

usual silver processes as well as non-silver processes and the term "photographic" is intended to include video, electron-imagery, electrostatic, and holographic techniques, as well as optical methods. Further information is available from Dr. R. C. Jacobson, the Polytechnic of Central London, School of Communication, 18/22 Riding House St., London W1P 7PD, England.

The VS-Videographie Système in France is a new corporation formed to cultivate the rapidly expanding teletext and videotext industries in the United States, it was announced by **Bernard E. Joseph**, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive officer. The United States subsidiary, Videographic Systems of America, will also be headed by Mr. Joseph. The French corporation will be owned 51% by Thomson CSF; 26% by Cap Gemini Sogeti and Steria; 16% by CFCT and Sofratev, 5% by the newspaper *Les Echos*, and 1% each by CCS and Unitel. The United States subsidiary will work to merge and expand the technical and commercial activities of Alphatel, Antiope & Telematics, Intelmatique, and Videodial.

Richard K. Olsen has been appointed Field Applications Engineering Manager for TRW LSI Products with headquarters in La Jolla, Calif. His responsibilities will include managing the firm's team of Field Applications Engineers in such diverse territories as Boston, Dallas, Orlando, Fla., Baltimore, and Mountain View, Calif. He will also provide training and factory support for the firm's field applications engineers stationed in Europe.

William Powers has been named Southeast Regional Manager for Sony Broadcast Products Co., according to an announcement by Charles Felder, Vice-President of Sales. He will be responsible for coordinating sales activity and support in a seven-state region and Puerto Rico, with headquarters in Atlanta. He was formerly Director of Engineering at Cox Broadcasting's WSB-TV in Atlanta.

Craig Taylor has been appointed a sales engineer for Sony Broadcast Products Co. He was formerly a sales engineer for Ashton Communications in Vestal, N.Y. Earlier, he had been a technical director in the Production and Engineering Dept. of the University of Rochester's Medical School. In his new post he will handle the New York State accounts for Sony Broadcast Products.

Videomedia has expanded into a larger facility at 211 Weddell Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. It is a 14,000-sq. ft. building which houses the marketing and manufacturing of Videomedia's Z600 line of professional editing systems, as well as their automated control systems, the VMC-100 VMC-200 series.

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OBITUARIES



Charles B. B. Wood

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Charles B. B. Wood, M.B.E., a Fellow of the SMPTE, an Honorary Fellow of the BKSTS and a Fellow of the Royal Television Society, died November 14, 1982, at his home in Bagley Croft, Kent, England, at the age of 69.

On November 8 the Agfa-Gevaert Gold Medal Award was presented to him at the Society's 124th Technical Conference in New York. The Agfa-Gevaert Gold Medal honors the outstanding leadership and inventiveness of the recipient in the research, in the research, development, and/or engineering of new techniques that result in a significant improvement to the interface between motion-picture film and television imaging systems.

At the outbreak of World War II, Wood joined the Royal Air Force, where he worked on the design and installation of radar for night fighter interception. When the war ended he joined the BBC Research Department in 1946. In 1953, he became head of the BBC Engineering Information Department.

During the 1950's, he was actively involved in film telerecording and in the development of electronic cameras and in early experiments with color. Over the years he became internationally known for his work in color television, particularly in the integration of color film with color television. For his work in this field he was awarded the Geoffrey Parr Award of the Royal Television Society and the President's Prize of the BKSTS. In 1977 he was awarded the SMPTE Special Commendation Award.

Wood served on various SMPTE Committees concerned with color and television and he contributed a number of papers to the *SMPTE Journal*. In 1970 — the same year he was made an SMPTE Fellow — he received the Journal Award for his paper, "Some Considerations in the Television

Broadcasting of Color Film," published in the April, 1969 issue of the *Journal*.

A Memorial Service was held November 29 at All Souls Church in London.

Boris Konoplev

Boris Konoplev, a Fellow of the SMPTE, died October 13, at the age of 73, in Moscow. At the time of his death he was Technical Director of Mosfilm Studios, a post he had held since 1948, and since 1963 he had been a professor at the State Cinema Institute. He had worked in motion picture engineering since 1929 and was one of the founders of Soviet film technology. Among other accomplishments, he made valuable contributions to the development of sound recording technology in the USSR.



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Prof. Konoplev was one of the founders of UNIATEC, and in 1957 he was elected its vice-president. For his valuable contributions to the advancement of motion-picture technology he was awarded the Soviet Prize Laureate and the title of Honored Scientist. He was the bearer of five orders and medals of the USSR, and was also Chairman of the Motion Picture Technology Committee of the Filmmakers Association of the USSR. Among the international awards he received were included Intercamera-77, Czechoslovakia, and a French Decoration presented in recognition "of valuable contributions to the motion picture industry." He was made an Honorary Fellow of the BKSTS.

Prof. Konoplev was the author of six books on film production technology, as well as numerous articles published in scientific and technical magazines.

Ed. Note: The information for this obituary was supplied by Vladimir L. Trusko, who is Head of the Technical Board of the USSR State Cinema. Mr. Trusko is a Fellow of the SMPTE. A close associate of Boris, Konoplev, in his letter to the *SMPTE Journal*, he said "The death of Professor Boris Konoplev is a grievous loss for the Soviet cinema industry."