

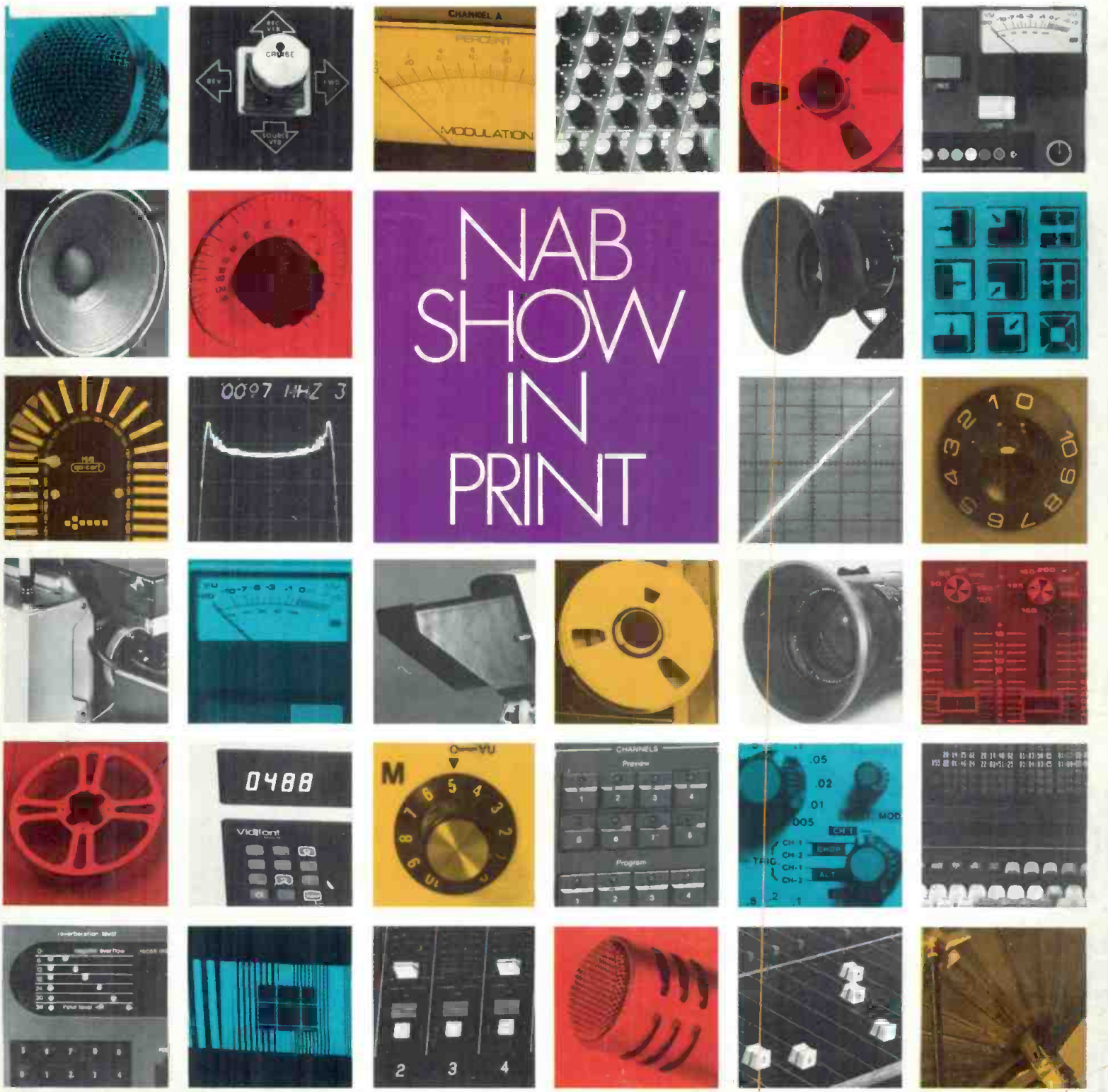
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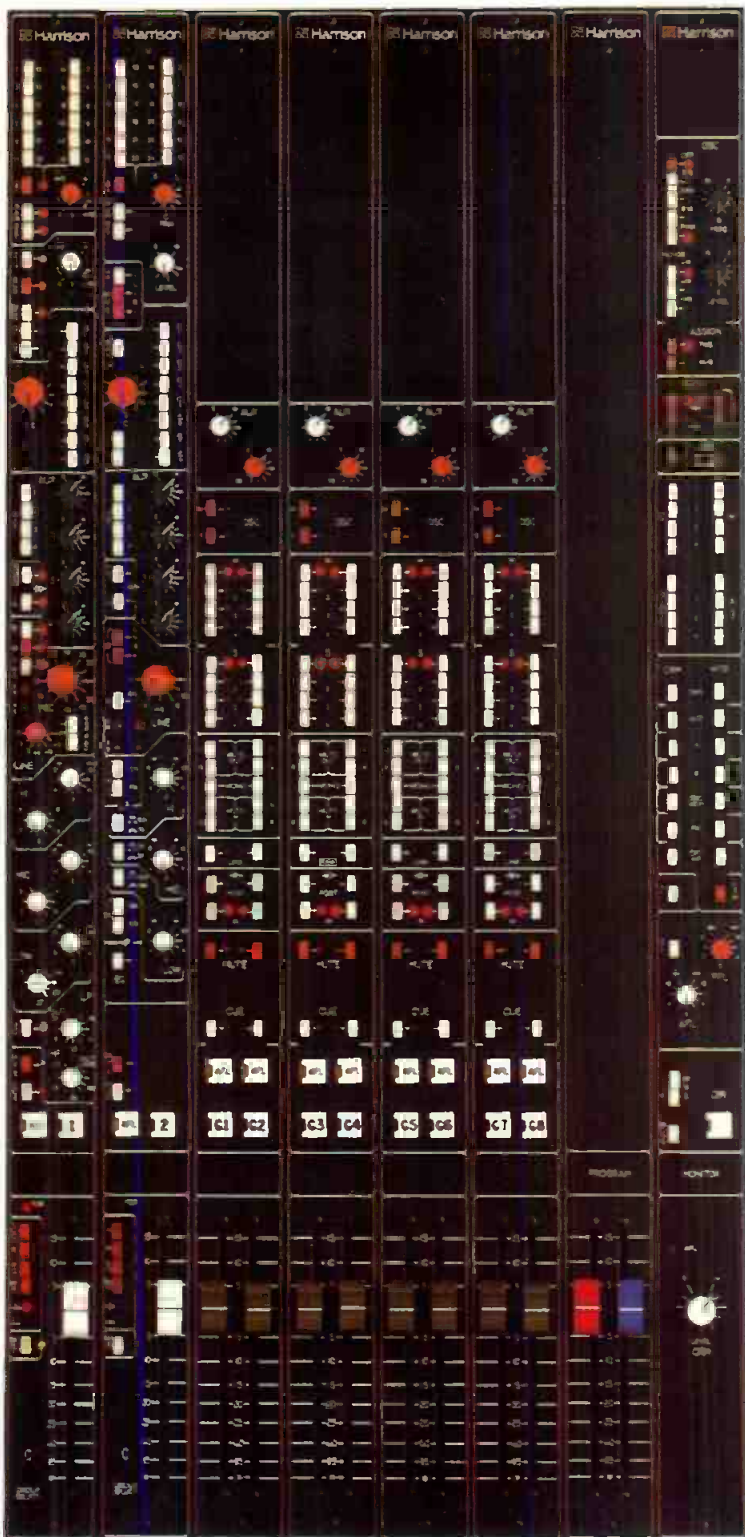
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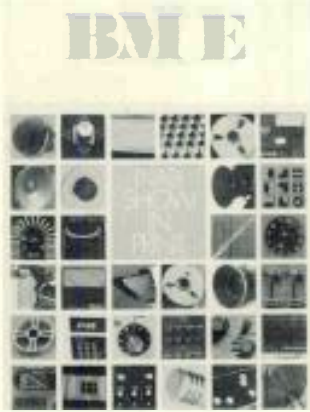
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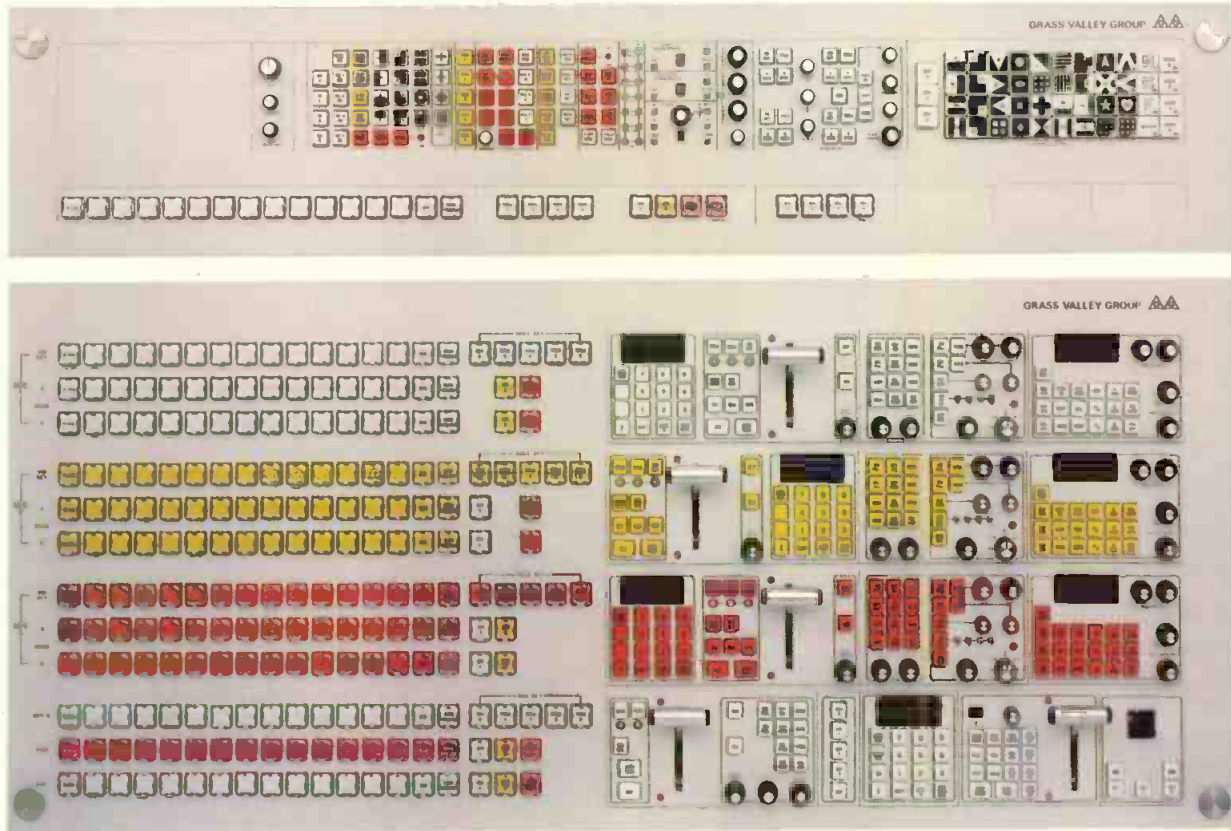
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De facto AM Stereo

AS EXPECTED, THE HOOPLA OVER AM STEREO at the recent NAB Convention in Dallas was loud, but not very decisive. In the wake of the FCC's decision to put the choice of a standard system into "the marketplace," broadcasters were still unsure of their final course.

The rub, as we see it, is that the broadcast industry and the radio receiver makers do not necessarily see eye to eye on the best system to serve the public. The AM broadcast industry had hoped for a service that would compete with FM. Radio set makers want to market products that the consumer will buy at what they believe is the right price.

Broadcasters have to make a relatively small investment to get into AM stereo, approximately \$5000 to \$10,000. Set manufacturers, on the other hand, might have to invest millions, and if the final cost is too high, there's the danger that receivers will be priced out of the market.

To make AM stereo competitive with FM, it has to be broader band than monophonic AM. But for the set manufacturer to pull a given signal out of the air amidst a jumble of adjacent channels and distant co-channels, the narrower the band the better. Both sides face the risk that the listener will find AM stereo inferior to FM.

Some of the proposed systems claim better performance than others, but there is no clear definition of best performance. Good separation, low noise, and low distortion may look good on paper, but these qualities may be accompanied by "pops" or spatter in unfavorable circumstances. Best performance then may simply boil down to reliable operation.

To help clarify the situation, the nation's leading auto radio producer, Delco Division of General Motors, has decided to run its own bench and field tests. (See story, p. 137.) Many now believe that the *de facto* standard could come from Delco rather than the Japanese, who nonetheless have a major influence on the market.

Granted that when it arrives, AM stereo will be accompanied by enormous hype. But responsible broadcasters who see AM stereo as an opportunity to enhance service and quality must be heard over the hype. Unfortunately, the mechanism for reaching such a consensus and a standard is not at hand. The FCC, in effect, has played the National Anthem and signed off. What remains is a scramble at ever-increasing stakes that could lead either to a new day for AM radio or chaos.

It is neither practical nor realistic today to develop a universal decoder capable of handling any and all of the AM stereo systems. Moreover, the costs would be too high to try out each system on the public and see which one survives. Clearly, more tests are needed to dispel the present confusion. Delco is taking steps. But broadcasters too must continue their evaluation based on side-by-side comparisons. After all, broadcasters have the burden to choose, quoting that oft-used phrase, "in the public interest."

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editorial REPLY

In the Editorial for the March issue (p.8) we cautioned that the FCC should go slow on its deregulation program regarding technical requirements. We argued that technical "unregulation" is not in the best interests of broadcasting and could cause undue harm. The following is a thoughtful reply to this Editorial from FCC Commissioner Mimi Weyforth Dawson:

To the Editor:

I was intrigued by your March editorial, "Go slow on technical deregulation." I certainly agree with your assessment that the rush toward deregulation should not encompass all of the Commission's rules and regulations. However, I believe there is a fundamental misconception in your editorial that "technical deregulation" is synonymous with abandonment of spectrum management.

The commission is not attempting to deregulate in vital areas of spectrum management. Such basic areas as power maximums, bandwidth limitations, protected service areas, and other provisions necessary for an orderly allocation scheme will remain regulated.

I believe, on the other hand, that the marketplace can readily control many technical/management-type matters not essential to the allocation processes. Freeing the station managers and engineers to equip their stations as they see fit to serve their audiences will permit use of state-of-the-art equipment and techniques without the need to wait for government approval or rule changes. Managers and engineers should find such an environment highly desirable and, I suspect, they will be able to make better choices in the public interest than the government.

In keeping with your analogy, the Commission will continue to post "speed limits" (power levels) and "stop signs" (emission controls), but the licensee has the ultimate responsibility for a clear signal. If not, the audience and advertiser will find another station.

Sincerely,
Mimi Weyforth Dawson
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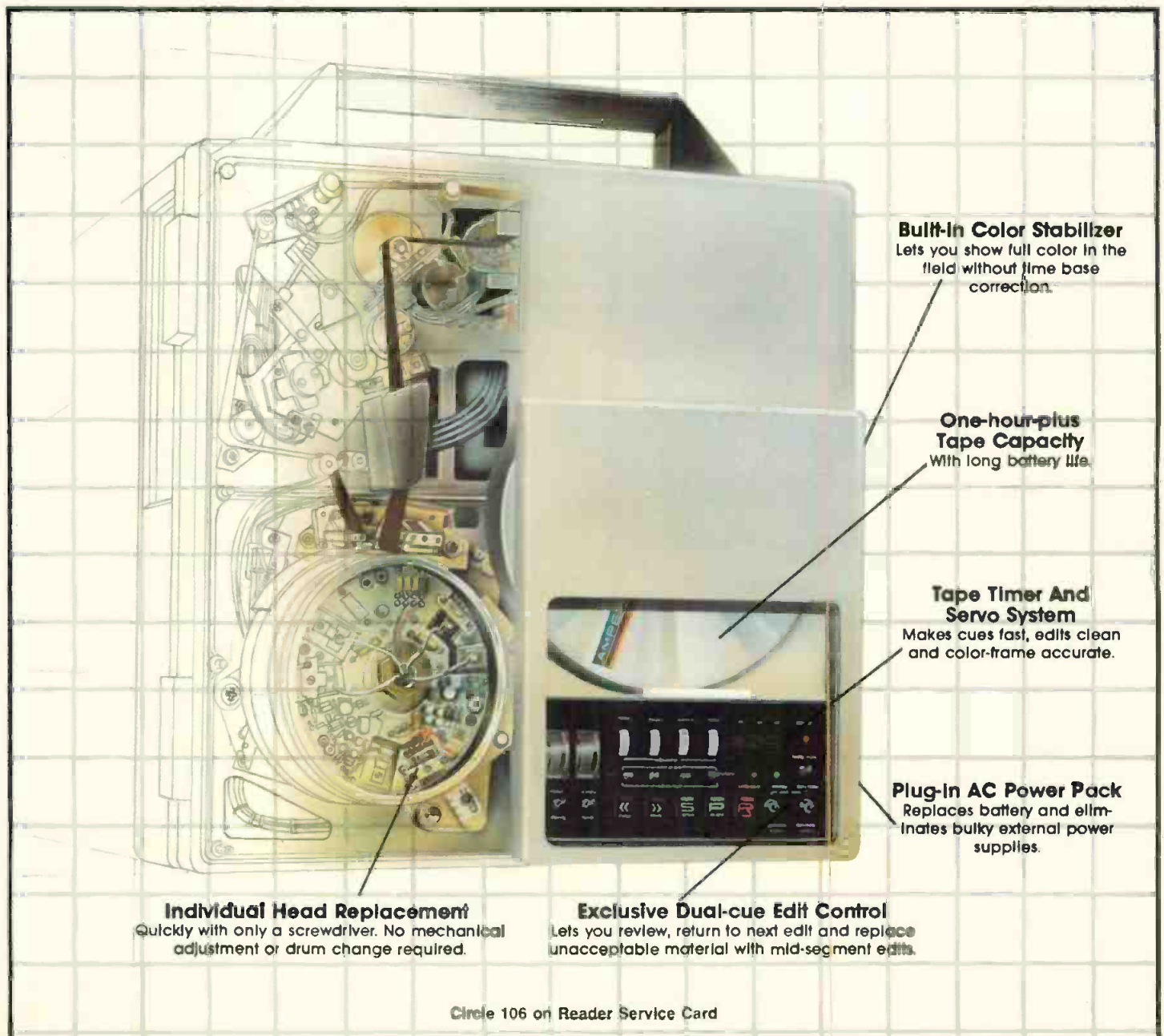
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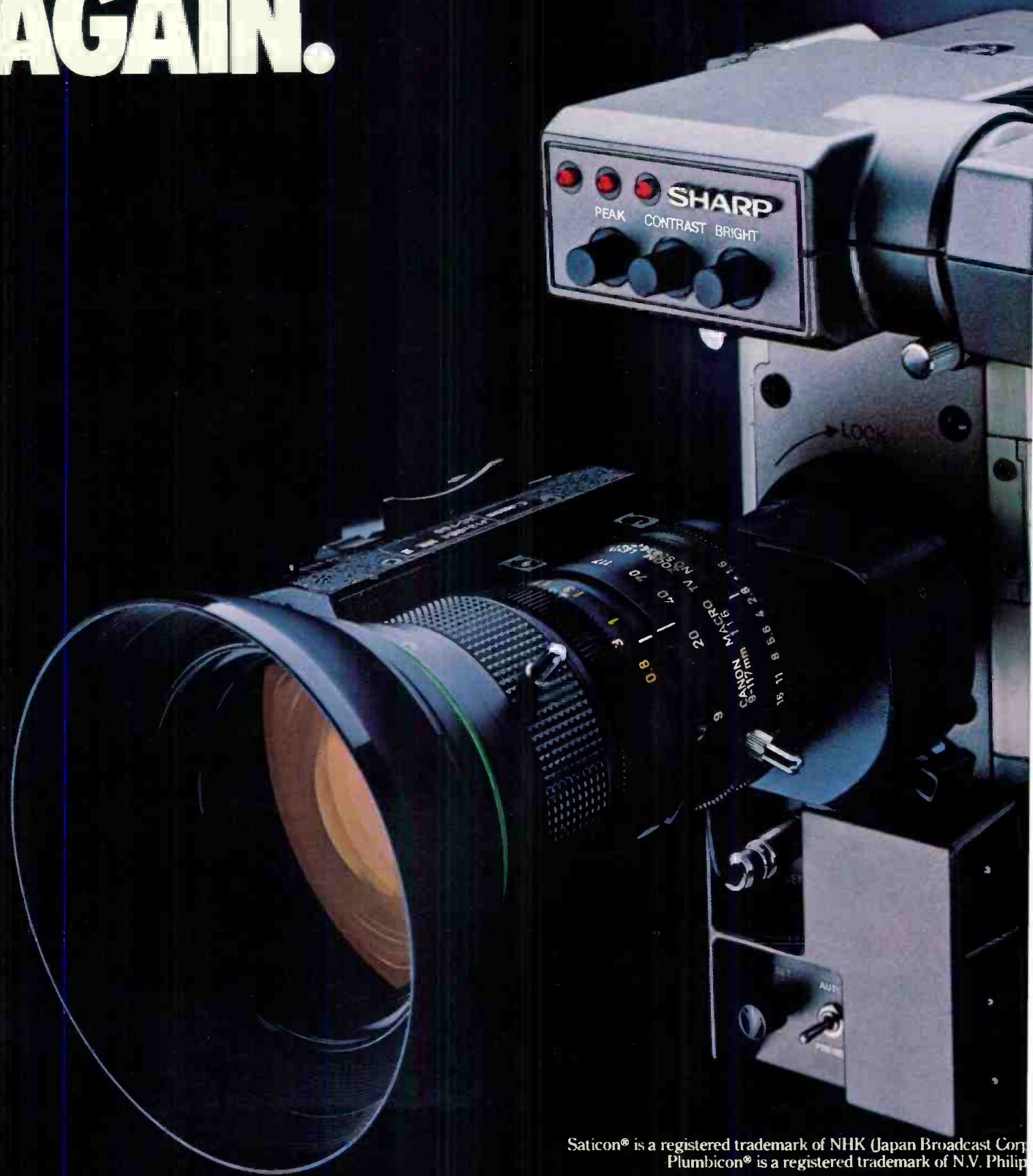
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Mental Health Study Finds Clear Violence-TV Link

Violence on television has an "obvious" connection to violent behavior by children and teens, according to a just-published survey by the National Institute of Mental Health. The report reviews research of the past 10 years seeking to determine if a link exists between violent television programs and aggression in young people.

The report asserts, "... television violence is as strongly correlated with aggressive behavior as any other behavioral variable that has been measured."

NAB spokesman Shaun Sheehan disagreed with the report, commenting, "In the programming that's been developed over the past six or seven years for children, violence as a theme has been screened out and positive role models are being portrayed. A lot of the material out there is old, and according to some people's definition it's violent.

But we feel that the product that's been aimed at children over the past 10 years has been commendable."

Peggy Charren, president of Action for Children's Television (ACT), said of the report, "It's not surprising. The fact that children learn to want sugary foods and expensive toys is widely known, and it's not surprising that they also learn from the messages between those commercials." She went on to say that the answer to the problem was not censorship, but increased viewing alternatives for children, especially on weekdays.

"The result of this study should be that broadcasters feel ashamed of themselves—not that they're offering violence as a diet, but that they're not offering children much else," Charren asserted. "Secondly, we think it should be a warning to parents that that box in the living room isn't necessarily a friend of the family. And to Washington it should say that the marketplace doesn't work for children."

CNN-2 Aims for Affiliates as Nets Expand Newscasts

Ted Turner, cable TV's man of action, is taking on the commercial networks with his second all-news cable service, CNN-2, which is looking to sell its programming to network-affiliated television stations across the country. Several affiliates appear eager to buy.

One reason CNN-2 may be attractive to affiliates is that it could give the stations another option if the commercial networks opt for one-hour national news feeds. Stations that object to the lengthened news format—as do many—could counter by dropping the network newscast in favor of a half-hour from CNN.

Meanwhile, the nets were busy expanding their news offerings in other time periods—especially late nights and early mornings—possibly in an effort to make the 24-hour CNN-2 less attractive to their affiliates.

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ABC's American Sportsman Soars to New Heights

Borrowing a trick from the latest development in sports aviation—ultralight aircraft or "motorized hang-gliders"—ABC's *American Sportsman* took to the skies recently to shoot rare footage of Peruvian condors high in the Andes. The innovative approach allowed pilot/aircraft designer Larry Newman to actually fly with the birds 11,000 feet above sea level. The shoot was for a forthcoming episode, directed by Stuart Goodman.

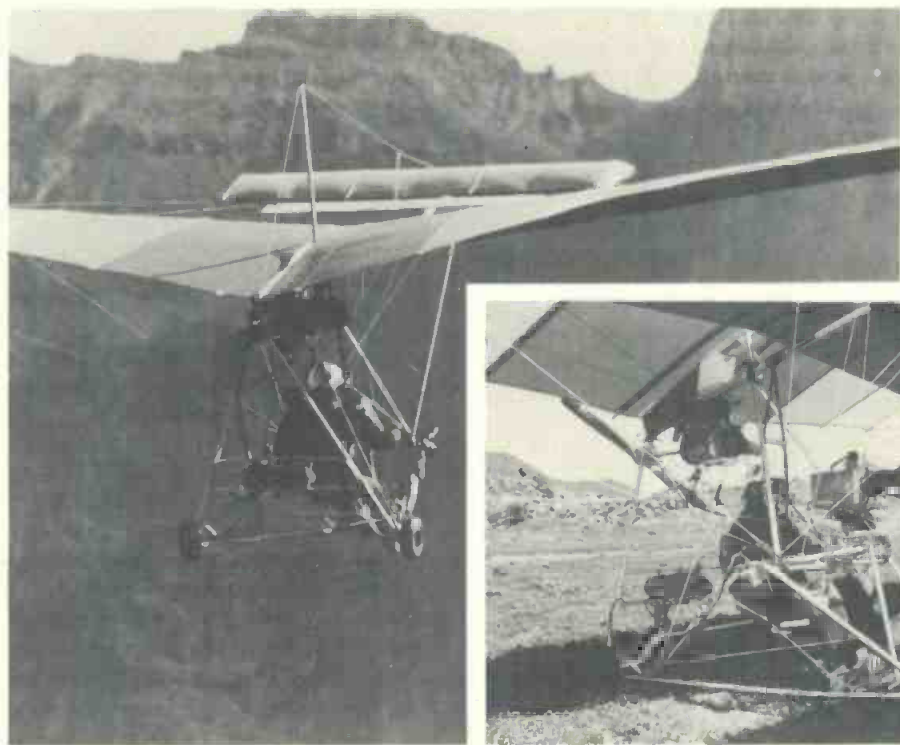
The aircraft, little more than a go-cart with wings, required a special mount for the Panasonic AK-710 camera to allow Newman to pan and tilt while isolating the camera from the aircraft's considerable vibrations. The mount was designed in cooperation with ABC BO&E at the Lodi, NJ field shop and at the Engineering Labs in New York City. The camera's viewfinder was remoted so Newman could frame his shots while sitting in a normal position in the small canvas seat. A motorized zoom was also rigged.

Because of *American Sportsman* series producer John Wilcox's commitment to ultra-high-quality images, one-inch recording was specified, although weight restrictions absolutely precluded an on-board recorder. Technical manager Jon Partyka was therefore required to rig up an ultra-lightweight microwave link, using a 20-ounce Tayburn 2 GHz transmitter powered by batteries tucked under Newman's seat to help distribute weight. For receivers, Partyka rigged both RF Technology and Terra-Com units, selecting the signal based on both sensitivity and over-

all performance. Newman ended up flying as high as 13,000 feet and as far away as four miles, while a visible image was presented to the ground crew almost all the time on the low-power, 2 W transmitter setting.

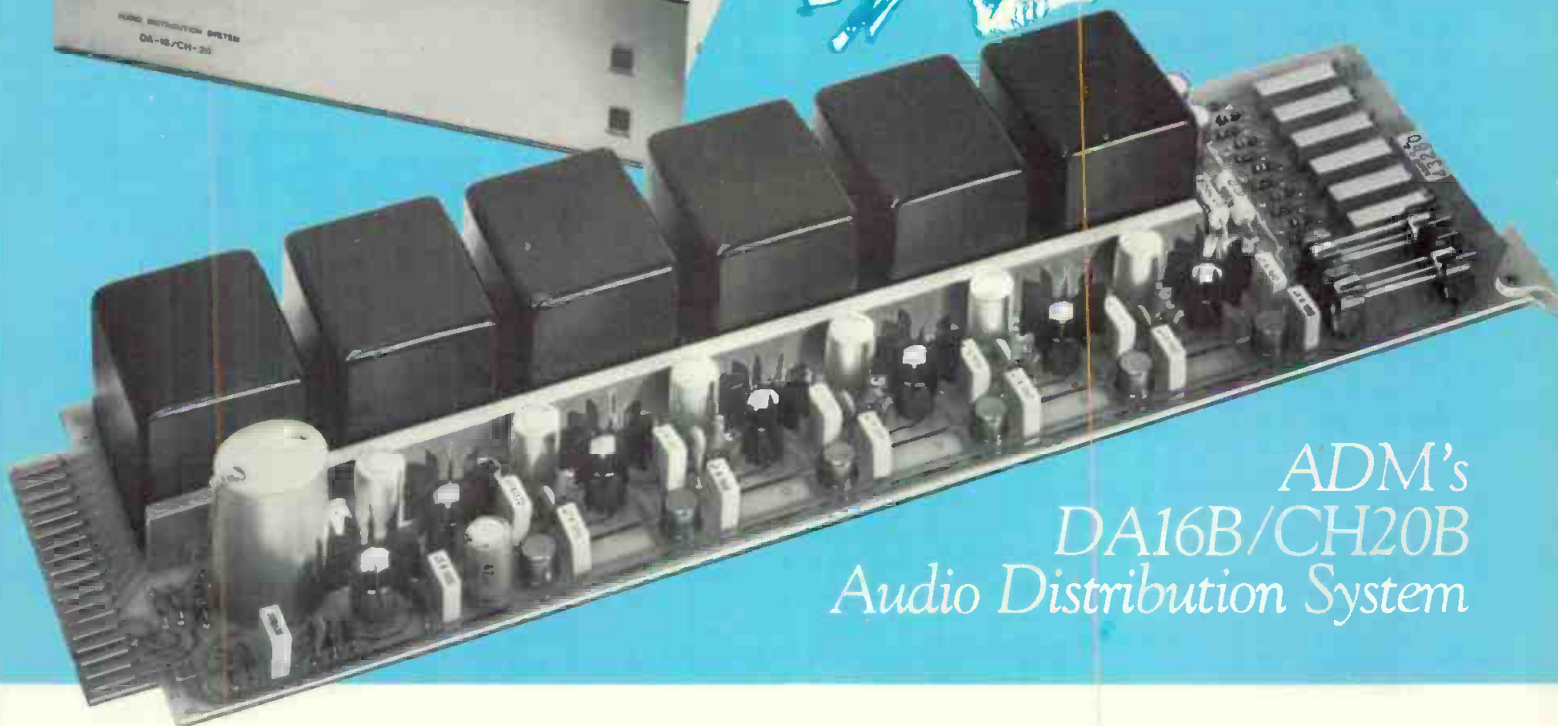
The applications of the specialized rig are far greater than this single show, of

course. In some situations ultra-light-weight aircraft might replace blimps and other aircraft to provide aerial shots of almost anything. Requiring an airborne crew of only one, highly fuel efficient, and able to take off from an extremely confined location, the aircraft may open new vistas for all types of program production.



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arm that is marketing CNN-2 to broadcasters, quickly signed two network affiliates, WBNS, Columbus (CBS), and KGUN, Tucson (ABC). At press time, Turner Program Sales was reportedly talking to at least 25 additional stations with serious intentions of clearing the news service. Stations that take the service must agree to run at least two half-hours, one between 6:30 and 11:30 p.m. They would pay a monthly fee for the service, but would have four commercial minutes per newscast to sell, making the deal financially advantageous.

Group W, NBC Disagree Over News Poll Findings

A recent study conducted for NBC indicates that viewers would be glad to see network news expand to a full hour—but those findings have been disputed by Group W, which previously had issued study results claiming the opposite.

NBC's poll, conducted over the telephone by Statistical Research, Inc., found 30 percent of respondents in "strong" agreement with the statement, "The national network news

programs which are presently on for a half-hour should be expanded to a full hour." An additional 22 percent agreed "somewhat." The Group W poll, on the other hand, showed 64 percent favoring the present half-hour format for network news, with only 32 percent wanting an hour-long broadcast. That poll, conducted by the Roper Organization, also revealed that of those who opposed the one-hour newscasts, nearly half would rather watch a shorter, half-hour network newscast while another 25 percent would rather watch local news.

Not surprisingly, the differing results reflect the sponsoring organizations' differing stances on the thorny question of network news expansion. NBC, along with the other networks, has strongly urged its affiliates to accept an hour-long newscast despite staunch affiliate opposition. Group W, a large group broadcaster and producer of *PM Magazine*, widely viewed in access time, would be hit hard in the pocketbook if the nets were to expand their newscasts.

Group W Television president Dr. William F. Baker quickly responded to the NBC study, commenting, "Unless NBC's researchers were meticulous enough to ask a real-world question of its respondents—that is, ask the public what it was willing to give up for an extra half-hour of network news—we would say the NBC findings beg credulity." He said Group W continued to view the Roper findings as "irrefutable."

The NBC study also asked respondents to rate the quality of news and entertainment programs. News programs did well, with early-evening network news and local news rated excellent by 31 percent and 25 percent, respectively. Just two percent called either category poor. On the other hand, only four percent rated entertainment programs as excellent.

Arbitron Study for CPB Shows Audience Attitudes

High ratings are one hallmark of programming success, but a new study by Arbitron indicates that audiences think highly of many shows with lower numbers.

The study, performed at the bidding of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, was conducted last November in 20 markets nationwide; results were issued shortly before press time. Over 2800 participants kept diaries of their television viewing, recording what programs they watched and whether they found the shows "entertaining," "informative," "useful," or "different from other programs." The category

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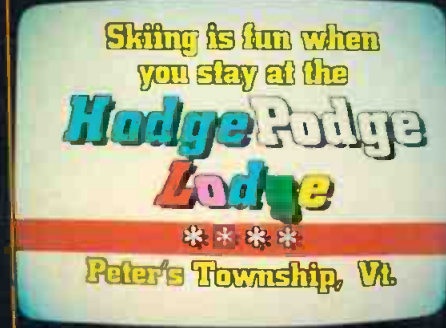
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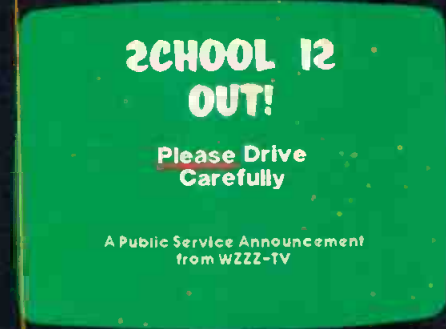


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ries were intended to measure whether public television was fulfilling its mission of providing high-quality, diverse, innovative programming.

Of the four qualitative scales, the "entertaining" scale most closely correlated with show ratings. Eight of the 10 most "entertaining" shows were commercial TV offerings, including such favorites as *M*A*S*H*, *WKRP in Cincinnati*, *Diff'rent Strokes*, and *Barney Miller*.

The tables were turned in the "informative" category, however, with eight of the 10 most-mentioned

shows running on public airwaves. The two commercial series that placed were ABC's *Nightline* and CBS's *60 Minutes*; public TV shows included *Nightly Business Report*, *Nova*, and *Wall Street Week*. In the "useful" category, too, eight of the top 10 shows were public offerings.

In the "different" category, four public television shows placed: *Odyssey*, *Great Performances*, *Cosmos*, and *Sneak Previews*. On the commercial side, *Hill Street Blues* ranked highest on this scale.

Arbitron's Joseph Philport, who

served as project manager for the CPB study, claims the project was the first time a major audience research company had simultaneously measured viewing behavior and programming evaluations. He notes that inclusion of the evaluations did not significantly decrease the return rate.

Wasilewski Resigns After 17-Year NAB Presidency

The much-rumored resignation of NAB president Vincent T. Wasilewski became a reality April 27 when the association leader formally announced plans to step down.

While an exact date for his departure has not been determined yet, Wasilewski said it would be closely tied in to the appointment of a successor. A search committee is being appointed by the NAB Executive Committee.

Replacing Wasilewski will not be an easy job. Wasilewski first joined the organization in 1949, and became president in January, 1965. Possible successors, according to some observers, include John Summers, NAB executive VP and GM, and Donald Thurston, a former joint board chairman and president of Berkshire Broadcasting Co. Richard Wiley, former FCC chairman, may also be considered, some say.

Wasilewski said that the "extremely heavy travel and public appearance obligation" of his post was one factor in his decision. He will practice communications law in Washington after leaving NAB, at the firm of Dow, Lohnes & Albertson.

Curtain Falls for WNAC; Other Licenses in Danger?

RKO's long battle to retain control of WNAC-TV, its Boston VHF outlet, has ended as the Supreme Court has refused to review the FCC's decision denying renewal of the license.

The court's decision clears the way for WNAC's takeover by NETV, which was awarded the license last February (see *BM/E*, April 1982, p. 16). NETV came about through the merger of two groups that had separately challenged WNAC's license: Community Broadcasting of Boston and the minority-controlled Dudley Station Corp.

Meanwhile, challengers are poised to fight for KHJ, RKO's Los Angeles VHF. Fidelity TV, Inc., has already petitioned the Supreme Court to disqualify RKO as licensee for KHJ and install Fidelity in its place. A ruling is expected this month. Other hopefuls for the KHJ tag include KCET-TV, which would like to switch from its present UHF slot, and City of Angels Broadcasting.

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Back in Boston, NETV is planning to change the station's call letters to WNEV when it takes over, probably by the end of the summer. The change will likely mean the loss of jobs for many current WNAC employees, and morale at the station, owned by RKO for 34 years, is reported low.

Ohlmeyer, Nabisco Form Communications Company

Don Ohlmeyer, former executive producer of NBC Sports, has formed

Ohlmeyer Communications Company (OCC), of which he will be chairman and CEO. The new corporation, which is partly owned by Nabisco Brands, will produce programming packages for networks, cable, and pay-per-view TV.

Ohlmeyer will continue his relationship with NBC on a consulting basis under a contractual agreement. It is believed the contract goes through 1984 and prohibits Ohlmeyer from offering any sports programming to the other networks.

The new company, OCC, will devote much of its effort to areas other

than sports, providing pilots and movies to cable and pay TV. The company also plans to produce cassettes for sale to the consumer market. Initially, offices will be located in New York City, and later in Los Angeles.

RCA, Rainbow Apply for Ku-Band Satellites

Two proposals for Ku-band satellite systems have been filed with the FCC, one from RCA Americom and one from Rainbow Satellite, Inc. Both systems would serve business and industry as their primary customers.

RCA's proposal calls for a total of four satellites (one an on-ground spare), with the first to be launched in May 1985. Each would carry 16 20 W primary transponders and four spares; they are designed to operate for 10 years. RCA says the system will go after several markets: distribution of signals to LPTV stations; distribution of educational television; teleconferencing; distribution of voice, data, and television services to hotels, motels, and multi-unit dwellings; and digital electronic mail and digital termination services. The complete systems will cost \$306 million, RCA says.

Rainbow, which hopes to launch its first satellite in late 1985, plans to launch two birds, with a third as an on-ground spare. Its proposed orbital slots—85 degrees and 131 degrees west longitude—will make the signals available to many dishes positioned to receive C-band signals, the company says, and will also counter rain attenuation problems found in Ku-band systems.

An interesting feature of the Rainbow plan is its proposal to link businesses nationwide via the institutional cable, or B-cable, provided by cable systems in many cities. The B-cable ties businesses and institutions within a city together; Rainbow's proposed satellite-cable interconnection will tie together users in different cities for videoconferencing, high-speed data exchange, other video and data communications, and computing functions.

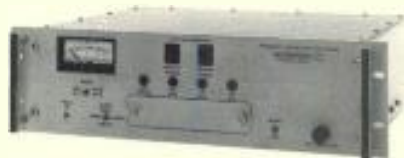
Group W Name Change Reflects New Cable Role

Expansion of its role in cable television has prompted Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. to change its name to Westinghouse Broadcasting and Cable, Inc.

