, it is anathema to refer to it as such. If teachers are to accept TV, it is as an "enrichment" or "supplemental" device—never a replacement.
- Teachers do become more effective either as a result of seeing themselves on TV when they do a program, or as a result of taking a course given by TV.
- There's little concern over maximum or optimum use of TV equipment per se. Mobile vans are getting a good workout by some who stress local programming.
- No educator is currently inclined to view TV as a means of reducing pupil cost per hour. All justification for expenditure comes from improving instruction.

The full replies of a number of elementary and high schools are reported along with condensations of others. Edited replies of several colleges and universities are included, along with excerpts from others. Extensive data on use of TV in medical schools and institutions were gathered, but will be reported in a future issue because of space limitations.

As you read these reports, you will note that they are not particularly directed to the points raised. We prefer to think our respondents did not evade our direction, but rather "told it like it is." We must add, however, that several institutions known to be in TV declined to comment by saying, "We do not think your request covers our situation." This, we take to mean "we really aren't maximizing our use of TV." One-hundred schools or colleges were asked to respond (via a form letter). These were picked from 812\* listed in "A Survey of Instructional Closed-Circuit Television," 1967, prepared by the Department of Audiovisual Instruction, National Education Association. Replies were received from one-third of those queried.

## Maximizing Instructional TV at Huntsville

What is taught successfully "by" television is debatable. What can be taught more effectively "with" television is practically unlimited. How much television is used depends on the depth of involvement of teachers, supervisors, and administrators with the production personnel. Huntsville has ITFS channels plus a uhf-ETV station.

### SELECTION AND DEVELOPMENT of a TV course re-

\*The National Compendium of Televised Education, Vol. 14, (copyrighted) compiled by Dr. Lawrence McKune, Michigan State University, reports 1,826 elementary school districts and 2,726 institutions of higher learning comprising a school enrollment of 19,232,584, use ITV in some part of the formal education of their students.

quire supervisory, administrative and instructional staff working closely with television production personnel. The depth of use which is made of the subsequent television course throughout the school system depends directly on the breadth of this involvement.

The TV teacher who has special skills and training in the subject area and in communications is released from the classroom to focus her full attention on the single course with the assistance of production specialists. Her time is divided between television center and the classrooms of the school system where she coordinates use of the TV lessons and gains information and ideas for further course development and refinement.

TV is used as the principal medium of instruction (major resource) in several courses where this proves most logical.

- **Handwriting.** TV provides a uniformity of method and progress throughout the school system. This reduces problems and frustrations among students who change schools during the year. It simultaneously provides exemplary demonstration lessons for all classroom teachers.

- **Local History.** TV provides an in-depth study for which no text is available. Full community resources are drawn upon, and mobile TV facilities are used for videotaped lessons with the television teacher "on-site." A packet of materials is provided for each classroom teacher to help her use the television lessons most effectively. The TV series helps off-set the problem of the many new teachers in the system each year who have not had an opportunity to prepare themselves to teach this specialized subject.

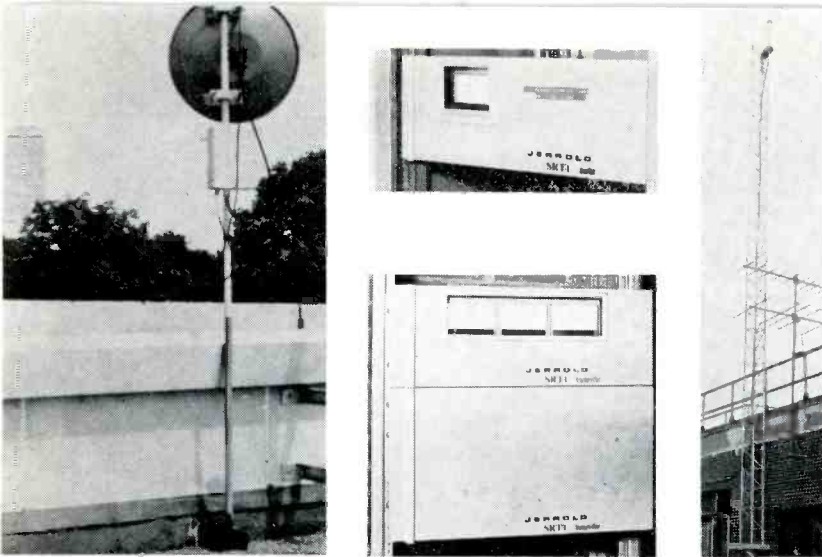
- **New Math.** TV is used for grades one through four to make the transition from traditional methods of teaching this subject. The lessons were developed and produced under the supervision of an internationally renowned professor of education and mathematics at a leading university. Our classroom teachers participated in field testing and evaluation of the series, so they gained substantial experience in teaching the "new math." Final results indicated significant gains of students as compared with those of previous years when traditional methods were used.

More effective use of teachers as a result of using television is accomplished in several ways.

Classroom teachers depend on television to provide resources which would otherwise be difficult, or impossible to obtain. Duplication of effort and materials is greatly reduced, allowing the teacher time for individual attention to students.

The teacher with particular skill and training is released from the classroom to focus full efforts through television on her specialized subject. Consequently all students benefit, and the classroom teacher has subject matter specialists on her teaching team.

Television is used for administrative purposes and in-service training, making maximum use of special resource personnel and consultants.



Boston Archdiocese programs are microwaved from Prudential Tower (above, left) processed by Jerrold SRT-1 exciter (center, top) and transmitter (bottom). Omnidirectional Jerrold Antenna is at right.

Most importantly, more effective learning by the students results by using TV.

Maximum use of TV equipment for minimum dollars can best be accomplished by:

- Planning the educational program which is to be accomplished with television, and then acquiring adequate staff and equipment.
- Involving educators at all levels to develop the program with the cooperation of the professional TV staff.
- Conducting periodic workshops and training sessions for classroom teachers on the best practices and procedures for most effective uses of television.
- Having an adequate field staff in the schools to assure full and proper use of television lessons.
- Providing a capable engineering staff to assure prompt repair and minimum down-time of all equipment.
- Combining the best principles of broadcast management and educational administration.

The Huntsville Public Schools Education Television Center, established in 1966, is a communications complex which consists of three major elements:

1. WHIO-TV, channel 25, a 500 kW uhf transmitter operated by the Alabama ETV Commission, with full-time, two-way interconnection with the State ETV Network.
2. A four-channel ITFS system operated by the Huntsville Public Schools as an adjunct to the State Network.
3. A production facility operated by the Huntsville Public Schools which serves both the ITFS system and the State Network.

Huntsville currently has a population of about 150,000, with over 34,000 children attending the 36 public schools this fall in grades 1 through 12. A four-channel ITFS system was installed during the summer of 1966 to serve all but seven of our schools. It will be extended to every school in the Public School System.

The use of TV to improve the learning process is our major objective, and costs can be justified through results of a thoroughly planned and executed program. Reduction of per-pupil cost can then be best accomplished through maximum use of quality television instruction, for it costs little more to serve many classrooms than few.

We feel that the use of TV purely to reduce instructional costs in general will result in a decrease

in effective learning in our school system.

Instructional television, whether it is a major resource, a supplement, or an enrichment, must be used by the classroom teacher to effect desirable learning results. What can be taught successfully by television is debatable. What can be taught more effectively with television is practically unlimited.

—material supplied by David W. Marxer,  
Director of Educational Media  
Huntsville Public Schools

## New Trier Instructional Television Systems

By the end of the first year, the broadcasting average was 16 hours per day. Grass-roots involvement led to more teachers' program ideas than could be produced. The idiot box had doffed its dunce cap.

IF ITV IS TO BE AN EFFECTIVE TEACHING TOOL it is absolutely vital that the system aspire to meet these goals:

- Curricula integration on a planned insertion basis
- Flexibility in scheduling
- Effective local production
- "Tapping" the resources of not only a great metropolitan community but the country as a whole
- Development of useful teacher in-service programming
- Utilization of local teaching personnel in planning and coordination
- Community support

In its first full year of programming, the New Trier Township (4-channel, 2500 MHz) System has endeavored to reach these goals. With some we've been quite successful; in others we're still working hard.

### A brief background

The New Trier Township ITV System serves six elementary districts (Avoca, Glencoe, Kenilworth, Sunset Ridge, Wilmette, Winnetka) and the New Trier High School District on the north shore of Chicago. The system began broadcasting in the fall of 1966. The 1967-68 school term was its first full year of programming. A Township ITV Center containing studio-control room facilities, graphic arts area, offices, etc., is maintained at New Trier High School East in Winnetka. Besides these permanent facilities, the System also operates a remote production van with self-contained power and environmental controls. During the 1967-68 school year, a 16mm sound unit was purchased to further improve production flexibility. To meet demands additional playback equipment was also added during this first year. The system now has three videotape recorders and two film chains.

Executive functions, actual production, direction, art coordination, existing course or lesson procurement, engineering servicing, secretarial functions, public relations, and other duties are handled by the Township ITV coordinator and the six-member full-time ITV staff. In addition to the coordinator, there is a production coordinator, chief engineer, operations coordinator, producer-director, office manager, and a clerk-typist. ITV coordinators in several districts, a pool of Township production specialists, resource personnel, and more than 100 New Trier High School students complete the direct ITV personnel team.

## First-year programming

In the first full year of programming more than 300 programs were locally produced. Subject areas ranged from sex education to music, from biology to geology, and from mathematics to computer programming and standardized testing (complete timing and test instructions for certain standardized tests, i.e., Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, SCAT, are presented via ITV). The system encountered a tremendous growth in viewing. In September 1967, the average broadcast day was about 3-5 hours. By May and June of 1968, the system was broadcasting about 14 hours per day. In the first two weeks of September, 1968, the average has been about 16 hours per day.

## On-location stressed

Fully 70 percent of local programming is produced on-location. Cameras worked in such places as the Field Museum of Natural History, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Chicago Art Institute, O'Hare Field, the Brookfield and Lincoln Park Zoos, etc. On one occasion the entire citizen naturalization ceremony in the Federal Court was filmed for a junior high school social studies unit. It is this on-location work that enables ITV truly to bring the "outside world" inside to the classroom. New Trier has found that community agencies, educational, political, and social figures, and commercial firms are eager and willing to assist in program production and development.

## In-school, in-service telecasts

About 50 percent of what the system broadcasts is locally produced; the rest is obtained from existing tape libraries, etc. Of the total output, half is in-school telecasting; the other half is in-service for teachers. This in-service telecasting is very important. ITV can present outstanding educators, ideas, discussions, and techniques to the New Trier teaching staffs—presentations that cannot be duplicated any other way when considering both time and money. Since all New Trier programs are videotaped, teacher in-service programs, once produced, are available on a request basis.

## Local programming examples

Some representative titles from the 300 locally produced 1967-68 programs show the wide range of New Trier's use of outstanding personalities as guests and resource personnel: Melvin Tuman on *Making School for Students*; Father John Culkin on *Media and McLuhanism*; Bob Newhart on *Satire in American Life*; Earl Wrightson and Lois Hunt on *The Fine Arts in American Life*; B.F. Skinner on *Motivation in the Classroom*; Robert Havighurst on *The Crisis of Our Cities: The Suzuki Violins at New Trier*.

Program development contracts from the Office of the Illinois State Superintendent of Public Instruction were received to produce two local programs, *Focus* and *Your World and You*.

Purpose of the weekly *Focus* series is to help keep educators informed of local, state and national developments in the teaching profession in particular and education in general. It covers news about curricula, legislation, salaries, and professional negotiations.

*Your World and You* is a weekly K-3 news and topical events program. Current events are brought to

the K-3 student population in understandable terms and concepts. Through a feature personality as well as puppets and a robot, the news becomes alive and relevant for the K-3 age group.

## Curricula control scheduling

New Trier maintains a flexibility in its use of ITV. It is used primarily on a planned insertion basis within the total curriculum when needed and as needed. As such, certain students may not view ITV in specific subject areas for a whole year. Moreover, there may be certain days when the system broadcasts few programs—other days may be heavily scheduled. New Trier does not hold to a rigid "course concept" often prevalent in ITV. At New Trier, if ITV can fill a specific need (whether supplemental, enrichment, or the primary medium for a learning task) in a subject area on a particular day, it may be used.

Programs are broadcast on a repeat basis so that certain offerings may be shown 20, 30, or even more times during the week. Teachers also have the option of requesting ITV lesson units at times other than originally scheduled. At the close of the school year the system was averaging between 10 and 20 teacher requests per day for additional programming. With the system now organized and certain practices established, an in-depth evaluation is underway for the 1968-69 school year.

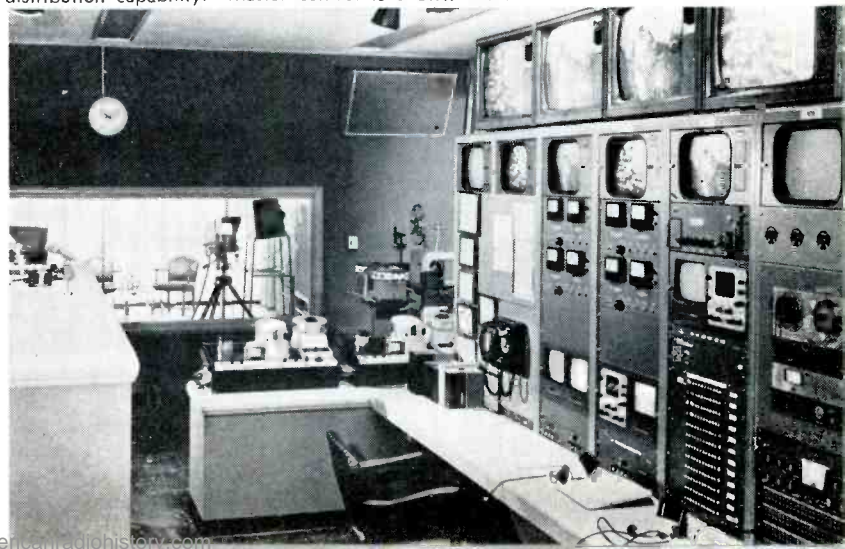
## Involvement of personnel

Teacher participation in planning and preparation of programming are vital for the success of an ITV system. Teachers must also be trained to use ITV, and the preparation of programming affords them an opportunity to be heard on most portions of an ITV system.

As far back as 1966, New Trier developed a system of School, District, and Township ITV Committees and Councils. The objective was maximum involvement from teachers, curriculum specialists, and administrators. ITV workshops and utilization sessions are held regularly. At New Trier, programming ideas begin with the teacher or group of teachers and curriculum specialists.

Unfortunately or fortunately, depending upon how one views it, New Trier was too successful in promoting teacher involvement. Such an outpouring of program ideas and projects occurred that the system could not handle the local input with available staff, time and equipment. Production methods

New Trier system (Winnetka, Ill.) has simultaneous 4-channel distribution capability. Master control is shown here.





Teacher ITV use workshops are held regularly in the New Trier Township. Here, coordinator Pirsein leads session.

were improved late in the school year. This, plus production personnel adjustments and priorities enables New Trier to continue to involve personnel on a meaningful basis. It is the "grass-roots" approach that has helped New Trier ITV to become as successful as it is.

The system is yet in its infancy and has stumbled in the past and is prepared to stumble in the future. But ITV has made great strides in the 1967-68 school year as summed up by one of our teachers: "... all in all, ITV is an accepted fact of life around here now—and an important one. The "idiot box" has doffed its dunce cap!"

—material supplied by **Robert W. Pirsein**,  
ITV Coordinator,  
New Trier Township, Illinois

## Complete TV Courses at Cleveland

Cleveland Public Schools with both open- and closed-circuit facilities have access to much instructional TV material. Examples of direct instruction courses rather than supplemental or enrichment courses are described by Ed Potokar.

THE CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS in cooperation with WVIZ, channel 25, receive broadcasts during the school day. The station has an enrollment of 44 different school systems, including the Cleveland Public Schools. As a member system, we may use any or all of the programs developed by this community station.

However, our own staff produces a number of series specially tailored for the Cleveland Public Schools. We have a production staff which includes a producer, director, art department, film bureau, TV teachers, script writers, and other talent.

Examples of programs intended for direct instruction rather than supplemental instruction include:

*The Cleveland Museum of Art*—an art series designed for grades 5 through 9. This series brings the "Art Museum" to the classroom and serves as a vehicle to demonstrate and explain the many facets of art. Fine art instructors and museum personnel are used and busing of students to the museums has been eliminated after an initial orientation.

*Mathematics*—a series of mathematics topics produced on film and broadcast on open-circuit TV. After the broadcast, film prints are made and distributed to the various mathematics departments for both direct and in-service work in the various buildings.

*Let's Talk*—a pre-kindergarten speech therapy series designed to show audibly and visually, the proper speech patterns. The program is planned

to strengthen and reinforce Title I projects of ESEA of 1965.

*Family Life Education*—a sex-education series for upper elementary classes, written and presented by an experienced school nurse who has taught many of the television lessons. Additional programs planned for junior and high school levels will deal with the detrimental effects of smoking, and the facts of venereal diseases. The use of an experienced medical person gives the finest authority in this delicate area.

*Science-in-service*—a teacher-oriented program planned by the Elementary division of Science to introduce new science equipment and its uses. This equipment was not available at the elementary level in the past. Cleveland schools are national leaders in the use of latest science equipment.

## Closed-Circuit Television Teaches CCTV

At the present time, four buildings are equipped with closed-circuit installations. All have Sony 200 videotape machines, cameras and lighting equipment. However, some studios are more sophisticated than others.

Glenville High School is using television in a two-fold way: teaching television production as a vocation and producing instructional programs for the teachers and students.

In the vocational training course, the students gain practical experience in the areas of writing, producing and directing television programs. Five different courses in radio and television are offered.

Other closed-circuit ITV programs for direct instruction include: library orientation, art appreciation, science, music, shop, social studies and dramatics.

At Charles A. Mooney Junior High, an entire 9th grade algebra class of 275 students viewed over 100 telecasts. The program was divided into 1) review of homework and introduction of lessons, 2) telecast of new lesson and material and 3) completion of TV problems, answering student questions and assigning homework. A complete program guide was developed for this class and presently a development for an 8th grade class is now under way.

The Supplementary Educational Center, operated by the Cleveland Public Schools, is unique in that it serves both parochial and public school children in both the inner-city and the suburbs.

The use of CCTV allows teachers to make more effective use of their time. A pretaped demonstration can be shown while the teacher is present to answer any questions. No demonstration setup time in the classroom is lost.

Many in-service programs are viewed by the teaching assistants as training aids.

Television plays an intracommunication role. Speeches by the Center's director and guests can be televised for routing to remote parts of the building.

—material submitted by **Ed Potokar**,  
Television Production Coordinator,  
Cleveland Public Schools

## San Antonio Rewrites and Retapes For High Quality

No group is prouder of its accomplishments than the Edgewood Independent School District, San



Antonio, Texas. Team teaching is the concept with the TV teacher member spending full time on the curriculum.

IN 1966 EISD RECEIVED an ESEA grant for the installation of the first three-channel closed-circuit instructional television facility west of the Mississippi River. The grant covered the development of "A Model Language Program Utilizing Instructional Television." The San Antonio community has a unique linguistic situation. Living within a ten-square-mile area can be found the Spanish-speaking bilingual child, the monolingual child who speaks only English or only Spanish, and the child who must be termed alingual because he speaks neither Spanish or English efficiently enough to communicate.

The goal of the language-oriented program is to encourage students to improve their use of English in both oral and written communication.

The philosophy of instruction is principally that of team teaching. Either total teaching or enrichment teaching is used depending on the needs of the student. Under the team-teaching approach, the language specialist, as a TV teacher, may devote full-time attention to the language curriculum. Through coordination with the classroom teacher, the language program gives the student the benefit of more knowledge, more preparation, and more opportunity for learning. The TV specialist has the time to prepare and present high quality lessons. Because of the care spent in preparing them, they have high content and teaching-learning potentiality.

Successful integration of ITV into the total curriculum is achieved through discussion at pre-planning conferences, classroom visitations and post-viewing written evaluations. In-service-training programs and the publication of a teacher's guidebook for each series also help. The guidebook also contains goals, prelesson suggestions, lesson outline and followup activities.

General benefits accrue when ITV is used. For example, the climate of research and educational progress promotes growth. Classroom techniques in general are improved through the exemplification of model teaching on TV.

The most important benefit of ITV, however, is the enhanced learning situation. The medium itself creates a new avenue for education growth. Because of its strong appeal to several sensory avenues, TV is an attention-getter and can be used to refine and define the focus of attention. New, different and often otherwise inaccessible material can be brought into the classroom.

Lessons can be taped, evaluated, rewritten and retaped so that both the lesson content and manner of presentation are of the highest quality. Reinforcement techniques can be scheduled for example.

The KHS-77 curriculum, although language oriented, has expanded to include math, science, music, history, story telling, driver's education and guidance.

