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## Barry C. Detwiler named SMPTE Television Engineer

**Barry C. Detwiler** has joined the Engineering Department at SMPTE Headquarters as the Television Engineer. He has had extensive experience in various aspects of television engineering, motion pictures, and data communications.

An alumnus of Fairleigh Dickinson University (M.S. degree in 1974), his professional career actually began some years ago when he programmed and generated computer status reports for Naval Headquarters. Following that, he was with Philips Broadcast Equipment. Computer display systems design evaluation was his responsibility during a subsequent stint at NCR in Ithaca, N.Y., where he had previously attended Cornell University.

Immediately prior to his appointment to the SMPTE Engineering Department, he was with JVC, New Jersey, as Manager of



Technical Services, a post he had held since 1975. Among other responsibilities, he was in charge of training programs and publications for technical personnel in the operation and maintenance of equipment such as U-format and VHS videocassette recorders as well as color TV cameras.

A member of the SMPTE since 1968, Barry has served on the TV Colorimetry and the Helical Video Recording Subcommittees.

One of his hobbies is photography, which makes him one of the many SMPTE members (and others) who use cameras to enhance their lives and expand their awareness of the world about them. He also has a deep appreciation of music, ranging from classical to authentic folk music, and publishes a bimonthly newspaper called the *Arts Magazette*. In his few leisure moments he plays the harmonica, getting from it a surprising variety of melodious tunes.

Barry's wife, Marie, is an officer at a well-known bank in New York City. The Detwilers reside in Pompton Lakes, N.J.

**William A. Koch**, Vice-President and General Manager, Motion Picture & Audiovisual Markets Div., Eastman Kodak Co., was a guest speaker at the 1983 Manila International Film Festival held January 24-February 4 in Manila, Philippines. "I am proud," he said, "that our industry is truly international in scope. I know of no other industry that has done more and can do more to enlighten, inform, and, hopefully, improve understanding between people of all nations."



He told the audience that film has universal appeal because the creative aspects of visual communications can be understood by anyone, regardless of language or background, and also because of the standardization of motion pictures — 35-mm or 16-mm films can be projected anywhere in the world.

"But the best is yet to come," Koch said, "as we are now learning to combine the best of the classic motion-picture sensitized goods with the exciting possibilities electronic technology offers."

As an example, he described a new product from Kodak, Datakode™ magnetic control surface. He explained that Kodak had developed a method of applying an



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In conclusion, Koch pointed out that "The marriage of film and electronics offers a range of possibilities for tomorrow's imaging; the synergistic relationship between the two presents exciting opportunities for the motion-picture industry."

Digital television signals to the recently approved CCIR Standard have, for the first time, been successfully transmitted by optical fiber link between two television studio centers, according to an announcement from the British Broadcasting Corp. The experimental transmission used equipment developed and built by the BBC Research Department at Kingswood Warren. The optical fiber cable contains eight graded-index multimode fibers and was installed by British Telecom in the existing ducts between the BBC studios at Lime Grove and Television Centre, a path length of about 800 meters. The signals

were carried on a single fiber, the basic bit rate of 216 Mbit/sec being increased to 270 Mbit/sec by channel coding. A direct modulated 820 nm laser transmitter was used, the power launched into the fiber being 600 W. As the television signal was carried in separate component form, pictures of original RGB quality were obtained at the receiving terminal.

**1983 should be the best year for the audiovisual industry since 1979** in terms of overall dollar gain, according to information from Hope Reports, Inc., 1600 Lyell Ave., Rochester, NY 14606. A noteworthy aspect of the slide medium in 1982 was the number of computer systems coming on the market to generate slides. An estimated two percent of all original slides made in 1982 (470 million) came from computer-generated systems.

The second largest audiovisual medium, video, was more prone to recession pressures, although sales of videocassette recorders in the home entertainment market were strong; however, corporations have been cutting back on capital expenditures and large video system installations were victims of the economy. Videodisk equipment sales were weak.

A number of small, portable units combining videorecorders with a receiver were introduced, among them three units introduced by projector manufacturers, Eiki International, Dumont (formerly Fairchild), and MPO Videotronics. These units all use 1/2-in. VHS tape. Hitachi introduced a 1/2-in. VHS system and Technicolor developed a 1/4-in. system.

Film continues to be widely used; for example, sales of educational films increased in 1982.

