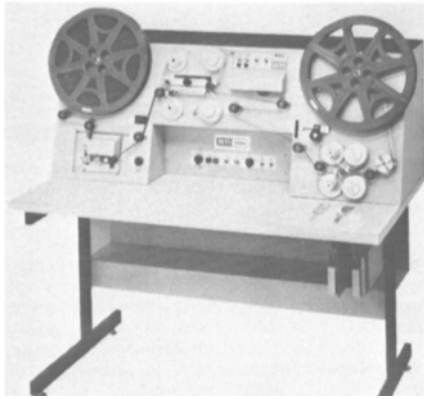


tions in sync with a change of scene and can add narration or music to silent passages and can record sound-on-sound. The 820 Somatic is priced at \$634.



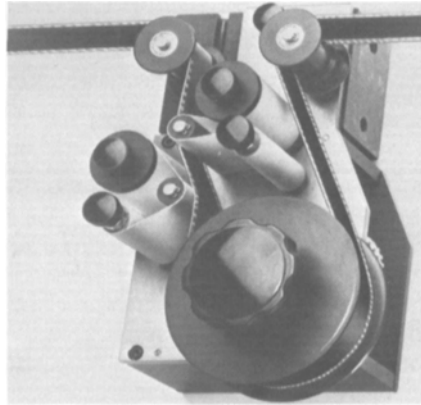
The Omega automatic film inspection unit and the Protector PCL liquid cleaning and conditioning unit have been announced by Research Technology Inc., 8260 Elmwood, Skokie, IL 60076. Film defects are detected on the Omega by the EC (electrical contact automatic detection module). The EC detector allows for overall bypass, stop-on splice and notch bypass capabilities. The detector is completely automatic and engages the film only when the machine is on the "inspect" mode. The presaturated tape cleaning system surface cleans film after inspection and repair.

The Protector cleaning and conditioning unit installs in the center panel of the Omega, allowing simultaneous film inspection and liquid cleaning, conditioning and lubricating. Price of the Omega is \$6500. The Protector PCL is priced at \$2350. The Omega with the Protector PCL installed is shown above.



Unex, a moving fast-changing image and words visual display sign has been announced by American Sign and Indicator Corp., 2310 N. Fancher Way, Spokane, WA 99206. It is suitable for use on cinema theater marquees. The system can be operated by one of several computer-controlled consoles including the Mark 400 desk console and the portable Mark 50. The Mark 400 is programmed using a keyboard similar to a typewriter. A TV-like screen on the console allows the operator to check messages and create graphics. The Unex panel can be programmed to display messages automatically for up to a week in advance. The messages can be changed all day long. The backlit display screen is comprised of a uniform array of thousands of small apertures that may be opened or

closed to form pictures and copy. Prices begin at \$6000.



The Christie Film Cleaner, designed to protect film from damage caused by deterioration and abrasion, has been announced by Christie Electric Corp., 3410 W. 67 St., Los Angeles, CA 90043. It is available in two versions, the FC-1P with brackets for mounting on a projector and the FC-1A with brackets for mounting on the Christie Autowind film handling system. The film cleaner is totally mechanical, driven by the passage of the film. One film cleaner can be used for a multi-theater operation as it can be easily interchanged between projectors and film handling systems by the use of different mounting brackets. The film cleaner uses a cleaning medium designed by 3M Company specifically for cleaning film during laboratory processing. The cleaning cloth lubricates the film and also removes dirt, dust and static. Each roll of cleaning cloth can clean about 10 hours of film. Christie Film Cleaners are available for 16mm, 35mm and 70mm film. Prices are \$395 for 35mm; \$444 for 16mm; and \$530 for 70mm (with either bracket). Extra mounting brackets are available at a price of \$37 each.

A magnetic tape eraser controlled by a foot switch has been announced by Microtran Co., 145 East Mineola Ave., P.O. Box 236, Valley Stream, NY 11582. The eraser, designated Model HD-25/50, provides bulk erasure of program and residual noise from magnetic tape up to 2 in wide on reels to 17 in diameter and magnetic sound film up to 35mm. It may also be used for video and sound cartridges and cassettes with erasure up to 90 dB below saturation level. The eraser is supplied with a cast aluminum foot switch to permit hands-free operation for faster and better control of demagnetizing. The foot-switch is intended to prevent overheating and burn-outs caused by the operator inadvertently failing to de-energize the demagnetizer after use. Two degaussing coils are provided for thorough erasing. The unit measures 14 x 12 x 4 in and weighs 35 lb. The price is \$252.50. The foot-switch may be ordered separately if desired at a price of \$27.50. A plug-in connection eliminates the need for rewiring.

The IDI Superkart, a folding hand truck weighing 2.5 kg and designed to hold a load of 90 kg has been announced by Image Devices Inc., 1825 N.E. 149 St., P.O. Box 61-0606, Miami, FL 33181. The design includes angular wheel lifters for handling load up and down stairs, fold-out lateral load stabilizers and heavy nylon cross webbing to support small-sized loads. The ID Superkart is made of aluminum tubing, stainless steel and heavy-duty industrial casters. The price is \$75.

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