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They weren't afraid; but they certainly were curious. Never having seen a camera before, they were quite unselfconscious about being filmed by the silent-running NPR. But later in the day, when Mr. Feil tried to get some candid non-



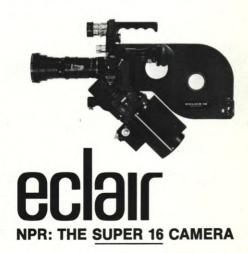
Gerry Feil loads NPR magazine in New Guinea.

sync footage with his backup camera, its whirring motor instantly caused everyone to freeze and stare at the lens.

Light conditions were uncertain and it was impractical to carry more than one film stock, so Mr. Feil decided to use high-speed EF film throughout. EF emulsion is relatively thick, and it tends to swell and soften in hot weather. But Mr. Feil had used it for an ABC TV Special on Africa with no problems, despite the equatorial heat encountered there.

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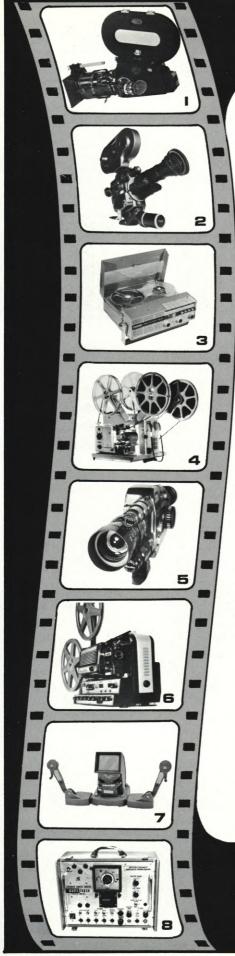
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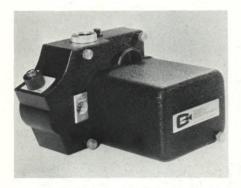
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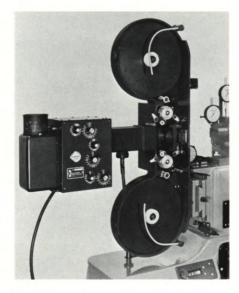
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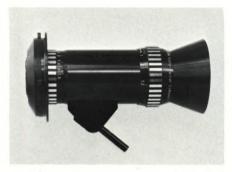




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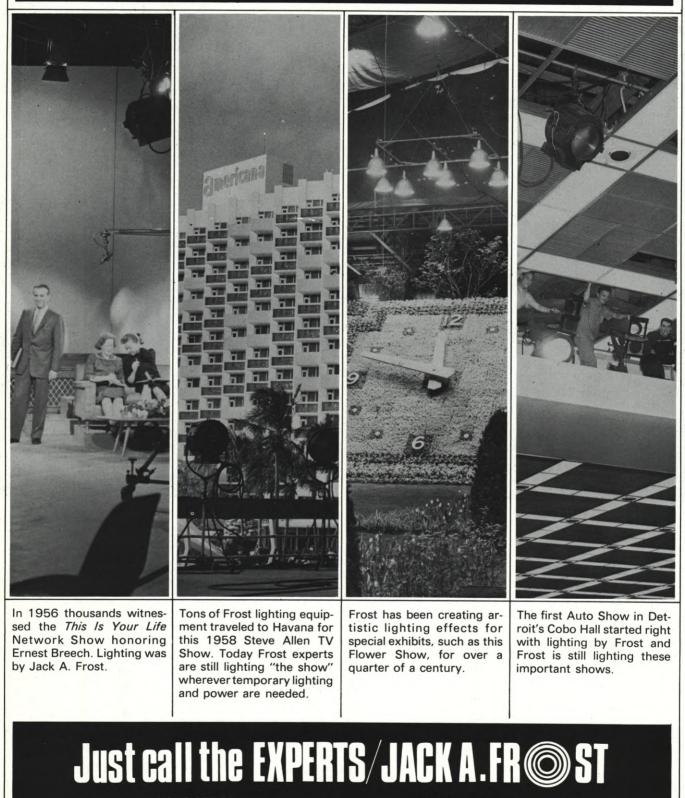
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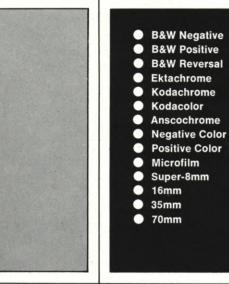
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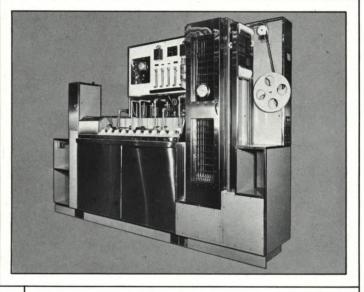
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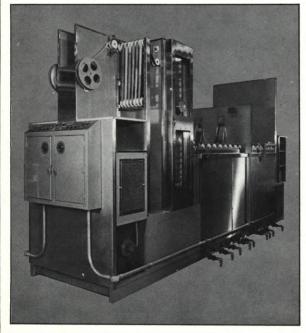


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The latest generation of magnetic recording tapes are capable of retaining information for an infinite period of time. The recorded signal will not deteriorate, fade, distort or weaken with age. A magnetic recording is, thus, a precise and virtually permanent record of the sound track. Considering only the magnetic properties of the recording tape, one may form the erroneous impression that the tape is a very rugged and stable medium, invulnerable to abuse. Alas, such is not the case. The physical properties of recording tape are susceptible to the same everyday hazards that plague film: dust, fingerprints, humidity, heat, etc. With proper handling and storage techniques, the adverse effects of these common problems can be held to a minimum.

Dust and dirt are among the most common problems that impair sound quality. Dust or dirt particles on the tape will cause amplitude dropouts and attenuate high frequency response. The particles intrude between the oxide coating and the head, lifting the tape slightly off the head. For optimum recording quality, it is essential to main-

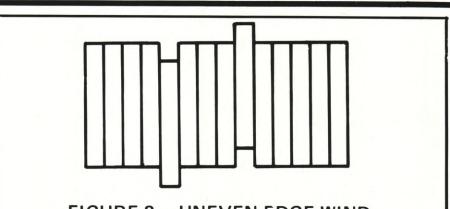
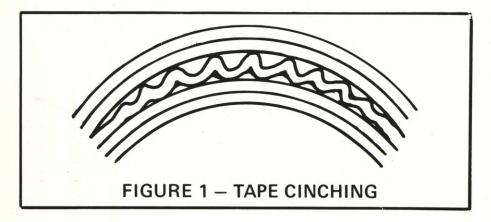


FIGURE 2 – UNEVEN EDGE-WIND

tain a smooth and consistently intimate contact between tape and head. This random intrusion of foreign particles between tape and head is definitely not going to help maintain such intimacy. Fingerprints on the tape will aggravate this condition. While the oil of the skin will not directly affect the oxide coating, it does form an excellent adhesive that will attract and hold dust and dirt in a manner quite similar to fly paper.

Much like a contagious disease, the dust and dirt particles spread their contamination. Even fingerprints or dirt on the base side of the tape will cause problems. As the tape is wound tightly on the take-up reel, particles on the base are pressed firmly into the oxide coating. On each subsequent playing of the tape, the particles of contamination will spread. Some will become dislodged from the tape and contaminate the tape deck, (heads, rollers, guides, capstan, etc.), which will, in turn, recontaminate the same or a different tape. This could



continue to epidemic proportions.

A few basic rules of cleanliness can preclude the foregoing. Always keep tapes in their boxes. This is true for both storing and carrying extra reels on location. As one reel is finished, replace it immediately in its box, and do not remove the next reel until it is ready to be loaded on the recorder. Many professional tapes come in a plastic bag within the box. It is a good idea to retain this bag and always replace the tape in it after each use. This practice will protect the tape not only from dirt, but also against extremes in humidity. All professional motion picture tape recorders are equipped with protective lids on the deck. These should be kept closed at all times, especially on location. It is also good practice not to smoke or eat while operating the recorder, as ashes and food particles have a way of winding up on the tape. Fingerprints can be held to a minimum by simply not touching the tape

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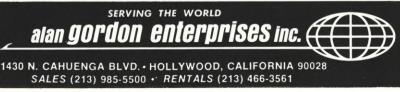
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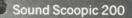
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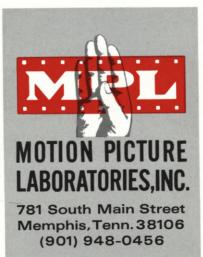


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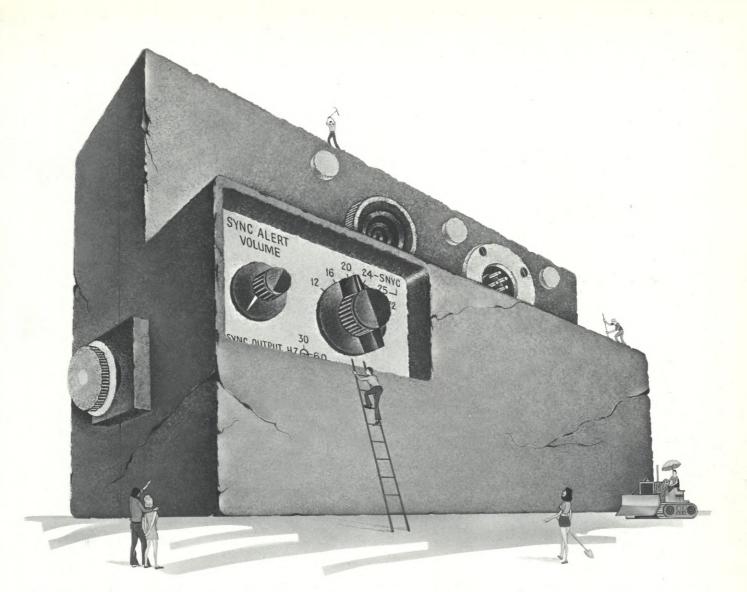
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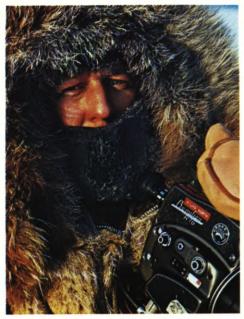
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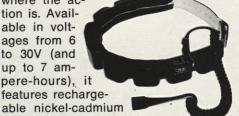
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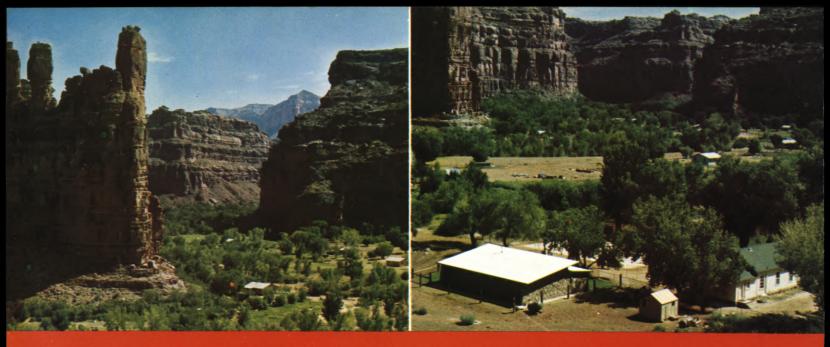
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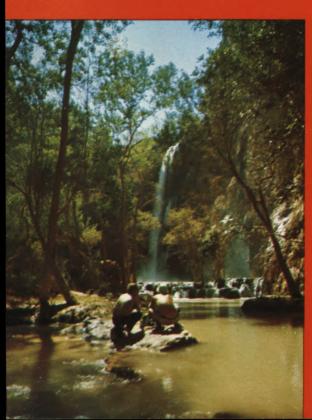
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By HERB A. LIGHTMAN

Havasupai Indian Reservation-Supai, Arizona

We drive through the night—all night—heading generally northeast from Los Angeles along Route 66. There are two of us in the sturdy Scout, the cab of which is packed to the gunwales with motion picture camera and sound equipment, plus the basics necessary for survival in a fundamental environment. My companion is Derek Scott (known to friends and acquaintances as "Scotty"). He is a graduate student at UCLA, working toward his Master's degree, while holding down a full-time job as a technical assistant in the University's Motion Picture Division. Scotty's a real "pro"—blessed with an imperturbable disposition, a dry wit and a go-anywhere-do-anything-for-the-picture attitude—all in all, a very solid cat to have on your crew when the chips are down. We roar through Kingman, Arizona (where 66 briefly changes into "Andy Devine Avenue") and then pass the sleepy structures of Peach Springs on the Hualpai Indian Reservation. Some distance beyond the town, we turn off onto an unmarked dirt road for a bone-rattling 65-mile drive along the eastern boundary

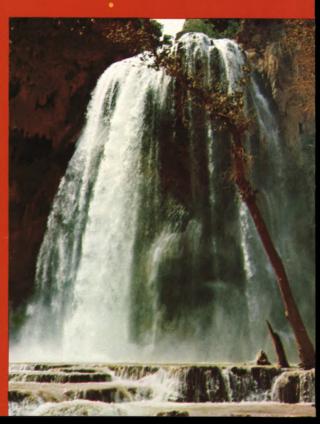
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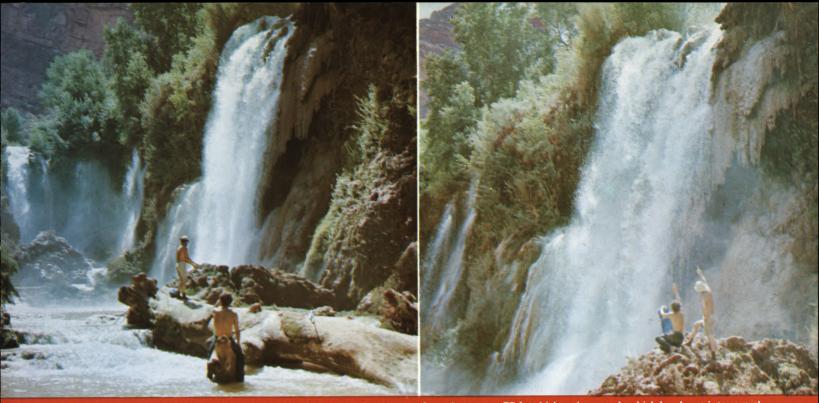


(TOP OF PAGE, LEFT) Enclosed by red Supai sandstone cliffs, Havasu Canyon, a tangent of the Grand Canyon, is the home of the Havasupai Indians. (RIGHT) The village of Supai, Arizona, with new tribal recreation hall in left foreground.

(LEFT) UCLA graduate Cinema students, George Williams and Derek Scott train motion picture camera on majestic 200-foot Mooney Falls. Higher than Niagara, it is the most imposing of the five waterfalls along picturesque Havasu Creek.

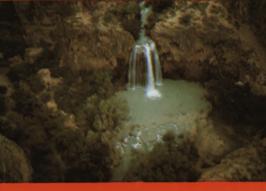
(RIGHT) Consisting of two main cataracts laced together by "bridal Veil" spray, Havasu Falls plunges 100 feet into a turquoise pool fringed[®] by scalloped travertine rock terranes. It is a favorite swimming spot for campers.



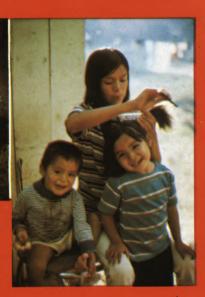


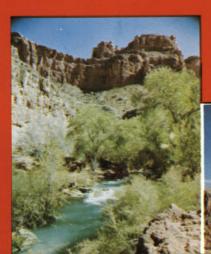
(LEFT) The intrepid film-makers approach Navajo Falls, which is made up of a main cataract 75 feet high and a cascade which breaks up into several lesser streams before emptying into the pool below. (RIGHT) At the foot of Navajo's main cataract, there is the usual discussion about which is the best camera angle.



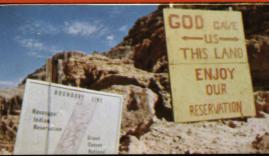


(LEFT) The author, happily splattered with red Supai mud, slides down the 80-degree, 200-foot cliff adjacent to Mooney Falls. (CENTER) Magnificent Havasu Falls, as seen from the air. (RIGHT) Three of the gentle, beautiful people on the Havasupai Reservation.





(LEFT) Blue-green water, from which the Havasupais derive their name and sustenance, flows through Havasu Canyon. (CENTER) A warm welcome and an unspoken plea to preserve the environment. (RIGHT) Fifty-foot Falls, with its turquoise pool where the village children swim.







For the dinner to climax Supai's Peach Festival, a steer is roasted on hot rocks in the ground, in a style similar to that of the Polynesian luaus.

of the Hualpai Reservation. The dawn comes up, not like thunder, but rather more like a slow fade-in, as we reach Hualpai Hilltop. We are on the rim of the Coconino Plateau, overlooking the vast, improbable chasm that is the Grand Canyon. There is a flat parking area, a corral for pack animals, a tiny "comfort station"—and that's all.

Pretty soon a stud Volkswagen comes growling into the parking area. Piling out of the bug is the third member of our safari, George Williams, also a graduate student in the UCLA Motion Picture Division. George is taut as a piano wire, keenly intelligent, very gung-ho, just past the magic age of 30 (where you're supposed to suddenly turn into "the enemy"), and he's the director of "HAVASUPAI-PEOPLE OF THE BLUE-GREEN WATER", the ethnological documentary filming project that brings us to this isolated spot.

In good time, from somewhere down below, a string of pack mules comes ambling up the trail, led by our Havasupai "packer", Perry Wescogame. My two companions know Perry from their previous two-week filming stint in his village during the spring, and there is a monosyllabic reunion.

Perry proceeds to pack our mounds of equipment and supplies onto the backs of four patient mules, each of whom can carry up to 300 pounds. I shudder to watch him hang my huge leather case full of precious cameras and recorder from a tiny wooden yoke on the beast's back, but the Havasupais (having had several hundred years of practice) are known as expert packers so I decide to be fatalistic about it.

While Perry is giving a virtuoso performance with the packing, I take my first peek over the edge at the trail which we are shortly to be maneuvering. It's a heart-stopping sight! The first mile of the eight-mile descent is a series of dizzying sharp switchbacks down a slope as steep as any I've ever skied. I'd feel much better tackling it on skis, but it's the wrong season.

Perched atop our long-eared mounts, we start down. With a full two feet of width to browse around on, my beast insists on planting his hooves on the outer two inches of the crumbly trail. There is nothing but 4,500 feet of nothing on that side and I have visions of the two of us, game to the last, hurtling toward a splattered doom on the canyon floor.

We wind down past several distinct rock strata, varying in color and composition from the rim to the bottom of the canyon. The uppermost formation is light-colored Kaibab limestone, fol-

lowed by pale buff Coconino sandstone. Then comes the rich brick-red Supai sandstone, forming the spectacular ramparts that almost completely surround the Havasupai Indian Reservation, the village of Supai. In the course of the nine miles beyond the village during which Havasu Creek plunges over five magnificent waterfalls, the land slopes down to reveal several more strata, until, where the turquoise waters of Havasu join the chocolate torrent of the Colorado River, the rocks have traced geologic time through 1,200,000,000 years-the oldest known evidence of geology on the planet.

Passage Into Shangri-La

At the bottom, the canyon gradually closes in to become a narrow boulderstrewn trail. Along the way there are signs which read: "Warning! This trail subject to flash floods!" Recent floods have indeed washed out sections of the trail and we have to dismount several times to lead our nervous animals down precipitous gaps. This is no jaunt for a tenderfoot.

