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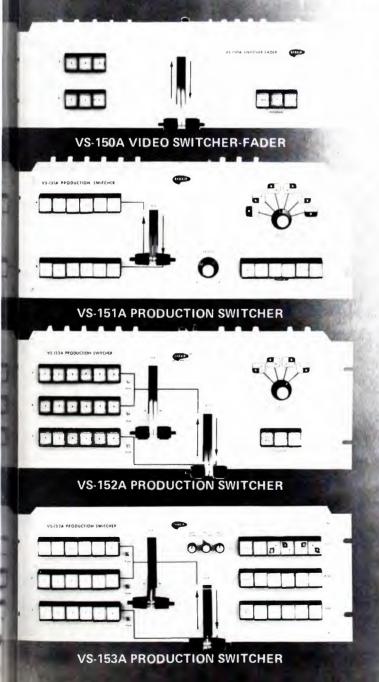
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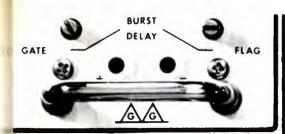
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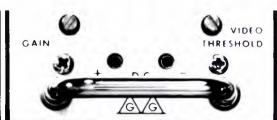
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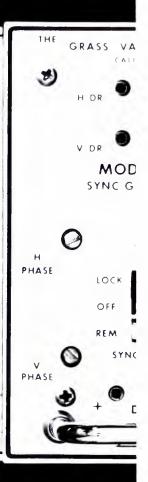


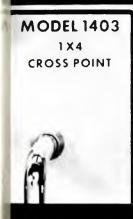




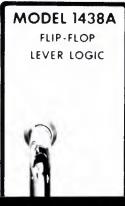


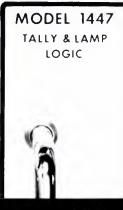


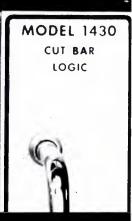












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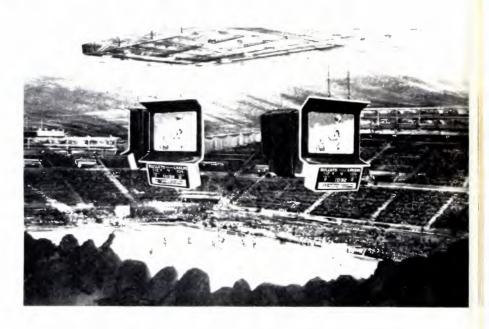
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# BROADCAST INDUSTRY

#### Conrac Video Scoreboards Planned for Washington Arena

A set of four 12-by-16-foot projection telescreens, to be built and installed by Conrac Corporation, will be used for scoreboard information and entertainment in a new sports and entertainment arena being built in Largo, Maryland, just outside Washington, D.C. Using the Eidophor projection system, the screens will allow a great variety of information to be supplied the audience: scores, instant replay, video entertainment, advertising, etc. The screens will hang from the ceiling near the center, in a pattern for best audience coverage.



#### MESBIC—Aids Indian to Buy Cable Company in Washington



Gene Twiner, center in the photo, is a member of the Lummi Indian tribe who recently bought Olympic TV Cable Company in Port Orchard, Washington, with the help of the Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Company (MESBIC). Jim Stone, left, is general manager of MESBIC in the state of Washington, and Joseph Lasby, right, is tactical coordinator for MESBIC.

#### Cable "Pollster" Made By Goldmark

A small "electronic pollster," which can be attached unobstrusively to

premium cable systems to transmit back to headquarters a record of a subscriber's program choices, was announced by Goldmark Communications Corporation of Stamford, Conn. The pollster operates on oneway cable systems, putting an RF carrier on the cable power circuits to send the information upstream. Early models are in operation on a trial basis in Reston, Va., and Pottsville, Pa., with general marketing to come later this year, according to Goldmark.

#### English FM System Gives "Special Interest" Choices

A radically new FM broadcasting system developed in England sends out two programs simultaneously, one a conventional mono or stereo program, the other a "special interest" program designed for some specified minority taste or audience. Announced by Matrix Enterprises, of 6 Barlby Road, London, with patents held by the director, David Williams, "Hi-Lo" (for High Listener Option Radio) uses a set of pushbuttons on the receiver, each assigned to a specific type of special-interest programming. When a button is actuated and a program of that type is on the air, the receivautomatically reproduces it; otherwise it reproduces the standard

program. The system uses the standard spectrum space for the conventional mono or stereo program. It uses low-frequency modulation on the 19 KHz pilot tone for type-of-program coding, and a single-sideband, sub-carrier-suppressed-system, based on a 76 KHz subcarrier, for the "special" program.

#### CBS Finds FM Listeners, Sets Both Sharply Increased

Both the FM share of the total radio audience in major markets and the number of FM sets in use have gone up very substantially in recent years, according to a survey reported by CBS/FM Sales. The FM audience share increase in eight of the ten top markets was 152% between 1967 and 1973, said the report. FM and AM/FM set sales reached an all-time high of 27,230,000 in 1972, up 19% from the year before; sets capable of FM reception are now about 50% of all sets in use, the survey found.

#### NAEB Restructures Top Staff Organization

The National Association of Educational Broadcasters has radically revised its top staff structure, as part continued on page 8 The lightest, most flexible compact color TV camera system for broadcast use yet. A three-tube mini-system, the ASACA ACC-5000 camera and back pack together weigh only 10 kilos (22 lbs). It's a portable designed with emphasis not only on mobility, but also on dependability and accuracy of color output regardless of the conditions under which used. Automatic white balance adjustment. Optimal color signal ouput. The self-adjust and auto-control systems make it possible for just about anybody to operate the ASACA ACC-5000.

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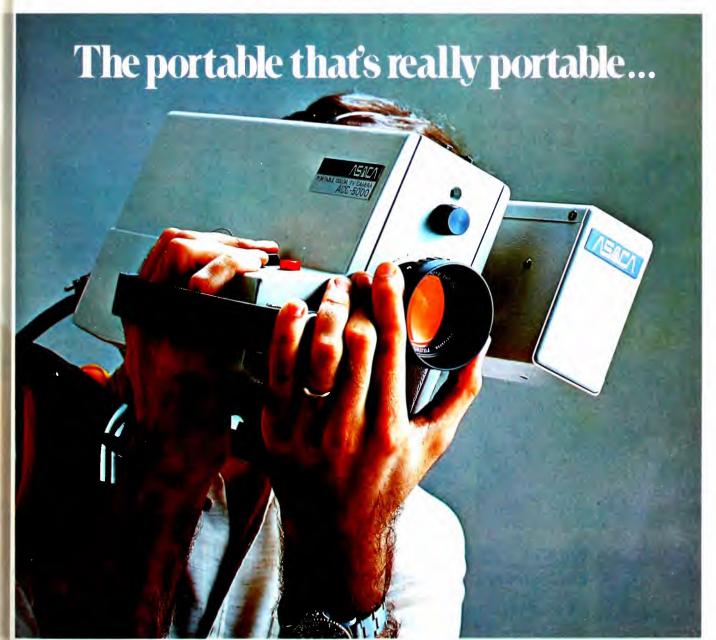
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of the transition of the group to a professional society, with membership composed entirely of individuals in all areas of telecommunications, with no divisions on institutional or media lines. Instead, there are five program divisions, each headed by an officer: William T. Dale will head instructional and educational development; J. A. Fellows, membership development projjects; S. E. Millard, staff publication and writing projects, including a professional journal; Mary Lynn Moody, conference and convention planning; and H. H. Riddleberger, Federal regulation and legislation.

#### NAB Appoints Engineering Committees

The National Association of Broadcasters has appointed new members to its engineering conference committee (to help plan the engineering) sessions at Houston, March 1974); and to the engineering advisory committee. To the first went (all directors or managers of engineering at their stations): LeRoy Bellwood, (chairman), KGTV, San Diego; John Bowman, WMAL, Washington, D.C.; Eldon Kanago, KICD, Spencer, Iowa; W. B. Honeycut, KDFW, Dallas; W. C. Hunter, WHAS, Louisville; and Russell B. Pope, KHSL, Chico, Calif. To the second committee NAB added (all vice presidents or managers of engineering): R. W. Flanders (chairman), wrtv-tv, Indianapolis; C. F. Abel, KFMB TV, San Diego; E. L. Adams, Cox Broadcasting, Atlanta; R. F. Batt, WGN, Chicago; and A. R. Hillstrom, KOOL, Phoenix.

#### New Disc Plastic Said To Double Life

A new polystyrene plastic material with a claimed doubled life span will be supplied for injection molding of phono discs, according to an announcement from the developer, the Richardson Company of Des Plaines, Illinois. Called "R-600," the new material came out of Richardson's research department after a new method of measuring record wear precisely was developed to guide the work on the plastic. William Basile, president of Richardson, whose firm already supplies a major part of the material for injection-molding of phono discs, said continued on page 10

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that the new material "obsoletes our entire line" and predicted that it would move strongly into the compression-molding of discs, now carried out mainly with the more expensive polyvinyl-chloride.

#### Wright is TV Chairman, Formby Radio Chairman, for NAB

The National Association of Broadcasters elected as chairman of the Television Board of Directors Robert F. Wright, president and general manager of wtok, Meridian, Miss. Vice chairman is Wilson Wearn, president of Multimedia Broadcasting Co., Greenville, S.C. The new chairman and vice chairman of the Radio Board of Directors are, respectively: Clint Formby, president and general manager of KPAN, Hereford, Texas; and H. R. Krelstein, president, Plough Broadcasting Co., Memphis.

#### ABC To Test Circularly Polarized RCA TV Antenna

A new TV antenna producing a circularly polarized signal, developed by RCA, will be installed for a test at WLS-TV, ABC-owned station in Chicago. The new antenna, and a comparison antenna of the standard horizontally polarized type, will alternate in rotating the signal from the top of the new 110-story Sears building. Checks will be made at receivers throughout the Chicago

#### Rand To Study Future Of Mass Communications

The Rand Corporation, one of the country's most prestigious "think tanks" and already the producer of important studies on cable television, has four new grants for further major studies on mass communica-tions media. The Markle Foundation has given Rand \$350,000 for a two-year study on general policy issues of mass communications. The Ford Foundation is supplying \$100,-000 for a study of regulatory issues in the mass media, such as the "fairness doctrine" in broadcasting. The Federal Communications Commission is giving \$220,000 for an analysis of spectrum requirements for television over the next 15 years. And the National Science Foundation is giving \$146,000 for an analysis of data on the ownership and control of communications media.

#### Digital Radio For Telco Link Installed by Avantek

Said to be the first digital radio link for telephone company service authorized under new rules of FCC Docket 19311, a 2 GHz PCM system was recently designed and installed by Avantek, Inc. of Santa Clara, for the Hargray Telephone Company of Hilton Head, California. The radio links telephone subscribers on Daufauskie Island directly to the telephone company's central office at Hilton Head. According to Avantek the entire project, from order to turn-on, was completed in ten weeks.

#### Field-Sequential-to-NTSC **Converter Patented**

A system for converting fieldsequential video color signals to NTSC color was recently patented to the Gramling Engineering Co. of McLean, Virginia. In a letter to prospective manufacturers accompanying a copy of the patent, William D. Gramling of that firm points out that a field sequential color camera system is far simpler, lighter, and far less in need of setcontinued on page 12

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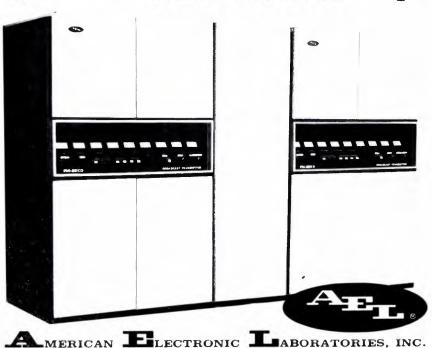
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up adjustment than the standard NTSC camera system, and would make a very light, rugged, but high-quality portable video pickup unit. Recorded away from the studio in field sequential form, the material could be converted to NTSC at the studio for broadcast.

#### Local TV Advertisers Increased Spending 28%, First Quarter 1973

The top 20 categories of local advertisers on TV increased their spending 28% in the first quarter of 1973, the Television Bureau of Advertising found in a recent survey. Total spent in the 20 classes was \$141,129,700. "Local advertising has been the fastest growing component of television for several years," said Harvey Spiegel, senior vice president of sales and marketing. "... it is well on the way to passing the billion dollar mark for the first time in 1973."