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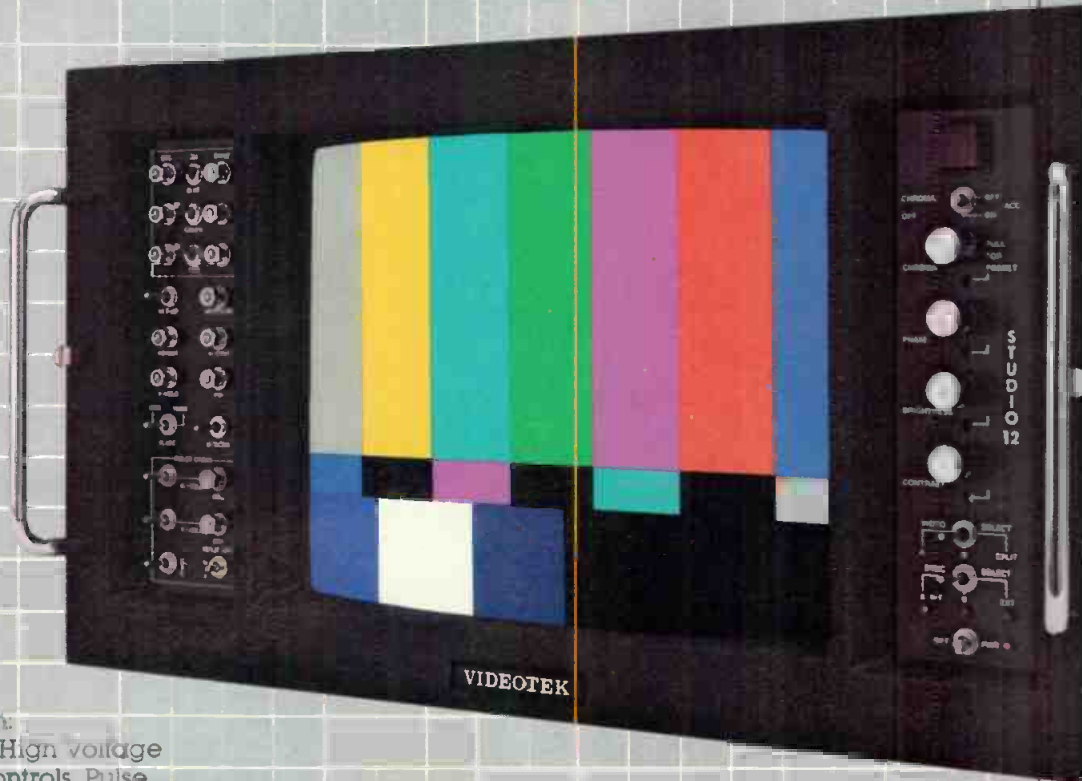


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Group W Satellite Communications have pushed it into the forefront of the cable industry, the company says, and the new name is intended to reflect the broader outlook.

Group W Satellite Communications offers Satellite News Channels 1 and 2 (both 24-hour all-news channels, coproduced with ABC Video Enterprises), the Disney Channel, and the Nashville Network. Group W Cable is the country's second largest multiple system operator, with over 1.7 million subscribers in 33 states.

In addition to its cable interests,

Westinghouse Broadcasting and Cable, Inc. owns one UHF and five VHF net affiliates, seven AMs, and five FM's. Its production arm, Group W Productions, produces several popular shows including *PM Magazine*.

Another broadcaster moved deeper into cable as Taft Broadcasting teamed up with Tele-Communications, Inc., described as the nation's leading MSO, to buy Plains Communications. Plains is the 39th largest MSO, holding 23 cable systems in five states, with a total of over 90,000 basic subscribers and about 35,000 pay subscribers.

Fire Fails to Flatten Huntsville TV Station

A Huntsville, AL, television station was on-air live just 18 days after a fire completely destroyed its facilities, thanks to help from other local stations, its sister stations, and its suppliers.

Fire broke out as WAFF-TV was preparing for its 10:00 p.m. newscast last March 24. Firefighting efforts were seriously impeded by a lack of water—the hydrants near the 1980 facility had never been hooked into the municipal water supply.

The massive recovery job was aided by loans of equipment and facilities from neighboring stations and other stations owned by WAFF's licensee, American Family Corp. of Columbus, GA. Fortunately for the NBC affiliate, RCA had a Ch. 48 transmitter on the assembly line at the time of the fire and was able to reroute it to Huntsville because of the emergency. The station set up temporary offices at the local educational television station and built a temporary transmitter building on the destroyed site within a few days.

Damaged least of all were the station's business operations—all local and national orders and contracts were in the DCC BIAS system in Memphis, and DCC was able to get WAFF's system running again in five days.

"Everyone has been terrific in helping us get back up to speed," says Joe Goleniowski, WAFF's VP and GM. "The fact that our commercial spot inventory was preserved by the BIAS system saved us from tracking down orders and contracts all over to reestablish an accurate program log."

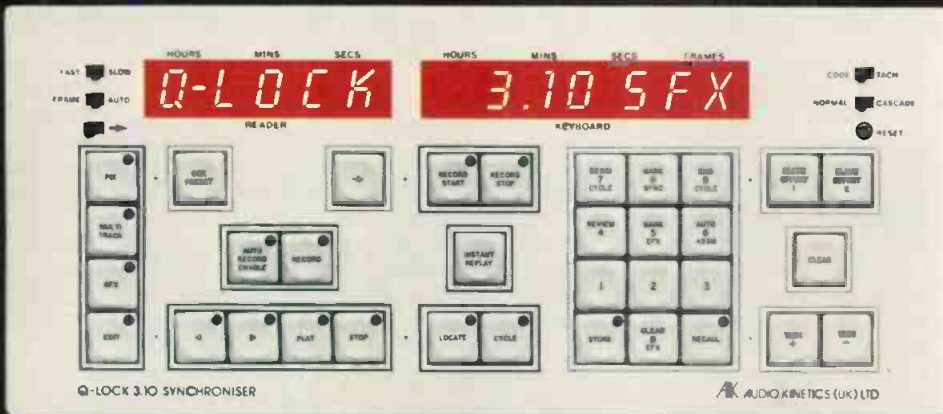
A similar tale of woe in Norman, OK, had a similar happy ending as KNOR-AM returned to air just three days after a devastating fire destroyed its transmitter room and most of its studio. Harris Corp. was able to supply the station with a new transmitter, audio console, cart machines, and processing equipment two days after the fire, allowing the station to work out of one undamaged room in the studio facility.

Errata

In our April issue, the discussion of new audio developments at the SMPTE Winter Conference in Nashville inadvertently overlooked Studer Revox, which showed both multitrack ATRs and its post-production synchronizer.

Also in April, the Performer mobile teleproduction truck (described in "Convoy!" p. 41) was engineered and built by the engineering staff of AVT Television Productions, headed by Curtis Allin. Lerro Electrical Corp. supplied the equipment and engineering assistance.

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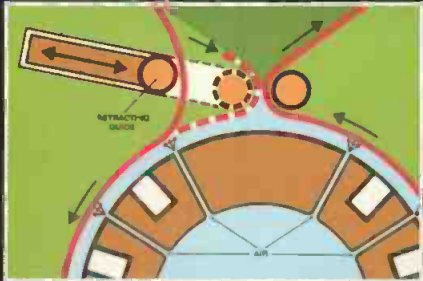
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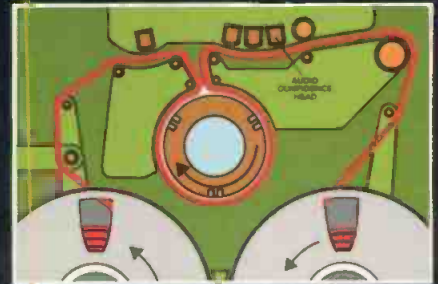
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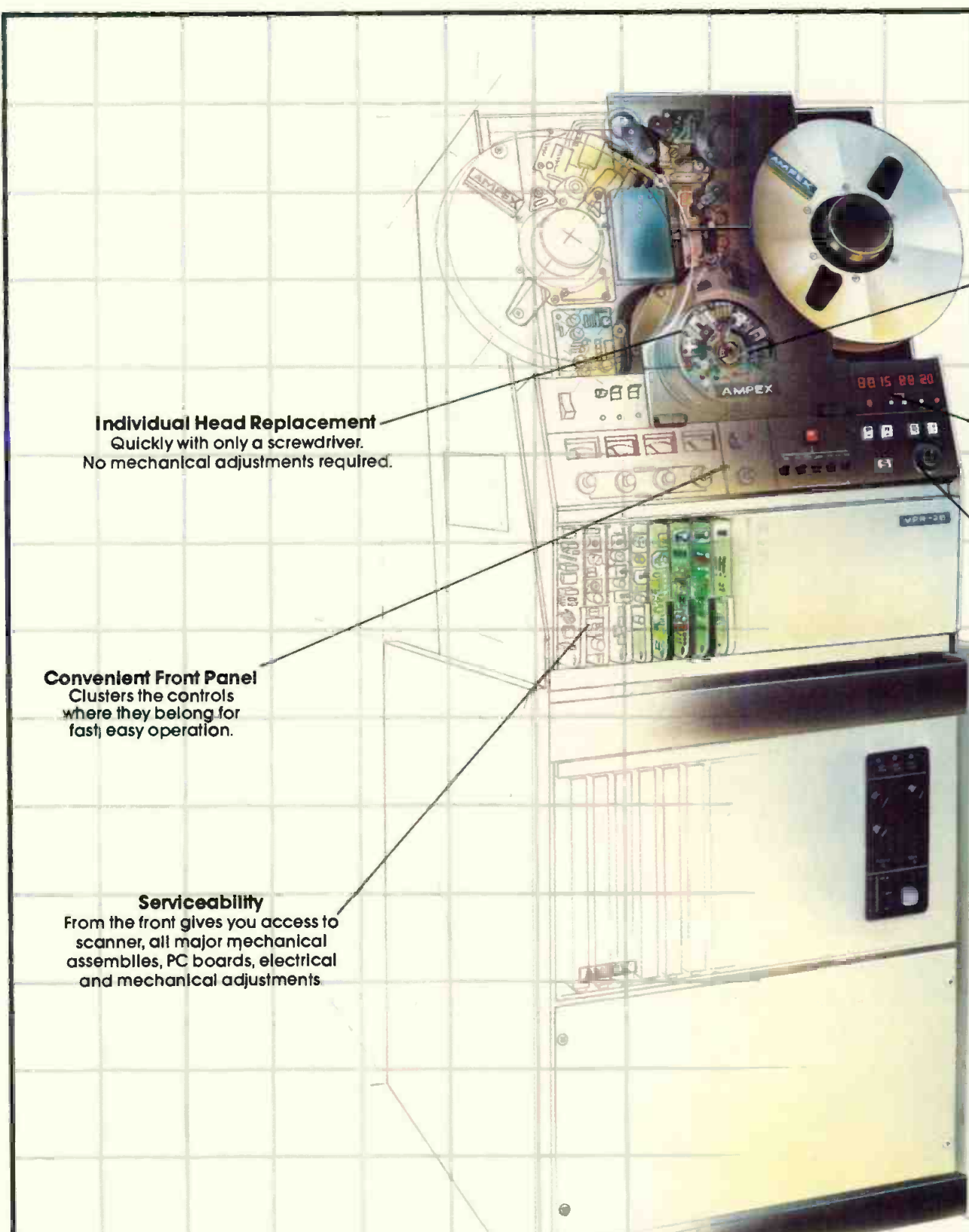
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Acquisition talks between Outlet Co. and the Coca-Cola Co. have been formally terminated. The company is still seeking a prospect for merger or acquisition. Heftel Broadcasting Corp. is selling its **WXKS-AM/FM**, Boston, to executive Rich Balsbaugh for \$15 million.

The Amaturio Group has purchased **WDRQ-FM**, Detroit, from Charter Radio Division for \$5 million. Malrite Communications will purchase **KJOI-FM**, Los Angeles (owned by Milt Maltz) for approximately \$21 million and Heftel's **WLUP-FM**, Chicago, for \$10 million. General manager Bob Dickey, together with Pittsburgh exec Richard Scaife, has purchased Taft Broadcasting's **KQV-AM**, Pittsburgh, for \$2 million.

The FCC has refined its procedure for choosing among applicants for the same call sign. Normally, the choice goes to the first applicant; when applications are received the same day, the Commission says it will assign the requested call to the applicant with "the longest continuous record of broadcasting operation under substantially unchanged ownership and control." International EXPO Information Broadcasters has been granted an experimental license for Ch. 7 in Knoxville, TN. The special station, brainchild of broadcast consultant Edward M. Johnson, will provide information on local accommodations during the World's Fair. The Broadcast Designer's Association has established a graphics library at Kent State University, Kent, OH. The Broadcast Designers' Association Collection will contain materials submitted to the group's annual competition, among other items.

Through an agreement with National Christian Network, Sheridan Broadcasting Network will begin satellite distribution of its programming this summer, utilizing a 16 kHz stereo sub-channel on NCN's Satcom 4 transponder. Mutual Broadcasting system has taken delivery on a fourth SCPC satellite channel on Westar 4. The additional space will give added distribution flexibility and allow stereo broadcasts with minimal interruption of basic net services. The net has signed a number of new affiliates, including WGN, Chicago (as a special sports affiliate); WTBO, Warwick, NY;

KWDE, Montrose, CO; KFOX, Redondo Beach, CA; WVAB, Virginia Beach, VA; WMRK, Selma, AL; and WMOC, Chattanooga, TN. . . . RKO Radio Networks and *Newsweek* magazine are coproducing a weekly radio newsmagazine, *RKO Presents Newsweek*, to air Sundays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time. . . . CBS's new young adult radio net, RadioRadio, boasted over 70 affiliates—including stations in all the top 10 markets—at its kickoff date this spring.

The Society of Broadcast Engineers has formed a National SBE Frequency Coordinating Committee, which plans to organize SBE chapters nationwide as publishers for the database for frequency coordination. The organization has added an entry level to its certification program and has extended the

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Video camera manufacturer CEI has been acquired by Panavision, supplier of film cameras and accessories. The two companies make the Panacam electronic cinematography camera, and announced the Foton-1 studio camera at NAB. . . . Harris Corp. has delivered its IRIS digital still store system to WGN-TV and to WTVD, where it will be used for news and weather. Pulitzer-owned KETV has purchased two 35 kW VHF TV transmitters from Harris, valued at \$727,000. . . . WWAY in Wilmington, NC has taken delivery of RCA's 100th G-line transmitter. Other RCA equipment purchases include Jimmy Swaggart Association's acquisition of four TK-47s, two tape recorders, and production and editing equipment. PTL Television Network, producer of Christian programming, has bought \$3 million worth of RCA equipment.

Three former employees of MicMix have purchased 100 percent of the company's stock as of February 20, 1982. . . . Nortronics has appointed the Elias Zinn Entertainment Marketing company to sell and distribute its products. . . . Cameron Communications will consult on a new radio series for Narwood Productions.

Western Broadcast Systems has been appointed distributor for Ross Video in northern California, Oregon, and Washington. . . . The Edge is now being serviced nationwide by the CMX representative group. . . . Audities 2001, a sales representative firm in Denver, has been chosen to represent Crown International in the Rocky Mountain states. . . . EECO has appointed Professional Products distributor for its video products.

recertification deadline for engineers whose certification expired January 1, 1982, to December 31. For more information on either, contact Mary Brush, certification secretary, SBE, P.O. Box 50844, Indianapolis, IN 46250. . . . Videotex '82, the World Conference and Exhibition on Videotex, Viewdata, and Teletext, will meet at the New York Hilton June 28 through 30. For further information contact Meeting Systems, Inc., 286 Fifth Ave., Suite 809, New York, NY 10001, (212) 563-1000. . . . The second annual WOSU Broadcast Engineering Conference will convene July 20 through 22, with 26 papers scheduled so far. For information contact John H. Battison, WOSU-AM/FM/FV, 2400 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43210, (614) 422-9678.

Ampex has received an order for 17 video production switchers, seven graphic systems, and various other equipment valued at \$1.7 million from TV Manchete in Rio de Janeiro. Northwest Teleproductions has bought over \$2 million worth of Ampex ADO and other video products. RKO ordered 10 VPR-2B VTRs and an HPE-1 editing system for \$1.2 million.

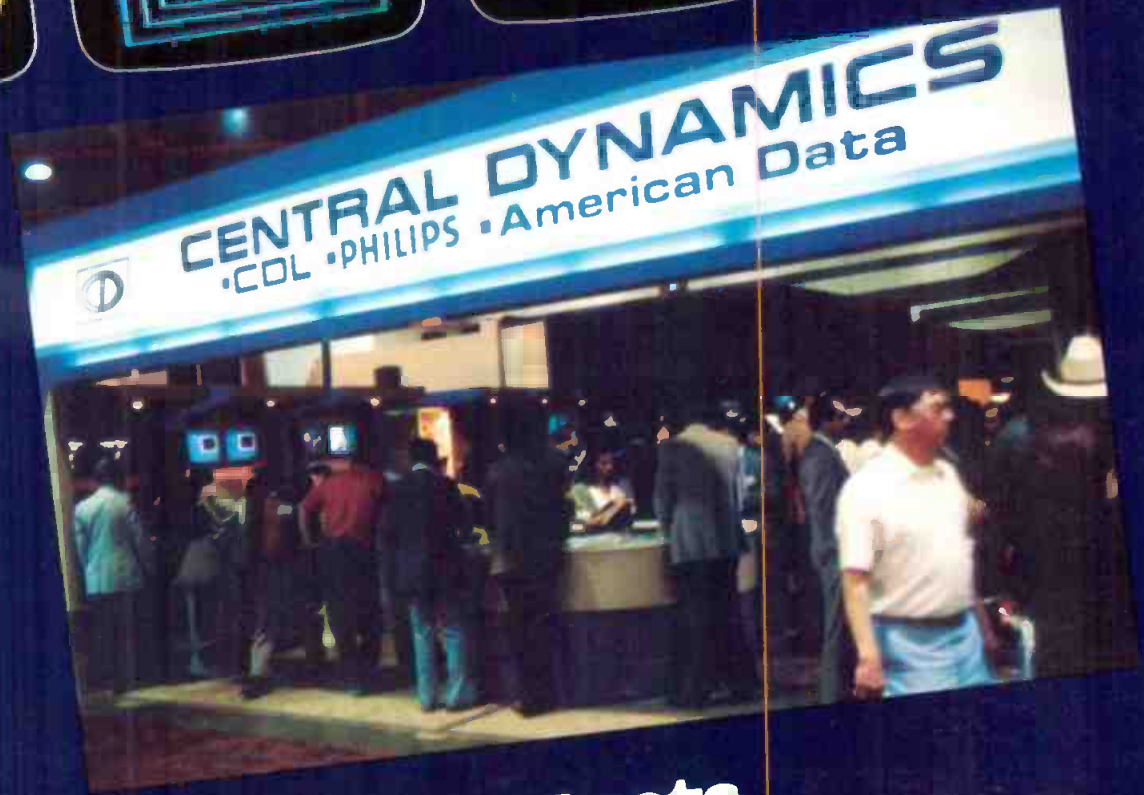
Hitachi Denshi announced that CBS Studio 33 went on the air in January with four SK-110 automatic setup cameras. . . . CBS Radio has concluded its negotiations with Scientific-Atlanta to build and distribute earth stations for the radio network.

KRON-TV in San Francisco has decided to computerize its newsroom with a Basys "News Fury" system. The "Cart Fury" computer has been sold to WOR-AM in New York for automation of in-house carts and the audio feed from UPI.

Global Video has opened a new international services facility in Hollywood, CA, to specialize in international video services and entertainment. . . . Matthews Tulip Crane was used at the 39th Annual Golden Globe Awards. . . . Elcom/Bauer has expanded its facilities for increased business activity, the addition of data processing systems, and for more room for its transmitters.

Megasonics, a newly established company, has come out with its first product, a moving coil cartridge. . . . UREI has expanded its sales force in response to increased sales and continued profits. . . . Dynavector Systems USA has moved to 1721 Newport Circle, Santa Ana, CA 92705 to accommodate increased demands.

Central Dynamics NAB report



12 new products...
from picture pickup
to transmission.

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The new Philips LDK6 intelligent camera...



Mimes, Rudy and Rita, with another star of the camera show... the LDK6.

A new era has been launched with the all new LDK6 field and studio triax camera with "distributed intelligence" to control, report and diagnose so the operator can concentrate on creative camerawork.

For the first time, individual micro-computer and data communication facilities in each of the main system units provide an unequalled degree of intelligence within the system.

Other unique features include:

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- Either 25mm or 30mm Plumbicons[®] can be selected.
- Two-wire data bus permits easy and economical expansion.

And the cost of ownership benefits are equally as impressive as all the LDK6 features.

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Philips high technology "workhorse" cameras continue to be the choice of demanding broadcasters for quality pictures, reliability, flexibility and low cost of ownership.

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LDK44 is a new modular 3-in-1 versatile and economical broadcast quality ENG/EFP/Studio camera. Features include a built-in sync generator with outputs and Gen Lock, RGB outputs, 0 to +12dB variable gain, and automatic circuits for white, black, centering and iris... plus bias light, shading, DBC and 2 line vertical contours. No other camera offers these features and flexibility at such a low price.

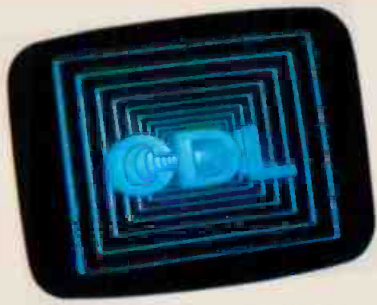


LDK14S studio configuration.

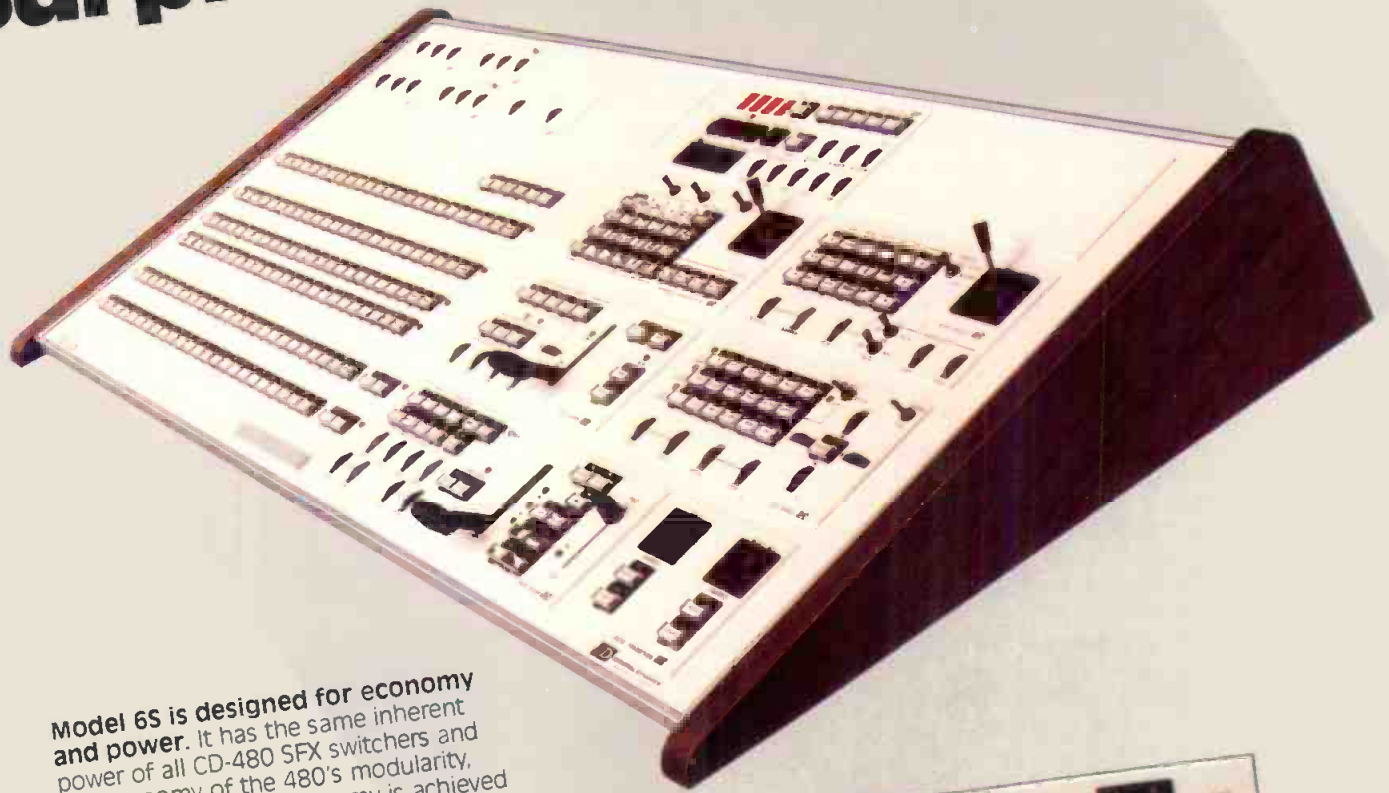


LDK camera presentation stage.

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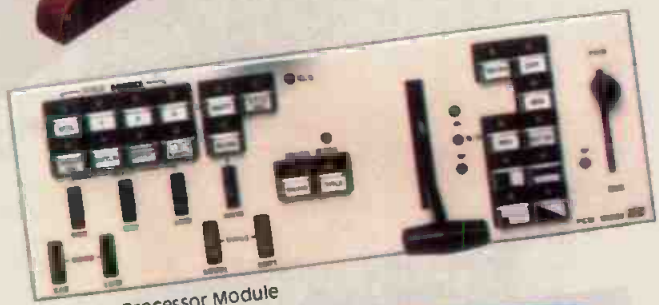
New CD-480 Model 6S... powerful, compact and surprisingly affordable.



Model 6S is designed for economy and power. It has the same inherent power of all CD-480 SFX switchers and the economy of the 480's modularity, and now additional economy is achieved with the new Program Processor Module that includes Mix, Wipe, Cut, Titling, Key Border and Fade-to-Black facilities that are downstream of the fully equipped Program Mix A and B buses.

The Program Processor operates similarly to the SFX Module... a mix, wipe or cut transition may be performed, changing the Background and Title simultaneously or individually. There is also a separate control for fading any source or composite, sync or non-sync, to black.

The power of the Model 6S may be increased at any time with CD-480 optional production modules that include RGB and Encoded Chroma Keyers, Extended Effects, One Bus Quad, digital video and editor interfaces, CAP and 2 auxiliary buses... many of which can be plugged into the compact 18RU rack electronics.



Program Processor Module



All CD-480's feature the powerful SFX Amp. A single SFX can control 4 video sources simultaneously or individually, and without lockout.

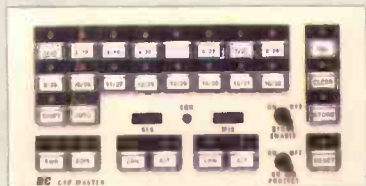


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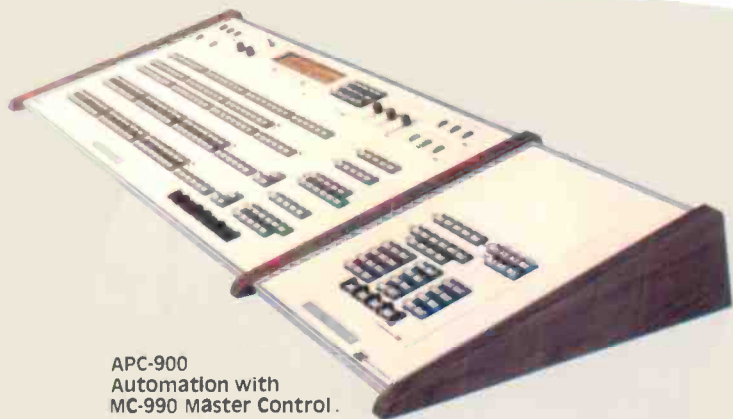


CDL's 30 live NAB shows were produced by Evelyn Radnai with the CD-480 Model 10 equipped with CAP and digital video effects. CD-480 Model 10 is the largest and most powerful of the 8 Models in the 480 Series.

Evelyn created and demonstrated sensational new visual effects that featured the unique capability of a single SFX to create 2 chroma keys and artistically control 4 video sources.



Evelyn used CAP (Computer Assisted Production) for 2 live, unattended minutes during each show to demonstrate its extensive 'Learn' capability and perform, automatically and rapidly, complex transitions and sequences that required up to 20 preset functions.



APC-900
Automation with
MC-990 Master Control.

The APC-900 microcomputer systems are modular and easily expanded. The APC-910 (shown above) stores up to 40 events with machine assignments and preroll times; the events are manually put on-air, and the next event is previewed. The APC-920 converts the 910 to a true time system with events automatically put on-air by scheduled or duration time, or manually taken as a cue event. The APC-930 converts the 920 to an external mass memory and interactive communications system with an optional station business computer interface.



2300 Series DA's. A full range of centrally powered DA's with exceptionally high performance specifications include Variable Gain, Equalizing and Clamping video types, and Linear and Regenerative pulse types. All have 6 outputs and the low power requirement (approx 2 watts) permits high density packaging... up to 84 outputs per 3RU frame.



The World's Fair Van. This Central Dynamics Corporation Model D-22 is fully equipped with 3 Philips LDK145 EFP cameras, American Data 2104 switcher, 2 Philips PVR-2 1" VTR's, and associated audio, lighting, production and support equipment on a 30 foot Wolf Coach van.

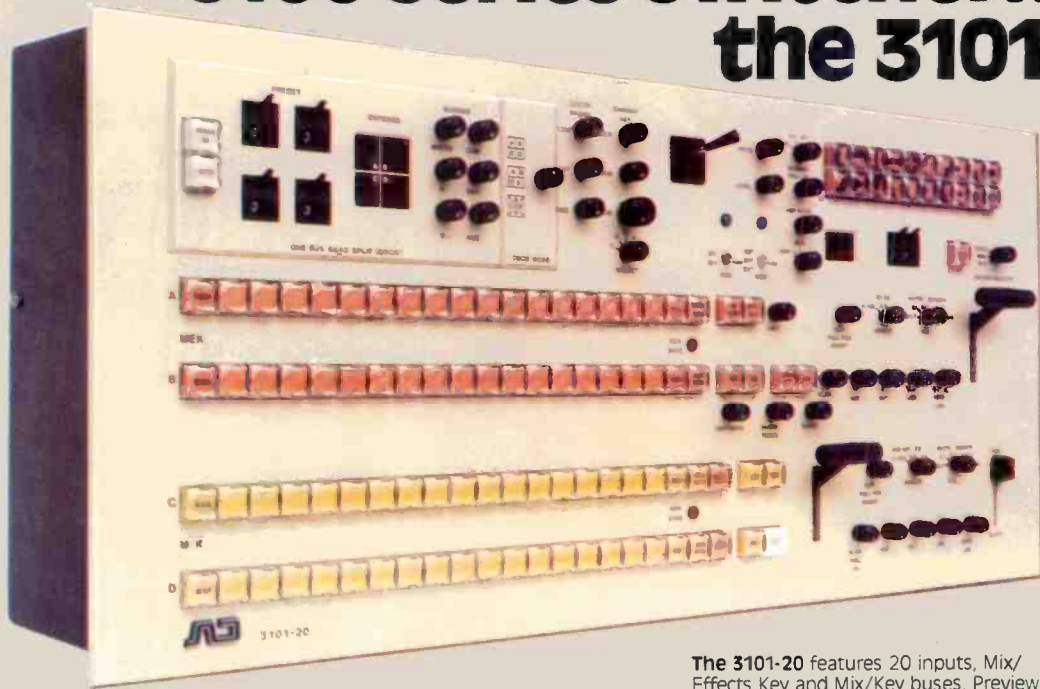


CDC's new line of 4 standard vans provide maximum versatility and cost effectiveness for the user. All have built-in flexibility and allow for future expansion. They range from 10 feet of production space (Model A-10) with 1 camera to 22 feet (D-22) with up to 6 cameras.

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The latest American Data 3100 Series Switcher... the 3101-20.

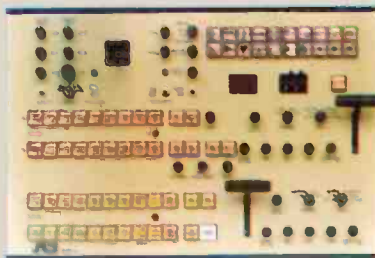
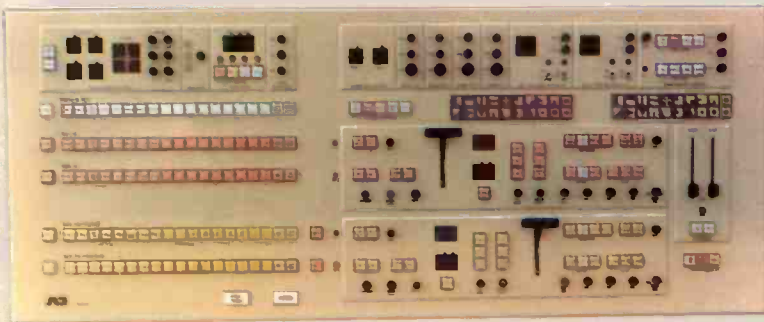


The 3101-20 features 20 inputs, Mix/Effects Key and Mix/Key buses, Preview output switching matrix, Master Fade-to-Black, a variety of optional modules, and all other features of the 3100 Series.

The 3100 Series switchers have a powerful four channel serial processor that performs multiple functions on a single M/E amplifier... functions that require at least 2 M/E's on conventional switchers.

The 3104A's new modular design permits upgrading the switcher simply and economically with 3100 optional modules including RGB and encoded chroma keys, One Bus Quad Split, Key Edge generators, Linear Downstream Mix/Key system with Master Fade-to-Black, and 5 auxiliary buses.

The compact 3101. Compare its performance and price to find out why it is used extensively worldwide for smaller studios, mobile vans and post-production suites. It includes all the facilities required to perform complicated effects programming and can be interfaced to a variety of computer editing systems.





860 Downstream Keyer. This economical stand-alone system adds title keying to the program output of any switcher.

The 860 features the latest in high technology design techniques with a digital matte generator and optional CCD edger.

The keyer includes Master Fade-to-Black and controls for inserting keys with either an edge, shadow, or color outline.

Chroma-Pan™ ... a new dimension for chroma keying.



Chroma-Pan ... considered by many as the most revolutionary device shown at NAB '82.

For the first time an all electronic system permits a chroma key background to accurately travel with the foreground talent. This system simulates a one camera on location action shot that previously was only possible with rear screen projection.



The 5101-20 equipped with a NEC Digital Video Effects unit at the NAB switcher presentation console.



The 2104 installed in the Central Dynamics D-22 World's Fair Van. This model is available with either 10 or 16 inputs and includes 12 special effects patterns with variable softness and borders. The two level keying system permits title keying with edge over chroma key or luminance key over special effects.



Model 900 Audio/Video Routing Switcher. Over 1000 systems have been installed. The performance of this all solid state, fully expandable system at broadcasters, NASA and major telecommunication networks, has earned it the reputation as "the most reliable routing switcher".

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800 Series self powered DA's. These video and audio DA's may be installed and operated in the same frame without affecting the quality of either signal. All have 6 outputs and models include distribution, delay, subcarrier, differential input clamping, and equalizer types.

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Philips/Pye TVT transmission systems.



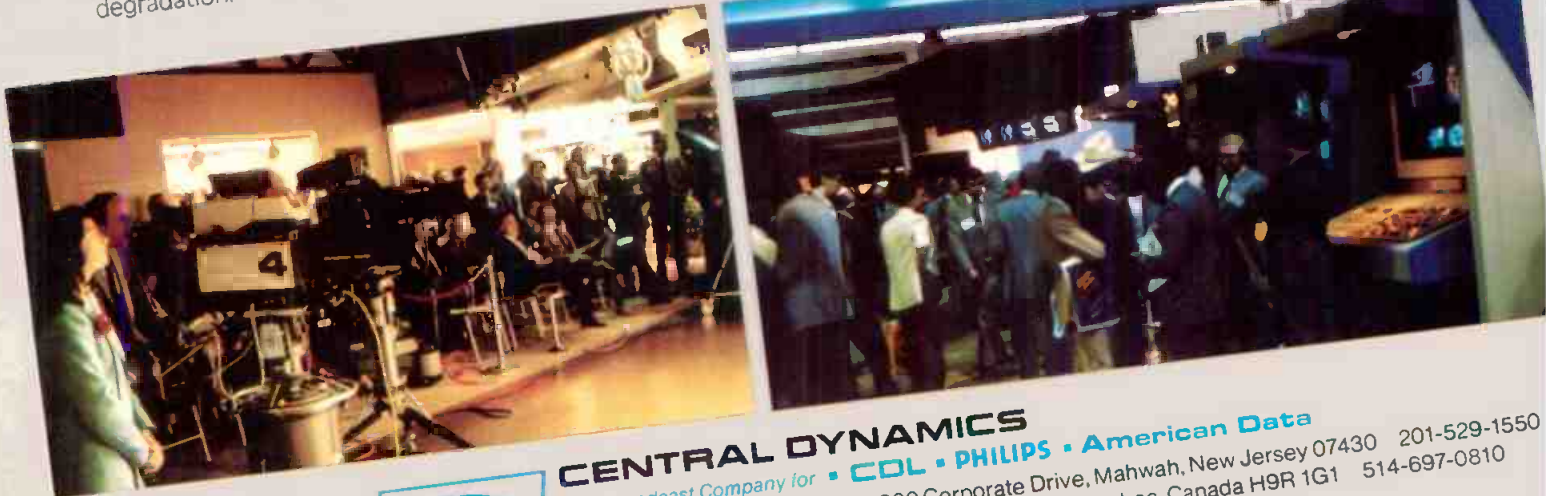
New super high efficiency Annular Beam Control external cavity klystrons. These Philips/Valvo type YK-1295/96/97 klystrons have an integral control that effectively limits the beam current during the active portion of the picture for substantially increased operating efficiencies... and without signal degradation.

The LDM 1208 55KW UHF Transmitter can also be configured into a 110KW or 220KW transmitter. All use Philips/Valvo high efficiency external cavity klystrons.

Another feature of these transmitters is the LDM 1170 exciter. This IF Modulation solid state system pre-corrects for envelope delay, linearity, differential phase, etc., and models are available for upgrading presently installed transmitters.

Pye TVT's new microcomputer transmitter monitoring and remote supervisory control system. This system is compatible with a variety of old and new transmitters, and can also control transponders and microwave links.

Features include warnings for out-of-tolerance operating parameters, fault detection, performing switching sequences, and automatic analysis and printout of tube electrode current, frequency, power, etc.



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1982 NAB Show-In-Print

THE BROADCASTING INDUSTRY is alive, well, and kicking—but still somewhat cautious, according to many of the approximately 28,000 broadcasters, exhibitors, and guests who helped make NAB, 1982 in Dallas perhaps “the biggest show on earth.” In addition to the 5500 broadcasters who registered, some 500 showed up at the Convention Center and paid \$50 each simply to tour the exhibits. They, and everyone else in attendance, got more than their money’s worth.

What stands out? Looking at booths from some 460 exhibitors arranged on two floors of the hall (the lower floor was converted from a parking garage), it is almost impossible to single out a single “theme” as has been possible previously. Microprocessors are in increasing evidence everywhere in the industry—from engineering planning to technical automation to business operations to test equipment—and are becoming more sophisticated. In some cases, development work that went into large, computer-controlled systems is beginning to spill back into smaller systems accessible to all broadcasters. More and more digital systems have self-diagnostics to help ease the problem of engineers not yet fully trained in the new technology.

Both sounds and images presented by radio and TV are also increasing in sophistication, with more special effects and production techniques being added to existing systems that also make production more flexible. But signal quality improvements are being made constantly, too, again thanks to the omnipresent microprocessor.

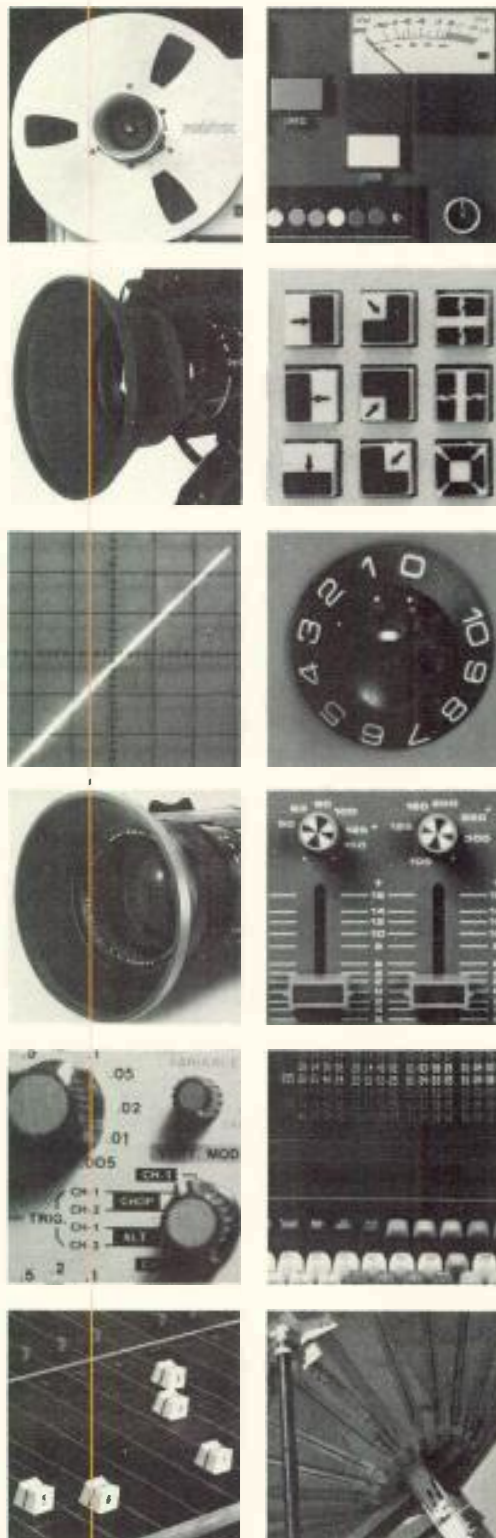
There is perhaps one generalization that holds true for the entire industry: broadcasters are buying equipment again, having held off for the past few years. The reluctance may have been caused by uncertainty that broadcasting was, indeed, recession-proof. Perhaps broadcasters were “waiting for the other shoe to drop,” unwilling to let go of their profits for fear that the industry might come tumbling down. But network revenues were up 13 percent last year and spot sales have never been healthier. Broadcasters are making a profit and are beginning to come out of hiding.