Up ahead we see, for the first time, lush foliage of an incredibly vivid green. Then, suddenly, out of nowhere, Havasu Creek is singing and splashing beside the trail. Up to this point it has flowed invisibly as an underground stream, but here it bubbles up magically through the sand and broadens out to become a respectable creek. Our parched animals, dehydrated after the 16-mile up-anddown trip, stand in the middle of the flowing current and slurp up the crystal water.

We move down the tree-arched trail, which gradually broadens out to a point where a full vista of the boxed-in village area on the canyon floor hits us right between the eyes. The sight is overpowering! The almost psychedelic com-

(LEFT) Earl Paya, a former U.S. Navy "Sea-Bee", is the mailman for Supai, providing postal service by muleback three times weekly from the rim of the canyon. In the background can be seen the communal tractor, only wheeled vehicle in the village, which Earl drove down the steep trail from the top several years ago. (RIGHT) In the rodeo arena, Scott talks with Earl's son, Bernard Paya, an expert cowboy who rides wild broncos to a standstill.





(LEFT) Havasupai children, who are almost literally born in the saddle, are expert horsemen from their earliest years. Their favorite game: "Cowboys and Indians". (RIGHT) The old-style house of John Montoya, nestled in the canyon, will soon be replaced by one of the three-bedroom, pre-fab homes which the U.S. government is flying in by helicopter to be assembled by local workers.

bination of turquoise water, towering rust-colored canyon walls, luminous green foliage and cobalt sky studded with puffy thunderheads is wilder than any "trip" mere chemistry could ever induce.

The only term I can think of to sum up the total impact is "Shangri-La". Ever since I read James Hilton's "Lost Horizon" and saw Frank Capra's superb filmization of the novel, I had wondered if such a place actually existed. I had, many times, visited Palm Canyon (which served as the Shangri-La location in the film) but, although it is very beautiful, with its thousands of swaying palms, it had never turned me on fully-perhaps because of its close proximity to the plastic Xanadus of Palm Springs.

But here it is—the Shangri-La I had visualized in my dreamiest fantasies—a land-locked valley of indescribable, unspoiled beauty—a lush oasis surrounded by a desert world—a magic place where time might quite conceivably stand still and everything would remain forever young. (I am to discover later that my Shangri-La analogy is not at all original to me. Several other writers, strapped for language to describe the wonders of Supai, have fallen back on the term.)

The Supai Hilton

We meander down the main (and only) street of Supai-past the Head Start compound, homes of administrative personnel, the post office, general store, schoolhouse, social center and chapel, arriving ultimately at what is euphemistically called the "New Tourist Lodge". It is a stone building which boasts four tiny guest rooms and a communal kitchen. It is furnished in early Salvation Army style. The Hilton it ain't. But who cares? If I had my way, surrounded by all this natural beauty, I'd much rather sleep out under the stars. However, the shelter is necessary to protect our precious equipment from the elements. Though the other rooms are presently untenanted, all three of us are crowded into a single room with wall-to-wall beds, in what is to turn out to be a hilarious experiment in cheekby-jowl living.

The food for our two-week stay (huge cartons of canned goods, with the cans neatly numbered for "planned" menus) is scheduled to arrive the next morning by U.S. Mail, packed down on muleback as part of the thrice-weekly postal delivery. George had mailed it to Supai from Peach Springs, having discovered that it was much less expensive to ship it Fourth Class (with Uncle Sam footing part of the bill) than to have it packed down by the same mules on a charter basis.

We immediately set about unpacking our gear and squaring it away—which takes up a third of the room, including the closet. Scotty is soon up to his elbows in the changing bag, loading Eclair magazines and George is giving the Nagra a complete shakedown to see if the mule has jolted anything loose. I am getting six still cameras and my trusty Super-8 loaded with various kinds of emulsions. We are a very squared away outfit.

The Natives Aren't Restless

Almost immediately that we enter Supai, I come under the spell of the incredible calm that pervades the place, the easy tempo of village life, the absence of pressures, the time-standsstill aura of this beautiful never-never land. All of this is abetted by the fact that there are no wheeled vehicles in the village (except for a single communal tractor, passed around from farmer to farmer), no radio, no television, no newspapers—no direct umbilical connections to the turbulent world outside. **Continued on Page 1176**

Four generations—without a gap. (LEFT) Lemuel Paya, 84 years old and patriarch of the tribe, but still young enough to ride in the annual rodeo. (RIGHT) Lemuel's great-granddaughter, named "Whirlybird", because her mother didn't quite make it out of the valley when the time came and she was born in a helicopter.





(LEFT) Williams and Scott unload their gear at Hualpai Hilltop, so that it can be packed on mules for eight-mile jaunt to the bottom of the canyon. (CENTER) Once past the steep first mile, with its dizzying switchbacks, the trail to Supai broadens out. (RIGHT) In tiny room of Supai's "New Tourist Lodge", Scott uses changing bag to load Eclair magazines, while Williams emerges from bathroom to announce that he's just washed his hair and can't do a thing with it.

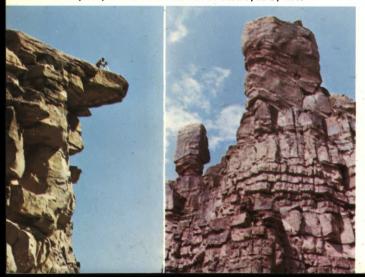


(LEFT) Scott films Earl Paya building fire to heat rocks for the sweat lodge. (CENTER) While the rocks heat, Paya checks the sweat lodge for any possible "leaks". The lodge is an igloo-shaped hut of mud packed on top of bent saplings. It is about six feet in diameter and four feet high at its tallest point. (RIGHT) Rocks are carried from the fire into lodge, where they will be sprinkled with water to create steam.

(LEFT) Indians wait patiently to enter sweat lodge, while Williams, blocking the entrance, operates Nagra recorder with one hand and Sun-Gun with the other. (CENTER) Stripped to their skivvies, having just emerged from invitational sojourn in the sweat lodge, the lads strap on their equipment to continue shooting. (RIGHT) After a thorough steaming in the lodge, Indians head for an icy plunge into nearby Havasu Creek.



(LEFT) Scott sets up his tripod in precarious location, unaware that he is standing on the edge of an overhang. (RIGHT) Twin rock sentinals of the Wigleeva guard the valley. Legend says that if they fall, the whole world will be destroyed by fire.



(LEFT) Oblivious of the fact that he is almost up to his neck in water, Williams uses director's viewfinder to choose the best possible camera angle. As usual, in five feet of water. (RIGHT) The normally crystal-clear Havasu Falls become a torrent of chocolate-colored water, as the result of a flash flood.





HAVASUPAI: PEOPLE OF THE BLUE-GREEN WATER

By GEORGE WILLIAMS

From the time that I was a young boy I travelled many times with my family, and alone, to the Grand Canyon and fell in love with the color and grandeur of that area, one of the most beautiful of nature's creations on earth. However, it was only within recent years that I became aware of a group of American Indians living within its confines and I found this very intriguing. Most of the Grand Canyon is bone-dry and, to my knowledge, offers little of sustenance to any human being, let alone to a community having to support as many as four hundred people. So, after doing a little research at the library and picking up a back issue of Arizona Highways, I made my first contact with the Havasupai Indians, a contact which was later to result in the making of a documentary film on this tribe.

The Havasupai Indians, I found, derived their name from a stream of turquoise-blue water which flows through a tributary of the Grand Canyon known as Havasu Canyon. It's this very stream from which the tribe draws its sustenance as well as its name and it enables them to scratch out a questionably marginal existence.

I'm a graduate student in the Motion Picture Division at UCLA, where there is also another program which incorporates filmmaking with the disciplines of ethnography, ethnimusicology and, I believe, to a lesser extent, folklore and mythology. This anthropologicallyoriented program also has among its facilities, several Eclair cameras, a few Super-8 cameras and a few Nagra tape recorders. So I took advantage of my enrollment in the Motion Picture Division and the project system there to ask for the assistance of my faculty and of the faculty of the department of Anthropology (and the filmmaking program that I've just mentioned) to gain the use of one Nagra tape recorder and one Eclair camera, in addition to arranging for my own Bolex, in order to embark upon this adventure. I will also make use of the editing facilities in the Motion Picture Division and the ethnographic filmmaking program for my post-production work.

This will fulfill one of my project requirements, but I believe that the nature of the film is important enough, or unusual enough, or perhaps timely enough, to coincide with a growing awareness of the American Indian on the part of the public. The film should be marketable, perhaps through educational TV, and so I hope to approach NET or several of the specialized educational or documentary film distributorships with the idea in mind of renting the film and also print sales, all of the

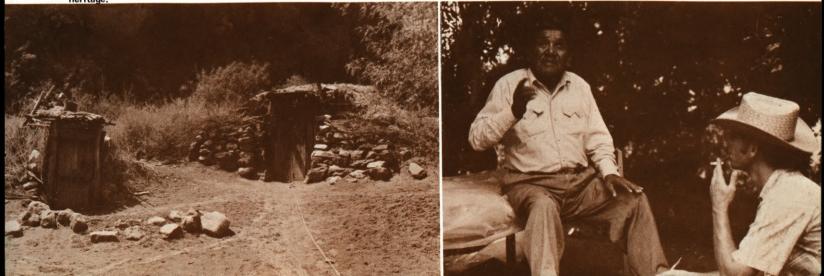
What started out as a university project becomes a labor of love for graduate student film-maker

potential profits from which have been committed in full to the tribal fund of the Havasupai Indians. For me, it has been not only a very exciting adventure, but a valuable learning experience, as well.

At this point, having just completed the first production phase of the film in two shooting trips of two weeks each and being now confronted with the post-production phase, I estimate that the film will cost, at the very minimum, \$3,000 and it could conceivably run into the neighborhood of \$4,500.

Because of the nature of the subject and the differences of opinion which exist within the tribe and between certain white individuals (both representatives of the government and other interested whites), it is essential that I retain control over this film, the reason being that I believe that any film should have one director and a truthful point of view, unencumbered by the influences of other people who might exert undue influence upon this truthfulness. The consequence of this feeling of mine is that I may run into difficulty in financing the post-production and completion phases of this film. But at least, I hope to end up with as objective an overview as possible of the Havasupai tribe and the problems with which they are confronted in this decade and the future.

(LEFT) The last remaining traditional Havasupai dwelling in the village belongs to the very elderly Mr. Willie Spoonhead, who prefers not to be photographed. (RIGHT) Sitting under his favorite pomegranate tree, Lemuel Paya dramatically recounts to the author, George Williams, details of the traditional Havasupai culture. He laments the fact that few younger members of the tribe are interested in preserving these elements of their heritage.



The idea of doing a documentary on the Havasupais intrigued me because it is one of the most exotic of Indian tribes and had received very little film coverage as compared with other tribes that inhabit the Grand Canyon area, such as the Zuni, Hopi, Navajo and Apache.

Most important of all, the Havasupai tribe is currently in the process of a violent social transition. There is a gap between the "traditionals", who wish to preserve the last remnants of the old culture and those who want the things that the outside world enjoys.

Very soon the entire village will receive electrification, and that will significantly change their way of life. As things stand now, all of the foodstuffs that come to the village must be hauled in on muleback or by helicopter at a charge of four cents a pound which, when added on, raises the cost of food at Supai higher than it is in Beverly Hills.

There is a faction lobbying for a tramway to be run into the valley, which will not only reduce the price of food for the villagers, but also greatly increase the tourist traffic with a resultant aid to the village economy.

This is being violently opposed by another faction (which includes Sen. Barry Goldwater) which is convinced that such a move will ruin the ecology of this beautiful area.

I am torn between these two ideas, personally, but I decided that it was imperative for this film to reflect the views of the Havasupais and not my own-and I believe it will.

Since all film students—would-be directors, screenwriters and cameramen are anxious to build some sort of track record while they are in school, so that they will have some sample reels of their work to show prospective employers in the future, and since they are aspiring to a medium in which production costs run very high, it is incumbent upon them to help one another by pooling their skills.

In my case, I had a friend within the Motion Picture Division at UCLA whom I knew to be very adept in the care, maintenance and operation of the Eclair-Nagra sync-sound system. At the same time-and almost as important-he is an individual who enjoys going out into Nature, so to speak, and is able to endure, if not great hardships, at least some of the inconveniences and unexpected elements to be encountered in the Grand Canyon during the rainy season. It was obvious that no "fairweather sailor" would be up to the demands of this film. And so it was that, in this case, I chose as my technical collaborator Derek Scott (known as "Scotty") who is the head of our technical office in the UCLA Motion Picture Division. Scott went along on both trips knowing there was no possibility of payment for his services. He was guaranteed his meals, lodging and transportation to and from the location (which included the round trip into the canyon) and nothing more, except the promise that he would have access to the footage once the film was completed

I'm extremely glad that I made the decision to take this man with me, and that he agreed to go. At UCLA I had become well aware that the shooting of sync-sound footage requires the services of more than two people. Ideally, there should be anywhere from six to nine people on such a crew. However, I've found that it *is* possible to shoot sync-sound if you have two people who are dedicated enough to take on the entire load between them and accept the hardships that must be endured under such conditions.

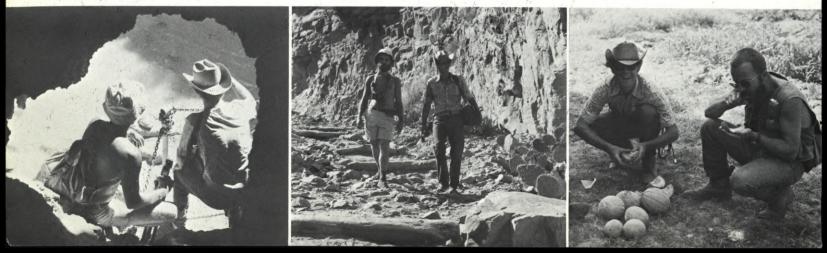
Since I did not have sufficient money to take any extra people along, we decided between ourselves that it would be possible for just the two of us to shoot sync-sound where it might be needed in the canyon. One of the problems in making this decision was the knowledge that it would require each of us to carry loads of as much as 30 pounds. On the first trip, during springtime, we would be doing this in temperatures as high as 120 degrees, trudging in sand up to our ankles over distances as far as two miles and back, often over steep and rocky terrain.

We knew that in the fall one of the great obstacles would be the schizophrenic weather one encounters in the Grand Canyon area, which includes electric storms and thunder showers that can appear over the horizon in a matter of minutes, giving the crew very little time to cover their equipment with plastic and take refuge from lightning which constitutes a great danger when you're carrying as much metal as we are.

We had heard that a Japanese crew shooting in one of our national parks had, within the last year, lost one of its members (a cameraman) to a lightning strike in the vicinity of trees. We were more fortunate than that. We merely got drenched and chilled by the several heavy thunder showers in which we were caught.

One item in our inventory of equipment which we took into the canyon during the rainy season was an ample supply of regular domestic plastic bags. When you are working in potentially rainy areas, the importance of plastic or plastic containers cannot be overestimated. They are light. They can be folded into compact areas and carried at all times. In spite of clear skies, you know that at any time you may find yourself in a sudden thunder shower, and at its very worst-as was the danger in our case-flash floods. We know that in the past there have been flash floods in this area which have brought down a torrent of water forty feet deep, taking practically everything in its wake. We did encounter a flash flood and managed to photograph some of its fury. We

(LEFT) The film-makers pause outside of one of the tunnels carved in the sheer cliff adjoining Mooney Falls by miners. (CENTER) On the long hike down to Havasu Falls, the boys travel light. Since there were no wheeled vehicles in the village, and horses were expensive, everything needed had to be carried personally-often over long distances and rugged terrain. (RIGHT) A welcome feast of field-ripe melons, given to them by one of the farmers in the valley.





(LEFT) George Williams does his homework. Each night he planned his next day's shooting schedule (with alternatives) in explicit detail and found that such meticulous pre-planning paid off. (RIGHT) A couple of goats try to butt into the act, while an interview is being filmed with Community Educator Jay Hunt, while he is doing his morning chores in the chicken pen.

were quite fortunate however, in not having suffered any damage to the very sensitive equipment which we took with us. I attribute this to the conscientiousness of my cameraman and the coolheadedness of those involved in the production of taking care that the equipment came first.

One of the greatest challenges in making this documentary or "ethnographic" film was to take a crash course in a culture very different from that from which I come. It was necessary to do this within a four-week period. Bridging the gap between two such dissimilar cultures is a great challenge at best. One of the elements which I knew I would be confronted with was a certain attitude known to be held by this tribe-one which was also held by other tribes of this area until their contact with whites became so frequent that it diminished-and that is the fear of the camera and the possible consequences of having one's image recorded and then projected and seen. To elaborate upon that, I would like to say that I have learned from a number of individuals that the fear behind this feeling is that when one person views the image of another person in the tribe and that person later dies, it is believed that the viewer is then confronting death itself, which would be a very frightening and, needless to say, an unlucky confrontation with the deceased. It is known that even in 1971 many members of this tribe still have fear of ghosts which they believe inhabit the walls and crags of the Grand Canyon.

I cannot say that I was entirely able to overcome this stumbling block, but I am satisfied that through what I believe to be warm and honest relationships which were formed between my cameraman and me and the tribe, the original reluctance of the Havasupai people, as a whole, to be photographed, was somewhat reduced. Secondly, I have mentioned the potential conflict of interest of the parties which find it their business to be engaged with the Havasupai tribe and also the everyday human relationships that one might expect in any small isolated community in that, being an outsider, if one is not very, very prudent and aware of the consequences of any action such as being seen with one and not the other of two guarreling domestic factions within the tribe, one could find himself mounted and being driven back up the Grand Canyon by the tribe-and for good reason.

people and it was our intention, at every moment, not to betray that hospitality, but at the same time it became a great task to determine the quarreling factions and identify them and not violate the trust of either side. There were some minor problems in this regard, but once we recognized them we made it a point to clear them up.

On several occasions we found ourselves working with a particular family, which soon became noticed by the opposite party, and the rumor mill of this small village began to work. It was then incumbent upon us to take action quickly and concern ourselves equally with this other group. I would say that these can be the two greatest problems confronting the filmmaker entering a culture of this type. **Continued on Page 1160**

We were guests of this group of

George operates the Nagra in the saddle while riding up the trail to the Hilltop, in order to record wild tracks of the mules' hooves clopping along in the canyon. Many rolls of wild sound were recorded to make sure all of the footage would be covered with authentic background effects.





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Intrigued by the challenges of filming on the Havasupai Indian Reservation, UCLA Motion Picture Division assistant donates his vacation time to serve as cameraman for the cause

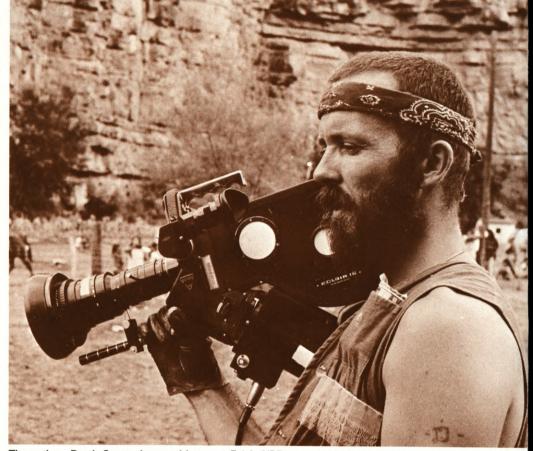
By DEREK SCOTT

I'm a Communications Production Assistant in the Motion Picture Division at UCLA and this includes a certain amount of teaching in that I instruct people in the operation and care of the motion picture cameras and tape recorders. I also handle the physical checking in and out of the equipment and the routine maintenance that we can perform at the University and keep track of things as they need to be repaired and purchase new equipment and try to keep the stuff relatively up to date. We are plagued with budget problems, but we've been trying to upgrade our facilities to meet professional quality 16mm standards with Eclairs and Nagras and other good equipment.