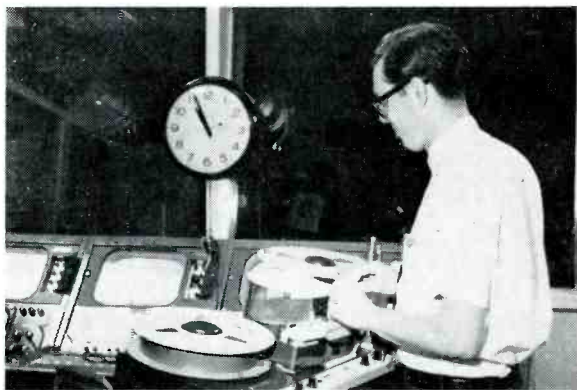
—material submitted by H. H. Bobele,  
TV Coordinator,  
Edgewood Instructional Television,  
San Antonio, Texas

## Houston Studio Production

Now in its fourth year, the Spring Branch School District of Houston claims its programming exemplifies the best studio production techniques. Teachers like it.



Spring Branch studio during production of "Moving with Mathematics" series.



John Benner, Spring Branch ITV producer/director, working with 2-inch videotape equipment.

THE EXCELLENCE OF AN INTENSIVE TV PROGRAM depends largely on correlation of the program with classroom curriculum materials, timing of broadcasts, teacher interest and involvement in TV lesson preparations, interesting and entertaining presentations, uniformity of school bell schedules, a continuous evaluation program and, last but not least, the teacher's presentation of the material.

Instructional television in the Spring Branch District is designed solely for the classroom teacher and his students, not the producer's ego. Program development groups, made up of teachers, meet a year in advance of actual broadcasts to develop a curriculum-oriented television teaching program.

Such advanced planning permits every district teacher to have a listing and description, including broadcast times, of every program presented for the entire school year. Advanced scheduling assists the teacher in pacing his classroom work, so that ITV can become an integral part of it.

Television lessons, when correlated with the classroom lesson, become valuable enrichment material. Television does not lend itself to total teaching nearly so well as to being an enrichment device.

Television is not used in Spring Branch to reduce the number of classroom teachers, but to assist the classroom teacher by adding the extra teacher, the extra specialist, the extra guest, or the extra dramatization that is so often needed to complete the learning situation adequately.

Throughout the district of approximately 36,000 students, supplementary enrichment series are broadcast for secondary and elementary mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, elementary art, music and handwriting. Only through closed-circuit multiplechannel television can so much programming reach so many students per dollar.

### A \$350,000 Setup

The Spring Branch two-channel television oper-

ation represents a \$350,000 installation. Included are a spacious studio, down converter installation and 600 classroom receivers. The station, whose call letters are KRZ-68, supports a staff of seven adults and two students. Staff members include a director of televised instruction, secretary of director, producer-director, art director, technical engineer, and two production engineers. High school students work as studio cameramen and projectionists. The studio operates on a \$50,000-a-year budget. During the 1967-68 school year, approximately 950 different programs were broadcast with multiple performances of each program of three to seven times.

Instructional television is no longer a new teaching tool; however, a special continuous ITV evaluation program keeps all lessons fresh and enlightening. Each teacher is supplied with special computer cards for evaluating each lesson viewed. Through computer analysis, programs can be retired, improved, or updated.

Instructional television becomes an integral part of the curriculum only through the cooperation and dedication of the television studio personnel, school administrators, school maintenance engineers and classroom teachers. Each is a major factor in a curriculum-oriented television program. It takes a congenial blend of talents and dedicated effort to come out with the best.

—material submitted by **Henry L. Thomas**,  
Director of Instructional Television,  
Spring Branch Independent School District,  
Houston, Texas

## Three-Hundred Hours/Month by L.A. Archdiocese

Going into its second year, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is broadcasting 39 curriculum courses at a cost of less than 5 cents per pupil per day. Television in the classroom is not considered a time-out period for the teacher. Rather, more preparation is needed.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES, 2500-MHZ, 4-channel system broadcasts from Mt. Wilson, California, and presently serves 51 schools located within a 50-mile radius of Mt. Wilson. No repeater sites are used. The signal-to-noise reading at the farthest outlet within the farthest school is 43 dB.

During the 1968-69 school year, 39 curriculum courses are broadcast for grades one through eight. These materials, prepared by specialists from sources, are obtained from tape libraries. The individual classroom teacher must integrate this material into her regular curriculum course.

The operating cost of the instructional television system (this involves every phase of operation, including salaries, equipment, cost of programming) based upon per pupil cost, per school day, is \$.0476.

It is anticipated that an additional 25 schools will be added to the Archdiocesan system in the next few months, thus reducing the per pupil operational costs.

An extensive evaluation study was made following the first full year operation of the school year 1967-68, and the following data was validated, namely:

- Individual classroom instructors were particularly satisfied with curriculum areas such as science, in which they did not specialize.

- The teachers themselves enhanced their professional growth by observing the methodology of the television instructor.

- The student response indicated a deeper understanding of the subject because of the visual techniques ITV can offer.

- At the same time the teachers expressed a certain difficulty in coordinating existing material rented from tape libraries into their standard syllabus of instruction. Consequently, our programming staff must plan and produce for curriculum subjects, subject material locally identified with particular needs.

- Schools in poverty areas had some difficulty with program content specified for a particular grade level, in view of the fact that some of the students had not reached the academic plateau which the televised programs contained.

The Archdiocesan system presently operates three channels with a fourth channel to be activated within a year's time. Three vhf stations and ETV station KCET (channel 28) can be received on the system. It is anticipated that the system will air 300 hours per month, not only providing programming for the classroom, but also teacher training credit courses, adult education at the church sites, as well as administration material.

At Loyola University's Foley Communications Center, the Archdiocese has installed its microwave link to Mt. Wilson. The Communications Center also houses the essential equipment for broadcasting.

The operation and maintenance of the transmission system are under the supervision of three full-time engineers.

The success of televised instruction depends upon its efficient use by the classroom teacher. When curriculum courses are offered the teacher must integrate the telelesson with the remainder of time allotted for that particular subject. In many cases this will involve more preparation on the part of the instructor, particularly if television courses are obtained from outside sources. Therefore, television in the classroom should not be considered as a "time-out period," whereby the teacher does not attempt to correlate the televised material with the rest of the subject matter assigned for that day.

—material submitted by **Rev. John C. Urban**,  
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## Seven Channels at Altoona

TV will not replace the teacher in Altoona Area School District classrooms, but it will add visual enrichment to all curricula.

IN SEPTEMBER 1965, the first contracts were awarded for the installation of a 28-room closed-circuit system consisting of 28 receivers, a video recorder and a single vidicon camera.

From this simple beginning, the system has grown to the point where today there are: 300 receiver locations, four video recorders, four viewfinder cameras, a microscope with camera, a telebeam projector, a film chain with camera, complete switching console, turntable, special effects generator and monitors and a 28-room talkback system.

The system boasts a production studio, three closed-circuits within the high school and four 2500-MHz transmitters for beaming programs to

## Learning Resources Centers

Up to half of ITV telecast hours are directed to teachers about ITV. In-service courses are essential and standard practice at schools using ITV.

In the fall of 1967 the Tulsa Public Schools launched a Learning Resources Center. The program retrains teachers and other school professional personnel so that they might work more effectively with educationally and culturally deprived children. The project is funded by ESEA, Title III.

The program is structured around an in-service workshop which eligible teachers attend on a voluntary basis. The workshop covers the gamut of learning problems encountered by disadvantaged pupils. By means of demonstrations with Lowell Elementary and Junior High School pupils, the LRC staff suggests appropriate teaching methods and materials to resolve heretofore problems. These demonstrations are videotaped and replayed for evaluation and discussion. LRC has a 17-point check list to aid self-evaluation.

Jack L. Griffin, research assistant, Tulsa Public Schools, reports the videotaping unit at the LRC is mobile and consequently used in many other situations. For example, tape is fed to two local television stations in Tulsa which sponsor educational programs.

In addition to teacher self-evaluation and dissemination of information to other stations, the videotaping unit is available for other programs.

An on-going need for in-service training is underscored by Betty Smith, communication coordinator for Mineola Public Schools, Mineola, N.Y. The Mineola school offers immediate accessibility of local production facilities to teachers to develop important lessons. When this is coupled with involvement with other teachers and administrators in developing and scheduling courses, teachers come to interpret their role as director of learning.

### COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

A Learning Center at Tenafly, N.J. is unusual in several respects, not the least of which is its location. It's a converted Grand Union supermarket in the heart of Tenafly.

The Learning Center "P.D.Q." is not a school, not a theatre, not a laboratory, not a television studio—not any of these—but a little of each. Its diverse facilities are intended to provide better education for the children, youth and adults in New Jersey. "P.D.Q." stands for Project Developing Quality. It is a Title III ESEA project.

The center has a large, fully equipped and active classroom; comfortable seating in an observation "deck" for an audience of 140; a 36-ft. wide by 6-ft. high one-way viewing glass. Equipment includes cameras, monitors and 2- and 1-in. videotape recording equipment.

Tenafly public school authorities, in conjunction with the New Jersey State Department of Education, are seeking ways at the Center to improve teaching and learning. Videotape assists in the demonstration, experimentation, and dissemination of new methods and techniques. Tapes can be viewed at the center or they are distributed via mobile van.

Over 100 videotapes are currently available for a broad variety of disciplines and subjects including drug abuse, sex education, linguistics, foreign languages, the handicapped child, Suzuki violin, and many more.

Project authorities have issued an invitation to educators in other districts to avail themselves of the center's facilities. 1968 current projects underway or under consideration include editing and disseminating videotapes currently available; assistance to New Jersey teachers in preparation of project proposals which may qualify them for \$1000 experimental grants under A410 recently passed by the New Jersey legislature; a project to explore and design new teaching-learning ideas in race relations, film education, and sex education. The latter project is coordinated with the New Jersey State Department of Education, Rutgers, the State University, the American Film Institute, the New Jersey Institute for Film Arts, the New Jersey Division on Aging, and the Bergen County Cooperative Extension Service.

Other projects include a weekly teenage film makers workshop; "minicourse micro teaching" for veteran teachers and teacher trainees; projects relating to continuing education for adults; teacher-produced videotapes and films; a Science Curriculum Improvement Study project involving elementary school classes; and aid to culturally disadvantaged in urban centers.

### COMPUTER USED IN BROOKLYN

In-service teacher training at Diocese of Brooklyn Catholic schools uses instructional television, a computer and a telephone.

Courses taught in the experiment go beyond teaching by television, but the project is an example of what may be coming in the future. The system is geared to permit individual study.

One night a week 70 parochial school teachers in Brooklyn and Queens turn on their classroom TV sets to watch a half-hour lecture. Then they call in to a remote computer and use their pushbutton phones to take a multiple-choice quiz and hear an evaluation of their answers.

After the test, the teachers request more information about subjects covered in that evening's lecture through their telephone. To reply, the computer has been programmed to select the appropriate recorded message and illustrate it with a related TV picture flashed on the teacher's television screen.

A series of videotaped lectures entitled **The World of Computers** is part of an educational experiment being conducted with IBM.

Brother Austin David, FSC, the Diocese's data processing consultant, said the purpose of the eight-week telecourse is to learn more about the practicality of using a computer with television as a means of providing individualized instruction.

An IBM System 360, located at IBM's Mohanic Laboratory in Yorktown Heights, N.Y., is linked by telephone lines to special equipment in the Diocese's educational TV studios at Bishop Ford High School in Brooklyn.

The video lectures are beamed into Diocesan schools over one of four educational 2500-MHz TV channels operated by the Diocese.

40 schools located within the Altoona Area School District. In addition, contracts for 50 receivers have been let for installation during the 1968-69 school term.

Staffing of the television department calls for:  
Electronic Technician I—chief of operations  
Electronic Technical II—operations assistant  
Maintenance Technican—studio and field maintenance  
Director—program consultant  
Studio Aide I—clerk and video playback  
Studio Aide II—graphic artist  
Student Assistants (7)—art work and production helpers

Programming seven channels of television presents quite a challenge. At the elementary school level, we employ two teachers to develop and produce programs. Additionally, subject supervisors, nurses, dental hygienists and librarians are scheduled one-half day every other week in the studio for videotaping programs.

Secondary school programs are not so diversified as the elementary school programs. Programs for social education were the first target, followed by the language arts and science areas. Three social educational teachers have reduced classroom teaching loads and are thereby free to develop social education programs.

English I (composition, tenth grade) schedules one day per week for large group instruction and the science teachers have scheduled many slides, filmstrips, and 16mm films to supplement their programs. WPSX-TV (Penn State University) programs are carried and serve as a valuable aid in programming.

#### CATV used

To keep the public informed on classroom activities, an Administration goal, a repeater that will feed a signal to the head end of the Altoona Video Corporation's community cable system has been installed. The cable company has provided the necessary antenna and down converters to translate 2500-MHz signals to vhf signals, and has provided time on the system for school programs to be carried to the homes of the community.

TV has made it possible for subject specialists and supervisors to visit the 26 schools in the district. Ideas that were slow to spread throughout the district now may be quickly disseminated.

In-service programs for the teachers are aided by TV. In-service meetings formerly requiring teachers from a large area to congregate in one location are being replaced by television programs that are transmitted to all schools.

—material submitted by Dr. Ardell L. Feeley,  
Altoona Area School District,  
Altoona, Pennsylvania

### Videotape Ideas: Instant Victory

Instant victory through videotape replay solved a problem for Corona High School, Corona, Calif. At Abilene, Texas, lab chains are devoted to aiding and abetting individualized instruction.

EVERY SPRING the student body at Corona High School has an old fashion political convention with everything from banners to bunting and balloons. All aspects of a political convention are included in

this learning experience except the smoke-filled rooms.

The problem was how to involve the entire voting 1600-student body in the main stream of the excitement when the assembly hall seats only 250. As in regular politics each class was represented at the convention but everyone wanted to see and hear the proceedings. The solution was to prepare a videotape of the morning session. The keynote address, nominating speeches and general bedlam was recorded for afternoon viewing. By the end of the school day, every student had had an opportunity to view the convention and evaluate all of the candidates.

All that was needed was one camera with zoom lens, a VTR and one operator. The cost of four hours labor is a small price to pay for reaching 1600 students. So if you ever have the problem of packing 1600 kids in a room designed for 250, try instant victory: videotape.

Although this project may seem like a one shot deal, Robert Rybicki, AV coordinator, reports secondary benefits resulted. The videotape was used for evaluating speeches, and most important, the following-year convention organizers had a ready reference to procedures and were able to evaluate methods of improving the up-coming convention.

#### Use lab chains and CATV facility

At Abilene, the Public School System is trying to break away from using ETV broadcasts. They need more local control and they want to promote individualized instruction.

Lab chains are being considered. A television camera, monitor, and videotape recorder representing one lab chain will be used in such curriculum areas as speech, psychology (testing and evaluation), physical education (development of motor skills), music, and teacher in-service training. Immediate playback provides individualized instruction.

Ron Moore reports Abilene's television efforts are still in their infancy. More than one channel for broadcasting will be needed. Cable TV, Inc. makes its studio and one channel available to the school.

### Minimal Maximization At Several Schools

While BM/E's survey would tend to discourage negative responses, two schools that replied showed, if not a decline, no great move towards ITV.

ROBERT S. EDELMAN, reporting for the Southwestern Indiana Educational Television Council (SWIETVC), says his system has gone to all radio and a "difficult" uhf pickup. But he suggests the programming available doesn't really meet the needs of teachers. "What is offered on television must come out of a need by the teachers in the classroom who will use it. Otherwise, like commercial television, the viewer, in this case the teacher, will not turn on the program. Then all of the production time, rehearsal time, research time and transmission time, is just so much waste of time."

Edelman says the classroom teacher is the only qualified person to determine quantity, quality and frequency of instructional material for a given class at a given day in a given unit. No one can

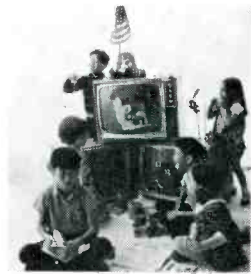
determine that from some remote point. When this fact is learned by colleges and television stations offering enrichment programming to the schools, there will be better educational television. Edelman appears to believe there is too little contact with teachers in the classroom.

### ETV stations replace local programming

The Palo Alto Unified School District is a system doing less today than before. Fred Harding, consultant, Instructional Materials Center reports: "Several years ago we produced lessons in music and foreign language which were distributed to our twenty elementary schools. Because of the produc-

tion expense we have ceased this operation. Instead we now receive a smorgasbord of lessons from educational stations KOED-TV, San Francisco and KTEH-TV, San Jose. Use of these programs is at the option of the classroom teacher as is use of current events broadcasts over the local commercial television stations."

Harding reports his department videotapes behavior at the request of a teacher. In a situation where the action of participants is to be studied, either a demonstration with a consultant or by the participants themselves, a videotape is made. Examples of this mode of operation are speech therapy, sensitivity training and teachers' evaluations. These tapes are not stored or circulated. **BM/E**



# Young Teachers Sold on TV at colleges

**Happy learning experience with TV in college makes young teachers ITV disciples. Count on them to accelerate the new medium on the job. Some take entire courses by CCTV.**

THE "OVER-THIRTY" classroom teacher may resist instructional television as an intrusion on her autonomy in the classroom, or as a threat to replace her. It's for this reason that schools which are using ITV successfully spend so much time on building up teacher cooperation. It seems essential, too, that these schools view ITV as strictly enrichment or supplemental material.

Under-thirty teachers, who have used TV in college, have no fears or apprehensions. If they've benefited by a videotape analysis, or if they took an interesting course by CCTV, they are eager to use the medium.

In the examples that follows, heavy use is made of videotape for self-improvement instruction, or as a "canned course" which frees instructors for better use of their time.

## Micro-teaching at University of Minn.

The videotape recorder is indispensable in teacher training at University of Minnesota, Duluth campus.

MICRO-TEACHING has been one of the most meaning-

ful TV projects undertaken to date at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. The intern teacher uses one particular skill, such as positive reinforcement, and presents it before a peer group for five minutes. This lesson is recorded on videotape and played back so that the intern teacher may evaluate the method.

After playback, the intern is subjected to a critique by the instructor and the individuals in the peer group. The intern teacher also writes his own evaluation of his performance. Generally, two or three five-minute sessions are recorded and evaluated. When a particular skill has been developed to the satisfaction of the instructor and the intern, a twenty-minute micro-teaching session is undertaken. The project has included secondary math teaching, secondary English, secondary foreign language, elementary social studies and aerospace studies, to name a few.

The students who have participated in the micro-teaching experience have had nothing but praise for it, even though they were all less than enthusiastic about it when first exposed to the idea. But "mike fright and camera shyness" soon disappeared.

Videotape is also used successfully in the student teaching program. A tape record is made of student-teachers in action. Tapes are brought back to the college and the faculty member in charge of supervising that particular student views the tape with the student.

The program proved so successful last year on a pilot basis, that it will be expanded this year.

Full courses given by CCTV: Anthropology, Psychology, Journalism, Marketing and Education.

## Stretching Equipment Dollars

An educational television center using broadcast quality equipment has been assembled at Memorial University of Newfoundland for under \$250,000. Equipment was purchased from many suppliers and advantage was taken of the used monochrome market during the time Canadian TV stations were converting to color. Here's a partial list of the University's equipment purchased by John Parker, chief engineer, and Duane B. Starcher, director, educational TV.

- Four EMI 203 4½-inch image orthicon cameras
- One RCA TK 21C film chain
- Two Bell and Howell 614 projectors
- One Spindler-Sauppe 332 slide projector
- One TP-11D multiplexer
- One two-studio General Communications vertical interval switcher
- McCurdy audio
- ColorTran quartz lighting
- ColorTran dimming facilities
- Richmond Hill test and distribution equipment
- Ampex special effects generation
- One Ampex VR 1000HB quadraplex videotape recorder
- Three Ampex VR 7500 helical videotape recorders (for CCTV distribution)
- One three-camera mobile van using RCA PK-

- 302 vidicons with remote controlled pan-tilt-zoom
- Arriflex-Moviola 16mm film equipment
- Nagra film studio and Magnasync 16mm soundtape
- Full darkroom facilities for black-and-white, including Hasselblad, Nikon and Leica copy equipment
- Full television graphics facilities
- One 35- × 45-ft studio
- One 20- × 30-ft studio

At Southern Colorado State College, James A. Dryden reports they beat the high professional monitor price tag by purchasing low-cost portable receivers and, for roughly \$20 per unit, added composite video, noncomposite video (with external drive), off-the-air video output, audio input, and switchable raster. Dryden found the modified unit to compare very favorably with the professional device especially in the field.

As another example, the chief engineer at Southern Colorado State has designed and built a manual rear control for a popular zoom lens for less than one-tenth the cost of the commercial product. Because of a limited equipment budget, the college regularly scours various sources for used and surplus equipment that can be converted to meet the television center's requirements. A mobile van is the end result of several such "treasure hunts."

CCTV was used either because of lack of teaching staff in these areas or as an experiment looking at the differences, if any, in material learned and retention.