#### Berliner To Get Award For Grandfather's Disc Invention

Oliver Berliner, president of Ultra Audio Products, Beverly Hills, California, will be a guest of honor at the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Polydor International in Hamburg, Germany, September 18. Berliner will receive an award on behalf of his grandfather, Emile Berliner, who invented the microphone and flat disc phono record. Polydor is the owner of Deutche Grammophon, Polydor Records, and MGM Records.

#### Film and Tape To Be Partners, Says Eastman Executive

In a "let's be brothers" gesture toward the videotape industry, Anthony Frothingham, general manager of the Motion Picture and Education Markets Division of Eastman Kodak, told a joint seminar of the Motion Picture Laboratories and the SMPTE in Memphis recently that technical advances will make film and tape "compatible partners in getting the job done." He pointed to new technology in tape-to-film transfers and new products such as the Kodak Super-8 film video player as opening many opportunities for film-tape cooperation. He also gave figures countering the notion that film is declining: there were continued on page 14

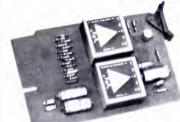
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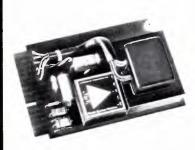
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nearly 300 motion pictures started in 1972; the number of prints per picture is at a high of around 220; movie theatres are in a net increase of about 400 per year; in television, around 85% of network prime time programs are produced on film, as are roughly 75% of the approximately 20,000 TV commercials each year. He said further that the film used for TV news was more than seven times as much as all the film used for movies, TV series, and commercials put together.

#### Simons and Levenson Get SCTE Achievement Awards

The first annual Outstanding Technical Achievement Awards of the

Society of Cable Television Engineers went to Kenneth A. Simons, director of research and development at Jerrold Corp., and Donald W. Levenson, president of Wheeling Antenna Co., Wheeling, W. Va. The National Cable Television Association cooperated with SCTE in selecting the engineers for the awards.

#### People

Robert L. Baker became manager of marketing services for Scully/Metrotech division of Dictaphone . . . Charles E. Auer is the new western sales manager for the CATV operation of GTE Sylvania . . . Glenn Maxwell was appointed director of engineering for Scully/Metrotech division of Dictaphone

Alvin Balkin became business manager, CBS Radio network sales.

Herbert S. Dordick joined Telecommunications Management Corp. as a member of the firm . . . John N. Dempsey, formerly governor of Connecticut, joined Coastal Cable TV Company, Westport, as community affairs advisor . . . Mike Schwartz was elected vice president of Tri-State Broadcasting.

James P. Ackerman joined Jerrold Electronic Corp. as technical director of terminal products and services, which includes responsibility for Jerrold's two-way systems.

Stanford G. Cook joined C-Cor Electronics as manager of manufacturing engineering . . . Mark Pluck became project engineer in the video engineering department of Conrac Corp. . . . Robert W. McAll joined CBS Laboratories as manager of professional products marketing.

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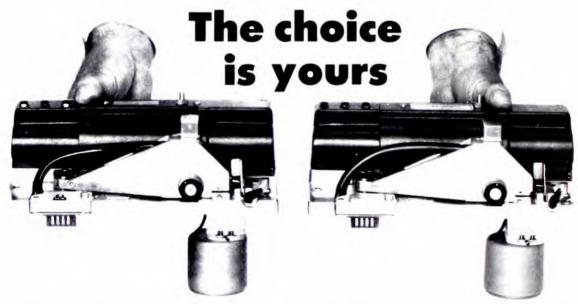
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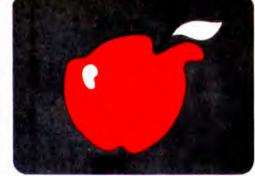
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## Ascertainment: Determining the Composition of the Community

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

This column has returned frequently to the all-important requirement of ascertainment of community problems, needs, and interests. Broadcasters are required to make an "ascertainment" showing in connection with applications for construction permits, renewals, transfers or assignments, and major changes in authorized facilities. Proper ascertainment methods and procedures are a continuing problem to licensees and appear as a common element in many litigated cases.

This month we consider the basic underpinning of any ascertainment showing: the "Composition of the Community." The Commission's 1971 Primer on Ascertainment of Community Problems asks, in Questions and Answers 9 and 10, that the applicant determine the composition of his community of service and submit a showing thereupon with his ascertainment efforts.

The Commission has under consideration the entire scope of its ascertainment requirements for purposes of determining "whether present ascertainment requirements serve the public interest in the most effective way possible and, if not, what improvements could be made to accomplish that objective." In furtherance of its consideration, it issued a "Notice of Inquiry" on March 23, 1973, in Docket No. 19715. Hence, the ascertainment requirements are not static and may be changed or altered somewhat in the near future as a result of this inquiry. Pending possible changes in the Commission's policy, the suggestions and procedures presented hereinafter will be of substantial assistance in complying with present Commission requirements.

#### Contextual Matters

The determination of the composition of the community is a threshold requirement to validate the main body of the ascertainment effort—a series of consultations with the public and community leaders. Primarily, composition of the community for this purpose refers to the *identification of significant groups* within the community whose leaders should be consulted and whose needs should be served.

Yet, as will be shown, analysis of the composition of the community has a significance beyond its use as a preliminary step in the consultation process. It can serve as a vital tool in providing background for a service proposal, and it can and should be used by the licensee to supplement and illuminate the results of consultations with community leaders and the public. Further, the type of effort appropriate to a determination of the composition of the community is also valuable for the licensee's own use to further establish community needs for his service efforts.

Hearing cases continue to turn on issues involving the adequacy of applicants' ascertainment efforts—whether the nature and scope of the consultations were sufficient, whether too much of the process was delegated to professional services, and the like. Most importantly for purposes of the licensee, many cases have involved applicants' alleged failure to consult significant groups in the community or to relate proposed services of the needs of any specific group. For example, a proposed specialized format, such as foreign language programming, may be vulnerable without a showing of need within the community.

The Commission's *Primer* refers applicants to Census Bureau publications and Chamber of Commerce materials as appropriate sources of information on community composition. Accordingly, an analysis of the kind of data available from these sources is called for.

#### The Census Bureau

The Census Bureau is best known for its decennial census of the population. However, as the statistical arm of the Department of Commerce, it conducts surveys and publishes data in many other fields as well. In addition to the decennial population count and its accompanying census of housing, formal censuses include agriculture, business, governments, manufacturers, and minerals. Several of these might be appropriate for consideration in the context of a particular community.

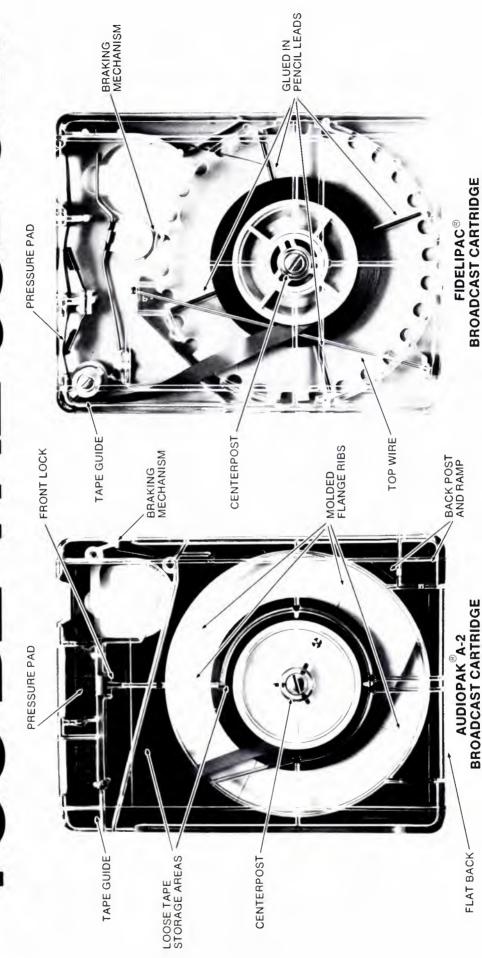
"Price List 70" (available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402) gives a current listing of census publications. Many of these, for the state or the city of license, might be ordered on a continuing basis to provide statistical resources when needed.

The 1970 Census publications of interest include publications entitled Number of Inhabitants, General Population Characteristics, General Social and Economic Characteristics, and General Housing Characteristics for each state, and Census tract reports for 241 metropolitan areas in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. As not all of these may be available when renewal time comes, it might be appropriate to order them at the earliest convenient time.

The price list also includes more current reports updating particular aspects of the Census. As many of these may include metropolitan or local statistics, scrutiny of the price list is recommended.

#### Other Sources of Census Data

If Census publications are out of print when requested or more detailed data than they contain as continued on page 18



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to a particular subject or geographical area is required, several alternative sources may exist.

Local libraries, universities, local government agencies such as planning boards, and state agencies often have copies of relevant publications available for consultation. As to unpublished data—and Census figures go into far more detail than the publication program—computerized records are kept. The Census Bureau will produce appropriate printouts with sufficient advance notice, or will steer you to marketing or statistical firms which can provide the information.

#### Non-Census Data

In addition to the objective, scientific analysis of population and similar characteristics put out by the Census Bureau, local governments and Chambers of Commerce make surveys and maintain information which can be consulted for details. Information generally available pertains to the history, physical tableau (maps, etc.), employment and transportation statistics, and governmental and institutional characteristics of a particular locality. This information will serve as an excellent tool for the licensee in determining the composition of a community. However, two caveats are in order. First, as materials put out by local governments or local business groups are often tainted with "boosterism," licensees should be careful to sift the wheat of relevant information from the chaff of "promotional" information. Second, such information is generally valuable as a supplement to, not a substitute for, the hard statistical data of the Census Bureau.

#### **Uses of Community Composition Data**

Census data provides rich sources for analysis of community composition. The General Population Characteristics volumes give age and race breakdowns for all subdivisions of local areas, appropriate to justify specialized programming for youth, women, minorities, and similar identifiable groups. General Social & Economic Characteristics can provide basic data on ethnic composition, educational levels, transients, and economic matters such as income, job categories, and employment for places down to the 1000 population level. General Housing Characteristics yield valuable data regarding housing conditions—particularly the form of houses (single-family dwelling unit, apartment, trailer) and the economic status of such housing.

The Census term for a central city and surrounding counties is "Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area" (SMSA). The Census divides SMSA's into small, homogeneous areas called "Census Tracts" for the purpose of presenting data for neighborhoods—areas smaller than counties, cities, and places. The typical Census Tract has 4000 residents and, by virtue of this small breakdown, such information is an excellent tool for dividing service areas and ferreting out information from "pockets" within same.

The non-Census data provided by local governments and local business organizations is valuable for determining the *subjective* features of a community's composition. That is, a licensee would be wise to apply such information to a "descriptive tour" feature of his ascertainment exhibit. Also, a sketch of governmental and institutional characteristics which details pertinent information on the local governments.

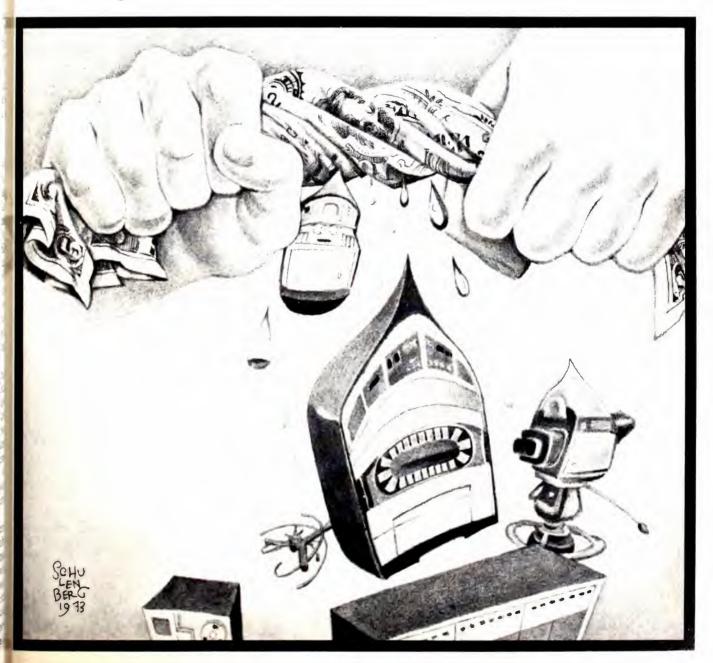
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#### In the tape room

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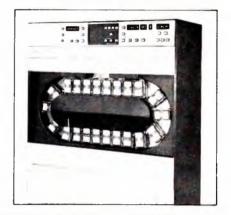
"Our Cart/ reel-to-reel package can at times replace a whole bank of conventional machines."