But whereas five years ago everyone was looking for the most sophisticated piece of equipment—the one with the most “bells and whistles”—this year’s mood was different. “Will it last?” was a frequently asked question. “How reliable is it?” was another. Broadcasters are spending, but much more carefully than before, and with an eye to the future and the realization that this may be the last console or camera they can buy for several years.

BM/E’s Show-In-Print NAB report, a tradition since 1965, once again provides the industry’s most comprehensive, reliable coverage of the show. It began last month with our report on Satellites (p. 79). This month the main body of the report contains a comprehensive analysis of both Audio and Video equipment at the show. Next month the report concludes with a discussion of developments in RF and mobile vehicles shown in Dallas, examining systems for both radio and television.

We have made the write-ups as easy to follow as possible, and a complete index of product categories precedes both the audio and video sections. As you read through the report, please feel free to use the **Reader Service Numbers** that follow each section; simply circle the numbers on the **Reader Service Card** to receive more information directly from the manufacturers.

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AUDIO

Consoles

The trend toward higher quality TV production consoles and portable consoles that can be customized to user specifications continued at the 1982 NAB show. For example, **Harrison Systems** introduced the **TV-3**, a new production console with full multi-track facilities designed with heavy emphasis on stereo sound for television images. There are numerous interchangeable modules for custom applications and an automation interface, compatible with the Melkuist disk-based system or the Valley People's 65K programmer.

One of the highlights in audio sweetening and editing combined with video post-production was the **Quad Eight 248 Component Series** with customized modular capability, including the Compumix III disk editor system for interfacing with video production.

The **Soundcraft Series 2400** with complete audio production facilities and 24 track routing, has an optional automation system for video interface. Two different mainframe sizes were on display.

Rupert Neve's new entry into audio production units was the **51 Series** designed for broadcasters and featuring digital processing for interface with an outboard computer for automation (via fiberoptics, if desired). The entire series is centered on an expandable frame, enabling made-to-order features for any studio.

Also in this category was the top-of-the-line **Model 2400** console from **ADM**, meant for video production. With equalization and preselect available on the inputs, this console is also suitable for on-air applications.

Ward-Beck's featured new console was the **R 1000** radio console, a flexible unit with up to 10 inputs and two

outputs, ideally suited to newsroom or small station use. The company's other studio production and on-air consoles were also displayed.

A brand new broadcast production console was introduced by **LPB**. The **Benchmark Series**, priced at \$17,000, features slide faders, internal cue system, and internal power supply and transformer. It is an update of the **Signature II Series** and is intended as a production console. **Broadcast Audio's** top of the line unit is the **System 20**, a mixer that can sit on top of a desk without recessed mounting and that has dual remote inputs.

Incorporating digital technology, the **Harris Micro Mac** audio console offers microprocessor memory and automatic logging during live operation. Among its programmable attributes are muting assignment of speakers in control room and studios and stop delay for reel-to-reel machines for accurate cueing on program tapes.

The **Eclipse Series** of consoles from **Sphere** comes in three types (A, B, or C), depending on the options or degree of sophistication required. Type A incorporates the most features including the 900 graphic EQ which operates in octave steps with half-octave presence range shift. The series is available with up to 40 inputs and 32 outputs. The **Travis** all-digital touch control faders with no moving parts were displayed by **Sphere**. **Penny & Giles** showed its new **3000 Series** of environmentally shielded faders.

Another development at the show saw console makers offering complete packages with console, furniture, and tape deck layout already assembled. **McCurdy**, with its **SS8650** modular stereo console, which has up to 16 input channels with A/B switching and cue switching, was set up in this way. **Broadcast Audio** used the new **System 14** digital control console as an on-air board in this type of configuration.

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MCI showed a **studio package** for \$46,000. It includes the **JH-618** console with **HC** and **110B-2** reel-to-reel decks and studio cabinetry. It is set up to accept inputs from an eight-track ATR, two microphones, and cart decks. Also in the system was the **Autolocator III** for cue dubbing. The **JH-500 Series** from **MCI** was displayed and is automation ready.

Pacific Recorders' BMX consoles were fitted into studio cabinetry with cart deck turrets and turntables. The **BMX** boards come with up to 26 various input modules and also the telephone mix/monaural output for talk show formats. On this module, three



Large automated consoles from (clockwise) Solid State Logic, Neve, and Harrison (the TV-3 with TV monitor level indicator).

separate mixes are provided, two for feedback to callers, and the third to feed the callers to the host's monitor or headphones.

Broadcast Electronics showed various consoles with the **10S350**, ten mixer with vertical fader (including pre-fader preview), and dual channel output featured in the complete studio setup.

Auditronics demonstrated the **Series 200** on-air consoles which receive the plug-in personality EQ card allowing preset equalization of on-air talent.

Clyde Electronics, appearing at its first NAB with complete system packages, introduced a line of **customized production consoles**. The outputs are four groups and stereo out with monitor modules for four track mixdown to two. On-air are four groups in stereo pairs. An equalization function is another feature on the Clyde boards with each on-air personality having a personal code that he can punch into the console.

Ramsa, the professional audio division of **Panasonic**, demonstrated a complete and versatile line of consoles. The portable **WR-130** is a small 8 x 2 unit with recording and phono inputs. The **WR-8000 Series** goes from the

8210 (10 x 4) all the way up to the 8724, which is a 24 x 4 console with two effects modules and effects send. The two echo effects modules are left/right while the send is mono.

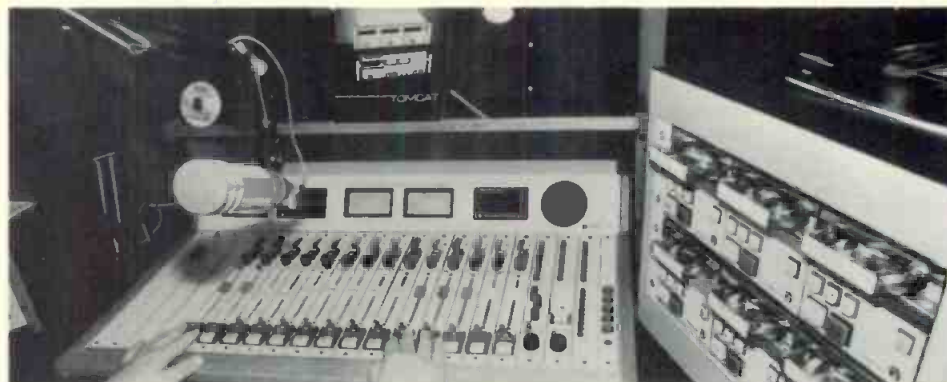
Teac's Tascam Productions demonstrated the **M16 mixing console** with 16 to 24 inputs and eight outputs. The eight main program mixing buses come with submaster faders, and there are two independent stereo mixing buses. **Audiotrack** showed its compact mixing console useful for mobile broadcast production with each of the 16 inputs having balanced mic input, and pad and switch selectable line input. **Interface Electronics** introduced its four- or eight-track **consoles** with phantom

power, phase reverse, and four cue/echo sends for either pre- or post-fader.

Howe Audio's newly introduced console is the **7500**, which has full logic control of on/off cue functions, programmed audio control system, and RF-proof casing. **Trident** announced its **Trimix** line of compact, expandable consoles with four band equalization on each input. Also standard are separate mic and line gain controls.

The **Cetec Broadcast 8000** console, an eight mix expandable to 16, is the company's top of the line broadcast board and sells for \$10,850 with eight stereo controls. Each additional module adds \$570. **Continental Electronics** displayed the **Rock 10** and **Mark 8** studio control consoles with a machine control interface to handle start/stop functions for decks and turntables. Along with various other audio products, **Gotham Audio** had the **EMT** multi-output mix system with 10 to 30 input channels.

On hand too, was a wide range of small mixers aimed at the growing interest in improved audio quality by television and radio ENG crews. One of the most striking field units was **Eela Audio's S 41** mini mixer with four inputs, switchable mic/line levels, and phantom power. The faders are recessed into the body of the mixer to avoid acciden-



Pacific Recorders BMX console, Tomcat cart.

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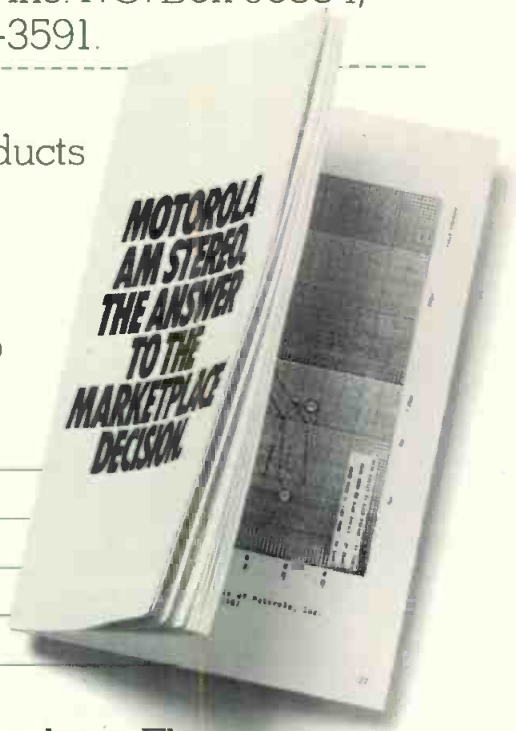
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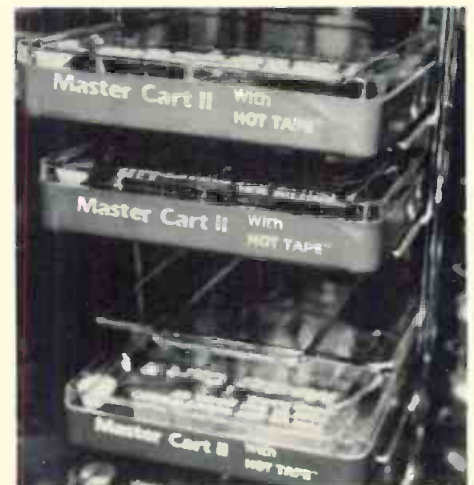
Paralleling the developments in consoles, audio tape recorder manufacturers showed various decks targeted for TV audio use, portable applications, and improved radio specifications.

There were some surprising new developments in carts and cart decks. **Ramko Research** has upgraded its **PhaseMaster** cart deck with crystal-controlled dc servo motor and machined head stack. An oscilloscope adequately demonstrated the PhaseMaster's improved stereo phase stability. It is available in stereo record/play and stereo playback units.

Ampro/Scully, too, showed a recent version of the Series 8300 three-deck cart reproducer and the 4500 stereo cart series. **Broadcast Electronics** displayed many different lines of cart machines including the 5300B plug-in multi-deck with Nortronics Duracore heads. Also on hand were the Series 2100, accepting A, B, or C size carts, and the 3000 Series with wide dynamic input range and modular design.

International Tapetronics Corp., recently acquired by 3M, featured the new **99B** cartridge machines, demonstrating the 8048 microprocessor system controlling all electronic functions. The ITC RP Series of recorder/reproducers was shown, including the RPD with a third head and two separate playback systems. The 3D Series allows all three integrated decks to be played at once with independent audio and control information. To go with the newly acquired company, 3M showed a brand new **ScotchCart** broadcast tape cartridge with playback head shield and tension arm.

Other cart machines which drew



Master Cart II from Fidelipac.



of two optional stereo limiters, which plug in and automatically connect to two or four group outputs. **Ampro** demonstrated the **Microtouch** console with five or eight mixers and dual mono and stereo outputs. **UREI** showed the **Mod One** AM and FM broadcast console with a wide selection of input modules and plug-in amplifier cards.

Arrakis introduced to the NAB its line of broadcast consoles with up to eight channels, balanced inputs, and rotary or slide faders. **Audio-Technica** introduced its new **ATC units** (selling for under \$2000) with eight and 12 inputs with program graphic equalization. **Quantum Audio Labs** showed its variable input mainframes with stereo outs and program/audition masters. **Electro-Voice** displayed its **Tapco** mixer with eight balanced inputs and two outs.

The **Pluto 3/1** mini mixer for ENG with three inputs is from **Tore Seem**. **Ramko's DC-12 Series** of consoles features remote control and a four year warranty. **Audioforce** introduced a 16 input mixer in a case with handle, featuring slide faders and EQ selling for \$4490. From **Logitek**, the **Audiorack** is configured in a 19-inch rack mount style and features optional power supplies and six channel capability.

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Smaller consoles from ADM (left) and Quad Eight (right).

tal level changes. **MCI's new JH-800** AM, FM, and TV console contains its own power supply, four VCA controlled groups, and dual stereo mix capability. It also has a meter panel which folds down into the mixer body and sells for \$14,000. **Satt Electronics'** **SAM Series** of portable mixers comes in two configurations. The **SAM 82** is an eight-input model and the **SAM 42**, a four-input featuring slide faders and equalization.

Along with its 900 Series consoles, **Studer** showed its **69 Series** of remote consoles with foldaway metering, internal nicad batteries, and long throw faders. Another line of portable mixers new to the NAB was from **Audio Developments** in a 6 x 2 configuration. The **AD045 Pico Plus** has transformer balanced inputs, equalization, and three-position switch selectable metering for VU, PPM, or N10. **Micro Trak's Sport III** and **IV** consoles are intended for remote use, with the **Sport IV** having four mixable mics and select switch for carts or cassettes.

Tweed Audio unveiled the new, totally customized **BC 102/104** portable consoles with 10 inputs, four outputs, and equalization. There is also space provided in the console for the addition



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Early on, the goals were clear.

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The final goal we set for ourselves was to design a cart system that offered automatic machine-to-machine compatibility—an important benefit that to our knowledge no other reel-to-reel, cartridge machine or add-on processing

system offers. We believe that it is a significant factor for the broadcaster to be able to pickup anyone's cart at random, record it on any PhaseMaster and then play it back on any PhaseMaster; the program material being precisely locked in-phase. Whatever the phasing of the original source, the signals will be automatically and faithfully reproduced. Ultimately, tape skew, chatter or even head misalignments would no longer be a problem.

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To have introduced another cart ma-

chine that didn't solve all these persistent problems would have been negligent. To say the least, another mouse-trap. As we've stated, the goals were clear from the onset, but not the solution(s).

Our attempts at phase correction: shortcuts aren't our way of doing things.

When we first looked at the problem, there existed only one other means of phase correction. This is an electro-mechanical approach which adjusts head alignment for each cart prior to the initial recording. Although this is certainly an improvement over what had existed (nothing), we felt it had many shortcomings. It can't correct phasing in real-time, the compatibility factor is not high enough, it's overly complex—subject to breakdowns, and it adds valuable, additional time to a producer's already busy schedule of production.

What about stereo matrix?

Another approach which initially offered some technical promise at the outset was stereo matrixing. We went down this road early and discovered that a matrix system not only added unwanted electronic noise (something we were taking great pains to get rid-of) but it did very little to accomplish our goal of machine-to-machine compatibility. These fundamental drawbacks are inherent in this design approach and we eventually discarded it after many attempts to make it do things it just couldn't do.

Cross-correlation and signal injection: not the answers either.

After discarding the stereo matrix approach, we researched the viability of mixing timing signals onto the Left and Right audio tracks. This was closer to what we had in mind but detracted from the end result in that the audio had to be reprocessed which naturally degraded the high quality audio we were aiming for.

The third technique investigated was a cross correlation scheme that is essentially a form of probability theory with user adjustments. This also was eventually dismissed because of its inability to second-guess many complex waveforms and the necessity to readjust for various types of program material.

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much attention came from IGM, with its Go-Carts and Insta-Carts in various configurations, including the automated set-up. UMC showed a triple deck, 3D model cart with three decks in one box with improved motor shaft, low wow and flutter, and interchangeable chassis. Pacific Recorders devised a completely configured studio setup with its Tomcat cart machines and audio consoles. Improved tape transport systems marked the offerings from the Audi-Cord Corp.

The Master Cart II rounded out the full line of tape cartridges from Fidelipac, which feature low friction tape path and a new front corner post for precise alignment. Various Audiopak cart sizes and specifications were on hand from Capitol Magnetics.

In reel-to-reel recorders, combining both television audio interests and portable requirements, Nagra Magnetics' new T-Audio recorder with detachable remote control unit featured a twin capstan open loop system, four speed playback, and inter-head tape tension sensor. It has built-in SMPTE time code synchronization.

In rack mountable and portable combined units, the latest innovation came from Studer with its A810 reel-to-reel recorder. The new deck features digital programming of both the transport and audio systems. It can be synchronized with time code without sacrificing a track.

On center stage at Ampex were the ATR-800 and the ATR-124. The 800 is a broadcast tape machine with one,



Otari MTR-90 24-track ATR, synchronizer.

two, or four tracks, and is the newest in the Ampex line. The 124 is a multitrack recording deck coming in 8, 16, or 24 track versions.

The new deck from MCI was the JH-110B in four and eight track versions, a high profile cabinet, a 19-inch rack mount, or mounted into a console. The JH-45 SMPTE synchronizer, auto locator can be patched into MCI's 600 series board.

Otari's MTR 90 was synched to a video system with a Convergence TCR-100 time code reader, Otari's CB-113 remote control, and the CB-115 auto locator. The MX 5050 eight track and the Mark II-2 ¼-inch

two channel recorder were also on display.

Tape loaders and duplicators made an impact at the show with Garner showing improvements in its transports for increased speed duplicators. Audioco demonstrated its audio line of tape loaders with improved spools. Telex featured its Series 300 duplicating system and cassette copiers. Other units shown by Telex were the 3000 Series of reel-to-reel decks with Mu-metal head shields and the MC-II line of broadcast cart machines.

Teac Tascam's central unit was the 85-16B 16 track recorder/reproducer which has optional auto cue and remote control unit. Accurate Sound's AS-4000 cassette logger is a rack mount system for low speed logging.

Maxell, though a manufacturer of a complete line of audio tape, chose to bring only its video products. TDK displayed its full line of industrial and professional audio tape. Both 3M and Ampex also brought their complete assortment of audio recording tape for the broadcast industry.

In tape deck replacement heads, Saki Magnetics provided a full complement of metal and ferrite heads for duplicators, loggers, and reel-to-reel machines. Along with its bulk tape erasers, alignment tapes, and splicing blocks, Nortronics unveiled a new head degausser for heavy duty, two-inch tape heads. Also announced were two new three-channel heads for ¼-inch tape to fit the full ITC line of cart machines and IGM's InstaCart.



Ramko PhaseMaster cart deck.

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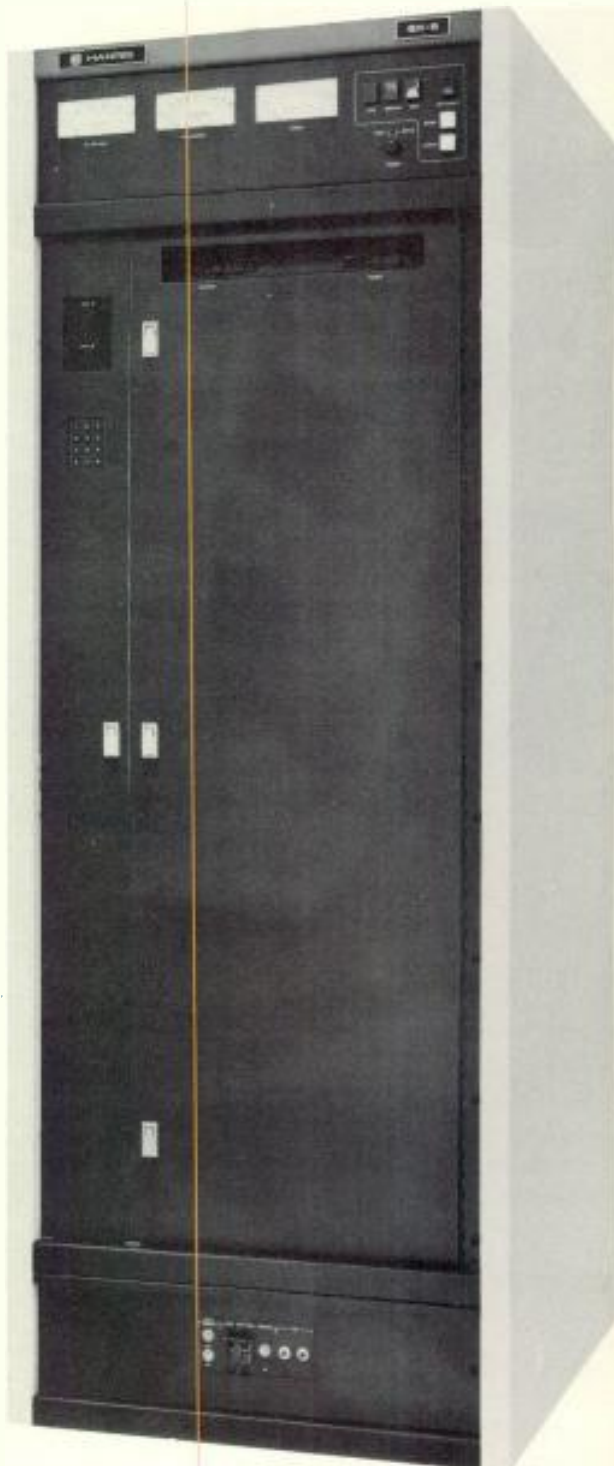
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Audio processors

Each year recently audio processors have taken on more functions in radio broadcasting and production, and capabilities for established functions have been enlarged, refined, and extended. Equipment shown at the Dallas convention registered the largest advances along these lines for any year so far.

The central processing role, of increasing modulation density for a "louder" signal on the air, with control of peaks to avoid overmodulation, was served in a number of new and refined systems. **Audio and Design Recording** had the new **F601 Super-Dynamic Limiter**, with 100-db dynamic range, claimed to handle PCM digital as well as analog signals. **Audio + Design** also emphasized the **Transdynamic three-band compressor/limiter system**, available with improved characteristics.

Designed especially for SCA channels was a new **gain-control and limiter system** from **CRL Systems**. It consists of two units, the **APP-400** audio preparation processor, to correct tonal balance and level in the source material; and the **SCA-300** modulation controller and final audio peak limiter. A low-distortion SCA generator is included in the system.

A new edition of the **Dorrough Discriminate Audio Processor**, the **Model DAP-610**, introduced new refinement into this three-band system, in wide use for several years. The new model uses a frequency-discriminate digital control signal for gain adjustment. Action is extremely fast, on the leading edge of the waveform.



New audio processing from CRL.

Inovonics showed a new five-band compressor/limiter system, the **Marcom 85**, which is programmable for a wide variety of applications in FM stereo, AM stereo, and television. The action can be programmed for a particular on-air format, and the system memory will hold the pattern for instant recall. **Inovonics** also showed the **MAPS II**, a processing system designed primarily for AM broadcasters.

Modulation-control systems using optical attenuation for smooth action were brought by **Elcom-Bauer**. **AGC Level Guard** is an all-band system and the **AP-5 Insta-Peak** is a two-band system. A third unit, **MP-12**, continuously controls positive to negative peak ratios.

A system widely used in Europe, the **EMT Model 266** transient limiter, was shown by **Gotham Audio**. It delays the program material about 0.3 ms and ex-



Calrac mic processor (discussed under "Microphones").

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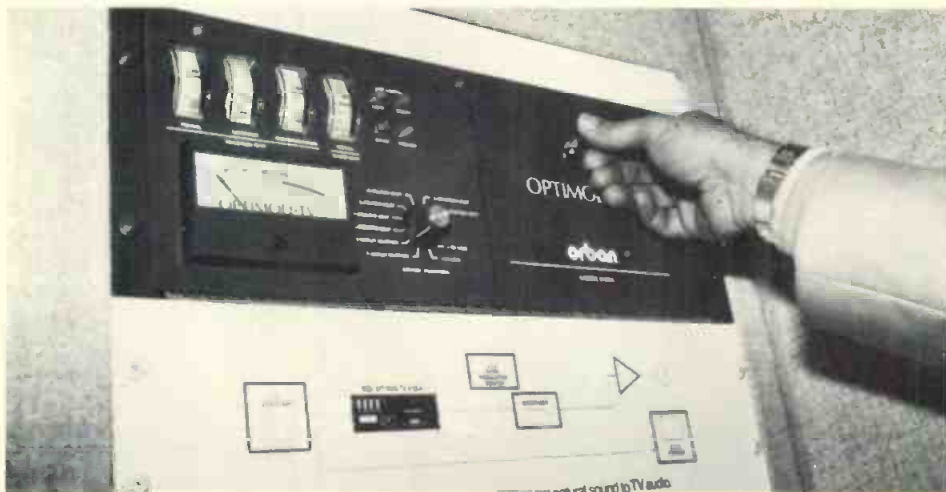
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tracts control information before the program reaches the controller. This minimizes the distortion often caused by hard limiting.

Another fresh approach to peak limiting appeared in the new **Composite Limiter** introduced by **Modulation Sciences** and shown by David Green Consultants. This unit does not include the usual gain-control circuitry and is free of noise effects. It can be used with or without a compressor/limiter system ahead of it, and claims handling of up to six dB more RMS modulation without

audible distortion. It is completely transparent to the 19 kHz pilot signal and thus is acceptable to the FCC.

Orban's AM-Optimod appeared in a new version, the **Model 9100A**, for which a higher modulation density, with a cleaner signal, is claimed. Orban also introduced the **Optimod-TV**, an FM multiband compressor/limiter modeled on the FM Optimod and designed specifically for improving the modulation capabilities of the television audio signal.

United Recording Electronics In-

dustries had the series of limiters and compressor/limiters marketed for several years. **Harris Corporation** had a working demonstration of the **MSP-90**, the highly flexible compressor/limiter system, introduced earlier, adjustable for a wide variety of processing needs, in both AM and FM.

Thomson-CSF showed the line of audio units marketed for several years, including the pioneering audio processors, the **Audimax** and **Volumax**.

Datatronix has taken over many of the modular units formerly made by **Automated Processes, Inc.**, including the compressor/limiters, equalizers and related systems.

Kahn Communications had the processing systems introduced at earlier shows. "**Symmetra-Peak**" equalizes peaks in program material to allow higher modulation; "**Non-Symmetry Mod**" allows high maximum positive peaks in AM material. "**Sound Off**" cuts noise on a channel when no signal is present.

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Special effects

Another group of new processors, the digital special effects and artificial reverb systems, also carried the technology forward. **Eventide Clockworks** introduced the **SP-2016**, which uses plug-in program modules to establish an extremely broad range of special effects and reverb patterns. The maker already has a large set of program modules for the system and is developing more. The user can develop his own with the aid of the system.

Lexicon's Model 97 "Super Prime Time" also extended the reach of special effects technology to new limits,



The Eventide SP-2016 programmable processor.

with a large memory for storing the effects setups, for instant recall. In digital reverb. **Lexicon** had the new **Model 224X** with a number of built-in reverb patterns, plus adjustable reverb times of 0.6 to 70 seconds and 36 registers to store settings.

Ursa Major showed the firm's latest digital reverb system, the "8x32", another giving great flexibility in setting reverb patterns. with storage of 64 patterns. Ursa Major's special effects system, the "Space Station", popular for several years in broadcasting, was also demonstrated.



Lexicon's 224X digital reverb system.

A French firm, **Publison Audio Professional**, demonstrated the "French Infernal Machine", a digital special effects system with dual delay up to 1200 ms at 5 kHz, 300 ms at 20 kHz. Optional memory can increase delay capability to 5000 ms. The system provides a rich repertory of effects, including pitch shifting, arpeggio, reversed sound, and many others.



The Ursa Major 8x32 digital reverb.

Quad Eight had the System Five digital reverb, available earlier, which has hundreds of selectable reverb patterns.

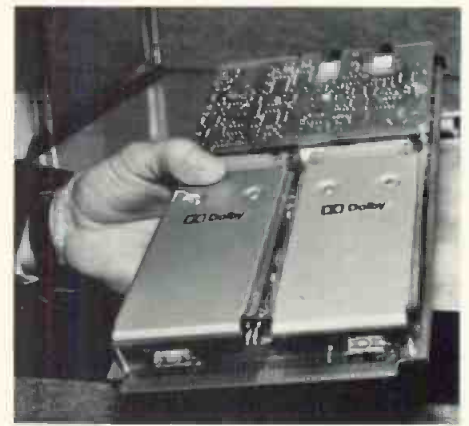
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Noise reduction

Noise reduction was another technique actively demonstrated in new and old systems. **MicMix** introduced an entirely new system, **Dynafex**, which does not use encoding/decoding to reduce noise levels. The maker says that any program source can be treated for signal-noise gains up to 30 dB. The Dynafex uses a modern version of the "sliding filter" system with the pass band automatically adjusted to minimize noise.

dbx showed new compact mountings for the firm's broad-band noise reduction systems.

Dolby continued to move strongly into television audio systems, with a two-channel Type A noise-reduction module that fits directly into Ampex VPR-2 Type C VTRs. The unit, like the



Dolby noise reduction module for Ampex Type C VTRs.

module developed for Sony decks, replaces the VTR's audio board to improve overall signal performance up to 24 channels. Dolby also introduced a new compact Type A system for multi-track tape recorders.

Gotham Audio had the **Telefunken C-4**, the four-band noise-reduction system used in Europe. **Straight Wire Audio** had detailed information on "High-Com", the Telefunken one-band system being made in the US by SWA under license and marketed here by that firm. The High-Com system claims up to 20 dB of noise reduction, with very low distortion and operational noises.

Deltamod Corp. brought a new method of maximizing broadcast cart performance in the **CNR-6** automatic noise reduction and matrixing system. The system incorporates the new Dolby "C" noise reduction system for up to six stereo channels in one unit, together with automatic matrixing of left and



MicMix Dynafex noise reduction demo.

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MKE 40-3 directional lavalier from
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including the 44C and 44M Series. The new line has an integral antenna contained in the end cap. Telex has also come out with two new wireless mics, WHM-300 and 400, designed primarily for entertainment applications.

Nady Systems announced the arrival of its Pro-2 Series. There are three styles of tunable wireless microphone and instrument transmitters. The HT-2 is a hand-held transmitter that attaches to any professional vocal mic. The one-watt wireless communicator system was demonstrated with the VHF mic system and the VHF 700 true diversity receiver for better reception in high noise areas.

Cetec Vega introduced the new Model 82 wireless mic with a Shure SM85 electret element. The Vega 81 was also on hand with audio gain control and a compression LED at the base. New from Swintek were the Radio microphones with Beyer M500 or Shure SM85 heads. Also new was the Swintek four-channel touring wireless mic console, complete and shipped in black formica rack housing and selling for \$13,950.

The number and variety of tiny microphones continue to grow, such as Shure's lavalier and small instrument mics in the 570 Series for broadcast which come with or without an on-off switch.

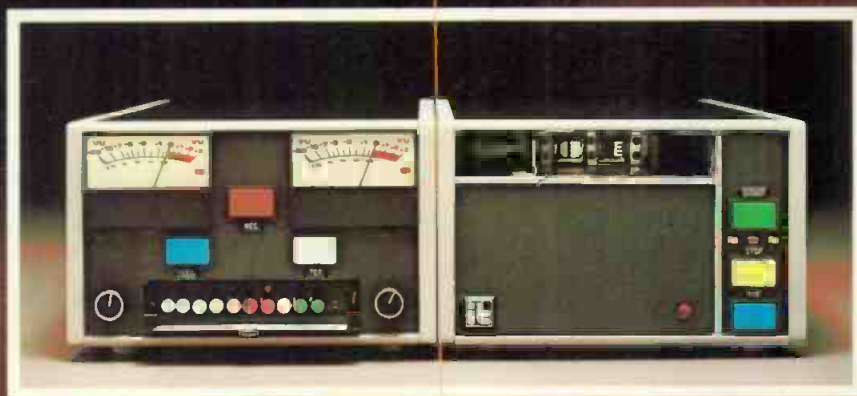
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Demonstration of Crown PZM mics.

quency response of 40 Hz to 20 kHz. Beyer devoted much of its effort to demonstrating the MCE 5 lavalier which is only 7mm in diameter and 23mm long.

Still one of the unique microphones to be applied in a variety of situations is the Crown PZM pressure zone mic, whose new twist includes two clip-on models. Shure also had surface mount units.

AKG brought its full line including the electret condenser studio mic, the 414 EB/P48 phantom-powered unit. Keith Monks Audio showed microphone booms and various accessories. Accurate Sound displayed its Starbird line of mic booms.

For more information: Electro-Voice Variable D, 348; Beyer Dynamic S 185 condenser, 349; Audio-Technica Series 800, 350; Audio-Technica uni-directional lavalier, 351; HM Electronics 44C Series, 352; HM Electronics 44M Series, 353; Telex WHM-300, 400, 354; Nady Systems Pro-2 Series, 355; Cetec Vega Model 82, 356; Swintek wireless mic, 357; Sennheiser MKE 40-3, 358.

Intercoms

Digital technology and computer control have found their way into studio intercommunications in a big way. Ward-Beck featured its Micro-Com microprocessor-controlled studio intercoms with numerous stations and configurations to fill almost any re-

quirement. One useful feature is the digital test field, which checks, by user-selected programming, the operation and function of any station in the system. The large rack system has separate pairs of cables for control and communications signals to eliminate common breakdown problems. The system can go as high as 200 x 200 stations.

On a different scale, RTS Systems' 801 master station is a control center with six full duplex intercom channels, four simplex circuits, and other functions. Clear-Com, with its System II, offers increased station capability, higher output levels, and will operate from 12 V dc. Clear-Com also has the option of two-wired balanced operation.

If the trend in studios is toward microprocessor technology, then the remote applications side of the intercom business is definitely leaning toward RF transmission. HM Electronics featured its new MB-150 base station for wireless applications. It is a wearable transceiver to be used with the MT-1000 transceiver and permits full duplex operations between two parties or a push-to-talk mode. Additional units may be added into the system.

Swintek demonstrated the Mark 200 full duplex wireless unit, and the Mark 9-2 dual antenna diversity system, which rejects low carrier signal for better reception. Telex showed its wireless system with new base station units that allow interface with hard-wired systems.

Cetec Vega also demonstrated a wireless system with full duplex or unlimited station push-to-talk operation. With its QX-2 base station, the entire "Q" system can be interfaced with wired systems. R-Columbia too, has introduced into its wireless system a base station interface for wired/wireless communications. It offers duplex operation and is compatible with any wired system now available.

In considering studio systems, the programmable matrix from Farrtronics offers cross connect between push-button and desired buses. The central matrix is one or more horizontally mounted rack frames which accept plug-in cards and vertical buses. ROH, with its Series 300 remote operator panel and interphone iso, offers source delegation capabilities.

BCA interphone system for hard-wired studio use, and carbon intercom headsets were displayed at the Television Equipment Associates booth.

For additional discussion of RF microphones, see the Microphones section.

For more information: Ward-Beck Micro-Com, 359; RTS Systems 801, 360; Clear-Com System II, 361; HM Electronics MB-150 362; Swintek Mark 200, 363; Swintek Mark 9-2, 364; Telex base station units, 365; Cetec Vega QX-2 base station, 366; R-Columbia base station interface, 367; Farrtronics matrix, 368; ROH Series 300, 369; BCA interphone system, 370.

Turntables

Dependability is always a concern when it comes to broadcast turntables. Some of the sturdy units at the show included the full line of products from Broadcast Electronics. The Clyde Electronics BTU 1 self-contained unit with equalizing amplifiers was also on hand.



Russco's Digi-Speed turntable.

Another industry standard comes from Technics, which demonstrated its R&B Series direct drive, quartz synthesizer tables incorporating digital read-out of exact motor drive speed. Russco had its full complement of broadcast turntables on hand, featuring the Mark VI Digi-Speed with quartz lock. Also on hand at Russco were the Q-Lock units and tone arms.

Standard equipment from Stanton was the Model 310 phono preamp/equalizer and the 981 Series of phono pickups. The BA-26 preamp and complete record cleaning accessories were also on display.

Other accessories at the show were the Audio-Technica professional tone arms and ATP Series of phono pickups. Also in accessories was Howe Audio's



Section of Ward-Beck's Micro-Com intercom.

stereo preamp conforming to NAB/RIAA disk equalization.

The featured disk reproducer was the **McCurdy SS3159C**, incorporating a Technics SP10 MK II turntable. **UREI** showed the **Model 1122** transcription preamplifier, a two-channel solid state unit for broadcast applications.

New from **Micro-Trak** was the **11P** turntable preamplifier with CX noise reduction, and the **6411** and **6410** stereo and mono preamps.

For more information: Russco Mark VI Digi-Speed, 371; Stanton 981 pickups, 372; McCurdy SS3159C, 373; UREI Model 1122, 374; Micro-Trak 11P, 375; Micro-Trak 6411, 376.

Amplifying equipment

There were no revolutionary developments in this area, but the overall solid quality of the products was impressive. Distribution amplifiers took center stage with **Audio Technologies, Inc.** featuring its complete line of DAs. The 2016 Series provides individual adjustment for each output, scan monitoring, and overload indicators. **ATI** also showed audio compressor and monitor amps.

Ramko Research's selection of DAs included the DA-6E, 6BR/E, and DA-16BR/E. The ARA-1612 router amplifier was also on hand.

Bosch Fernseh displayed its T Series of amplifiers and amp cards. The TAA-524 audio DA and the PS-525 power supply were mounted in a rack for demonstration.

Three types of distribution amps were highlighted by **McCurdy**, featuring the **AT 313** and **DA 506** universal amplifier and distribution system. **Pacific Recorders** brought its SDA-8 stereo DA which can be used for two monaural signals.

Other distribution amplifiers included **Micro-Trak's** 1 x 6, 2 x 6, and 2 x 3 DAs and **Broadcast Technology's** variety of audio components with amps and cards covering the audio spectrum.

Television Equipment Associates showed **Link Electronics distribution amplifiers**, and **Bryston Vermont** centered its display around the **Model 4B** power amplifier and the series of three power amps ranging from 50 to 200 watts per channel.

Other amplifiers included **Crown's** power-line with Multi-Mode, and **Straight Wire Audio's** UA-2 universal amps.

J.V. Electronics' entry in the distribution amplifier market includes its **DA-41**, and 46 distribution amplifier and the DA-43A DA frame. **Farr-**

tronics also showed a line of quality DAs while other amplifier products included the **BGW** model 75 and 150 power amps.

For more information: McCurdy AT313, 377; McCurdy DA 506, 378; Link Electronics distribution amplifiers, 379; Bryston Vermont Model 4B, 380; Straight Wire Audio UA-2, 381.

Monitors

The new products in audio monitors were not so much innovations as updates to already established lines. In this vein, **Electro-Voice** added another model to its Sentry Series of monitors, the **Sentry 500**, which has an adaptable wall mounting bracket. Frequency response is 40 to 18,000 Hz, with short term power handling capacity at 400 watts; long term is 100.



The Sentry 500 monitor from Electro-Voice.

JBL brought two new control monitors as replacements for older models, the **4411** replacing the 4313, and the new **4312** for the 4311. Both new monitors feature a high frequency radiator and new midrange driver.

Both **Tannoy** and **Technics**, with its R&B Series, brought established lines as did **UREI**. Along with its time-align studio monitors, **UREI** introduced a new **Model 6500** power amplifier to drive them. **Fostex** introduced new **6301** monitors designed specifically for location mixdown. They contain an integral 10 watt amplifier.

Full headphone lines were from **Stanton**, **Audio-Technica**, **Beyer**, **Telex**, and **Marcom**.

For more information: Electro-Voice Sentry 500, 382; JBL 4411, 383; UREI Model 6500, 384; Fostex 6301 385.

Remote control, STL, RPU

A growth in power as compared with that of earlier equipment was brought by a number of remote control and STL manufacturers at the show.

TFT Inc., for example, introduced a new interface circuit for the **Model 7900** remote control system, allowing a desk-top IBM computer to be added to the system. This gives the user the ability to program the operation of the system in Basic language. Floppy disk storage of programmed settings can be included for precise repeat of the programs.

TFT also brought two new STL systems. The **Model 8300** is intended to operate well in dense RF environments. The receiver has selectable IF bandwidth, narrow if there are adjacent signals that cause interference, broad for freer environments. The transmitter uses IF modulation, seeking a high S/N ratio. Key system specifications are given as 0.2 percent distortion at 1 kHz, S/N ratio with de-emphasis 75 dB, frequency response ± 0.1 dB, 50 Hz to 75 kHz.

TFT also introduced the **Model 8100**, for telemetry return, suited to remote control systems using FSK data modems. It eliminates any need to use the 67 kHz SCA channel, or a telco line, for transmitter telemetry.