In the course of my work at the University, I had gotten to know George Williams slightly because he is a graduate student in the Motion Picture Division.

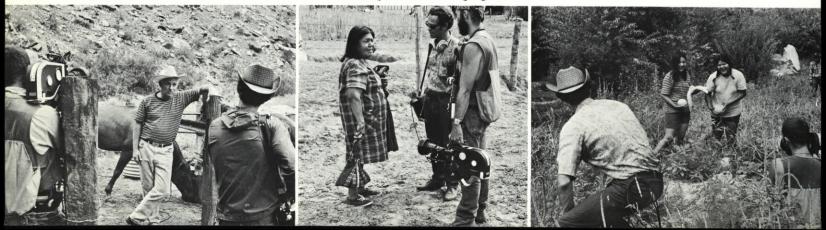
George had apparently been planning to make this documentary on the Havasupais for about a year and a half when he first came to me for technical advice about the equipment he planned to use and the problems that he might encounter.

He was so enthused about the project that I found myself becoming sort of interested in it, too. He didn't, at first, approach me about working with him on the film, but we talked a few times and he told me that he was **Continued overleaf**



The author, Derek Scott, shown with trusty Eclair NPR camera on the rodeo grounds of the Havasupai Indian Reservation in Supai, Arizona. Working in a truly isolated location, 500 miles from the nearest equipment rental house, he chose his tools carefully, with back-up for as much of it as possible. Plagued by dust, rain and the reluctance of some of his subjects to be photographed, he nevertheless found the project to be a fascinating experience.

(LEFT) The village Educator, Jay Hunt, is interviewed for the camera in his barnyard, while doing early morning chores. He provided an in-depth rundown on the customs, mores and adaptation problems of the villagers. (CENTER) The two-man crew stops to chat with lady judge called Nannie by everyone in the village. Despite her motherly appearance, she deals out harsh frontier justice to local wrongdoers. (RIGHT) A couple of shy, but friendly, teenagers smile for the camera, as they are filmed harvesting some odd-looking vegetables.





(LEFT) High up on the cliffside of the red-wall surrounding the village, Scott mans the Bolex for a sweeping panoramic shot of the valley. (CENTER) He peers into an ancient granary, once used to store food in a lofty hideaway, safe from floods and marauding Apaches. (RIGHT) Assuming the lotus position, Scotty shoots a three-and-a-half-hour time-lapse scene with cable release and stop watch, singing lustily all the while.



(LEFT) Up, up and away in a helicopter goes the cameraman, to get some aerial footage of the Falls and village. (RIGHT) Hot from the sweat lodge, he sports "the latest basic garb for *cinema verité* film-makers."



(LEFT) Crossing Havasu Creek on a fallen log footbridge in dry weather is a cinch. Re-crossing it during a flash flood is a nightmare. (RIGHT) When it rains, everyone dons raincoats, including the camera.



(LEFT) Filming a sequence outside the general store (the one and only shop in the village), which also serves as the social center for the exchange of news and gossip. (CENTER) The U.S. Mail arrives at Supai. This is the only village in America that still sends and receives its mail by mule-power. (RIGHT) Preparing a special outdoor dinner to climax the annual Peach Festival, women of the village bake Indian bread (something like thick tortillas) over small charcoal fires.

(LEFT) Newly constructed judges' stand and part of the barbed wire "arena" which is the scene of the annual Havasupai rodeo. (CENTER) The cowboys (who are also Indians) gather to pay their rodeo entry fees and find out the order of events for the hotly-contested competition. Raised in the saddle, all of the tribesmen are extraordinary riders. (RIGHT) Scott zeroes in his zoom lens for a closeup of rancher Clifford Siyuja, who obligingly totes the tripod for him.





(LEFT) "Born in the saddle", the Havasupais are superb horsemen, as indicated in their annual rodeo to celebrate the Peach Festival. (CENTER) Riders pull up beside the judges' pavilion to hear a runthrough of the ground rules. (RIGHT) Though Scott dislikes hand-held camerawork for static subjects, he found such flexibility necessary for filming the wild action of the rodeo performers.

looking for an experienced cameraman to photograph it. There are a lot of very good people at the University, but most of the students are just in the midst of the learning process and don't really have the background to be able to go out and do a fairly extensive documentary like this. George was having to try to find somebody, on his very limited budget, to work with him on the film and he approached me as to whether I would be interested in working with him as the cameraman. He had scheduled his filming sessions to fall between quarter periods, so I was able to take vacation time and some other time without really interfering with my job at the University. After we had talked about it, perhaps half a dozen times, I decided to go along and shoot the film for him.

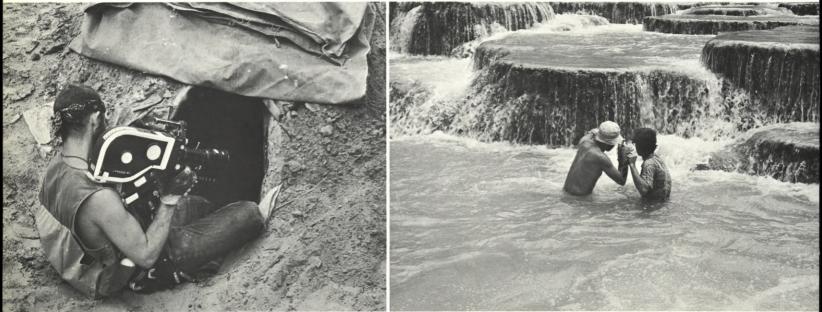
He knows what he wants and I think he's a good director but he has a certain lack of technical background. It's the university set-up that you more or less have to learn on your own and they don't really emphasize some of the basic technical aspects of film-making. They are getting back to that now. I think there has been a change in philosophy recently, in that they are beginning to stress some of the basic mechanics. It's like learning how to use a typewriter before you can sit down and write a novel, which I'm very much in favor of.

My own background was primarily in still photography. I went to a college up north and worked as a free-lance still photographer and then became interested in film and got my Bachelor's Degree at UCLA. I'm working there full time on the staff and I will be going back to work on my Master's in Fine Arts. My primary interest is cinematography, so I'm concentrating on that.

Even though George knows what he wants and has done a fantastic amount of legwork and preparation for the film, I felt that without somebody with a pretty good technical background in handling the camera (and being able to do it fairly automatically) he might run into some problems.

The picture was to be made in a remote and isolated Indian village several hundred miles from Los Angeles. The last leg of the trip would involve driving down 65 miles of dirt road to the rim of the canyon, followed by an eight-mile trip by muleback down to the bottom. Shooting in such a location, 500 miles from a rental house, you've got to take along everything you might need and

(LEFT) The author wriggles through the opening of the ceremonial sweat lodge in preparation for filming scenes inside. It was so hot in there that he claims he could feel the fat on his knees frying. On invitation from the tribal members, he later peeled down to his shorts and joined them for a sauna-Indian style. (RIGHT) Undaunted by flood, rain or current, the intrepid film-makers wade into the creek near travertine terraces at the base of Havasu falls. The best camera angles were invariably in five feet of water.

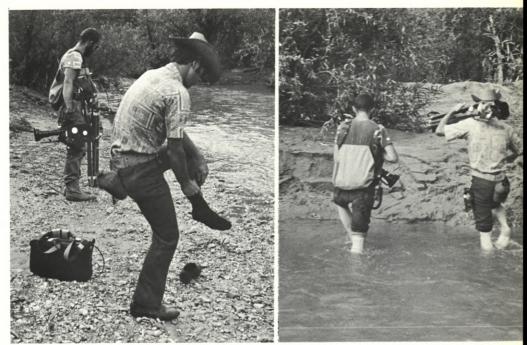


back things up as much as possible, because there is no "down time" to get something repaired or rent an item that you don't have with you.

This sort of challenge appeals to me, and it was the main reason why I decided to go along and photograph the picture for George.

The University made available to him the major equipment he would need-an Eclair NPR camera and Nagra III recorder-plus the accessories to go with them. Unfortunately, the equipment that George had access to, through UCLA's Ethnographic Film Unit, was not in the best of condition, but I was able to get some money from a grant which they have for such purposes, in order to get the camera overhauled at Eclair. Then I talked with the people at Century Precision about the problems I might have with high temperatures in relation to the lubrication of the zoom lens. They recommended, first of all, overhauling the lens and having it collimated to the camera-something I always do anyway when preparing to shoot a picture. It pays off. It's relatively inexpensive and the image is so much better when you have the lens checked out and collimated to the particular camera you are going to use.

We were to use a 9.5mm-to-95mm Angenieux zoom, which would not have been my first choice for that type of filming, due to the weight and size of the lens. I would have preferred a 12mm-to-120mm zoom, but it was a matter of having to use the equipment available from the University.

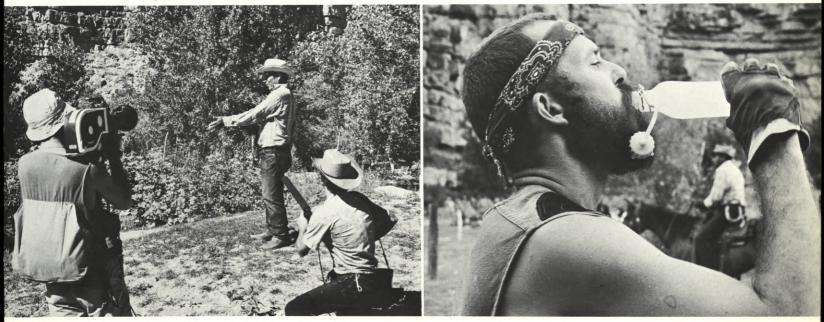


It's time to go wading. With the bridge across Havasu Creek washed out by recent rains, there is nothing for it but to strip off boots and socks and wade through the icy stream. Except for the sophisticated filming equipment they are carrying, these boys could be a pair of Huckleberry Finns exploring Mark Twain country.

We had the lens overhauled and the Century people recommended that I use a very heavy grease for the zoom and focusing actions of the lens. This proved to be a very wise move because, at the bottom of the canyon, we often found ourselves shooting in temperatures in excess of 100 degrees. But I had none of the creeping zoom problems I've encountered before under similar conditions. And even though there was no way to guarantee that the lens would not be knocked out of collimation during the trip to the floor of the canyon, I simply packed it as carefully as I could, knowing that it was in good shape when we left, and tried to avoid shooting wide open at 9.5mm, other than when it was really necessary for a shot, because if you have a problem with collimation it usually shows up at the shorter focal length extreme of the zoom.

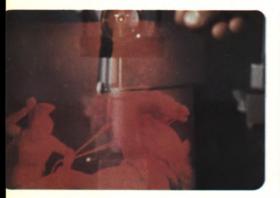
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(LEFT) The crew films a sequence showing John Montoya blessing the corn prior to the first planting of the season. The prayer is addressed in the direction of the Wigleeva, giant twin stone formations said to be petrified remains of two brothers who founded the Havasupai tribe in the dim past. The Havasupais are considered to have inhabited the valley for the past 1,000 years, despite raids by covetous Apaches. (RIGHT) After a long day over a hot camera, even a drink of tepid water from a plastic canteen tastes good.





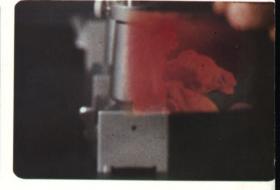
Dr. Tung Jeong, one of the world's foremost experts in the exotic science of holography, sets up the complex arrangement required to make a conventional laser hologram. Though the basic principles have been known theoretically for some time, it is only in recent years that practical research has moved forward steadily. Though serious obstacles now stand in the way, it is expected that holographic applications to motion picture production are inevitable.

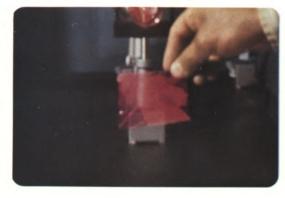


(ABOVE LEFT) A piece is cut out of a hologram. (CENTER) The original image, minus the corner piece that has been cut away. (RIGHT) Looking at the piece that has been cut away, we can now see the complete head of the horse.

(LEFT) Looking down into the corner piece. (RIGHT) Now, holding the same piece low, we look down into it and are able to see the chariot driver. Notice how perspective of driver has now changed compared to the way he appeared in first illustrations. Frame blowups are from the author's recently completed film on holography.





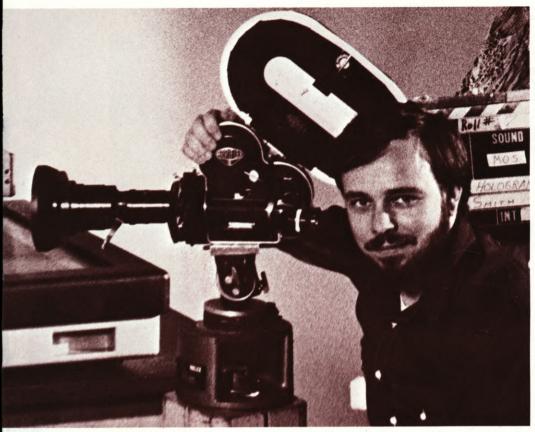




Vibration-free work surface is essential in making holograms. This table top is a 90pound sheet of steel resting on a suspension system to dampen vibrations in the room during exposure. Movements of less than one wave-length in size will spoil exposure. Such a vibration can even be caused by a loud noise in the hall outside the lab where hologram is being exposed.



HOLOGRAPHY THE REAL THREE - DIMENSIONAL PICTURES TRADITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY CAN'T EXPLAIN



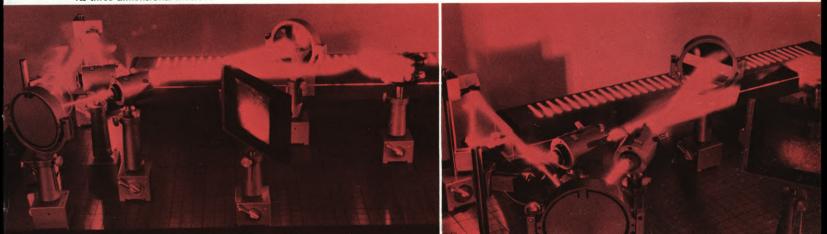
The author, Thomas G. Smith, Producer/Director/Cinematographer for Encyclopaedia Britannica Education Corp., shown during filming of "INTRODUCTION TO HOLOGRAPHY", a 15-minute education film made for the purpose of explaining and graphically demonstrating the mysterious holographic process to high school and college students. The project was fraught with unique technical problems, not the least of which was getting the delicate holograms to show up on film at all.

By THOMAS G. SMITH

Imagine that you are holding a clear 8 x 10" piece of film. Even a magnifying glass does not reveal the slightest trace of any image. Nearby, a laser is turned on, a divergent lens is placed before the thread-like red beam, spreading it out before you. You now hold the "blank" film in the laser light. To your surprise, without the use of special glasses, a totally three-dimensional object, a figurine of a chariot with Roman driver and two horses, appears magically behind the film. By looking down into the picture, you see the top of the figurine, by looking from below you see the bottom. You can see around objects in the foreground by moving your head from side to side, just as if the objects were really being viewed through an 8 x 10" picture frame. These are just a few of the many illusions possible with holography, a new offshoot of laser technology. The word, "holography," loosely translates from the Greek as: "to picture all."

Now a 2 x 2" corner is cut from the 8 x 10" film, setting aside the larger piece. The complete image is still visible through the smaller film, as if through a small hole in a wall. Next, you punch out a quarter-inch hole and hold it with tweezers in front of the laser beam, projecting it onto a large screen. The image is not 3-D, but you can see the **Continued on Page 1130**

(LEFT) Clearly evident is the path of the laser light, seen as the hologram is exposed. Exposures vary from a few seconds to many minutes. Table on which holographic set-up rests must be absolutely free of vibration as hologram is exposed. (RIGHT) The laser beam is reflected and deflected in several directions during the complicated exposure process. The type of hologram shown here must also be viewed by laser light in order to produce its three-dimensional illusion.





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entire figurine. Any randomly chosen spot from the original $8 \times 10^{\prime\prime}$ film will project the entire image.

The natural temptation, when viewing a hologram, is to run your fingers behind the film, expecting to touch the real object. What you are looking at, however, is an optical illusion that even the cleverest trick photographer cannot explain in traditional photographic terms. To begin with, a hologram is not really a photograph at all. It uses film with an ASA exposure rating of less than 1, but it uses no lens to focus an image onto the film. The 3-D effect does not require glasses. It is real 3-D, the same in nearly every respect as looking at an object through a window. A large hologram would be a large window, a small hologram a small window. When taking a photograph of the hologram, a lens can selectively focus on various parts of the figurine. The illusion of depth is real, even to the camera.

Photographing holograms and explaining how they are made was my film assignment for Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation. After studying the subject under the tutorship of Dr. Albert Baez, a pioneer holographer and physics teacher, I traveled to Lake Forest College. Here Dr. Tung Jeong had developed some of the best demonstrations of holography available



Dr. Tung Jeong, world-famous authority on the science of holography, adjusts optical set-up for the exposure of a hologram in his laboratory at Lake Forest College, where the major portion of the film was photographed.

in the country. My job was simply to film the story of holography in a way that would help high school and college students understand the phenomenon.

Even though I consider myself not easily impressed by photo tricks, I was totally disarmed after seeing my first hologram. Along with the more traditional type described above, there were (ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Thomas Smith graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in film from Northwestern University in 1960. He studied advanced cinematography under a Fulbright scholarship at the French institute of advanced studies in film (IDHEC) in Paris. In 1962 he entered the Air Force where he served for three and a half years as an audio visual officer. Over the past six years he has produced and directed more than 20 films for Encyclopaedia Britannica Films. He often acts as his own cameraman, as he did in this most recent film, "INTRODUCTION TO HOLOGRAPHY".)

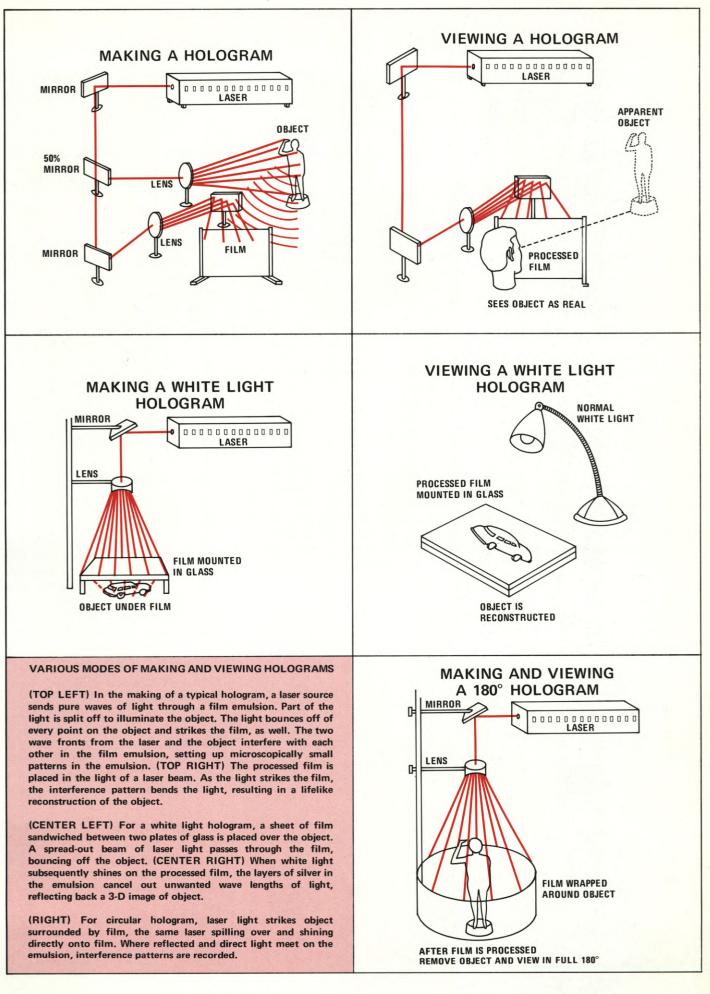
Dr. Jeong viewing processed hologram through film. By looking down into the picture, one can see the top of the miniature automobile; by looking from below, one can see the bottom. Moving the head from side to side changes the lateral perspective. The word "holography" translates from the Greek as "to picture all".

