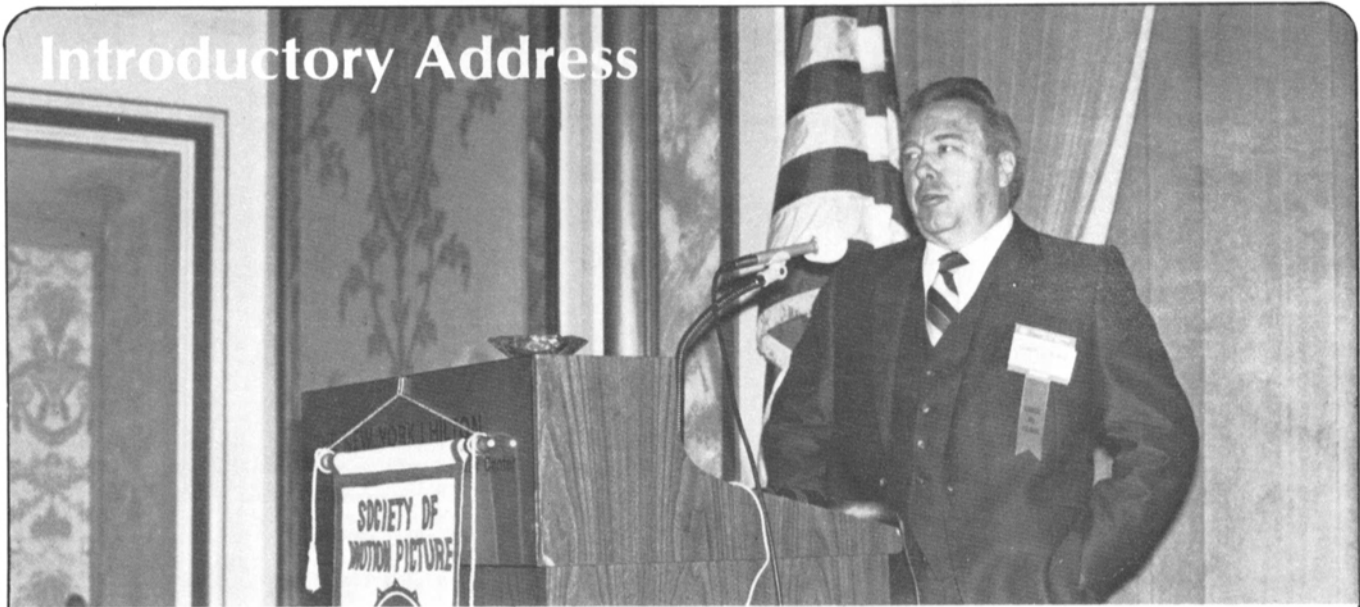


Introductory Address



By Leonard F. Coleman, Incoming SMPTE President

Ladies and gentlemen, members, and friends of SMPTE, welcome to the 124th National Convention.

I wonder if each of you realizes the importance of that welcoming statement. One hundred twenty-three previous conventions of this type have been held during the history of our Society, which originated on July 24, 1916. The first convention was held in New York City in October of 1917, but there were no exhibits. In 1932, the first convention with exhibits was held in Washington, D.C. Oftentimes we do not fully realize the time and effort required to bring a convention of this type to fruition. The support of not only the membership, but also the Headquarters staff, required for such a mass meeting, is almost incomprehensible unless you personally have been involved in one of these conventions.

Oftentimes we take for granted the mailings that we receive prior to the convention, giving us information as to the hotels, the program material, and the scheduling of important events. These projects do not happen by themselves. It has taken many hours of time to not only obtain and prepare this ma-

terial, but also to organize and insure the coordination of such a massive national meeting. My compliments to all those involved with the 124th Convention.

Our theme for this opening session is "Commitment to Tomorrow's Technology." I would like to state that for SMPTE's "Tomorrow's Technology" to exist, we require a commitment from each of you as members, in devoting your time and talent to aiding our Society.

The future in imaging of moving objects can only come about through the concentrated effort of our members, namely the engineers, scientists, and managers who are required to provide the needed support. Our founding members established and have maintained our Society. It is up to us as current members to develop the future plans and programs to bring SMPTE into Tomorrow's Technology.

There have been many major changes in our Society over the past few years. In particular, I refer to the training programs provided by SMPTE for both its local managers as well as its national officers. We have changed the terms of office of local managers to coincide with the seasonal programming schedules. Our current President,

Charles Anderson, has established a Future Planning Committee, which we intend to keep in force.

We are furthering our development in directing the Society as an international organization for membership, as well as activities, and we are proposing the change of certain key national officers to better serve their areas of responsibility. But what brings all of this about? It is the people such as yourselves providing this time and talent — a requirement so necessary for the future of SMPTE.

Become involved — first by attending local SMPTE meetings; then progress through your local sections as managers, and then on to national officers' positions. Anyone who has the desire, the capability, and the support can conceivably become the President of SMPTE. The major requirement is devotion to the Society.

As we hear the following speakers today refer to Tomorrow's Technology, keep in mind that for SMPTE to be a strong and viable part of that technology, it must rely on its membership to be involved.

Thank you all, enjoy the conference, and have a pleasant stay in New York City.

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