Another new STL system claiming advanced characteristics came from **Moseley Associates**. The **Model PCL-606** is for mono service, or is usable in a dual configuration for stereo if a composite signal is not to be carried. The PCL-606/C is designed to handle the composite signal. The transmitter uses direct FM modulation with a synthesized reference oscillator, and a double balanced mixer for frequency conversion. The receiver has user adjustment of a PIN diode for maximizing signal to noise ratio. The demodulator uses digital pulse counting techniques for adjustment-free broadband performance.

Moseley also demonstrated the **MRC-2** microprocessor remote control system. It has multi-site capability and can handle up to 255 control lines, 255 status channels, and 255 analog telemetry return channels. Multiple CRT



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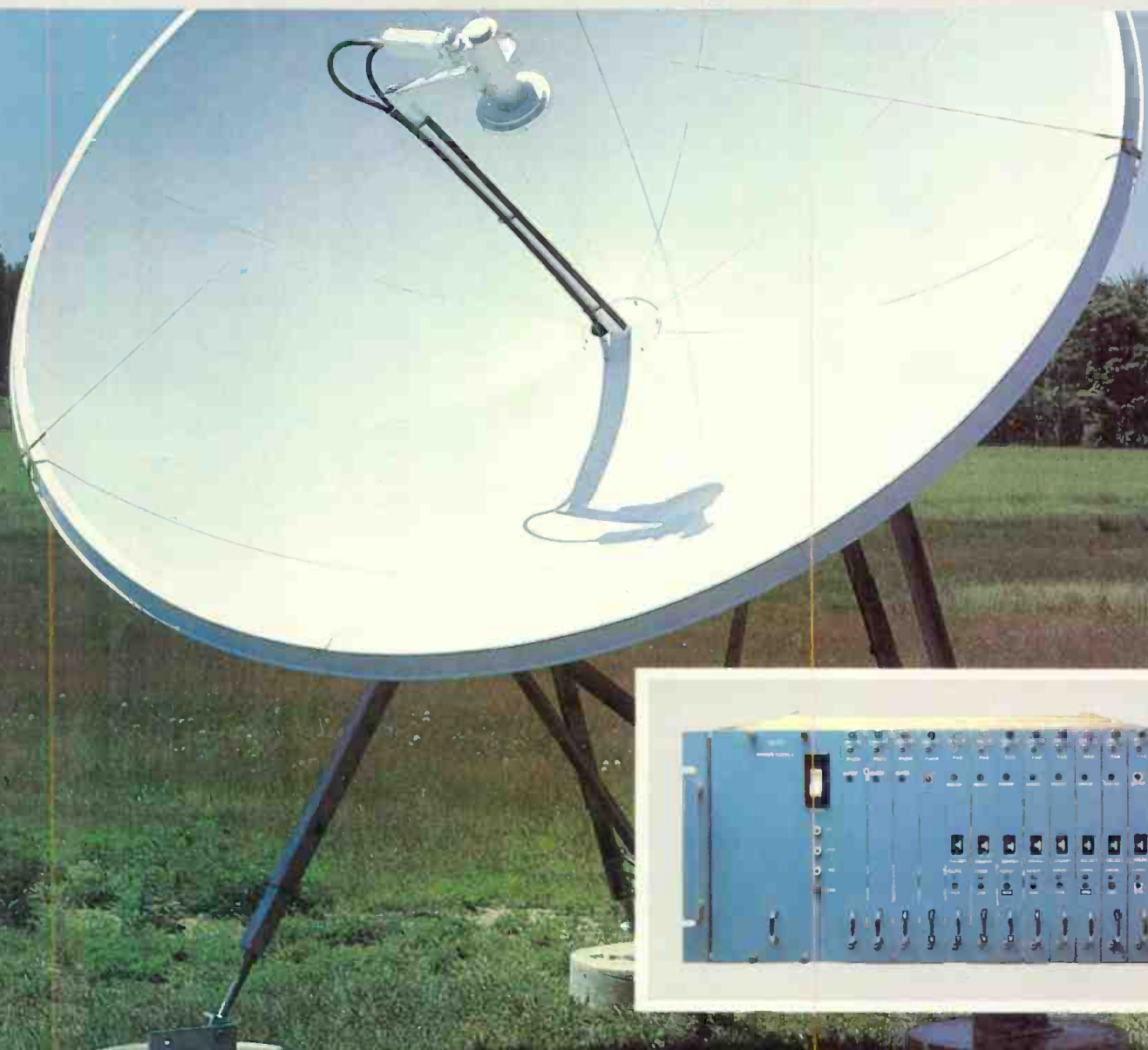
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Demonstration of Marti remote pickup unit.

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Potomac Instruments showed the new **DAP-11**, a standalone data acquisition and automatic logging system. It is available with CRT display or hard-copy printout. It also allows the operator to call by dial-up phone and get a verbal log readout at any time. Another new unit from Potomac Instruments was the **FIM-72**, a field strength meter for UHF signals, usable for FM, TV, or remote control and pickup systems. Another unit from Potomac was the **SMR-11**, an AM broadcast monitor receiver. It has ceramic IF filters with selectable bandwidth, thumbwheel setting for precise tuning, THD stated at 0.2 percent, S/N ratio 70 dB, and alarm circuits for carrier and modulation loss. An AM stereo demodulator and parallel audio circuit can be added on a plug-in circuit board.

Delta Electronics had its **RCS-1** remote control system, introduced earlier, which includes CRT read-out of all parameters, direct antenna monitor interface, modulation bargraph with peak flasher, and telephone coupler with voice synthesizer for voice interrogation.

Motorola demonstrated a number of the two-way radio systems for remote pickup and moving vehicles. Among them were the Syntor FM two-way radio, Micor base stations and repeaters, VHF mobile telephones, and the HT90 "Handie-Talkie" FM portable radio.

Marti Electronics was another firm long established in remote pickup and STL equipment with some new systems at the show. Introduced were two new telemetry links, **Models TSL-2 and TSL-15**, usable for remote control systems in AM, FM, and television. The TSL-2 transmitter has a power output

of 2.5 watts; the TSL-15 has 15 watts output. The receiver has 90 dB spurious signal rejection and adjustable squelch. The system handles analog or digital telemetry, or voice modulation, in the 20 Hz - 3000 Hz band. Marti will assemble complete systems including the Yagi antennas, cable, and so forth.

Marti also introduced the **ARS-15**, a new automatic repeater station for the 450-MHz band, with 15 watts output. And a third new Marti system was the **STL-10**, a completely new studio-transmitter link with state of the art specifications. The firm's STL-8, widely sold for nearly a decade, will still be available alongside the new system.

McMartin Industries, with a display strong on transmitters, consoles, and other systems, also showed its long-used remote pickup units, including the hand-held RPU portable transceivers.

Microcontrols Inc. had the wide-band composite STL system introduced last year, claiming very low distortion.

Hallikainen and Friends brought the digital telemetry systems for connection to various Moseley remote control systems, seen at earlier shows. The firm also had the new PCC process

control system for complete control and logging of transmitter functions.

Dictaphone showed improved versions of the "Veritrac" automated voice logging system. From four to 40 tracks of voice recording can be put on tape up to one inch wide. Recording time per reel is up to 25 hours. Auto search can find particular material by time/date access information.

For more information: TFT Inc. *interface circuit*, 386; TFT *Model 8300*, 387; TFT *Model 8100*, 388; Moseley Associates *Model PCL-606*, 389; Moseley *MRC-2*, 390; Potomac Instruments *DAP-11*, 391; Potomac *SMR-11*, 392; Marti Electronics *Model TSL-2*, *TSL-15*, 393; Marti *ARS-15*, 394; Marti *STL-10*, 395; Hallikainen and Friends *PCC*, 396.

Telco interface

Systems to improve the interface between the broadcaster and the telephone system continue to hold strong interest. **Comrex** introduced its most elaborate coupling system to date. Called the "**SLX Frequency Extender**", it is an encoding/decoding system like the very popular Comrex low frequency extender; but the SLX gives improved frequency performance at both ends of the spectrum. The remote unit includes a series of microphone and line inputs, and a four-channel mixer, together with the telco interface and a flexible control system, plus a headphone amplifier.

Telfax Communications had the somewhat similar **TFX-31B**, introduced earlier, which also has a four-circuit mixer with three microphone inputs and one line input, plus the self-contained hybrid and dial-up circuits. It includes a headphone amplifier, standard rechargeable battery, and visual and audible indicators for incoming calls. Telfax announced at the show a more elaborate model, the **TFX-131**, to be marketed in July, with four mic inputs, two line inputs, and pushbutton dialing, with pulse and touch-tone.

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brid, in use for a couple of years, was also on hand. It has sidetone attenuation of up to 40 dB, plus a built-in limiter and white-noise generator.

For more information: Comrex SLX Frequency Extender, 397; Telfax TFX-131, 398.

Automation

Business and program automation systems now quite generally are applicable to both radio and television stations. Most firms established in this area keep refining and enlarging the capacities of their systems, but no radically new approaches turned up at the show. One trend was away from on-line, central-computer operation, toward having an in-house computer for each user.

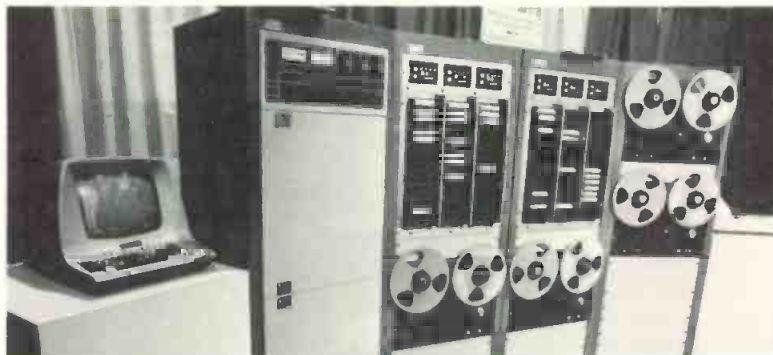
Jefferson Data brought its ENP (Electronic News Processing) system as a market-ready product; the system has been in development at WBTV in Charlotte for a couple of years. ENP has four primary functions: News Watch, a computerized scanning of wires services and routing of stories to appropriate files, with instantaneous display of previously received stories; News Edit, a text editing system with

split-screen capability and electronic search and replacement of any word; News Pro, which handles all production functions including assignment sheets, producer's rundown, teleprompter interface, and hard copy script; and News File, which archives all ENP information. The system is now ready for sale to broadcast stations. It is a completely separate product from Jefferson Data's System 90 business automation system, which is still going strong and is in use at almost 100 stations, the company says.

The latest addition to Station Business Systems' BAT 1700 business automation system is a word processing function for either newsroom or business applications. A search function will find any word in the system; other

functions include insert and modify. The BAT 1700 system has been enhanced and upgraded, the company said; each internal program has been reworked for flexibility and additional features.

SBS was stressing its Attached Resource Computer (ARC) setup, which allows all the business systems to run at the same time. Each ARC supports up to 200 work stations and is expandable with additional ARCs. Each terminal has an internal computer with 60 to 256K of internal memory, so that jobs are performed inside the terminal itself, not at the CPU. Access is limited by codes that are locked up in the computer and cannot be changed unless the ARC is down, resulting in extreme security within the system, according to




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SBS was one of the firms moving toward the in-house computer.

McInnis-Skinner and Associates showed a **teleprompter interface** for its Newscan automated newsroom system. The system has had this capability all along, the company notes, but this was the first time it was displayed. The system is available in several configurations: news-only; Weathergraphics-only; with full news, weather, and graphics capabilities; and as a library/archive system. Just before NAB the company sold its first newsroom system to WBNS-TV, Columbus, OH, which had built a computer-ready newsroom three years ago and already had Weathergraphics.

Columbine Systems, Inc., had several new **software functions** for its radio and television business automation system, now installed in over 500 U.S. stations. The new software includes film amortization, media inventory, music rotation, an automation interface, and demographics.

Kaman Sciences, which has promoted the BCS system at past NAB shows, this year described a large broadcast business system it plans to



IGM cart equipment under microprocessor control.

introduce at next year's NAB. Based on the IBM System/38 computer, the new system will offer traffic, billing, and accounting packages and will feature true interactive databases, according to a company spokesperson. Kaman, too, is shifting to the large in-house computer.

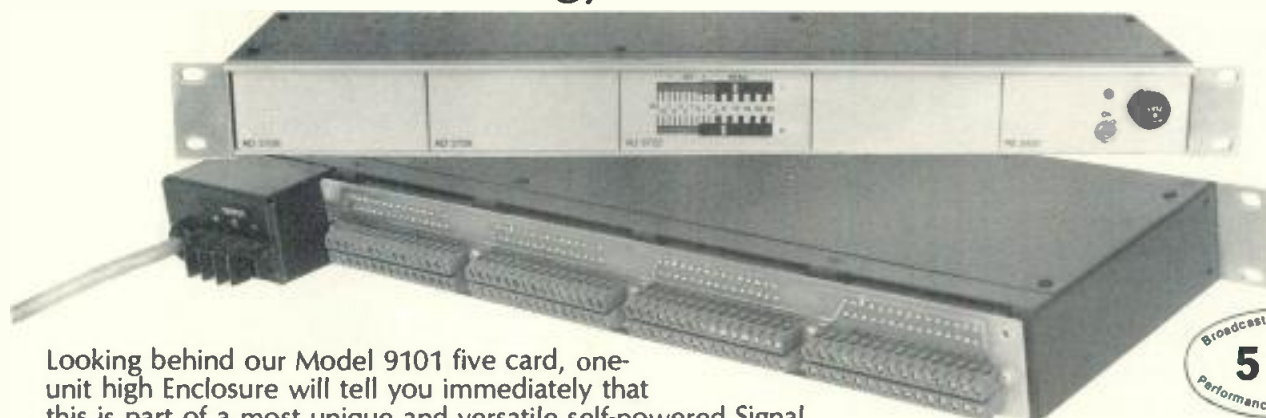
The new item from **Harris Corp.** was an office automation **Infewriter**, a tabletop word processor with floppy disk memory and a typewriter-quality printer. The company says the Infewriter can be used for music lists, news, and business functions. It can in-

terface with the Autotron Star system, shown this year with a high-speed printer. The company also brought its full 9000 program control system, including a satellite configuration.

Data Communications Corp. once again featured its modular Network Control System, which incorporates the BIAS traffic system, Buy Line, Master Control Automation, and several other functions. The company's main emphasis this year was on the system's in-station functions.

Also seen before was the **Cado Systems** business computer, with software

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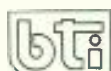


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developed by **Chase Media**. A Chase spokesperson said the system was constantly being upgraded and revised. The company has about 70 installations, including two in Australia and one in Peru.

Quanta Corp. was back with its Quantanews computer-assisted newsroom system, which handles wire services, printers, archives, prompting, assignments, and other functions. New software permits each user to define his or her own filing and housekeeping systems. All entry terminals are interchangeable for redundancy and backup; all include an eight-inch floppy disk that automatically copies everything sent to the archive. The system is fully expandable and features user-definable security and privilege levels.

BEI returned with its Data-Prompter electronic newsroom system, a word processor that allows assembly and editing of copy with hard copy printouts. The system will handle multiple edit terminals for entering and storing information; it can also include an encoder for Line 21 closed captioning.

Cetec, long known in program automation, moved strongly into business automation with the introduction of the new, compact **MAPS**, with all hardware in house, aimed at compactness

and low cost. Included is a mini-computer, a Digidyne system, with Western Dynex hard-disc storage for 10 million characters, plus video read-out and hard-copy printer. Cetec says the system will instantly deliver any of 200 reports needed in running a radio business.

One company that was thinking small was **Generic Computers**, which introduced **Applelog**, a scheduling and accounting software package for the Apple 2 personal computer. The system is on hard disks, with a floppy as backup. Price for the entire system—including the computer, color display, printer, hard disk, and backup floppy—is \$14,500, including installation.

Another small system was shown by **Personal Micro Computers, Inc.**, a subsidiary of Recortec and sharing that company's booth. The company introduced its **EPS-80** word processor, available with or without a printer or typewriter interface. Storage is on low-cost audio cassettes.

Mead Data Central described its Nexis database service. The customer's desktop terminal (with or without printer) gives access, through telephone lines, to Mead's database, which includes the major international news services.



Sono-Mag Corp. program automation controller.

Interactive Market systems came to its first NAB show with a description of its research and sales presentation services and of its computer color graphics package.

Computer Concepts Corporation, another "in-house" automation supplier, uses a Wang computer and has developed complete software for traffic, accounts receivable, payroll, and so forth, together with a Music Management System which holds all relevant information on up to 65,000 titles. Any kind of music wanted can be accessed instantly through the system.

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Program automation looked active, strong. As noted in last month's report on satellite developments at the show, virtually all the makers of radio program automation systems brought special systems or software for automating format programming as received via satellite. Broadcast Electronics, Cetec, Harris, IGM, Sono-Mag, all had such systems. In addition, all, of course, showed the radio program automation systems in their established lines. In the cases of Cetec and Harris, the double emphasis on both programming and business automation was evident.

For more information: McInnis-Skinner and Associates *teleprompter interface*, 399; Columbine Systems, Inc. *software functions*, 400; Harris Corp. *Infowriter*, 401; Cetec *MAPS*, 402; Generic Computers *Applelog*, 403; Personal Micro Computers, Inc. *EPS-80*, 404.

Test and measurement

The order of the day at the 1982 show was the programmable instrument incorporating digital technology and portable size to accommodate the increased use of field equipment. The new **TM 5000 Series** of digital multimeters from **Tektronix** was shown with eight different programmable digital units with scanner interface. The **Tek 465B Series** of portable oscilloscopes have upgraded performance, while the **468** was a portable digital storage scope using an eight bit digitizer for 10 MHz bandwidth.

In test system equipment, **Amber Electro Design** featured the **4400A** multipurpose test set which provides a generator, a receiver, and a meter section. **Sound Technology** brought the **Model 1500A** tape recorder test system which measures nine parameters and also showed the **1501A** balancing system.

AWA Instruments, on display at the Marconi/A.F. Associates booth, drew interest with the audio transmission test system **S1100**. In four seconds it tests 38 separate measurements, and overall measures 51 significant transmission parameters. Measurements are stored and printed with date, time, and source identification code.

Belar Electronics showed its frequency response and modulation monitors including the stereo version which measures FM and AM noise as well as incidental AM on the front meter panel. **Autogram** had the T-8 frequency response test set for broadcast which contains eight preset switchable sine wave audio frequencies.

Fidelipac's wow and flutter meter checks cyclical variations in carts, reel-to-reels and audio cassette recorders as

well as video tape machines, turntables, and film projectors. The **UniVUer** from **Real World Technology** produces a two-channel bar graph display with graticule markings, keyed over a video monitor, and acts as a unified reference point for total program monitoring.

Audio test and repair equipment was displayed by Pace along with its training program for repair services. Spencer Broadcast brought its **EFI** combination transient protection system which measures both disruptive (RFI, powerline noise) and destructive (switching, over-voltages) sources.

McCurdy's extended range audio level meter measures peak and average audio transmission level in dBm with a two-position range switch for different audio input levels.

A full discussion of test and measurement equipment for the RF environment will be found in next month's issue.

For more information: Tektronix *TM 5000 Series*, 405; Tek *468*, 406; Amber Electro Design *4400A*, 407; Sound Technology *Model 1500A*, 408; AWA Instruments *S1100*, 409.

Other

Sescom displayed its wide range of instruments, transformers, and accessories. **Wireworks** collection of audio and video cable and junction boxes were on hand. Audio patchfields were shown by **Farrtronics** and **ADC**, while **Canford Audio** brought its line of color coded wire. Other wire accessories included **Neutrik's** audio connectors.

Prewired jackfields were at the **McCurdy** booth, and **Broadcast Technology**, brought its full array of card frames. **BEI** showed rack frames and input cards. **Stantron's** data terminal desk system was on display along with the full line of electronic cabinets and peripheral furniture. Also at the show was **Allied Broadcast Equipment's** telephone equalization equipment.



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Battery Of TR-800 VTRs In Use at Dallas NAB



Seven TR-800 1" Type C Helical VTRs were in action at NAB, including three consoles that were demonstrated with the CMX-340A computerized editing system. Two other consoles were equipped with the AE-800 editing system.

"I Love The TR-800"

A host of users were presented in an audio-visual show in which they commented on their experiences and expectations with the TR-800. These included statements like "the machine is very flexible"; "I like the back-up service I can expect from RCA"; "It's far gentler on tape than any other machine we've experienced"; "It's an operator's machine"; "I love the TR-800".

Customers from London to Egypt to South America to the U.S. are using TR-800s in post-production, video playback, sports programming and specialized applications. You should get all the facts on this advanced 1" VTR. Ask your RCA representative.

NAB REPORT

RCA UNVEILS NEW EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS



NAB '82 in Dallas was an exciting event with over 480 exhibitors vying for attention. RCA used the forum for the introduction of new equipment (a VHF transmitter, TK-47B and TK-710 live cameras, a new TK-290 automatic telecine camera, VHF and UHF antennas); and to announce new improvements in existing products

(Hawkeye recording camera system, TR-800 VTRs).

In this issue of Prime Time, there are brief reviews of all of these equipment and system availabilities. Space prevents more than these capsule reports, but for more information on any of these products, contact your RCA representative or write to RCA.

New 35kW Transmitter; New VHF and UHF Antennas Introduced

The TTG-35H is RCA's newest G-line member. It's a single-ended 35kW VHF solid state transmitter with only two tubes. All circuitry is solid state up to the 1600 watt visual and 100 watt aural driver output levels.

Two New Antennas

The THP VHF Antenna is a horizontally polarized unit covering channels 7-13. It's suitable for multiplexing several channels within the 174 to 216 MHz band.

Also unveiled at NAB was the TFU-33JN, a new standardized omni-directional UHF pylon antenna designed for intermediate power ratings up to 60 kW. It retains the features of all RCA pylon antennas (over 500 built and delivered)—slotted steel pole construction, low windloading, immunity to lightning and icing.

For transmitter and antenna data, contact your RCA representative or write RCA.

Telecine Camera Goes "Automatic"

RCA introduced the TK-290 Automatic Telecine Camera at NAB. It is a microprocessor controlled system that utilizes the same set-up terminal as the TK-47 studio camera. The two systems—studio and telecine—are completely compatible and cost effective. A single set-up terminal can be used for up to twelve TK-290 and TK-47 cameras.

The set-up system utilizes both the "Autocam" option and the "Check" function. "Autocam" provides total automatic set-up and "Check" initiates a daily cycle of pre-operational functions.

Send for complete details on this new automatic telecine system. Or check with your RCA representative.



HAWKEYE Recording Camera System In Smash "Take Me Home" Demo

"I see, it's a kind of build as you go system," said Jumpcut. "Exactly," responded RCA's narrator, "and, best of all, it's ready for delivery now."



RCA narrator and Jumpcut Jennings discuss Hawkeye.

An entertaining presentation of the HAWKEYE Recording Camera System drew crowds at NAB. A live demonstration of the HCR-1 recording camera highlighted the presentation as an RCA spokesperson described new accessory options and HAWKEYE's "build as you go" advantage.

HAWKEYE options include playback through the camera's viewfinder, triaxial cable operation, and multi-core cable remote control capabilities.

The system's high performance HC-1 camera, HE-1 editor, compact HR-1 portable and HR-2 studio ChromaTrak format recorders were integral to the presentation in explaining how these components could be added to existing operations one by one to build a HAWKEYE system in easy stages.

Delivery Now!

RCA emphasized its "ready for delivery now" message with a wall of 10 recording cameras, 21 studio recorders and 7 editing consoles with a sign which read, "Take Home a HAWKEYE."

Displayed in other areas of the exhibit were HAWKEYE HR-2 recorders linked to a CMX time code editing system, a triax-equipped HC-1 camera with optional 4.5" viewfinder, and a fully equipped HAWKEYE pro-



Hawkeye recording camera in live NAB demonstration.

duction van. The van will be touring the country in the next few months. Contact your RCA representative for a tour schedule and HAWKEYE system details.

New Hawkeye 1/2 Inch Format Submitted To SMPTE

A proposed standard for broadcast quality half-inch video tape recording has been submitted by RCA to the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.

The format, called ChromaTrak, is a baseband recording technique using half-inch video tape in standard 250 meter VHS cassettes. The format is used in the Hawkeye system which includes the HCR-1 recording camera; the HR-1 portable recorder; and the HR-2 studio recorder.

Three other camera manufacturers made submissions to SMPTE on this same basic format.

ChromaTrak provides performance better than 3/4 inch recordings and approaches 1 inch quality.

For a copy of the "Interchangeability Specifications" and a paper on "An Introduction to ChromaTrak Recording," contact your RCA representative.

New TK-47B, TK-710 Cameras Debut In Studio Demos



TK-47B Camera

The TK-47B Automatic Color Camera presentation featured a demonstration of its optional microprocessor-based "Smart" RCU. It retains all camera control functions plus a memory capability for file and recall of selected "paint" control settings for up to 32 different scenes.

TK-710 Camera

With three Saticon tubes and high index Canon prism optics, RCA's new low cost TK-710 Portable Color Camera delivered broadcast quality pictures consistently



in demos. This new lightweight consumes a mere 20 W power and is equipped with a Fujinon 14x10 servo zoom lens.

TK-761 Camera

Also shown was the TK-761, a proven performer. It's a multi-purpose camera, widely used for quality programming in the field and in the studio.

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More Artistic Freedom

CHYRON IV's digitizing tablet provides full flexibility for the artist to draw, change select colors and fill. He has,

in effect, a true electronic paint system. *Background graphics* can be created and displayed or stored for later use. In addition to the digitizing tablet, graphic information can be entered with a black and white camera in the font compose mode.

This new background graphics capability gets the artist away from plain text into the generation of "pictures": graphic images, representa-

tions, vignettes with as many as 16 colors or gray scale values, etc.

Multicolor characters are available, too. Full color or halftone artwork is digitized and displayed with up to several different color values per character. The display can be changed from *gray scale values* to pseudo-color for ease of trim and area identification. This means that multicolor logos or other artwork can be displayed and treated as a single character to take advantage of all the CHYRON IV animation and character manipulation features.

New Board is the Key

A state-of-the-art multimode graphics module is the heart of the new capabilities. It replaces the existing font compose module and operates in several differing modes.

In its basic operation, the new module provides an advanced means of camera font compose. A built in A/D converter samples incoming camera video at 10 times subcarrier and digitizes each sample with four-bit accuracy (thus, the 16-level gray scale). Software then analyzes the data to produce extremely smooth curves and slopes for virtually perfect capture and the elimination of trimming in most cases.

Many Other Features

Other CHYRON IV features provide even more flexibility. Up to four "vignettes" may be created and independently positioned or animated. Text can be moved out of the safe title area, the color palette has been expanded to 512 choices, character edging can be any color and diagonal typing has been provided. The roll and crawl modes have been improved to allow smooth motion through horizontal and vertical blanking. And there's more. Call or write for all the details.

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Highlights of the New System

In brief review, these are the main features of the new CHYRON IV.

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Camera overview

Television camera designers never rest, and the 1982 NAB Convention provided ample evidence of this truism. For one thing, practical solid-state cameras edged closer. Hitachi unveiled a three-element metal oxide semiconductor (MOS) design with better than 450 TV lines of resolution. It will reach the market this fall. NEC demonstrated a two-chip CCD unit that attendees found remarkably good. EEV Inc. showed that it is in the field by demonstrating a monochrome unit.

ENG cameras got better, cheaper, and smaller as shown by new models from Bosch Fernseh, Harris, Ikegami, JVC, Panasonic, Sharp, and Sony.

And cameras got smarter, as evidenced by Philips' new LDK-6 intelligent camera system using computerized distributed processing. Some got more like film cameras, to judge by the new Foton-I developed by CEI in conjunction with Panavision.

RCA added refinements to make both Hawkeye and the TK-47B automatic easier to use. Ikegami offered third-generation automation features in its recent HL-322. More flexibility was the hallmark of two other new cameras at NAB, the Thompson-CSF TTV 1525B and the Bosch KCI-90 automatic, which, like the 1525, uses a one-inch tube for luminance and 2/3-inch types for chrominance. In fact, Toshiba and Ampex were the only manufacturers not to show something brand new, though Ampex did report the BCC-21 convertible studio/field model was now ready for delivery.

Recorder/cameras

Previews of the 1982 NAB Convention promised a showdown of sorts in the integrated recorder/camera competi-

tion with new contestants likely taking sides on which 1/2-inch format they preferred—RCA/Matsushita VHS or Sony Beta. Unexpected was Bosch Fernseh, showing up with yet a third format (or perhaps fourth, counting the Nippon Television Network's CV-One seen at NAB-81 and reappearing in 1982 in the Hitachi stand). In a real sense Bosch Fernseh captured the spotlight even though Ikegami and Hitachi did come down on the RCA/Matsushita VHS side. It did so by promising the best yet in terms of size and weight and recording performance "better than 3/4-inch U-matic." Although Bosch Fernseh uses the 1/4-inch CVC cassette, as does the CV-One, Bosch came up with its own Lineplex format to deliver a quality picture (see specs below) comparable to that achieved by RCA's Chroma Trak and Sony's Betacam.

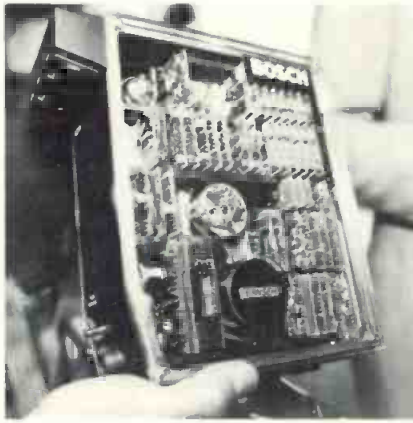
To be sure, RCA was the most aggressive manufacturer at NAB. Boasting that its unit is already in production, RCA said, "Take home a Hawkeye" and lined up 21 units for off-the-shelf delivery. Matsushita/Panasonic came on strong this year, tagging its system, also ready for delivery, the ReCam. The 1982 ReCam model B-100 included a new camera head, the AK-100, using either 2/3-inch Saticons or Plumbicons, with all of the features demanded by broadcasters. Panasonic also offered an AU-S100 adapter so that the recorder could be wired to any other camera.

But for all of the RCA and Panasonic promotion, including both recommending their joint format to the SMPTE as a 1/2-inch standard along with Hitachi and Ikegami, any bandwagon for a new system was not in evidence. Sony implied that the time for a Betacam is still in the future, unless one is willing to work with a one-tube camera. Sony did promise a professional high resolution, low registration error, three-tube camera head later (using 2/3-inch tubes) but at NAB showed a mockup model only.

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Developments in recorder/
camera combinations

(clockwise from upper left):
Part of the modular
electronics package for the
Fernseh KBP-1; the
Fernseh camera itself;
Panasonic's ReCam;
Hitachi SR-10 with
Matsushita/RCA
recorder format.



For its entry, Ikegami simply outboarded its version of Chroma Trak (called the M format by Panasonic) on the side of an HL-83 ENG/EFM camera. It further diffused its position by reporting customers could outboard a 1/4-inch recorder if they wished.

Hitachi's entry, the SR-10, was well styled but the camera head was the new unproven (albeit impressive) MOS solid state unit, the SK-1. As we note later, this camera does not meet highest broadcast standards. Hitachi said it was in the camera/recorder market but would make no strong move until a standard emerges. Underscoring the uncertainty in this market, Hitachi displayed (but did not demonstrate) the CV-One built for Nippon Television. This package also used a solid state camera (presumably the SK-1). The VTR portion uses a linear format,

called Fotomat, providing but eight minutes of recorder time. This camera will be marketed by Nippon TV rather than Hitachi.

Called the most compact TV news gathering system yet, Bosch's KBF-1 total package of recorder-camera including lens, viewfinder, battery and cassette weighs only 15 lbs. This low weight was achieved not only as a result of the lighter 1/4-inch cassette, but through extensive use of LSI chips, hybrid printed circuits, and new lightweight structural materials. The camera head is all new, incorporating three 1/2-inch Plumbicons. Although the VTR portion uses the Funai threading mechanism made in Japan, everything else is Bosch. The format is two track, luminance and chrominance, with bandwidths of 3 MHz and 1 MHz respectively. Bosch has taken the "color-under" approach in contrast to the Chroma Trak and type M direct FM re-

coding. In the NTSC standard, luminance S/N is 47 dB; chrominance 45 dB. Playing time at present is 12 minutes, but new tape could extend that. At NAB, only the recorder portion was demonstrated, but a final product will be ready this year, the company said.

Camera pickup tubes for the new recorder/camera packages also continue to advance. AmpereX, which has been in the field almost from the beginning with its hybrid 1/2-inch diode gun 80XQ Plumbicon, was joined this year by EEV, which had a new 1/2-inch Leddicon.

For more information: Sony Betacam, 410; RCA Hawkeye, 411; Panasonic ReCam, 412; Ikegami 83 with recorder, 413; Hitachi SR-10 recorder/camera, 414; Hitachi SK-1 solid-state camera, 415; Bosch KBF-1 1/4-inch recorder/camera, 416; AmpereX 1/2-inch diode gun 80XQ Plumbicon, 417; EEV 1/2-inch Leddicon, 418.

Solid-state cameras

The NEC Model NC-2000 color camera using two CCD image sensor chips showed advances in sensitivity and resolution, two problems encountered heretofore with solid-state pickup cameras. Resolution is satisfactory; the G channel has 489 V and 384 H pixels, resulting in a horizontal resolution of 240 or more TV lines. Sensitivity is remarkably good because photo diodes have a high response to blue. The camera is rated a f/4 at 1200 lux and outperforms vidicon cameras in lag. There is, of



RCA Hawkeye recorders line the shelf.



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The **Hitachi SK-1**, using three MOS image sensors, claims a higher resolution of 450 lines, but poorer sensitivity—*f*/3.5 at 2000 lux. Pictures can be taken, however, with minimum illumination of 100 lux at *f*/1.4. Hitachi says the after image is lower than that of other solid-state cameras. The picture quality shown at NAB looked quite close to that of tube cameras. The camera is expected to be on the market in 1982 priced at \$20,000.

RCA has apparently dropped out of the CCD broadcast camera picture for now, concentrating on an industrial, heat-sensing CCD chip.

For more information: NEC NC-2000, 419; Hitachi SK-1, 420.

ENG cameras

Offering a choice of either 1/2-inch Plumbicons or Saticons and using LSI chips extensively, **Harris** entered the ENG competition with its **TC-90** camera which weighs only seven lbs—the first three-tube ENG/EFP to be that low. A two ampere-hour battery will operate the camera for 1.3 hours. Specs equal the best: 600 lines resolution, S/N better than -57 dB, usable pictures under 5 fc, plus the usual automatics. Extensive use of LSI chips provides “unmatched stability,” according to Harris.

ENG cameras continue to be price sensitive. For example, **Sharp** in its new full-featured **XC-800** camera uses Saticon II tubes (with bias lighting) but manages to keep the price under \$13,000. Included are DBO, two-line enhancement, noise coring, automatics, and prism-sharp optics.

Ikegami, eyeing the under-\$10,000 market, has come out with the **ITC-730**, a prism camera with 600 lines resolution and a lot of features. Although priced lower, it is not quite as sensitive as the **XC-800**.

Also in the same class (600 lines res-



Harris Corp.'s TC-90 ENG camera.



ITC-730 prism camera from Ikegami.



Anton/Bauer's camera controller.

olution) is an upgraded **JVC** camera, the **KY-2700A** with an improved matrix mask and an automatic black level circuit with master black control (which permits simultaneous adjustment of red, blue, and green black levels).

Panasonic came out with a moderately priced prism camera, the **WV-777**. It offers automatics plus convenience features such as intercom level control, microphone gain, color bars, and RS-170A sync with genlock.

A unique camera controller for ENG cameras was announced by **Anton/Bauer**. The unit saves money by eliminating costly multi-core cabling.

For more information: Harris TC-90 421; Sharp XC-800, 422; Ikegami ITC-730, 423; JVC KY-2700A, 424; Panasonic WV-777, 425; Anton/Bauer camera controller, 426.

Computer-aided cameras

The **LDK-6** computer-controlled camera system introduced by **Philips** takes the concept of automatics a step further. Not only is automatic setup possible, but control and diagnostics are offered to a degree not heretofore possible. Philips says the **LDK-6** makes possible for the first time system information interchange, through individual microcomputer control systems located in each of the four main system units.

The distribution of intelligence between the main system units—the cam-

era head, the CPU, the Master Control Panel, and the Common Control Panel—ensures that settings and adjustments are processed locally and retained in the memory at the required location. Designed exclusively for triax operation, the **LDK-6** uses quadrature modulation of R and B, providing wideband RGB outputs for long cable runs. To insure consistently high quality pictures, the **LDK-6** uses digital scan correction. The picture is divided into 49 discrete areas and each is examined and adjusted so that corner errors are a thing of the past.

Philips also used the NAB Convention to promote the **LDK-44** modular camera system, introduced at the International Television Symposium in Montreux in 1981.

The intelligent camera was not limited to Philips. **RCA** offers a new **SMART** remote control unit (**SCRU**) to the **TK-47B** automatic studio camera. The **SCRU** remembers all camera control functions including color temperature, screen contrast compression, and so forth, and can file and read up to 32 selected “paint” control settings. Through new hardware and software, **RCA** also provides lens correction files that compensate for differences between diascope and through-the-lens viewing.

Ikegami's third-generation automatic camera, the **HK-322** introduced last year, is now ready for delivery. It also offers some preset special effects (up to eight) which can be stored and retrieved.

This year **Bosch Fernseh** entered the automated camera market with its **KCI-90**, a unit intended for both studio and field applications. Some 21 camera parameters can be lined up in approximately one minute using the automatic setup option. A registration-only check list can be run through daily. The **KCI-90** uses a combination of one-inch and 2/3-inch tubes to optimize sensitivity, lag, and noise performance.

Automatic setup cameras, all described in earlier issues of *BM/E*, could also be seen at the exhibits of **Ampex**, **Harris**, **Hitachi**, and **Toshiba**.

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Philips LDK-6 (with Canon lens).