We learned students retained as much, and in some cases more, of the factual material because the courses were generally better prepared when put on CCTV. More visuals were used, more attention was

Spring Branch studio during production of *Fun with Music* series—Mrs. Virginia Hunt, TV teacher.



paid to course outlines due to the production techniques, and the teacher always looked at the tape after completion and found areas that needed revision or deletion. With this amount of time devoted to the production of a lecture, it is natural that a better product will come forth.

These tapes can, at the discretion of the teacher, be used the following year. Most of the teachers, however, redo or modify the tapes to bring them up to date.

The teacher using tapes, rather than lecturing three times a day, finds more time for direct contact with the students. In other words, the machine does the repetitious work and the teacher does the human job.

Not only is the teacher freed from repeating himself, but the student can call in and say he didn't understand the lecture and ask for a repeat at an "off" hour. In the conventional classroom, the student gets the lecture but once, and in many cases is unable, due to class size, to ask questions of the lecturer.

Students' reaction to a course in Psychology presented winter quarter of 1968 is interesting. Before having had a CCTV course, 187 to 107 felt a large lecturer session would be better than a CCTV session. After having had a CCTV course, 158 to 135 felt the CCTV course was more interesting.

Aside from the large lecture versus CCTV, students (154 to 120) originally thought they would learn more in a conventional class. After CCTV, this preference switched to a TV class, 140 to 132.

A number of single-concept videotapes have been made for the Education Division. These tapes show experienced teachers in action in the classroom facing the everyday problems of being a professional

teacher. These tapes are shown only partially. When the teacher on the screen gets to a point where a problem has come up, the tape is stopped and the students are polled regarding their feelings on the proper way of handling the situation.

After the students have voiced their opinions, the tape is continued and the students see how the experienced teacher handled the situation. Then students discuss, with their professor, the pros and cons of the total situation. This method allows a real opportunity for the students to "try their wings" in a situation that will have meaning for them once they are the teacher in the field.

A student responder and automatic tally system has been used to see how effective videotapes are in getting points across to students. If a tally shows that only 60 percent understand a concept, this subject can be reviewed or the videotape modified.

Our facilities include two recently completed studio control complexes. Equipment includes two RCA PK-330 vidicon cameras, one RCA TR-3 videotape player, two Ampex 660-B videotape recorders, special effects, 12 input video switcher, slide and film chain, and all associated power supplies, patch bays, etc. The studio is 24 X 48 and is equipped with quartz lighting. Audio equipment is Gates, RCA and Shure.

In addition to the studio facilities, we have seven portable videotape packages including the Ampex VR-5000 VTR, Ampex CC-324 camera, 4:1 zoom lenses, Bogan audio mixers, and Setchell-Carlson 23 in. video-rf monitors.

—material supplied by **Donald L. Monge**,  
Director of Broadcast Engineering,  
University of Minnesota, Duluth

## TV Teaches Teachers at San Francisco State

Active and positive program for five years in teaching teachers.

SINCE 1963, approximately 100 half-hour telecasts have been viewed by some 3000 teacher trainees taking courses in social studies, math and language arts.

Many students preparing for a teaching career have worked with the Radio-Television Department in preparing videotapes.

Videotape programs have included specialists covering special topics such as working with hard-of-hearing children, working with head start programs and testing. Freshman orientation video tapes have been made.

A special summer six-unit educational workshop for teachers has been offered since 1961. Additionally, four annual one-week Instructional Television Institute courses have been offered. This Institute is a joint effort of KOED, the School of Education, the School of Creative Arts and the Summer Session Office of San Francisco State College. Over 400 teachers in the Bay area have registered for the Institute.

In cooperation with KPIX, channel 5, San Francisco, 13 half-hour programs on the *World of the Teacher* were broadcast during the summer of 1963. Kinescope recordings are still being used.

—material supplied by **George E. Steiner**,  
Coordinator, Educational Television,  
San Francisco State College

## ITV is Big at Big MSU

At least 4.6 percent of all credit hours are given by CCTV at MSU. Nearly half (34,726) of all students are enrolled in one or another TV course.

THE INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA CENTER of Michigan State University can deliver a CCTV picture to any of the buildings on campus. Currently, lessons are distributed to 134 viewing areas located in classrooms, laboratories, and dormitory classrooms via an eleven channel rf distribution system leased from the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

During the 1967-68 school year, 70,362 MSU students were enrolled in classes using CCTV. Of these students, 34,726 were enrolled in courses using closed circuit television as the major medium for the presentation of course material. (MSU had an enrollment of 38,000 for the 1967-68 academic year. Some students took more than one course on CCTV.)

### Broadcast quality equipment

MSU operates four studios for the production of instructional television materials: two professionally equipped studios, one with two vidicon cameras, the other with two 4½-inch image orthicon cameras; both have quartz lighting systems, film/slide chains, effects amplifiers, audio consoles, etc; a teaching auditorium with two 3-inch image orthicon cameras located in the rear, an instructor-controlled overhead vidicon camera with a 10 to 1 zoom lens mounted on a specially designed teaching console, film/slide chain, effects amplifier, shotgun microphone, etc; a small veterinary surgery operating room equipped with two vidicon floor/overhead cameras and associated control equipment.

A mobile unit, equipped with two image orthicon cameras, switcher and a quadruplex videotape recorder makes it possible to collect teaching materials in remote locations on and off campus

The CCTV videotape center consists of seven quadruplex videotape recorders, one of these equipped with electronic editing. In addition, one-inch helical scan editing and copying equipment is operated in the center. Forty-four additional helical-scan videotape recorders and camera systems are maintained by CCTV for twenty-eight on-campus departments.

CCTV studio at the University of Minnesota, Duluth.



## Texas Shares Faculty

TEMP is the acronym for Texas Educational Microwave Project, which uses closed-circuit microwave transmission over a 70-mile path from Austin to San Antonio, Texas, to provide its member colleges and universities with instructional television programs.

The basic idea of TEMP is still the sharing of faculty resources—the bringing of the best teachers in any given field into the participating colleges via television. Originally, the emphasis was upon videotaped courses for total teaching. When the network began operation in 1961, it transmitted eight videotaped courses which had been produced by Radio/Television, The University of Texas. Additional courses were later locally produced or acquired from other sources. The emphasis has shifted in recent years to the use of television as an aid or supplement to classroom instruction.

The schools involved in TEMP are: The University of Texas at Austin, Huston-Tillotson College, St. Edward's University, Southwest Texas State College, Trinity University, San Antonio College, Our Lady of the Lake College, St. Mary's University, and Texas Lutheran College.

The first three institutions named are located

in Austin. Southwest Texas State College is in San Marcos, approximately 30 miles to the south. Texas Lutheran College is located in Seguin, a county seat about twenty miles from San Antonio. The other four institutions are all located in the Alamo City.

The deans of each school constitute the Program Planning Council of TEMP. They control its budget, select curriculum areas, appoint the curriculum committees, and approve the program schedule. Faculty curriculum committees with representatives from all schools meet regularly to plan and evaluate the use of televised instruction in their fields. The University of Texas, which also maintains a three-channel CCTV system on its own campus, serves as production agency for TEMP through the facilities of its Communication Center.

More than 32 hours of instructional programming is scheduled per week during this fall semester, serving an enrollment in excess of 30,000 students with courses in English, Anthropology, Art, Music Appreciation, Psychology, Economics, and Science for Elementary Teachers on a budget of approximately \$90,000 per year. The secret of TEMP's success has been cooperative planning among institutions of higher learning.

Full time staff members at MSU CCTV number twenty-nine, with eleven in the engineering division, ten in production, and eight in operations and administration.

### Heavy use of the medium

During the last academic year, twenty-nine courses used CCTV on a regular basis and 32 on an occasional basis to teach approximately 4.6 percent of the total graduate and undergraduate credit hours produced by the University. CCTV carried 10.4 percent of all freshman and sophomore student credit hours.

Courses are not taught on television merely to extend the classroom though several have enrollments approaching 800 each term. Rather, the potential of television to improve instructional effectiveness is an important justification for its use. For example, television allows the instructor in a Fortran programming course to show in detail the computer printouts of the previous day's problems to all students in the course without costly reproduction of the printouts. The professor of a basic geography course can easily integrate slides, film, maps, photos, etc., into his presentation.

A music appreciation course, committed to videotape, presents examples of various forms of music played by recognized artists, thus eliminating amateur performances and scheduling problems when graduate students were used to perform these examples in person. Two basic accounting courses are taught live on television with the use of a talk-back system from the viewing rooms. Students can ask questions of the professor (or respond to questions) and all other students enrolled in the course can hear both sides of the discussion.

Programmed videotapes to guide students through laboratory setups and procedures are used by the

MSU Chemistry Department.

By transmitting a course live in the morning with videotape playbacks in the afternoon and again in the evening, one highly qualified faculty member can reach a large number of students in a variety of campus locations without the need for repeated presentations on his part. The advantage to the students is convenience in accessibility. The advantage to the University is more efficient use of its facilities and staff. Lessons produced and videotaped during previous terms are also played back on such a schedule. Usually senior faculty and specialists cannot be scheduled for large undergraduate courses. With CCTV and videotape it becomes possible.

Although the majority of CCTV instruction at MSU is of this large-class variety, a number of experiments are being done. In the planning stages is a completely programmed course in textiles which will be a multimedia approach to the subject.

### Student attitudes and cost effectiveness

Students select television courses over conventional instruction if the instructor for TV is known to be a superior teacher. If the alternative is 600 students in an auditorium on the campus, students will choose a televised lecture in a dormitory classroom everytime.

Students continue to prefer seminars or small class meetings with top notch instructors, but this is not a realistic possibility in large undergraduate courses. Our experience has been that the best instructor and the best-instructed course will be chosen whether televised or live.

Our studies of the large-class television courses confirm the hundreds of effect comparisons made since 1950—student achievement is not significantly different in TV courses as compared to conventional instructional patterns. This should not surprise us.



The instruction in these comparisons is typically not different.

It is difficult to assess costs of instruction. Each course has different factors influencing costs. However, on two occasions careful studies of ITV costs have been made. Large lecture ITV courses are cheaper than traditional instruction when enrollments exceed 500. For courses with fewer students, costs can be high initially but if repeated use is made of the course by tape, costs drop quickly.

Music Appreciation and English Literature are examples of MSU courses in which advantage has been taken of TV's ability to lower costs by repetition. At the end of two years of use, TV costs in the music course are down to \$6.29 per credit hour versus \$11.98 per credit hour for non-TV instruction.

### Organized for innovation

At Michigan State University, Closed Circuit Television is part of the Instructional Media Center. The IMC, together with Learning Services and Evaluation Services, form the Instructional Development Service of the Provost's Office. This administrative organization, established in July 1965, has led to an accelerated growth of all instructional media at Michigan State but particularly for CCTV.

—material supplied by Erling S. Jorgensen,  
Associate Director, Instructional Media Center

## TV for Everyone at San Mateo

The College of San Mateo operates a College of the Air which serves many interests.

THE COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO, San Mateo, California operates the College of the Air and the twin stations, KCSM-TV and KCSM-FM.

Four functions of the College of the Air include: instruction in telecommunications, production of ITV courses, closed and open-circuit TV, and public service broadcasting.

In the Telecommunications Division, courses are offered in radio and television broadcasting for students interested in entering this field.

Students trained in the Telecommunications Division provide the crews for the production of instructional television material. The evening educational programming likewise is crewed by students in the Telecommunications Division and this function serves as the laboratory for both day and evening students. A total of 250 students enrolled in the day and evening classes of the two-year program just ended. Over 30 students were placed in responsible positions in radio and television broadcasting facilities.

The College of the Air operates as a service to all divisions on the campus to produce professional telecourses for closed-circuit and open-circuit broadcasting. Instructors are chosen by their respective division chairman and faculty and the remuneration is in terms of release time granted by the College through the division.

The engineering facility and the personnel to operate the closed-circuit and open-circuit broadcasting facility is the third function of the College of the Air. A total of three closed-circuit channels are available and there are three videotape recorders and three film chains. Additionally, programs may be piped into the closed-circuit system from directly

off the air pickup. The open-circuit facility likewise can operate from two videotape recorders and from two film chains to provide material required by the College in its educational program.

San Mateo's fourth TV operation, the television broadcast station, operates as a public service broadcast facility for the community. Programs of local interest are produced for evening broadcast. As mentioned, students enrolled in both the evening and day telecommunications courses help produce these programs.

Professional quality videotapes that may be played back over other television broadcast stations can be produced. A less expensive but useable videotape recorder is available for programs that are distributed only on campus. A still far simpler facility in the form of two portable television cameras and videotape recorders is available to faculty for use in classrooms and at athletic events.

A community college has the responsibility to provide education for all who have the capacity to learn. Television makes it possible to provide a learning experience outside of the formal classroom—wherever there is a receiver. TV offers an opportunity to experiment with college courses, to use a limited number of hours during the day for self-improvement, or to combine the tasks of a housewife and student.

Ideally, a College of the Air would provide college-level courses in all the major areas of education. A bright high school student could well sample a number of college programs before deciding what field interests him most. A high school dropout likewise could sample the variety of college experiences and make a positive decision to continue with his education.

A basic policy of the College of the Air is that the use of television must result in more effective teaching. Television instructors have access to graphics, models, motion pictures and slides, and the expert services of technicians to build sets.

To encourage TV course preparation, the College of San Mateo has a very generous policy with respect to release time. Based on a three-unit course, an

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### Instructional system technology

Research in what might be called the system engineering of education is underway at Chapman, Orange, Calif. A master's program, Instructional System Technology, is under the direction of Drs. Robert E. Corregan and Robert A. Kaufman.

A mission analysis is made first to identify the desired learning outcome. Then, functional, task and means-methods analyses are made to determine validity of approach and to help select methods and media for achieving the greatest cost-effectiveness.

Dr. Kaufman reports this approach reduces the application of solutions which are not relevant or well matched to the problems to be solved. It also reduces the incidence of "solutions in search of problems."

Systems analysis reduces guesses and hunches. Cost benefits for various modes of ITV use is being studied by Frank Robles.



Grass-roots TV includes dairy farming demonstration



## What's Ahead for ITFS

By Thomas B. Petry

**As conceived by the FCC, the ITFS channel allocations should have been a boon. Instead, school systems are suffering from overcrowding in their TV allocations every bit as severe as their classroom crowding. The answer will lie ultimately in large-scale cooperative efforts and central pools for equipment, personnel and talent.**

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS have a special TV allocation, officially designated Instructional Television Fixed Service. The ITFS covers some 31 channels in the 2500-to-2690 MHz range, as provided by the FCC in 1963.

The Service is defined as a "fixed station operated by an educational organization and used primarily for the transmission of visual and aural instruction, cultural and other types of educational material to one or more fixed receiving locations." The FCC limits the ITFS signal power to a relatively short distance from the transmitting site (5 to 20 miles), requiring the use of special equipment and a private distribution system to connect receiving points. ITFS transmission is neither a broadcast nor a closed-circuit cable system.

In 1963, the FCC opened 30 ITFS channels to qualified applicants. By July, 1967, more than 120 construction permit requests for over 330 ITFS channels were on file at the FCC. A study of the Los Angeles area alone revealed the need for over 600 ITFS channels. Similar needs can be cited in other parts of the country. In one region, the Central New York ITFS Committee has initiated a study of channel allocations, funding possibilities, and plans to start a pilot project to

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demonstrate ITFS use and application to area educators.

### Critical Channel Shortage

The potential ITFS channel shortage is critical, since only 31 channels are available for a given area, with little likelihood that additional channels will be opened—although some channels may be re-used if the necessary technical limitations are taken into consideration. Educational broadcasters must face this problem with a program for careful technical planning and engineering of all ITFS proposals and applications. One approach is for all potential users to analyze eventual needs at all locations, grade levels, and subject areas and to initiate a joint search and application for ITFS assignments. The Central New York ITFS Committee is currently in this evaluation and "search" phase.

WCNY-TV is deeply concerned with the need for communications at all levels and increased teacher in-service training. Workshops, ITV associate programs, guest lectures by national authorities, a USOE Title XI, National Defense Education Act, summer institutes for educational media specialists, (emphasis on evaluation and utilization of television) to be conducted by Syracuse University, expansion of school participation at the Board, School Planning and ITV school representative committees—all are being used to stimulate awareness and greater interest.

Again, by careful screening and on-air previewing of ITV programs, the schools together with the staff have been able to maintain a high level of educational and production quality and to weed out inappropriate materials quickly. While local ITV productions have been relatively few (75 during the past year, with 20 in various stages of development), the emphasis here too has been on careful preparation, research and presentation.

### Inadequate System

A recent study of ITV use in about 30 school

districts revealed: inadequate receiving facilities and conditions; lack of use; lack of preparation; lack of leadership; a general feeling that one-channel ITV broadcast is at best a compromise. As a result, high school, teacher training and special programs for advanced or slow learners, pupils with special interests or requiring skill development, have presented almost insuperable scheduling problems and have generally been avoided. Everyone agrees that the solution lies in applying a variety of technical, administrative, and educational remedies which may be beyond the reach of an individual school system. In an effort to surmount this impasse, an intensive evaluation of the various alternatives is underway by: the School Planning Committee; the WCNV-TV staff together with representatives from the New York State Education Department; the New York Bell Telephone Company; New Channels Corporation; General Electric Company; The State University of New York; and the Federal Communications Commission.

Initial planning has focused on a centralized 2500-MegaHertz transmission and production center to serve three major area school districts, Syracuse, North Syracuse and Liverpool. The ITFS Committee is now exploring the economic, technical, programming, production and administrative aspects of such a joint core facility.

The proposed facility would provide a maximum number of available 2500-MHz channels for exclusive or computerized shared use (depending on technical considerations). The broadcast type video tape recorders and necessary film and slide originating equipment, as well as the more sophisticated production equipment and studios would be shared by the participating school districts. It would be operated in conjunction with the existing community television facility WCNV-TV. This way, the already significant capital investment (close to \$1,250,000), represented by channel 24 could be used as the nucleus for the new 2500-MHz channel. Expensive backup, replacement, and test equipment could be centralized and shared between the two (community and school) operations. Replacement and maintenance parts and tools and even personnel could be shared to reduce costs.

### Greater Flexibility

The major breakthrough would be multi-channel capability with far greater programming flexibility than presently exists. The chief distinction would be that the 2500-MHz channels would be programmed directly by the user school district. Since channel 24, because of its community commitments, can provide only one channel with school program priority and during school hours only. This channel is shared by almost 30 school districts; it's limited in scope.

At present, all ITV programs must be accepted by a majority of teachers of member school districts. With "private" 2500-MHz channels, each channel can be programmed by a given district

and tailor-made service can be provided. By careful engineering and cooperation between districts, a maximum number of channels could be provided, and this is the major concern of the ITFS Committee.

Key to this proposal would be partial sharing of facilities and personnel within the core facility, which in turn would share resources with the community TV station. This would be much more economical and flexible than separate CCTV systems for each school district.

The plan would provide effective control, flexibility, and autonomy where it is most needed—in the programming area. Administration, transmission, and production facility pools would help economize. Other pooled facilities would include tape and film resources, screening, purchasing, personnel and facilities.

The number of quality tape and film ITV libraries and distribution centers, quite apart from existing ETV networks, is rapidly growing, as is the number of outstanding ITV materials. With major software manufacturers being established, the available programs will probably mushroom within the next few years. There is no reason why a pooled staff of professionals employed by the schools and the central ITV unit could not jointly research available programs to meet local needs, screen such programs, select and order them, and coordinate use of the various private channels whenever more than one district required a given series or program.

These proposals will not impede or replace plans that individual schools have for closed-circuit distribution and video tape recorders. In fact, such systems at the individual school level will become all the more important if maximum advantage is to be taken of the combination of ITV services.

Each school that is equipped with one or more video tape recorders can record programs: distributed via channel 24, the multi-channel ITFS service, the existing commercial stations. Teachers can also play tapes recorded in the core facility studio or in the studios of their own school district.

Hopefully, we can look forward to the day when a classroom will be equipped with a TV receiver that can draw on a great variety of ITV channels; a mini-recorder to record certain materials for playback and drill; a mini-CCTV camera unit for experiments, enlargements and microscopic transmission; interconnection from these to an internal distribution system which can draw on a variety of inputs from vhf and uhf broadcast channels, 2500-MHz channels, and elaborate distribution systems.

Whatever the outcome, the mere fact that so many institutions and agencies including the State Education Department, the Northeast Regional ITFS Committee, area BOCES, and Title III groups are making a very real effort toward eventual coordination, can only result in greater efficiency, less duplication of equipment and personnel, and hopefully, better education in the long run.

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# Instant Animation Brings



Aniforms operator works simple system of knobs and levers and talks into lavalier or boom microphone.

**Usually prohibitively expensive, cartoon animation is possible on a slender budget with the Aniform process. Shows can be pretaped or even run live, with the cartoon character carrying on two-way conversations with the audience. It may be the answer for programs begging for a format.**



CARTOON-TYPE ANIMATION is traditionally a prohibitively expensive commodity for the broadcaster—especially so for ETV operations. But there's always an element of involvement with cartoons that captures the immediate attention and interest of the viewer. Such a device offers a potentially excellent medium for ETV.