Another advantage that has sold a lot of stations on the Cart Machine is the many ways it can be packaged to serve a user's particular needs.

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For instance, more and more stations are considering the

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There are many other transmitter offerings that can be tailored to your station, your operational plans, your future.

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ernment, police and fire departments, schools and libraries, hospitals, and recreation and historical spots is a valuable supplement to a demographic study.

#### Conclusion

Each broadcaster is charged with the full knowledge of the composition of his community of service. The ascertainment exhibit is one of the most vital any applicant will submit to the Commission at renewal. A proper determination of the composition of community service is the foundation upon which a truly responsive ascertainment exhibit is based. As a threshold matter, such a determination is a fundamental prerequisite to the selection of interviewees during the survey process. Manifestly, no applicant can survey a representative, cross-section of his community without first determining who the members of the community arc. Yet, besides this function, a proper determination of the composition of community of service is also part and parcel of the ascertainment of the community needs. In summation, the broadcaster's primary task is to apply sophisticated thought and comparative analysis to readily available data toward the end of producing a common sense picture of his community of license, buttressed by hard, complete statistical evidence.

Licensees should stay closely attuned to new developments in the Commission ascertainment policy, including changes which emanate from the Com-

mission's current study.





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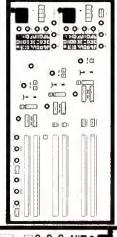
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No MATTER How GOOD your tape and recording equipment may be, no matter how careful you are with recording, VTR maintenance, and tape handling, your videotape takes a lot of abuse and develops dropouts. The dropouts can be permanent or temporary in nature; most of the latter are caused by dirt becoming embedded in the oxide. But there's another problem with dirt-caused dropouts, and that is head wear.

One of the most important aspects of tape contamination and head wear is cleanliness. At one extreme of the spectrum was a British videotape user who had a problem with extremely low head life on his quadruplex equipment. The cause was found when it was noticed that an air conditioning intake duct was facing a new building construction site across the street. An enormous amount of contaminated air was circulating through the videotape room, depositing particles of grit on the tape. This not only caused excessive head wear, but also created a severe dropout problem on the tapes.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, a CBC TV station in Calgary, Alberta, was getting extremely long head life, with figures of 700 to 1200 hours of wear per set of heads. A close look at the VTR room in the station showed why—it was virtually a "clean room" with a double air filtration system and very strict maintenance procedures. Obviously, while such clean room conditions can create an ideal atmosphere for videotape use, this is certainly not be be expected in most broadcast facilities. Besides, what do you do about dirty tape that is received from someone else? Indeed, it has not been unknown to receive contaminated tape from the distributor or manufacturer.

Approximately 90% of all tape dropouts are not permanent—or don't have to be. They are caused by bits of dirt and oxide embedded in the surface of the oxide. These particles prevent good recording and intimate head-to-tape contact. This can become serious, especially since these embedded particles stay there and are, for all intents and purposes, permanently part of the tape until removed. The dropout problem can get so bad that eventually a reel of tape may have to be retired from use. Very often, this also entails irreversible damage to a master recording which might mean re-recording the entire program.

Another problem area: flat packs resulting from a lack of constant-tension winding. Without constant tension, protruding rims of videotape occur ("windows" is a common industry term to describe this condition) and the result can be very serious tape damage. Many quad videotape recorders in use today will not pack with constant tension. In fact, reel take-up and supply motors operate as constant torque devices.\* Varying tensions are not surprising considering the heavy amount of starting and stopping that occurs during cueing-up periods, particularly when editing.\*\* Several segments of the same reel of tape may have been processed by entirely different recorders. The result of uneven tension is those protruding edges or "rims" of tape which become easily damaged in handling and shipping. Very often such damage makes it impossible to record audio or control tracks on the tape. This damage is permanent; and the tape must be discarded.

#### Tape conditioners to the rescue

By using either one of two effective tape-cleaning machines on the market—the Recortec videotape conditioner or the Advanced Transducer Systems Magnetek—it's not only possible to clean up a contaminated tape so that it can be reused, it's also possible to eliminate a lot of temporary dropouts on masters or file tapes without impairing any of the recorded material. The Magnetek, for example, according to the Canadian manufacturer, removes up to 70% of videotape dropouts—a fact that has been verified by practically all of the system's customers. Many of them report a very high percentage of recovery on master tapes which had become too contaminated to play or dub.

Both cleaners provide constant-tension winding with a resulting flat pack. With uneven winding, no problem, it's possible to focus all attention on dirt and other tape contamination.

Dust of all kinds is either magnetically or electrostatically attracted to tape, during both recording and playback. This happens mainly because of the static electric charge that tape develops, which in turn attracts tiny particles of airborne dust and par-

\*Recorted reports the tape tension between the beginning and the end of a large reel varies from 6 to 14 in-ounces.

<sup>\*</sup>Additional boost torque voltages to accommodate fast start-up contributes to the problem. The Ampex AVR-1 is an exception, operating on a different principle.

icles of oxide. Oxide breakup, particles of grit, and even cigarette smoke are prime offenders. These particles become firmly embedded in the oxide because of the normal pressure between layers of tape when it is wound onto the hub. The embedded particle cannot be wiped away and it cannot be dug out because, if it is removed that way, it will leave a hole or an area of missing oxide. Yet each one of these dirt-embedded locations creates a dropout.

The two manufacturers of tape cleaners have taken different approaches to solving this problem. Recortec, longest on the market, uses two sets of vacuum cleaners which consist of stainless steel surfaces that have a large number of small holes through which suction is applied. The vacuum causes the tape to belly into these tiny holes slightly. The holes have sharp edges, electro-chemically formed, and function much in the manner of a shaving head. Loose foreign particles or loosened oxide are removed from both the front and back tape surfaces and sucked through a vacuum system ending up on a removable filter pad. The process is applied twice during tape passage. Recortec says it is particularly important that the rear Mylar surface be cleaned also, since particles adhering to that surface by electrostatic attraction can easily become embedded in the oxide surface of the adjacent layer of the tape during the winding process.

The Magnetek cleaner wipes the tape with a special silicon-impregnated tissue. The tape is wiped eight times in a cycle, but the real secret of the unit is the tungsten-carbide honing edge which scrapes off embedded dirt on the tape. This cutting edge is not a sharp blade, but is polished so it's perfectly square.

When the tape passes over the honing edge, it's under tension and positioned so that the blade decapitates the protruding part of the embedded particle. Thus, the tape surface leaves the honing edge both smooth and uncluttered. There's no dropout that would be caused by removing the particle entirely. The honing blade does its job by decapitating the embedded particles but has no effect on the tape surface. It does not remove any oxide from the tape. The silicon-impregnated wipers remove loose particles that have been cut and loosened by the honing operation. Wiping action is on both sides of the tape.

Some tapes are so contaminated that it takes more than one pass through the machine to do an adequate cleaning job. Some may require three or four cycles through the unit to return the tape to optimum recording condition.

Cleaning passes do not damage tape. Magnetek (whose system appears to treat tape with more physical force) says tapes have been cycled thousands of times through the cleaner without detriment to either the tape or the recording.

A relatively new cleaning problem has cropped up and has become so widespread among users that reports are still coming in. It's called the "white powder problem." Chemical analysis has found that the white powder is a kind of chemical excretion from the tape's binder. This problem is not limited to any one particular brand, and so far has been reported for several different tape manufacturers.

The problem has come up in a major research and development laboratory and has been noted in several videotape facilities and stations. Magnetek says its tape conditioner has provided 100% recov-



Magnetek tape cleaner is used on all videotape coming into WPIX from the outside. Shown here is Eric M. Heineman, technical director at WPIX.



Early model of Recortec tape cleaner with razor blade attachment does better cleaning than Magnetek, says Reeves Broadcast which has both. But sign says do not use master tape.

ery of tapes that suffer from white powder excretion.

#### Tape evaluator helps check job

Once the tape is cleaned, how do you know that it's ready to use? Even when it has been reconditioned, the tape may already have been so badly damaged by handling and really gross contamination that it may not be suitable for certain types of video recording applications.

Customarily, an evaluation is done by recording and playing back color bars on a monitor with a technician eyeballing the screen for the entire length of the tape. This is probably the most wasteful and time-consuming part of the whole operation, and certainly isn't necessary when you consider the technology available to us today.

With these conventional techniques, a one-hour tape evaluation would take two hours of VTR time with resulting head wear. It would also take at least one hour or more of operator time; and after all this time and money is spent, you may find out that you can't use the tape anyway because it's in such bad shape. Besides, where are you going to find a technician who will spot every dropout in the color bars without falling asleep in the process?

Post-production houses and TV stations have done accounting on tape evaluation, and they figure the cost of certifying a one-hour tape to be somewhere between \$50 and \$200. Add to this the cost of using equipment for such unproductive work as tape evaluation, and the cost may be increased considerably.

It's in these cases that a tape evaluator or certifier of some kind comes in, but many stations don't want to invest in a full-blown certifier because they are quite costly. The Magnetek tape evaluator is a compact unit and can operate at the same time as the cleaner. The evaluator will go through an entire one-hour reel of tape in about 12 minutes—totally without supervision. It records and reads out test material from every segment of the tape. It uses a special read-and-write head on each of the control and audio tracks, and uses a 14-track stationary head for testing the video portion of the tape (about 50%). This operation is something like the evaluation procedure used in testing computer tape, which must pass similarly stringent requirements.

The evaluator provides a profile on a strip-chart recorder printing three bar curves which show the dropout level in the video portion as well as any degradation of audio and control track. An edge marker on the strip chart shows the elapsed time for pinpointing serious dropout locations, and will also show physical splices along with total playing time. The unit can be set for a threshold level of dropout which the user can adjust to meet his own needs.

Once the tape has been evaluated and a profile of the audio, video, and control tracks has been produced, the operator can study this chart and find at a glance any trouble spots or problems in the tape. These spots can be edited out, leaving a reasonably sound tape. It's quite common, for example, to find that the front end of the tape has problems in all areas and the evaluator would tell

the operator where to chop off the bad part. A tape might develop damage in the audio track at one or more locations, and this damage might be limited to only a few inches or feet of tape. The operator can set the pre-set stop control on the evaluator to whatever location is indicated on the printout, examine the tape in that area, and edit out the bad parts.

Recortec has a Video Tape Evaluator unit that detects dropouts as well as doing a careful cleaning and winding job. First, a longitudinal signal is recorded on the tape. Nine playback heads evaluate results. The tracks are strategically located to provide the maximum amount of information (four tracks are located close to edges, for example). Recording and readback is all accomplished in the forward mode at 120 ips speed.

A companion digital printer prints out locations of surface defects and edge damage precisely, while a bidirectional timer counts the exact tape length and pinpoints tape defect location.

#### Which to buy?

Is one cleaner or evaluator better than the other? Each has its selling points. Recortec's vacuum system appears to be a gentler approach, but the company does not make quite such strong claims for reducing dropouts as does Magnetek.

Recortec, in a technical paper,\* said its cleaning efficiency is high for tape with normal atmospheric dust and loose oxide particles. But it admits efficiency is not as good if the nodules are deeply embedded into the (oxide) surface. Says Recortec, "This latter condition is quite common in tapes during the manufacturing process, but happens very rarely in users' environments if the tapes have been properly cleaned periodically."

To offer equipment which can provide both types of cleaning, the cleaning stations on the Recortec Video Tape Evaluator are constructed in interchangeable modules to permit the customer to switch to razor blade cleaning if the vacuum grid does not reduce the dropouts below a certain desired level.

A tape cleaner costs in the \$4000-\$5000 range; an evaluator in the \$1200-\$1500 range. Various options can raise this price.

Both companies can provide a list of satisfied customers, and can provide documentation on usage. Magnetek's address is Advanced Transducer Systems, 40 Meteor Drive, Rexdale, Ontario (U.S. sales agent is Television Equipment Associates, Box 1391, Bayville, N.Y. 11709). Recortec, Inc. is located at 777 Palomar Street, Sunnyvale, California 94086.