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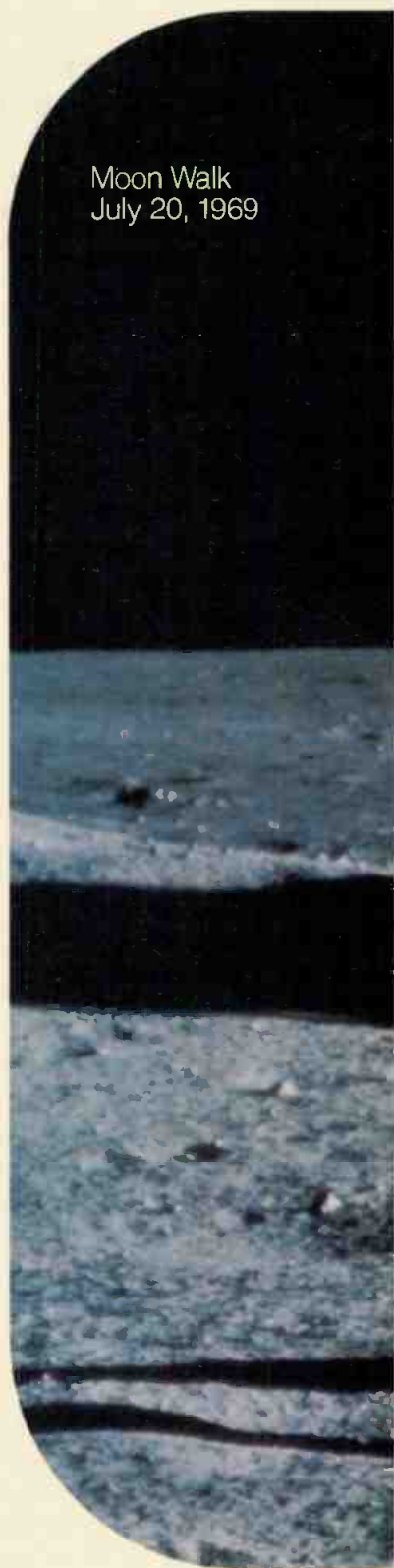
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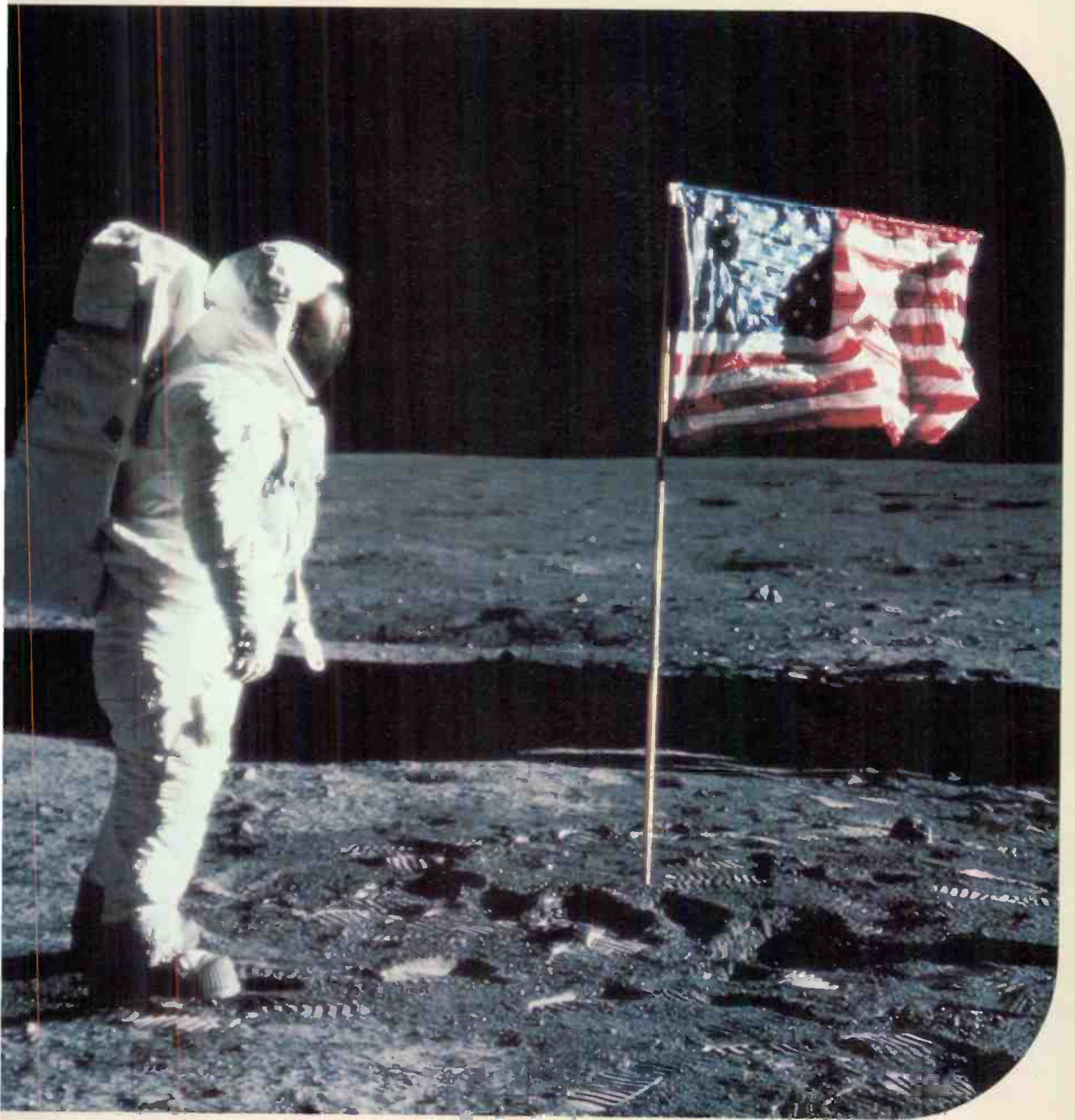
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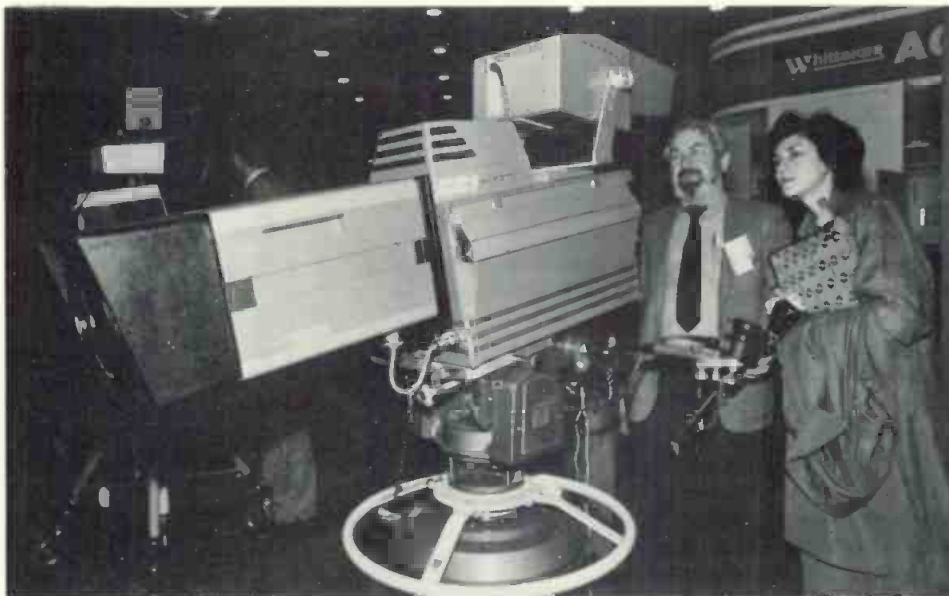




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CEI's Foton-1 features heavy use of microprocessors.

ures heavily in the design of new **CEI Foton-1** which is intended to provide video operators with some of the handling features found in cinema cameras. For one thing, the microprocessor provides continuous automatic registration utilizing picture detail itself rather than a diascope. In another important innovation, the nine-inch viewfinder gives the operator a unique zoom

frame indication plus a safe picture area. Adjustment procedures required on the camera are displayed in the viewfinder.

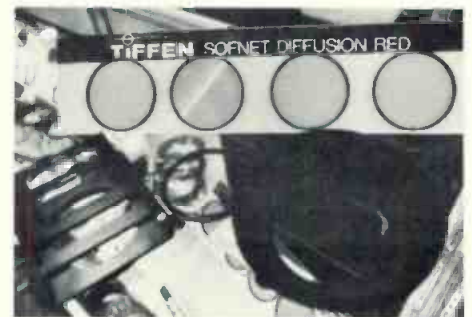
Ikegami's electronic cinematography camera, the **EC-35**, has recently been enhanced by **Cinema Products** with a range of accessories including a follow focus mechanism, a matte box, and the popular J-4 zoom control.

The **EC-35** was also featured by **Camera Mart**, its East Coast distributor.

For more information: Philips **LDK-6**, 427; RCA **TK-47B SCRUI**, 428; Bosch Fernseh **KCI-90**, 429; CEI **Foton-1**, 430.

Lenses

Most of the new lenses at the exhibit were for studio cameras. **Canon's** pride was a new 40:1 zoom for one-inch tubes called the **Olympian**. Not only will it bring in the long shot under low light, having an aperture of $f/1.7$, but it offers a wide angle of view—50.7 degrees. MOD is 2.5 meters. Designated



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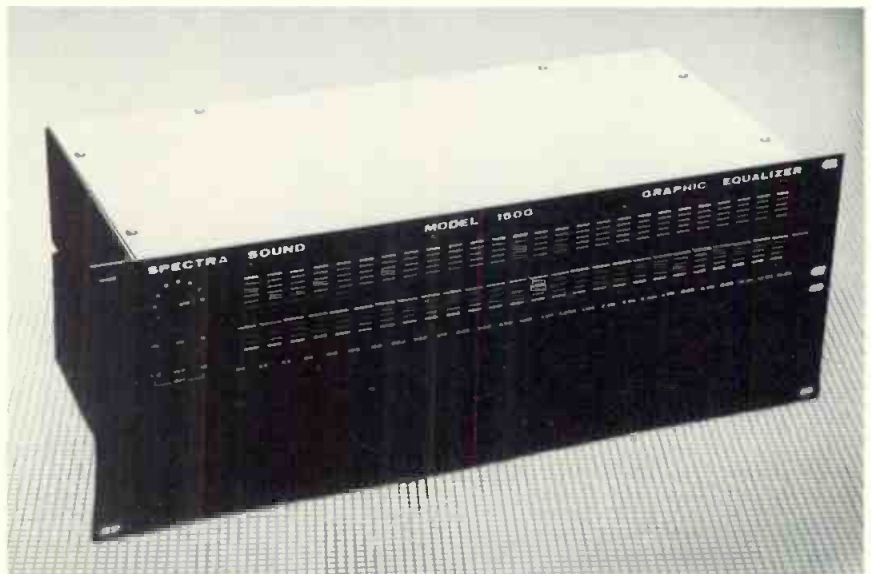
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the PV40X13.5 BIE, it comes with a 2X built-in extender. Canon also showed an economical ENG lens, the 15x9.5, priced at \$2100. For 2/3-inch tubes, Canon had a new 15x8.5.

Fujinon had four studio lenses—two for 1 1/4-inch tubes, the P28X15ESM and P17X16.5ESM, and two for one-inch tubes, the R28X11ESM and the R17X12ESM. These units offer a wide angle of nearly 60 degrees. In the ENG category, Fujinon had a new A14X9ERM compact unit weighing only 3.3 lbs. It also showed a handy pattern projector to hang on the end of a lens, replacing the need for a test chart.

TeleCine's lineup of new Schneider lenses include a studio type, a 15X diascope zoom for new automatic cameras, a 14X for 1/2-inch tubes, and a 14X for 2/3-inch tubes that combined wide angle with telephoto capability. The f/1.7 versatile lens can power zoom from 9 mm to 126 mm (double with a 2X extender); with the 6.3 mm—9 mm aspheric lens attachment, it can power zoom on super wide angle shots.

Angenieux's new lens was the production model of a 15x7 zoom for 1/2-inch tubes. A big attention-getter this year was an aspheric, super wide attachment that could be added to existing 2/3-inch lenses to dramatically widen shots 76 degrees—with little or no optical distortion.

Wide angle attachments were also shown by Film Video Equipment Service Corp. Wide Eye I extends the widest angle by a factor of 0.64 with little distortion. The Wide Eye II is more of a fish eye lens.

Tamron, which has been an OEM lens supplier for Sony, Hitachi, and others, came to the NAB to show its full line to broadcasters. In development are a fast lens for 1/2-inch tubes (a 6x10) and various 2/3-inch tube lens, a 14x10, 10x10, and 8x10.5.

Tiffen showed its full line of lens accessories. New this year were a soft contrast lens, a soft net diffusion attachment, and a double fog unit. Some new Spectra Tek filters for special effects were shown by Alan Gordon. As a means of reducing weight, fixed focal length Canon Telephoto lenses for ENG cameras were shown by Camera Mart and Alan Gordon. Secret for using the lightweight fixed lenses are adapters built by Optical & Textile Ltd. (UK).

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Telecines

Perhaps the most exciting new telecine at the show was Marconi's B3410 CCD model, seen in the Marconi/A.F. Associates booth. The B3410 boasts entirely digital signal processing throughout the system, something Marconi claims as a first. Variable speed for time compression will be available as an option; other features include a pan/scan system that retains full resolution, a scene-by-scene color corrector, and a capstan-based film transport. Now in production (with a two- to three-month wait for delivery), the B3410 has a price tag of \$225,000.

Bosch Fernseh's FDL-60 CCD telecine made it to this NAB in a new "U.S. Series," the FDL 60-B2. It also featured variable locked play speed in addition to pan/scan, black stretch, forward or reverse play at five play

speeds, film timing, and an interface for computer-assisted editors.

The new Varispeed feature of Rank Cintel's Mark III C flying spot telecine allows the user to run the machine at 64 different speeds between 16 and 30 frames per second—with no loss of picture stability or quality. With the flying spot scanner, this involves changing the scan rate of the raster for each change in speed, a complex technical achievement.

Two new telecine cameras featured advanced computer control. RCA's TK-290 uses the same technology and setup terminal as the TK-47 automatic studio camera, making the two systems completely compatible. An "Autocam" option allows setup to be accomplished with a single pushbutton on the setup terminal. Registration, shading, video levels, and color balance all are adjusted automatically with the microprocessor-controlled system.

Automatic setup is also possible with Ikegami's TKC-990 telecine camera,



Telecine developments. Rank Cintel's Mark III C (above), Marconi's B3410 (below), Bosch Fernseh's FDL-60 (below right).



which incorporates a built-in diascope with all necessary setup information. Setup is also maintained automatically. The camera's master control unit will control up to 20 cameras.

Other news in telecines was a prototype **Athena 4500** 16 mm film transport from **L-W International**. This replacement for the older Athena 4000 will be available in three to six months, a spokesperson said, at a price of around \$9900. Performance has been improved with a new dc servo drive system.

New from **Nytone Manufacturing** was the **TSC-3** random access flying spot scanner system for fading between slides, which operates with the company's RA-1 or RA-2 random access controls. The TSC-3 lists for \$11,858.

Laird Telemedia had its established line of optical multiplexers and slide projectors. Featured was the **5330 optical multiplexer**, designed specifically from broadcast use.

Magnasync/Moviola's Videola V-1000, available for about a year, had a new wide-screen capability this year. It was shown interfaced with a Control Video editing system, with Videolas providing the A and B roll inputs.

BEI brought its **709 auto light control** for film chains and also showed 16 mm Fumeo professional projectors.

Multi-Track Magnetics featured its high-speed **dc servo drive kits** for film motion mechanism upgrading, along with its Model 105/DCS "Junior Desk Master" recorder/reproducer and its Video Avex MST-100 hardlock synchronizer.

Complementing telecine developments, low-light color negative films were the big news. **Fuji Photo Film**, of course, proudly described its recent Oscar award for its **A-250** ultra high-speed film, already in wide use. **Kodak** also was promoting its new high-speed color negative film, **5293**, which has recently become available, along with a new long-life color print film.

Lipsner-Smith showed a new ultrasonic film cleaning machine, the **CF-100**, a low-priced model for small operations. In the same booth was its parent company, **RTI**, featuring its TV-120 film care system and introducing the **Cinescan** fast-talking previewer.

For a discussion of telecine color correctors, see the "Digital signal processing" section.

For more information: Marconi B3410 CCD, 442; Bosch Fernseh FDL60-B2, 443; Rank Cintel Varispeed, 444; RCA TK-290, 445; Ikegami TKC-990, 446; L-W International Athena 4500, 447; Nytone Manufacturing TSC-3, 448; Laird Telemedia 5330 optical multiplexer, 449; Kodak 5293, 450; Lipsner-Smith CF-100, 451; RTI Cinescan previewer, 452.

VTRs

With the maturing of the one-inch VTR market, both Ampex and Sony appeared to be aiming for the next level of one-inch penetration with their introductions of high-quality, low-cost Type C machines. Ampex's new model, the **VPR-80**, incorporates most features of the VPR-2, including Automatic Scan Tracking, a built-in editor with trim, microprocessor communications and high-level logic circuitry, and variable play. (Missing, however, are the VPR-2's video confidence heads and ability to be battery-powered.) The VPR-80 interfaces directly to the TBC-2B time base corrector for broadcastable slow motion and still frames, as well as to the ACE editing system. The compact unit, available in a rack-mountable or tabletop model, costs \$34,900.

Sony's new **BVH-2000** is approximately one-half the size and weight of the BVH-1100, but handles full two-hour tape reels. It offers high-speed dynamic tracking, a plug-in TBC, and versatile system interface. The keyboard controller is available in three versions, with the most sophisticated capable of extensive editing in time code or control track. The tape path is a full dc servo system controlled by a Z80 microprocessor, with retractable guides and audio heads for threading and cleaning ease. Another advanced feature is motion memory, which allows the machine to store 30 seconds of tape motion for replay. Deliveries of the machine, which starts at \$39,900 for the basic model without TBC, are scheduled to start this month; a spokesperson said the BVH-2000 was already



BVH-2000 one-inch VTR from Sony.

heavily in backorder.

High-end machines are still going strong, however, especially with the introduction of the **3M/NEC TT-8000**, an update of the TT-7000 (still in active production). New options for the TT-8000 include program time expansion and compression from 0.01 percent to 9.99 percent (developed in conjunction with Lexicon), an edit interconnect for multiple VTRs, edit trim, and color playback without a TBC. An NEC spokesperson pointed out that the TT-8000 meets the new FCC Part 15 EMA spec, which will be mandatory after October 1982. The machine is also capable of split edits and audio overdub from audio one to audio two. The TT-8000 will be available in October, priced at around \$79,000; a "plain Jane" version will sell for \$45,000.

Bosch Fernseh brought two new one-inch machines, the **BCN-100 multicassette recorder** and the portable **BCN-21**. The BCN-100 features random access to 32 cassettes and a choice of three tape decks. It will



Ampex's VPR-80 has most features of the VPR-2.



3M and NEC featured the TT-8000.

the **IVC-1**. Designed for post-production applications, it combines the excellent tape transport of the IVC-9000 deck with Cezar's tri-band recording technique. Three component signals are recorded separately, with Y bandwidth at 4.2 MHz, I bandwidth at 1.5 MHz, and Q at 600 kHz, providing full NTSC bandwidth on playback. Separate recording enables post-production color correction and processing after the initial signal recording. IVC-1 is scheduled for July delivery at \$29,500. An editor, IVC-1E, will follow in the fall and be priced at \$34,500.

Two new U-Matic recorders featured some sophisticated enhancements. **Sony's BVU-820 VCR**, seen before in prototype, appeared this year in a full-fledged production model. An updated version of the BVU-800, the 820 now offers Dynamic Tracking for full-quality playback from three times normal speed forward to play speed reverse, plus full video confidence.

Video confidence heads were the featured attraction on U.S. **JVC Corp.'s** new 3/4-inch VCR, the **CR-4700U**. The new unit is SMPTE time code capable (with a time code genera-

record, edit, and play its own cassettes or others recorded in the Bosch format. A variety of applications are possible, including continuous, unbroken on-air playback and recording with no operator intervention.

The **BCN-21** reel-to-reel portable weighs 20 lbs and is half the size of Bosch's **BCN-20** portable. It accommodates reels of up to 60 minutes and features auto editing for in/out decisions, search mode for record/playback start, and an audio system with limiter and input mixing. The unit will be available for delivery early next year, the company says.

The A.F. Associates booth featured **Marconi's** latest MR2 Type C update, the **MR2B**. The new version features full electrical control of the capstan motor and auto stop in shuttle in both directions. In most other respects, it is identical to the **Ampex VPR-2**. Complete with all options (including a TBC and AST), the recorder runs \$80,000.

Hitachi's HR-200, seen at previous NAB shows, came this year in a new console configuration designated the 210. The new housing includes space for monitors and front-panel controls. The **HR-210**, with housing, slow mo, and TBC, sells for about \$65,000. Hitachi was also featuring its **HR-300** Type C machine with full three-hour recording capacity, for \$80,000.

RCA continued to showcase its **TR-800**, introduced last year. The VTR is fully microprocessor-controlled and accommodates two-hour tape reels. The company stressed the TR-800's applications as an editing recorder.

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tor attached) and features microprocessor-based solenoid controls and video S/N of greater than 46 dB. Also from JVC was the **BR-6200U** professional VHS recorder, with record and playback capability of up to six hours, two audio tracks with Dolby noise reduction, and microprocessor-based controls.

Another professional VHS system was offered by **Panasonic**, whose **NV-8950** provides noiseless variable playback in both forward and reverse as well as a noiseless still picture, according to the company. This is achieved with four video heads.

Teac Video once again brought its **AVTR U-Matic** recorders, designed specifically for airborne applications. These units operate on standard aircraft or helicopter power and are protected from RF or telemetry interference.

TechTran International showed its **PVU-1000** portable video unit, a 1/4-inch NTSC recorder in a briefcase. Complete with a tiny built-in monitor, the system is intended primarily as a demonstration tool for business.

Merlin Engineering Works returned to the NAB with its **ME-258** ultra-wideband one-inch VTR, based on the Bosch BCN-50. The modified recorder achieves a bandwidth of 10 MHz at 48 dB S/N and can record HDTV signals. The company's **ME 238** extended-play conversion kit gives two-hour, 40-minute play time on Type C VTRs.

Delcom introduced a modification to the **Sony VO-5850D U-Matic VCR** that added several functions, such as a playback audio mixer, a dual audio tone generator, an audio countdown generator, black burst generator, and pulse cross output.

Video head refurbishing services continued to be demonstrated by such companies as **Spin Physics**, **Saki Magnetics**, **Videomagnetics**, and **Computer Magnetics Corp.** Videomagnetics has a new hardback support for quad ferrite tips; Saki's latest offering is audio posts for quad and one-inch VTRs.

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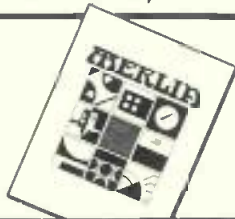
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Videotape

Maxell showed the only new one-inch videotape at the show—so new that no specifications were available. The tape

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RTI's cleaner/evaluators.

will be sold in 30-, 60-, and 90-minute lengths beginning in August, a spokesperson said. Agfa-Gevaert had new 3/4-inch U-Matic cassettes in a variety of lengths; the company also said it planned to have new Beta and VHS cassettes by this month.

Fuji featured the H520 U-Matic cassette with its Beridox formulation. Also new was the T-160 eight-hour VHS cassette; the line of Super High Grade videocassettes made its first NAB appearance.

Panasonic had a new high-grade, high-density VHS cassette, for which the company claimed increased video S/N over conventional VHS tapes. TDK also had a new VHS tape with its Super Avilyn formulation. Another major videotape manufacturer at the show was 3M, with its Scotch line.

To help erase all that tape, Bell & Howell introduced a new automatic bulk eraser, the Datatape TD 500, which erases all commonly used audio and video tapes. Garner brought its videotape degausser, now in a new model designated 1100A with increased erasing capacity.

Recortec unveiled a new one-inch videotape evaluator, the VTE-101, that accommodates reels up to 10 1/2 inches and prints out the location of all defects. Elcon, too, had a new one-inch cleaner/evaluator, the 254, shown in prototype with deliveries expected for the end of this year.

RTI introduced three new evaluator/cleaners for 3/4-inch, Beta, and VHS videocassettes. All feature optional erase capability. Quanta Corp. showed the DOM 4 evaluator, which has been marketed by Studio Film & Tape. Quanta is now directly marketing versions of the tape evaluator for 1/2- and 3/4-inch cassettes.

Audico, Inc., demonstrated its videotape loading systems. The company's Model 751 now is capable of transferring tape from one videocassette directly to another, the company's answer to the bulk tape shortage.

Bell & Howell Datatape TD 500, 474; Garner 1100A, 475; Recortex VTE-101, 476; Elcon 254, 477; RTI evaluator/cleaners, 478; Quanta tape evaluator, 479; Audico tape loader, 480.

Slow motion recorders

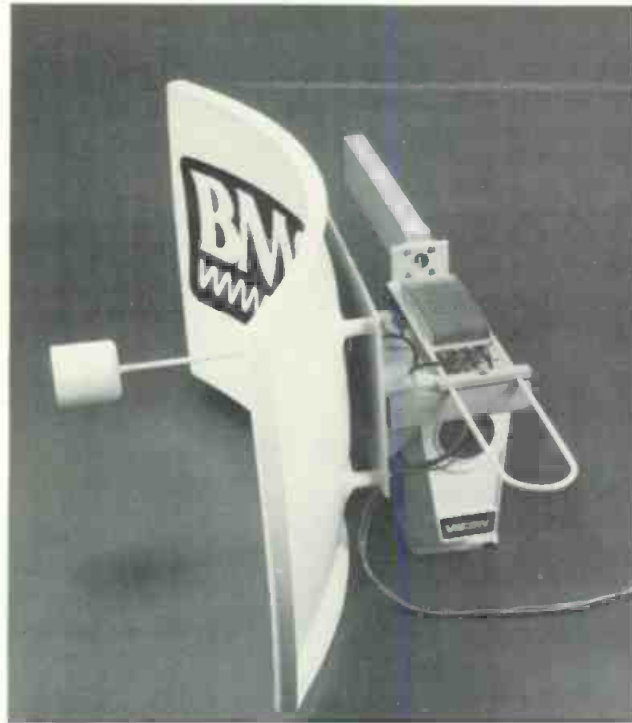
A couple of new entries highlighted the slow motion recorder area this year. Echo Science introduced the Frame Bank, an updated version of the EFS-1A Discassette recorder. The new model features a streamlined design for

fewer mechanical problems, greater reliability, and ease of service. In other respects, the Frame Bank is similar to its predecessor, with recording of full video frames, direct NTSC recording, broadcast playback through a TBC, and nonbroadcast playback with a built-in processing board. The system is deliverable in 60 days and costs \$22,500. Echo continued to stress its Image Maker, introduced last year, which stores stills on a Discassette and manipulates them for special effects.

Eigen Video returned with its magnetic disc recorder, seen at earlier

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shows, and several new products. The new offerings included a mono 10 MHz disc recorder, a disc frame recorder that records one frame per revolution (up to 250 still images on a single disc), and the DSR 4 digital frame-store, which has three record modes and records information as separate and distinct fields or as frames. Options for the DSR 4 include noise reduction.

Colorado Video was back describing its slow-scan video transmission system, used by North American Newstime (started by UPI and Colorado Video as United Press Newstime) for a 24-hour news and feature service that reaches 900,000 homes, according to the company.

As in past years, all the one-inch VTR manufacturers had slow motion controllers for their machines. One new entry was Sony's DTR-2000 dynamic motion controller for the BVH-2000 and BVU-820 recorders. The DTR-2000 varies playback speed from -1 to +3 times normal play and features a stunt learn mode that remembers 30 seconds of tape motion with a single command.

RCA demonstrated the Multi-Rate Video Controller (MRVC) accessory for the TR-800, a desktop unit that adds "instant replay" capability without the



Disc recorder from Eigen Video.

need for a separate slow mo machine. Other companies showing slow motion controllers included Ampex and Hitachi.

Visitors to previous NAB shows had already seen the animation systems on view this year. Lyon Lamb had a new accessory to its VAS IV broadcast animation system, however—the GMC series four-axis or eight-axis computer motion control system for an animation stand, moving it north-south and east-west, rotating it 360 degrees, and moving the vertical column up and down, all either frame-by-frame or in real time.

Animation Video was back with its AniVid System, introduced last year. AniVid consists of a microprocessor-based VTR controller that interfaces to an unmodified, customer-supplied VTR.

(For a discussion of digital still stores, see the section on "Digital effects.")

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Digital art and graphics

As has become customary at NABs for the past several years, digital art and graphics systems continued to draw big crowds (though not perhaps all of them buyers). Also as customary, MCI/Quantel again introduced what will become the cutting edge of this technology, repeating past performances with the DPE-5000+ and the Digital Paint Box.

This year's entry, demonstrated as a pre-production prototype in a hospitality suite, was Mirage, Quantel's answer to the popular Ampex Digital Opticals (ADO) system which introduced the industry to three-dimensional effects last year. But Mirage goes it at least one step better. Working with graphics primitives such as cubes, cylinders,

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The digital art/paint systems which began to become popular two years ago were in evidence everywhere throughout the show, though the Ampex AVA, grandfather of these systems, is no longer being actively marketed.

A contender to replace it is the Quantel "Paint Box," now in its final product form with deliveries scheduled to start this summer priced at under \$150,000. Several improvements have been made in the system since it was shown in prototype last year. Features such as "cut and paste," a full-function character generator, pseudo animation



The Aurora/100 Videographics system boasted new features.

program, and so forth are now integrated with the diverse painting and drawing style modes of the original system. The unique pressure-sensitive stylus is still a strong selling point.

Another high-powered system is Images from the Computer Graphics Lab of N.Y.I.T. In addition to all the customary painting and graphics

modes, the Z-buffer framestore permits painting with three-dimensional brushes and the Lab may soon introduce three-dimensional modeling programs to the basic software. Animation effects are achieved with one of the most well-developed color map cycling programs available.

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to the **Aurora/100 Videographics** system, making it even more suitable for station applications (it already has the ability to handle four user stations with no additional modifications). New features include a weather package for formatting National Weather Service maps and a new animation capability to supplement the extensive pseudo animation programs already present. Using a Lyon Lamb controller whose modes are present as menu choices on the Aurora workstation menu, the artist draws a frame and then records it on tape; the playback sequence at 30 fps is true video animation. Aurora also had an electrifying halo ripple effect and more color availabilities.

A somewhat similar approach was taken by **Animation Video** whose AniVid controller was demonstrated in a hospitality suite interfaced with a new digital art system from **On-Line Computer**. The graphics system, originally developed for business graphics, uses a 512 x 512 pixel framebuffer configured in layers—either four full-color or eight two-color pages (with up to eight colors displayable on the full-color displays). Each layer is created separately, then woven together with other layers or left separate so that individual, multi-plane pseudo animation effects can be created. For true animation, individual drawings are recorded on a VTR through the AniVid controller.

Another spillover from the computer graphics arena, **Via Video** showed an updated version of its system, introduced at SMPTE, in a hospitality suite. **System One** takes the same multiplane approach, allowing animation effects on four separate pages (in cycles up to 128 frames per page). A full painting and drawing program is available, the whole system costing as little as \$35,000. Also available is a high resolution option, priced at \$7000, raising the pixel structure to 756 x 484 with 16 colors displayable per page out of a total menu of 4000.

Systems like those from Via and On-

Line, originally developed for other applications, require an NTSC encoder—devices becoming quite plentiful. Lenco showed several models as did Via and Corporate Communications. The handy **VB-3 micro-keyer** from **Video Associates Labs**, at \$2400, even allows an Apple II graphics program to be integrated with NTSC video. The plug-in card for the Apple includes sync generator and proc amp as well as many keying options both full and part screen.

A major product trend in computer graphics is for character generator manufacturers to offer painting programs as part of the software for font composition, especially since the relatively inexpensive addition of the required framestore yields dramatic image results. **Thomson-CSF** led the way last year with the **Vidifont Graphics V**, which was again highlighted with several new software features. **Dubner**, too, has increased the capabilities of its **Color Background Generator (CBG)** system; either a keyboard or the familiar magnetically encoded drawing tablet is used to access multiple memory planes which can also be woven together to form graphics images.

New in this arena is **Chyron**, which has expanded its **camera font compose** program to now incorporate freehand **drawing and painting** through a magnetic stylus. 512 color choices are available, with up to 16 displayable per image. Brush sizes include six sizes of rectangular brush. Other features include an area filling program, magnification for detail correction to six times, and a multi-plane memory (up to four pages), though the software for the latter is not quite developed yet.

Bosch Fernseh also introduced a new graphics module for use with two-channel versions of its **Compositor I** character generator. The digitizer tablet-based module offers a choice of 256 colors and has a 640 x 480 pixel resolution. Parts of the system will be familiar to those with the **Compositor** font compose program.

Virtually every manufacturer with a digitizing tablet-based font compose system is now offering painting programs, including **Quanta Corp.** (the erstwhile System Concepts) which introduced its new **Q-8** character generator with font compose at the show. The painting system is still under development but promises extremely high resolution.

3M's approach with the **D-8800** is to use its font compose tablet in connection with a supplemental mainframe computer in order to achieve complex background graphics.

Systems for weather forecasting and display are also proving a fertile breeding ground for digital art systems—either linked with National Weather Service and satellite maps or else as standalone units. The **McInnis-Skinner Weathergraphics** package is proving popular in this area, permitting freehand drawing in conjunction with weather maps and also for background art. **Spectra Computer**, an outgrowth of the Weathercaster system, offers the **S-1010 Fine Arts Computer**, a standalone system which can be completely separated from its weather map origins. **Weathermation**, another company in the field, seems undecided about whether to offer its high-resolution color radar map display unit, which incorporates weather symbols and graphics, as a standalone unit. Making strides is **Colorgraphics**, whose 760 x 484 pixel resolution system has four memory planes and offers a choice of 4096 colors. In addition to graphics primitives, memory capacity includes 100 pages in internal RAM. System price is just under \$40,000.

Arvin Diamond showed its new **Sat-Weather 3** system that provides direct conversion of weather data, including satellite-produced infrared photographs, into colorized video. **Sat-Weather** generates an outline map of the country or state and also colorizes the image in "natural" shades of white, brown, green, and so forth corresponding to geological features.

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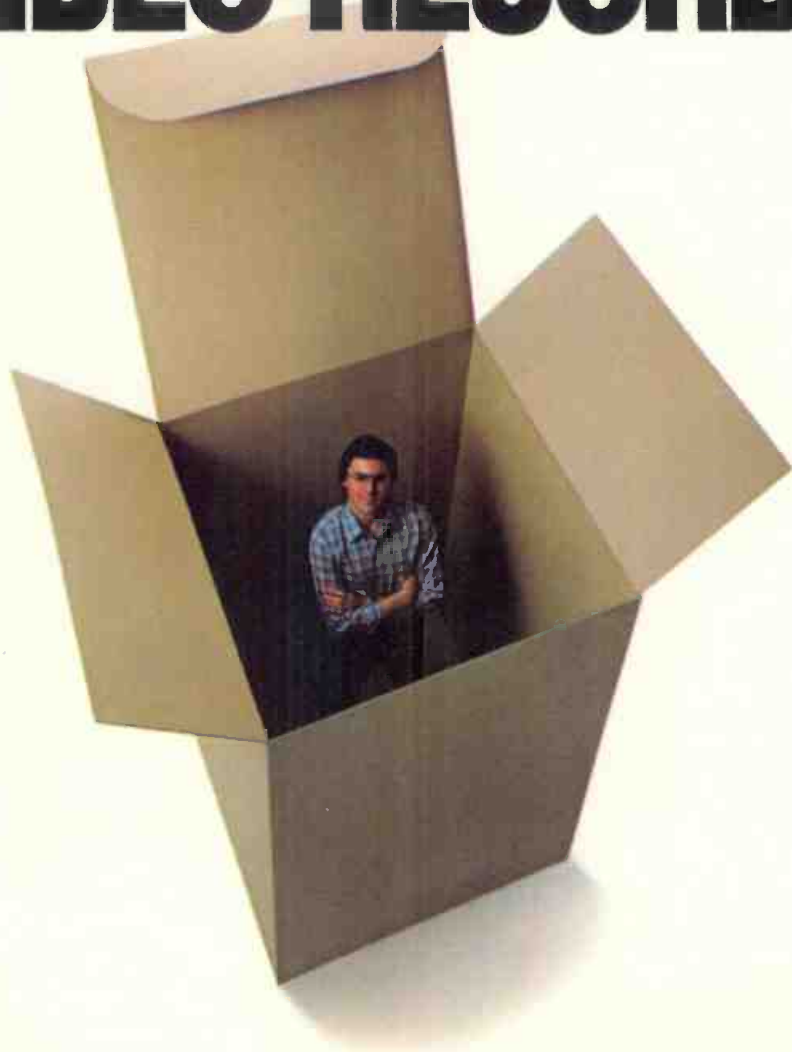
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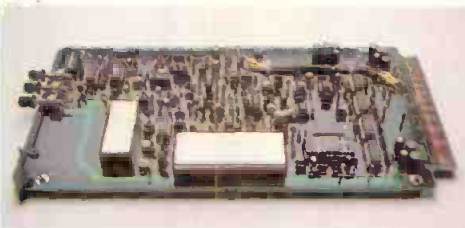
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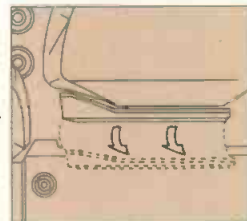
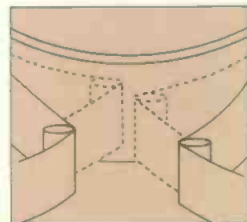
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graphics systems line was **Interand** which brought a low-cost, monochrome "Chalk Board" version of its **Telestrator**. The artist or commentator draws directly on the video screen using an interactive stylus that can be brush, rubber stamper, symbol mover, and so forth. On both the new system and an updated version of the full Telestrator program, controls have been incorporated into a display on the design station that eliminates knobs and dials.

The extremely low-cost **Video Free-**

Hand Writer was shown by **For-A**, also permitting limited-function drawing directly on the screen.

Grove Video introduced a brand new **digital graphics system** designed to allow limited-contrast digitizing of camera or tape inputs and then animation in 40-frame loops. Other software permits scaling, positioning, and dissolving the various digitized images.

Finally, though not a digital product, the **Frank Woolley real time animation system** should be mentioned. By using cutout pieces of polarized light-

sensitive material (similar to the blinking eye effect of prizes in Cracker-Jack boxes), the station artist can create amazingly diverse graphics that appear to move.

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Character generators

Many of the advances seen in character generators at NAB were software modifications in font compose programs leading to extended graphics capability. This was true of all the larger, well-established systems such as the Thomson-CSF Vidifont, Bosch Fernseh Compositor, Chyron IV, and 3M D-8800.

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There were, however, some new hardware developments in intermediate and low-priced systems. One of the most significant appearances was the **Quanta Q-8**, originally promised last year. The software-based, font-loadable system features 28 nanosecond resolution and holds 12 resident fonts (three faces in four sizes each). Incremental instant italicizing, eight colors available word by word, background color line by line, and bold and fine edging are additional features in the \$28,000 package. A second channel brings the system to \$39,000.

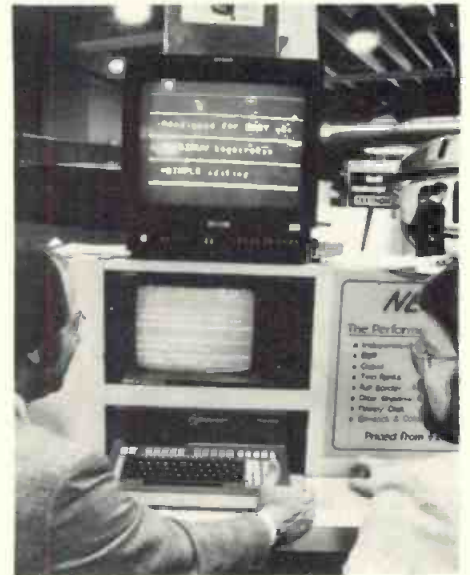
At \$2995 **Quanta** also featured its

Microgen system with two character sizes, roll and crawl, 16-page internal memory, and automatic lower third formatting. An additional \$550 adds a nine-color character or background colorizer. Another \$1395 adds a full function second channel.

New from **Laird Telemedia** was the **Model 7200 "Communicator"**, priced at \$29,000 including dual floppy disk memory, background and character colorizing, drop shadow, and character edging. The unit holds four fonts at once; 14 fonts are currently available with a full library of 20-30 promised by July.

In the same general price area is **BEI's Marquee 2000**, a software-based character generator with advanced options such as multiple keyboards, a font compose unit, and full second channel for effects or preview. Character resolution is quoted at 31.25 nanoseconds.

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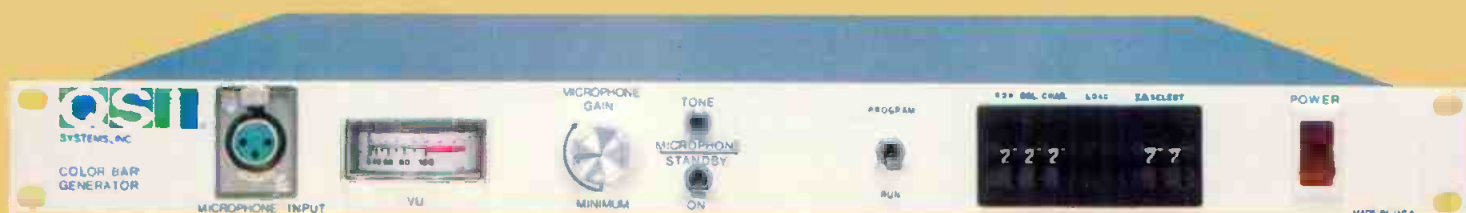
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Also at the Shintron booth, Norwegian company **Tora Seem** unveiled its **Digitext 8000** subtiting system for American broadcasters. Cuing of multifont captions is by time code addressing.

In the \$3000 range is the new **Performer 1000B** from **Video Data Systems**. Featured are fully independent edit display, variable length and speed rolls and crawls, two resident fonts, and choice of two background colors. An add-on floppy disk memory option raises the price to \$4995.

For-A is now offering a complete line of Video Typewriters, including the **VTW-600** with automatic centering, word editing capabilities, and full editing and bordering. Options include font compose and floppy disk memory.

Knox demonstrated the **Color Box** character and background generator shown in prototype two years ago and now promised for summer delivery. Interfaced with the **K-128** character generator, it provides background color selection a page at a time in addition to top, center, bottom, and right margin drop shadow character edging. The **K-128** also features a two-station remote control system and optional floppy disks to store 400 pages each.

Comprehensive Video's new **Video Scribe**, priced at \$795, is probably the lowest cost system on the market. Capabilities include two character sizes and eight character colors.

Not to be forgotten in a discussion of character generator developments is the continuing effort being made to develop teletext standards for the U.S. now that the FCC has declined to act. Interest was intense at both the **Antiope** booth, where both the standard and high-resolution systems were shown,

and at a special exhibit of **British teletext** equipment. To test the market, **BEI** showed its **Model TCG** teletext character generator, designed to compose, edit, and display pages of teletext. The unit does double service as a studio character generator, and has multiple remote control functions with both serial and parallel data interfaces.

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Production switchers

All types of production equipment are benefitting from advances in micro-processors, so that even relatively low-cost production switchers can now incorporate digital control and memory.

One of the companies leading the field in new switcher developments is **Central Dynamics Corp.** which has gathered the broad range of CDL and ADC switchers under a single umbrella and has started adding the results of some active R&D. Shown for the first time was a new, compact and economical version of the **CD-480** switcher, **Model 6S**. The switcher incorporates a powerful SFX mix/effects amplifier and a Program Processor Module to permit changing foreground and title key independently or simultaneously. Options include the CAP automation programmer, chroma keyers, single-bus quad split, and digital effects/editing system interfaces.

New from **American Data** was the **3101-20** 20-input switcher, making this series of compact switchers very broad.



Central Dynamics' CD-480 Model 4.