A possible answer to the cost problem is a new type of cartoon animation system. Called "Aniforms," the system can be used "live" or for pretaping instructional programs. The cartoon characters are hand-manipulated by simple controls, and educators can learn to operate them with relatively little instruction and practice.

## Negative Picture

The Aniform character is basically two-

dimensional, made of hinged elements and mounted on a black-felt-covered board. The cartoon character's mouth, eyes and body movements are controlled by several levers at the top of the board—out of sight of the TV camera. The image is negative (white outline on black) and is changed to a positive image by a polarity-reversing circuit. The reason for the negative image: the black background hides props and assistant's hands (in black gloves) as controls are moved into and out of the picture.

The operator talks into a lavalier or boom mike while manipulating the controls. With a little practice, it becomes easy for him (or her) to synchronize lip motion with speech. A small TV monitor screen is always close at hand so the operator can keep tabs on the action.

Aniforms have already had an auspicious television debut. Cartoon characters can be made in a variety of proprietary forms or can use well-known standard comic-strip personalities or trademarks. Bullwinkle the moose has held forth on a children's television show for several years. The electric power companies' Reddy Kilowatt has appeared in numerous spot commercials all over the country. Many other companies have used Aniforms in TV commercials, in sales meetings and at conventions.

Because the cartoons can operate live, Bullwinkle can carry on conversations with people watching the TV screen at a convention or other closed-circuit setup. This interaction is an excellent attention-getter, and has also been used successfully with the Cartoon Mobile—an Aniform installation on a pickup truck. TV screens outside the truck attract appreciative audiences in the street wherever the Cartoon Mobile goes. In New York City recently, the Uniformed Fire Officers Association used this truck to carry its message to children in ghetto areas. The cartoon character—a helmeted fireman named Mike the Faithful Fire Fighter—explained to ghetto residents that firemen were there to help them in emergencies and pointed out the dangers of false alarms and hostile acts against firemen. The Aniform process has not only won a wide degree of acceptance among commercial users, it's currently in use for a variety of instructional programs.

Learning to operate the system "is not as involved as it seems," says Aniform creator Morey Bunin. "It would probably take a good week's training to get somebody started. It's a question of practice and getting someone who has a feel for it."

Bunin feels that using a teacher as an operator isn't necessarily the best possible course. "Actually, I think you should use an actor, with a script written by the teacher. I think an actor can communicate much better. It's difficult to find teachers

# Live Cartoons to TV

who both know their subject and can compete with the outside entertainment world. To use a teacher in this, you have to find one with a lot of ham in him, and that's what you need—somebody who's an outgoing type and who can put the necessary drama and show-business knowhow into teaching."

## Mobile Units for Hire

Bunin explains, "We have three mobile units right now that we have franchised out to the Boy Scouts, a drug-addiction group and the League of Women Voters. These trucks have all the equipment on them—a television screen on the side, a slide screen for color slides. They can run up to a neighborhood; a cartoon character attracts the people and talks to them. It's a two-way conversation with the cartoon character. The technique's extremely effective on the street."

The cartoon characters are often bilingual; in Spanish-speaking neighborhoods, the cartoon must speak Spanish or whatever the local language is.

## Color Being Tested

While most Aniforms are suitable only for monochrome at this point, Bunin indicates that some experimental work is being done in developing color cartoon characters. The reversed-polarity technique can be used here too, and color originals would use complementary colors. Again, the background would be black, permitting easier character manipulation. Some experimental work has been done at NBC along these lines. The complementary colors are exactly the same as those appearing in a photographic color negative film, and such film is used as the starting point in designing a new color character.

Bunin feels that a color character isn't that important in the educational field right now. He believes that, "The fantasy figure of a cartoon doesn't have to be in color. In fact, in the University of Arizona program, the cartoon is being used in a color show. The only part that's not in color is the cartoon itself, but the rest is an all-color show, and the viewer doesn't even notice."

## The Cost Factor

The Aniform cartoon brings animation within the financial reach of most educational broadcasters and can be a major cornerstone of broad instructional programs. Actively engaged in animated tape production, the Radio-TV Bureau of the University of Arizona is using the Aniform process. A far-reaching program of English instruction for Mexican-Americans is being produced under contract for the Southwest Coopera-

Used in University of Arizona's English language program for Mexican - Americans, **el bocaton** is an old-fashioned gramophone with human traits.



tive Educational Laboratory—funded by the Division of Adult Education, U.S. Office of Education.

Material at the University is all put on videotape, and production personnel are still working at the experimental level. As explained by Executive Producer Marvin Duckler, the material must be oriented to a non-academic group—a group that has little or no motivation and might not be at all interested in attending a conventional class. "We're in competition with commercial TV programs," says Duckler, "and we must meet that competition." Once a sufficient number of programs is ready for use, the material will be used on both educational and commercial TV stations.

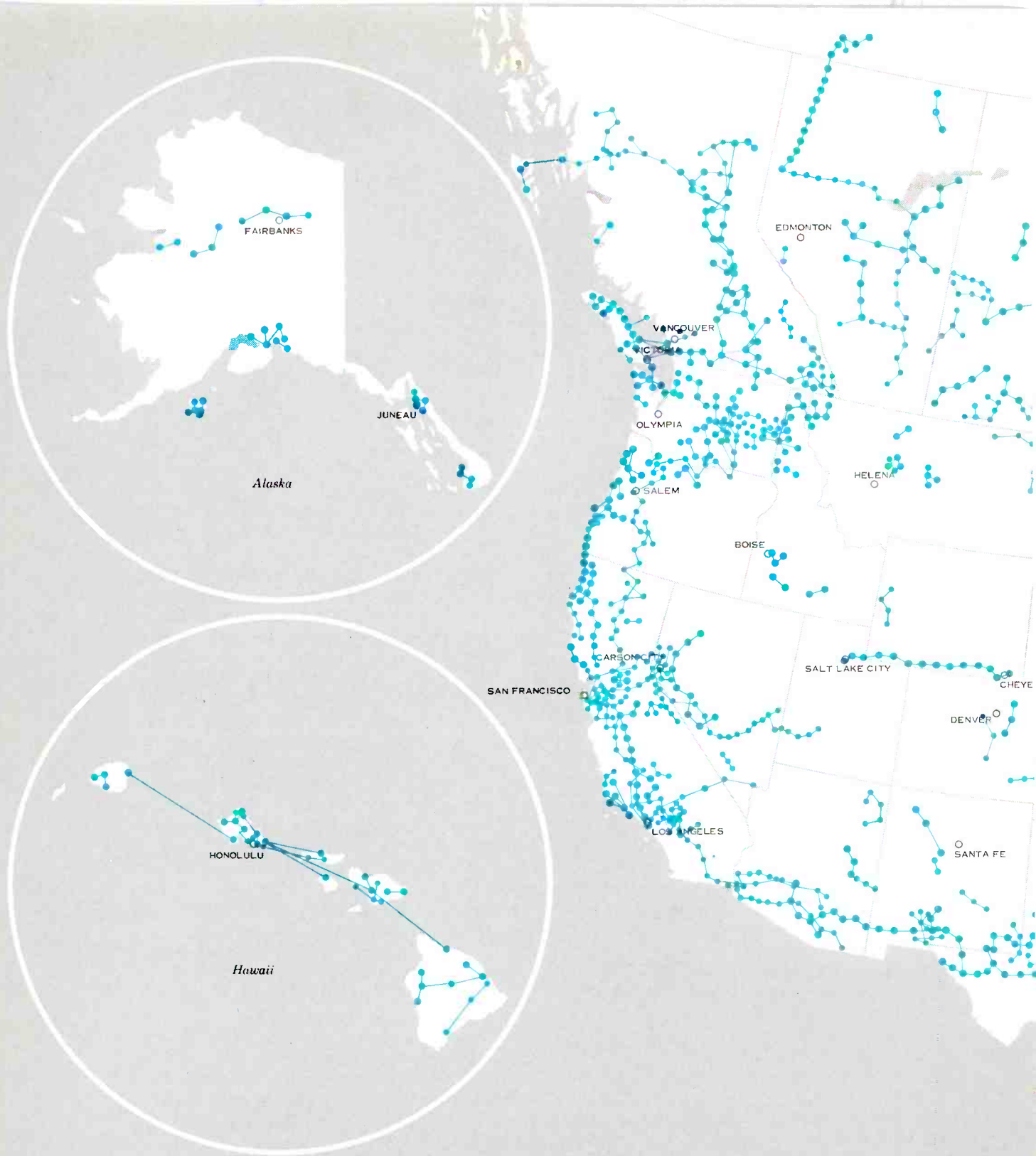
Three cartoon characters are being used in the Arizona taping sessions. "One of them is called *el bocaton*, which in Spanish implies 'big-mouth.'" Bunin explains. "This is an old-fashioned gramophone with a very large horn. The large horn is the mouth that articulates the words, and it's very amusing. Another is *el profesor*, a professor who talks to the teacher about the lesson surprises of the day. The third is *el colonel*—an authority figure and signal device.

"They're using the Aniform figures to vary the lesson format by inserting humor to enrich the otherwise monotonous drill sequences. I think that Europeans and Spanish-speaking people tend to relate very well to a fantasy figure, possibly even faster than we do here."

Dr. Guido Capponi, the University's project coordinator, feels that the taped programs won't be ready for general use until after February, 1970. "The programs are in 30-minute segments," he explains, "and involve a lot of research, evaluation and other needed spadework.

"The whole idea," Dr. Capponi explains, "is to use Aniforms for both pedagogical and entertainment impact. Aniforms act as a teaching vehicle. We also try to integrate the Aniforms with real-life situations." If the production time per half-hour program seems over-long, try to imagine how long it would take using conventional animation techniques!

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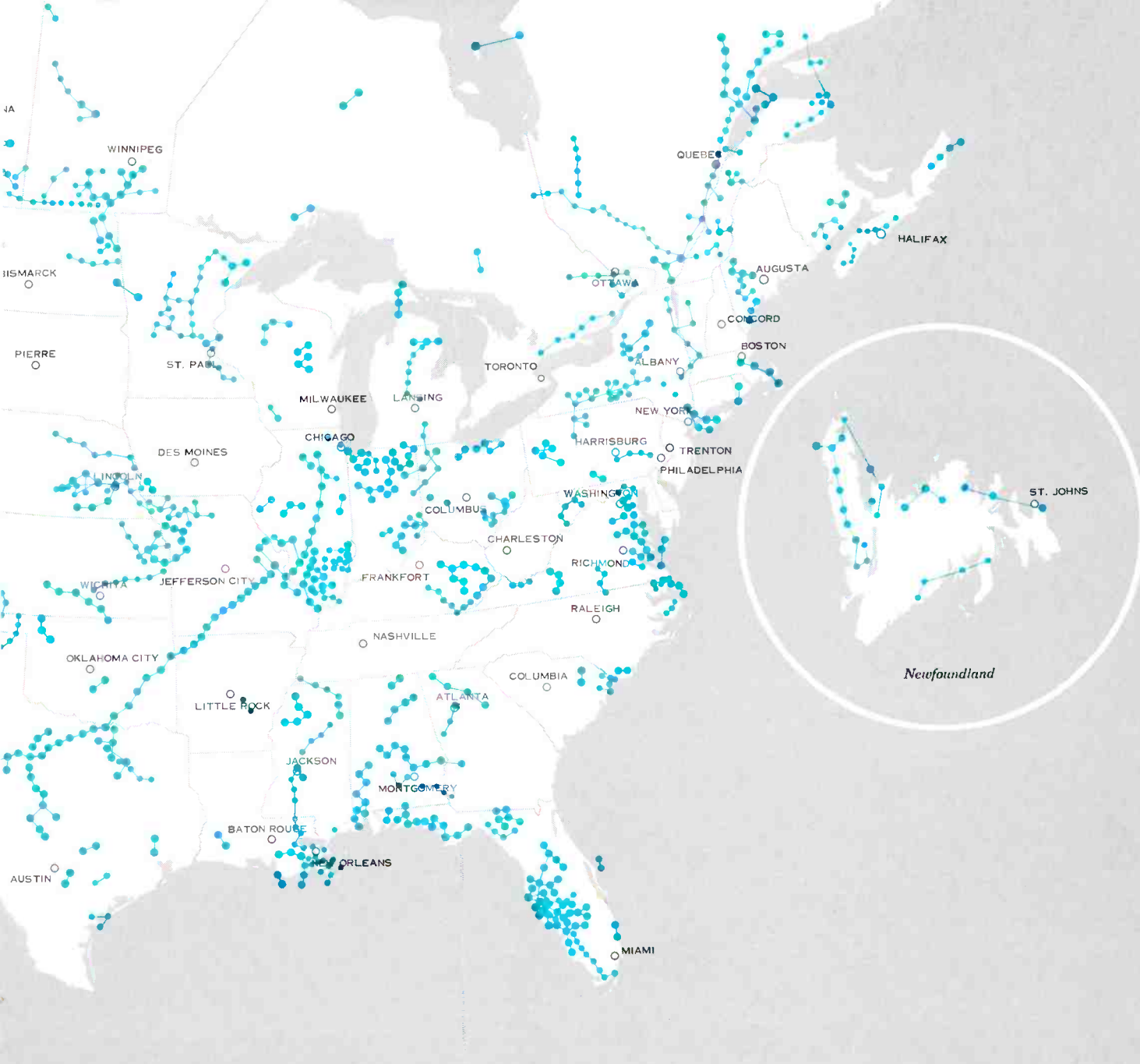
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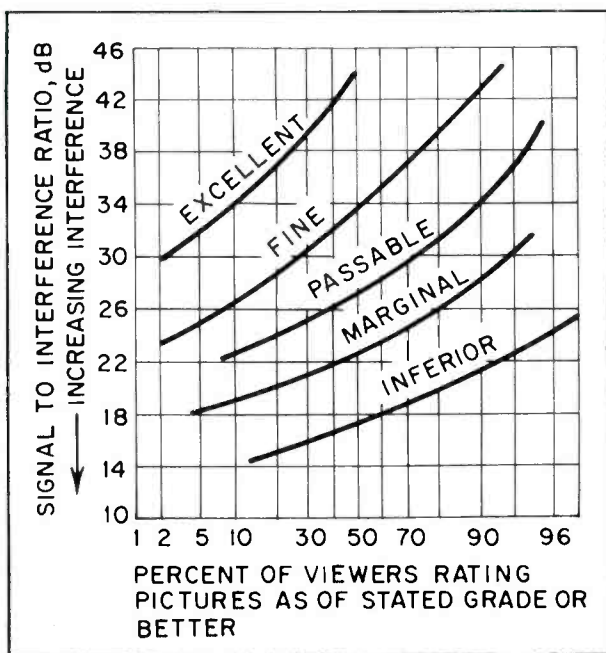
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# Choosing the Right

Picking through the incredible morass of incomplete and difficult-to-compare spec sheets can be a major headache for the CATV operator. Here are some guidelines for interpreting the data on those spec sheets. Specific types and models will be discussed in Part II next month.

Test results for grading picture quality "Fine" grade is excellent in most cable TV systems.



TRUNKLINE AMPLIFIERS in a cable TV system have the responsibility of transporting complex video signals without distortion and at suitable levels for distribution to subscriber sets.

The advent of solid-state amplifiers, now standard in the industry, has made this job easier. The main advantages of solid-state amplifiers: they're reliable, and can easily be cable powered. With a dozen or so manufacturers offering a wide variety of equipment, it's difficult to choose the right amplifiers for each specific CATV system.

## Amplifier Criteria

Choosing a CATV amplifier intelligently demands understanding of the significance and the interrelationships behind the specifications. The major factors to be considered include: signal-to-noise ratio, distortion, cascading, 20-channel capability, tilt and slope, automatic gain control.

**Signal-to-noise ratio.** As the term implies, the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is the ratio between the picture carrier rms signal (at sync tips) to rms noise (at 70°F) measured across a 4-MHz bandwidth.

Several things determine SNR, including:

- The amount of signal and galactic noise picked up by the antenna.
- The noise contributed by the head end.
- The noise generated within the CATV plant.
- The noise generated by the TV receiver.

The SNR picked up at the antenna can never be improved upon. When you amplify signal, you amplify the noise just as much, and every amplifier adds its own noise.

Amplifiers do help, though. They keep the signal level high enough so equipment-generated noise is relatively insignificant.

The signal-to-noise ratio is far more important than the signal level sent to a TV receiver. Most sets will display an equally good picture whether they get a 1000 microvolt signal or a 10,000 microvolt signal because of their automatic gain controls. A poor SNR will result in a "snowy" picture (noise shows up on the TV screen as white dots) no matter how high the signal level is.

The aim of a CATV system is to deliver excellent pictures to all subscribers—but how good is excellent? To answer this question, the Television Allocations Study Organization (TASO) tested individual reactions to pictures produced by various signal-to-noise ratios. TASO used a five-grade scale to rate picture quality:

1. **Excellent**—Picture is of extremely high quality, as good as you could desire.
2. **Fine** —Picture is of high quality



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providing enjoyable viewing. Interference is perceptible.

3. **Passable**—Picture is of acceptable quality. Interference is not objectionable.
4. **Marginal**—Picture is poor in quality and you wish you could improve it. Interference is somewhat objectionable.
5. **Inferior**—Picture is very poor but you could watch it. Definitely objectionable interference is present.

Based on subjective tests, TASO Grade 2 (Fine) pictures are what most CATV subscribers would describe as excellent. The CATV system that can deliver TASO Grade 2 pictures to the poorest receiver at the worst location is excellent indeed. It takes an SNR of about 34 dB for half the subscribers to rate a picture as "Fine," and an SNR of almost 43 dB for 90 percent of the subscribers to rate the picture "Fine."

Naturally, the less noise a CATV plant adds relative to gain, the higher a signal-to-noise ratio it will produce. The amount of noise added by a CATV trunk line is determined primarily by the amount of noise added by each individual amplifier. This factor is specified by the *noise figure* of the amplifier. The noise figure of any unit is a comparison of how much noise the unit generates than does an ordinary 75-ohm resistor across a 75-ohm line. The electrons in any resistor move around, causing thermionic noise. The higher the temperature, the faster the movement and the greater the noise. The amount of noise caused by this 75-ohm resistor is the reference point, designated as 0 dB. If an amplifier causes twice as much noise as a 75-ohm resistor, its noise figure is specified as 6 dB ( $6 \text{ dB} = 2 \times \text{voltage}$ ).

Noise figures are always higher at the higher channels. A TV receiver itself generally has a noise figure ranging between 4.5 dB and 10 dB for the vhf low band, and 6.5 to 12 dB for the vhf high band. A good mast-mounted solid-state preamplifier may have a noise figure of 4 dB (low vhf band) and 6 dB (high vhf band). The noise figure of a good CATV trunkline amplifier will generally run about 8 dB (low vhf band) and 9 dB (high vhf band).

Fortunately, the noise figure of a complete trunkline is not the sum of the noise figures of all the amplifiers in cascade. Rather, the noise figure increases by only 3 dB every time the number of amplifiers in cascade doubles. Thus, the noise figure of two 9-dB amplifiers in cascade is 12 dB, while four such amplifiers have a 15-dB n.f., eight will produce 18-dB noise. Similarly, the system signal-to-noise ratio decreases by 3 dB each time the number of

amplifiers in cascade is doubled.

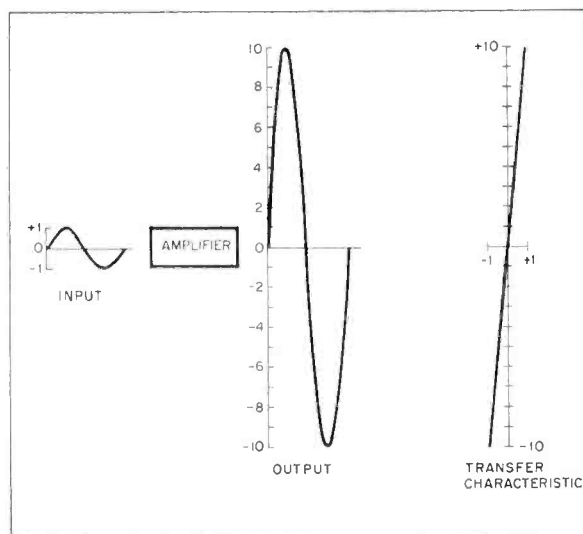
To a great extent, the noise figure of a CATV trunkline determines its input capability. The lower the noise figure of the amplifier, the less signal you can safely feed it.