Generally, the cost of a cleaner/evaluator can be earned in saved videotape in the space of a year or less. In normal broadcast station operations, just the time saved in not having to use high-priced videotape equipment for test purposes is worth the investment. There is certainly less head clogging, and chances of head smearing are greatly reduced. It appears to be sound advice to clean all tapes before playback. If a tape is to be used for a new recording, it should first be evaluated.

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<sup>\*</sup>Video Tape Evaluator, by Dr. Lester H. Lee, 1971.

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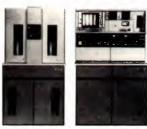
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#### How We Staked Out Our FM Audience

By Thomas Burns

WMCB, Michigan City, Indiana, has quadrupled billings since 1969 when the present management took over and began careful development of a specific audience.

FM RADIO IN RECENT YEARS HAS EMERGED as a major medium. Many say it will surpass AM radio in audience reached and revenue generated during this decade. In some major markets, FM stations have overtaken AM in audience rating. In Michigan City, Indiana, where the writer operates WMCB (FM), our billings have nearly quadrupled since 1969.

Although commercial FM began 31 years ago, it is only recently that marketing concepts have been applied to selling FM. In this paper, I will describe marketing channels for smaller-market FM stations. Since we are selling a non-tangible service, not a physical product, it is necessary to describe the entire marketing program and relate the channels to the other elements of marketing. In addition, two separate, but sometimes overlapping, channels must be considered: audience channels and advertiser channels

Until about 1966, FM was a dormant medium. Its growth was halted during World War II, and in the post-war period it was bypassed for development of television. In the early 1950s, an engineer at wdws, Champaign, Illinois, forgot to turn on the FM that duplicated AM programming. Hours passed before a listener called to inquire why the FM station was not broadcasting. The few independently-operated FM stations often sold time in blocks of 15 minutes to an hour at very low rates to anyone they could get to buy it. FM receiver ownership was very low and programming, when not a duplication of AM, was the lowest-cost material available. There were no systematic efforts to market FM . . . and no one cared.

But slowly in the 1950s a demand began for program material for hi-fi and later stereo systems. Discs and tapes were expensive, and an alternate, inexpensive source was needed. As a result, FM tuners were added to sound systems, and inexpensive imported FM table radios became available.

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By 1966 a second generation of FM stations came on the air to meet the hi-fi and stereo needs. The same year survey firms began measuring demographic audience structures, and demographically-programmed FM stations, such as WFMT, Chicago, began showing up in these surveys—although with limited audiences at first. The reason appeared to be that hi-fi and stereo enthusiasts were very specific in the types of music they liked, and listened to the stations which came closest to fulfilling their listening tastes. By comparison, the mass-market AM stations, with something-for-everyone formats, did not appeal to the same extent to specific demographic groups.

Today more receivers are sold with FM than without. And consulting firms now offer demographically-structured syndicated programming services designed to reach target audiences. Some have been quite successful: Stereo Radio Productions Ltd., for example, achieved first place ratings among all stations, AM and FM, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with WOOD-FM, and in West Palm Beach, Florida, with WEAT-FM.

In these cases, and in Miami and Boston too (where FM is in first place), the programmer has selected a specific audience and developed and broadened it to exceed any other demographic audiences in those markets. As Kotler points out in Marketing Management, a smaller competitor should attempt to segment the market rather than to compete head-on with dominant firms.

As the programming was being demographically developed, it could be sold on a demographic basis. Recently ABC published a survey of product preferences of persons who listened to stereo rock on FM. The study is being actively used by ABC-FM salesmen in calling on clients whose product types have a high appeal for stereo rock listeners.

In describing marketing channels of small market FM, I will draw upon my experiences in Michigan City and generalize them to this class of station. Although demographic programming has been slower in being applied in smaller markets, I believe

there are advantages to such segmentation. In addition, it is often possible to redefine and expand a smaller market geographically. Thus it is possible to create a new service for a new market.

First we defined the geographic market. Although Michigan City has been traditionally considered an isolated market, a major enclosed shopping mall opened several years ago near two converging expressways at the south edge of the city. Between 40 and 60% of the shoppers were found to come from beyond the Michigan City limits. But the long established mass media in Michigan City, a daily newspaper and an AM station, continued to program and sell primarily to Michigan City.

WMCB-FM reaches most of northwest Indiana and southwest Michigan. There are several hundred thousand potential listeners within 30 miles of Michigan City, who shop both in Michigan City and at the businesses in their local communities. Thus we decided to program our station for this regional market and direct our sales efforts to advertisers within about 30 miles of Michigan City, as well as those within Michigan City. (Thirty miles is a marginal imit for sales and programming.) Since WMCB-FM was a new medium, there were no traditions to alter. We could provide news, weather, sports, and leatures for listeners throughout the area without offending Michigan City listeners.

Second, we examined the census figures and found there was a large potential audience in the 21-to-45 age category. Our surveys indicated that wLs, Chicago, was dominant among teens, a number of background music FM stations were splintering the older audience for FM, and the Michigan City AM stations reached mostly persons over 45. Thus we structured our selection of music for the 21-to-45 age category by playing contemporary, popular music and directed our regional news, weather reports, sports coverage, and features to persons in that age category. We also discovered that no other station, AM or FM, in our desired coverage area was editorializing. We added that feature.

Prior to these modifications in the audience marketing channels, the station, under previous ownership, had been one of a number of FM stations broadcasting background music to this area. Many of these stations, broadcasting from Chicago, had better programming and better signals throughout much of the regional area we wanted to serve. These facts reinforced our decision to abandon background music. Further, the background music listener tends to listen to the station with the fewest commercials.

While we were developing the audience marketing channels directed to young adult listeners and promoting the audience on-the-air and through newspaper ads, we were simultaneously developing advertiser marketing channels.

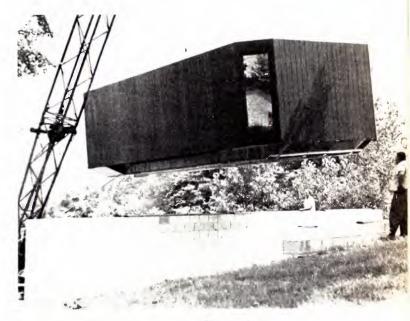
We were actively calling upon clients within 30 miles of Michigan City whose products or services would have strong appeal to young adults. We showed them how our station could fill advertising needs.

We contacted national accounts where there was

some logical tic-in with our regional area and audience age. We worked through local dealers or distributors. We avoided a shotgun approach.

In the last year we have added a national representative and have joined a group of stations in Michigan and Indiana who sell advertising jointly.

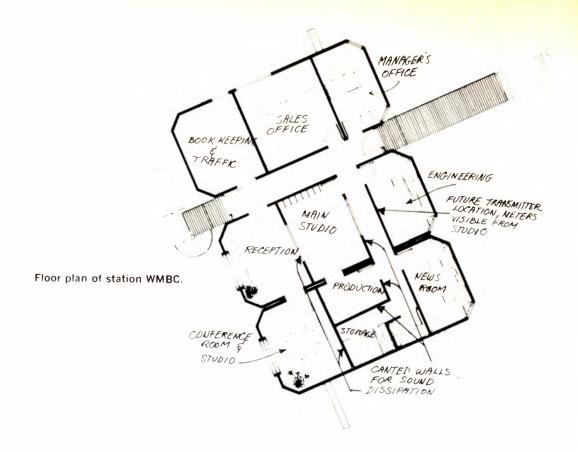
Our local and regional sales efforts have been quite satisfactory. In addition to in-town business, about a third of our business comes from advertisers in the surrounding region. We have gained some national business, but there is still a great deal of prejudice against FM among advertising agencies. They will buy with a strong recommendation from a local dealer. That is the only profitable means to pursue national agency business at this time. One



New studio-office building for WMCB came in three prefabricated sections. Each was lowered onto cement block foundation by crane; matching openings formed passages.



Front door of completed building is reached by open metal stairway. Sound isolation for studio is built into module. Round windows carry out architectural style.



day agencies will discover FM, and it will suddenly become the "in" thing. (My experience with agency people is that most tend to follow the herd.) Our efforts through our national representative and the group of stations has produced little yet, but I believe there is great potential there.

During the time we have been pursuing our defined channels we have been gradually expanding our scope of programming. We have softened and added a larger variety of contemporary music and mixed in lightly some music dating back to the 1950s. In addition our news, editorials, sports and weather coverage has gained response from older people, too. We have developed additional regional programs such as beauty pageants and election night coverage for both Indiana and Michigan, which sold easily to regional advertisers.

When we began in 1969, WMCB-FM had little audience and FM set penetration was about 70% of homes in the area. Our present surveys show we are the dominant FM station with a nearly 50% lead in listener preference over the second place FM station, which broadcasts background music. FM set penetration has climbed to about 90%. As audience loyalty continues to develop and set penetration nears 100%, I believe we can further broaden our audience appeal and advertising sales. We also plan a power increase, not so much to reach farther, but to increase our signal level in the areas we already serve.

We stimulated audience channels through occasional contests such as one in which listeners were rewarded for identifying sounds unique to this area, through saluting on the air a different local person daily, through on-the-air promotion, call-in pro-

grams, newspaper ads and mail directed to community leaders.

Advertising channels are stimulated with yearly demographic surveys of audience, documented success stories in letter form from advertisers, news releases, public appearances of station personnel and by active participation in many community projects.

In smaller markets that have a number of competing radio signals, I believe segmentation of audience is as necessary as it is in a larger market. Only in isolated, single-station markets can a station be all things to all people. Too, I believe there are many markets where an FM station operator has an opportunity to redefine the geographic limits of the market as we did here. FM signal coverage is more constant than is AM coverage and is often greater. If a broader area than the local city can be served, and if there are no long-standing ties of the station to the central city, why confine the service area? In addition to Michigan City, I know of stations in Aurora, Illinois, and Traverse City, Michigan, which have successfully programmed and sold to a broadened geographic market.

In this story I have discussed the marketing channels, audience and advertising channels, and related them to the other elements of the marketing mix. Often the distinction is blurred since we are not transporting and distributing a product or service in the traditional sense. We have no inventory problems, unless you count unsold time; we have no distributors in our local area, unless you count the few local ad agencies; and we have no dealer network. In our business the channels become an inseparable part of the whole. But that is what makes it so interesting, and challenging.

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#### Montreux-World **Marketplace** for **Broadcasting Equipment**

This biennial International Television Symposium draws influential broadcasters from around the world. Their demands are influencing design. A quad II standard may

WHAT THE NAB CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION is to broadcasters from the United States, Canada, Mexico and parts of South America, the bi-International Television Symposium, in Montreux, Switzerland, is to the rest of the world.

At the 8th Symposium this last May, some 2000 high-level engineers came from 35 countries to spend a full week studying the equipment offered by more than 90 exhibitors. Large delegations came from South Africa and Australia; there was a small delegation from China.

The European and "world" mar-

kets for broadcasting equipment are indeed substantial. The Middle East alone is a big customer. As much as 20-30% of total sales of several American manufacturers come from these markets. In some product categories, it is 50%. Indeed, at the 8th Symposium it became clear that the European market and proposed new European Broadcasting Union standards for VTRs may well dictate a new generation of equipment that will eventually affect existing quad standards. More about that later.

The world market is large enough to entice new camera manufacturers

camera. It uses ICs, anti-comet-tail Plumbicons, light bias, etc. Through the incorporation of stable circuits, the need for complex automatic correction circuitry was eliminated. Integral monitor facilities afforded fast and accurate lineup. The camera can be rapidly color balanced under changing light conditions and uses a plug-in matrix to match colorimetry for studio or natural lighting. It uses lightweight cable. Link, incidentally, is emerging as a major system producer. It uses extensively equipment from Rupert Neve and Prowest Electronics. Neve is well known in America. Prowest makes switching systems and monitors.



Barco's monitors drew a lot of attention.

There were numerous cable TV exhibits, but none from the U.S.

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On the subject of monitors, a new line (three screen sizes) introduced by the Belgian firm Barco made quite a stir. Units produced good pictures for PAL, SECAM or NTSC systems. Costs were reasonable because of standard modules and screen size-to-volume was good. Barco's special claim to expertise is in the area of deflection

Several North American compan-

ies were trying to line up distribu-

tion rights for the Barco line in the

circuitry and production.

into competing. We expected to see

EMI, Fernseh, Marconi, Philips,

and Thomson-CSF. These estab-

lished European lines, coupled with

strong products from RCA, Gates,

IVC and Ampex—and perhaps something from Japan-seemed

more than enough competition. But

Link Electronics (Walworth Indus-

trial Estate, Andover, Hampshire, England), thought there was room

for one more. Link announced at

Montreux their Series 110 color

U.S.A. and Canada, and Conrac may find itself with more competition. Not that Conrac doesn't like competition; it was at Montreux with its 5000 series monitors shown at NAB. C. D. Beintema of Conrac delivered a paper on "Color Television Phosphors and Illuminant D."