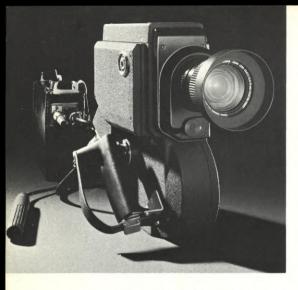


circular holograms that allow the viewer to see all around the object in 3-D. Under normal illumination it simply looks like a piece of 8-inch plexiglass tubing. When illuminated by laser light, however, an object appears suspended inside the cylinder. As the cylinder is rotated, the figure can be viewed from every side.

A *multi-channel* hologram has more than one 3-D image in each film. When the film is tilted, a new subject appears floating in space behind the plate. Some labs have made holograms with more than 20 channels on one film. The number of channels depends upon the thickness of the film emulsion. Thicker emulsions are being developed.

If a hologram is made of an object with a magnifying glass in the picture, the magnifier actually works. As you **Continued on Page 1172**





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THE NEW CANON SOUND SCOOPIC 200 CAMERA

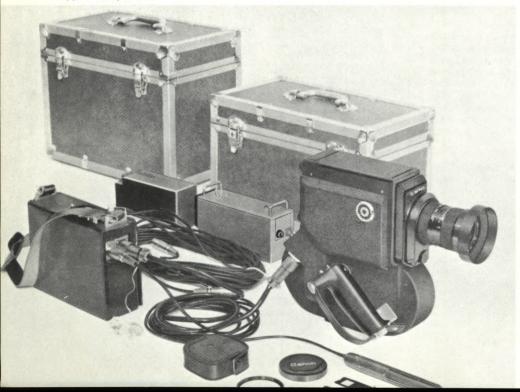
The new big brother of a tried-and-true hand-held 16mm camera doubles its capacity and finds a voice for single-system filming

battery charge. It is compact, relatively lightweight and easily portable—key factors in news coverage—and has been designed with one-man operation in mind.

The Canon Sound Scoopic 200 features an electric eye mechanism for automatic aperture control, automatic sound recording level adjustment, and bright, clear viewfinder utilizing a mirror shutter. A fully charged nickel cadmium battery attached to the Sound Scoopic 200 provides enough power for filming 20 rolls of 200-foot-long film at a time. Performance of this compact, professional camera was fully proved under rigorous, sub-zero temperatures during a Japanese climbing team's ascent of Mt. Everest in 1970.

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The new Canon Sound Scoopic 200 Camera, shown with the accessories included as standard equipment. The entire complement of camera and sound equipment fits into two sturdy metal cases. The camera is primarily designed for news filming, though it has documentary and combat applications, as well.



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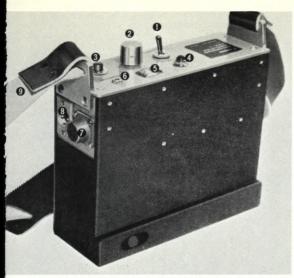
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Amplifier of the Canon Sound Scoopic 200: (1) Switch, (2) Record Leveling Knob, (3) Battery Check Button, (4) Pilot Lamp, (5) Level Meter, (6) Monitor Earphone Socket. (7) Camera Cable Socket, (8) Microphone Cable Socket, (9) Shoulder Strap.

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CAMERA

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- Lens: Zooming range 12.5mm-75mm, zoom ratio 1:6, lens speed F 2.5, hood attachment screw diameter 62mm PO. 75.
- Viewfinder: Mirror shutter used. Single-lens reflex type. Ground glass on entire mat. Contains f/stop scale, over/under exposure warning marks and manual aperture control mark. Eyesight adjustment possible. Button for opening aperture to maximum when measuring distance.
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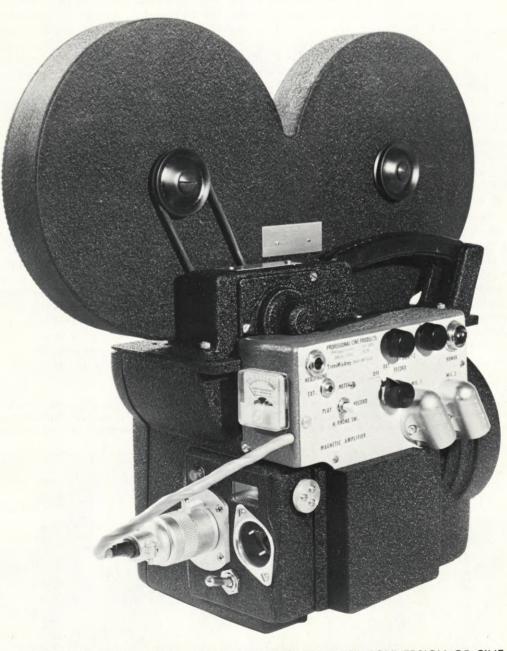


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"DIRECTED BY JOHN FORD" PRODUCING A COMPILATION DOCUMENTARY

By RICHARD PATTERSON

DIRECTED BY JOHN FORD is a 99-minute 35mm color and B&W compilation documentary by Peter Bogdanovich which includes clips from 28 of Ford's films, as well as material culled from interviews with John Wayne, James Stewart, Henry Fonda, and John Ford himself. The film represents a unique achievement in that it is the first motion picture study of an American director which includes such a wide selection of film clips to exemplify his work. Work on the project was begun in 1969, but because of the problems involved in compiling the clips, it was not completed until this past summer.

The film was conceived as the first of a series of "films on film" to be sponsored by the American Film Institute, and it was funded by a grant from the California Arts Commission. Peter Bogdanovich was approached with the idea because he was both a film scholar and a director. He had just published a book on John Ford, and it was agreed that Ford was an ideal choice of subject for the first film in the series.

The first step in the production was the filming of the interviews which were to provide the skeleton for the structure of the film. It was decided to produce the film in 35mm color, and the approach to the shooting of the interviews was not to be the normal off-the-cuff procedure of catching spontaneous remarks with a 16mm camera, while shooting miles of film.

When I first began editing the interviews. I was puzzled by several discrepancies in the transcripts that had been given me, and I discovered that the "transcripts" had been done before the interviews were filmed. Using edited transcripts of previously taped interviews, Bogdanovich carefully planned the interviews with the actors before he brought a camera crew to their homes. He knew what they were going to say, and he knew how he wanted to shoot them, so that, rather than having the cameraman catch moments as best he could in a cinema verité fashion, it was possible to lay dolly tracks and plan a dolly move at a particular point in the interview. It should be emphasized, of course, that the reason this approach worked so well was that the people being interviewed were performers who could do several takes of an anecdote without losing the feeling of spontaneity. In essence, Bogdanovich was shooting a semi-improvised performance which presented itself as an interview, and he deliberately staged the interviews

cinematic tribute to America's greatest film director strains the limits of motion picture lab technology

Assembling and combining the various ingredients for a

in such a way as to invite comparison with the interviews by the reporter in CITIZEN KANE.

The interview with Stewart was shot by Laszlo Kovacs, with whom Bogdanovich had worked on TARGETS, while the interviews with Wayne and Fonda were photographed by Gregory Sandor. All the interviews with the actors were filmed outside at their respective homes using a soft fill light as a complement to the natural sunlight, except when a light rain forced them to move inside to a sun porch to complete the interview with Wayne. The interview with John Ford was shot in Monument Valley by Brick Marquard, ASC, using only reflectors for fill light. This interview was not prepared in the way the others were, but Bogdanovich had interviewed Ford many times before and knew reasonably well what to expect.

In addition to the four days of interview photography, Bogdanovich took a two-man crew to Ford's home one day to shoot inserts in a room filled with souvenirs, including Ford's six Oscars on the mantle. This completed the original photography for the film, and Bogdanovich could then concentrate on the second part of the production: selecting and editing the film clips.

(LEFT) For his interview with John Ford, documentary director Peter Bogdanovich took his crew to "John Ford Point" in Monument Valley, and Ford insisted that they stage a few scenes including the Navajo Indians, with whom he had worked so often there. (RIGHT) Bogdanovich discusses a point in the interview with James Stewart, referring to a "transcript" of a previously taped interview which was used as the basis for planning the filmed interview.



In the course of his career John Ford has directed over 135 films, working for virtually every major Hollywood studio. The first problem Bogdanovich faced was simply that of viewing the films in order to select the clips. The American Film Institute secured the cooperation of the studios or distributors who could set up screenings and provide cutting continuities. Bogdanovich was already thoroughly familiar with Ford's work so that he knew more or less what he was looking for, but it was still necessary to view a great many films in order to formulate his ideas. At the end of his research, Bogdanovich submitted to the American Film Institute a list of more than 100 clips from about 45 films which he said he would need for the picture. It was clear that not all of the clips would make it to the final cut, but they were needed for editing.

Getting both the legal permission to use the clips and the physical clips themselves turned out to be a much greater problem than anyone had anticipated. The clips were from films dating back as far as 1917, some made by studios which are now defunct. In some cases the amount of research required just to determine who had legal control over the pictures was more than the studio's legal department was equipped to undertake. In the case of many films, the only existing record of the picture was a single nitrate print in the studio vault. All of this was further complicated by the fact that the grant for the film was not so large as to enable the American Film Institute to purchase the rights to the clips at the customary rate, which meant that the A.F.I. had to negotiate for permission to use the clips gratis, on the grounds that the production was for educational rather than commercial purposes. The net result of all this was that the production virtually stood still for about a year and a half.

Finally the project was turned over to David Shepard, whose work as a film archivist for the A.F.I. and whose experience with laboratory and production procedures gave him the kind of background and contacts required for negotiating the rights and finding the printing materials. Much of the maneuvering involved in his work will have to be left to the reader's imagination, but some of the details may be useful as an indication of what is involved in this kind of film making.

The oldest film used was STRAIGHT SHOOTING, Ford's first feature-length picture made in 1917. This picture was considered to have been completely lost, until a negative of it was discovered in Czechoslovakia a few years ago. As part of its archive program, the American Film Institute made a fine grain from this negative for the A.F.I. collection in the Library of Congress. A 16mm print was provided for Bogdanovich to select the clips, and then a 35mm autopositive blow-up was made from that print to provide a workprint to be used in the editing. After the editing was completed, a 35mm dupe negative was made from the preservation materials in the Library of Congress for the sections actually used in the film. Fortunately, it was not necessary to include title cards in the clips used, since the title cards in the workprint were in Czech.

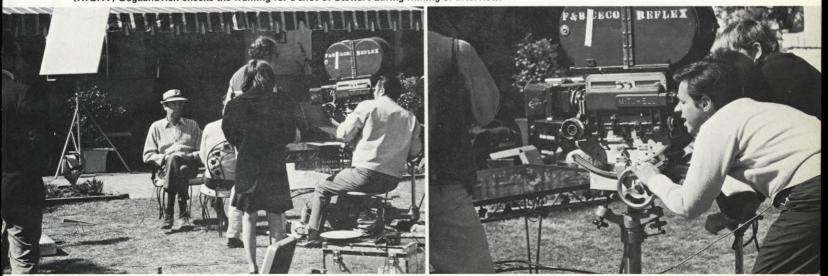
Ironically, some of the most difficult pictures to come by were among Ford's

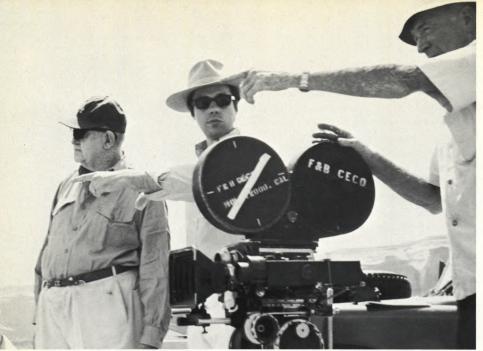


Revealing an unexpected flair for terpsichore, Henry Fonda demonstrates dance step he used in "YOUNG MR. LINCOLN" and again in "MY DARLING CLEMENTINE".

most famous ones. A few years ago the A.F.I. had tried to locate a good print of STAGECOACH in order to make a preservation negative, because the original negative had been lost. The best print they were able to find was John Wayne's own 35mm print which was itself several generations away from the original negative. Wayne, responding to the situation, donated a dupe negative

(LEFT) Cinematographer Laszlo Kovacs sets up a shot for interview with James Stewart. Reverse angles of Bogdanovich asking questions and reacting to the actor's remarks were shot for all of the interviews in order to provide coverage for cutting, but it was not necessary to use them. (RIGHT) Bogdanovich checks the framing for a shot of Stewart during filming of interview.





Bogdanovich discusses a set-up in Monument Valley with Director of Photography Brick Marquard, ASC, who filmed the interview with Ford. Marquard had worked with the veteran director and Ford requested that he shoot the interview.

of the entire picture and then made his print available to the A.F.I. again for making dupe negatives of the clips. It was only after the negative assembly had been completed on our picture that an excellent print from the original negative of STAGECOACH was discovered. In this case we decided to remake the dupe negative for the two clips to take advantage of the new discovery. Similarly, several other clips in the picture were made possible by the film $preserv_{\tau}$ ion work of the A.F.I. and the M_{USEL} of Modern Art.

Ir acquiring the workprint for the clips, the original plan had been to make either a composite print (which could be ordered as replacement footage) or an autopositive dupe from a print. A separate magnetic track was made either from a magnetic master or from the optical track on a release print. Once the editing was completed, a negative would be made for the portion of the

The author, Richard Patterson, edits the John Ford documentary in American Film Institute cutting room. Scores of film clips in black and white and color, of many types and formats, had to be conformed in order to compile the 99-minute, 35mm definitive documentary on Ford's career.



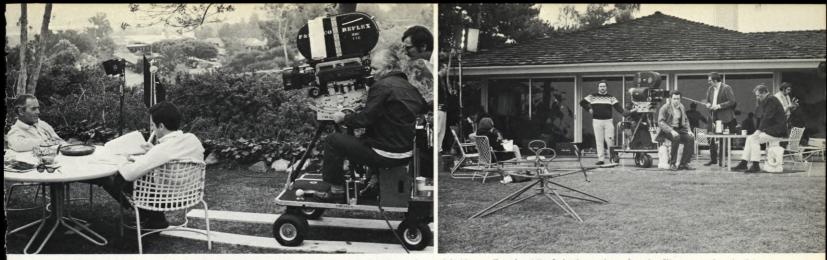
clip actually used and the cut magnetic track would be used in re-recording. This procedure was followed with many of the clips, but after the production had stretched out over such a long period and everyone was anxious to complete the film, it was decided with the remaining clips to make dupe negatives right away so that it would not be necessary to inconvenience the studios again when the time came to begin negative assembly. In these cases, the workprint could simply be made from the dupe negative, and it was possible to have the negative coded along with the workprint and track. Coding the negative when possible was considered advisable since the edge numbers on the negatives and the workprint were often illegible.

For the most part, the dupe negatives for the black and white clips were made from release prints, due to the unavailability of fine grain masters or negatives from which a fine grain could be made. Limitations in terms of time and money also necessitated working from release prints.

A frequent method was to get a good release print from a studio, make a dupe negative from the print, and transfer the track from the print to a magnetic track. In many cases, the only 35mm print obtainable was on nitrate stock, so much of the lab work was done by Foto Kem, one of the few labs still able to work with nitrate film. It was also necessary, occasionally, to scratch-treat the print before making the negative, but it was possible to get excellent results working from a scratch treated nitrate print as we did with MY DAR-LING CLEMENTINE.

The principal drawback in using a release print for making a dupe negative was, of course, the high degree of contrast in a black and white release print. In some instances this posed almost insurmountable problems, but it was possible to process the dupe negative to an extremely low gamma to compensate for the contrastiness of the print. Bill Gronke at Foto Kem had done a good bit of this sort of work both for the A.F.I. and the studios, and he was a great help during the production. Most of the black and white dupe negatives made from release prints proved quite satisfactory even though they had to be printed onto color stock where the contrast of the print cannot be controlled in processing.

The problem of printing black and white negatives onto color stock was further complicated by the limitations imposed on the timer by the fact that black and white negatives have a clear or



(LEFT) Cinematographer Gregory Sandor lines up a shot during interview with Henry Fonda. All of the interviews for the film were shot in 35mm color and were carefully pre-planned to include dolly moves. (RIGHT) Sandor and his crew set up for the interview with John Wayne at his home. A I ight rain later forced the crew to move indoors.

grey base rather than the orange base created in a color negative by the dye couplers. Anyone planning a production combining black and white and color scenes should investigate all of the problems and possible approaches well in advance, or else the first trial print of the picture may prove extremely disappointing. The problem is that color print stock is designed with a color balance which compensates for the orange mask in a color negative. If a black and white negative with a clear base is printed onto color print stock at a normal printer light setting, the result would be a deep blue image. In order to correct for this, a black and white negative must be printed with orange light, and the printer setting required to achieve this is so extreme that the printing latitude is severely reduced.

At Consolidated Film Industries, where our release prints were made, a black and white negative printing on color stock is first tested at 38 (red), 20 (green), 1 (blue) on a 50 point additive printer scale. If this is a sufficient correction to get a black and white image, it is then possible to print the scene up to 12 points lighter, but no darker. Twelve points is the equivalent of one camera stop, so it is clear that the density of the black and white negative had better be perfect if it is to print properly. In many cases, a black and white negative will require even more extreme color correction, limiting the latitude even further.

Unfortunately, the best density for printing onto color stock is not necessarily the same density which prints best on black and white stock, and the response of color stock to black and white negatives seems to be unpredictable. A black and white workprint can be very deceptive and is no indication at all of how a piece of black and white negative will print on color stock. We had beautiful black and white workprints of negatives that were totally unacceptable for printing on color stock. The experience of the timers at C.F.I. indicates that black and white negatives to be printed on color stock should be thin and flat, but only by shooting and printing a series of test exposures can the best density be determined. If black and white negatives are made for printing on color stock without thorough testing, a producer may find himself in the position of having to decide whether to go back and remake the negatives after viewing his first trial print or to accept slightly brown or blue monochromatic images rather than true black and white images. Or he can choose between a black and white image which is too dark or too light and a slightly colored image which is nearer the proper density.