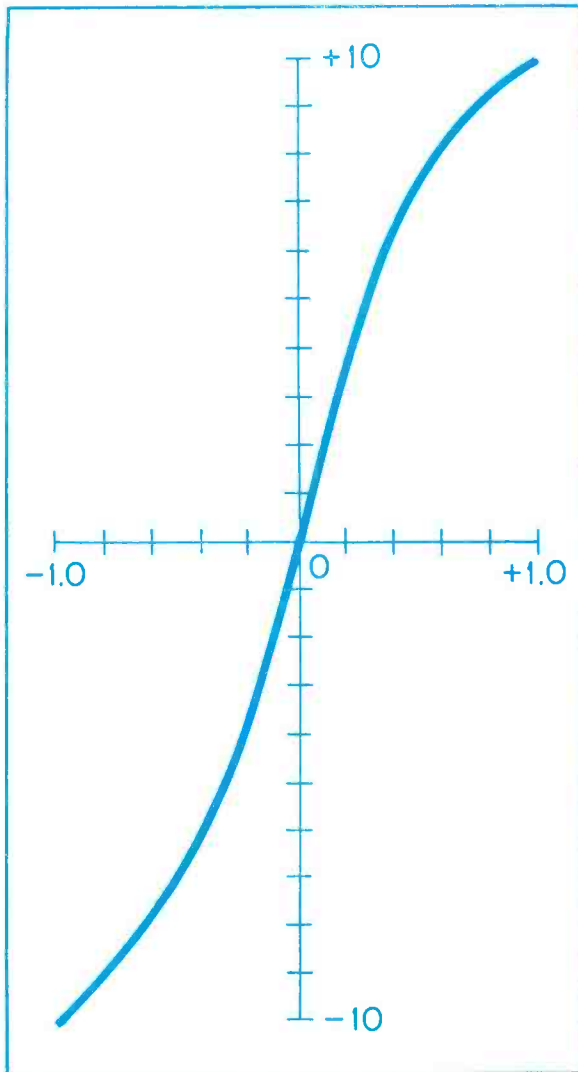
**Distortion.** The output capability of an amplifier, on the other hand, is inseparably related to the amount of distortion it causes. The perfect amplifier would cause no distortion. It would simply make the signal stronger, without changing it or adding to it in any way. In distortionless amplification, the output voltage at any instant is exactly "n" times the input voltage, where n is the amplification factor. The transfer characteristic, when graphed, is a plot of input voltage against output voltage, and is a straight line.

Unfortunately, no amplifying device on the market today provides a straight-line transfer characteristic. Instead, the plot is a curve, with a linear center section. The curves at the extremities result in distortion. The output of such an amplifier would have the peaks rounded off. The output of such an amplifier would not only be bigger than the input, it would be different. If the signal is kept to a low level, the output will be quite similar in shape to the input. Thus, the more signal we try to get out of an amplifier, the more distortion it will cause.

It's possible to operate on a different portion of the transfer characteristic curve. If we vary the input around  $-0.5 \text{ dB}$  instead of 0, only the bottom half

Distortionless amplification—the ideal in which output signal is always exactly 10 times the input.





Nonlinear transfer characteristic typical of most amplifying devices—unlike the straightline graph on page 59.

of the output curve would be flattened.

For many years, CATV equipment manufacturers have been specifying their amplifiers in terms of output capability vs distortion. A typical specification might read:

**OUTPUT CAPABILITY:** 50 dBmV

per channel for 12-channel operation,  
for -57 dB cross-modulation distortion.

The NCTA, however, feels that "The concept of output capability appears to be obsolete and limited in applicability."

The NCTA has proposed a standard form for specifying distortion:

.....% (-.....dB) cross-modulation ratio, and .....% (-.....dB) spurious signal ratio under the following manufacturer's recommended operating conditions:

- a. output level: ..... dBmV
- b. Number of standard TV channels: ....
- c. Output tilt (describe). .....
- d. Amplifier slope:.....
- e. Amplifier gain: .....

This is a rather definitive way to describe an amplifier. Unfortunately, no CATV manufacturer has yet seen fit to adopt the NCTA standard, but hopefully all will do so at some time in the near future. When this happens, it'll be much easier for

the prospective buyer to compare amplifiers intelligently.

In the meantime, an understanding of the reasoning behind the NCTA proposed standard will help us to compare amplifiers as they are currently specified.

The NCTA recognizes two forms of distortion as acting to limit the useful output of a CATV amplifier:

- Cross-modulation—the transfer of modulation from one channel to another.
- Spurious signals—Signals occurring within any of the test channels at frequencies differing from the frequencies of the test channels.

Cross-modulation is closely involved with second- and third-order distortion. Second-order distortion is so called because the equation describing it includes the input voltage raised to the second power. A spectrum analyzer can break up a second-order distortion into three components:

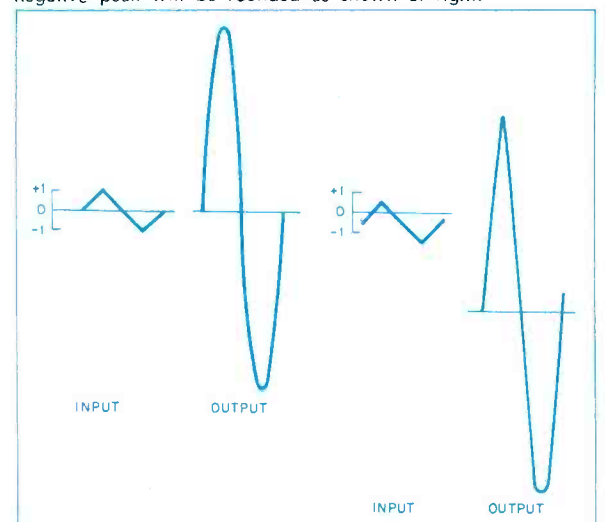
- The fundamental frequency.
- The second harmonic of the fundamental frequency plus sum and difference beats between voice carriers.
- A dc component.

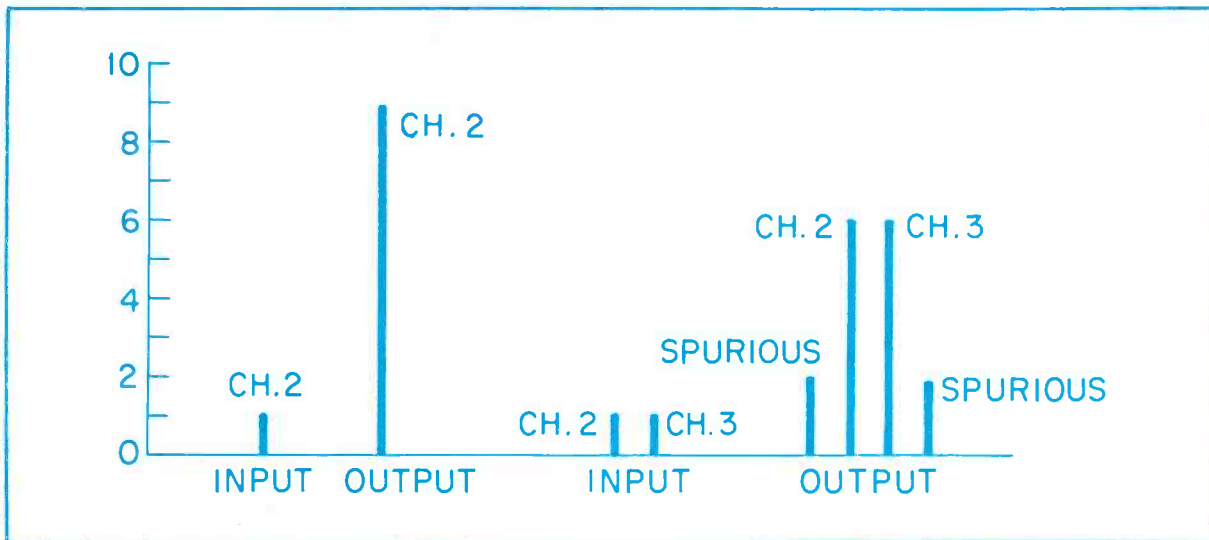
Naturally, the fundamental and dc components cause no problems. But surprisingly, the second harmonic frequency causes no distortion in a conventional CATV system either. This is because none of the second order frequencies falls within any channel allocated by the FCC. If you double the picture and sound carriers of channels 2 through 6, you'll find that all the second harmonics fall between 110.5 and 175.5 MHz. The only one that causes any trouble at all is channel 6 aural, whose second harmonic (175.5 MHz) falls within channel 7's fundamental bandwidth. Since sound carriers are generally attenuated to at least 15 dB below picture carriers in any CATV system, the interference caused here is negligible.

The difference frequencies between the low-band frequencies falls below channel 2 and the sum frequencies fall in the midband. Similarly, the second harmonics and the sum frequencies of the high band channels fall above channel 13, and the difference frequencies all fall in the midband.

This is not just a happy coincidence. It happened

Left curve shows how non-linear amplifier rounds peaks. If amplifier operates on different part of transfer curve, only negative peak will be rounded as shown at right.





Spurious signals/on both sides appear of channel 2 and 3 fundamentals.

because the FCC, in its wisdom, made the vhf low band and high bands each less than an octave wide, and separated them by more than an octave. Thus, second-order harmonics cause virtually no distortion in 12-channel CATV systems.

### Third-Order Distortion

This brings us to the problem of third-order distortion. This is the type of distortion where both signal peaks are flattened. The equation describing it includes the input voltage raised to the third power and the interfering frequencies generated are the third harmonic of the input frequency.

Unfortunately, when low vhf band picture carriers are multiplied by three, the resulting frequencies are smack dab in the middle of the vhf high band. These spurious third-harmonic signals cause trouble, but not nearly as much trouble as another effect of third-order distortion—cross-modulation.

Cross-modulation is important because its effect can be seen on a TV screen before the effect of spurious third-harmonic signals. If a given CATV amplifier causes perceptible cross-modulation distortion on the TV screen at 60 dBmV output, it won't show third-harmonic spurious signal distortion on the screen until the output is increased. Thus, cross-modulation is a limiting factor.

TV picture carriers are relatively close in frequency. If we send channel 2 alone through an amplifier with very poor third-order distortion characteristics, the gain should increase the channel 2 signal by a factor of 10, but it actually increases it only by 9. This is called compression.

Compression generally causes no difficulty in broadband amplifiers, since cross-modulation occurs so much sooner. However, if single-channel head-end amplifiers are driven too far, this effect causes flattening of the sync pulses and is known as sync compression.

If we send channels 2 and 3 through the same amplifier, the output signals are decreased significantly (to about 6 times the input signals) and two spurious signals are produced. This is cross-modulation.

The proposed NCTA specifications include a method for measuring cross modulation. Essentially,

they call for a measurement of the amplitude of each video carrier. The carrier is measured unmodulated and with all other video carriers turned off. Then, the other carriers are turned on and each is modulated by a 15-kHz signal.

The letter "b" is used to represent the amplitude of the unmodulated video carrier with all other carriers turned off and the letter "a" is used for the amplitude variation caused by turning on the other 15-kHz modulated carriers. Using this method, cross-modulation can be expressed either as a percentage (%CM—cross-modulation—= 100 a/b) or in decibels (CM in dB = 20 log<sub>10</sub> a/b).

**Cascadability.** How many of a given type of amplifier can you cascade and still get good pictures at the end of the line? This is a lot like asking "How hi is fi?" The answer depends not only on the characteristics of the amplifier, but on their spacing, the cable used, and most important, how bad a picture your subscribers are willing to accept.

Unfortunately, CATV equipment manufacturers have been playing the game of cascadability in much the same way that hi-fi manufacturers have played the game of wattage. With no industry standards of system performance or amplifier specifications, some manufacturers have simply tried to claim more than their competitor's claim.

Cascadability is important only in the long CATV system, but manufacturers have made it a selling point because CATV systems are getting longer. Also, greater cascadability makes it easier to add on to a system as the population of the area, or an adjacent area, grows.

Cascadability is determined by a number of other factors including SNR, cross-modulation and flatness. All but one manufacturer today spaces amplifiers at about 22 dB of loss, in large systems and small. This simplifies CATV system design. However, you can cascade more amplifiers if you space them more closely.

You can take a CATV trunkline the longest possible distance at given distortion levels if you space them at about 8.5 dB. This method uses a lot more amplifiers per mile, but you can cascade quite a few amplifiers if you space them that closely. Some manufacturers specify how closely the amplifiers are to be spaced, while others do not. Also, some manufacturers specify theoretical cascadability,

while others specify only the number they have actually been able to cascade in a controlled test or an actual CATV system.

**20-channel capability.** The CATV industry has been increasing the number of channels offered to subscribers steadily throughout its history. For a long time, 12-channel systems were thought to be the ultimate step in this evolution, since there are only 12 vhf channels. But 12-channel systems had hardly become a reality when talk began of expanding to more channels. Some manufacturers talk about 18 channels, others talk about 24, but 20 channels seems to be the approximate goal at this point.

Extra-channel capability is important to the buyer of CATV equipment because it's hard to predict just what systems will carry in the future. One of the real problems is that the industry as a whole can't decide where to go or how.

The CATV industry, like the videotape recording industry, is in a state of chaos because of lack of standardization. Each manufacturer proposes his own system. The major types of 20-channel systems proposed include:

- Midband Method—using the spectrum between 108 MHz and 174 MHz. It has the advantage of using the same amplifier spacing as current 12-channel systems, but is subject to second-order distortion. Thirty-two-amplifier systems have been operated in which the second harmonic beat frequency is well below the visible threshold.
- The Ultra-Vhf Method—using spectrum above channel 13, generally 220 to 270 MHz. Less second-order distortion problems, but since cable attenuates high frequencies more, spacing between amplifiers would have to be reduced.
- Two-Cable Method—few interference problems, but costly and requires double maintenance.
- Combinations of the first and second methods. Some manufacturers say it's best to install am-

plifiers with 20-channel capability right away, to be prepared for the future. Others say it's cheaper to install 12-channel amplifiers now and replace them with 20-channel units when required.

**Automatic gain control.** There are almost as many automatic gain control (agc) systems as there are 20-channel systems. Fortunately, each agc works only with the equipment for which it is designed.

Since the CATV system head end keeps all signals constant and balanced, why do we need agc in the trunkline? The answer is that cable attenuation varies with temperature. During the course of the year, temperatures may change very little in Los Angeles or by a great deal in Fairbanks, Alaska. Attenuation increases by 0.1 percent for each 1°F increase in temperature and decreases by 0.1 percent for each 10°F decrease in temperature. Thus, the system set for 22 dB spacing at 70°F will actually have only a 20.6 dB spacing at 0°F.

In addition to an attenuation changes at channel 13 (the channel at which attenuation is generally specified) there is also a change in the slope caused by the cable. The agc compensates for these factors.

An agc system may be open-loop, closed-loop, or a combination of both. Open-loop systems use thermal sensors. These units detect the change in temperature and cause a change in attenuation equal and opposite to the change expected in cable attenuation. But if the thermal sensor is in the shade and most of the cable is in the sun, compensation may be incomplete.

Closed-loop systems don't make any assumptions. They sample the input or output of the amplifier and adjust gain accordingly. Some agc units sample a TV channel, while others work from pilot carriers generated at the head end.

Many industry experts feel that the best CATV systems sample two signals simultaneously, one in the low vhf band and one in the high vhf band. The two signals then provide separate gain control of high- and low-band channels. Thus, the agc can compensate accurately for slope changes as well as changes in overall attenuation.

**Tilt and slope.** As the recently amended NCTA standard points out, the terms "tilt" and "slope" Here are the definitions offered by the NCTA:

*Tilt* refers to the actual signal levels from channel to channel.

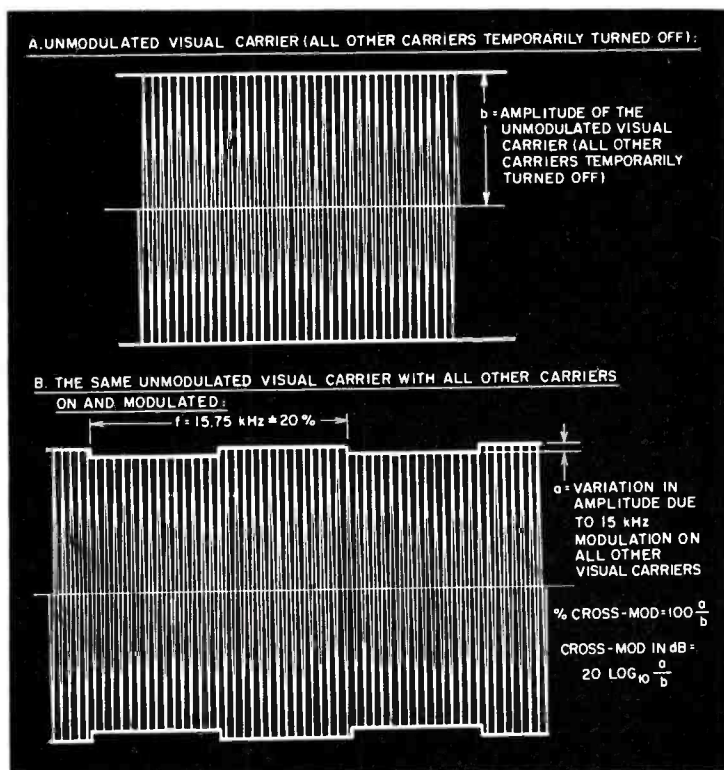
*Slope* refers to amplifier gain from channel to channel. Cable attenuation can be considered to be "negative gain." Thus trunk amplifiers will normally have positive slope equal in magnitude to the negative slope of the associated span.

Suppose we send channels 2 through 13 through a given length of cable, and channel 13 is attenuated 10 dB more than channel 2. The signal level at the end of the cable is "tilted" by 10 dB. On the other hand, the "slope" of that particular cable is -10 dB. It's the -10-dB slope of the cable that caused the 10-dB tilt in output signal levels. To overcome this tilt, we'd use an amplifier with +10-dB slope. To remember the distinction between slope and tilt, think of slope as the cause and tilt as the effect.

The slope of a given amplifier is easy for the design engineer to change, and in some cases, slope can be adjusted in the field. The sole purpose of amplifier slope is to compensate for the slope of the cable between amplifiers.

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Unmodulated carrier (below) and modulated rf (bottom) as used in new NCTA spec for measuring cross-modulation.



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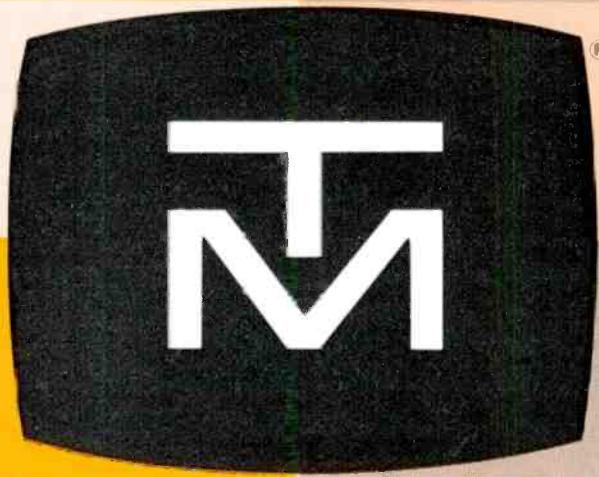
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instructor is given four-fifths' release time during the semester the material is produced and two-fifths' release time for the first and any subsequent semesters the material is used.

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Our television operation is caught between the same two opposing forces that confront most ITV operations: the desire to improve the quality of instruction and the need to show cost savings of instruction. At Cal State, L.A., we try to do both. It is fairly easy to accomplish the first when faculty and producers are experienced.

It is very difficult to accomplish the second: television is expensive, and it is only with many large, multiple-section telecourses that savings can be realized. However, we believe that the need to save money should never mean that quality of instruction be sacrificed. Every production session in the studio must take advantage of what television can offer. Any other approach, we believe, is death to ITV.

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## What ETVers Are Doing

As part of an industry-wide survey, **BM/E** polled some 115 ETV stations currently on the air in the U.S. At press time, 60 replies were in. Here's what they had to say.

Equipment breakdown was varied. Cameras were evenly spread, with 9 stations working with 1 or 2 units, 18 stations with 3 or 4, 14 stations with 5 or 6, and 20 stations more than 6 cameras. 15 stations have 1 or 2 VTRs, 45 have more than 2; 39 have 1 or 2 film/side chains, while 21 have more than 2 chains. Of the stations polled, 13 are now colorcasting, 3 have an affiliated a-m operation, 21 have an fm outlet, 4 are broadcasting fm stereo, and 1 is carrying an SCA channel.

Just 26 have received contributions of equipment (mostly tax-deductible hand-me-downs from commercial broadcasters) and 27 have mobile vans. Of these, 15 double-duty their van equipment by using it in the studio. To maximize effective equipment use, 22 stations rent or borrow gear, while 31 stations rent out their own facilities from time to time. It seems few ETVers are completely satisfied with their current setups, and 44 respondents plan to upgrade with new equipment within the next year.

Nine stations indicated they have 1 to 10 permanent salaried personnel, 13 have 11 to

20, 23 have 21 to 40 and 12 have more than 40. Part-time personnel fared best with the smaller stations—33 stations have 1 to 10 part-timers, 11 have 11 to 20, 6 have 21 to 40 and 2 have more than 40. Nonsalaried student personnel work in 31 of the responding stations.