**Court Actions:** Hope Reports noted two major court actions affecting copyright and piracy which took place in 1982. In one action, three educational distributors (Learning Corp. of America, Encyclopaedia Britannica Education Corp., and Time-Life Films) sued the New York regional education unit in Buffalo (BOCES — Board of Cooperative Educational Services). The suit was finally settled — after a year and a half — in favor of the plaintiffs. BOCES was found guilty of illegally copying films and other copyrighted materials sold by the distributors.

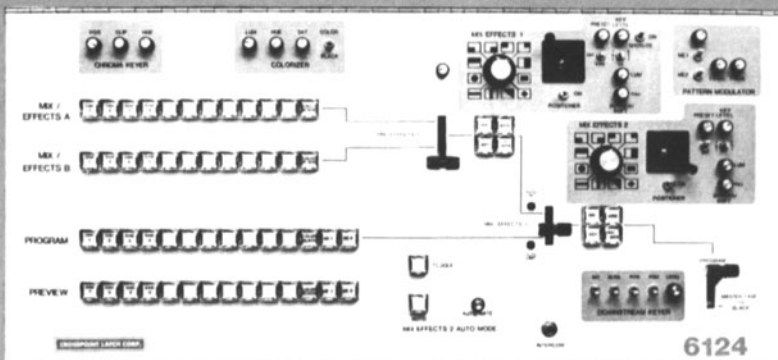
The second suit was brought by Walt Disney and MCA against Sony, and several others, for encouraging videotaping of TV programs in the home. The trial court found in favor of Sony, et al.; the Court of Appeals reversed the decision; the suit reached the Supreme Court which has agreed to hear the case.

A significant aspect of these and similar cases, according to Hope Reports, is that modern technology and the rights of creators are in direct conflict. How and when this conflict will be resolved and by what means and by what compromises is still in the field of speculation.

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**John J. Burlinson, Jr.**, has been appointed Director of Marketing for Strong International with headquarters at Strong Electric Corp., 87 City Park Ave., Toledo, OH 43697.

Burlinson entered the film industry in 1964 with *Motion Picture Herald* and *Motion Picture Daily*. In 1970 he joined National Screen Service Corp. in a public relations capacity, and in 1972 he was named General Manager of the Simplex Manufacturing Plant in Paramus, N.J. He returned to National Theatre Supply's New York Headquarters in 1975 as General Operations Manager, a post he held until 1977 when he became associated with EPRAD, Inc., in Toledo. There he served initially as Vice-President and General Manager, and in 1980 he was elected President.

From 1967 to 1971, Burlinson was Executive Director and Treasurer of the Theatre Equipment and Supply Manufacturers' Association, a predecessor organization to Theatre Equipment Association (TEA). He is currently Secretary of the TEA and has served also as Vice-President and Board Member.



**Quad/Eight Electronics**, a firm that manufactures professional audio systems, has been acquired by Kenneth C. Davis, Jr., who will become President of the company. Robert L. Bennett, who founded Quad/Eight in 1962, will remain with the firm as Chairman of the Board.

Quad/Eight manufactures custom audio consoles which are in use throughout the world. In 1975, the firm received a Technical Achievement Academy Award with the citation, "for the engineering and construction of new audio control consoles designed by Burbank Studios Sound Department and the Samuel Goldwyn Studio Department." Currently, the firm is nearing completion of a film console said to be the largest ever produced. The 24-ft, 108-input stereo dubbing 5 console for the Burbank Studios embodies the latest technologies developed by Quad/Eight.

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**Kenneth C. Davis, Jr. (L) Robert L. Bennett.**

**Fuji Photo Film U.S.A., Inc.**, has opened a new office and distribution center in the Atlanta suburb of Norcross, Ga., bringing to six the number of Fuji distribution centers throughout the U.S. Fuji's headquarters are in the Empire State Building in New York City.

The new facility contains 5,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of office space and 25,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of warehouse space. Some of the Fuji products stocked in the new warehouse will be imported directly through the port of Savannah in order to gain faster and more cost-efficient distribution. Fuji Photo Film U.S.A., Inc., is the American subsidiary of Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd., Tokyo, a leading supplier of a wide variety of photographic products, including motion-picture film and audio, video, and computer magnetic recording materials.

**The Videographic Systems of America (VSA)** is a new firm created by combining leading French telecommunications, electronics, and software organizations to bring teletext and videotex to America. VSA announced full support of the North American Broadcast Teletext Specification (NABTS) standard. The organizations that formed VSA have had a longstanding relationship with CBS and NBC in support of the NABTS standard. VSA further

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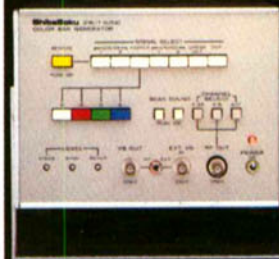
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announced that it had signed a contract with NBC to supply a full NABTS network teletext system by which NBC will provide national distribution of teletext on the NBC Television Network. CBS, which has been working with VSA's partners for the past four years, will be continuing that relationship by installing VSA-supplied equipment to put NABTS teletext on the CBS Television Network.