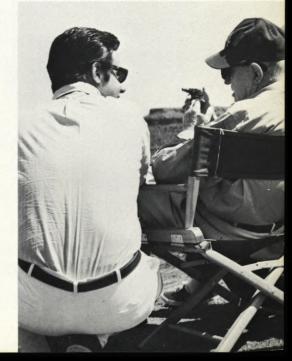
This problem in timing can be avoided, of course, if the dupe negative of the black and white scene is made on color negative stock so that there is no need to compensate for the base. This would allow for the normal range in printing latitude, but it could create problems, because there is no way to control the gamma of a color negative. If the original black and white scene is a flat fine-grain master, it may be possible to make a color negative which will print well, but if the original material is at all contrasty, a color negative will probably not yield acceptable results.

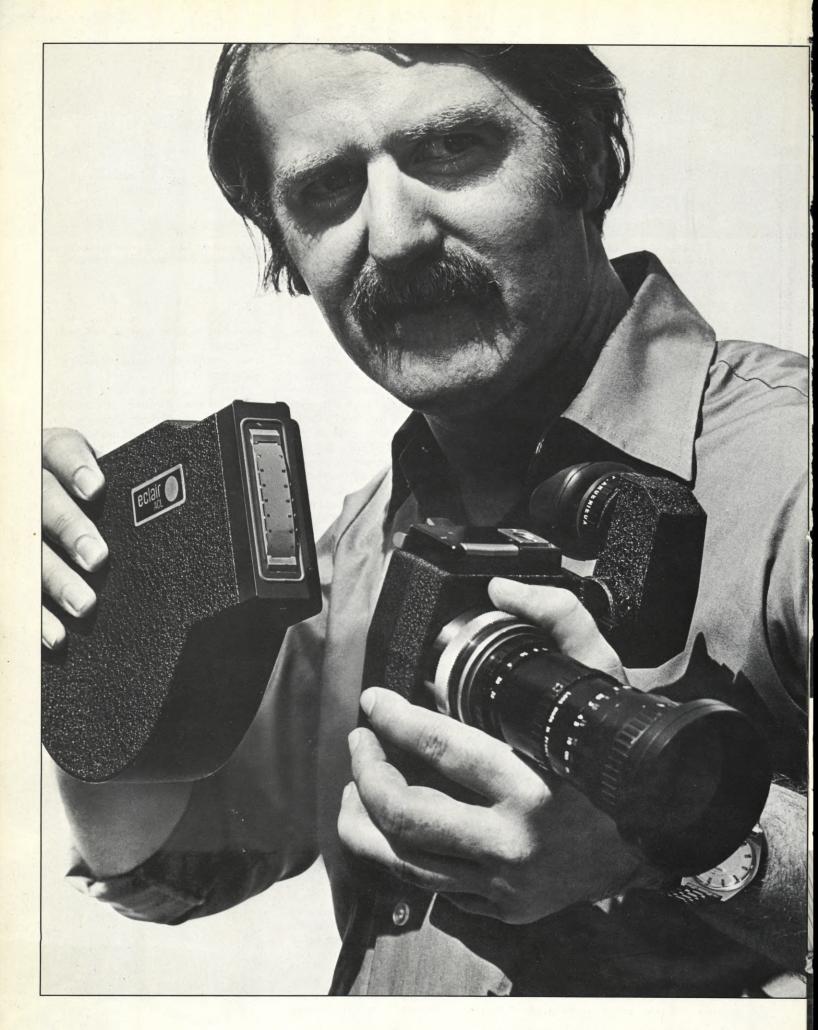
There is another solution to the relative incompatibility of black and white negatives and color print stock. If the black and white sections of a picture are extensive enough, it may be feasible to print the black and white sections on black and white print stock and then assemble each release print from the various color and black and white sections. In the case of our film, we considered this approach, but the black and white sections were so completely interspersed with the color sections that it was impractical to print the black and white separately.

With the clips from color pictures, several different methods were used for making the color dupe negatives. The best results by far were obtained by making a color reversal intermediate dupe negative from the original camera negative. There is a long scene from TWO RODE TOGETHER which we duped in this way, and the color quality in it is comparable to the quality of the interview footage. A scene from THE HORSE SOLDIERS was done this way also but seems a bit soft in focus, perhaps because the CRI was made by printing through the base rather than using an optical printer to maintain the proper emulsion orientation.

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Bogdanovich and Ford in Monument Valley. In 1964, Bogdanovich had been an observer on the production of "CHEYENNE AU-TUMN", the last picture Ford shot at his most famous location.





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BRITAIN'S FIRST SUPER-16 FEATURE

An enthusiastic report from the co-cameraman of England's maiden effort in a format which he believes "will change the entire structure of screen media and their control."

By HARRY HART

Super-16 is a most sophisticated medium, because: 1. good films can be shot very quickly and cheaply. 2. some areas of the process require greater attention and precision than high-quality feature standards. 3. the eye of the cinema now weighs twenty pounds, requires a minimum of light, and has the resources of both the 35mm and 16mm industries to draw from in equipment, talent, innovations and production techniques: 4. the Super-16 format is readily transferred to any visual medium with nominal loss of quality: 5. 16mm cinemas are a natural trend. Super-16 anamorphic stereo could produce an almost 4-to-1 wrap-around image. 6. small groups can now make profitable movies for *small* circuits with the possibility of world-wide success: 7. it draws its technology from all of the screen media.

During May 1971 cameramen Nic Knowland and I shot SECRETS for Satori Productions. Working with two crystal-controlled Eclairs and a very tight schedule, the first Super-16 film made in Britain was completed in thirteen shooting days—a full-length feature film packed with action and camera movement.

The cast of five principal players was rehearsed by Director Philip Saville in the actual locations for two weeks prior to shooting. Selected rehearsals were recorded with a hand-held Sony video recorder, in black and white, as a reference.

Production requirements called for an average of ten minutes of screen time to be filmed on most days, and it was up to us cameramen to find a way to achieve this without long-running static shots or shaky hand-held camerawork. Fortunately, London has to offer a more diverse range of film-making equipment for its area, than anywhere else, which we were able to draw from. However, we still relied upon making some of our own equipment in cases where neither the 35mm nor the 16mm film industries could fill the needs of this bastard form. This was especially necessary in the area of camera support systems wherein the 35mm equipment was too heavy, while the 16mm industries used straight hand-held sync cameras.

In fact, the film was shot with a mixture of 35mm and 16mm production techniques to achieve an appropriate blend-coupled with our own innovations.

It would appear that Super-16 offers the film-maker a new, unequalled freedom, since the production can be tailored to suit the budget: a really lowbudget film would use predominantly 16mm techniques, and as you go up the money scale increasing use can be made of regular feature film facilities. However, the difference between shooting a sequence by ambient light with a F/.95 lens, compared to lighting it with arcs, does not *necessarily* give better value for more money. At least it is now possible to make a feature film according to the money available, rather than have the project collapse through lack of sufficient funds for conventional production.



The author adjusts Jupiter lamp on boom rail to reflect light off soft and hard panels taped to ceiling. Interior lighting was mainly reflected to permit camera and sound equipment to move without casting shadows.

(LEFT) Tic Tickner scribing focus on the Samcine Super-16 Eclair. Hand-grip and shock cord suspension are homemade additions. (CENTER) Co-cameraman Nic Knowland lines up over-the-shoulder shot, with Canon zoom lens on camera. (RIGHT) A very sophisticated camera package. Jimmy Dibling with Nic's camera. The Super-16 Eclair, Beala crystal motor and Ronford Fluid 15 head were further enhanced with a 35mm zoom lens (the 25mm-to-250mm from Samuelson Film Service Limited) for shooting of sequence in the park.





(LEFT) Mounting the Flexicrane onto the Major Rail proved to be an important innovation. Up to 16 minutes per day of screen time, full of camera movement, was shot with this pioneering rig, dubbed the "Moviemate". It made possible a freedom of camera movement similar to that of underwater cameras. (RiGHT) One of the problems of a two-camera operation! In what we hope is a gag shot, Tic Tickner attempts a double focus pull. The cameramen appear to be photographing each other.

Super-16 is far more readily suited to non-studio production, / both interior and exterior, than are 35mm formats, because of the camera size, its weight, and a ten-minute capacity with a crystal motor and small battery. Virtually all 35mm lenses and video camera lenses are suitable, as well as many of the regular 16mm lenses, although the *difference* between lenses is far more apparent.

The myth of a standard crew size is finally exploded by Super-16. It is now possible for *one man* to shoot a movie

(in fact it is possible for one man to now shoot anamorphic Super-16 with stereo sound—hand-held, even), and although crew sizes will probably not change much, there is a good case for a tiny crew on a very long-running remote location, or with an expedition, or where massive travelling is involved. Some new film forms may well develop as a result. Basically the saving in crew size is the reduced need for manual labour; technical skills, although somewhat different, are essentially the same. Generally speaking, the minimum feasi-

(ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Cameraman Harry Hart describes himself as a "jobbing cameraman" and claims to be capable of any and all styles of cinematography—35mm and 16mm—as well as initiating and contributing significantly to contemporary film-making techniques.

Having received a very good technical grounding with the Crown Film Unit twenty-five years ago, he now spends two-thirds of his time "somewhere around the world, shooting something interesting". SECRETS is the ninth feature film he has been offered, but the first he has accepted. The others—including movies for majors in Hollywood—did not offer sufficient cinematic opportunity for his taste. "The camera is a living thing," he states, "not just a formula for recording books and plays."

He has worked with the film industries of many countries in the world; he averaged 1,000 minutes of screen time per year during his nine years with a British TV company. "We learnt how to shoot anything and everything, anywhere and everywhere" ranging from top feature quality for drama and cinema programs, to war situations, slums and even sewers. "You get a good look at what the world is really like and you get to understand the power of screen media and the opportunities for social change."

For the last seven years he has been a fully independent freelance cameraman, declining partnerships and seeking as much varying work from different companies as possible. This includes over 200 commercials, of high and low budgets, but mostly of the non-studio, non-formula type. He says, "At the moment commercials are the most advanced form of film-making—we're really learning how to communicate. The precise disciplines and techniques pay off—also, the money's good" which helps to finance his heavy commitment in prototyping new film-making equipment and techniques (much of which was used to good effect on SECRETS).

He insists on being a generalist cameraman and enjoys shooting documentaries, feature second-unit and action sequences, pop festivals and groups, promotional, medical, research and underground filming—as wide a variety as possible—"Since the interchange in film-making techniques is becoming increasingly important."

He believes that Super-16 will change the entire structure of screen media and its control, and that film is now becoming a public art after a lifetime of being a private specialist form. "Shooting SECRETS in thirteen days with two equal cameramen, Nic Knowland and myself, was a beautiful way to work" since he has a very high regard for Nic and they worked well together; "We drew our techniques from all areas of film-making as needed. That's how to beat the money crisis and make good films on sensible budgets." ble crew size would be three men-as with regular 16mm sync shooting. But crew size will become a variable according to the budget, script, schedule and required "fire-power". Actual photographic quality need not necessarily be affected by a small crew, although production value may well be.

The use of two equal-status cameramen who work well together and share the lighting and operating of two cameras can well be a very successful formula, as we found to our benefit on SECRETS. Both cameramen can turn their attentions to any immediate problems or delays, and the possibilities for "leapfrogging" are manifold. This system can well save running into extra days of shooting.

In setting up a Super-16 film one has far greater flexibility in relationships between the budget, script and schedule.

The Budget. The larger the budget the greater the potential of sophistication for a small crew to use better

Director Philip Saville checks framing of a wide-angle shot, with the Super-16 Eclair tripod-mounted, while co-cameraman Harry Hart looks on.





Though filmed on a low budget, SECRETS features some high-powered talent in front of the cameras. (LEFT) Actress Shirley Knight in position for an interior tracking shot. Cameraman sits in wheelchair dolly. For smooth movement, camera was suspended from "gallows" device composed of shock cords. (RIGHT) Jacqueline Bisset shares an intimate moment in SECRETS with co-star Per Oscarsson.

equipment: crystal motors, special lenses, special sound equipment, etc., with greater movement and mobility. Also the opportunity to use specialized services for limited periods. The intelligent use of a generous pre-production period can ultimately cause great savings by the obtaining, building or modifying of ideal equipment from the vast resources available.

The Script. Long running dialogue scenes can be kept interesting by the use of movement, of both actors and cameras. Productions involving few location interiors with heavy screen time can be "plumbed-in" to give greater freedom and control than studio conventional shooting.

Scripts involving slight shooting in many locations can well be accommodated with a lightweight, fast-moving unit. The optimal minimum is related to the required degree of "filmpower", and the photographic style. True lightweight units can travel in one or two vehicles, are opportunists, and shape the production to the location by using the natural conditions. They boost and/or fill the ambient light, and work with a high degree of ingenuity. Two-camera coverage reduces continuity retakes and can allow the artists much greater creative freedom; they do not have to be absolutely word- and mark-perfect-since the two cameras are "in continuity" with each other.

Long-running scenes, ad-libbed dialogue and impromptu situations can well enhance the film.

The Schedule. Once I worked out that, with conventional feature filming, one day's main unit shooting equalled the cost of forty days of second-unit shooting. The average Super-16 unit would probably be about second-unit size. With a small enough crew a unit can stay on location for a long time and capture many local events to improve their story.

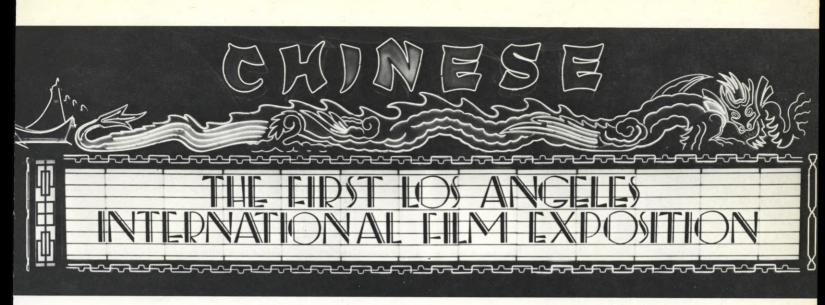
Depending upon the time available for shooting a sequence, there is a very wide choice of styles and techniques available. You are not tied to one cinema form; you can select your treatment of the scene according to time and circumstances.

On really tight schedules, "passengers" on the unit must be ruthlessly avoided, and "non-combatants" kept to a minimum, since *every extra* person on a unit slows it down. Conventional features work at the pace of the slowest. A fast-moving operation calls for group participation, not a departmentalized one. The management attitude can encourage small groups by making all participants feel part of the same team, and maybe by spreading around a few shares in the production.

Status Relationships. Super-16, as a bastard form, does not automatically have the democratic relationships of documentary filming, or the hierarchy of feature filming. On small integrated units everyone's contribution is vital. In the right hands, the film-making process will now be so cheap and effective that crews may automatically start expecting a share of the production. "Joint ventures" by small groups and speculative film-making will further corrupt status and demarcation lines, just as small distribution minimums will further corrupt the power of the Majors. With Super-16 the power is very much in the hands that make it. Super-16 is the film-makers' medium.

All of the interiors for SECRETS were shot in actual locations, as a result of which the two cameramen found themselves in some odd positions. (LEFT) Nic Knowland commandeers the best seat in the house for filming of bathroom sequence. (RIGHT) Harry Hart swoops to the top of a wardrobe in quest of unusual camera angle.





At last, the most prestigious representatives of the American film industry pool their resources to sponsor an international film festival in Hollywood

There's an old expression that goes something like: "The cobbler's children have no shoes."

Those who are fond of drawing analogies might point out that the statement could well apply to Hollywood, which, though having long billed itself as "The Film Capital of the World", has never, to date, sponsored an international film festival fully backed by the local industry.

After years of discussion and promises-promises, that sin of omission is about to be rectified, and the first major bid by Los Angeles for international film festival status will occur Nov. 4 through 14 at Grauman's Chinese Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard, with certain retrospective films to be shown at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The Exposition has been given the short-form sub-title of FILMEX.

In sponsoring the non-competitive First Los Angeles International Film Exposition, Los Angeles, the center of American film production, thus joins New York, San Francisco, Atlanta, Cannes, Venice and Berlin in presenting to the public an annual motion picture event of international scope. The work of filmmakers from around the world will be shown, with special emphasis given to films which illuminate the growth and development of the motion picture, particularly in America.

The entire cinematic spectrum will be encompassed—old and new, feature length and short subject, underground and spectacle, documentary and animation-the only stipulation being that new films must receive their Los Angeles premiere at the Exposition.

The Los Angeles International Film Exposition is a non-profit corporation, funded entirely by private sponsors and organizational grants. This funding will be repaid by ticket revenue.

The event is sponsored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the American Film Institute, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Harold Lloyd Foundation and the Film Schools of the University of California. Los Angeles, the University of Southern California and the California Institute of the Arts. The Board of Trustees is headed by Philip Chamberlin, Curator of Films at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and includes George Cukor, Norman Corwin, Carole Eastman, Arthur Knight, Walter Mirisch, Edward Rubin, Rosalind Russell and King Vidor.

"A Tribute to the American Cinema", seventeen programs comprised of twenty two films, will highlight the works of outstanding American directors-including some of their most creative, but least known pictures.

One of the most interesting categories of films scheduled for presentation during the Exposition is that which the entrepreneurs have chosen to call *Film Noir.* For those who are wondering what this esoteric term might mean (and that should include practically everybody), the following excerpts from Paul Schraeder's article on the event might be enlightening:

"It is not a *genre*, defined, as are the western and gangster *genres*, by conventions of setting and conflict, but rather by the more subtle qualities of tone and mood.

"It is also a specific period of film history, like German Expressionism or the French New Wave. In general, *film noir* refers to those Hollywood films of the forties and early fifties which portrayed the world of dark city streets, crime and corruption. Descriptive definitions can get a bit sticky. It is more helpful to attempt to reduce film noir to its primary colors (all shades of black), those cultural and stylistic elements to which any definition must return.

"There is not yet any cross-indexed lexicon of the stylistics of *film noir*, and the task is certainly too large to be attempted here. Like all film movements, *film noir* had a reservoir of film techniques which it drew upon, and given the time one could correlate the techniques, themes and casual elements of *film noir* into a stylistic scheme. Here are some of the techniques which occur repeatedly in *film noir*.

"1. The majority of scenes are lit for night ... Lights are hung low, and floor lamps never more than five feet tall.

"2. As in German Expressionism, oblique and vertical lines are preferred Continued on Page 1164

BACKGROUND MUSIC BY COMPUTER

According to the author, this little black box makes it possible for even a three-thumbed cretin to beat film composer Burt Bacharach at his own game

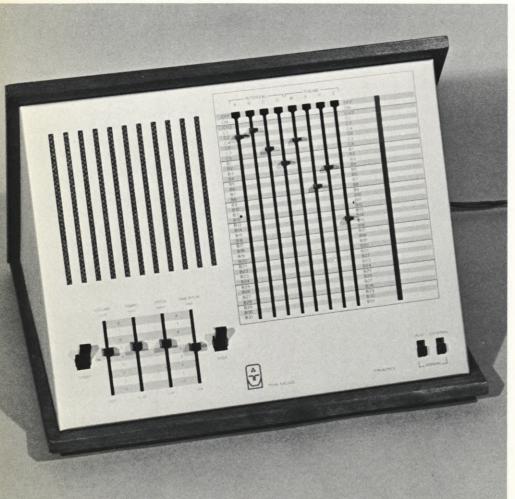
By STEPHEN A. KALLIS, JR.

What is it that's *not* "bigger than a breadbox," has blue and green lights, and could save a film production company a lot of music fees? It's a new form of electronic computer that can be programmed in a few minutes, even by someone who has never seen a computer before.