Virtually all respondents wanted to expand their broadcast schedules, and all of them have been restricted in this because of lack of funds. Actual hours of instructional programming: 5 stations, 1 to 2 hours per day; 5 stations from 3 to 4 hours, 18 carry 5 to 6 hours and 26 do more than 6 hours instructional broadcasting per day. Public programming per day: 4 stations, 1 to 2 hours; 10 stations, 3 to 4 hours; 19 stations, 5-6 hours and 22 carry more than 6 hours daily. In spite of the financial squeeze, 43 stations replied that they do in fact plan to expand their programming.

On the financial side, principal income sources stated were: grants, 15 stations; universities, 10; state government, 22; local government, 6; school systems, 17. Soliciting public contributions was cited as another income source by 27 stations, while 25 are aided by commercial TV broadcasters. Some operating costs are defrayed by having certain programs underwritten, and this is done by 11 ETVers.



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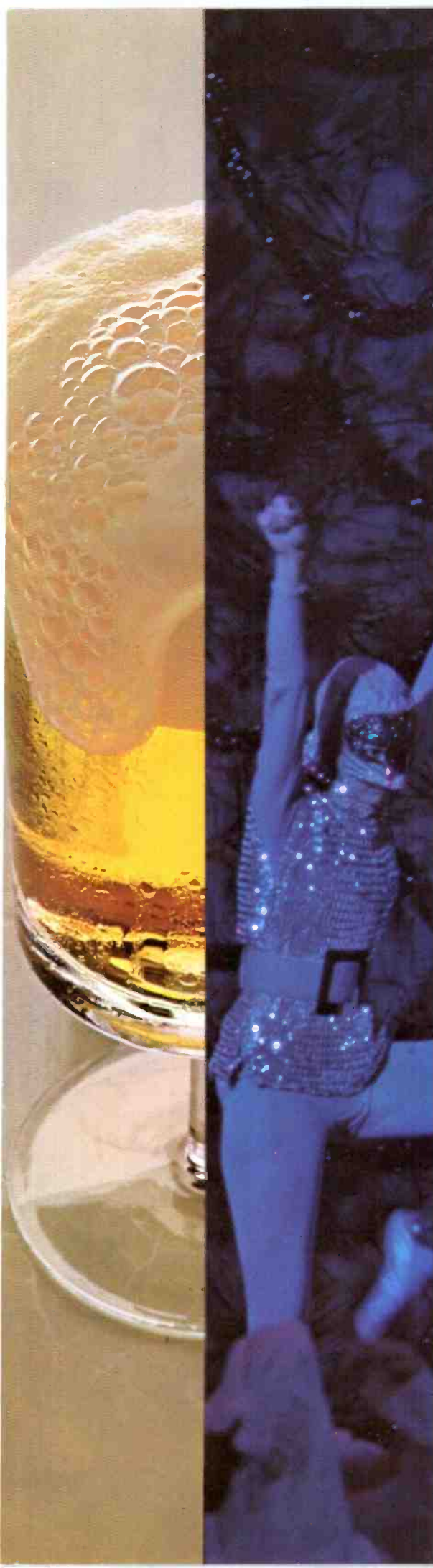
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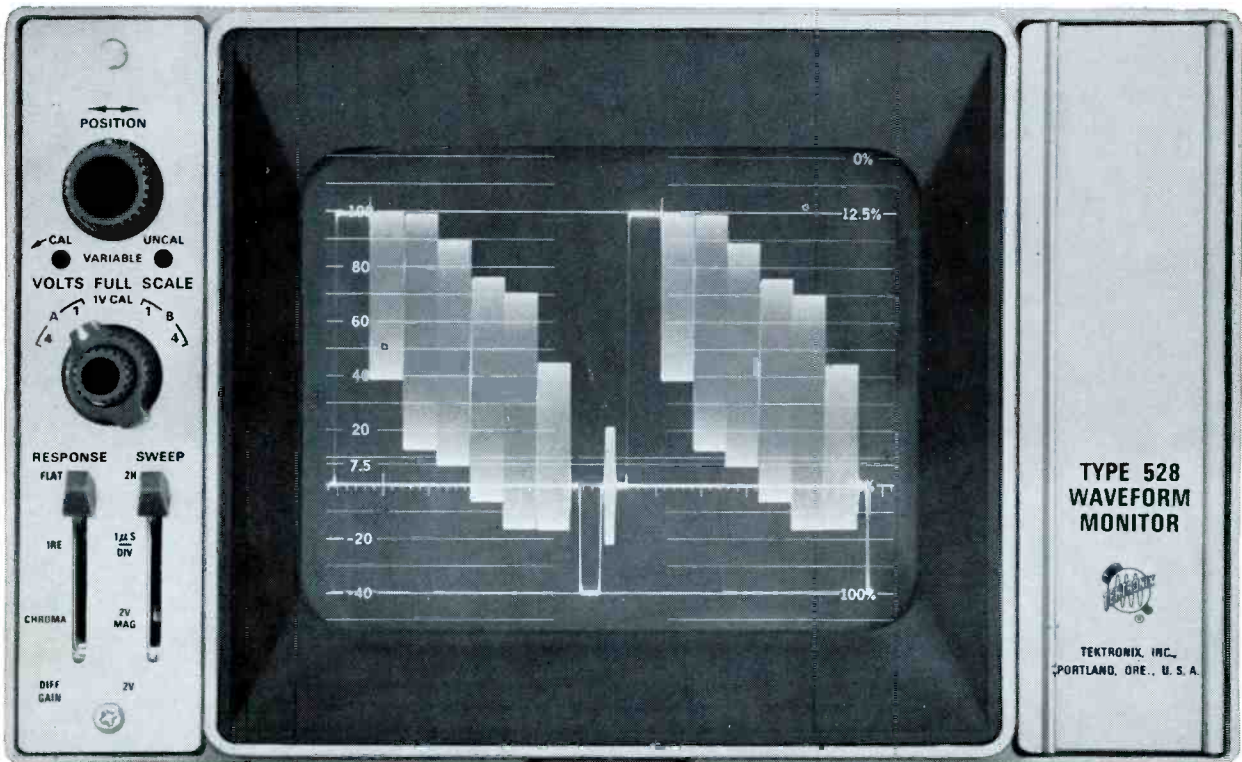
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# BROADCAST EQUIPMENT

At press time, in excess of 70 broadcast equipment manufacturers have indicated they will exhibit their products at the 44th annual National Association of Educational Broadcasters Convention at Washington, D.C.'s Sheraton Park Hotel, November 19-22. The list of those attending appears below. Descriptions of portions of the exhibits and equipment to be demonstrated at the NAEB Convention are presented in this section together with the regular new product reports. Company-name headlines indicate NAEB Convention products.

Albion Optical Co.  
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tions Dept.  
GPL Div., General Precision Systems, Inc.  
The Grass Valley Group, Inc.  
Great Plains National Instructional Tele-  
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International Video Corp.  
Jamieson Film Co.  
Jerrold Electronics Corp.  
Kalart Co., Telebeam Div.  
Kliegl Bros.  
Listec Television Equipment Corp.  
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Memorex Corp.  
Micro-Link Systems  
Microwave Associates, Inc.  
3M Co.  
MTI, Div. KMS Industries, Inc.  
D. B. Milliken  
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National Instructional Television  
Packard-Bell Electronics Corp.  
Panasonic Video, VTR Special Products Div.  
Philips Broadcast Equipment Corp.  
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Visual Dynamics Educational Film Library  
Visual Electronics Corp.  
Vital Industries, Inc.  
WTTW Recording Services  
Western Video Industries, Inc.  
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## NAEB: Ampex Corporation

The Ampex display will be in two parts. Features on the exhibit floor will be one or two BC-200 studio color cameras. The BC-200's will feed pictures to a 40-foot mobile van parked outside the exhibit hall,



Ampex BC-200 color broadcast camera.

which will house a HS-100 slow motion recorder, a VR-1200B high band color videotape recorder, a VR-3000 back-pack high band color videotape recorder and companion BC-300 monochrome camera, BC-200 camera control units, VR-7800

and VR-7500 closed-circuit VTRs. Also in the van will be a series of audio recorders, including the AG-440, AG-500 and AG-600, plus AA-620 speaker/amplifiers and AM-10 mixers. Also featured will be Ampex 161 Series 1-in.-wide CCTV tape, Ampex transmitters and translators (formerly made by Townsend).

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## NAEB: Century Lighting

Century Lighting is showing a 1000-W tungsten-halogen Fresnel



Century 1000-W tungsten-halogen lamp.

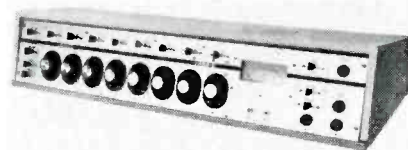
lamp with a completely new optical system with efficiencies up to 60 per-

cent. Memo-Q—a new “infinite” preset lighting control—will be demonstrated. Memo-Q uses all solid-state memory cores for storage of lighting cues with instant retrieval. In addition, a complete line of tungsten-halogen studio lighting equipment will be on display.

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## NAEB: Gates Radio Company

Gates is previewing Yard II—an eight-channel solid-state console, just



Gates Yard II 8-channel console.

a yard wide. Yard II offers 12 inputs to 8 mixing channels. The eight mixing channels are in the center of the board with the meter to the right, along with master, monitor and cue controls. A duplicate of the automation system supplied by Gates to the Indianapolis School District will be demonstrated. The Gates FM-20H 20-kW transmitter, a complete line of fm monitors with the type-approved SCA modulation monitor and an operating TE-1 exciter display

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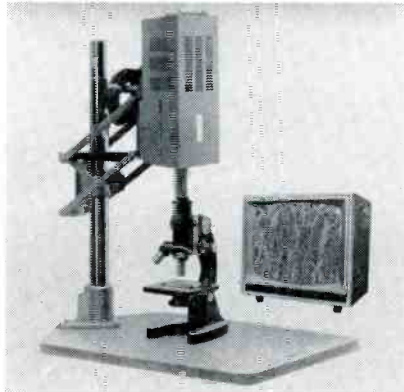


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will round out the Gates exhibition. Other Gates gear will include the TV-15 audio control console for TV and the Criterion cartridge tape system.

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**NAEB: GBC Closed Circuit Corp.**  
New products to be shown include the industry's first wireless CCTV camera, a closed-circuit TV microscope system to sell for under \$700 and two viewfinder cameras for ed-



GBC TV microscope system.

ucational application. One camera is available with 2:1 interlace; the other with random interlace. GBC will also show a complete line of closed-circuit TV cameras, lenses and accessories for use in ETV applications.

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**NAEB: General Electric**

GE's 1600-square-foot exhibit area will include demonstrations of Model PJ-400 color and PJ-700 mono-



GE large-screen projector.

chrome large screen TV projectors and the PE-350 color camera. A PE-240 color film camera will be operating in the Eastman Kodak exhibit area. Other GE products on view will be TV pickup tubes and Quartzline lamps for TV lighting.

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**NAEB: Kalart Company**

Highlighting the Kalart area will be a demonstration of a new 16mm TV Uniplex film chain and a Tele-Beam



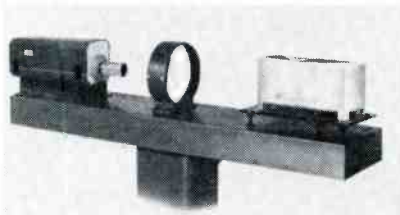
Kalart/Tele-Beam large screen projector.

large screen projector. Other products on display will include a video level meter, 16mm TV projector, 16mm sound motion picture projectors, dual purpose 16mm TV projector and film editing and viewing equipment.

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**NAEB: General Precision Systems**

The 990V viewfinder and 995 film chain cameras will highlight the GPL display. The 995 reproduces 16mm and 35mm film, 2 X 2 slides and



GPL 995 film chain camera on multiplexer.

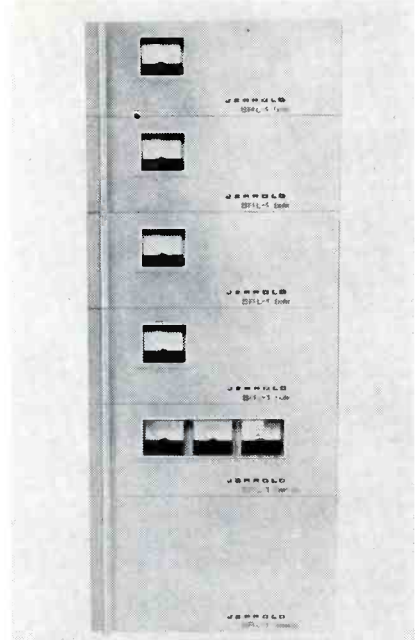
35mm film strips. Other equipment will include the 1200 viewfinder camera, 1000 microscope camera, the VR-400 videotape recorder and the 1200 Educational TV System.

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**NAEB: Jerrold Electronics Corp.**

Announcement and demonstration of a new 2500-MHz ETV relay and transmission system will be the key attraction of the Jerrold area. The system will include: an operating new ITFS heterodyne repeater system; an operating new Modline solid-state; modular vhf/fm/uhf MATV system head end, with all-channel color capability; an operating new J-Jacks distribution system with two-way closed-circuit color uhf capability. Ultra-Tap all-channel tapoff units also will be demonstrated. An operating and new concept in rf carrel

systems will be unveiled. Jerrold's long distance transmission systems will be displayed as well, both the 440 Series microwave and the Star-



Jerrold SRL-1 multichannel system.

line cable systems. In addition, Jerrold will announce a new multichannel, low-power link transmission system, the SRL-1.

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**NAEB: Memorex Corp.**

Memorex will be conducting live demonstrations of its 79 Series helical scan videotape on three major helical scan color VTRs. Monitors will show performance of tape. In addition to closed circuit products, 78V color broadcast videotape and the video storage and shipping containers will be on display.

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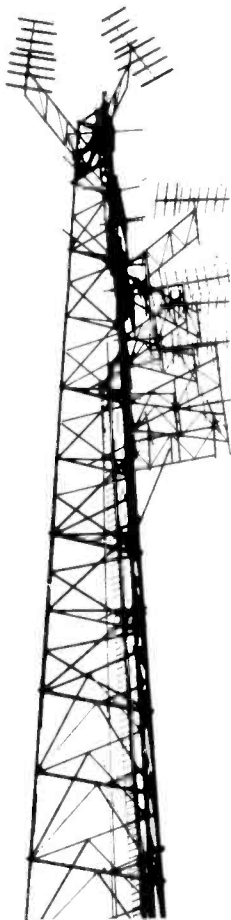
**NAEB: Micro-Link Varian**

Test equipment recently developed for 2500 MHz will be the highlight of the Micro-Link Varian display. The equipment includes a solid-state, lightweight oscilloscope and a test set designed to make special checks required by the FCC for a 2500-MHz system. Micro-Link will transmit live and in color via 2500 MHz. Also to be demonstrated will be a low-power transmitter, a high-power transmitter, receiving equipment and transmitting antennas.

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**NAEB: D. B. Milliken**

Milliken will be showing the DBM-R1 video film recording system. The DBM-R1 is designed specifically to fill the requirement for a simple, low-cost television recording system



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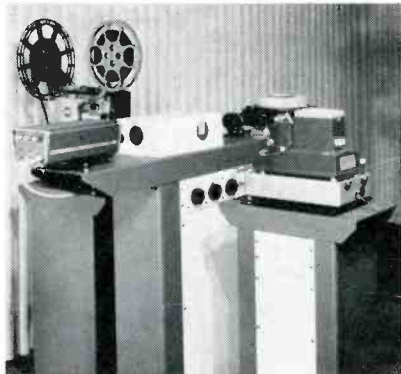
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**NAEB: Sylvania Lighting Products**  
The Lighting Products Division of Sylvania will exhibit tungsten-halogen lamps for use in TV lighting systems. Several new families of tungsten-halogen replacement lamps for direct replacement of standard incandescent lamps presently used in TV lighting. The Sylvania booth will feature a demonstration of user benefits of tungsten-halogen lamps.

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### NAEB: TeleMation, Inc.

TeleMation's exhibit will feature a complete television production studio. Principal video sources will be new TMC-2100 monochrome vidicon cameras and two film chains, one incorporating an IVC-100 color camera. Also to be demonstrated will be the TMM-212 Optical Multiplexer. It will be shown with an IVC color camera, the TMC-2100 camera, two film projectors and two slide projectors. For the first time at



TeleMation's multiplexer system.

NAEB, TeleMation will display a full line of switching equipment, including broadcast program switchers, passive video switchers and crossbar switchers. Also new from TeleMation will be the TMV-550 video distribution amplifier and TPA-550 pulse distribution amplifier. The TMV-550 is designed to meet broadcast requirements for good color performance and long-term stability. The TPA-550 reshapes incoming pulses, providing clean output transitions with 100-ns rise times.

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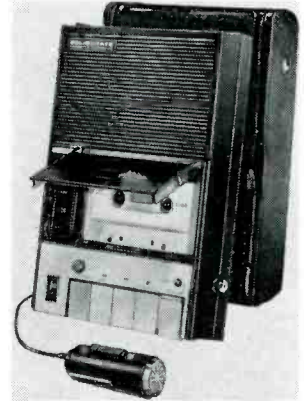
### NAEB: Telesync Corp.

Feature attractions at the Telesync booth will be 1) a retro reflective front screen projection system, 2) horizontal-vertical color effects crawl, 3) television and film prompting equipment.

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## Portable Cassette Recorder

Allied Model 1150 cassette recorder features solid-state circuitry and "pop-up" cassette loading and removal. It operates either from low-priced batteries or ac and records and plays up to 2 hours of monophonic sound on two tracks. Standard Philips-type tape cassettes are

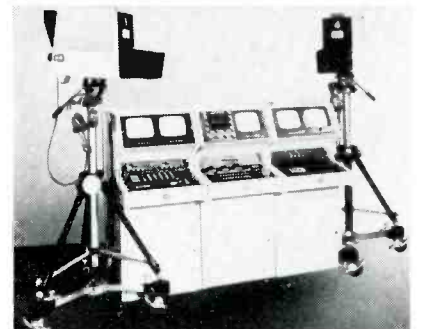


used. Response is 200 to 11,000 Hz. Recorder is operated with keyboard-type pushbuttons, including a pause button and fast forward and rewind. Switchable automatic level control is provided. Other features include tone control, monitor switch, battery level meter and provision for recording from electronic sources. Size is 9 3/8 x 2 5/8 in.; weight, 4 lb. \$89.95. Allied Radio Corp.

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## ETV Control Console

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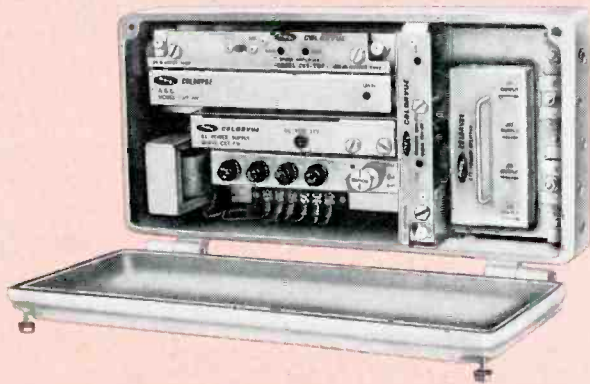
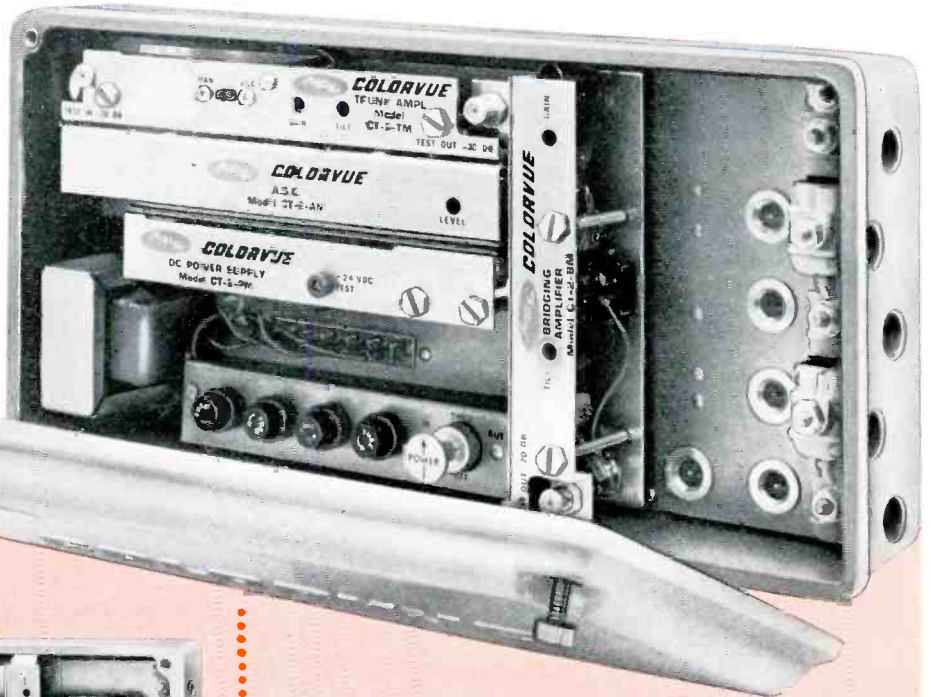


fader, special effects generator, waveform monitor, film projector control and a 7-input audio mixer. Five solid-state displays monitor output of two cameras, film camera, preview buss and program line. Console conforms to EIA RS 170 standards. Features include grouped control and modular design. GPL Division,

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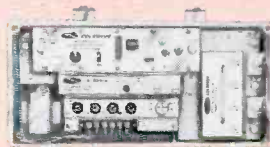
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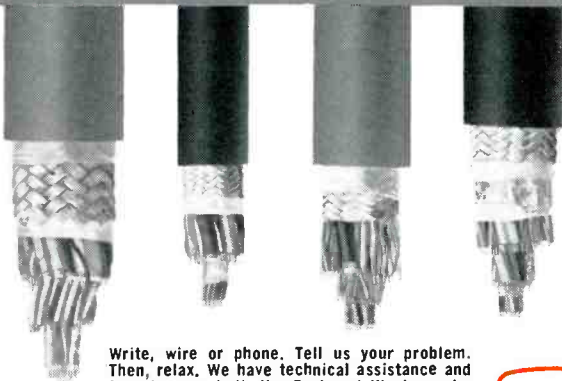
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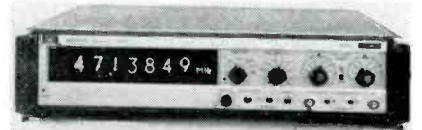
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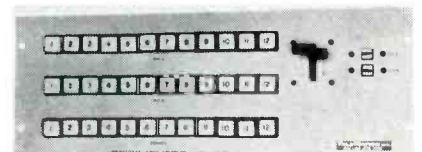


$10^8$  s. Time base function, function selection, start/stop, trigger level, slope selection and display are remotely programmable. Instrument provides 7-digit display and an 8-digit option is available. BCD output is 1-2-4-8 code, positive true. Outputs include time base, 1-MHz standard, A&B marker pulses and gate. Price is \$1185. Monsanto Electronics.