It features master fade-to-black and an M/E amplifier that can perform tasks requiring two conventional M/E systems.

Other new products from **CDC** included a new **downstream keyer** from **ADC**, a new **3104A "A"** version of the 3104 series from **ADC** (software-based so it can be field expanded with plug-in modules), and a fully operational **CD-480-4** switcher with **CAP** interface and interconnect with an editing system.

Production switcher giant **Grass Valley** had several new products on hand, including the two M/E version of its **300 Series** switcher, designed primarily for small broadcasters and post-production applications. Common to all switchers in the line is a new "master" **E-MEM** system capable of controlling all E M/Es with a single automation controller, and dissolve and other transitions from one **E-MEM** memory to another.

Grass Valley also showed a new version of its popular **1600 Series**, the **1680**. While maintaining the exact



Vital's Saturn Series switcher has four M/Es.

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same control panel layout as the popular 1600 models, the new version of the switcher incorporates a second title keyer in the basic M/E system in addition to bordered wipes and non-additive mixing. The switcher is available with one, two, or three M/Es with up to 24 inputs and optional E-MEM and digital effects processor interconnects.

Vital Industries continued to attract attention with its huge digitally controlled four M/E switcher in the Saturn series. Almost as popular, however, was the **250 P/N**, an extremely compact digital switcher with many levels of effects capable within a single ELX (Endless Effects) M/E. Event memory for 99 complete crosspoint setups is internal while an optional CRT can display the entire crosspoint setup. Vital's Production Switcher Automation System (PSAS) was also on view on the larger switcher lines.

Ampex appears to have struck gold with its new **AVC Series** of microprocessor-controlled switchers, selling a large number of them in conjunction with the ADO effects system. The switchers feature total elimination of control knobs in favor of digital touchpads and up/down slides. Ampex also continues to market the 4100 Series of more conventional switchers.

Ross Video showed its brand new **Scene Store** effects memory system which allows storage of up to 200 switcher setups which can be recalled randomly or in sequences of up to 32 events each. The contents of the memory can also be dumped onto a micro cassette.

Crosspoint Latch is also active in this kind of switcher automation, and demonstrated it on a new **Model 6179** switcher. The three M/E system (each M/E with two chroma keyers, three colorizers, and 32-256 wipe patterns) features a speech synthesizer that tells the operator if an error has been made (such as selection of a keypad-entered wipe number that is non-existent). The microprocessor-based system can be interconnected with coaxial cable.

Crosspoint also showed a new **three M/E** switcher designed for interface with editing systems. The compact unit, priced at only \$11,600, can handle five video signals and downstream keying at the same time for highly complex effects.

Brand new to the area of production switchers, **JVC** unveiled its **KM-2000U** eight-input, single M/E switcher. Features include integral color background generator and RGB chroma keyer, 13 wipe patterns, and joy-



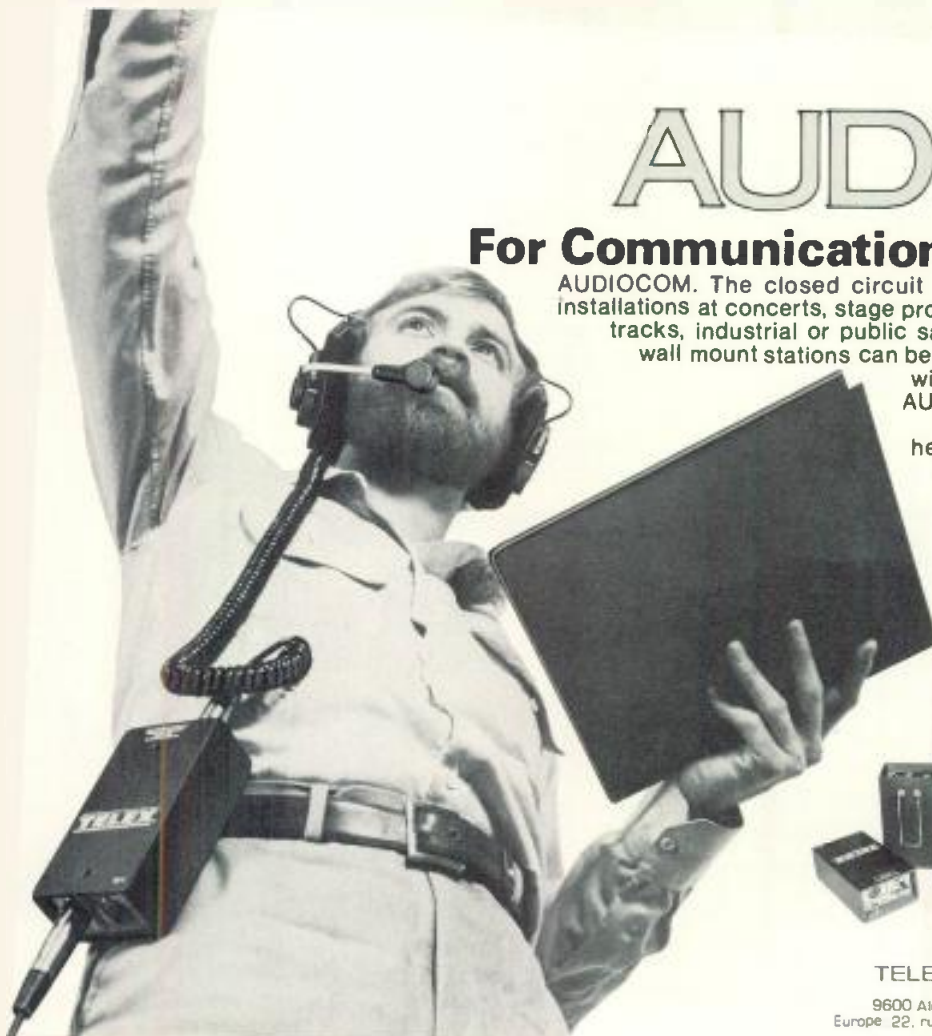
Ross's Scene Store.

stick effects positioning.

Echolab advanced its microprocessor-controlled **SE/3** switcher which incorporates three M/Es. Internal memory storage is provided for 5000 individual settings which can be grouped into either single-scene presets requiring some 200 memory registers or transition effects requiring some 500.

Brand new from **Asaca** was a four-camera version of its popular **ASW** portable switcher/CCU. A color background generator, two M/E banks, and several other new features are incorporated within the **ASW-200**, priced at \$70,000 including four CCUs and a four monitor display.

ISI, too, unveiled a new microprocessor-controlled switcher, **Model**



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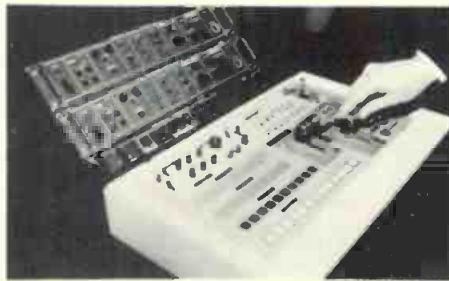
Crosspoint Latch's 6179 switcher.

904. The 10-input, 2 M/E unit has an extensive wipe pattern generator that allows creation and storage of hundreds of patterns from seven basic shapes plus rotation. Features include integral downstream keyer with edging, master fade-to-black, chroma keyer, pointer generator, and audio-to-follow-video editing interface.

The **Beaveronics Model 154**, single M/E switcher priced at \$12,990 for the basic system, was aimed at mobile vans and small studios. Each mix/effects/key unit incorporates 32 positionable effects as well as full keying functions. **Shintron**, too, showed its line of **Super-switchers**.

There were also several new standalone keyers. **For-A** unveiled for the first time its **TKY-4500** title keyer with independent RGB selection of title, edge, and background colors with softness control. The ADC downstream keyer has already been mentioned. **Image Video** introduced **Model 8105** border generator, designed either to interface with its master control switchers or to function as a standalone unit. A major feature is the elimination of dithering when camera-generated graphics are fed to the switcher.

One of the most exciting new products on display was the simplified version of the **Ultimate**, **Newsmatte**, which was shown by both its manufacturer—**Vlahos-Gottschalk Research**—as well as **Central Dynamics**. The non-additive mixer, which has become a standard tool where extremely precise chromakey effects are required, has always been considered too complex for day-to-day broadcast operations until now. Interfaced with a production switcher, however, **Newsmatte** can be controlled with only two adjustments, one to set the level of the insert image and the other the level of the matte itself to eliminate fringing and switching noise associated with chromakeys.



KM-2000U switcher from JVC.

A new special effects system developed by **ADC** was shown in prototype form—**ChromaTrack**. Tape footage of an exterior location is shot twice as wide as normal, then integrated with studio material through a chroma keyer. The device pans the background image as the camera pans with the performer, accomplished with a reference stripe of lighter blue background on the chromakey set. The effect allows the background to move with the action.

For more information: Central Dynamics Corp. *CD-480 Model 6S*, 524; American Data *3101-20*, 525; ADC *downstream keyer*, 526; ADC *3104A*, 527; Grass Valley *300-2*, 528; Grass Valley *1680*, 529; Vital *250P/N*, 530; Ampex *AVC Series*, 531; Ross Video *Scene Store*, 532; Crosspoint Latch *Model 6179*, 533; Crosspoint Latch *post-production switcher*, 534; JVC *KM-2000U*, 535; Echolab *SE/3*, 536; Asaca *ASW-200*, 537; ISI *Model 904*, 538; Beaveronics *Model 154 switcher*, 539; For-A *TKY-4500 title keyer*, 540; Image Video *Model 8105*, 541; Central Dynamics/Vlahos-Gottschalk *Newsmatte*, 542; ADC *ChromaTrack*, 543.

Digital effects, still stores

In the world of digital effects to accompany production switchers, several new products were on view. The most significant is probably **NEC's** brand new **E-Flex** system which will complement the popular **DME**. The system offers expanded capabilities such as curved-line transitions between two pre-set patterns, dual channel capacity, 16, nine, or four images in multifreeze

operation, mosaic effects, and an integral effects border program. Part of the design philosophy is ease of operation and low cost (\$63,000 basic) so the system can be rapidly integrated into a medium-sized production facility or station. Accompanying the processor is an optional \$4500 bubble memory unit that stores 512 customer-created digital effects patterns in a miniature cassette half the size of a pack of cigarettes.

Another new digital effects system was unveiled by **Toshiba**, dubbed **Digital Picture Effect (DPE-II)**. The full-function unit, incorporating basic effects patterns such as compression, expansion, mosaic, mirroring, matte following, and so forth, uses Y,I,Q encoding in the effects processing, but also incorporates a composite synchronizer.

Advances were also made in the **Vital SqueeZoom** system. Now, in addition to the extensive repertory of preprogrammed effects, operator-created effects patterns can be easily assembled and then stored for later recall. Three modes—crop, tumble, and compress/position—are controlled through the fader bar.

MCI/Quantel has added a new dimension to digital effects with **Dimension**, a software package that works in conjunction with the rotation effects option for the **DPE-5000+**. In addition to adding picture perspective it provides for H and V picture splits, multifreeze, trailing freeze, and **TeleTrack**, the BBC-developed equivalent of **NEC's** **ActionTrack/Digital Strobe Action**.

The **Ampex ADO** three-dimensional effects processor has been mentioned. The product appears to be catching on, with increasing sales reported. **ADO** was demonstrated with 13.5 MHz sampling rate, perhaps the first product to reach the market that employs the new **SMPTE/EBU** digital sampling standard. A four-channel version of the system appears in the offing, though not demonstrated at **NAB**.



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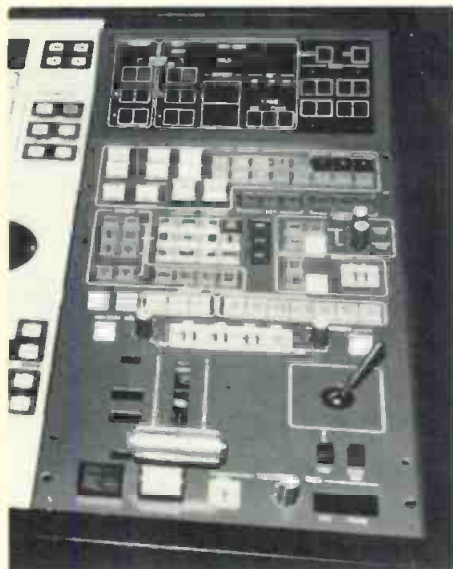
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In addition to the digital effects system described above, digital still stores continue their evolution. **Harris Video System** proudly rolled out a new version of its still store, **Iris II**, capable of providing up to six simultaneous users with on-line access to 15,899 stills. An optional library program provides off-line sorting, storage, and retrieval of 90,000 stills. The computer disk packs can be subdivided into 10 separate sec-



Iris II from Harris Corp.



Toshiba's DPE-II effects unit.

compressor/positioner can be integrated with the system to provide additional on-air production capability and supplement the internal frame compression and display programs built into the system. VIP is also being marketed as a standalone, economically priced digital effects system for use with both still and live images; digital time base correction is an option.

For more information: NEC *E-Flex* system, 544; Toshiba *Digital Picture Effect (DPE-II)*, 545; Vital *SqueeZoom*, 546; MCI/Quantel *Dimension*, 547; Ampex *ADO*, 548; Harris Video System *Iris II*, 549; Quantel *DLS-6030*, 550; ADDA *ESP*, 551; ADDA *VIP*, 552.

tions, allowing each user to create and maintain his own individual file.

Quantel's **DLS-6030** was also on display, now providing an equivalent library search function through keyboard-entered identifying captions. Stills can be organized into stacks for review, with full-frame preview. The contents of the disks can be dumped, in digital form, onto standard videotape for archival storage or transportation to another location.

ADDA, too, showed its **ESP** still store, again offering massive disk storage of stills and library control to help manage the files. ADDA's **VIP** digital

Master control, automation

There were few entirely new entries in the master control field at this year's NAB. One exception was **Vital Industries' SAM (Station Automation Manager)** system, which marks a new approach to station automation. This computer-controller system automates all equipment relating to on-air operations and interfaces with any business automation system. Based on a DEC **PDP-11/23** computer system, **SAM**

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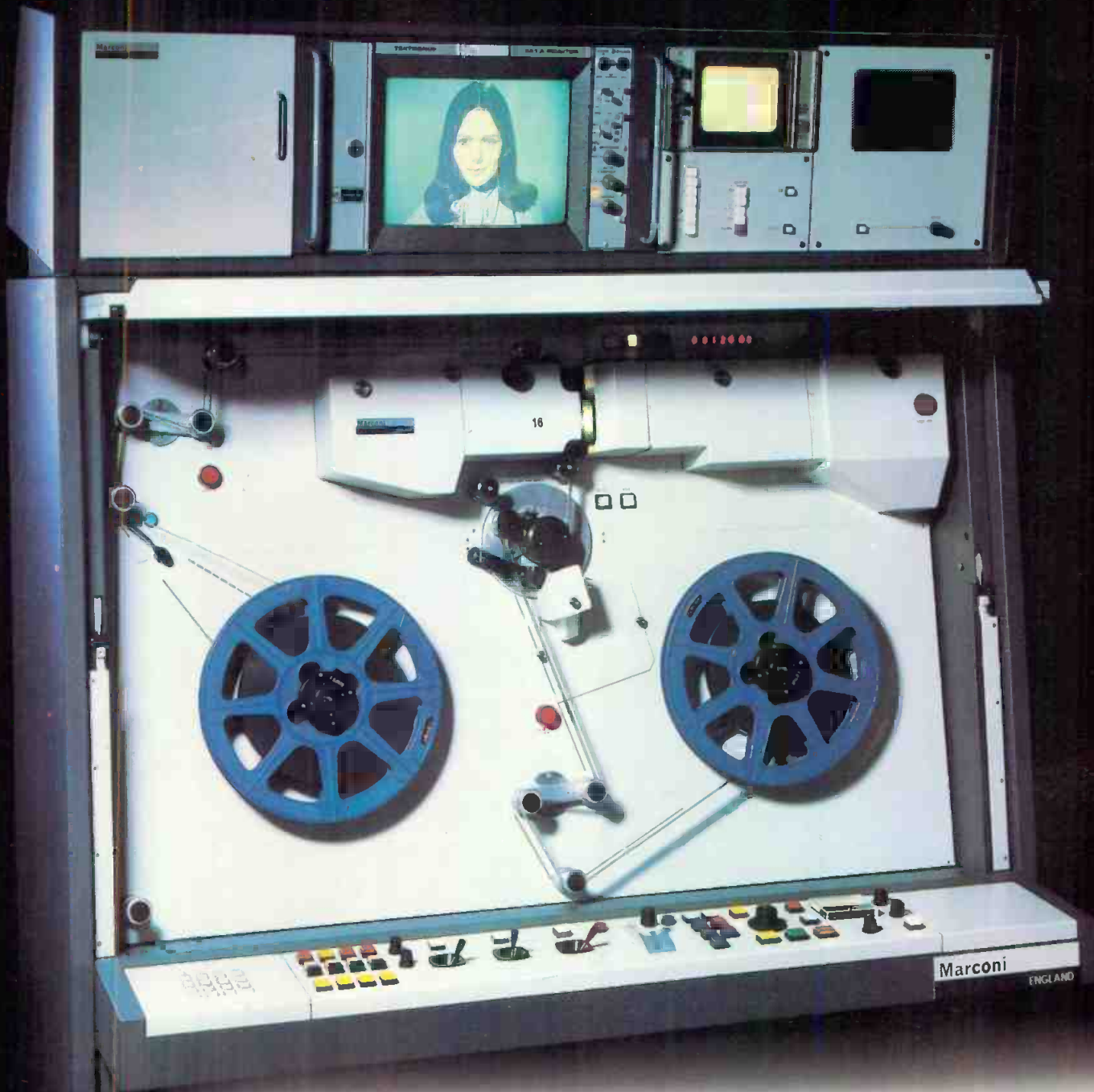
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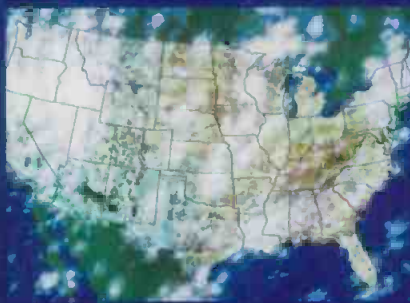
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Utah Scientific premiered its **PLMC-1** party line machine control system, which can function by itself or integrated with the **AVS-1** routing switcher. This flexible system can be customized to fit individual needs and operates with serial data transmitted over coax party lines, eliminating the need for a separate machine control switching matrix. "Hot standby" control and memory backup are available.

Several companies showed previously exhibited machine control systems. **Dynamic Technology Ltd.** brought its **VIMACS** microcomputer system, which controls machine sources via the vertical interval of the video signal. The company also featured its **SAMS** and **WISE** vertical interval source and message senders.

Dynair's System 23 controls as many as 64 functions of up to 1000 machines—from as many locations, if required. The expandable system comes standard with an automation interface.

3M's 6500 machine control system, also seen before, is built around a compact machine control panel with touch-pad selection. Its video terminal is capable of salvo command, which allows simultaneous control of several machines.

Grass Valley Group once again brought its modular **M200** system,

which features a building-block approach that allows a wide range of machine control options. Expansion of the system is by means of plug-in cards.

Featured at the **ISI** booth was the **TAS** computer controller from **Command Concepts, Inc.** This system offers unlimited event storage with 4000 on-line events, plus interface to any switcher and to business automation systems.

Another new system was **Relecon**, from **Applied Digital Technology**. **Relecon** controls level and switch settings for most standard video processing and display equipment and stores hundreds of scene changes. Updates are keyed to SMPTE time code.

At the **N-Z Video** booth, the featured item was the **SOL-6800** automated broadcasting system from **Solutec**, a Canadian company. The system has been available for about three years, but this was its first NAB appearance. It features microprocessor control of up to eight VTRs. Internal memory can handle 99 events; floppy disks can expand this capacity greatly. Any 3/4-inch, one-inch, or quad VTR with remote control can be used with the system.

Compact Video Technology introduced the all-new **CTS-800** computer-assisted **U-Matic** playback system, which operates in sequential or auto-random modes and prints out a hard-copy log. Each basic switcher controls six machines and offers manual start or automatic start from a broadcast computer or satellite cue tones. The company says the system totally automates news and commercial insertion at television stations.

Bosch Fernseh brought its established **TCS-1** machine control system, which controls up to 100 VTRs or film chains via dual twisted pair wiring. The system's central microprocessor can be programmed for such special functions as permanent assignment of particular machines to specific control panels.

Microtime introduced its **C-150** commercial inserter, designed primarily for cable television operators. The inserter controls up to four VTRs.

Seen for the first time at NAB was **Kavco, Inc.'s Kavcart** system, which control's eight Sony **BVU-800** VCRs.



Utah Scientific's PLMC-1 controller.

The expandable system is built around the **Kavtrol** programmable microcontroller, an interactive, software-based system.

Lake Systems Corp. introduced **La-Kart**, a computer-based, random access TV cart system, expandable up to 32 decks. Aimed at the small broadcaster, the **La-Kart Series I**, with five Sony **VP-5000** players and one **VO-5850** recorder, sells for \$89,990.

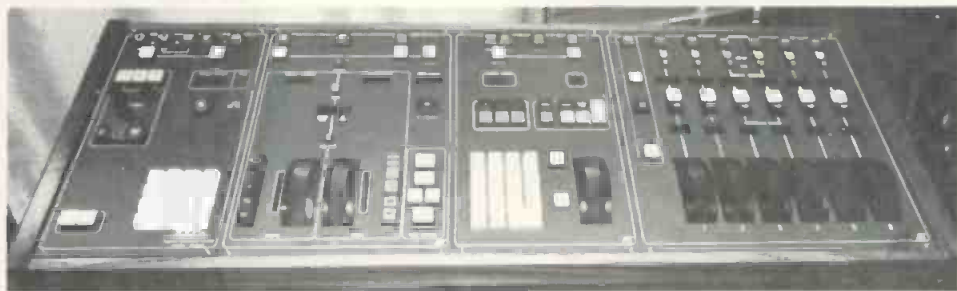
An exception to the trend toward microprocessor control was an extremely simple modular two-wire machine control system from **Auburn Instruments**, the **MC/1**. The system has no computer control at all; a simple remote control unit controls up to eight commands and eight return tallies on a single pair of wires. Five to 10 of the remote panels, each controlling a single machine, hook up to the **MC/1-IU** interface unit.

For more information: Vital Industries **SAM**, 553; Central Dynamics **APC-920**, 554; Utah Scientific **PLMC-1**, 555; Dynamic Technology **VIMACS**, 556; Dynair **System 23**, 557; 3M **6500**, 558; Grass Valley Group **M200**, 559; ISI/Command Concepts Inc. **TAS**, 560; Applied Digital Technology **Relecon**, 561; N-Z Video **SOL-6800**, 562; Compact Video Technology **CTS-800**, 563; Microtime **C-150**, 564; Kavco Inc. **Kavcart**, 565; Lake Systems **La-Kart**, 566; Auburn Instruments **MC/1**, 567.

Post-production

Evolutionary changes were also in evidence in the busy editing systems booths. From **A** (Ampex) to **V** (Video-media) and companies in between, the accent was on user-friendly systems.

In addition, manufacturers stressed the ability to upgrade editors depending on the user's needs, from relatively simple controllers to complex systems involving multiple VTRs under computer control. And a few companies were touting the ability to add greater sophistication to previously sold editors by retrofitting new control boards and PROMs.



Dynamic Technology's VIMACS system.

The technology that went into the initial high-priced systems has worked its way down to lower-cost equipment designed to make computer control affordable to smaller stations and post-production houses. Thus, Ampex, which had previously unveiled the high-end ACE TouchScreen system, came to the NAB with the new HPE-104. Designed for on- or off-line editing with helical VTRs in the one-inch or 3/4-inch format, the 104's microprocessor allows the user to command up to four VTRs with one simple control. Time search provides direct, automatic



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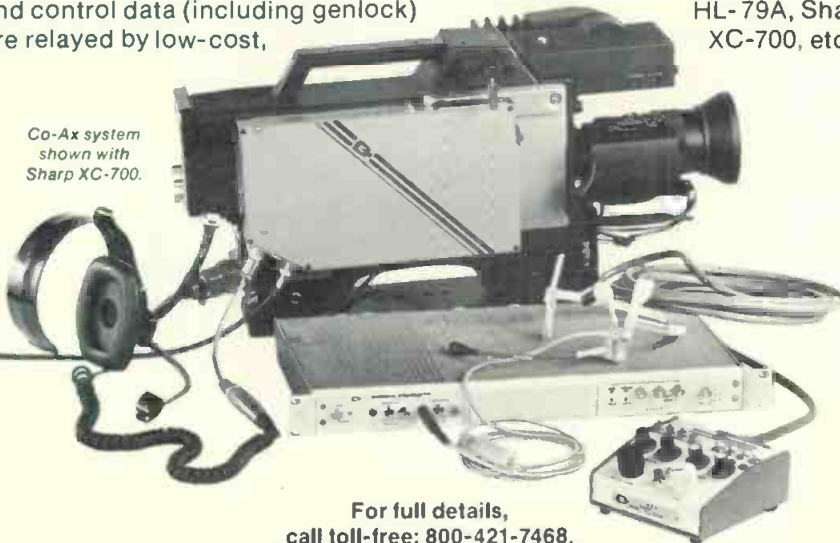
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A good example of software enhancement is Datatron's Vanguard editing system. With the addition of two E-PROM circuit boards, the Vanguard is armed with a new feature—HELP—that comes to the rescue of the user in distress. By pushing the HELP (for Helping Editors Learn Procedures) button, the editor brings up a display of prompts that walk the user through the proper procedures. In this way it is not necessary to memorize complex call-up codes. This feature and other software improvements can be retrofitted into present Vanguard systems. Basic price for Vanguard is \$55,000.

Among the other second generations on hand was the Bosch Fernseh Mach One Series II. In addition to all the capabilities of the software-based Mach One, the Series II includes dual-channel audio control, variable speed control, programmable slow motion, updated edit list formatting, cluster-event programming, and screen highlighting for easier reading. Cluster-event programming permits the editor to program extremely complicated multiple events in a cluster treated as a single event.

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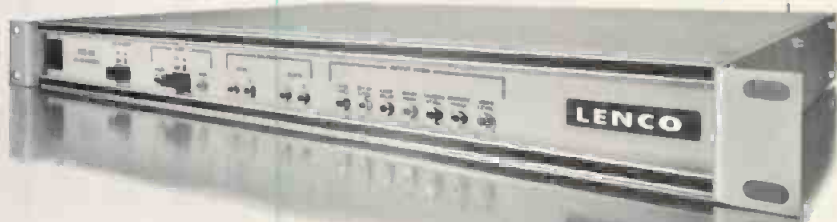
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some new features. Essentially, Harris has extended the general purpose interface capability to make EPIC function with almost any ATR and VTR and most video switchers. It provides complete control of all VTR functions. EPIC, of course, has a film edit capability which is made with a separate program disk plus complementary equipment such as Grey Engineering time code systems.

Similarly, **Convergence Corp.** demonstrated at its suite its list management Model **ECS-104** with a newly expanded chassis to allow for more source VTRs. New software enhancements and added features such as slow motion on one inch VTRs were also available. In addition, **Convergence** demonstrated its new EDL option for the **ECS-90** Editing System. The **ECS-104** Edit Controller is priced at \$36,000 and the **ECS-90**, \$4250. Delivery is in 30 days.

CMX/Orrox has also added new capabilities to its line. The company featured **Look Ahead** in its **340X** system to speed up operation by previewing or recording multiple events virtually in real time. It eliminates waiting for machines to catch up or rewind, resulting in cost and time savings. **CMX** has also developed software enhancements for the two-year-old **EDGE** system, including stereo audio or split audio editing, internal event memory, event re-edit, list scroll, and list ripple by block or entire list. The price with new features included remains the same; a three-machine system sells for \$23,450.

With the expandable **Commander II** editing system, **United Media** demonstrated a system that allows the buyer to build a progressively more sophisticated editing capability, starting with a basic two-machine setup and running up to multi-VTR interfaces and increased editing capabilities. The basic **Commander II**, at \$16,500, provides two VTR interfaces (either one- or 3/4-inch), two built-in SMPTE time code readers, 100 events of internal



CMX's *The Edge*.



Sony's **BVE-5000** editing system.

memory, and a standard RS-232 output. At the top of the line the system can accommodate up to eight ATRs and VTRs at a cost of \$43,380. Options range from a CRT data monitor to a slow motion capability.

United Media also unveiled its new audio editing system, the **Director**, interfaced with the **Commander** editor. The system is used for highly precise audio dubs onto videotape with frame-accurate precision.

Ranging in price from \$10,800 to \$32,500, an expanded **Z6000** family of A/B roll editors was demonstrated by **Videomedia**. The upper-range models include a dual eight-inch floppy disk that not only adds file capacity but contains a diagnostics program. New at NAB was a **Z6000** interface to the Otari 5050 eight-track ATR.

Control Video made a hit at last year's show with the **Lightfinger**, a touch-activated editor providing monitor displays of basic editing functions such as time code cuing, "play," "stop," and so forth; in July **CVC** will have available **Lightfinger Plus**. While the original model does cuts only and costs \$18,950, the Plus version will have A/B roll software and accommodate special effects by way of a switcher at a cost of \$27,000.

Sony followed up on the **BVE-3000** unveiled last year and upgraded this year with an even more powerful **BVE-5000** for on-line and off-line editing. The program contained in ROM has audible and visual prompts through the edit sequence with event validity verification.

Also drawing attention in the **Sony** booth was the **BVE-800** editor designed to work with its **BVU-800** and **BVU-820** 3/4-inch VCRs. Aimed at EFP and ENG applications, the **BVE-800** three recorder editor can also be interfaced to mixed combinations of VTRs.

Competing with the **BVE-800** is the new **CR8250** 3/4-inch editor from **JVC**. The unit's design makes it impossible to lose control track or SMPTE time code with its built-in time code generator and reader. While past the prototype stage, firm price had not yet been set.

Of interest in the **Panasonic** display was its editing controller for 1/2-inch tape, the **AU-A30**. It fits with **Panasonic's** **ReCam** camera-recorder combination family and is priced at \$3800. Delivery is set for the end of July. It is designed to control the new **AU-300** studio VTR which is also part of the **ReCam** family.

Cezar International added to its line of microprocessor-based editing products called the "**Originators**", which includes the **Editing Centre**, the **Decision Maker**, and the **Controller**, plus the new **Collator**. In addition, the company promised a new editor in the fall to work with its **IVC-1** component tape recorder described in the VTR section.

The **Editing Centre**, priced at \$5995, has an animation capability in either manual or auto. In the latter, the user sets up the scene and camera, puts the system into auto mode, and presses the **PERform** button to roll the VTRs. Then the user has five seconds to change the scene which is recorded again automatically until a completed sequence is recorded.

Jetex showed an upgraded version of its **VSEC-62TMX** lost cost A/B roll editing controller that now has full computer assist. This unit features plug compatible interfaces so that it will work with most 3/4-inch machines with no modifications to the VCR.

For more information: Ampex **HPE-104**, 568; Datatron **Vanguard**, 569; Bosch Fernseh **Mach One Series II**, 570; Harris **EPIC**, 571; Convergence Corp. **ECS-104**, 572; Convergence Corp. **ECS-90**, 573; CMX/Orrox **340X**, 574; CMX/Orrox **EDGE**, 575; United Media **Commander II**, 576; United Media **Director**, 577; Videomedia **Z6000**, 578; Control Video **Lightfinger Plus**, 579; Sony **BVE-5000**, 580; Sony **BVE-800**, 581; JVC **CR8250**, 582; Panasonic **AU-A30**, 583; Cezar International "**Originators**", 584; Jetex **VSEC-62TMX**, 585.

Time code

As editing systems have become more sophisticated, so have the time code generators and readers associated with them. Again, the microprocessor is

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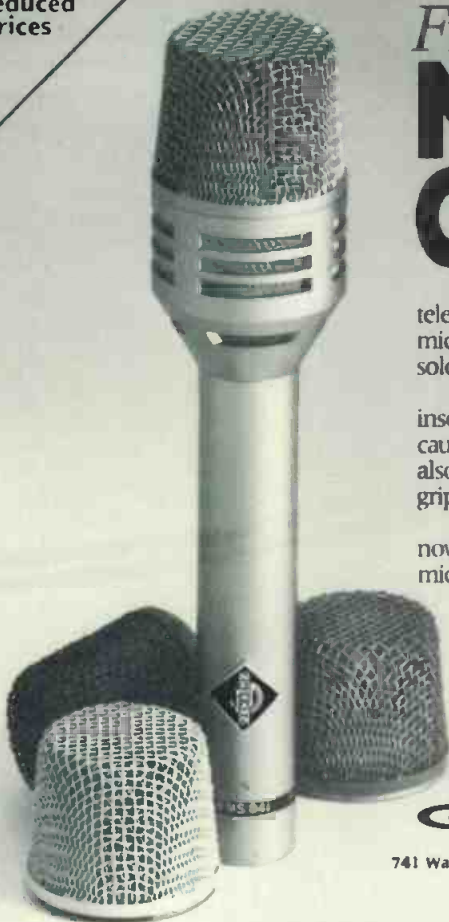
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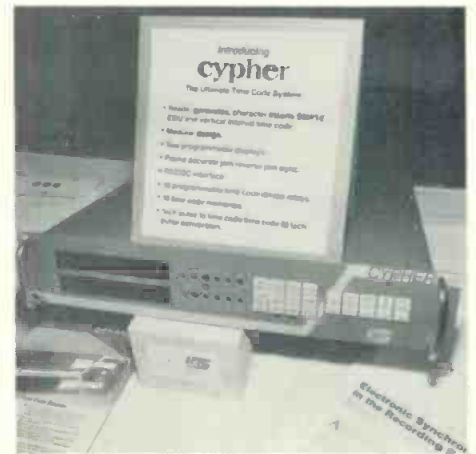


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Cypher time code system from BTX.

making its way into an entire equipment category.

For example, **BTX** showed off **Cypher**, which simultaneously reads, generates, and character inserts SMPTE and VITC data. It reads longitudinal time from 1/50th to 60 times play speed and VITC from still frame to maximum wind, all under microprocessor control. Complete unit costs \$5500 and delivery is in 60 days. **BTX** also showed the latest version of **Shadow**, a fully intelligent synchronizer for audio, video, and film transports specifically designed for direct computer interfacing.

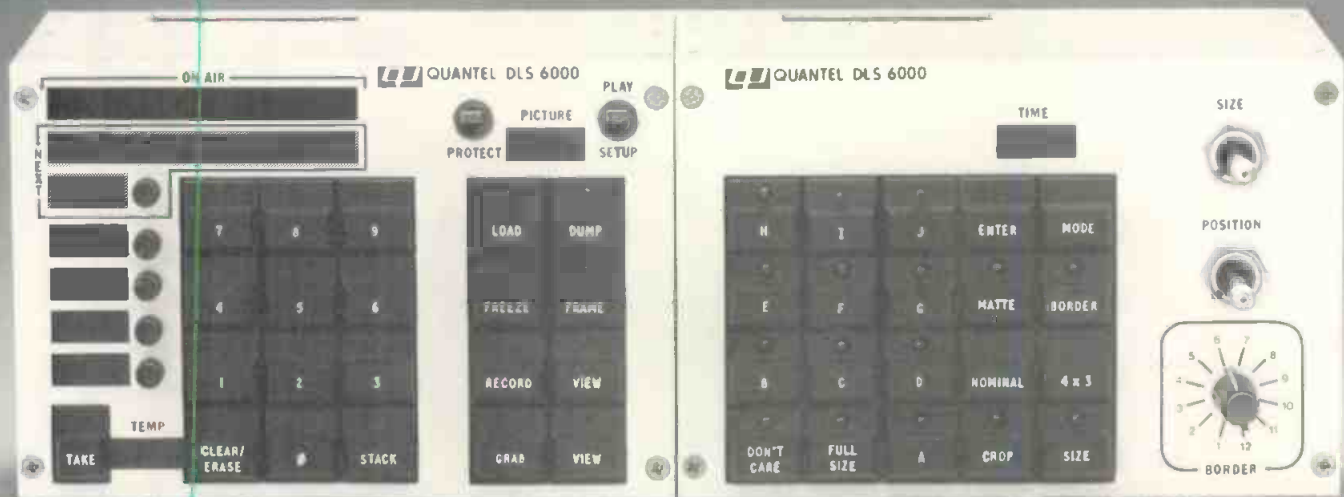
Ampex Corp.'s new entry was **Unisyn**, a post-production synchronizer with a universal interface to audio and video recorders. Unisyn's wide range, continuous variable speed lock allows the slave recorder to lock to the master even as master speed varies dynamically from one-quarter to twice play speed. Each slave recorder can locate and synchronize 10 separate segments in one separate pass of tape on the master; eight optically isolated, time code-controlled outputs are assignable to 10 events. The user can choose from time code or machine tach pulse cuing. Unisyn costs \$6450 and will be deliverable in August.

Audio Kinetics featured its popular **Q-Lock** synchronizer operating with either SMPTE time code or control track for constant reference. Jam sync operation is totally automatic, together with a new genlock sync generator for when time code fails. Five events are stored in internal memory.

Skotel Corp. debuted a raft of time code generators, both SMPTE and VITC. One interesting unit was the **PTC-100** portable time code generator/reader weighing just 1.8 lbs. Intended for field production, it includes a reader with jam sync capability. In the absence of an external reference, the unit operates on its internal crystal-controlled oscillator.

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the vertical interval time code. The **Model 760 and 766 VITC reader and generator** were introduced featuring a multi-source keyer—important in multi-camera production—priced at \$1850.

ESE, on the other hand, voted for SMPTE time code with its new **ES 255** reader with video generator. Priced at an attractive \$995, the ES 255 has a reading speed of 1/20th to 20 times play speed. **ESE** also introduced a micro-processor-based programmable timer, **ES 790**, with 1000 event memory and priced at \$2950.

EECO came out for VITC with two new products—**VIG-850** generator/reader and **VIR-950** reader. Besides handling VITC, both can switch over to the hexadecimal word format for user bits display. These units also offer built-in self-test diagnostics. The reader uses transport tachometer pulses as a backup timing source.



EECO showed new VITC products.

In the SMPTE camp, **Amtel Systems** unveiled **Model 3700** and **Model 3800A Edit Code Master**. They have 20-key control panels for setting various functions and feature momentary and continuous jam sync modes.

Adams-Smith is in the VITC camp with a unit capable of reading code up to 45 times play speed but providing an output in longitudinal code format for editing interface.

Separate standalone time code reader and time code generator, the **BVG-1500** and **BVG-1600**, were in the **Sony** exhibit. They handle longitudinal and vertical interval time code.

Others showing time code products were **Coherent Communications** with its film and tape system, **EEG Enterprises** with line 21 encoder and decoder, **For-A**, and **Shintron**.

For more information: **BTX Cypher**, 586; **Ampex Unisyn**, 587; **Audio Kinetics Q-Lock**, 588; **Skotel Corp. PTC-100**, 589; **Datametrics Models 760, 766, 590**; **ESE 255, 790, 591**; **EECO VIG-850, VIR-950, 592**; **Amtel Systems Models 3700, 3800A, 593**; **Sony BVG-1500, BVG-1600, 594**.

Digital signal processing

New digital products for time base correction, frame synchronization, color correction, and so forth seem to be turning up by the minute, with many manufacturers now offering low-cost systems for every TV application.

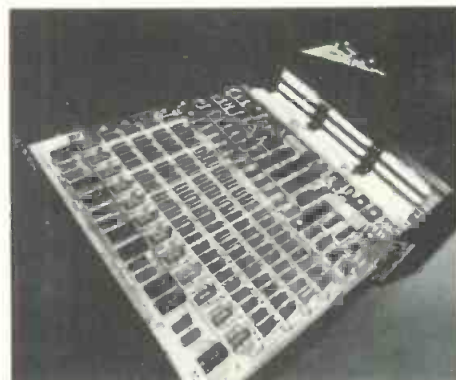
New product offerings in this area included **Microtime's S-130** digital framestore synchronizer, priced at less than \$11,000. Freeze field or frame capacity is offered with an ability to make hot switches between non-synchronous sources. Advanced micro-processor design allows the subcarrier sampling-based unit to store digital information inexpensively rather than in extensive dedicated memory.

Microtime joins other manufacturers such as **NEC** and **MCI/Quantel** already in the low-cost synchronizer market. **Quantel** this year introduced a brand new **digital audio delay** unit to complement its video line, sensing the need to pay attention to audio since video loses a frame each time it passes through a synchronizing or timing device.

A significant new product introduction was also made by **Harris Video Systems** with its 3.5-inch high **HVS-690**. The framestore synchronizer/TBC uses 9 bit sampling to yield a differential gain of ± 2 percent, differential phase of ± 2 degrees, and signal-to-noise ratio of 59 dB. The unit is priced at \$15,500.

A major force in this market, **Digital Video Systems** is also heavily committed to its **Phaser** line of digital products, starting with a less-than-\$10,000 digital TBC and progressing to the brand new \$14,950 **Phaser VI**. The latter combines a full framestore memory with a comb filter to provide highly stable freezes. A fieldstore synchronizer, **Phaser IV**, is available for \$9980.