Videographic Systèmes, VSA's parent company, is owned 51 percent by Thomson CSF. Other partners are Cap Gemini Sogeti and Steria, software manufacturers; Compagnie Française des Cable Téléphoniques, and Sofratev, the engineering arm of Télédiffusion de France; the

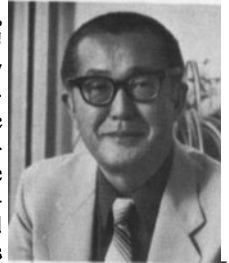
newspaper, *Les Echos*; Compagnie Continentale de Signalisation; and Unitel, a manufacturer of teletext equipment.

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**Philip Rigby & Sons Ltd.** is a new firm established at 14 Creighton Ave., Muswell Hill, London, N10 1NU, England. The firm manufactures and supplies film, video, and audio equipment.

**Koichi Sadashige** has been appointed General Manager, Audio Video Systems Division, Panasonic Industrial Co., One Panasonic Way, Secaucus, NJ 07094. In his new post he will be primarily responsible for the overall operation of the Audio Video Systems Division, and he will continue as

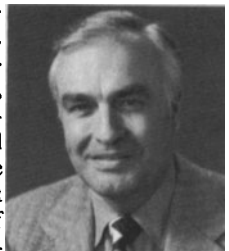


Managing Director, Matsushita Avionics Systems. Sadashige joined Matsushita Electronic Corp. of America, Panasonic's parent company, in January, 1979, as Director of Engineering Development. In June, 1980, he was named Managing Director, Matsushita Avionics Systems.

Sadashige was graduated from the California Institute of Technology in 1953, having earned the M.S. degree. Following graduation he joined RCA, where he remained until 1978.

**Donald V. Kleffman**, Vice-President and General Manager of Ampex Corp.'s Audio-Video Systems Div., has been assigned to the International Division.

He will be Executive Vice-President, Ampex International, and General Manager of the Americas, Far East (AMFE) area of Ampex International. In his new post he will have world wide responsibilities for the company's video marketing activities. Kleffman will continue as Corporate Vice-President, reporting to Charles A. Steinberg, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer.

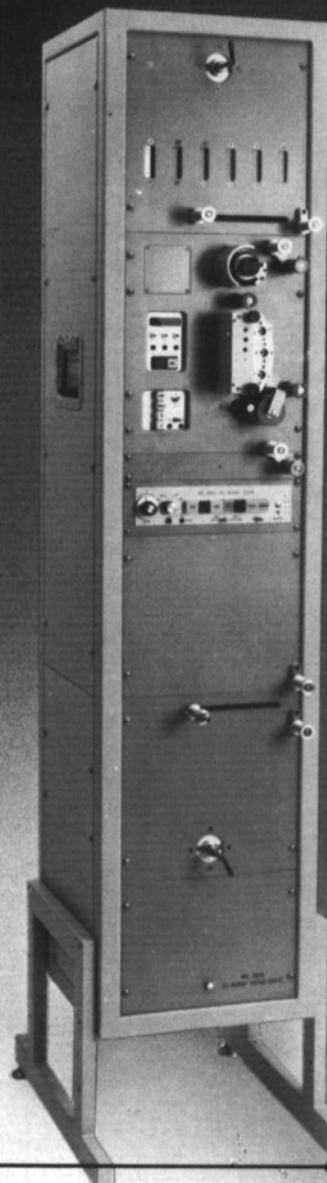


Mark L. Sanders succeeds Kleffman as Division General Manager. Cliff Moggs, AMFE General Manager, has been appointed Area Manager of the Europe, Africa, Middle East (EAME) area, succeeding Gerhard K. Wick, who will be transferred to another position within the company.

Ampex Corp. is headquartered at 401 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063.

**Daniel F. Masse** has been appointed Vice-President, Engineering, for the ADDA Corp., 130 Knowles Dr., Los Gatos, CA 95030. He was formerly Vice-President, Engineering, Video Systems Div., Harris Corp., Sunnyvale, Calif. Earlier he had been Vice-President, Engineering, Broadcast Div. Harris Co., Quincy, Ill.

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