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## One-Piece BC Video Switcher

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buss, and program and preview amplifiers, all 75-ohm terminated. Each buss has extra 75-ohm output for preselecting video or key inputs to a special effects generator. Video processing is included in both program and preview amplifiers. Processors include pedestal, video level and sync level controls. Fader is split-arm type. TeleMation, Inc.

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## Pilot Frequency Monitor

Frequency monitor TBM-3019 is designed to meet FCC regulations requiring stereo fm stations to measure the 19-kHz pilot frequency at least once a day. Monitor works in conjunction with any fm stereo modulation monitor with a 19-kHz

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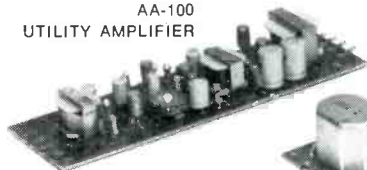
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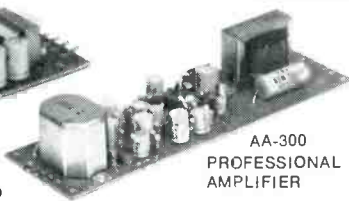
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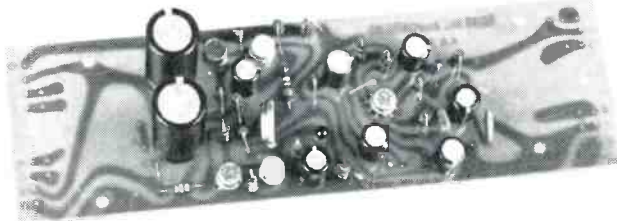
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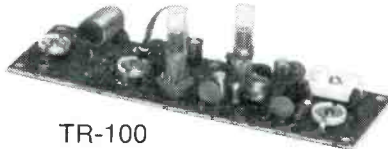
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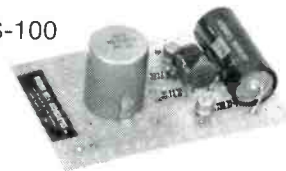


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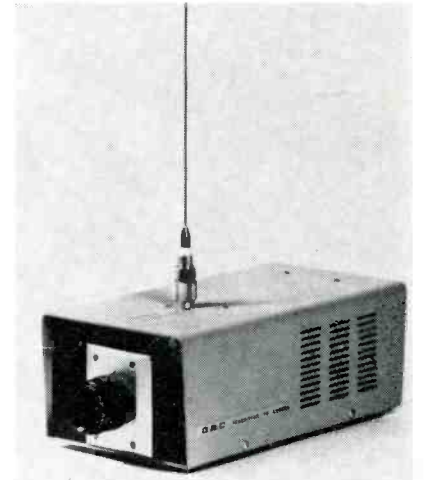
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Shaw tells more about the

timing of the color switch. "I'd like to say we were first in our market—but we weren't. Actually, each of the three stations here went full color almost simultaneously, without knowing what the other stations were doing. That's an indication in itself that it was time to go to color. Any station that hadn't would have been behind."

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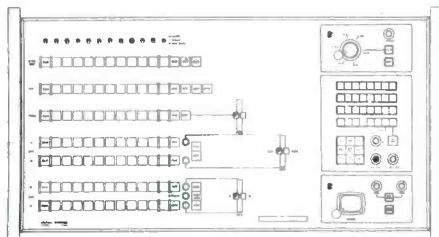
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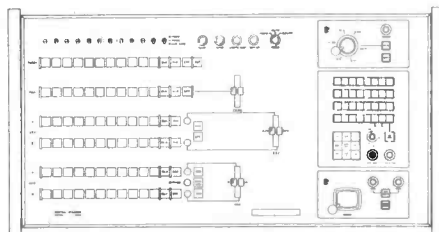
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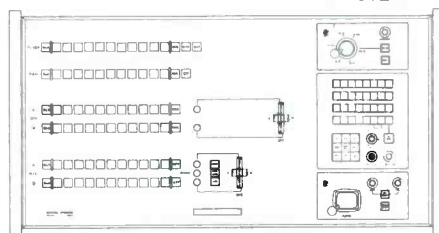
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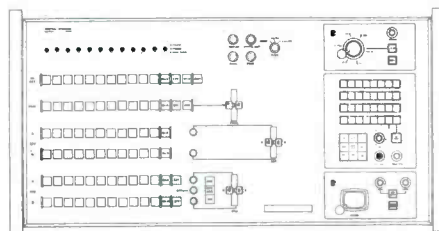
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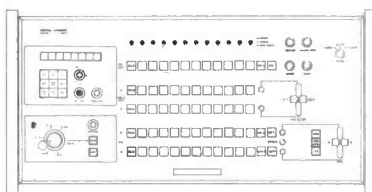
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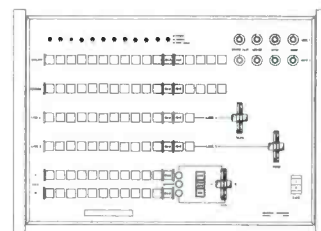
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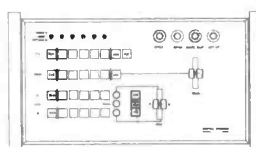
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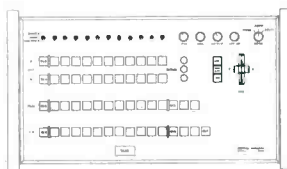
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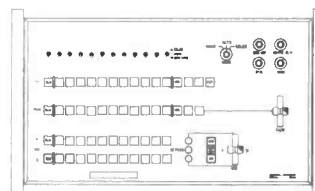
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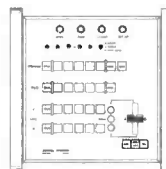
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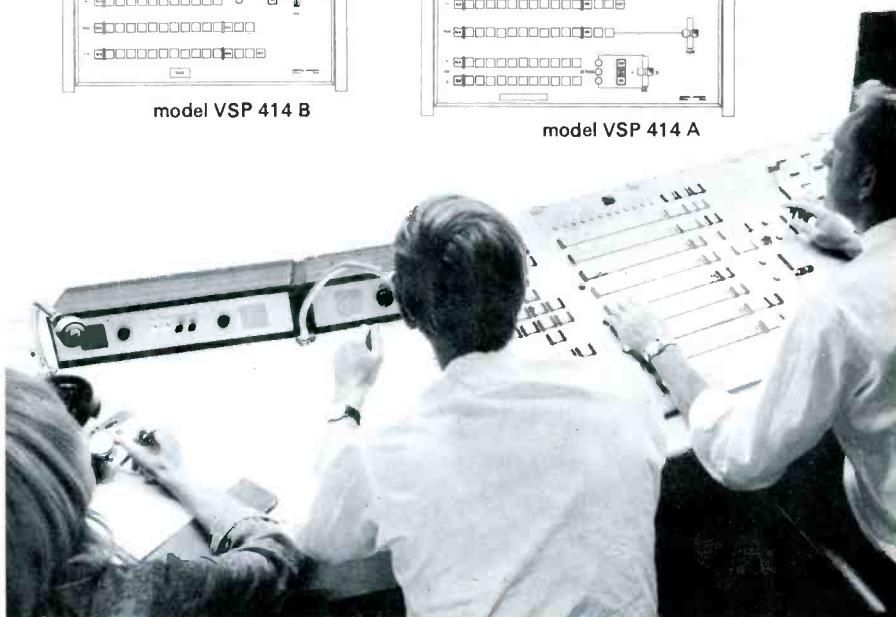
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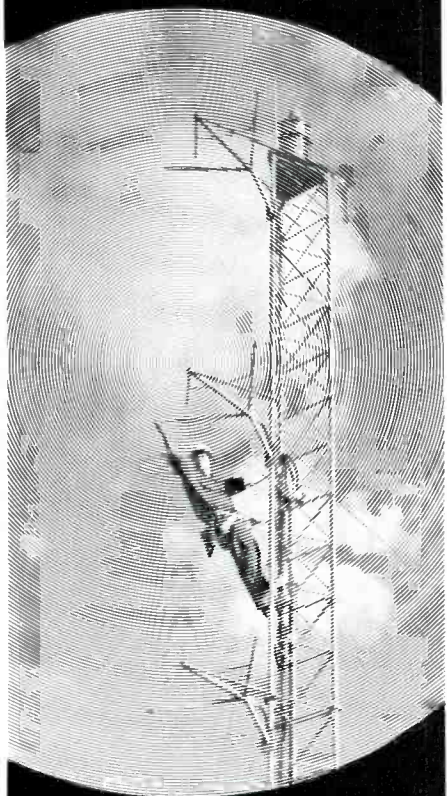
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# BROADCASTERS SPEAK

Sirs:

I have been a regular reader of your fine publication for well over two years and find your articles to be both timely and interesting.

In your September *BM/E* I believe a slight error has been made. I refer specifically to the item beginning on page 8 which deals with WNYW election coverage.

In the item it states that WNYW "is the only privately owned and commercially sponsored shortwave station in the U.S." This is not completely true. Radio station WINB operates from Red Lion, Pa. on shortwaves, and has quite a number of programs sponsored by various groups and companies. WNYW is owned by the Mormon church and WINB is owned (80%) by a Rev. John Norris. I refer you specifically to the "Broadcasting Annual and the World Radio TV Handbook 1968," as my reference sources.

While WNYW is the most active commercial SW station in the U.S., it is not the only such station. I hope this information will be of some use.

William A. Matthews  
Houston, Pa. 15342

*We queried WNYW about this, W.M., and they refer you back to your "World Radio TV Handbook." This book lists WINB as a private international station, not as a commercial station. The handbook states that the purpose of this station is to promote the God of the Bible, while WNYW promotes industry. WNYW spokesmen feel that WINB is not truly a commercial station, in the proper sense of the word.*

Sirs:

For the past few years I have been impressed, or rather depressed, by the chaos that passes for a record library in many stations. In visiting a number of radio stations, I have observed various systems of record filing, including numerical ordering, divisions by individual programs and the system which seems to be the most characteristic: "pile-'em-on-the-studio-floor-until-you-can't-walk."

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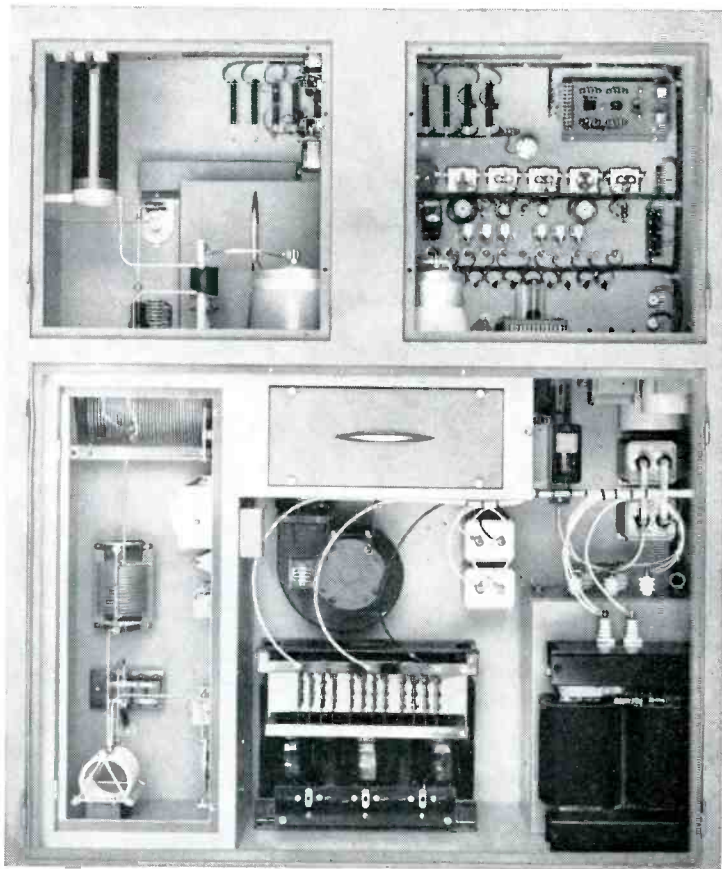
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I have looked through our back issues of *BM/E*, but have been unable to locate the article. If the article to which we refer was in *BM/E*, would it be possible to get a reprint of the article or purchase a copy of the edition?

Benjamin J. Boothroyd  
Chief Engineer  
wokw Radio  
Brockton, Mass.

*The Dec./65 issue of BM/E is on its way, B.B. The article you were referring to is entitled "Making Use of Limiters and Compressors."*

Sirs:

Of late I have been doing research in the uses of fm. I am interested in facsimile and the uses of multiplex. Current information is extremely limited and older volumes are of little use. I'd like to make an appeal to your readers to share any experiences or information on the more "off beat" uses of fm. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Jerry V. Haines  
Lieutenant  
U.S. Navy  
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*Watch future issues of BM/E, J. H.*

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I have been a regular reader of your useful magazine since the preview issue. *BM/E* is truly the most informative and educational magazine for broadcast engineers.

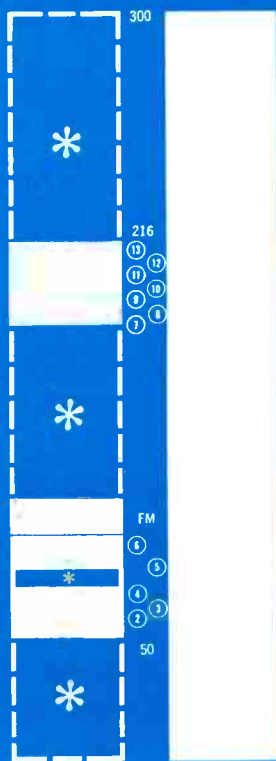
I am assistant engineer of radio station PRL-6/ZYK-33 located in North Brazil. I was very interested in your article "WRIZ Offshore Transmitter" by Jack Roth in the June 1968 issue. I would like you to send me Mr. Roth's complete address. Thank you for your cooperation and I shall be looking forward to receiving your very fine publication.

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## **NAMES** IN THE NEWS



Lt. Gen. K. B. Wolfe



William S. Ivans

Cohu Electronics has announced the election of **Lt. Gen. K. B. Wolfe** as board chairman and **William S. Ivans** as chief executive officer.

James B. Tharpe, president of Visual Electronics, made it known that **Philip E. Silberberg** has joined the company as vice president and general counsel. Within the same company **James A. Kraenzel** was appointed sales representative for New England.

**Herman Kornbrodt**, has been appointed chairman of the recording and reproducing systems component committee of the EIA.

**Richard W. Harbison** and **H. B. Watson** has been elected to the board of directors of Houston Fearless.

**Leonard S. Levy** will join Metro-media as president of Metromedia Records.

NAB has designated **Robert R. Pauley** as the network's representative on NAB's Radio Board of Directors. NAB has also announced the appointment of **Richard K. Burch** as manager of the Television Code.



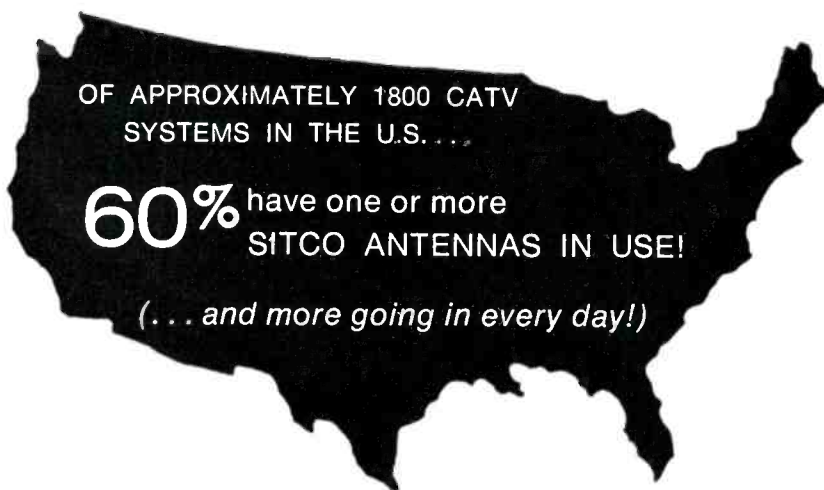
Jack Daniels



Ted Eiland

The post of operations manager for TeleMation has recently been filled by **Jack Daniels**.

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John L. Buchanan has been elected to the board of directors of Ameco.



Charles S. Dolk

Duane M. Weise

Charles S. Dolk was named marketing manager for the industrial and educational products division of Ampex.

Arden C. Boland, president of Central Dynamics, has appointed Duane M. Weise as vice president of marketing-television.

Warren Cannon has joined the executive board of directors of the NAEB as a public member.

The appointment of Richard W. Loftus as marketing manager for Spencer-Kennedy Labs was announced recently.

Jack Wiedemann was named general manager of WXEX-TV, Knoxville.

The appointment of William J. Robins as sales manager at Sylvania Electric Products has been announced.

Louis A. Falcigno has joined Management TV Systems as manager of operations planning.



Walter Kisluk

Michael Stoll

Walter Kisluk has been elected vice president of Alpha Wire. William R. Leverich has been elected vice president of manufacturing and engineering.