The largest exhibits (called stands) at Montreux were those of Thomson-CSF, Fernsch-Bosch, Philips, and RCA. Ampex and Marconi were not far behind. Many stands were generously proportioned and, with four floors of the new Congress Building occupied, the Exhibition appeared to be giant. The actual number of exhibitors was something over 90. Some were agents, so that more than 100 manufacturers were represented.

Products from 15 different countries were on display, including several from the Communist bloc—Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland. There was a new compatible quadraphonic FM system from Elektromechnikai Vallalat, Budapest, Hungary, that needed a bandwidth of only 53 KHz (the international standard for stereo). BM/E hopes to get more details on this system later. EMV, incidentally, is a large transmitter manufacturer (VHF, UHF and FM).

While we saw no revolutionary products, a distinct flavor at Montreux did reflect world interest. For one thing, there were all kinds of mobile vans about, including a semi-mobile variety that stood on stilts after its trailer wheels moved on.

Link, mentioned earlier, is big in the mobile area. So is Ampex, incidentally. Siemens was another.

A clever method of getting fuller use out of the TV spectrum was demonstrated at the RCA exhibit. There the Independent Television Authority, Great Britain, showed how special alphanumeric messages (such as news bulletins, sports scores etc.) could be transmitted during vertical intervals and stored in a TV set for replay at will by the consumer.

We saw very smart-looking styling—Schlumberger, France, in particular—and some quite clumsy, such as Albrecht Electronik, Germany. The latter, incidentally, was editing equipment which, presumably didn't have to be compact. There was a lot of editing gear

# **Greetings From Montreux**

Address delivered on 18 May 1973 by Mr. Roger Bonvin, president of the Swiss Confederation, on the occasion of the opening of the 8th International Television Symposium, Montreux 1973

I would like to convey to you, Ladies and Gentlemen, the greetings and good wishes of the Swiss Federal Government, and tell you how gratified we are that private initiative together with the active support of Swiss Posts and Telecommunications have made an institution possible which seems to be here to stay and which, I am sure, nobody would like to miss.

With its "Golden Rose" competition, Montreux has not only emerged as a forum for television entertainment during recent years, but has at the same time developed a reputation as a meeting place for outstanding international television experts and as a market for the most advanced television equipment for commercial users. Both the exhibition and symposium fulfill an important communication function in our hectic age marked by growing specialization. Within narrow confines, and at a minimum of time and expense, they offer a unique opportunity of acquaintance with the most up-to-date international television products, as well as with the latest developments and research efforts, thus enabling the specialist to spot trends and—last but not least—to exchange views and establish contacts.

We are of course highly pleased to note that this "Forum of Television Technology" has made its home in Switzerland, and we are surely right in saying that the charm of Montreux and its surroundings has material-

ly contributed to making it so successful.

Those of you who are working in the field of telecommunications, a medium outstanding for its ability to bring people closer together, have a rewarding task to fulfill, but also one involving great responsibility. You are in charge not only of the technical development of the medium, but also of cooperation at the international level, without which telecommunications could not live and prosper. Yours is a field in which mutual understanding has been exemplary and a living reality for over a century now. The Montreux events, with their wide attendance from all over the world, are particularly suitable to contribute to the promotion and deepening of contacts in a free atmosphere, making for better mutual understanding, and facilitating cooperation.





Garden party on May 20 at Montreux Plage. Among those pictured is a heavy contingent from the U.S.A.—part of a two-week group tour organized by BM/E to attend this international symposium. Photos courtesy Wm. Kelley, v-p and chief engineer, WNEW-TV.



RCA was one of the largest exhibitors at 8th International TV Symposium. It stressed automation.

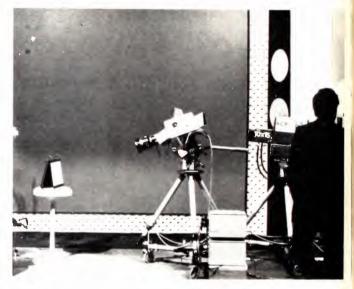


Thomson-CSF clearly gave the impression it was a world-force in TV. It showed a full-line of equipment.

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Bosch-Fernseh rivaled others for sheer size, but was low key in its demonstrations.



Fernseh's portable camera was a hit at the show.

stressed at Montreux, indicating keen interest in production.

The liveliest stand was that of Thomson-CSF—the only one to put on a live entertainment demo—a French revue.

The SECAM system produced clear, beautiful color pictures, but the French go overboard, and many of the color interfaces were bordered with black—indicating the French predilection for surrealism (or the bizarre) we were told, and not some peculiarity in the equipment.

The Thomson-CSF stand was packed with a full line of professional equipment for both radio and TV. Its TV equipment is strong in countries that have SECAM (Chile, Iran, Ivory Coast, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco and others, including Russia). but the transmitters are found in Belgium, Germany, Cyprus and many other places as well. Thom-

son-CSF power tubes (klystrons, tetrodes) have made it a natural transmitter leader. Other Thomson-CSF products include color TV cameras (a full line) using a single coax cable between cameras and CCUs, a black-and-white camera using the "noticon" tube (for low light levels), 16-mm telecine chains, switching units, including automated types, microwave links, and antennas. The highlight this year was the new segmented helical VTR (called a spiral recorder in the English press release) developed by IVC. The French number is TTV3500.

Closely rivaling Thomson was Fernseh-Bosch. Fernseh stressed cameras, including the hand-held KCR and the KCU studio unit. Sixteen-millimeter film scanners and vans outside the exhibit unit were stressed. The Fernseh-Philips BCR discussed elswehere was demo'd in

a separate stand.

For breadth of line, Philips was outstanding. We were overwhelmed with a press kit that included 15 news releases, not counting one from Central Dynamics Ltd. CDL shared the Philips stand and provided switching, editing, and automation capability. The focus was on cameras. Philips cameras in Europe differed from those produced stateside by Philips Broadcast Equipment. Top of the line is the LDK-5, which is similar to, but not exactly, a PC-100.

Philips, Eindhoven, described the LDK-5 as a new generation device that contains a built-in memory that never forgets its own control settings. All video processing is done in the camera itself—not in the CCU. Commands are sent via digital code so that the only connection is a telephone wire (or radio trans-

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# Four New Tape "Standards" Promoted

To the particular consternation of American broadcasters attending Montreux, it was apparent that the 17-year quadruplex VTR standard was under siege. It looked like it might collapse in the face of European demands for a less expensive recording system. Some hint of an intrusion on quad was provided at the 1973 NAB Convention when IVC presented, at a private seminar, details of its two-inch helical unit, the IVC 9000. IVC clearly identified the development undertaken in conjunction with Rank Cintel and Thomson-CSF as primarily for the European market.

But IVC didn't tell its American audience that its system and the Rank/Thomson-CSF alliance was a come-from-behind move to compete with an already demonstrated contender which hoped to become the European standard, the Philips-Fernseh broadcast helical recorder, the BCR 60. The greatest revelation, however, was the realization that both Ampex and RCA were ready to modify existing quad standards to more nearly meet European requirements—and it was apparent that if the quad system could be changed to lower operating costs (less tape, better headlife), such equipment would undoubtedly impact the U.S. market. RCA very aggressively got across the point that a modified quad approach could not be ignored. The company announced it would have a QUAD II system for European evaluation this The declaration was even something of a dramatic move— RCA scrapped a scheduled paper on reconditioning head wheels to put its chief video engineer, A. C. Luther, on the symposium podium to reveal QUAD II.

The delegates had already been primed, in an earlier paper by Charles Anderson of Ampex, to the notion that, rather than embrace helical, maybe quad should be nodified. But Anderson wanted dialogue on the subject rather than hardware. He wanted to explore various trade-offs before deciding on a course of action. RCA seemed ready to gamble on building a unit, hoping it would meet the industry's expectations.

Thus the four new standards—helical by Philips/Fernsch, segmented-helical by IVC/Rank/Thomson-CSF, QUAD II by RCA and modified quad by Ampex.

Such a proliferation was a little more action than Europeans bargained for, even though it was the European Broadcast Union that sought something better than existing quad. The EBU subgroup on recorders felt compelled to say that it "confirms its desire to limit to a minimum the number of standards that will be adapted for the international exchange of tape." It added that it "proposes to exert every effort to obtain this goal."

The EBU was not deterred from going ahead on getting an approved helical standard. Based on field experiments to be gained with the BCR 60 and the IVC 9000, the EBU declared its intent to adapt a helical standard by the second half of 1974. The subgroup tested both units\* at Montreux and found

\* As a relative indication of the EBU requirements, the Ampex 7900 did not measure up on several counts. Notably, it has only one audio track and the audio S N is not good enough

them to meet previously established criteria. It left the door open to also approve a new quad format at a later date.

# The issues at stake and proposals.

What the EBU seeks is straightforward. Operating costs have to be lower than that of existing quad and quality should be better. Desirable machine characteristics were delineated in a December 1971 statement concerning helical-scan-type recorders for 625 line/50 field systems. They were:

- · two full-quality audio tracks
- video and signal quality at least equal to quad
- provision for high energy tape
- low operating cost
- compatible low cost equipment. Europeans using a 625 line standard have a moire problem, resulting from highband frequencies, which suggests the need for superband

The Philips-Fernseh system at first blush looks like an Ampex 7900 or an IVC 900 one-inch heli-



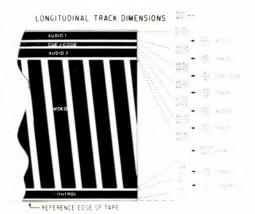
The IVC-9000 two-inch helical VTR, operating on both PAL and SECAM standards was a focal point,



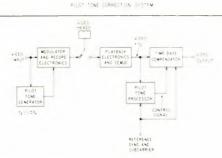
Philips-Fernseh cordoned off its BCR-60 helical VTR to modulate the flow of traffic.

# RCA's Approach to a New Quad Standard

Adapted from a paper by A.C. Luther at the 8th International Television Symposium.



Without changing the vacuum guide ratios, but reducing guard bands, RCA would get two audio tracks.



Block diagram of pilot tone correction system.

I refer to the possible new standard as Quad II although you must recognize that this is not a standards proposal but rather represents our present best thinking on the choices and decisions which must be made before a standard is proposed. The objectives may be summarized quickly by saying that we are trying to provide, at a tape speed of 15 cm/s with 5 cm tape, two high-quality sound channels and a video channel which meet the intentions of the E.B.U. documents. The video characteristics should have improved signal-to-moire (40 dB min.) and no visibility of segmentation errors. The machine should also be capable of using high coercivity tape to achieve higher signal-to-noise ratios. These characteristics should all be achieved in a recorder which would have the capability of being designed in a switchable standards version which would also operate on present quadruplex standards.

The technical approaches we are considering to achieve these ambitious goals are as follows: Utilizing state-of-the-art head technology, we are able to use narrower video tracks, and the latest servo capability allows us to reduce the guard bands between video tracks. These two factors lead to a linear tape speed of only 15 cm/sec for 625-line color recording. Also, because of present-day servo capabilities and mechanical tolerancing ability, we may shorten the video track length, and this provides sufficient space at the edge of the tape for us to add a second full-quality audio track. Within the narrower video tracks, acceptable video performance is obtained by the use of a super highband modulation system and a time base compensator plus chroma compensator which uses a continuous wave pilot tone in the recording signal.

A possible tape track format with dimensions and tolerances for 625-line systems is shown. These numbers are based on using the same vacuum guide radius that is presently on quadruplex systems, but reducing the video track space to a value which can be achieved with present-day tolerancing. Also, the control track is reduced slightly in width. All of the space gained by these moves is located at the top edge of the tape where two high-quality audio tracks (55 dB S/N min.) and a medium-quality cue or time-code track are located. This approach allows a nominal audio track width of 1.4 mm, in which we can achieve 55 dB signal-to-noise ratio with standard tape. The track spacings between audio and cue track are based on the use of a 300 Hz low frequency cutoff for the frequency characteristic of the cue track, with full response to 50 Hz in the audio tracks.

The principal in-band limiter-type interferences for super highband (8.94-to-12.5 MHz) are of fourth-order characteristic, which is essential for achieving acceptable moire performance in the presence of the pilot tone used for the correction system.