Several areas of motion picture production already utilize electronic computers these days—and certainly one of the most recent is involved with the production of background music. Usually, when a person talks about "computer music," he does so in terms of a *music synthesizer*—a device that generates strange and unusual tonalities electronically, but which, for the most part, requires a talented human operator to play it properly.

The new device that has appeared on the scene is a bit different. It is a music

The Muse. This bookshelf-sized unit is a special purpose electronic computer capable of generating music that can be used for film backgrounds. Connections to recorders or external amplifiers can be made in the base. The control switches and the internal speaker can be seen on the face of the unit.

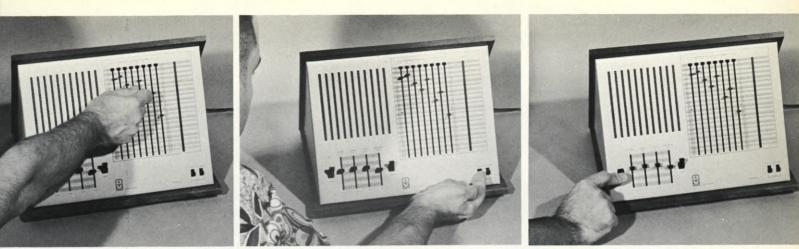


generator-that is, a device that creates music from computer logic elements wired into its circuitry. The item, called a "Muse", is manufactured by Triadex, Inc., of Upper Newton Falls, Massachusetts. Unlike the conventional electronic computer that outputs its solutions in terms of letters, numbers, and characters, the "solutions" of the Muse are electronic notes in a musical sequence.

The Muse is a small, bookshelf-sized device with a small built-in speaker and a rather complicated-looking control panel that is actually not difficult to operate. The controls permit the operator to vary the pitch, the volume, and the tempo of the tune that the Muse is playing; and, in addition, the controls permit both the choice of the notes to be used and the manner (and variations) with which they are played. The manufacturers claim that there are more than fourteen billion note combinations possible with the Muse, certainly enough to find something for every mood (Note: I have not attempted to verify by switch settings whether fourteen billion is the correct number but, mathematically, it seems to be in the right ballpark).

Operation of the Muse is really rather straightforward. The "heart" of the device is a set of slide switches. There are eight switches in all, divided into two subsets. Each of the switches can be set to any one of 40 possible positions, and each switch setting determines a different "instruction" for the Muse. Therefore, since the Muse is a form of digital electronic computer, its switch settings comprise its means of being programmed. Since the sum total of the switch setting "instructions" determines the "rules of the game" for the Muse's operations, the basic tune and melody have been defined. The pitch and tempo settings refine these basics.

Since this description may not be totally clear, perhaps an analogy will be of some help. Anybody who is familiar with an old-fashioned player piano



(LEFT) "Interval" and "Theme" slide switches define the basic elements of each tune generated by the Muse. These slide switches form the heart of the Muse's programming. The tunes are further refined by the pitch and tempo switches partially obscured by the arm. (CENTER) A syncopated effect can be achieved by activating a "pause" or "rest" slide switch. Using this switch causes the basic tune to be interrupted in a predetermined (but not precisely periodic) manner, producing a tune with dance-like elements. (RIGHT) The "Start" switch functions both to start the unit and to "reset" it to the beginning of a tune. No matter at what point in the tune, pressing the Start button makes the tune begin all over again.

knows that it works because holes that have been punched in the paper of the piano roll permit air to enter holes in a slotted vacuum intake that the roll travels over. Although there is one slot (hole) for every key on the piano, the pattern in the paper restricts the ways in which the air can flow, so that only one (or a few) notes can strike at any instant in time. In a crude way, the holes in the player piano sort of act as a "program" to make the piano play only a certain sequence of notes.

To someone familiar with computers, that sort of a description is a grossly oversimplified example of what programming is all about, but it should help explain the operation of the Muse, if we continue from that point. Now, keeping our player piano roll in mind, let's think for a moment about a business computer-you know, the type that makes out credit card statements or paychecks, and punches out a code in an IBM card with neat little rectangular holes. Suppose that, somehow, the mechanism got mixed up so that instead of punching its code holes in cards, the computer punched them in a player piano roll. In theory, at least, we could then put on the roll and play it on a player piano (To be sure, I've made a lot of assumptions and, under the above conditions, the results would sound pretty horrible, but it should give you the idea).

Such a setup—if it could be made to exist—could be improved markedly by clever programming. Music is a rather mathematical thing (for instance, the frequency of the highest of two notes of an octave is exactly double the frequency of the lower note), and a programmer who was instructed in musical rules could eliminate discords, etc., by following the rules. Under these circumstances, the patterns on the resulting piano roll would not sound too bad.

In the Muse, this approach has been taken one step further. The rules of music have been wired into the computer's circuits, some of which also generate the tones that will make up the music. This can be done because the computer has only one function: to generate music—rather than the more varied functions of the normal electronic computer.

What does this mean to the filmmaker? Frankly, it means that he has a virtually unlimited source of film music that he can use without having to pay a licensing fee (how can you copyright a switch setting?). The switch settings on the Muse cover a wide variety of tempos, from a dirgelike slowness to a bubbling, slurring rapidity in which it is difficult to make out individual notes. And because the switch settings are independent, the tones do not vary in pitch when things are speeded up-as would be true if you sped up a conventional recording-or slowed it down. This could be a great boon in trying to match music to action.

The music has an "electronic" sound to it, which is only natural. It tends to sound a little Bach-y, due in part, I suppose, to the mathematical nature of its generating program. A solo Muse would not be adequate for every conceivable situation in a motion picture, but for many motion pictures, it has a great versatility.

In addition, the Muse need not be used alone. It is designed so that more than one Muse can be connected together to permit "duets," and to create harmony. A multiple Muse arrangement can extend the range and variation of possible tunes appreciably.

One producer I know has recently discovered the Muse (he has three), and he often uses his in conjunction with other electronic sounds. A Muse generating an appropriate melody can be quite effective when paired with a signal generator performing a frequency sweep. The output of a Muse fed through a reverberation unit or a "fuzz box" can also spice up the basic sound. The Muse can even play a duet with itself by use of a multiple track tape recorder, if your budget is limited, but such an approach denies a common control to the "two" Muses, and could result in less pleasant music than an "integrated" duet.

The Muse is a highly useful and flexible tool. Finding tunes is done pretty much on a trial-and-error basis. You set its switches, and if you like the results, you note down the switch settings. Since the Muse is actually generating the tunes by programming, identical switch settings will produce identical tunes—tunes that start in the same place and continue exactly the same way. Thus, each tune (no matter how long) can be described and defined simply by noting eight to ten switch positions on a file card or in a notebook.

A Muse costs relatively little, only a few hundred dollars. Considering the cost of needle-down fees, a score or two of Muse tunes will pay for the machine in terms of saved fees. From then on, it's "gravy".

But a word of caution. A Muse will not be suitable for every musical situation (I'd hate to try using it to perform a musical introduction in a historical film just before two knights joust). But used properly, it is a highly useful addition for a production company to employ.

"THE BEST CAMERA ANGLES"

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Then, to prepare for the actual trip down there, I made up an extra sync cable, a short one. Most of them are usually 15 to 25 feet long, so I made up a 10-foot sync cable and a short microphone cable because George was going to be doing the sound and booming and we would generally be working fairly close together when shooting syncsound sequences. Since we wouldn't have crystal-control, I made up the short sync cable and a short mike cable, so that there would be less cable to trip over. I also provided back-up for all the things that are most likely to fail: extra power cord, extra batteries and filters, plus lots of lens cleaner. We also took along a second camera, the Bolex, which we used for the MOS stuff and the more risky things, just to protect the Eclair from getting damaged. On the Bolex there was only a 10mm and a 25mm and a zoom lens, which I didn't use because I had not had that lens checked out and I wouldn't want to risk a lens that I didn't know.

The Bolex was a non-reflex camera mounting an old zoom lens with a side

finder. I didn't know until I met George that he had gotten a non-reflex Bolex or I could have brought several other Cmount lenses, which I would have preferred to do. And even with the Eclair, if we had had an assistant and allpurpose grip, I would have preferred to use prime lenses, because as convenient as a zoom lens is, you sacrifice quality. Even the best zoom lens is not quite as sharp as a good prime lens. Although I really believe in shooting with a minimal crew (because you make the least impact on your subjects and less disruption of the surroundings with a very small crew), I think we could have used a camera assistant-grip combination person. As it was, we had to make a lot of compromises because of the mobility problem down there in the village, having to walk anywhere up to two or three miles through the dust and in 98 to 105 degrees of heat and high humidity.

The carrying along of a tripod head just got to be physically impossible, so I felt that I had to compromise. I'd much rather use a tripod on a lot of the stuff that was relatively static rather than hand-hold the camera, because I don't believe in hand-holding just for the sake of hand-holding it. But because of not having the extra person along we had to shoot almost all of the film hand-held.

Despite the inconvenience of having to work short-handed in this particular case, I still feel, generally, that the smaller the crew the better—particularly when you are shooting documentary. On the Indian reservations, many of the people are abnormally reticent about being photographed, and a large crew would have really disturbed them. So it was one of those times when, although I felt we were one man short, I preferred to do it the way we did, rather than risk causing a problem by using a larger crew.

For our sound coverage, in conjunction with the Nagra III recorder, I decided to use an AKG D-900 shotgun microphone (which is a dynamic mike), rather than a Sennheiser 804 or 404primarily because, in my opinion, the AKG is a little bit more rugged for use under harsh field conditions. The Sennheisers record crisper sound and the general quality is better-but, as fine as they are, I personally wish they could make them a bit tougher. Actually, it's not the microphones themselves, but the soldered three-pin accessory connections that sometimes cause problems in Contined on Page 1166



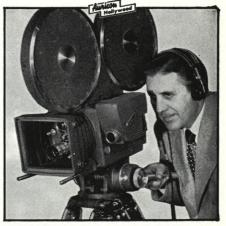




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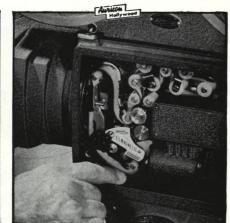


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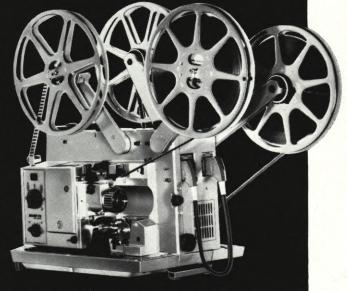
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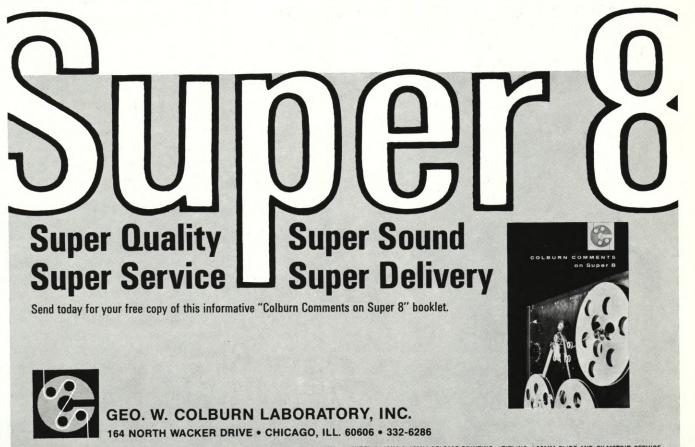
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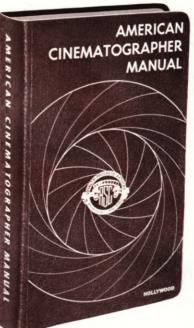
in making the dupe negatives for the clips from CHEYENNE AUTUMN and THE SEARCHERS, but both of these pictures posed additional problems. CHEYENNE AUTUMN was shot in 70mm Panavision with an aspect ratio which was not compatible with the format of our film. The aspect ratio selected for our documentary was 1.33:1, since it was destined primarily for 16mm and perhaps television release. Also, most of Ford's films from which excerpts had been taken were shot in 1.33:1. There was a good bit of debate as to how wide-screen clips should be incorporated into the film. Bogdanovich felt that it was important to retain the wide-screen composition within the 1.33 frame, and in the case of pictures with a 1.85:1 format, this was done by simply leaving a black border at the top and bottom of the frame. With CHEYENNE AUTUMN, however, the problem was more complicated because making a negative with the picture area unsqueezed and stretched across the middle of our frame would have required an elaborate optical printer set up. If the dupe negative were to be a CRI from the camera negative it would have been necessary to make mattes in order to get black borders at the top and bottom of the frame rather than clear borders. In the end, since the two short clips from CHEYENNE AUTUMN would have been the only clips in the picture using this format and it was felt that the radical change in format might distract from the flow of the sequence in which the clips were used, we decided to make the dupe negatives from a scanned dupe negative that had already been made for television release of the picture.

In the case of THE SEARCHERS, we had problems getting a good CRI dupe negative, the reason for which I have yet to understand fully. Our frustrations were doubled by the fact that the workprint we had used for selecting the clips was beautiful. THE SEARCHERS was shot in VistaVision, which means that the negative consisted of a horizontal format on 35mm film that was slightly reduced to make a normal 1.85:1 or 1.66:1 release print. The workprint we had was replacement footage made, I believe, from a 35mm dupe negative designed for making television prints of the picture. It had an aspect ratio closer to 1.66:1 than 1.85:1 and excellent color quality. When the time came to order the dupe negative for our clips I felt confident we could get a CRI

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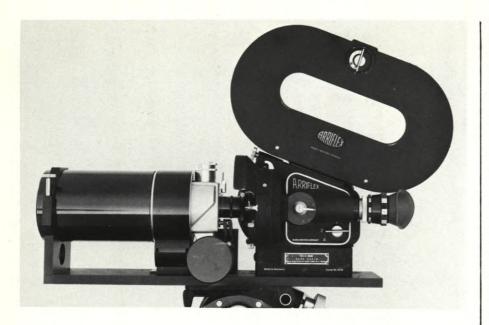
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from this negative which would yield a print comparable to our workprint. For some reason we were not able to. The lab, first of all, had problems achieving a density that would print well and then there were problems with irregularities along the frame line caused by the liquid in the wet gate optical printer. Normally these defects, which looked like stains of some sort, might have been cropped in projection, but in our case they are visible on the screen since the picture does not fill the 1.33:1 frame.

For a scene from THE QUIET MAN the dupe negative was made from separation positives which had been made for preservation purposes. Making a dupe negative from separation positives is an expensive procedure, but it can yield excellent results as it did in the case of our clip from THE QUIET MAN. If a picture was photographed some time ago on color negative, a dupe negative from separation positives might yield better color than a CRI from the original negative since the dyes in the original negative may have faded. With the other color clips from DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK, SHE WORE A YEL-LOW RIBBON, and THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY we made the dupe negative from a release print. While this is obviously not the best way to make a dupe negative, it can, in certain instances, yield surprisingly good results. It can also be disastrous.

DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK and SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON were shot in the three-strip Technicolor process. Originally we had planned to make a CRI dupe negative from the original camera separation negatives. The technicians at C.F.I. told us that, while they had not actually done this, they felt confident that it would be possible to get an excellent negative this way. Then the negatives were found to be nitrate, which meant that C.F.I. could not work with them. It would be necessary to make separation positives on safety stock, which C.F.I. could then use to make a dupe negative. We became wary of the costs involved and began looking for another method.

It was suggested that in a documentary of this sort the customary procedure was simply to make a dupe negative from a color release print. C.F.I. told us that they had done this for the clips used in the Academy Award presentations. We tried it with a clip from Ford's 1952 version of WHAT PRICE GLORY and got very good results. This particular clip was later eliminated from the picture, but it encouraged us to try the same approach with DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK and SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON. The problem was that there were no 35mm prints of these films available in this country. In order to proceed with the editing, we made black and white autopositive blow-ups of the clips from 16mm prints. Even a 16mm print of SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON was hard to come by, but we managed to borrow John Ford's personal print.

David Shepard finally prevailed upon a friend at the BBC in London to make their 35mm prints of the films available for duping but, of course, the lab work would have to be done in London and communications were hampered by the postal strike. We were ready to begin negative cutting when the dupe negatives finally arrived, and we were distressed to discover not only that one clip was about ten feet too short, but also that the color was almost completely drained out of the scenes. Proper timing of the negatives helped some, but the results are still disappointing. Acceptable color dupe negatives can be made from good release prints, but the exposure and processing of the negative is extremely critical.

THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY was, I believe, shot on 16mm Kodachrome. The only material we had to work from was a 35mm nitrate Technicolor blowup owned by the Academy. The print was scratch-tested and a dupe negative made by Foto Kem, which produced surprisingly good color in our release prints.

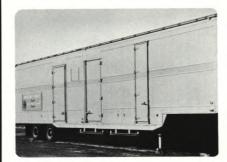
The editing of the picture was done at the American Film Institute Center for Advanced Film Studies using a Steenbeck editing table. The Steenbeck was ideally suited to this kind of work since I was working mostly with long sections of film rather than building sequences from very short cuts. The first assembly of material was over five hours long, and the fact that the Steenbeck can handle 2000 foot reels of picture and track and is capable of fast-forward and rewind greatly facilitated the cutting.

The structure for the picture evolved gradually during the course of the editing. Bogdanovich knew how he wanted the picture to start, and he knew that the last portion would sketch John Ford's history of the United States, but the middle portion of the film dealing with Ford's style and his working methods had to be constructed by trial and error. Bogdanovich wanted the film to have an informal, conversational tone to it and to be entertaining rather than pedantic or academic. To achieve this it was necessary to find just the right rhythm for the editing and, needless to

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say, many clips and moments from the interviews had to be sacrificed in the process.

Most of the sound transferring and the final mixing of the tracks were also done at the A.F.I. Center for Advanced Film Studies. The scoring for the silent clips was done by Gaylord Carter on the huge Wurlitzer organ in the home of Richard Simonton, and Orson Welles' reading of the narration was recorded once the fine cut was completed.

In order to superimpose the titles of pictures over scenes to identify the clips, we decided to use what is essentially a bi-pack printing technique in which a reel containing opaque titles on a clear base is run through the printer with the cut negative. This is a technique which is often used for making subtitles for foreign language pictures, and it saved us from having to go an extra generation or two in order to have the subtitles built into the dupe negatives. It is not, however, a completely reliable method for making 16mm reduction prints or a 16mm CRI negative from the 35mm negative as the lettering has a tendency to become illegible.

The production of DIRECTED BY JOHN FORD was fraught with difficulties and we were forced to make compromises all along the line. The results, however, were extremely successful, and everyone involved is quite pleased with the picture. It was presented at the Venice, New York, and San Francisco film festivals, and it is hoped that the reception it has received will make possible a series of similar films. To anyone embarking on such a project I would offer the following suggestions:

1) The more tightly the film is scripted the less it will cost. Some of the decisions that we made in the course of the editing could probably have been made at the scripting stage. When clips are being considered for inclusion, their running time can be carefully calculated, and it will probably be possible to keep the cutting ratio for the clips as low as two-to-one.

2) The budget should definitely include a substantial sum to cover the acquisition of the rights to the clips. The sources for the clips and the costs should be thoroughly investigated before the budget is finalized. This, of course, will vary according to the use for which the picture is intended. Commercial rights are more expensive than non-theatrical or educational rights.

