

# Honors and Awards Luncheon

Nearly 700 people attended the Society's 1990 Honors and Awards Luncheon held Saturday, October 13, at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. SMPTE President Maurice L. French presided at the luncheon, during which the Society's prestigious awards for outstanding technical achievement, technical articles, and service to SMPTE and the industry were presented to the various recipients. A reception, sponsored by Abekas Video Systems, Inc., preceded the luncheon.

Guest speaker at the luncheon was Dr. Marvin Camras, often referred to as the "father of modern tape recording in the U.S." Currently a research professor of electrical and computer engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology, Camras delivered a short address. Excerpts from his speech appear in this issue.

At the start of the luncheon, SMPTE Secretary/Treasurer Bernard L. Dickens introduced President

French, who welcomed guests with a brief address. He then introduced those seated at the dais (excluding the award winners) and the luncheon speaker. Following Camras' address, the Society's awards were presented to the various recipients by Executive Vice-President Blaine Baker. Descriptions of the awards and a listing of the the recipients and their company affiliations follow. At the conclusion of the awards presentations, Baker introduced the newly named Fellows of the Society.

Next, the elections of key society officers were announced by Dickens. Serving two-year terms beginning this month are: President Blaine Baker, MPL/PostMasters, Inc.; Executive Vice-President Irwin W. Young, Du Art Film Laboratories, Inc.; and Editorial Vice-President Frank J. Haney, Capital Cities/ABC. Ten Regional Governors were also elected: Canadian Region: David L. George; Central Region: Rudolph J. Kryger;

Eastern Region: Robert G. Thomas; Hollywood Region: John L. Mason and Edmund M. DiGiulio; New York Region: Charles H. Jablonski and David Horowitz; Southern Region: David Walters; and Western Region: Kenneth P. Hermanson and Peter Hammar.

The Executive Committee elected John Barry and Bengt O. Orhall to serve as International Governors. Society officers who are continuing their terms are Engineering Vice-President Stanley N. Baron, NBC; Financial Vice-President Richard K. Schafer, Eastman Kodak Co.; and Conference Vice-President L. John Spring, Jr., Eastman Kodak Co. Maurice French will serve as Past President.

After some concluding remarks President French introduced President-elect Baker. He then turned the gavel over to Baker, officially marking the transfer of responsibility as President of the Society.

## Honors and Awards Luncheon Speech

**By Maurice L. French, SMPTE President**

Welcome to the Honors and Awards Luncheon. At this time, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the dais. As you are announced, please stand and remain standing, and may I request that the audience hold its applause until I have introduced the first row.

On my far right are SMPTE Executive Director Lynne Robinson; Program Chairman Kerns Powers, consultant; Local Arrangements Chairman Charles Jablonski, NBC; Sections Vice-President Irwin W. Young, Du Art Film and Video Labs; Financial Vice-President Richard Schafer, Eastman Kodak Co.; Engineering Vice-President Stanley Baron, NBC; and Guest Speaker Dr. Marvin Camras, Illinois Institute of Technology.

On my immediate left are Executive Vice-President Blaine Baker, MPL/PostMasters, Inc.; Past President Carlos Kennedy, Ampex Corp.; Editorial Vice-President Frank

Haney, Capital Cities/ABC, Inc.; Conference Vice-President Jack Spring, Eastman Kodak Co.; Secretary/Treasurer Bernard Dickens, CBS; Former President (1985-86) Harold J. Eady, HJE Communications; Former President (1983-84) Leonard Coleman, Eastman Kodak Co.; Former President (1981-82) Charles E. Anderson, Snell & Wilcox; and Former President (1979-80) Robert M. Smith, Du Art Film and Video Labs.

Ladies and Gentlemen, your guest speaker and the past and present officers of the Society.

In the second row, we are pleased to welcome the representatives of other societies and organizations: Chairman of the Advanced Television Systems Committee James McKinney; President, British Kinematograph, Sound and Television Society (BKSTS) Brian Rhodes; President, Association of Cinema and Video

Laboratories Edward Watton; Executive Director, Motion Picture and Engineering Society of Japan Tuguyoshi Itoh; Director, International Television Symposium Michel Ferla; and President, Audio Engineering Society Marshall Buck. The award recipients will be introduced later in the program.

The Society, founded in 1916, is now in its 74th year, and today we open the 132nd Technical Conference and Equipment Exhibit. This constitutes a long and sustained record of contribution to the motion-picture and television industries. It is a testament to the leadership of our organization and the commitment of our membership.

On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank those members who have contributed to make this conference a reality. I convey special thanks to the Technical Papers Program Chairman Kerns Powers, Vice-Chairmen John