This building block approach to digital products was also evident in a new line from **Fortel, Digibloc**. Depending on the needs of the customer, it can be configured anywhere from a low-cost digital TBC for less than \$10,000 to a unique two-frame synchronizer, prob-



Digital Video brought the Phaser line.

ably less than \$15,000. Besides the two-frame capacity of the larger system, another unique feature of **Digibloc** is its ability to switch between eight and nine bit sampling depending on how much processing is required. An adaptive three-line comb filter, a drop-out compensator, and remote control capability are optional. **Fortel** also announced it would take over U.S. marketing for the **Faroudja Labs Image** system, a noise reducer/image enhancer for use with VCRs. The new **Digibloc** system is sensitive to the **Faroudja** processing signals.

A new exhibitor at NAB, **Apert-Herzog** also brought a compact framestore synchronizer. Eight bit, 4X fsc sampling is used, providing synchronization and either field or frame freeze. Video is stored in 16K RAM in composite form while a comb filter is used to separate Y and C after storage.

Yet another new digital video synchronizer, **VS-IV**, was shown for the first time by **Toshiba**. The unit features a one-line buffer memory to aid in switching between non-synchronous sources and could be labeled as "transparent," considering its excellent specifications. Like **Quantel**, **Toshiba** also has a digital audio delay circuit to match the video processing.

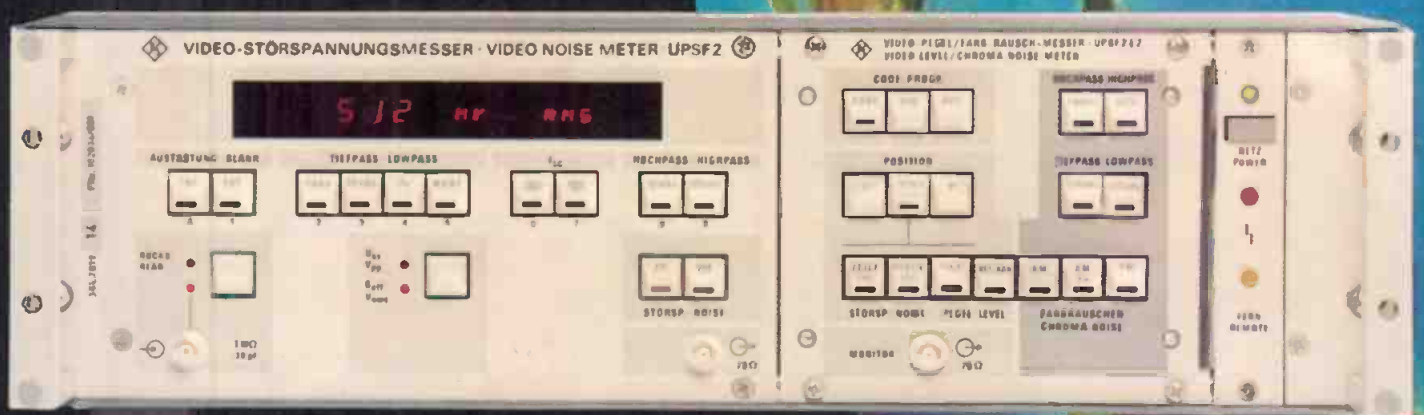
Off to a running start on a modular digital system was **ADDA**, which introduced the **AC-20** dual channel digital TBC. Designed to be used with 3/4-inch VCRs during post-production, the unit can currently be configured to include 2:1 digital effects such as two-channel wipes and squeezes. In the future, additional plug-in cards may



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transform the unit into a framestore synchronizer. Current price for the two-channel system is \$15,000.

For-A, too, demonstrated a new digital TBC—Model FA-410, priced at \$9000, with an optional drop-out compensator an additional \$900. Designed for heterodyne signals, it can operate with either V-locked or non-locked VCRs and provides a 16-line correction window.

Other digital products were also in evidence. Oki featured its LT-1200 portable standards converter, but also demonstrated newer, high-resolution systems, presumably a competitor for



For-A had a line of processing gear.

the MCI/Quantel digital standards converter.

A new digital video system that provides simultaneous transmission of two video signals on a single conventional video channel was shown by NEC. Known as the DV-10, the unit doubles video capacity by using a horizontal signal compressing technique, which avoids flicker.

Digital video multiprocessors offering both signal correction and color correction within single units were demonstrated by both Sony and Thomson-CSF (the Model 9100).

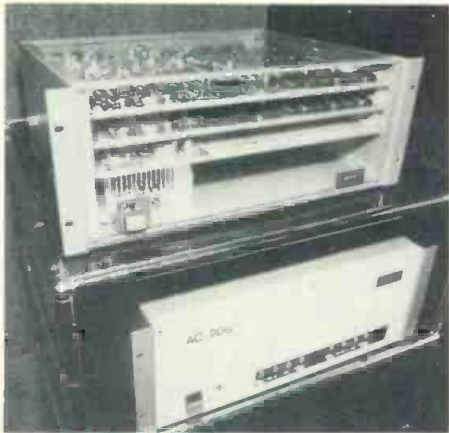
Some new color correction systems

were on display, including a unit from For-A. In addition to complete manual control over the various signal parameters, For-A's system can be coupled with a Relecon controller from Applied Digital Technology; the controller permits complete remote control of the color corrector, including time code addressing for scene-by-scene correction. Relecon was also featured interfaced with the Thomson-CSF color corrector.

Corporate Communications, one of the best-known manufacturers of color correctors especially designed for telecines, had systems for the new Marconi solid-state unit on hand to supplement existing models for Rank and Bosch Fernseh units. "The System" works with either encoded or RGB signals and can cue color changes based on both control track pulse counting or SMPTE time code.

Dubner Computer also demonstrated its microprocessor-based color correction system, introduced earlier.

For more information: Microtime S-130, 595; Quantel digital audio delay, 596; Harris Video Systems HVS-690, 597; Digital Video Systems Phaser VI, 598; Fortel Digibloc, 599; Toshiba VS-IV, 600; ADDA AC-20, 601; For-A Model FA-410, 602; NEC DV-10, 603; For-A/Applied Digital Relecon color corrector, 604; Corporate Communications "The System", 605.



ADDA's AC 20S TBC.



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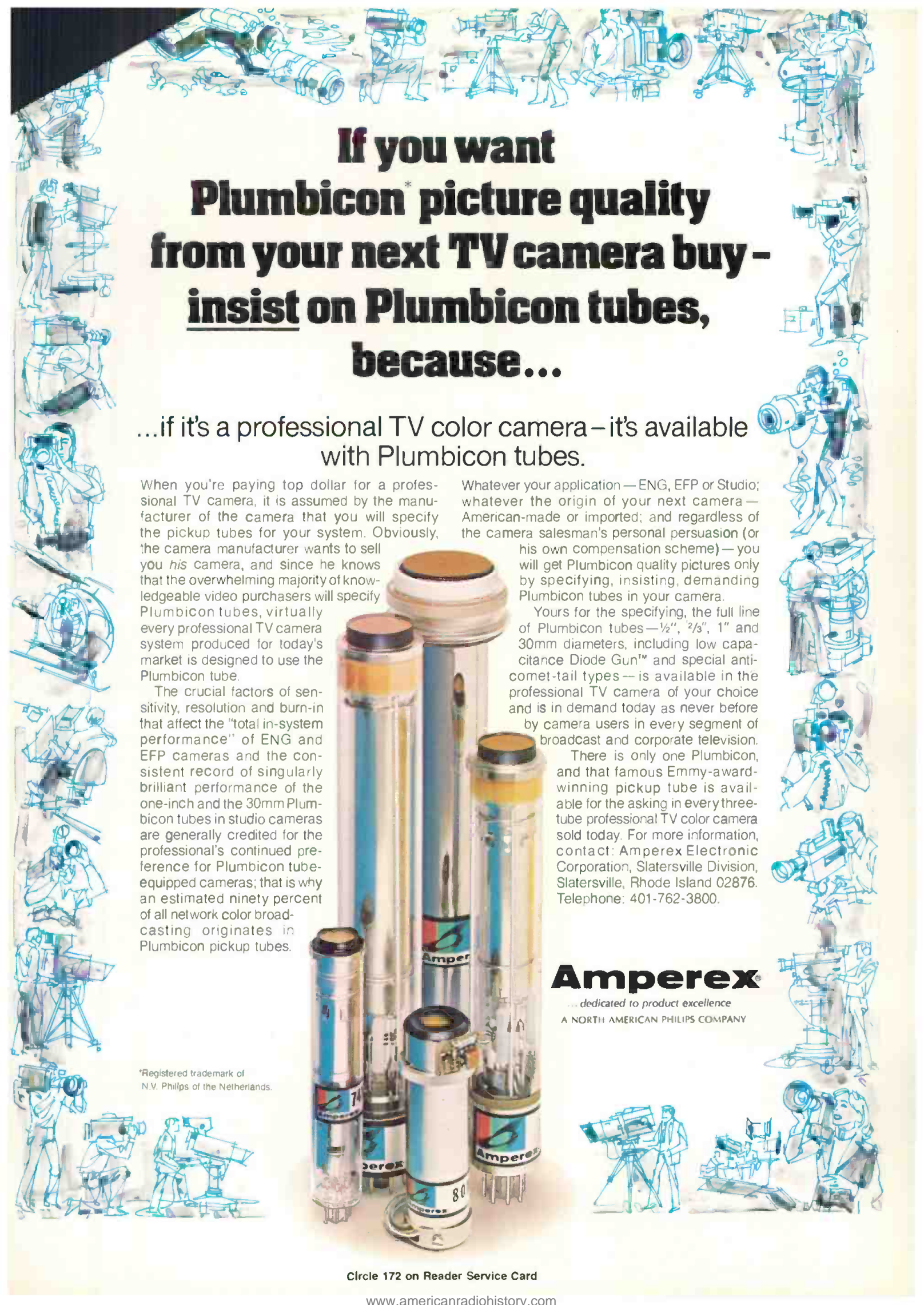
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Pulse and sync

An interesting note from this year's show is the entry into the signal pulse and processing field by **Grumman Aerospace Corp.** Grumman showed the **Sync Proc**, a combination sync generator/processing amplifier for a sc/h sync-timed facility.

At the McCurdy booth, **AVL Digital** displayed the **VCA-2** clamping amplifier which equalizes frequency response loss caused by cable length. It uses sync tip clamping without affecting the reference burst.

A new black burst timing module, the **PBT 342** from **Lenco**, was introduced to enhance the company's 300 System video and pulse distribution generator. The 300 System is designed to control all pulse signals except vertical drive. Also new from **Lenco** was the **PGL 413** self-contained genlock unit.

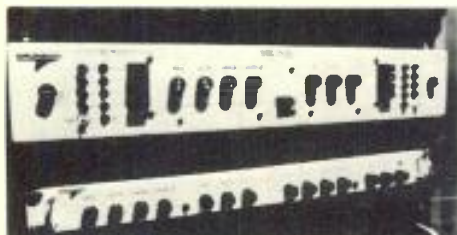
Grass Valley had at least nine pulse and sync units including video processing amps, sync pulse generators, isophasing systems, and linearity correctors. The Model 3252A NTSC master sync pulse generator and the 3240/41 remote control unit with optional fade to black lever were also on hand.

Leitch Video showed three types of synchronizing pulse generators. Source synchronizers and phase monitors were also on hand, as were the digital test generator and calibration test generator.

Sigma Electronics introduced a new **BBG-550** module which can advance or delay horizontal sync phase as well as provide 360 degrees of subcarrier adjustment. **Allen Avionics** displayed its full line of precision **L-C filters** and pulse delay lines. Included were delay and video equalizers, laboratory delay lines and precision delay lines.

Bosch Fernseh demonstrated its line of distribution and switching systems, including plug-in cards and processors. The featured new item was the **RKX** video distribution system with RS-422 serial data control. **Composite Video** showed its processing center with image enhancer and black burst generator.

At the **Di-Tech** booth was the full line of pulse distribution amplifiers and



Grumman's Sync Proc.



DA equipment from Leitch Video.

a wide range of video detectors along with the routing switcher line.

New from **Ikegami** was the modular TV signal distribution amplifier system. The **VTN-110A** is a 19-inch rack mount unit which can accommodate up to 10 operational plug-in modules.

Dynair featured the **FR-5300A** module mounting frame for video distribution and EQ systems, and the 1x4 video distribution amplifier with optional desk mount. Equalizing amplifiers and 6x1 passive video switchers were also on display.

HEDCO showed the **SCA-105** low distortion subcarrier and phase control. The **EDA-102** and **VDA-100** have plug-in four-pole cable submodules which allow four individual peaking circuits to compensate for different cable types. The **SDA-107** provides output sync and 4 V p-p levels with 120 ns sin transitions from video input.

Three types of **Matthey video delay lines** were shown by **Television Equipment Associates**.

For more information: Grumman Sync Proc, 606; AVL Digital VCA-2, 607; Lenco PBT 342, 608; Lenco PGL 413, 609; Sigma Electronics BBG-550, 610; Bosch Fernseh RXX, 611; Ikegami VTN-110A, 612; Dynair FR-5300A, 613; HEDCO SCA-105, 614.

Routing switchers

Major developments have been taking place in routing switchers recently, partially based on the need to handle more and more signal sources and partly on the ability of large matrix sys-

tems to be placed under control.

One brand new **e-TransPath** system from **Leitch** for radio, video, audio-follow and audio breakaway modes are available in an extremely compact 400 x 600 expandable matrix. Secret of the system is a telco-like matrix which has special circuitry to prevent "busy" callups. Control options include a CRT-based master controller which can address each crosspoint individually or in groups.

New numeric and alphanumeric control panels were shown for the **Di-Tech 5840 Series** switchers. The 40 x 1 basic crosspoint modules can be configured with video and up to three audio channels per input with audio breakaway for each. Output switching occurs during the vertical interval, making the system suitable for on-air switching.

An offshoot from McCurdy Radio, **AVL Digital** unveiled its new **AVS-1** microprocessor-based routing switcher, designed to offer workers such as test engineers a completely reliable signal source. Basic configurations include 10 x 10 and 20 x 20, with a full range of video, audio, AFV, and breakaway modes.



Di-Tech's new switcher control panel.

Utah Scientific is continuing to expand the control options for its **AVS-1** single coax party line-controlled switcher. Newest member of the control panel family is the **CSP-1604** featuring 1600 name/number source identification and four-character status and preset displays. The new panel controls a single bus, with four separate presets, accessible with single keystrokes on the keyboard for rapid switching between signal sources.

Brand new from **Grass Valley** was the **Ten-X 10 x 1** utility routing switcher, which takes only one rack unit of space. Video only, AFV, and audio breakaway modes are available. **Grass Valley** also demonstrated new **multi-bus control panels** for its 440 Series routing switchers. All panels provide continuous readout of the status of the bus being controlled using either numeric sequences or alphanumeric keys

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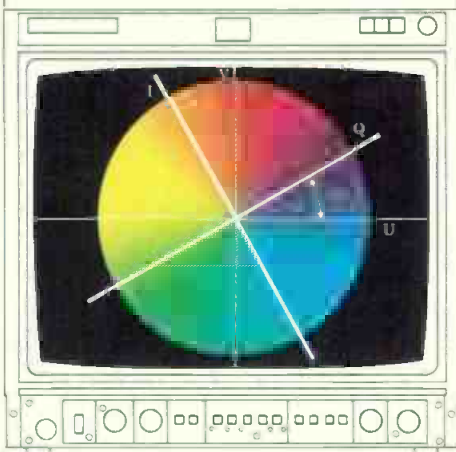
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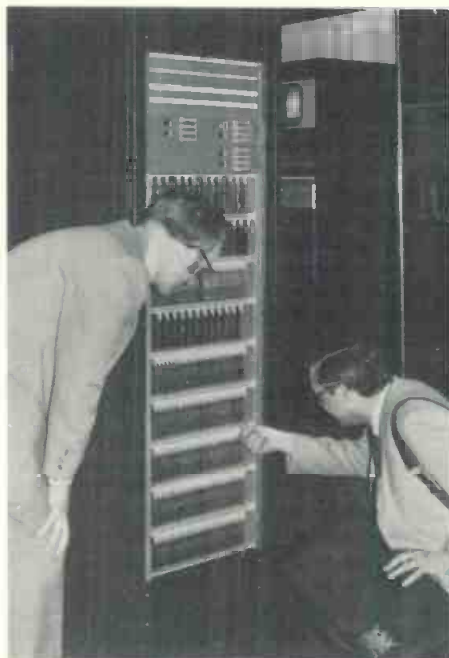
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Computer control was also demonstrated for **Telemet's Model 7934** routing switcher, connecting a switcher up to 400 x 400 through five-pin connectors. Four-level video, two audio, and time code distribution are featured.

Image Video has come out with a new, modular routing switcher which can be configured up to 256 x 256 maximum with any combination of video, audio, and time code matrices. All controls are microprocessor-based, with

coax cable connections. Balanced audio is maintained throughout, both with AFV and breakaway operation.

Vital continued to demonstrate the **VRS-304** switcher, configurable to 30 x 200 maximum. Two video and audio outputs per bus are provided. NEC had its **digital routing switcher**.

Also continuing to demonstrate its video and audio routing switchers was **Bosch Fernseh**, whose **TVS/TAS-1000** can contain up to 1000 cross-points in an 8.75-inch chassis. Single party line coax control is offered with a variety of alphanumeric control panels.

Dynair, in a major product display, featured its **System 21** matrix routing switcher, again a microprocessor-controlled system capable of being configured up to 1000 x 1000 and carrying video, audio, time code, tally, and now, for the first time, digital data signals. Conforming to new SMPTE serial data control interfaces, the system's 35 MHz bandwidth could accommodate HDTV signals. A CRT-based master controller shows both the status of all crosspoints and also executes commands—including time code activated cues. A full range of other X/Y control panels is offered.

Finally, not to be forgotten are the much-used **3M** routing switcher systems in 15X and 20X series, capable of being operated with the 6500 microprocessor control system. New this year was an **alphanumeric control panel** which can access 15 different types of equipment with 99 individual units per category. The panel can be used as a single-bus, multi-bus, or full matrix controller and allows presetting of both video and audio sources and a "take preset" button.

For more information: HEDCO *TransPath*, 615; Di-Tech control panels, 616; AVL Digital *AVS-1*, 617; Utah Scientific *CSP-1604*, 618; Grass Valley *Ten-X*, 619; Grass Valley *multibus control panels*, 620; Datatek control system, 621; Telemet Model 7934, 622; Image Video routing switcher, 623; Dynair System 21, 624; 3M alphanumeric control panel, 625.



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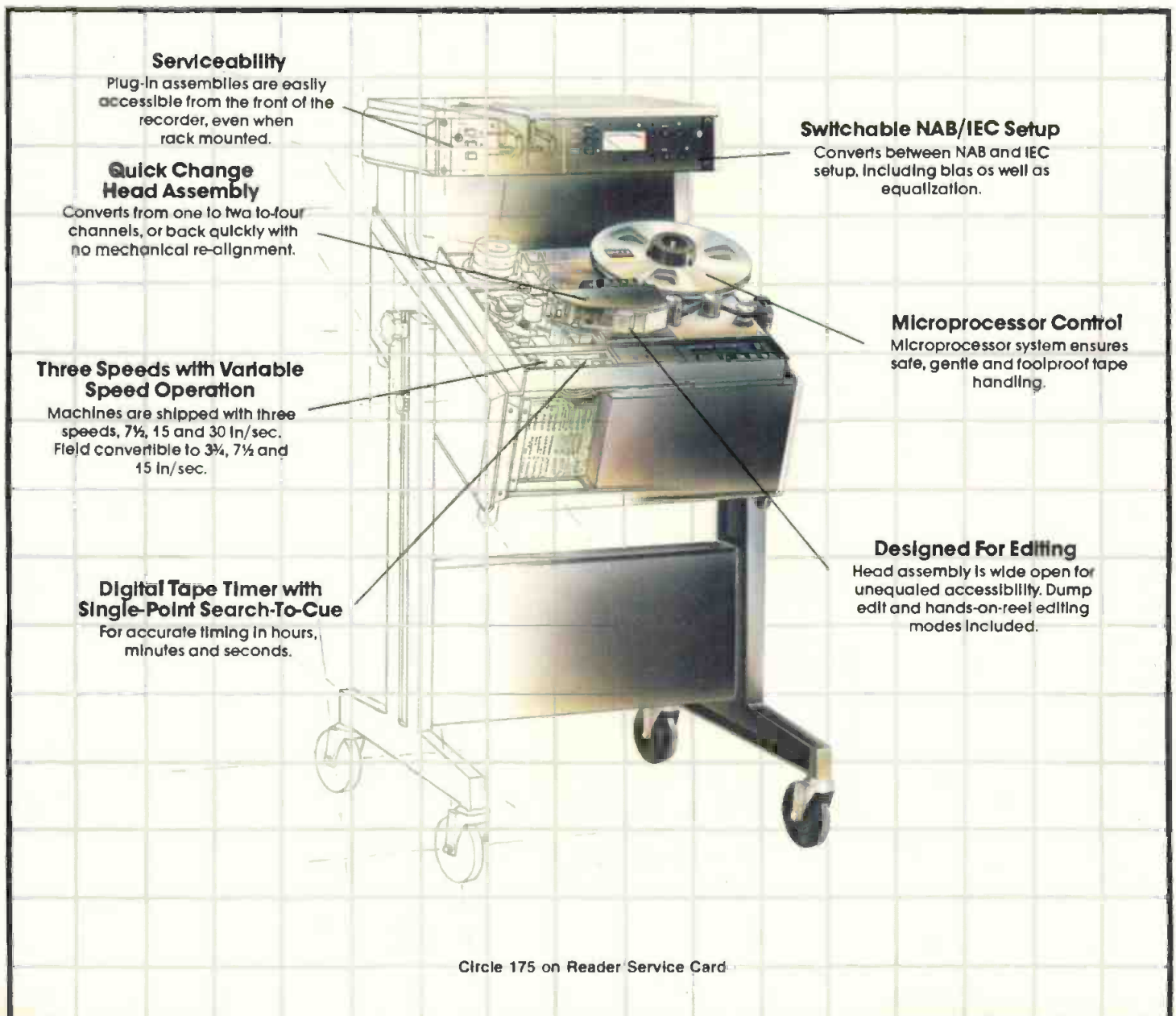
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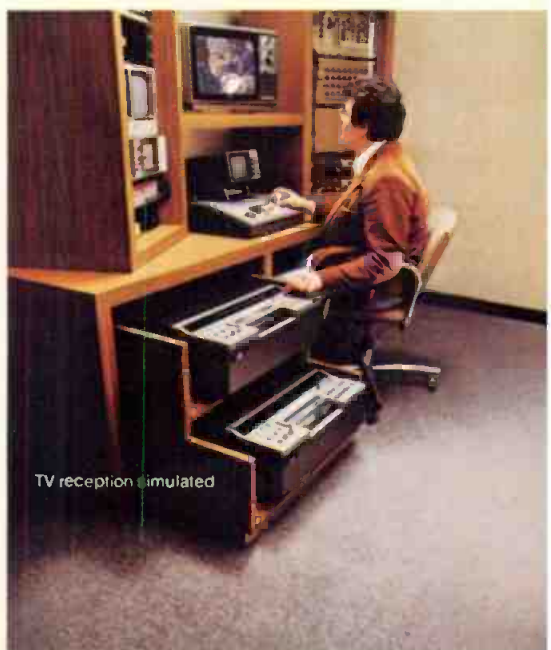
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Test and measurement

Just as advanced semiconductor technology has brought increased sophistication to video equipment, so has it affected the performance, size, and cost of the gear used to test video systems. Because of these changes, there is more test equipment available that will go with broadcasters into the field as the ENG/EFP trend intensifies.

For compact size at an appealing price, the **Tektronix Portable 380 NTSC** test monitor was one of the hits at NAB. Built by joint-venture company Sony/Tektronix in Japan, the 380 is a three-in-one portable incorporating the functions of a waveform monitor, vectorscope, and an oscilloscope in a unit measuring 4.48 x 9.48 x 14.88 inches. It weighs 12.1 lbs., costs \$5150 and has a battery pack priced at \$800.

Tektronix also returned with its **ANSWER** microprocessor-based VITS analyzer, now enhanced with a new software package called Option 3 for transmitter monitoring. The new software will monitor and measure signals in any cycle determined by the engineer.

While Tek has elected to use one



Portable 380 scope from Tektronix.

display screen for its combination, Videotek and Leader Instruments have designed separate but compact units so that a waveform monitor and a vectorscope can fit side by side in a standard rack.

Videotek's units for color TV monitoring are the **TSM-5A** Waveform Monitor priced at \$1965 and the **VSM-5A** Vectorscope priced at \$2365. **Leader** added the **LBO-5860** "half-rack" waveform monitor to the recently introduced vectorscope, Model **LVS-5850**. The unit can blank the

vectorscope during the active portion of the video signals so that the VITS can also be displayed vectorially.

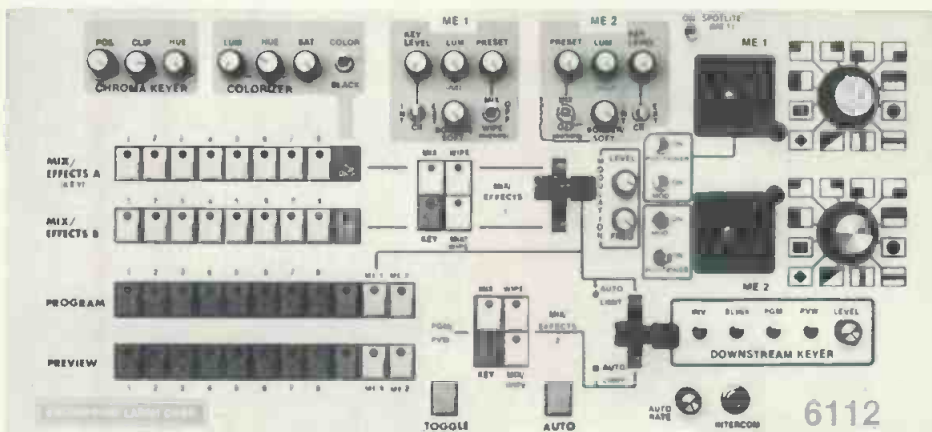
Electronic Visuals Ltd. through its North American distributor Broadcast Video Systems, has a one-display, switchable color signal monitor. Model **EV4060** operates in waveform mode and vector mode and is half-rack size. Price is \$4100.

Hitachi too added the **VO 89 NTSC** vectorscope to match its **VO 99** waveform monitor and form a combination unit. The vectorscope is priced at \$500 and is due for fall delivery. Hitachi also showed its **V209 2 MHz** dual trace mini portable oscilloscope and the **V1050 100 MHz** quad trace calibrated sweep delay scope.

Notable products from the **Lenco** booth included the **PVS-430 Videoscope** designed to provide images of the subcarrier-to-horizontal sync specifications outlined in RS-170A(SC/H). Initially, the Videoscope is set up to select one of the video sources in the system as the system reference. If not correct, the source is adjusted until it meets standard and becomes the reference to which all other sources are compared.

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NTI's 535 signal generator.

CB53A1 color bar signal generator, which has a built-in character generator and keyboard for inserting information with the bars.

Marconi Instruments, at the Marconi/A.F. Associates booth, brought updated versions of some of its T&M gear. The Model 2914A TV insertion signal analyzer had new interfaces for automatic operation using instrument controllers. Also on display was a revised 2920 TV interval timer.

Power-Optics displayed test gear

from Grafikon. Equipment on view included an **electronic color analyzer** that transfers color temperature readings from a master to other monitors, an optical color comparator for setting color temperature at all luminance levels, and a TV light meter.

NTI returned to NAB with its Model 535 digital color monoscope signal generator, familiar to attendees of previous shows.

For its part, Rohde & Schwarz made note of its Video Noise Meter

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Another T&M booth heavy with new products was QSI. Two interesting items were the **Valid Video Identifier System** and the **VT-7 Video Leader Countdown Generator**. The former encodes and decodes up to eight characters of ASCII information into the vertical blanking period for use in identifying cameras in multi-camera shoots.

A similar countdown generator/video stateboard is available from BEI.

Other instruments of note included TV demodulators from QSI, Rohde & Schwarz, Videotek, and Barco for both UHF and VHF bands as well as CATV applications.

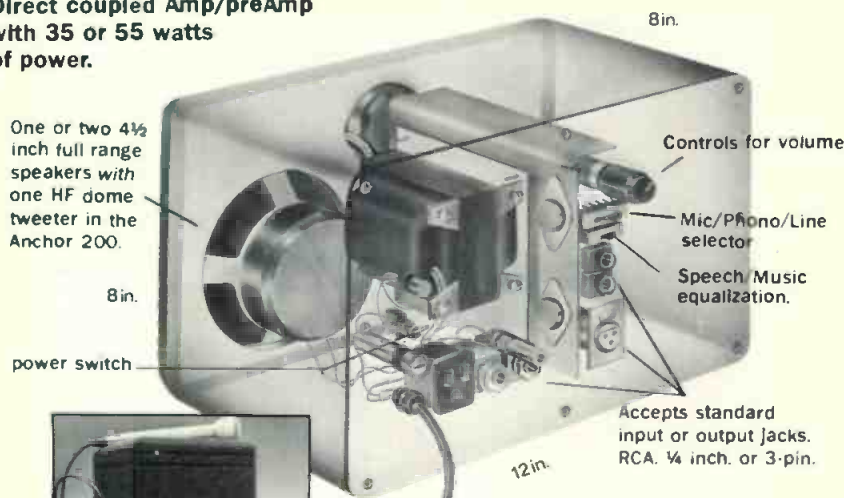
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For more information: Tektronix 380 NTSC, 626; Tektronix ANSWER, 627; Videotek TSM, VSM, 628; Leader LBO-5860, 629; Electronic Visuals Model EV4060; 630; Hitachi VO89 NTSC, 631; Lenco PVS-430 Videoscope, 632; Asaca/Shibasoku CB53A1, 633; Marconi Instruments Model 2914A, 634; Marconi 2920 TV interval timer, 635; Power-Optics electronic color analyzer, 636; NTI Model 535, 637; Rohde & Schwarz Video Noise Meter, 638; QSI Valid Video Identifier System 639; QSI VT-7 Video Leader Countdown Generator, 640; Amtron AG341, 641.

Monitors

High resolution color monitors continue to appear, in part because of the increased popularity of computer color graphics. This year's NAB saw introductions of both RGB and NTSC monitors.

An intriguing aspirant in this competition was the computer-type RGB monitor testing the waters in the Conrac booth. This is a hot product in computer graphics and computer-aided design applications, and Conrac rolled it into NAB to see how broadcasters would respond. Although the Model 7211 does not even appear in Conrac's literature yet, it could have major impact with its 40 MHz bandwidth and 37 KHz sweep frequency. Reason: the high production volumes of this unit in the computer market will drive the price down, despite the relatively low volume demand in broadcast applications. Conrac also showed newly avail-

able units in the 6100 Series, 5700 Series, 5300 Series, and 5200 Series.

Other high resolution monitors were in abundance. Ikegami unveiled the new Series 9 of low-cost 14- and 20-inch units featuring in-line gun, self-converging shadow mask picture tubes with matched phosphors and quoting 600 TV line resolution. They have switchable comb filters as well.

Designed for applications that require switching between digital RGB signals/computer inputs and composite video signals, the Videotek VM-19 and VM-25 19- and 25-inch monitors featured comb filter, switchable underscan, A/B inputs, external sync input and a blue gun only switch. Prices are \$1425 and \$2425 respectively, with immediate delivery.

Among the Sony introductions was the BVM-1900 broadcast color monitor boasting 900 TV lines center resolution at 30 foot lamberts. Also having a comb filter decoder that preserves full luminance bandwidth to 10 MHz \pm 1 dB, the 1900 has a built-in crosshatch generator.



Conrac displayed several new monitors.

Barco's monitors appearing in the Elector booth were a 12-inch unit with 0.43 mm pitch and a 19-inch unit with 0.47 mm pitch dotted screen. Resolution for the 12-inch is the 520 TV lines, 710 TV lines for the 19-inch. Prices are \$2250 for the former and \$2995 for the latter.

Tektronix introduced two options to the 690SR color picture monitor introduced a year ago. The 690SR Option 02 includes a 69M01 comb filter decoder. This unit features a choice of either the comb filter or a phase-linear notch filter, selectable from the front panel. The 69M01 NTSC comb filter decoder with the 690SR costs \$9350. The option purchased separately by 690SR owners is \$1400.

Prompted by growing interest in high fidelity sound in TV broadcasting, the Professional Video division of US JVC brought out the C-208UM 19-inch stereo monitor/receiver. The monitor's five-watt amplifier powers two full-range, internal speakers or can be con-

nected to external speakers. It features comb filter, A/B inputs plus eight-pin VTR connector, and sound directed by side baffles. Price is \$950.

Other color monitors were on hand from Asaca, Models CMM20-11 and CMM 14-11, also with comb filters. Sharp showed its XR-3019 19-inch and XR-3013 13-inch monitors for "classroom or the studio."

Monitors in the Lenco lineup centered around the PMM-900 monochrome units with individual replacement modules and 900 lines of resolution. Also on display was the PMM-399 four-inch engineering video monitor for video signal evaluation. Loop-through video, pulse cross, and underscan are standard in the PMM-399.

For more information: Conrac Model 7211, 642; Ikegami Series 9, 643; Videotek VM-19, 25, 644; Sony BVM-1900, 645; Tektronix 690SR Option 02, 646; JVC C-208UM, 647; Asaca Model CMM20-11, 14-11, 648; Sharp XR-3019, 3013, 649; Lenco PMM-900, 399, 650.

Lighting, sets

Among the new lighting control developments in Dallas was Colortran's microprocessor-based Colortrack, which controls 125 dimmer channels and features a color-coded CRT display coordinated with the operator's control keyboard. The system will store over 200 memory cues for each channel. The company also showed Channel Track II, an updated version of its Channel Track lighting control System.

Kliegl introduced its Entertainer portable memory lighting control console for proportional patching of dimmers to up to 48 group masters. Shown for the first time was the K96 digital dimmer system.

Dynamic Technology Ltd. introduced its latest memory lighting control system, the Datalite 192, which controls up to 192 channels and offers optional pin patch, trick effects facility, studio remote control, and mimic display.



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Strand Century had an all-new operating program for its **Lightpalette** console, designed especially for TV production. Also new were a 6 kW six-way **dimmer pack** for the Mantrix control system and the Pulsar 120 V or 30 V camera light.

Electro Controls had a new **computer patch** for its dimming system and new features on its LitePatch memory system, which allows the same light to be programmed for more than one use.

Osram is now producing HMI lamps ranging all the way from a small 200 W bulb to a giant 6 kW, and this was reflected in new lighting fixtures from several makers.

Arriflex, for example, featured a new 6 kW daylight HMI fixture with a 500 mm shock-mounted fresnel lens and a modular stainless-steel ballast. It weighs 84 lbs. The company was also featuring a 200 W HMI Reporter portable, which operates on battery or ac.

Mole-Richardson also showed a new fixture for the 6 kW lamp. The **Type 6281 Solar-Arc Solarspot** needs no daylight fixtures—"just push a button for daylight," the company says. The light features a 20-inch fresnel lens, a new positive ignition system, and a new ballast with noise-free operation. **Mole** also showed a new 200 W HMI fixture.

On the small end of the scale, **Cinema Products** brought a new entry from Ryudensha, a handheld 200 W HMI news light with a new flicker-free ballast and quick charger. This "Press Kit" operates with either battery or ac power.

Belden introduced the Lee 200 W HMI portable daylight **sungun**. This unit was actually introduced back in 1975, but had been out of production and made its first reappearance at this show. It will operate on battery, four car batteries, or ac, and is flicker-free. Belden also showed the Lee line of filters and the **Rainbo Products CX-7 col-**

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LTM, which also has a range of HMI fixtures, had a unusual introduction: a small fiber optic light designed to illuminate interiors of vehicles or to light products at very close range. It is particularly suited to the latter application since it generates no heat.

Phoebus Manufacturing introduced its new Ultra Quartz follow-spot, a special small model for studio applications. Two more followspots, the Xenon Trouper and Xenon Super Trouper, came from Strong International.

Also introducing a new spot was Lowel-Light, whose 1000 W Lowel DP is an updated version of the Lowel D. The company also unveiled the Softlight 2, successor to the Softlight 1500.

Two new studio variable beam quartz lighting systems from Bogen Photo Corp. were the 600 W Model 7000, and the 650 W Model 7050, each available in a variety of kits.

Comprehensive Video Supply brought a range of brand-new quartz location lighting units, including beam lights and floods, as well as a new light kit from Pag Power. The Pag unit, a highly portable ENG/EFP model, is about six feet tall but collapses to fit into a small case with snap-on cover.

A new portable location lighting kit from Frezzolini, the SPK-1, packages three 650 W portable camera lights, three 120 V ac power cords, three light stands, and a variety of accessories into a compact, fitted carrying case.

Matthews introduced its Video Matth-Pak, a comprehensive selection of location lighting accessories in three sturdy cases that fit into the back of a station wagon. Both Sylvania and General Electric introduced new studio lamps.

The Great American Market brought its Scene Machine lighting effects generator in a new 2K version, giving twice the light of the previous 1K model. The company also displayed its line of Instaset vacuum-formed scenery.



(Top, left to right) New Lowel Softlight 2; 6 kW HMIs from Strand Century and Arriflex. (Below) Black Beauty spot from Anton/Bauer.

Peter Albrecht Corp. described its Sigma Pac memory control system for stage and studio machinery, which it said was an economical way of mechanizing a major studio lighting grid. This system was used extensively in the Dallas Communications Center, a large new Dallas tape and film production facility for which Fiorentino Associates was the consultant.

At its first NAB, Gagnon Laforest displayed its Vertilift mechanized theater rigging system, hoping to impress the TV market.

Uni-Set Corp. brought a new addition to its modular studio staging system, the RTR (riser blocks/tops/ramps) dolly. Priced at \$1675, this set includes a to-scale planning model, riser blocks, tops, ramps, and a storage dolly.

Arben Design, at NAB for the first time, showed its modular set design systems, including the three Lebenset packages, which include a variety of risers, geometric forms, and grid shapes. The company also had a new prefabricated cyclorama.

Walter S. Brewer Co., a joint venture with Electro Controls, introduced an adjustable telescoping hanger for lights or monitors, operated from the studio floor, and a ground row to hide cyclorama floor lights.

Theatre Service & Supply Corp. showed its cycloramas and lighting gear, while Theatrical Services, Inc., described its turnkey lighting and rig-

ging installations (the company specializes in electrical connections).

For more information: Colortran Colortrack, 651; Colortran Channel Track II, 652; Kliegl Entertainer, 653; Kliegl K96, 654; Dynamic Technology Ltd. Datalite 192, 655; Olesen/Theatre Techniques Wizard, 656; Olesen 43406, 657; Theatre Vision Teatronics Datacue II, 658; Strand Century Lightpalette program, 659; Strand Century dimmer pack, 660; Strand Century Pulsar camera light, 661; Electro Controls computer patch, 662; Arriflex 6kW HMI, 663; Mole-Richardson Type 6281 Solar-Arc Solarspot, 664; Mole HMI, 665; Belden Lee sungun, 666; Rainbo CX-7, 667; LTM fiber optic light, 668; Phoebus Manufacturing Ultra Quartz spot, 669; Strong International Xenon Trouper, 670; Lowel-Light Lowel DP, 671; Lowel-Light Softlight 2, 672; Bogen Photo Corp. Model 7000, 7050, 673; Comprehensive Video Supply Pag Power light kit, 674; Comprehensive Video Supply quartz lighting, 675; Frezzolini SPK-1, 676; Matthews Video Matth-Pak, 677; Sylvania/GTE studio lamps, 678; General Electric studio lamps, 679; Great American Market 2K Scene Machine, 680; Great American Market Instaset, 681; Peter Albrecht Corp. Sigma Pac, 682; Gagnon Laforest Vertilift, 683; Uni-Set Corp. RTR dolly, 684; Arben Design Lebenset packages, 685; Walter S. Brewer Co. hanger, ground row, 686.

Power

The major development in power was the introduction of several ac power supplies for ENG/EFP cameras. One of these was Cinema Products' Zip-Pak, which weighs less than 2.5 lbs. and fits cameras that accept the Anton/Bauer Snap-On system. Zip-Pak switches for 115/230 V ac, 50/60 Hz power sources, as did all the new adapters. It is priced at \$575.

Anton/Bauer also had its own ac adapters in two versions, both in the Snap-On configuration. The LPS-3 is a less expensive, linear version that operates in the horizontal position on the camera. The PS-1 is a smaller, more efficient model with a special design to limit RFI and EMI output. The company also unveiled two chargers, the Life Saver fast charger for 12, 12.2, and 14.4 V Snap-On nicad batteries and the Wide Range Micro Charger, which can be plugged into virtually any outlet in the world with no switch necessary. Other new items included the

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Christie joined the movement with its KS1 ac adapter, which weighs three lbs. and mounts horizontally or vertically. The company also introduced new super nicad batteries for cameras and VTRs and showed its established ReFlex-20 "burping" charger and battery system.