3) Considerable expense can be saved by producing the picture in 16mm rather than 35mm, and the image quality will probably not suffer significantly. Many old pictures are much more readily available in 16mm, so that the task of getting workprint for the clips will not be so great, and when the time comes for negative assembly reduction dupe negatives can be made from 35mm materials to insure optimum quality. Even if the picture is intended to be released in 35mm, it would probably be worth shooting the interviews and editing the picture in 16mm. When the time came for negative assembly, 35mm blow-up negatives could be made for the interview sections and 35mm negatives ordered for the clips. The image quality of the interview footage could be comparable to the quality in the best clips if the interviews are carefully photographed.

4) If the picture is intended purely for television, it might be worth investigating the possibility of using video tape for the final stages of the production. Rather than making dupe negatives, it might be better to transfer clips from good release prints directly to video tape.

5) The production should be scheduled so as to allow ample time for making dupe negatives after the fine cut has been completed. Editing should be done with dirty dupes from prints or with replacement footage. If dupe negatives are not ordered until after the fine cut is completed, any optical effects or superimposed titles can be built into the negative. At least a month should be allowed for making the dupe negatives, and the availability of printing materials should be determined well in advance.

6) The sound track for the clips should ideally be made from the magnetic or optical master and, in some cases, it might be helpful if the music track for a clip can be obtained separately. For the most part, however, a good 35mm release print can be used to make a satisfactory magnetic track. Transferring sound from a 16mm print should be avoided for anything other than a temporary track.

7) Finally, and most important, everything possible should be done to insure good communications with the laboratory. The image quality in a picture of this sort is almost wholly dependent upon lab work, and the lab should be consulted well in advance concerning the problems involved in making the dupe negatives. The editor or someone overseeing the production should be thoroughly familiar with all of the laboratory procedures that will be involved and, preferably, he should have experience in film preservation work so that he can know what kind of quality it is possible to get with dupe negatives of very old pictures.



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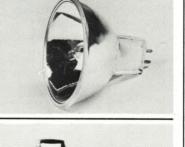
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In addition, I would like to elaborate a little further and suggest that in the field of ethnographic filmmaking the most valuable insight into other cultures could be gained by establishing a relationship with the tribe and giving select individuals the rudiments of training in the use of, for example, the Super-8 camera, with the hope in mind of interpreting that culture from the inside out. Now the drawback of this revolutionary new technique is that conceivably any individual you might select could be as biased a person as yourself, coming from the outside and interpreting from the outside in. But this is an obstacle in the filming of the social sciences which has to be met and taken into account, toward the end of obtaining this rather unusual perspective of other people, to the end of illuminating man, in order to learn the areas in which all mankind is similar, to learn just how universal man is and, equally important, to learn the areas in which he is dissimilar.

Being a veteran of military service, I was afforded the opportunity, while in uniform, to learn how to get along with many different kinds of people, which becomes a necessity when you are living in close proximity to one another over extended periods of time. I received a "booster" for what I had already learned, while working on this picture.

I learned, also, that research into one's subject cannot be overdone in preparing for such a project. During the first shooting phase, fortunately, I came to realize that my subject was not as well researched as it should have been and that I would have to delve into the archives to learn every documented fact about these people. I did exactly that after having returned from the first two-week filming excursion in the spring.

Thirdly, I might say that I have learned how important it is to come to a preliminary understanding with the person who, I feel, is most important in relationship to the director-namely, the cameraman. That understanding involved the realization that there might be human friction on location under such trying circumstances, and that if there were a problem which arose which might conceivably work to the detriment of the production, then and there that problem would be brought up in a calm, collected and gentlemanly manner and discussed, so that the rapport between the director and cameraman



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would not be damaged, so that idiosyncracies and grudges would not be harbored and develop into a cancer, so that the production would not fall apart gradually through false pride or the insensitivity of either partner. I feel this is very important and cannot be overemphasized.

Fourthly, working in a semi-isolated location, as we were, it was necessary that the logistics problem be taken into consideration beforehand so that once we arrived we would not find ourselves seriously short of food and so that only a minimum amount of effort would have to be exerted to organize the domestic needs we would have there. To this end, great care was taken in organizing the food situation and the equipment, as well as preparing the equipment for a rather arduous ride into the canvon lashed to the backs of surefooted animals, but over very, very rough terrain. So, again, I would like to emphasize that preparation, in terms of logistics and protection for the equipment, was very important.

I feel that these were the principal things which I learned. But the making of this film was not fundamentally a learning experience. I do feel that I have gained some confidence in the academic pursuit of motion pictures as a career and I wasn't going into this situation cold. Otherwise, the challenge of the film might have been too great. One of my notions about the project was that, having the desire to find and capture the spirit of the Havasupai people and their canyon and to convey this visually and orally, I felt that it would be desirable, if at all feasible, to have the Havasupai people themselves tell their own story. That is, I preferred to have individuals in the tribe speak for themselves, hoping that in the post-production phase, the story which they related would be articulate enough within the bounds of audience comprehension that I would not have to resort to a narrator for the major portion of the film. At this point, having listened to many of the tapes, I think that I may be somewhat successful toward this end, though not entirely so. I do believe that it is important for minority peoples, especially in the United States where they are seeking to find an audience for their views, to do their own talking.

Although we shot more than 13 hours of film, in terms of uncut footage, I envision that, in its final form, the picture will be a 30-minute sound and color documentary. It will be called "HAVASUPAI-PEOPLE OF THE BLUE-GREEN WATER", because that's what it's all about.

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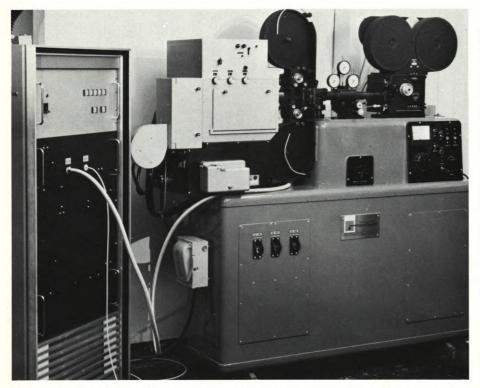
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The Eastman Kodak Gold Medal Award was given to Mr. Maurer for his continuing work over forty years in behalf of achieving the highest quality possible in the recording and reproduction of both the visual image and sound record for 16mm and smaller format films.

John A. Maurer was educated at Adelbert College and Western Reserve University and has an Honorary D.Sc. from Western Reserve. From 1929 to 1937 he was at RCA Research Laboratory where his work resulted in 17 U.S. patents. Further work on a system of double 4mm motion pictures with optical sound on 8mm film and on 35mm to 16mm optical reduction picture and sound printers led, in 1934, to his joining with Eric M. Berndt in founding the Berndt-Maurer Corp. to manufacture professional 16mm cameras and sound recording equipment. The 16mm recorders developed by this company and its successor, J. A. Maurer, Inc., established the standards of performance for the 16mm industry.

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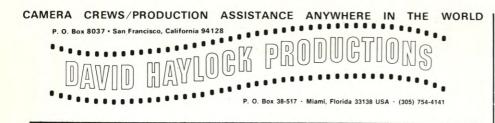
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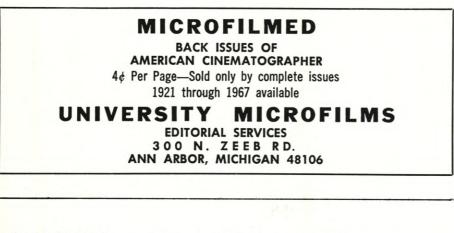




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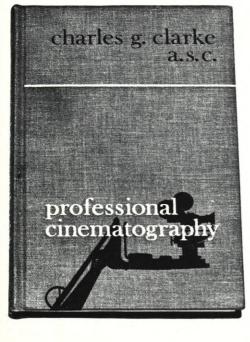
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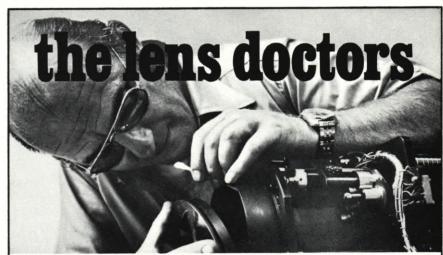
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the field. So we went with the AKG, which is a good, rugged microphone, and also took along a 635A-a great old workhorse mike.

I feel that George did a good job on the sound-even though, in being responsible for the directing, recording and booming, he had to divide his attention somewhat. He pulled it off quite well, however, because he's really able to concentrate on what he is doing, and what I've heard sounds quite good.

We certainly had our share of background sound problems—a generator running constantly, helicopters flying in and out 37 times a day, a horse with a cowbell on it and the inevitable pack of screaming kids. Granted that all of this adds to the "naturalness" of the location, I could very well have done without the sounds of the helicopter and that damned generator.

Here again, if we'd had a third person on our crew, we could have rigged a couple of sound blankets for some of the sequences. I have three or four heavy "moving" blankets that I've grommeted, and which work quite well for deadening reverberation or background noise. I tie them onto trees or hang them from walls and they're very satisfactory. But doing without them was another compromise we had to make because of the mobility problem down in the canyon. With no wheeled vehicles in the village, everything had to be carried.

Our greatest problem during filming had to do with protecting the equipment against dust, dirt and rain. We carried a lot of plastic bags with us but, even so, there was so much dust that it wasn't really safe to set the Eclair down anywhere. It was a matter of holding it all the time and, whenever possible, keeping it draped with a plastic trash bag to protect it from dust. There was also the constant necessity for keeping the filter clean and checking the gate perhaps double the attention you would give to such precautions on a sound stage.

The one time we were not as well prepared as we should have been was when we got caught in a sudden huge cloudburst down at Havasu Falls. We were shooting with the Bolex set up in the middle of the creek that day. It would have been nice to have the camera in an underwater housing when we were out there shooting with the lens two inches above the surface, with tons of water cascading over the rocks.

George had picked some great camera angles, but they were in five feet of water. It was difficult to keep it all together there-just the two of us to set up the tripod with only the head protruding above the water. While setting up, we kept the camera turned away from the spray of the falls and shielded it with our bodies. We'd set the exposure and focus, get everything ready, and then spin the camera around. George would sort of drop below the frame line and we would shoot for the six to ten seconds we had before enough water hit the front element of the lens to wash out the image.

Working on that travertine rock (which is very sharp!), with a swift current running was very interesting, too. I had visions of one of us getting knocked off our feet—and there would go the camera, but we were quite lucky in that we didn't encounter any major disaster of that sort.

The rather intense heat in the valley could have been a serious problem, but the precaution of lubricating the zoom lens mechanism with heavy grease kept it from getting so loose that it might creep. I was afraid that the heat would cause an excessive buildup of emulsion in the camera gate. However, I kept a close watch on it and we didn't seem to run into the problems that you do in a jungle area where the humidity is very high.

I think the major problem on this particular picture was just the logistics of being able to move your equipment around rapidly enough. We were working with people that you can't set up or manipulate, as you can when you're working with professionals—nor can you redo a shot. You've got to get it when you *can* get it because, other than with one or two people in the village, there is just no way to re-create anything.

We had perhaps greater than average difficulty with shifting exterior light. For probably two-thirds of the dayevery day-we had overcast, which created a very nice quality of light for ECO. I was able to work between F/5.6 and F/8 under those conditions, with rather soft light. But two minutes later the exposure would shift to F/16 with hard sunlight. I used both an incident light meter and a spot meter, attempting to concentrate on the people's faces. Not being able to use fill lights or reflectors, we would, whenever possible, try to move the people into a similar light (if it had changed radically). Usually, all we could do was go with the person, using the spot meter and exposing for the faces-at the same time Continued on Page 1174

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The effect is achieved by shooting Α with as wide a lens opening as possible in order to have the light burn in, yet filming in as low an outdoor light as available to avoid overexposure. Try filming on an overcast day or in backcross light and underexpose one and one-half stops. The bulbs used should be the brightest obtainable, or the voltage should be increased to overcome the underexposure.

I must use several 16mm motion picture cameras of different makes on an industrial film production. How can I be assured that the frame lines of each camera will match?

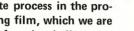
The only sure proof is to shoot a short test strip with each camera, project the result, and have the aperture plates or film movement adjusted by a qualified camera maintenance man so that they match. Cameras such as the Mitchell, Arriflex, or others with a registration pin will invariably match, since they are designed to place the frame line in the precise center of the perforation. Other cameras, which have a simple claw movement may get out of adjustment and cause trouble when scenes are intercut. This is particularly so with magazine-type cameras, since the magazines may vary. Frame-line trouble may also be encountered with shrunken film.

Please give details about using the traveling-matte process in the production of a training film, which we are about to undertake for a local client.

The process of making traveling mattes is a highly technical procedure in which the skill and experience of the optical-effects cameraman is as important as high precision in the optical printer required to do this work. Unless you are contemplating a large number of traveling mattes, and unless you have easy access to competent laboratory facilities (which are highly important to this process), it would be far cheaper for you to send your traveling-matte work to some recognized optical effects laboratory.

Please explain why curved screens play such an important part in many of today's wide-screen systems. Also, how is the image kept uniformly sharp edge-to-edge on a curved screen? When I project my movies on a sheet of paper which is curved in the same fashion, over-all sharp focus is impossible to achieve.

The reason the curved screen Α plays an important part in today's wide-screen systems is that it enhances the audience's sense of participation; and the more the screen seems to surround the people, the greater the effect. Better focus is obtained on a properly curved screen by using the projection distance as the radius of the curvature.



CINEMA WORKSHOP

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same time, inspect it carefully for warpage, cracks or rough edges. A worn or distorted take-up reel is the cause of the most common tape failure: edge damage. The cracked or warped reel will rub or snag the edge of the tape, creating a series of nicks or waves along the edge of the tape. Not only will this cause severe amplitude modulation and dropouts, but the damaged section will tend to lose some of its oxide coating, which will be deposited on the deck and eventually recontaminate the entire width of the track. An excessive amount of oxide on the machine is a certain indication of either a warped, cracked reel or a misaligned guide or roller.

Tape cinching is another problem that can cause permanent tape damage. When tape is fast-wound or rewound, the tension may be uneven, causing the tape to shift on the reel. This results in the tape bunching up or cinching as in Figure 1. If left on the reel in this state, cinched tape will develop a permanent "wash board" deformation that renders the tape useless. Another problem that inevitably occurs when tape is fastwound or rewound is uneven edge winding. As seen in Figure 2, uneven edgewind leaves random tape edges protruding. These edges are susceptible to various types of damage and contamination. There is a simple procedure that can prevent both cinching and uneven edge-winding. Do not rewind the tape after recording or playback. Leave it in the unrewound state until just prior to its being used again. The tape is wound very evenly and with an almost constant tension during recording and playing, resulting in a perfect condition for storage.

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THE BOOKSHELF By GEORGE L. GEORGE

Independent producer William O. Brown has summed up his professional experience in LOW BUDGET FEA-TURES, an up-to-date and thoroughgoing book. He discusses with obvious expertise and a realistic approach the guidelines for the production of inexpensive, good-quality theatrical films, and offers efficient rules in financing, budgeting, script breakdown and shooting schedules.

Calling the Director of Photography "the highest paid and most important man in the crew," he states that "the picture will assuredly reflect his talent, ability and style just as much as it will the technique of the Director, at least in the pictorial sense." Production forms, charts and other useful data are included. (Available from the author, 1054 N. Cahuenga, Hollywood, CA 90038).

Film-making in the eight Socialist countries that lie between the Western democracies and the Soviet Union is surveyed in Alistair Whyte's NEW CINE-MA IN EASTERN EUROPE (Dutton), an informative and concise appraisal of current film trends in Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

The film-makers' creative contribution, their interpretation of the "socialist realism" theory, the style and contents of the many films that have won worldwide recognition are discussed in specific context, with a generous helping of excellently reproduced stills.

Thorold Dickinson's extensive filmmaking experience in Europe and the U.N. is evident throughout A DISCOV-ERY OF CINEMA (Oxford U. Press), his panoramic study of the technical and esthetic evolution of film leading to its contemporary manifestations. His discussion of cinematic styles is particularly stimulating and reveals an original outlook on this essentially artistic medium.

His knowledge of photographic techniques helps him to analyze perceptively the work of such diverse cameramen as Gregg Toland, Gabriel Figueroa, Raoul Coutard and Dziga Vertov. A wealth of

An extensive pictorial and statistical record, SCREEN WORLD 1971 (Crown), now in its 22nd year, offers an appealing combination of a profusely

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illustrated almanac and a reliable reference tool. More than 1,000 stills and some 8,000 entries thoroughly document all features released last year in the United States. Cinematographers are duly included in the full cast-&-credit listings.

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Indian film-maker Satyajit Ray's life and work are perceptively explored in PORTRAIT OF A DIRECTOR (Indiana U. Press), Marie Seton's engrossing and informative biography. She sees Ray's artistic development decisively influenced by his country's native culture and Europe's experimental film circles. Particularly insightful is Miss Seton's sensitive analysis of Ray's cinematic style, and her assessment of his innovative directorial methods.

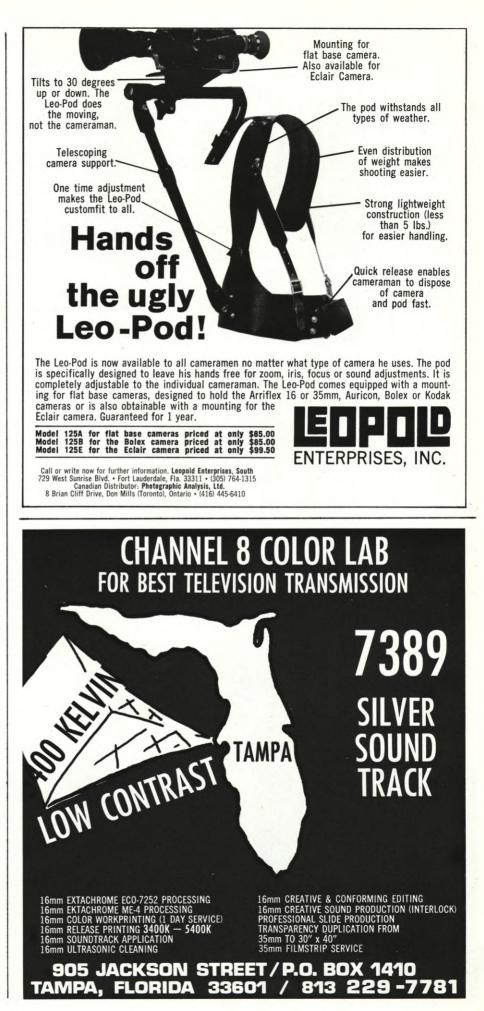
The contribution of Subrata Mitra, who photographed most of Ray's films, is consistently credited with creating the neo-realistic mood that underlies the lyrical depiction of nature. Numerous stills convey accurately the esthetic value of Mitra's photography.

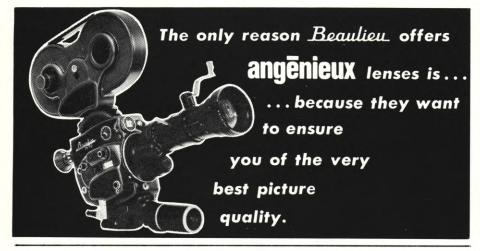
Picture-making need not necessarily be glamorous or stormy, but Paramount publicity staffer Nicholas Meyer manages in THE "LOVE STORY" STORY (Avon) to give a consistently interesting and reasonably detailed account of the circumstances surrounding the production of that highly successful film.

He reports objectively on the usual headaches and general confusion that prevail, but instead of making a big thing of it, he takes it all in stride, substituting reasonable inquisitiveness for hoked-up sensationalism. Stars Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal, producer Howard Minsky, director Arthur Hiller and author Erich Segal are pictured in well-rounded sketches, displaying their personalities with just the right pinch of artistic temperament. Curiously, the solid contribution of cinematographer Dick Kratina is hardly mentioned.