A block diagram of a pilot tone correction system is shown. Here you can see that a synchronous pilot signal fp is generated at exactly 1.5 times the color subcarrier frequency. This signal, at low amplitude, is added to the video signal ahead of FM modulation. The resultant FM spectrum after modulation passes through record and playback functions in the usual manner and is demodulated. At this point the pilot tone is extracted by appropriate filters and it is processed against locally generated references to develop an error signal. This signal is supplied to the time base compensator to assist in precise time base compensation. The bandwidth of the pilot tone processor is great enough to provide essentially continuous correction not limited by the line-scanning frequency. Not shown on this chart, but also a part of a complete system, would be the use of an error signal developed in the pilot tone processor for correction of chroma amplitude errors in the system.

We have experimentally constructed a super highband plus pilot tone system which is operating in our laboratory in Camden.

cal recorder. Its specs however were aimed at the EBU requirements: It had 90 minutes playing time, two audio tracks, plus a control track and cue track, video S/N 44dB; audio 60 dB (weighted), diff gain less than 5%, diff phase less than 5 degrees and moire less than -35dB. Stability was listed at +2.5 ns.

Using chromium dioxide tape,

the BCR 60 used a single head (with an Omega wrap). Head-to-tape speed was 23.8 m/s and tape speed of 26.7 cm/s. Tape consumption is less than quad by 60%. Its initial cost is in the \$50-60,000 range.

The IVC/Rank/Thomson-CSF, although helical-segmented, looks like a quad. It uses two-inch tape.

The format results in a tape speed of 20.3 cm/sec and a head life of 3000 hours. Play time is two hours. IVC went to super highband (9 to 12 MHz). Both signal-to-noise and moire were better than quad; other specs equaled quad. The format incorporates longitudinal audio tracks plus a cue, content, and SMPTE continued on page 67

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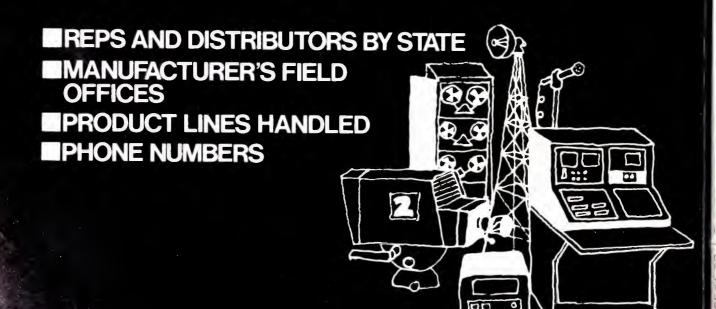


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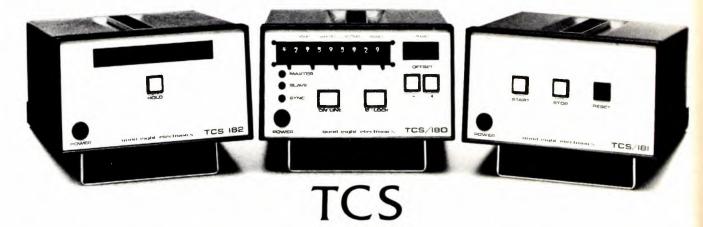
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INTERNATIONAL TAPETRONICS CORP. 2425 South Main Street

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INTERNATIONAL VIDEO CORP. 675 Almanor Avenue Sunnyvale, Cal. 94086 Mfr of video tape recorders, color cameras, films chairs

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Dstrbtr of H.F. Photo Systems equip Field Offices

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**TEXAS** 3710 Gray Drive Mesquite, Texas 75149 214-270-0949

LPB INC. 520 Lincoln Highway Frazer, Pa. 19355 215-644-1123 Mfr of audio studio equip See ad p66 Ostrbtr of Micro-Trak and Taber products

McCURDY RADIO INDUSTRY, LTD. 108 Carnforth Road Toronto 16, Ontario, Canada

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McMARTIN INDUSTRIES INC.

4500 S. 76 St. Omaha, Neb. 68127 402-331-2000

Mfr of audio console equip, FM exciters, monitors, transmitters See ad p72

MICRO-TRAK CORP. 620 Race Street Holyoke, Mass. 01040

413-536-3551 Mfr of turntables, pickups, acces-See ad p23

MICROWAVE ASSOCIATES Building W. South Ave. Burlington, Mass.

617-272-3000 Mfr of microwave equip
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equip

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Mfr of TV cameras, telecine chains, accessories Dstrbtr of H.F. Photo Systems equip

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Silver Spring, Md. 20910 301-589-3125 Mfr of antenna monitors, FSM See ad p10

QUAD/EIGHT ELECTRONICS 11929 Vose Street North Hollywood, Cal. 91605 213-764-1516 Mfr of audio components, processing equip See ad p52

RCA BROADCAST SYSTEMS

Bldg. 2-5 Camden, N.J. 08102 609-963-8000 Mfr of full line of video and TV equip (audio, video, RF) See ad pp 19-22 |Dstrbtr of Micro-Trak, Stanton

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213-461-9171

San Francisco 94102 420 Taylor St., Suite 401-408 415-441-2200

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**GEORGIA** Atlanta 30329 14 Executive Park Drive, N.E. 404-634-6131

ILLINOIS Chicago 60606 Gateway II Bldg., Suite 1400 120 S. Riverside Plaza 312-782-0700

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MICHIGAN Southfield 48075

24333 Southfield Rd., Suite 209 313-357-0080

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MISSOURI St. Louis 63105 7701 Forsyth Blvd., Suite 455 314-862-3660

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Austin 78758 Northwest Office Park Bldg. Buite 134, 8330 Burnet Road 512-451-2500

Dallas 75247 3700 Stemmons Freeway 214-638-6200

WASHINGTON Seattle 98119 108 Second Avenue, West 206-285-2375

RANK PRECISION INDUSTRIES INC. 260 N. Route 303 West Nyack, N.Y. 10994 914-358-4450 Mfr of TV camera lenses, TV

monitors See ad p51

CALIFORNIA 5437 E. Sheila Street os Angeles 90040 213-722-3221

Field Offices

LLINOIS 111 E. Jarvis Avenue Des Plaines 60018 312-297-7720

RICHMOND HILL LABORATORIES INC. 142 Central Avenue

Clark N.J. 07066 201-381-5955 Mfr of video switching equip See ad p23

ROBINS-FAIRCHILD 75 Austin Boulevard Commack, N.Y. 11725 516-543-5200 Mfr of audio consoles, systems See ad p9

RUSSCO ELECTRONICS MANUFAC-TURING INC. 1070 Brookhaven Drive Clovis, Cal. 93612 209-299-2167 Mfr of audio equip Ostrbtr of Micro-Trak products

TABER MANUFACTURING & ENGI-NEERING CO. 2081 Edison Avenue

San Leandro, Cal. 94577 415-635-3831 Mfr of video tape heads See ad p66

TAPE ATHON CORP. 502 S. Isis Avenue Inglewood, Cal. 90301 3.776.6933 Mfr of audio tape playing equip-ment, loggers See ad p33

TAPECASTERS INC

Box 662 Rockville, Md. 20851 Mfr of tape cartridge equip
Dstrbtr of Audio Devices equip

TECHNOLOGY INC., HF PHOTO SYSTEMS DIV. 11801 W. Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles, Cal. 90064 213-272-4331 Mfr of camera mounts, tripods See ads pp 64, 68

TEKTRONIX, INC. P. O. Box 500 Beaverton, Oregon 97005 503-666-0161

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GEORGIA Atlanta 30341 Suite 3, 2251 Perimeter Park 404-451-7241

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INDIANA Indianapolis 46219 6121 East 30th St. 317-546-2408

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TELEVISION EQUIPMENT ASSOCI-ATES Box 1391 Bayville, N.Y. 11709 516-628-8068

Mfr of audio and video equipment. video tape cleaners See ad p62

TELEVISION MICROTIME INC. 1280 Blue Hills Avenue Bloomfield, Conn. 06002 203-242-0761 Mfr of time base correctors See ad p15 TERRA-COM

Div. of Conic Corp. 7865 Balboa Avenue San Diego, Cal. 92111 Mfr of microwave equip
Dstrbtr of HF Photo Systems equip

SHIVELY LABORATORIES INC. Raymond, Me. 04071 207-655-3841 Mfr of antennas systems See ad p61

SHURE BROTHERS INC. 222 Hartrey Avenue Evanston, III. 60204 312-328-9000

Mfr of audio mixers, microphones See ad p56 SPARTA ELECTRONICS,

CORPORATION 5851 Florin Perkins Road Sacramento, Cal. 95828 916-383-5353 Mfr of audio equip, program automation and FM transmitters **Dstrbtr of Micro-Trak products** 

STANTON MAGNETICS INC.

Terminal Drive Plainview, NY. 11803 212-445-0063

fr of phono cartridges, head-phones, accessories phones, accessories See ad p59

ULTRA AUDIO PRODUCTS

Beverly Hills, Cal. 90213 13-849 1433

Mfr of waveform and pulse cross monitors

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Mfr of video production and rout-ing switches See ad p67

VISUAL ELECTRONICS LABORATORES

Audio Division. 40 North Daisy Avenue Pasadena, Cal. 91107 Telephone 213-449-6176 Mfr of audio equip Distrbtr of Micro-Trak products WILKINSON ELECTRONICS INC. 1937 West MacDade Boulevard Woodlyn, Pa. 19094 215-874-5236

Mfr of audio consoles, AM and FM transmitters, silicon rectifiers
See ad p69 Distrbtr of Micro-Trak products

# NEWS

# **Ampex Turnaround Brings** Profit for 1973

After losing almost \$100 million in two disastrous years (those ending in April 1971 and April 1972), the Ampex Corporation, veteran of the magnetic tape industry, showed clear evidence of a turn-around by a new top management with a profit for the year ended April 28, 1973, in the amount of \$3,654,000. Major contributions to the profit, according to the company's annual report, came from successful marketing of the third-generation AVR-1 VTR, the ACR-25 automatic video cassette system, the VR-1200 series video recorders, and the computer core, disc and tape memory systems. Also aiding were improved sales of broadcast videotape and instrumentation tape.

# Other Financial News

RCA sales/earnings set records for the first half of 1973, at \$2.05 billion (up 11%) and \$88 million (up 15%), respectively . . . Eastman Kodak sales and earnings for the first half of 1973 showed substantial increases—sales were \$1.7 billion (up 17%) and earnings \$227 million (up 34%) . . . Tocom Inc. announced its intention to buy 25,-000 shares of its common stock in the over-the-counter market, saying that the stock is underpriced.

Gulf and Western Industries, Inc. reported sales of \$1,437 million and earnings of \$66 million for the nine months ended April 30, both substantial increases over yearearlier figures . . . Scientific-Atlanta, Inc. said preliminary figures indicate record sales of \$20.2 million and earnings of \$680,000 for the year ended June 30, 1973; year earlier figures were \$16 million and \$276,000.

Cablecom General, Inc. showed sales of \$9.6 million and net income

of \$378,378 for the six months ended May 31, 1973 . . . Warner Communications, Inc. reported revenues of \$279 million and income of \$27 million for the six months ended June 30, against \$242 million and \$24 million a year earlier. TelePrompTer Corporation, which was listed on the New York Stock Exchange in July, has announced that accelerated expansion is expected to result in somewhat lower earnings in the second quarter of 1973, as compared with the first quarter. TelePrompTer is the largest cable firm, with more than 800,000 subscribers.

# **Business Briefs**

Video Expo IV, convention to be sponsored September 19-21 at New York's Commodore Hotel Knowledge Industry Publications, Inc., will include the first release of findings from the Brush Report, a six-month study of corporate uses of video.

Some recent international sales: Ampex Corp., \$2.6 million for VIRs and editing equipment to Yugoslav television . . . RCA, a mobile, three-camera color TV unit to Israel; and earth stations for regular satellite communications links in China . . . Marconi, color TV studio equipment to Lebanon; color cameras to the Peking Television Center in China; a 100-kW medium-frequency sound transmitter to Egypt; and four 10-kW sound transmitters to Libya . . . International Video Corp., \$100,000 for videotape recorders to extend television programming to outlying locations in rural India . . . RHG Electronics Laboratory, Inc., portable FM/TV microwave links for remote pickups at a Bogota, Columbia, television station.