Frezzolini's "On-Board" ac adapter, Model RPS-1, was shown in a production model. The new MBC-5 multiple charger, for worldwide use, will simultaneously recharge eight BP-90 type battery packs overnight. The company also introduced the FBP-90 and FBP-90FC dc power systems, which double ENG/EFP camera run-time—up to four hours.

Perrott Engineering was the only company showing a new silver-zinc system. The company's MP 300 Micro Mini 12 V 8 Ah system includes the PE 300 minicharger, MP 300 Kwik-Klip camera battery, and PE 37 VTR battery. Also new was System 300, twin 12 V battery packs with twin chargers.

Cine 60 brought two new fast chargers, a universal model for any 6 V to 30 V nicad battery and a portable 12 V dc model for nicad packs and belts. A new high-performance nicad battery pack for the Ikegami HL-83 camera was introduced, as were new battery cables for the HL-83 and RCA's TK-86. Cine



Perrott's MP 300 battery system.

60's other new item was a line of lightweight lithium backup and "expedition" batteries.

PEP Inc. had a new VTR battery, the V90, for the Sony BVU-50, BVU-110, and BVH-500. Chargers, batteries, and belts from Pag Power were on view at the Comprehensive Video supply booth.

John Chiles Inc., a newcomer to NAB but not to the broadcasting industry, displayed its full range of batteries, power packs, and chargers for video cameras. A line of sealed lead-acid battery packs and belts for video and film camera applications was shown by Portable Energy Products Inc.

For more information: Anton/Bauer LPS-3, PS-1, 687; Anton/Bauer Life Saver fast charger, Wide Range Micro Charger, 688; Anton/Bauer Trim-Pak battery, 689; Christie KS1, 690; Christie ReFlex-20 batteries, 691; Frezzolini Model RPS-1, 692; Frezzolini MBC-5, 693; Frezzolini FBP-90, FBP-90FC, 694; Perrott Engineering MP 300, 695; Perrott Engineering System 300, 696; Cine 60 universal charger, 697; Cine 60 portable charger, 698; Cine 60 camera battery, 699; Cine 60 battery cables, 700; Cine 60 expedition batteries, 701; PEP Inc. V90, 702; John Chiles power supplies, 703; Portable Energy Products sealed lead-acid batteries, 704.

Camera support

Innovations were few in the camera support area, but several companies introduced new models to their lines. One of these was Sachtler Corp. of America, appearing for the first time at NAB as a separate company. It brought two new fluid heads, both first seen in Montreux last year. The Video 25, a medium-sized EFP head, offers four steps of pushbutton control for camera weight and compensation for center of gravity displacement. Video 20 is a lighter version for ENG applications. The company also showed a prototype of the Video 35 studio head.

Listec added two new items to its line of Vinten support equipment: the Teal pneumatic pedestal for cameras

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Ultra-Boom at Comprehensive Video booth.

up to 140 lbs. and the Avocet head ("probably the smoothest head at the show," according to a company spokesperson), which offers 90 degrees of tilt for cameras up to 30 lbs. A new feature for the Dolphin crane arm, exhibited previously, is remote control of camera focus and zoom.

The show-stopper at Comprehensive Video was the new Ultra-Boom,

which varies camera height, pan, and tilt simultaneously and smoothly. The unit has complete internal wiring for remote zoom and focus servo controls. Seen in prototype at the show, it was expected to be deliverable in 45 to 60 days and costs \$7000.

The Tulip crane from Matthews Studio Equipment was shown this year with some new accessories,

including a basket for the counterbalancing weights and a monitor holder designed to increase operator control of the camera.

Brand-new at the O'Connor booth was a portable mechanical pedestal that works on an air column and supports cameras up to 120 pounds. The company was having a contest to name the new pedestal, which costs \$2500 and is available on 60-day delivery. Also new was a line of aluminum tripods, based on the same design as O'Connor's wooden models.

Bogen Photo Corp. had several items not seen at previous NABs, including the 3066 fluid head, 3063 mini fluid head, 3061 heavy-duty tripod, 3067 dolly, and 3056 auto dolly. This camera support line is a new venture for the company, which has previously concentrated on lighting gear.

Arriflex had a new camera support line, consisting of the FL7 and FL3 fluid heads and cast aluminum tripod legs. The head has an advanced-concept fluid drag system; its counterbalance is steplessly adjustable. The aluminum handles can be mounted for left- or right-handed use. The head will tilt a full 160 degrees without a wedge and the large claw ball will tilt an additional 30 degrees.

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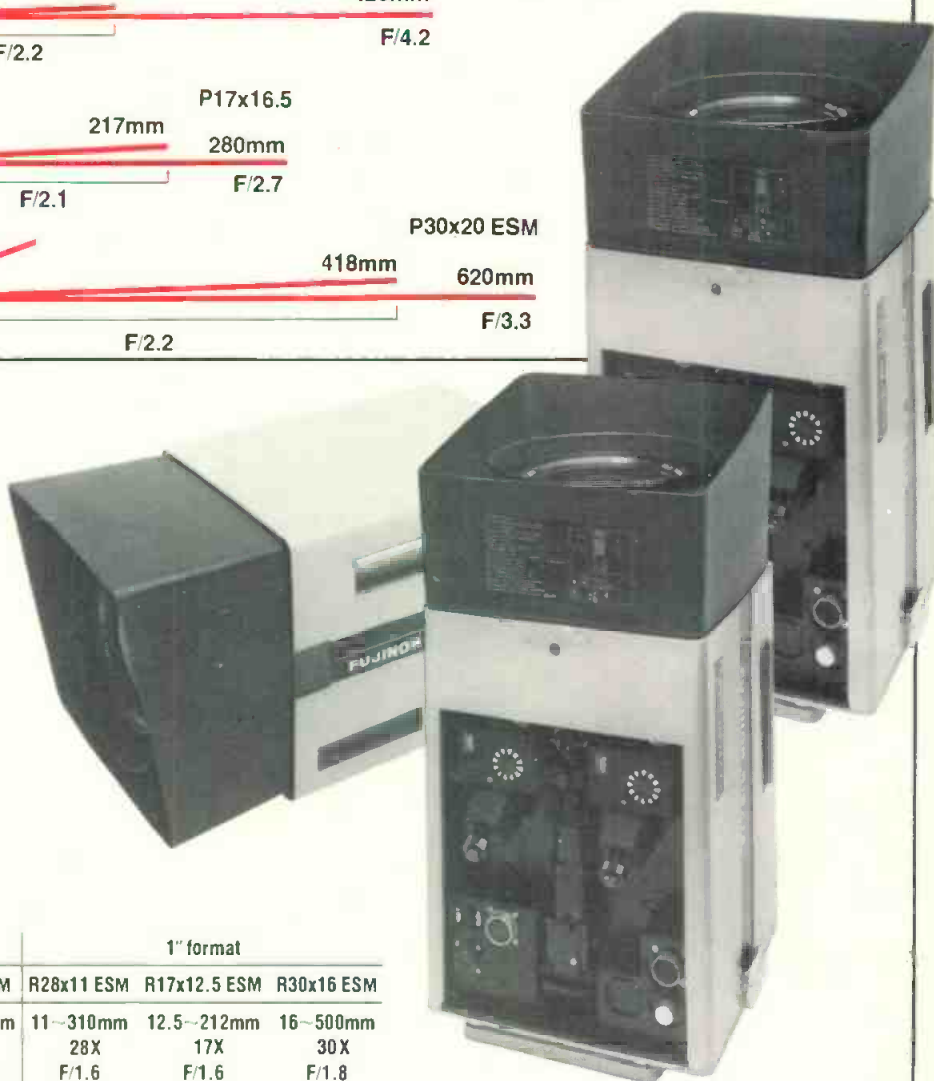
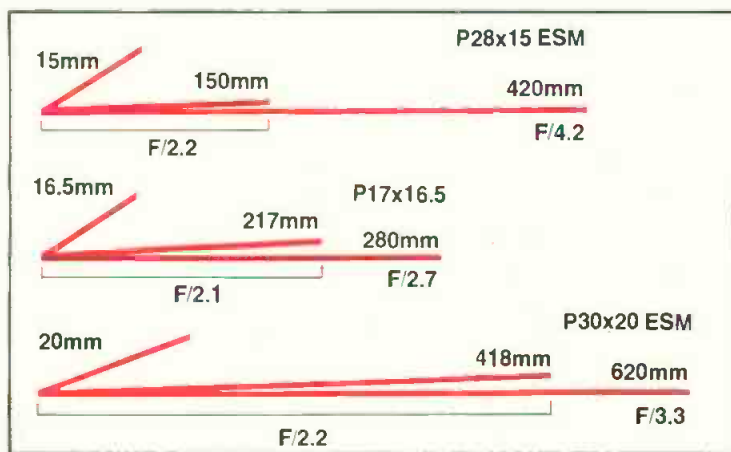
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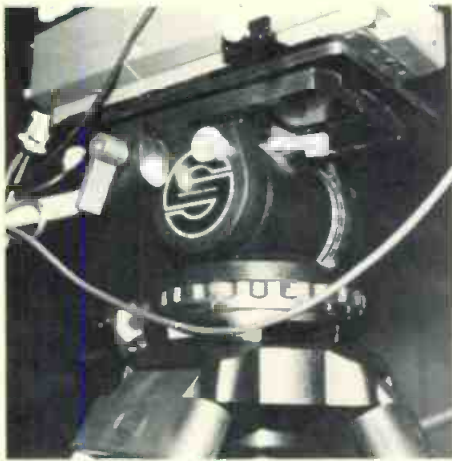


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One of Sachtler's new fluid heads.

The Cinema Products booth once again featured **Steadicam**, the camera stabilizing system that has become a production mainstay for both video and film users.

Innovative Television Equipment added two new fluid heads to its line, the **H16** for ENG cameras and the **H9A**, a smaller version of the H9. The company also has a new tripod with ball leveling, Model **T8**.

Karl Heitz Inc. showed the **Gitzo** line of heads, tripods, dollies, monopods, and accessories. **Quick-Set** featured its **System 2000** modular tripod system, built around a multipurpose mounting plate and extendable crutch legs.

A newcomer to NAB, **Bush and Millimaki Services** brought the line of Universal fluid heads from Australia, including two new models, the **12BVSL** and **12BV**. The company, which also showed a line of wooden tripods, is just now making a play for the broadcast market.

A useful item from **Film/Video**



Listec showed Vinten's Teal pedestal.

Equipment Service Corp. was the **Kangaroo** video pack, a waterproof fabric VCR carrier with room for tapes, batteries, cables, and mics.

Q-TV Telesync and **Telescript** both brought their teleprompting systems, familiar to attendees of previous shows.

For more information: Sachtler Corp. Video 25, Video 20, 705; Listec Teal pedestal, 706; Listec Avocet head, 707; Comprehensive Video Ultra-Boom, 708; Matthews Tullip crane, 709; O'Connor pedestal, 710; Bogen Photo Corp. 3066, 3063, 3061, 3067, 3056, 711; Arriflex FL7, FL3, 712; Innovative Television Equipment H16, H9A, T8, 713; Bush and Millimaki 12BVSL, 12BV, 714; Film Video Equipment Service Corp. Kangaroo pack, 715.

Racks, cases, furniture

There was a good amount of activity in the cabinet field, with several companies showing new items. **Winsted** introduced the **System/85** line of modular video consoles, designed to hold Sony 800 Series and Type 5 U-Matic VCRs. The 19-inch units come in a variety of configurations and offer a full line of accessories.

Emcor, returning to the NAB after a four-year hiatus, brought its **10 Series**, a new line of cabinets for any kind of broadcast equipment. The cabinets have 19- or 24-inch openings for equipment mounting and accessories.

Amco introduced a new commercial EMI cabinet, the **CRFFX**, which meets the new FCC specification for interference protection and comes in a variety of dimensions. The company also showed a variety of equipment consoles and modular cabinets.

Storeel Corp. returned to NAB with its well-established line of storage systems for video and audio tape.

Cases, too, showed some activity, with three firms making their maiden NAB appearances and several established companies showing new items. Industry veteran **Anvil** brought a new line of shock-mount rack cases, with double plywood walls separated by a two-inch layer of high-density foam. The company also showed new monitor cases, and described its full line of standard and custom-built shipping cases, including A.T.A. cases for air travel.

Fiberbilt introduced its polyethylene **Supercase**, available in standard or custom sizes for cameras, recorders, and other broadcast equipment. The company calls it its strongest, lightest case yet.

New from **Excalibur** was a **VTR case** that allows in-case operation. With a special interlock feature (available for any of Excalibur's cases), two



Winsted's System/85 VCR console.

smaller cases can be locked together for shipping.

One of the newcomers was the **Calzone Case Co.**, which has mainly concentrated on the music business in the past. Calzone's wheeled amp racks, custom cases, A.T.A. cases, and tool cases are constructed of plywood with formica lamination and custom padding.

Hardigg Industries, another NAB novice, showed a line of molded polyethylene cases for any kind of electronic equipment. The company also featured a line of polyethylene cushions that allow delicate equipment to be shipped by commercial carriers.

William Bal Corp. has been selling to the broadcast industry for 10 years, but didn't make it to NAB until this time. Bal's video shipping cases are molded of Aero-Lan high-impact, water-resistant material; foam interiors can be cut to order. The company also has plywood cases.

Parsons Manufacturing, at its second NAB show, displayed a wheeled case with retractable wheels and handles, especially suited for air travel.

Thermodyne International came back with its **Shok-Stop** cases, first seen at last year's show. The company also featured its **Rack-Pack**, for rack-mounted equipment.

Environmental Container Systems had its established line of watertight fiberglass cases in custom and standard sizes.

For more information: Winsted System/85, 716; Emcor 10 Series, 717; Amco CRFFX, 718; Storeel storage units, 719; Anvil rack cases, 720; Anvil monitor cases, 721; Fiberbilt Supercase, 722; Excalibur VTR case, 723; Calzone cases, 724; Hardigg Industries cases, 725; William Bal video shipping cases, 726; Parsons Mfg. cases, 727; Thermodyne Intl. Rack-Pack, 728; Environmental Container cases, 729.

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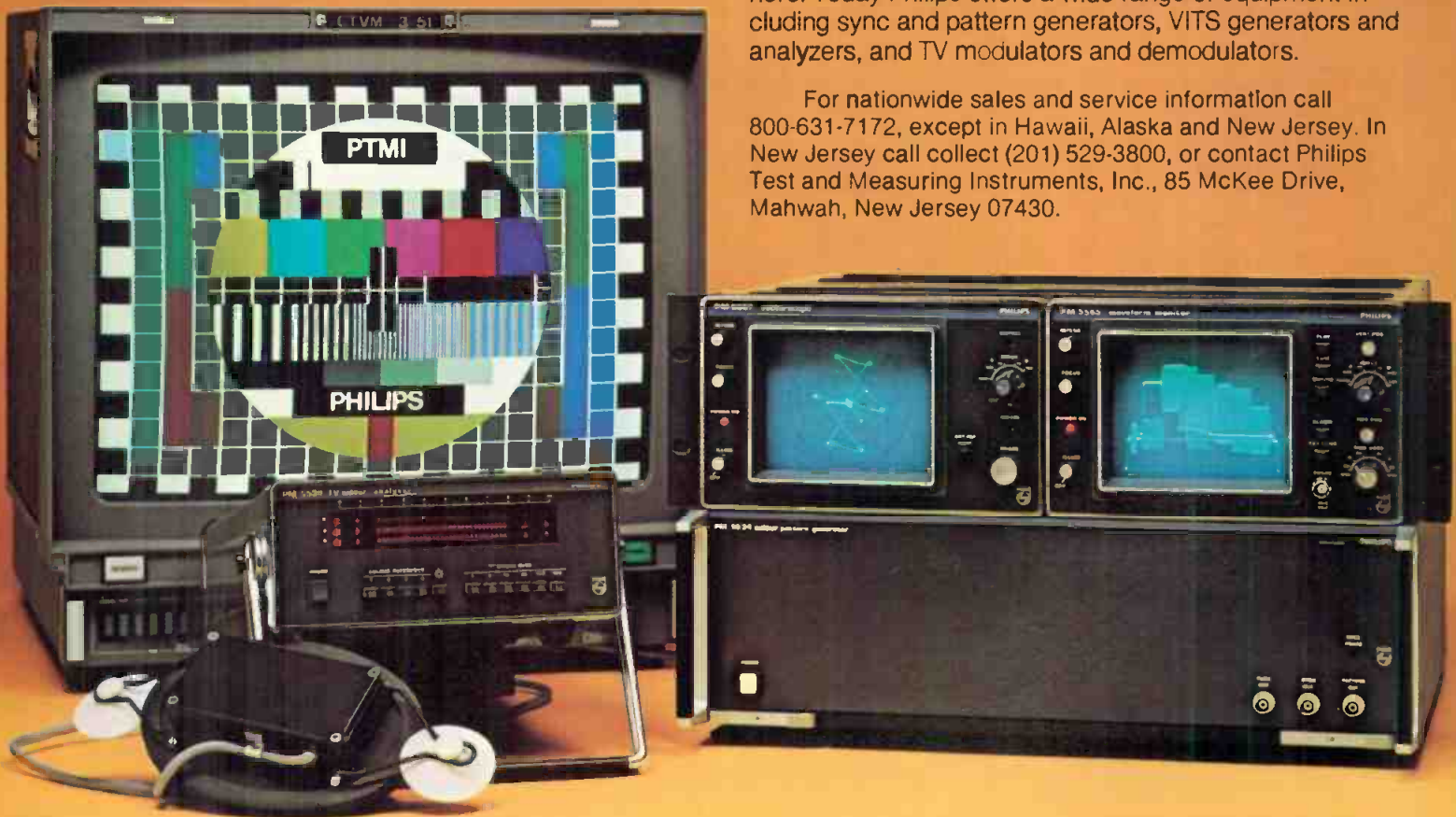
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AM Stereo: can broadcasters influence the outcome?

THERE ARE BIG STAKES riding on which AM stereo system will win the free marketplace race touched off by the FCC's reluctance to crown a winner on its own (*BM/E*, May 1982, p. 8). The proponents of four systems—Harris, Kahn/Hazeltine, Magnavox and Motorola—have left the gate and are galloping furiously for the big pot—put at \$20 million for exciter-transmitter manufacturers alone, according to Harris Corporation. But there are two other purses to be divided, both bigger: one going to receiver manufacturers if they pick a winner and another to broadcasters.

Harris's estimate of the \$20 million that will be spent on transmission equipment assumes half will come from the U.S. and half from international markets. AM stereo receiver manufacturers might tend to profit by \$12-15 million annually assuming a normal markup on stereo receivers, which will sell for about 10 percent more than the average standard set. On the other hand, a receiver manufacturer could quickly lose \$100 million just by entering the race if it chose to produce a decoder for a system that broadcasters and consumers shunned.

It's hard to put a dollar value on what AM broadcasters have riding. Some think it's a matter of life and death. AM listeners are steadily gravitating to FM, and AM station resale prices have peaked. Although many have already invested in a stereo studio in anticipation of a new standard, others, such as Gary Stevens at Doubleday Broadcasting, have said AM stereo offers too little too late (*BM/E*, February 1982, p. 89).

But judging from the strong feelings of broadcasters who were able to get to a floor microphone at the AM Stereo panel session during the 1982 NAB Convention, there is more than profit or loss at stake. There is pride. AM stereo represents a chance not simply to go two channels but to rid the industry of the curse of limited bandwidth radio. Indeed, Bart Locathi of Pioneer and Dan Schockley of National Semiconductors, who both proposed quick adoption of the Magnavox system at the NAB panel, were taken aback by the hostility directed toward them for ostensibly basing a recommendation on

lowest receiver manufacturing cost. By the same token, Bob Dietz, chief engineer at WABC Radio, drew applause when he pleaded with all concerned not to take the expedient route. He argued, rather, for the industry to take all the time necessary to pick the one system that will truly serve broadcasters. "Now is our chance," he said. Such a system will not be the one that offers a quick fix to AM broadcasters' prob-

lems by offering a new hype (stereo) but will be, instead, one that goes back to basics and broadens bandwidth—assuming one can have both selectivity and bandwidth.

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FCC's Final AM Stereo Evaluation 3/18/82

EVALUATION CATEGORY

Numbers in parentheses () indicate the maximum possible scores.

MONOPHONIC COMPATIBILITY

	MAGNAVOX	HARRIS	MOTOROLA	KAHN	BELAR
Average Harmonic Distortion (15)	15	6	9	12	9
Mistuning Effects (5)	5	5	5	5	5

INTERFERENCE CHARACTERISTICS

	MAGNAVOX	HARRIS	MOTOROLA	KAHN	BELAR
Occupied bandwidth (10)	3	10	4	6	5
Protection ratios (10)	7	8	7	9	1

COVERAGE (Relative to Mono)

	MAGNAVOX	HARRIS	MOTOROLA	KAHN	BELAR
Stereo to mono receiver (5)	5	5	5	5	5
Stereo to stereo receiver (5)	-	-	-	-	-

TRANSMITTER STEREO PERFORMANCE

	MAGNAVOX	HARRIS	MOTOROLA	KAHN	BELAR
Distortion (10)	8	6	8	4	.8
Frequency response (10)	8	5	5	8	6
Separation (10)	10	10	10	3	8
Noise (10)	6	8	10	8	6

RECEIVER STEREO PERFORMANCE

	MAGNAVOX	HARRIS	MOTOROLA	KAHN	BELAR
Degradation in stereo performance over that measured at the transmitter, including consideration of directional antenna and propagation degradation (10)	9	9	8	5	5

TOTAL SCORES	MAGNAVOX	HARRIS	MOTOROLA	KAHN	BELAR
	76	72	71	65	58

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Receiver industry spokesmen at NAB panel on AM stereo included, left to right, Jon Strom, Sony; Bart Locathi, Pioneer; Amond Clegg, Matsushita; Dan Shockey, National Semiconductor; and R.J. McMillin, Delco. Not shown were Robert McCarthy, Magnavox and Frank Hilbert, Motorola.

decision? If it is the latter, will they consider the broadcaster's view? Does the opinion of informed broadcasters who have truly examined the competing systems count? Will the aggressiveness of Harris, which has done an impressive job by lining up over 100 broadcasters favoring its linear system, have an impact? Or will receiver manufacturers decide solely on the basis of their own analysis of price performance—what they think consumers will buy?

There is no clear-cut answer. If it turns out to be Harris or Kahn, then certainly the voice of broadcasters will have been heard. If Magnavox wins, it could be considered a receiver manu-

facturer decision, though there certainly are some broadcasters supporting this system. Should Motorola emerge as the dark horse winner, it will be by sheer force of compelling cost-performance arguments that receiver manufacturers are likely to make. And set makers have not ruled out the Belar system even though it is not being aggressively promoted by anyone. If a non-synchronous detector seems preferable, it's a small step from Magnavox's phase modulation approach, which requires synchronous detectors, to Belar's FM modulation system, which does not.

Japan alone may not make the decision, despite the fact that seven of the

top 10 receiver manufacturers are headquartered there.

Indeed, for those making bets today, the odds favor not Japan, but Kokomo, IN, the home of Delco Division of General Motors. As the world's number one automobile receiver manufacturer and fourth among the radio industry giants overall, Delco has clout. Unable to make up its mind on the basis of what it has seen or read so far, Delco has decided it must run more tests. Uppermost is which of the competing systems will work best in the harsh automobile environment.

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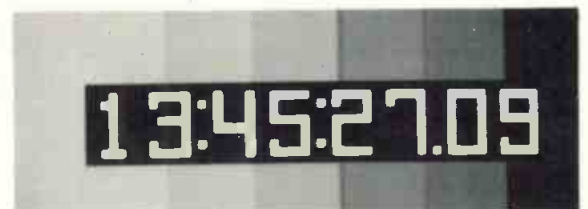
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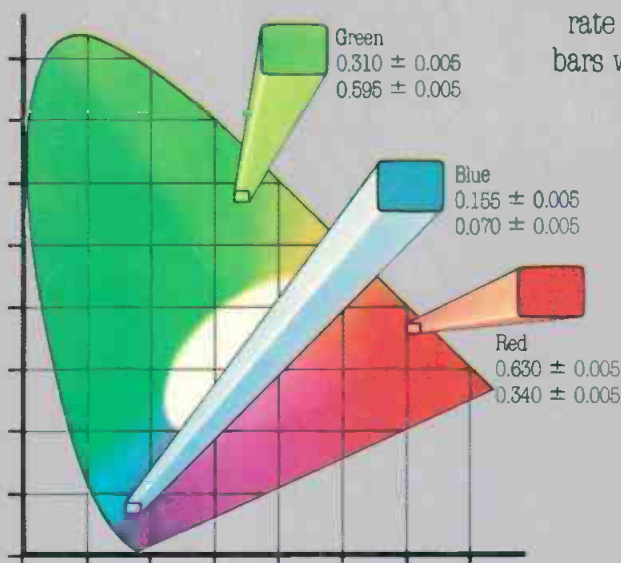
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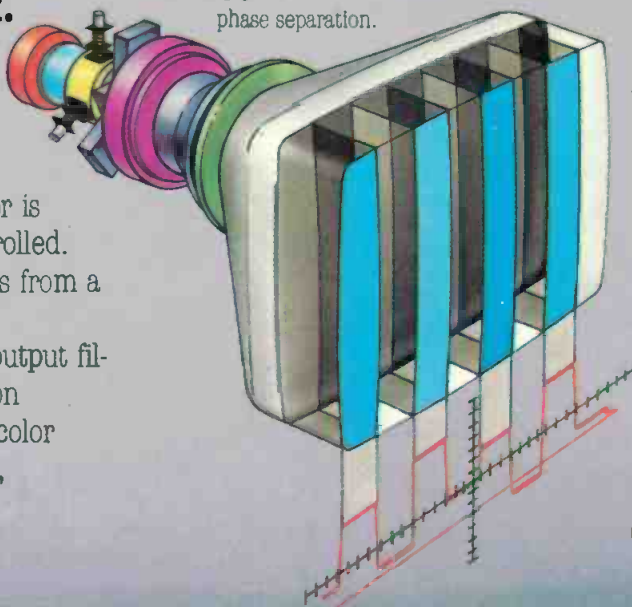
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most totally ignored by the NAMSRC tests of 1977—an “incredible” fact, laments Leonard Kahn, developer of one of the systems favored by broadcasters.

R.J. McMillin, director of engineering for Delco Electronics, outlined in mid-April the tests Delco will make on the four contending systems. These tests will involve not only bench evaluations but mobile field tests as well.

All factors concerning the receiver's cost and performance will be examined. Close scrutiny will be given to the

performance of the decoder and pilot detector used in the various systems. Such items as alignment necessary by the set manufacturer, varactor overload effects, oscillator noise, system phase noise, cross conversion effects at different times of the day, and the cost of adding pilot tone and extra output are targeted for study.

Performance of decoders will be evaluated in terms of distortion, separation, $S + N/N$, incidental phase modulation, full modulation effects, co-channel interference, and adjacent

channel interference. Pilot signal detector factors to be examined include acquisition time, false triggering susceptibility, co-channel triggering, pilot circuit complexity, and transition effects between stereo-to-mono and mono-to-stereo.

Presumably these tests will sort out some of the claims and counter-claims made by the various proponents of systems. And unlike the early NAMSRC tests, the Kahn system will be tested alongside the others.

McMillin reports that all system developers will be cooperating, as might be expected under the circumstances. Every system proponent has publicly said that they welcome the tests, and each is expected to supply several receivers.

Field tests at Delco, as distinct from bench tests, will use broadcast signals. Effect of a station's range and antenna patterns will be studied and particularly receiver performance at fringe areas and in strong signal areas. Occupied bandwidth, false stereo effects, and modulator processing effects will be observed as well as the effect of sideband asymmetry. Atmospheric effects will also be examined, including effects of skywaves and selected fading.

If none of the above tend to favor one system over another (previous analyses by other receiver manufacturers were undecisive in terms of performance), perhaps the “road tests” Delco plans will sort out winners and losers. Multipath, nulls, reradiation from power lines, impulse noise, switch pops, loss of signal on bridges, pilot tone signal acquisition time (and attendant transition effects), plus stereo image shift will be studied in a moving car. Receiver performance in the presence of strong, fringe, and varying signals will be closely observed.

These tests begin this month, and by early August Delco could decide which system it favors—in time to make some impact on the 1983 model year.

More tests desirable

While it is hard to believe that broadcasters alone could force a standard inasmuch as they seem divided themselves on what system they consider best, not to mention anti-trust implications which are real according to NAB, more practical evaluation by broadcasters could help clarify some of the issues. Those broadcasters who test more than one system are in the best position to choose and influence others.

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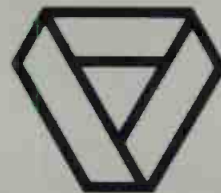


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and not on hard empirical data. The Magnavox system, which was the FCC's choice as a single standard in 1980, might not be the best bet by broadcaster-set criteria. Those who question it most are concerned that there may be a loss in monophonic loudness when transmitting in stereo and that there may be popping sounds produced in a stereo receiver during high negative peak modulation conditions. Another concern that reached the FCC was that high frequency response might have to be restricted to receive a program both monophonically and stereophonically, (paragraph 14, Report and Order Document 21313).

Although the Magnavox system still comes out with the best overall score in the 1982 FCC evaluation (see chart), the Commission admits that some criteria could not be adequately quantified to be considered and that in other categories insufficient data were available—such as coverage related to stereo. Even when scores are given, the qualifications must be remembered. For example, Magnavox, Motorola, and Harris all got top marks in separation. This is because the frequency range for the scoring was limited from 200 to 5000 MHz. At a higher limit of 7500 MHz, Magnavox would have suffered, and at 15,000 MHz, Harris would win. The validity of the chart is further questioned by those who point out that a small shift in a corner frequency of the Belar system would make it equal to the Magnavox.

The FCC admits that some important factors may not even be on the chart and gives a nod to Harris by indicating, in Appendix E of the Report and Order, Harris's mathematical analysis showing the virtues of its linear system.

In short, additional field tests of all systems under comparable conditions might show up a new winner. This is what Leonard Kahn is banking on—tests in the real world and not in the laboratory. He is sure that some systems will fail because of phasing errors (which create undesirable sibilances) and others will flunk when adjacent channel interference is present (which causes sputtering). Motorola is convinced that more side-by-side tests will show up its compatible quadrature system to outperform others in terms of modulation induced noise and interference. Motorola says that it has valuable data that it submitted to the FCC but that went unreported because others did not have similar information.

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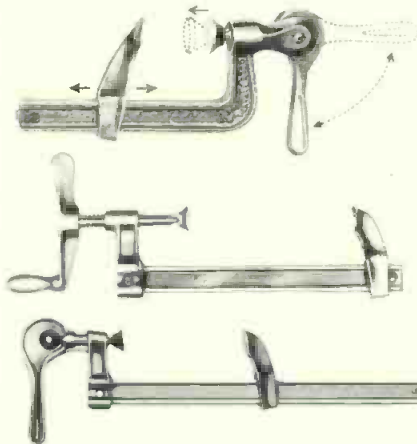
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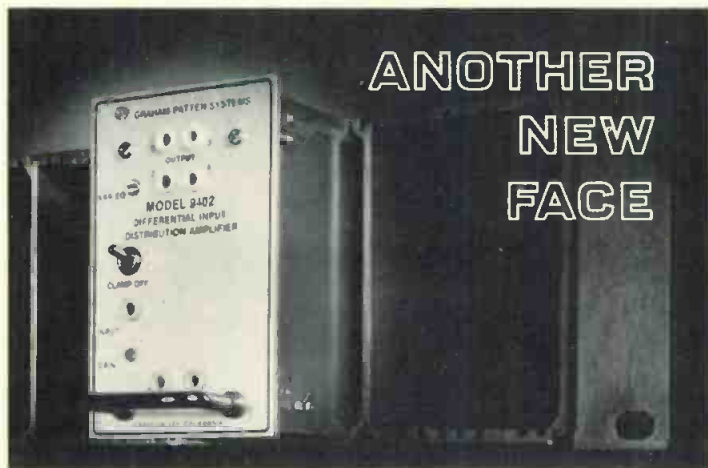
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- Also in the microwave portion of the spectrum, the Commission has indicated that it likes Marti Electronics' proposal to let radio and television licensees (but *not* CARS microwave systems) extend the range of their microwave studio-transmitter links and intercity relay stations with on-channel boosters. Generally, licensees now needing to extend these types of signals—whether to cover a long distance or to get around some obstacle blocking the signal—would simply use a repeater on a different frequency. Unfortunately, this approach is no longer available in many areas as a result of frequency congestion. In addition, a system that will deliver a signal from Point A to Point B on a single frequency utilizes spectrum more efficiently than a system that ties up two frequencies to do the same job. Thus, when Marti indicated the availability of technology permitting on-channel boosters, and sought rule changes to permit their use, the Commission thought it might just be a good idea, notwithstanding the possibility of interference to other users. As of this writing, the Commission is mulling over the comments submitted in response to its notice of proposed rulemaking.

- On the FM side, the FCC has finally decided it ought to define FM licensees' responsibilities for resolving blanketing interference caused to other stations. "Blanketing" occurs when a station's signal partly or completely blocks the reception of other stations; it is most likely to happen in the immediate vicinity of a station's antenna.

Beyond this fairly general definition, however, the FCC has yet to provide any detailed criteria as to when, precisely, FM blanketing can be said to occur. Perhaps more importantly, the Commission has yet to provide any guidance as to when a station must bear the financial burden of correcting blanketing when it does happen. The Commission is now considering precisely those questions, and other related ones, in a rulemaking proceeding aimed at offering FM licensees the same type of standards already available to AM licensees. At the suggestion of an organization of consulting engineers, the FCC has proposed to define blanketing as arising when an FM station's signal hits 115 dBu or greater. It's not just that simple, however. For example, if a blanketing situation is created by two or more colocated stations, should the 115 dBu per station level be lowered? Should both stations be jointly responsible for resolving interference complaints in the blanketed area? What happens when a station joins others at a particular site? Should the newcomer be responsible for all additional interference complaints? These questions are under consideration.

- To make life a little bit easier for would-be general radiotelephone operator licensees, the Commission has streamlined the testing process. Under the old system, you used to have to pass the first and most difficult section—the so-called "Element 3," involving technical, legal, and other matters—before moving on to the second ("Element 1") and third ("Element 2") sections, which were simpler. Since virtually everybody who passed the



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first test ended up passing all three, the Commission combined the three exams into one. To simplify things even more, the Commission decided to give credit for Element 1 and 2 exams to anyone holding any commercial radio-telephone operator license (except restricted radiotelephone operator permits). This will affect primarily marine radio operator permittees, who never used to get this kind of credit.

● And last, but by no means least, so far this year the Commission has had to focus on a variety of international matters directly affecting U.S. broadcasters. For instance, last year's Region 2 conference on AM broadcasting established general standards to be applied to U.S. stations vis-a-vis the stations of other countries. The Commission must now review its own rules, policies, and procedures with an eye toward bringing them into line with the international accords. That's not as simple as it may sound, since the Region 2 conference left a number of matters open for bilateral agreements. As a result, the Commission is or will be involved in further negotiations with Canada and Mexico relative to AM protection standards and the like. Since these negotiations could lead to the availability of spectrum space (e.g., on the Canadian clear channels) for some additional full-time U.S. stations, their importance cannot be understated. An additional, continuing problem is presented by Cuba, which is something of a wild card in the international scheme of things. Cuba withdrew from the Region 2 conference and the NARBA agreement, and has been

creating interference problems for a number of U.S. stations, which in turn have been pushing the Commission to give them some kind of assistance. And, as if all of this weren't enough, the Commission also has to worry about the International Telecommunications Union's Plenipotentiary Conference scheduled for September through November, 1982, in Nairobi, Kenya. The ITU oversees international use of radio spectrum for "the improvement and rational use of all forms of telecommunications." Plenipotentiary conferences are convened every five to 10 years to permit revision of the ITU's basic charter. The U.S. proposals for the conference thus relate more to parliamentary and procedural matters, such as creation of certain voting procedures, advisory committees, and the like. While this may seem somewhat far afield of day-to-day broadcast regulation, one should recall the words of Sir Henry Maine, who stated, "the substantive law is sequestered in the interstices of procedure."

In light of all these activities, it is clear that the Commission still has its hands full, regardless of deregulation. Indeed, as deregulation takes hold and frees up staff time, the Commission may be able to dedicate even more of its resources to technical details and technical innovations. The result is likely to be overall improvement in the nature and quality of services available. If you would like further information concerning the proceedings described in this article, or if you would like to submit comments to the Commission with respect to any of the proposals, consult your communications counsel. **BM/E**

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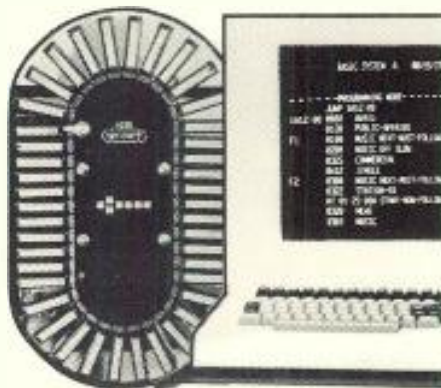
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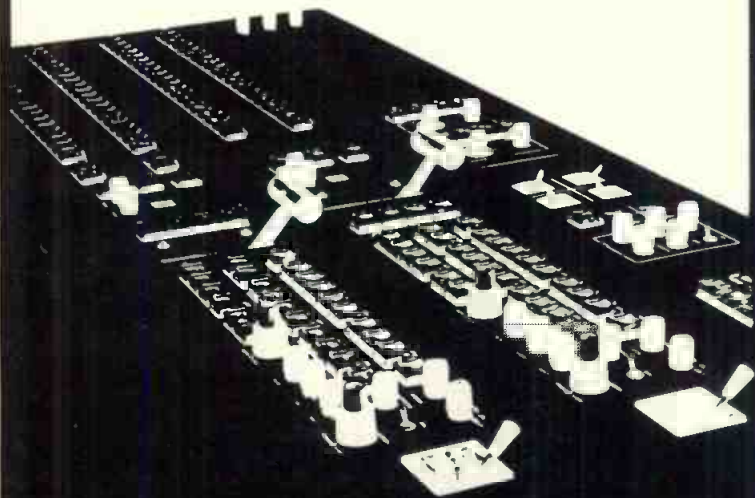
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AM RADIO

Marshall P. Brown, former Chief Engineer
KCEE-AM, Tucson, AZ
for "Editing Tape directly to Cart"
(November issue, #25)

FM RADIO

William Howe, Chief Engineer
WEIV-FM, Ithaca, NY
for "Tape Recorder Automation"
(December issue, #30)

TELEVISION

Jan R. Hall, former Director of Engineering
Hunter College, New York, NY
for "Video Test Pattern Generator"
(July issue, #16)

Our congratulations also to these runners-up who will each receive engineering slide rule calculators:

CATEGORY 1, AUDIO

Tom Rose, Engineering Manager
KQFM, Portland, OR
for "Stereo Line Amp"
(January issue, #3)

Craig S. Butler, former Chief Engineer
WVOJ Radio, Jacksonville, FL
for "Random Noise Generator"
(April issue, #14)

Donald R. Beckett, Engineer
KBYU-TV/FM, Provo, UT
for "Audio Signal Black Box"
(December issue, #28)

CATEGORY 2, RF

B.G. Parker, Transmitter Maintenance Supervisor
KCMO-TV, Kansas City, MO
for "Automatic Transmission Line Maintenance"
(May issue, #15)

CATEGORY 3, CONTROL

Jeffrey S. Close
Boulder, CO
for "Triac Turntable Starting System"
(March issue, #8)

Les Svoboda, Staff Engineer
KOLN-TV/KGIN-TV, Lincoln, NE
for "External Tally-Signal System"
(April issue, #13)

Bill Croghan, Chief Engineer
KCEY/KMIX-FM, Turlock, CA
for "Cart Auto Synchronizer"
(October issue, #22)

CATEGORY 4, VIDEO

John Hartwell, Engineer
KQED-TV, San Francisco, CA
for "Program Bus, Preset Bus Switching"
(May issue, #13)

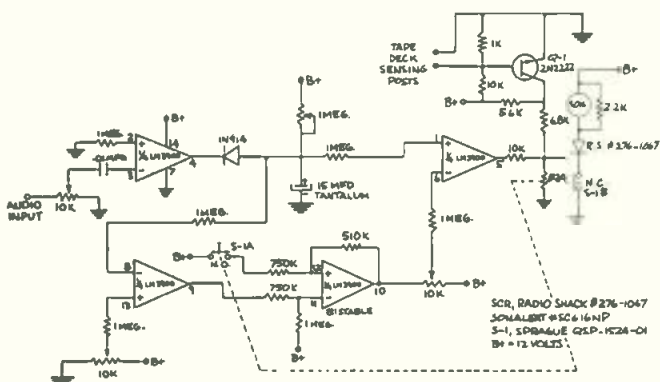
Roger Culhane, Video Engineer
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(September issue, #21)

Our congratulations again to all the winners.

NEW

Great Idea Contest Winner

Voting has been heavy in our new Great Ideas Contest which began in January. Our congratulations to W.O. Barker, chief engineer of WTLR-FM, State College, PA, for his winning Solution C to Problem 1: End-of-Tape Warning. (See pages 112 and 115 of the February, 1982, issue.) The solution has won Mr. Barker an engineering slide rule calculator.



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