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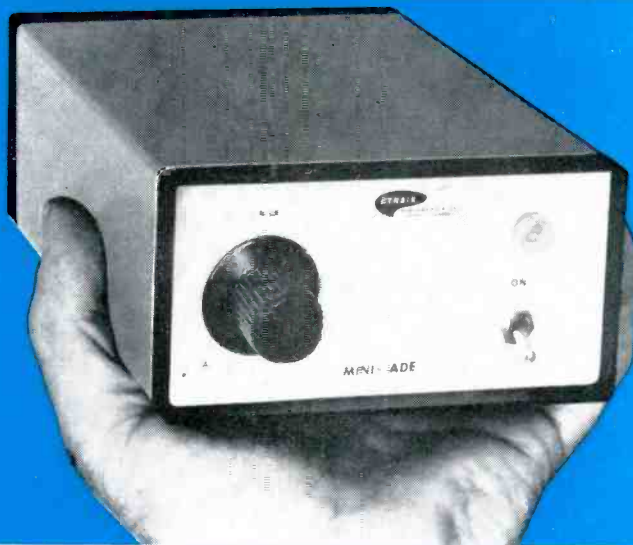
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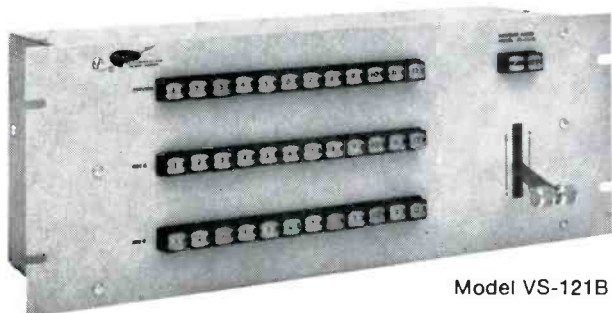


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# LITERATURE of INTEREST

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"Uhf-TV, vhf-TV Sweep Generators" is the title of Catalog No. 82 from Telonic Industries Inc. Contained are descriptions of three basic generator series: 1006, 1010 and 1011. **150**

Model AC-296 video control center is subject of data sheet made available from Ampex. **151**

"Book size" scope is presented in bulletin from Measurement Control Devices. A complete list of specifications and data on Model 100 Transi-Scope are included. **152**

Media trends and reports on the scope of TV today as well as comparisons with previous years are presented in brochure from the Television Bureau of Advertising. Booklet has sections on how adults allocate their time to media and use of TV by department stores. **153**

Programming boards and switches are the topic of handbook published by Sealectro. **172**

High intensity slide projectors, spotlights and accessories are presented in Catalog G6808 from Genarco. **154**

Seven major accessories for broadcast TV are presented in a five-unit series of technical data sheets (2610 Series) from Cohu. Specs and photos are included for black burst generator, dotbar generator, colorbar generator etc. **155**

Prerecorded videotape libraries are listed in guide from Ampex. Guide has short descriptions of available tapes. **156**

Monolithic i-f strip for a-m/age applications is topic of data sheet now available free from National Semiconductor. **157**

Series of numerical displays, counters, drivers, memory devices, display tubes, power supplies and bezel configurations are described in brochure from Integrated Circuit Electronics. **163**

Monolithic agc/squelch amplifier is discussed in data sheet from National Semiconductor. **158**

Electronics equipment for industry and government is subject of Allied's 1969 catalog. The book, the largest issued by an electronics supply house, lists over 50,000 stock items from 500 manufacturers. Listings show prices for purchase in various amounts of every type of component. **159**

Cable wire is topic of indexed, loose-leaf catalog from Rome Cable. Catalog contains sections on bare wire, building wire, conduit, underground cables and others. **160**

Vacuum power tubes are basis of booklet from International Telephone and Telegraph. A section describing tube accessories and a section on application maintenance are included in brochure. **161**

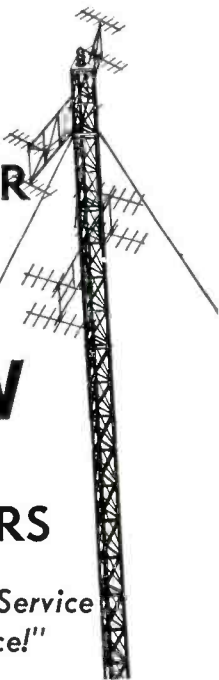
Electromagnetic Compatibility Designer's Guide is available from Electronic Industries. Ten-section guide provides fundamental EMC design answers in detail. **162**

Integrated circuits are topic of brochure from Allied Radio. Replete with tables, photos, graphs and sketches, this book is available for 75¢. Write Allied Radio Corp., Chicago, Ill. 60680. **185**

Latest state-of-the-art advances in rf techniques are discussed in brochure from Applied Research. Specs and *continued on page 91*

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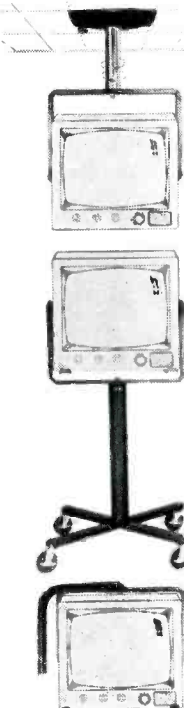
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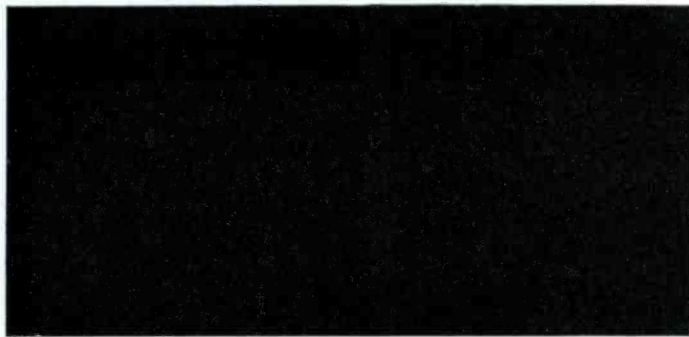
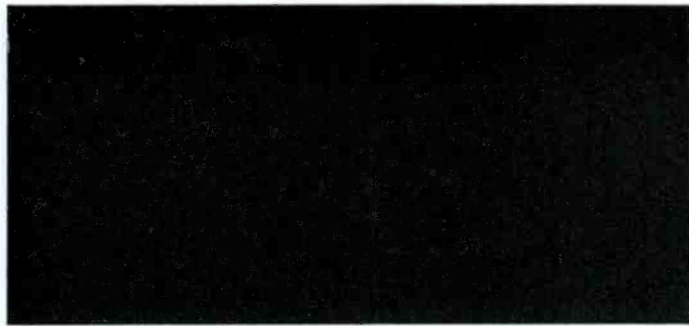
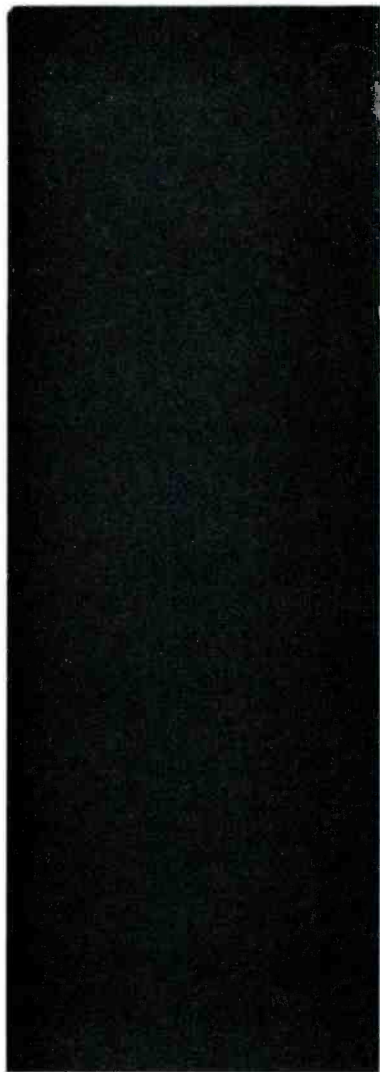
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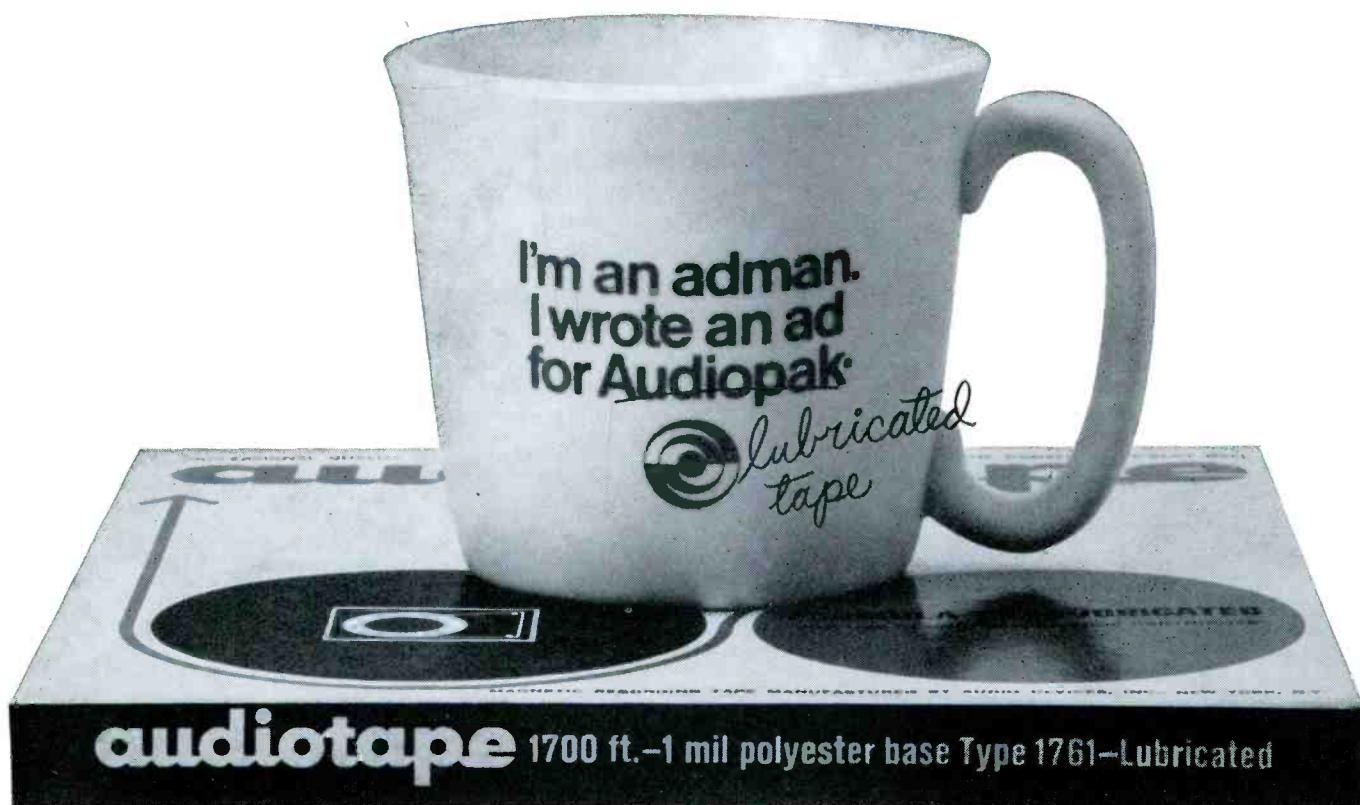
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descriptions for wide range of product capabilities and signal sources are included. 164

**Model AA-620 audio amplifier/speaker system** is subject of data sheet from Ampex. 165

**Buried cable system hardware** is topic of catalog from Preformed Line Products. Catalog contains product photos, specifications, ordering information and price data. 166

**TV videotape production** is topic of "how-to-do-it guide" available to audio-visual directors and educators from 3M Company. Glossary of terms along with graphs and charts are provided for reference. In-depth treatment is given to such subjects as use of visuals, lighting and production team. 167

**Closed circuit studio TV camera, Model CC-327** is described in brochure from Ampex. 168

**Frequency response tracer, Model 4712**, is subject of data bulletin from B&K Instruments. Bulletin also describes an optional, external module that reduces high frequency signal ranging from 200 Hz to 200 kHz by factor of 10. 169

**Production head mechanical specs and electrical and performance data** are discussed in catalog from Michigan Magnetics. 170

**First commercial SEC television camera tube** is topic of bulletin from Westinghouse. Brochure details principle of secondary electron conduction and how it is applied to the operation of this tube. 171

**Neon glow lamps** are the topic of eight-page illustrated brochure from Signalite. 184

**Recessed wall intercommunications stations** from Altec Lansing Division —are presented in 4-page brochure 2101, AL-2103 and AL-2108. 173

**Coax, mic, audio intercom, guy, hookup and other types of wire** are listed in 48-page catalog from International Wire & Cable Co. 174

**Monochrome/color fm microwave relay equipment** made by RHG Electronics Laboratory is described in data sheet now available. 175

**Tape cartridge machines—Series 700** —are presented in a 4-page brochure from Tapecaster. 176

**"Lighting Handbook,"** 1968 edition, from Sylvania, contains 90 pages of notes, text, tables and illustrations pertaining to television, theater, motion picture and professional photography. 177

**Test Equipment products** of major manufacturers are listed in catalog put out by Lectronic Research Labs. Special sections are included on blowers, bridges, constant voltage transformers, etc. 178

**"Show strobe lighting flasher"** is discussed in literature from Power Instruments Inc. Flashing baton fills the need for special stage lighting effects. 179

**Projectors for professional high speed viewing** are described in data sheet available from Lipsner-Smith Corp. Outstanding features such as optical sound head and solid-state amplifier are described. 180

**A VTR and a video camera** are the topics of catalog from Sony Corp. of America. Pictures of the devices and accessories, components and general and electronic specifications are included. 181

**"The CATV Industry & Regulation"** is title of National Cable Television Assoc.'s authoritative brochure. Various aspects of CATV are discussed from the significance of the services it performs to price schedules. 182

**Towers—3- and 4-legged types** in 8 basic configurations, in 128 heights from 40 to 310 feet—are included in a 16-page catalog from Microlect. 183

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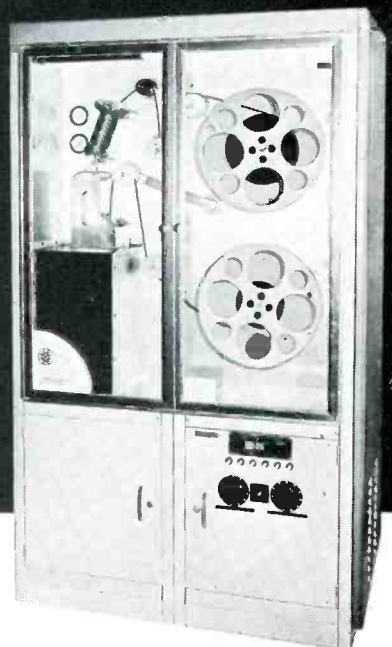
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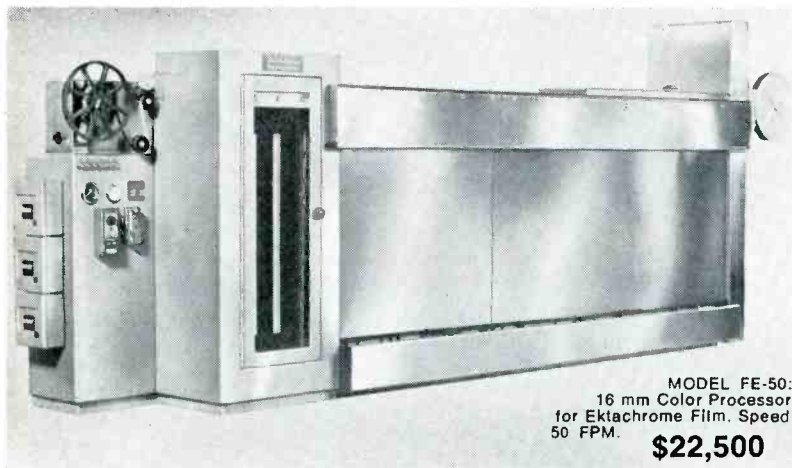
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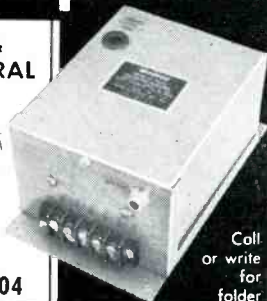
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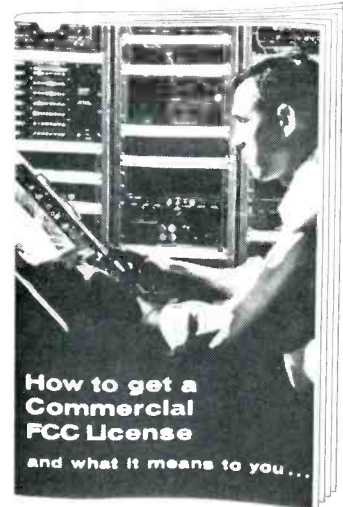
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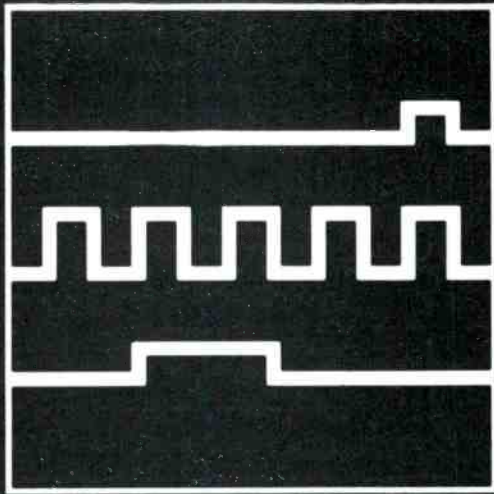
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Short of such direct involvement, you ought to be interested as a parent of a school-age youngster or simply as a citizen. Most of our school systems are failing to meet the needs of most youngsters. The graded subject-oriented school is fun only for bright students. Most other kids hate school.

Educational Consultant Edwin F. Shelley says the current ferment in education revolves about three needs:

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Our present approach to education is not meeting these needs. Instructional TV alone is by no means the total answer, but it can be used to meet the needs described by Shelley.

Use of TV as described on pages 38 to 51 of this issue indicates how TV can increase educational opportunities. Examples of individualized attention are sparse. Better examples were reported in *BM/E*, August 1967, pages 33 to 42. As a means of higher productivity in teaching, current use of ITV fails. Teachers view ITV as a threat to their classroom autonomy and, therefore, permit it only as a resource material.

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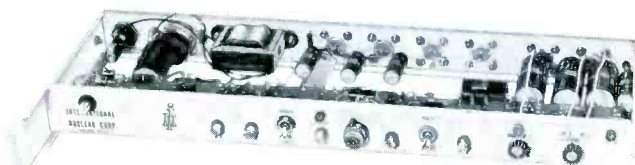
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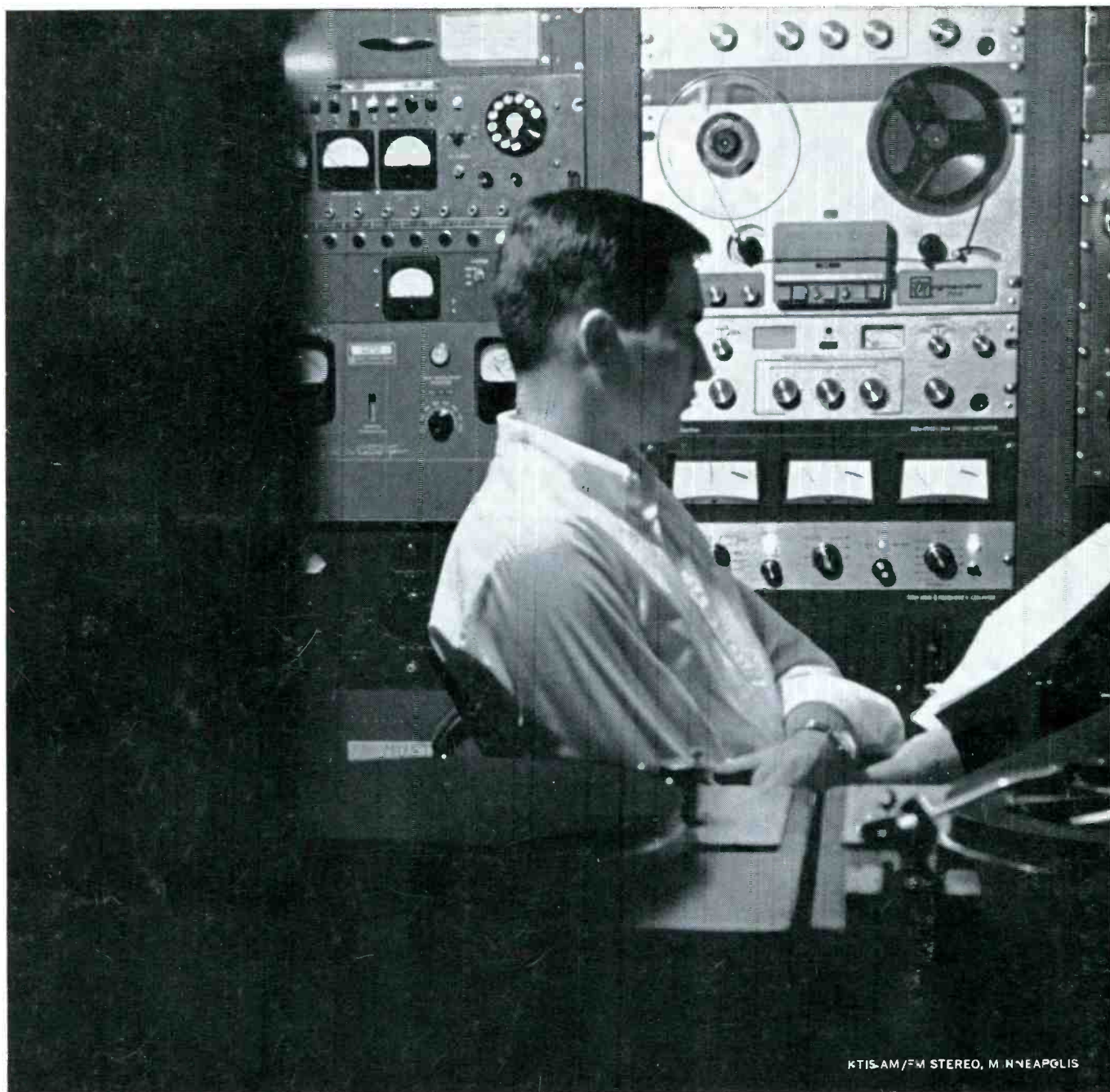


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**MODEL 1024.** Commercial or personal stereo unit. Inputs Per Channel: Hi-Z microphone, mixing bridge, auxiliary bridge. Full mixing facilities. 1K ohm emitter follower output. Choice of speeds and head configurations.

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