Miss American Teen-Ager, Inc., organizer of an annual beauty contest and pageant, is seeking franchisees for local preliminary contests, especially radio and TV stations: address Sol Abrams, 1605 Le Moine Avenue, Fort Lee, N.J. . . . Dae-An Productions is a new com-

pany centered in Carson City, Nevada, for production of entertainment and instructional programs on one-inch and two-inch videotape, 16 and 35mm film, with 16-track audio recording and still photography also available.

Meredith Corporation radio executives met in Washington in June with U.S. Senators and Representatives from their home districts to discuss Federal legislation affecting broadcasters . . . Theta-Com announced establishment of a Systems Division, responsible for turn-key cable system design and construction and field engineering, with Daniel J. Ryason as manager.

Cinema Beaulieu announced the "News 16" film camera TV/documentary film production, with built-in automatic power zoom, automatic or semi-automatic threading, modular design, and choice of single or double system sound, synchro-pilot or crystal . . . Media Horizons of New York, owner of eight radio stations (including KMEO in Phoenix) will build a national radio division headquarters at 3719 N. 32nd Avenue, Phoenix.

Goldmark Communications has given non-exclusive licenses for manufacture of their automatic skew corrector for video cassette systems to Dayton Communications, Dayton, Ohio, and Applied Electronics, Toronto . . . CCA Electronics Corp. has entered an agreement with CIT Alcatel of Montrouge, France, major French electronics manufacturer, for distribution of Alcatel products by CCA in the U.S., and distribution of CCA products by Alcatel in Eu-

Brand-Rex Company, cable and electrical components manufacturer, has underway a substantial expansion of their cable plant in Siloam Springs, Arkansas . . . International Video Corp. has contracts totalling more than \$2 million to supply 39 U.S. Navy vessels with CCTV systems for information. training, and entertainment.

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# Color Monitor Setup ...more than meets the eye.



Improve color monitor performance with the TEKTRONIX J16-TV Photometer/Radiometer. Monitor screen color temperatures may be quickly and accurately adjusted or matched, even by unskilled personnel. No individual judgement is required as with visual comparison techniques.

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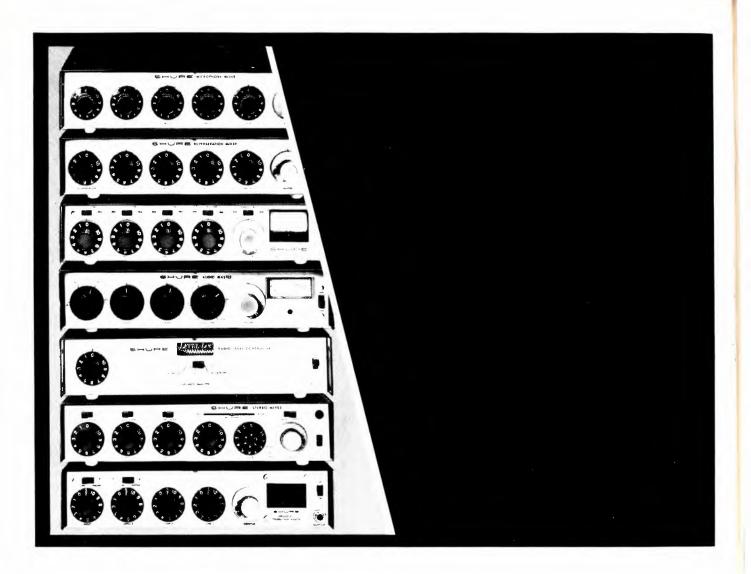
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We've been hearing unsolicited rave reviews from soundmen across the country concerning our seven ingeniously versatile problem-solving audio control components (1) M68 Microphone Mixer, vanguard of the low-cost, high-performance portable mixers; (2) M68-RM Mixer, with built-in reverb for vocalists and special effects; (3) M67 Mixer, the trail-blazing low-cost professional mixer; (4) M63 Audio Control Center, that gives you variable response shaping; (5) M62V Level-Loc, the audio level controller that automatically limits output level; (6) M688 Stereo Mixer, made to order for stereo recording and audio-visual work; and finally, (7) M675 Broadcast Production Master, that teams up with our M67 to give a complete broadcast production console (with cuing) for about \$325. Write for the new Shure Circuitry catalog that shows them all:

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# BROADCAST BQUIPMBN

Series of new test plug-ins for TM-500 scope line includes eleven instruments. Among them: two signal processors, new two-channel 225 MHz digital counter, 11 MHz function generator, a 2 MHz X-Y CRT Monitor, a 250 MHz pulse generator, a high-output 80 volt pulse generator, a crystal controlled time mark generator, others.

TEKTRONIX. 275

Cable fault detector is battery powered, is used with an impulse generator. Model No. 651111 can detect magnitude and direction of surge current, with earth gradient probe finds faults on direct buried cable, or ground voltage on energized cable. JAMES G. BIDDLE CO. 276

**Automated hi-fi tester** sweeps automatically through four frequency decades from 20 Hz to 20 KHz. Model



BFK10 shows frequency and distortion on front panel meters and allows X-Y recording of frequency/distortion for a hard-copy record. THE LONDON COMPANY. 277

Function generators have full output to 20 MHz. Models 520 and 521 produce sine, triangle, square, pulse, sawtooth. The 521 adds triggering and gating. 520, \$695; 521, \$795. AILTECH. 278

Vertical-amplifier plug-in allows four channels, each 200 MHz wide, to be displayed on Model 183A scopes, Model 1834A plug-in inputs have choice of high impedance or 50-ohm termination, triggering from any channel to others, Hewlett-Packard. 279

Alignment tape for ¼-inch reel-to-reel recorders has a series of ten tone sections. Model AT120 checks azimuth, recording level, frequency response, tape speed, flutter, etc. Nortronics.

Monochrome monitors have 6-inch screen, horizontal resolution of 600



lines, single module circuit board. Model 6M917 (single) and 6M917T (triple) monitors are 100% solid state, have depth of 10 in. SC ELECTRONICS.

Digital multimeter claims 0.001% total accuracy over 24 hours, 10,000 megohm input resistance, five DC ranges, 60% overrange. Model 5900 has two measurement speeds for AC, full auto-ranging, LED readout. \$1795. DANA LABORATORIES. 282

Oscilloscope series includes: Model 1040A with 40 MHz bandwidth, dual channel, delayed and mixed sweeps, 1 mV/cm sensitivity; Model 1066B with 20 MHz, AC and DC trigger, TV frame rate and line triggering, 500 ns/cm sweep speed; Model 1010A, aimed at TV servicing, with 10 MHz bandwidth. 1040A, \$1200; 1066B, \$745; 1010A, \$495. BALLANTINE LABORATORIES. 283

Loop antenna for RF field measurements in the range of 150 KHz to 32 MHz is 52 x 46 x 5 inches overall. Switched transformers match to frequency bands. Dismantling for storage is rapid, \$423. SINGER. 284

Tone generator for audio trouble shooting produces a microphone-level signal to drive low-impedance, balanced inputs. Model A15TG is self-powered, in a 34 in. diameter cylindrical case, has a three-pin connector at one end. Shure Brothers. 285

Mini-console for surveillance and security systems is custom assembled to match need, from a single source up to 20 cameras, 6 pan and tilts, 6 scanners, 6 motorized lenses, etc. It will accept single or dual 9 in. or triple 5 in. monitors. VICON INDUSTRIES. 286

NTSC color encoder is plug-in replacement for the R-Y, B-Y encoder on

IVC Model 90 and Model 150 color cameras. Model CEC-800 uses waveform monitor for alignment of all parameters. Under \$1000. Lenco Electronics. 288

Low-noise preamplifier covers the 3.7-4.2 GHz band. Model AW-4208 has a noise figure of 4 dB, a built-in alarm circuit. Complete failure in a microwave system produces only a small fade on one hop. AVANTEK, INC. 289

Automatic slope and gain control units (ASG) stabilize cable systems without thermal equalizers. ASG permits peak amplifier performance from —40° to +150° F. AEL COMMUNICATIONS CORP. 290

**Audio and video switching buss** has eight inputs. Model C-81-AV can be computer or remote driven, has bal-



anced or unbalanced audio inputs and outputs, vertical or non-vertical interval operation. Under \$1200. OMNIX.

Video/audio switcher has 8 video inputs, 5 busses. Model 2850 has internal and external keying, color matte and



11 wipe patterns, manual and automatic transitions, three-stage audio equalizer and filter, noise gate. Danscoll Ltd. 291

Low-cost demodulator includes tuner for off-air signals, produces composite video, audio, and 4.5 MHz aural subcarrier outputs. Model DEM919 provides full chrominance signal, has continued on page 58



camera before shipment!

It's easy to replace with RCA Vistacons, too, Types 4591/R, G, B, and L, respectively, are direct replacements for types 55875R, G, B, and L. And RCA's 4592/R, G, B, and L, respectively, are directly interchangeable with the XQ 1020R, G, B, and L.

er in TV camera tube technology. Call your RCA Camera Tube Distributor for complete information. Or write RCA, Commercial Engineering, Sec-211/G10, Harrison, N.J. 07029.

**Electronic** Components

# **PRODUCTS**

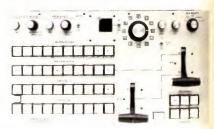
four-stage IF, \$349. SC ELECTRONICS.

Distribution amplifier will bridge or match a 600-ohm audio line, provide six completely isolated balanced outputs. Model DA-6 has 25 dB gain,



maximum output, 0.1% or less distortion, is within 0.5 dB, 10 Hz to 20 KHz. Other models have 16 to 32 outputs, up to 8 inputs. \$95 to \$425. RAMKO RESEARCH.

Production video switcher has ten composite or non-composite inputs, including blackburst, and four busses. Model 556 provides 12 most-used wipe patterns, including a circle; it has re-



entry of effects key, color blackground, blackburst, color matte generator. Ten inputs, \$7900; 16 inputs, \$10,400. AMERICAN DATA CORP.

CATV channel switcher is RF controlled. Model RCS-573 senses any TV signal and switches unwanted channel off, for non-duplication. \$325. FUNG ENGINEERING.

Video switcher-special effects generator is remote controlled, has eight synchronous inputs, three busses. Model 7000 provides vertical switching, horizontal, vertical and corner wipes, and keying, matting, mixing, fading, super-imposition. DYNA-SCIENCES.

Video quantizer provides special effects, including keying, tone reduction, outlining, inversion, synthetic color, pattern generation, others. Model 606A slices video signal into eight amplitude levels, with subsequent intermixing. \$2500. COLORADO VIDEO.

Low-cost digital sync generator is primarily for single-line pulse distribution systems. Model 800 has separate



# Stanton. Every where you turn.



Charles Parker, Program Direct and Chief Ungineer Wayne Mulligan, auditioning discs

Hartford's "Top 40" WDRC AM FM (serving the community for a half century!) relies on Stanton cartridges in a variety of operations.

Chief Engineer Wayne Mulligan says.

"Stanton meets our stringent standards for reliability and sound quality in on-air playback and in the production of transfers."

Stanton's Model 681EE cartridge is their choice for auditioning original recordings and making transfers. Its incredible low mass moving magnetic system (½ to ½ that of ordinary pickups) and its 10Hz to 20.000Hz response, contribute to its exceptional audio quality not only in professional but in home stereo systems, as well.

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The Stanton Dynaphase headsets seen in both photos, enjoy professional acceptance for their true and full-bodied reproduction. They are lightweight and comfortable.

Whether it's recording, broadcasting or home entertainment, enjoy professional audio quality with Stanton products. Write for literature to Stanton Magnetics, Inc., Terminal Drive, Plainview, N.Y. 11803.

All Stanton cartridges are designed for use with all 2 and 4 channel matrix derived compatible systems



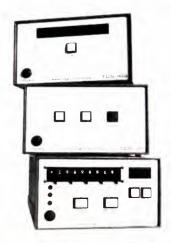
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# **PRODUCTS**



modules for programming pulses in 70 ns increments and for horizontal phase. Zero or one-line vertical phase advance. \$1800. Control Concepts Corporation. 299

Synchronizing system locks audio tape machines to slaves, to VTRs, or to sprocketed film interlock. Time Code

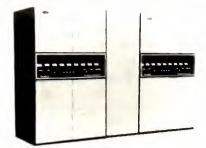


Synchronizer includes an SMPTE code generator, reader, and synchronizer. Last unit provides the error signals for speed correction of AC synchronous or DC servo motors. \$9100. QUAD/EIGHT ELECTRONICS. 296

Digital code generator generates a pulse-position code with from one to five pulses. Model 766 has digiswitch to control repetition time of set. Pulses can be combined in any order at output by toggle switches. VEGA PRECISION LABORATORIES.

300

FM broadcast transmitter includes two 25 kW units with a hybrid combiner,



for operational output of 40 kW and total capability of 50 kW. If one unit of Model PM-25/25KD fails, combiner sends other signal to antenna for continued on page 60

# If you operate an FM station with 3,000 watts E.R.P., there's one transmitter that's best for you.



# The Gates FM-2.5H3

Unsurpassed for exceptional mono and stereo transmission, this two-tube, 2,500-watt transmitter features . . .

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- Automatic recycling
- Remote control capability.
- Plug-in stereo and SCA generators.
- Gates-designed harmonic filter.
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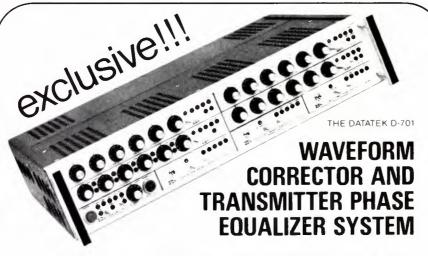
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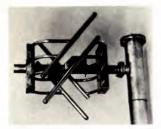
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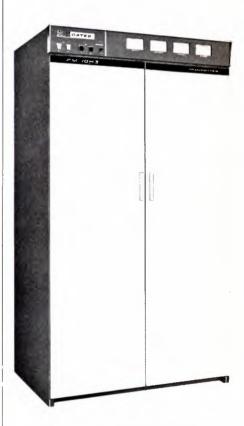
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# **PRODUCTS**

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Operations and Costs: A Study of Educational Public Television Stations" reports a study by the National Association of Educational Broadcasters, showing program and expansion plans of PTV stations over the next several years. Address: NAEB, 1346 Connecticut Ave. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036.

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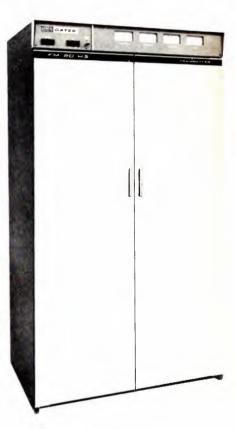
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ceiver). The actual cable is triaxial (as the PC-100) which also carries power. As mentioned, all camera control settings are automatically retained in the camera head in the form of IC circuitry.

The camera is ideally suited for remote-control work and, in fact, Philips had one unit on a motor boat out on Lake LeMans, sending pictures back to the studio which were mixed and switched at will without a glitch.

Philips was quite proud of its LDK-15, billed as a portable LDK-5, useful in all light-level conditions.

Also given prominent attention was the continuous "in-transmission" analysis of TV picture distortion provided by the PM5578. This new system inserted signals that could be checked along the signal chain to determine loss, tilt, static and chrominance non-linearity and other tests. Alarms went off if a parameter didn't measure up. Other Philips products included cassette recorders and CATV equipment (including an interactive home terminal).

RCA stressed "automatic" performance much as it did at NAB. Automaticity was highlighted by the new TCP-1624 film cartridge projector, the TCR-100 video-tape cartridge and automatic correction in the TK-28 film chain and the TK-45A camera. New from RCA was the TPR-10 portable recorder.

Ampex showed its full line of VTRs and put on a news show to demonstrate the capability of the ACR-25. Featuring humorous British commercials,\* the show was more interesting to watch than that at NAB. Editing capability was also stressed.

RCA made a good point on the flexibility and utility of this new class of recorder. The program "London Weekend" uses the TCR-100 to show sports clips and other short segments that would otherwise tie up four reel-to-reel machines—or a lot of time cutting, editing, and dubbing.

Marconi stressed cameras plus the new integrated telecine which it

introduced at the NAB. It also highlighted its transmitter monitoring system described in BM/E in April. Gates took to Montreux color cameras (the TE-201 adapted to PAL), transmitters, and its digital touch-control programmer for radio automation.

Other American manufacturers at Montreux, showing pretty much the same equipment displayed at NAB, were Broadcast Electronics, \*\* Dynair, EMCEE (including Bogner), Grass Valley, Moseley, Quick-Set and Telemet.

Memorex, 3M, TeleMation, and Tektronix were present, but listed as companies from Great Britain or elsewhere. Intertec, S. A. from Switzerland showed a line of American products including Datatran, Datavision, and Recortee. Schafer automation equipment was shown by EMI.

We already mentioned the heavy emphasis on test equipment and, of course, Tektronix was a leader. A small British company has an attractive line of equipment which paralleled many Tektronix products. Systems Video, Inc. (24

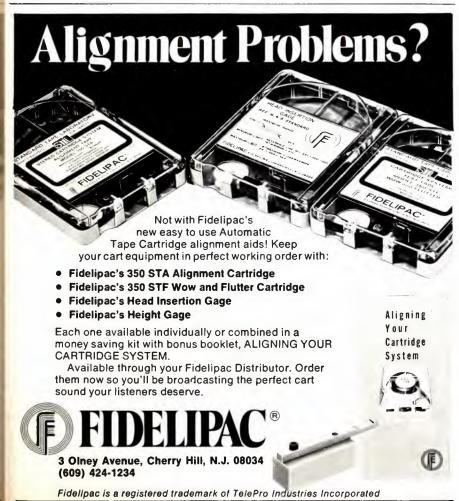
Guildford St., Chertsey, Surrey, England), had waveform monitors and vectorscopes with good spees, in compact size and at low prices. This company was talking to several who were interested in exporting it to the U.S. and these may be seen in the American market soon.

Closed-circuit TV equipment was prominent at Montreux, reflecting increased interest in this sphere. Dynair and TeleMation Thus. found interest in their products. There was ample competition, however, from Grundig (VTRs) and Schlumberger.

Audio consoles on display where exceedingly attractive in designparticularly those by Schlumberger. Its digitally programmable sound mixing console was a knockout. Program level, position, equalization and other functions are controlled in BCD code. Attenuators used MOS analog switches and digitally controlled. Each

\*Although British commercials are outstanding, there was a lot of terrible slap-stick comedy, vintage Morey Amsterdam, shown.
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# MONTREUX

channel can be controlled by a prerecorded program. A display on the console provided a direct indication of gain, source, etc.

Soundcraft of Switzerland showed some impressive audio mixing consoles for video.

It's not possible to run down every exhibit in this report, but another that stood out by virture of impressive design (and size of exhibit) was Siemens. The company showed sound mixing desks, a portable mixing desk, instruments, magnetic film units, carrier wave systems for the German Federal Post Office, microwave equipment and other items, including CATV equipment.

There were specialty items on display: An electronic subtitler from Tore Seem and modular TV switching and distribution equipment from Norway; a color-fromblack-and-white scheme by GX Holding Co., Ltd.

We saw Bild-Ton-Senders by AEG (a giant transmitter) and Color Image Sensing Equipment (a TV camera) from another company. Such terminology variances and language barriers probably caused us to miss other interesting items!

# Cable TV was big at Montreux

The only two American manufacturers present were Coral/Vikoa, which had licensed its technology to ACEC, the Belgian firm; and Times Wire, through an affiliate. But European firms had impressive displays. These included Siemens, Robert Bosch, Philips, EMI, and Hans Kolbe & Co. (Spiegel). European design did reflect a different approach to the market. Basically, the Europeans are less concerned about shielding integrity. This could be a serious flaw. Reason for the European casual approach to connections and shielding (and greater interest in simple-to-install design) lies in less crowding of the spectrum and not much use of midband to date. Europe sees little need for more than 15 or so channels and are less concerned about co-channel interference, ghosts, etc.

There was some new technology in evidence, however. EMI had a long-reach trunk amplifier that could cascade 84 amplifiers in 35

km; and Bosch showed a system that converted trunk signals to UHF at the feeder line, thus avoiding the need for set-top converters.

# NEW TAPE cont. from page 40

address track. Price is in the \$70,000 to \$90,000 range.

The RCA QUAD II approach now being constructed expects to have a tape speed of 15 cm/s (with two-inch tape), two high quality audio tracks and video which meets EBU objectives. Signalto-moire will be improved and segmentation errors low. The machine will be able to use high energy tape for improved signal-to-moire ratios. RCA expects to be able to use narrower video tracks and to reduce guard bands to get room for a second audio track. This is possible with the state-of-the-art head design and servo capability according to performance is Video Luther. upheld by use of a super highband modulator and a time base component plus a chroma compensator which uses a continuous inner pilot tone in the recording signal.

RCA says the QUAD II machine will be switchable to play standard quad and therefore calls it a compatible new standard. (See box for more details.)

Ampex contemplated the following changes: "as a small adjustment of several parameters." It is running experiments to test:

- 1. Reduction of the headwheel radius by about 1.5 mm.
- 2. Reduction of the vacuum guide radius by a slightly smaller amount from 26.24 mm to about 24.8 mm. This reduces the head-to-tape pressure and allows the use of ferrite heads and thus longer life.
- 3. Modify the entrance geometry of the vacuum guide to minimize disturbances caused by the entry of the video head onto the tape.
- 4. Reduce the longitudinal tape speed to at least 19 cm/sec and possibly to 12.5 cm/sec. This would require an improved capstan and servo to achieve the necessary tracking stability.
- 5. Consider the addition of a pilot tone to achieve improved correction of velocity errors and cheaper

time base stabilization.

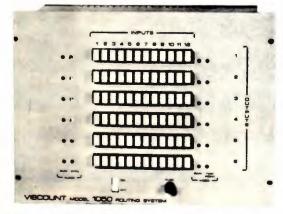
Because the headwheel and vacuum guide radius have been reduced, room is now available for the addition of a second, good quality audio track. Noise reduction schemes may be used. Anderson (of Ampex) said the new format could reduce tape costs by two-thirds and head cost could be halved. Because Ampex would change headwheel dimensions, the machine could not play conventional quad unless the headwheel systems were interchangeable, an approach Ampex is considering.

Both Anderson and Luther looked at various parameters that could be changed—tape, writing speed, tape speed, heads, track widths and format—and the outcome was a case against helical as we shall shortly see.

High energy tape in the 450-500 Oerstad range allows for narrow tracks and lower writing speed and thus less tape usage, even though the cost of high-energy tape is greater.

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# **NEW TAPE**

Anderson said there may be trouble doing high speed tape duplication if the writing speed is too fast—wavelength should be more than 2.5 p. meters. Ferrite heads currently cannot be used with the quadruplex format because the head-to-tape pressure is too high—although, as Luther points out, this pressure minimizes dropouts and thus is some compensation for the shorter quad head life.

One of the greatest advantages of the helical format is the need for fewer heads, and thus overall circuitry is reduced. The disadvantages, however, are the time base error caused by pertubations in longitudinal tape speed since the track lies close to the direction of travel. Tape tension control is a critical factor, otherwise the length during playback and recording is different, producing hooking.

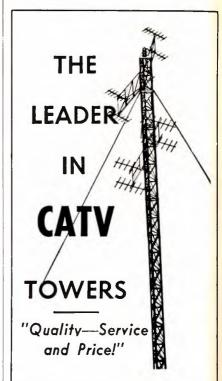
Anderson cautioned that there might be tension problems when wrapping tape around a guide, head, or scanner. He warned against relying on air flotation (to reduce friction), since changes in tension, humidity, condition of tape, and temperature could cause tape to cinch.

He also warned against long lengths of tape being wrapped around the scanner since tracking problems are magnified.

Because segmented helical lies in between helical and transverse, it is something of a compromise. No vacuum guide is necessary and because of lower pressures head life is long. But the segmented approach is more susceptible to time base disturbances and tension factors than is quad. Because the scan is broken, picture segmentation may be a problem.

Neither helical nor segmented helical tape can be mechanically spliced. Accordingly, quad is still an attractive format. Vacuum guiding is troublesome both in automatic threading and in the high head pressure that results. Ampex, accordingly, would change the vacuum guide radius as noted earlier to reduce pressure.

If pressure is reduced enough to permit ferrite heads to be used, operating costs will be lower. Thus the only advantage helical would have over quad is the fewer number of heads and associated circuitry. On a total cost effectiveness/performance analysis, this is a saving of only 10% according to RCA. Anderson analyzed some ten cost factors and drew the same conclusion. He con-"The most cluded: successful format will be the one resulting from a careful engineering consideration of the technical trade offs when considered against the overall requirements." BM/E



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