Director Stanley Kubrick's special talent for developing essentially unique visualization and story-telling techniques for each of his films is the subject of Alexander Walker's rigorous analysis in STANLEY KUBRICK DI-RECTS (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich).

From *Fear and Desire*, Kubrick's 1953 first feature, to *A Clockwork Orange*, soon to be released by Warner Bros., Walker examines the facets of Kubrick's "conceptual talent" that created the appropriate styles for intellectural eroticism (*Lolita*), satire on annihilation (*Dr. Strangelove*) and man's future (2001: A Space Odyssey).





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HOLOGRAPHY

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move your head from side to side the magnifier enlarges whatever it appears to fall in front of. This quality is used to produce some of the most remarkable microscope shots I've ever seen.

Lasers are almost essential in making holograms, but not in viewing them. It turns out that mercury vapor light, with the proper filter, is good enough to view most holograms.

White light holograms can be seen without a special light source. Any point source or sharp edge light will work. The white light *reflects* from the film, as opposed to more traditional types of holograms, where laser or mercury vapor light shines through them.

If you want to make a hologram, let me advise you against it. It requires apparatus that most photographers will not have in their inventory. Here is a partial list:

- a 12-ton sheet of slate, designed to eliminate all vibration on the work surface (some arrangements of heavy steel plating floating on inflated inner tubes will also work)
- a laser (check with the manufacturer before you buy. Some lasers will not make holograms).
- 3. a set of front-surface mirrors
- 4. a few beam-splitting mirrors
 - 5. a set of divergent lenses
 - 6. a film holder (this you may pirate off your old view camera)

All the components must be weighted down to eliminate the slightest vibration. Even a sound in the room can cause vibration enough to totally ruin an exposure.

How does it work? The "trick" involves recording the interference of light waves. A laser is used, since it provides the purest source of light available. This is what we mean by "purest source": if a normal incandescent bulb were to give off sound waves instead of light, it would sound like a white noise hiss. A laser, on the other hand, would be a pure sinusoidal tone, like an electronically produced note. Since light, however, produces waves millions of times smaller in length than those of sound waves, our analogy will have to end here.

Imagine now we have a pure light source (laser), sending pure waves of light through a film emulsion. At the same time, we split off part of the light to illuminate an object. The light bounces off of every point on the object, and strikes the film as well. The two wave fronts from the laser and object interfere with each other in the film emulsion, setting up microscopically small patterns in the emulsion. (FIG-URE 1) Every square millimeter of the film contains these patterns. They have no recognizable relationship to the object. After exposure, the film is processed. The processed film is placed in the light of a laser beam. As the light strikes the film, the interference pattern bends the light, reconstructing the original wave fronts that carried the pattern. The result is a lifelike reconstruction of the object. (FIGURE 2)

Circular holograms work on basically the same principle. Laser light strikes objects surrounded by film (mounted inside a cylinder). The same laser spills over and shines directly onto the film. Where the reflected light and the direct light meet on the emulsion, interference patterns are recorded. (FIGURE 3)

White light holograms are easier to make, yet much more difficult to understand. Imagine several coins arranged on a table as our subject. A sheet of film, sandwiched between two plates of glass, is placed on the coins. A spread-out beam of laser light passes through the film, bouncing off the coins. (FIGURE 4) The interference pattern has a unique quality. When white light subsequently shines on the processed film, the layers of silver in the emulsion cancel out unwanted wave lengths of light, reflecting back a 3-D image of the coins. (FIGURE 5)

Before filming "INTRODUCTION TO HOLOGRAPHY", tests were run to determine proper exposure of the laser illumination. I used 16mm Ektachrome EF film and found, in most cases, that a Luna-Pro Light Meter gave the correct reflected light readings. However, I recommend that anyone shooting film of holograms should run his own tests, since exposures are very critical.

Most of the shooting was done with an Arriflex SB 16mm camera, equipped with an Angenieux 12mm-to-120mm and a 9.5mm-to-95mm zoom lens. The wider angle zoom was useful in the lab, where space was limited. Since we worked quite close to the subject, much of the time, the lenses were outfitted with diopters. Results were uniformly sharp despite the fact that we often worked between F/2.8 and F/3.5.

Much of the film had to be shot at a low light level in order to capture the holographic effects. Because of the contrast problems normally encountered with EF film, lighting was kept as flat as possible. A Mole-Richardson soft light with spun glass cover was suspended above the holographic table. This pro-



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... because they want to ensure you of the very best picture quality. vided almost shadowless illumination. Highlights were provided by edging with small 750-watt quartz lights. In a sense, our key light was a fill light. We did not post-fog the EF film, as is often done. I usually try to avoid post-fogging wherever possible since it introduces extra lab handling and therefore more opportunities for scratching, color shifts or edge fogging. I do not categorically oppose post-fogging; I feel, however, that contrast control is best accomplished during the shooting.

Our film was subject to the usual two-dimensional limitations of movies. To emphasize the three-dimensionality of holograms, carefully planned dolly shots were used. The change in perspective as the camera moves convinces the audience of the 3-D effect.

Of course, lasers can be dangerous to the eyes. I would recommend that you never view through the camera eyepiece when the beam is aimed directly at the lens. Direct-on shots can be aligned while the eye is off the eyepiece. When the beam is striking the lens, pass a white card behind the eyepiece. It should glow from the red light. Never try to photograph or experiment with lasers unless you understand the dangers of laser light.

Contrary to what you may have seen in science-fiction films, the laser's red light will not show up when passing through clean air. Blowing smoke into the path of the laser will help show off the red line of the beam. This is a tiresome thing to do in each shot, and if you aren't careful, it looks as if the table is on fire and smoking. We only used this effect in a few brief scenes.

In still photography, you can capture the beam by making a double exposure. Expose first with the room lights out, tracing the beam path with a white card. This will burn the image onto the film. Next, light the entire scene and make a second exposure on the same film. This trick is certain to succeed and will save on the cigar bill. No doubt this double exposure method could also be modified for motion picture filming. I did not experiment with it, however.

Holography is now in the "daguerreotype" stage of development that photography went through over a hundred years ago. Experiments are currently under way toward creating full-color holograms. Perhaps some day holography will be applied to theatrical motion pictures, in color, with genuine three-dimensional life. If it seems hard to imagine this, think of what Daguerre's reaction would be to the applications we now have of his primitive invention.

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As I am busily taking still pictures of the stupendous panorama below, Scotty decides to try to find some way to get even higher. I feel as though I am standing on the rim of the world. In the distance I can see the distinctive double rock formation of the Wigleeva, standing like twin sentinals on guard above the village. The Havasupais believe that if these two rocks ever fall, the entire world will be destroyed by fire. That is why Clifford Siyuja had no qualms about locating his new pre-fab government-built house directly beneath the towering Wigleeva. If his house goes, so will the rest of the world.

As I am clicking away at the visual feast below, I hear a shout. There stands Scotty a couple of hundred feet above me, about halfway out on an overhang. It occurs to me what a helluva picture it would make if I could get him to set up his tripod on the very edge. I keep urging him to go farther and farther out until he is clinging to the very lip of the rock, with nothing under him but thousands of feet of air. I snap a couple of great pictures.

"Am I on an overhang?" he asks, with childlike innocence.

"Are you on an *overhang*?" I shout back. "When you see the picture I've just taken, you'll have a heart attack."

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The Sweat Lodge

"Earl says that if it's hot enough today, he'll build a sweat lodge," says George.

"It's hot enough today to die from it," I tell him, dripping wet while merely standing still.

The sweat lodge is about six feet in diameter, four feet high at the apex of its dome, and shaped like an iglooexcept that it is constructed of dried mud several inches thick, over a framework of bent saplings. Strictly speaking, it is already "built", but the term refers to heating rocks until they're red hot and then placing them inside to serve as the basis for a kind of Indian *sauna*. This is done, for some strange reason, on only the very hottest days of the year.

The sweat lodge, I'm told, has a dual significance. It not only purges the body of everything from hangnails to cancer, but cleanses the soul, as well. Its ritualistic importance is signified by the fact that the Indians chant ancient incantations while par-boiling inside.

"We've got to get the sweat lodge on film," says George, pacing up and down Continued on Page 1183



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ADVENTURE IN SHANGRI-LA

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There are 52 families living in the village, with about 200 Havasupais actually in residence. However, their ranks will be decimated in a week or so when the children, above fourth grade level, are shipped off to boarding schools in various outside localities.

Local law and order is represented by two exotic-looking Indian mounted deputies, wearing cowboy hats and brass stars. They give out "tickets" for such offenses as drunken horseback riding and speeding (on horseback) down the village street. The village judge (or, more accurately, Justice of the Peace) is Mrs. Robert Sinyella of the Hualpai tribe, who is known to everyone in the village simply as "Nannie" and who dispenses frontier justice in large doses. A stern matriarch of incorruptible integrity, she did not hesitate to send her own husband to jail when he broke the law. Just now the tiny two-room jail is filled up with teenagers (five boys and two girls) given 60-day stretches for some crime or other (with an extra 40 days added on, in one case, for "sassing back"). The San Quentin group thinks they've got it tough!

The village politics are complex and it's a good thing George Williams is a master diplomat. Even though he has the full blessing of the tribal council to make this picture (all possible profits being ear-marked for their fund), there are certain villagers who are firmly opposed to being photographed. Shooting around them during group activities is a neat trick. Also, at the other extreme, are those who are offended if another family gets more closeups than they do.

Among the most cooperative to the film-makers are the four generations of the Paya family, headed by Lemuel Paya, who is also the acknowledged patriarch of the tribe. He is an extraordinary old Tiger of a man who, at the age of 84, still rides with his grandson in the team-roping event of the annual rodeo. Lemuel's son, Earl, is the village mailman who makes the thrice-weekly run down the mountain, in fair weather and foul, to deliver the U.S. Mail on muleback. He is also the gutsy fellow who drove the village's single tractor down the sheer cliff from the rim, even before there was a decent mule trail. Having been in the military service and spent many years working on the outside, Earl is far more sophisticated than most of the villagers, but (like almost all of the Havasupais), he has returned to



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Bernard Paya, Earl's son, is in his early twenties and, like his daddy, an expert packer. He is also a demon bronc rider and a very mystical fellow. Of all the Payas, he is the only one who is camera-shy, though he eventually becomes less so. Bernard has a lovely little wisp of a wife and three beautiful children, none of whom is in the least camera-shy. One little girl is named "Whirlybird" because her mommy didn't quite make it out of the valley when the time came and she was born in the helicopter.

If anyone could be described as the "star" of this film, it would have to be Lemuel Paya. He is extraordinarily cooperative. Nothing is too much trouble for him and he seems not at all bothered by the supposed taboo against being photographed which some of the others share. He appears in a good bit of the film, tanning a deer hide in the old way, singing the ancient chants, recounting traditional stories of the tribe.

His cooperation is not prompted by vanity, but rather his zeal to preserve the last vestiges of the old Havasupai culture on film. Showing us some beautiful old baskets woven by the women of the tribe, he says, "There is only one woman left in the village who knows how to make these, and the young girls don't want to learn how."

He shakes his head sadly. "The young people of the tribe don't want to be Indians anymore," he says. "They want to be Americans."

The irony of that statement really rocks me.

The Rim of the World

Since George has a morning of palavering and politicking to do in order to line up forthcoming sequences, Scotty and I decide to climb to the top of the plateau and get some panoramic shots of the village.

We clamber up the steep Apache trail, which is almost impossible to distinguish from the rest of the sheer cliffside. On the way up we pass several semi-circular rock fortifications, obviously very old, but definitely manmade. It was from behind these barriers that Havasupai bowmen, clad completely in leather, used to fight off marauding Apaches in the old days.

Farther up, we come upon ancient granaries hollowed out of the rock and used by the forebears of the present-day tribe when they were still cliff-dwellers. Beyond one of these granaries the trail appears to end abruptly, a fact which



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having to sacrifice some of the surroundings or the background, which would go over-exposed.

Frequently I found, when the rains would come up in the afternoon, that I was shooting a lot of stuff wide open, which left very little depth of field—and there was always the chance that someone would move out of position and make me lose focus momentarily. I don't like to "hunt" focus, if I can avoid it. I'd rather stop down and cheat with the depth of field. But there were many times when we couldn't do that, because there would be unplanned and unrehearsed action over which we had no control.

What I was primarily concentrating on throughout was getting the best possible image on film. It would have been helpful to be able to rearrange some of the elements in order to gain a bit more control, but usually that wasn't possible. I would have liked to have a little more light or be able to move someone away from in front of a cluttered background-or at least move them into the same light as that on the background-but many of the villagers were somewhat reluctant to be photographed, so it was a matter of getting it when it was happening and having to sacrifice a bit of photographic quality in the process.

Except for a "circle dance" sequence filmed outdoors at night, the entire picture was shot on ECO. Although we carried an ample supply of EF with us, I tried to avoid using it because of the differences in contrast and graininess. On several daylight exterior sequences, when the sun had actually gone down and there was little ambient light left, I risked going a bit underexposed in order to stay with the ECO, because I wanted to maintain the consistency of the film.

On one occasion, we had set up late in the afternoon to shoot a dinner sequence outside one of the tribal member's homes. When the sun disappeared into the clouds, I still had enough light to shoot with the ECO, but when the sun went down behind the canyon rim, it was a toss-up whether to switch to EF or continue with the ECO and push it one stop in processing. I didn't want to push it two stops, because that seems to give it a greenish cast.

The decision was especially critical because the people we were filming are rather dark complexioned and their flesh tones do not have a very high reflective index. In the end, I made the conscious choice to stay with the ECO, even though the exposure might be

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borderline on the "under" side.

We did carry a Sun-Gun with us, but I hesitated to use it on the exterior daylight sequences for a couple of technical reasons. It would have worked fine in the full-frame closeups, but if there were any background showing I'm afraid it would have gone so blue that it wouldn't have matched the rest of the footage. Then, too, although the Sun-Gun is a very useful tool, it's a fairly concentrated source that tends to throw a rather harsh beam of light. The rest of our footage had been shot in a quite straightforward manner with available light used primarily. I felt it might be jarring, after going along at a rather low light level, to suddenly turn on lights right in the middle of a sequence. Printing could have smoothed out the exposure, but the light quality would have been quite different.

The shooting of the rodeo sequence went quite smoothly, except for the thunderstorm that pretty well wiped us out for about forty five minutes. There was a light overcast, so I didn't have any brightness contrast problems with the lighting. Although I'd rather not shoot static subjects hand-held, the rodeo involved so much activity, color and movement that I'm sure it will turn out very well. Any disadvantages of handholding were outweighed by the flexibility of being able to move around fast enough to stay with the action.

While shooting the rodeo, I made an interesting discovery regarding the reluctance of some of the people to be photographed. I found that when they were involved in something that they were interested in and did very well, their aloofness pretty well disappeared. I always made a point of asking the people if it was all right to film them, before pointing a camera their way. One person in particular, a very good rider, had previously refused to be filmed, but I asked him again just as he was about to go into the calf-roping event and he said, "Sure, go ahead." Two days later, while I was filming on the village street, he came out of the store and reacted just fine to being photographed.

The circle dance sequence which I referred to earlier was one of the most difficult to shoot and one which left me a bit frustrated. It is a ritualistic dance, accompanied by chanting, in which the participants join hands and shuffle in a circle around the chanters and drummers. Signaling the wind-up of the

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tribe's annual Peach Festival, it was held outdoors at night on the newly completed concrete basketball court. There was no light on the subject and no source available other than our single Sun-Gun.

We were given permission to film for only two minutes—which made it necessary to get in and get situated in one spot, get the light on, get an exposure for the main character (who was chanting) and then go with him primarily until enough people started shouting to turn the light off—at which point we simply turned off the light.

I would have liked to be able to cover that sequence more completely, but, again, when you are working in a documentary situation where you are not paying the people and can't control them (and they have a natural reluctance to being filmed, on top of that), it was a matter of getting as much on film as possible in the very short time allotted to us.

The time-lapsing we did for this film was sort of fascinating. George felt that he might want to use one or two such scenes for bridging purposes, or possibly under his titles. Prior to going to Supai, he had gotten together with a friend who is apparently pretty sharp with electronics and they started to build an intervalometer to use with the Bolex. The idea was to design one that worked off a very small, lightweight battery. The Frezzolini battery would have been perfect, but it was too costly for their budget. They found, however, that a motorcycle battery would work quite well and they were in the process of putting it all together when George's friend joined the military. The intervalometer was never finished. So we ended up by doing all our time-lapsing by hand with a cable release and a stop watch.

I got up one morning at 4:30 and set the camera up on top of the talus against the canyon wall. Then I settled down for three and a half hours of time-lapsing, with an exposure every 15 seconds. I filmed the sunrise, with the light coming down the white wall of the Grand Canyon main gorge and then down the red walls of Havasu Canyon, spreading across the valley floor like a giant searchlight. We later got some time-lapse footage of a storm coming in, with a lot of good lightning strikes.

I was amazed at the little Nizo Super-8 camera Herb Lightman was using, with its built-in automatic intervalometer. The whole camera, including this sophisticated feature, weighs only about three pounds, and it's amazing to me that they can't seem to come up with such an intervalometer built into a



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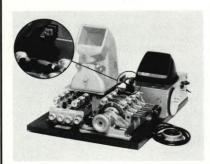
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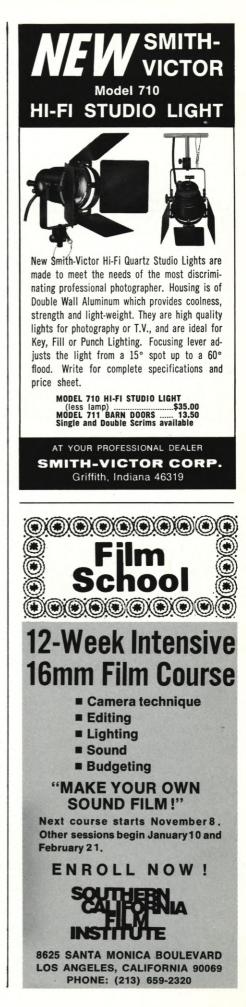
professional 16mm camera. The next best thing would be a small intervalometer that would work off a couple of penlight batteries—one that wouldn't weigh 40 pounds and cost \$500. Such a tool would be very useful, although somewhat limited, and I certainly wish we'd had one.

The only time that I used neutral density filters on this picture was during the time-lapse sequences, when singleframing at 1/30th of a second into a bald sky, and then I had to use an ND9 to keep from overexposing. I don't particularly like to use shallow focus. Some people stack ND's up in front of and behind the lens and shoot everything wide open-which I think works well as an effect-but I think that on this type of film, particularly, anything except straightforward photography would have been too arty. We weren't, after all, interested in going in there and trying to make the place look different from the way it really was.

George had told me that he wanted straightforward documentary footage showing as much unrehearsed everyday activity as possible. I couldn't see any need to stack up ND filters to shoot at F/2, when I had an F/8 light. Moving around as much as I did, I much preferred to take advantage of the available depth of field and keep the backgrounds in focus. In this film the environment is just as important as the people and their activities. We had neither the time nor the mobility to cover specifically everything that is integral to the life of the village, but it's all on film-if only peripherally-in the backgrounds, and it says a lot about Supai and the way the people live there.

I'm basically in favor of straight photography most of the time, which may be a carryover from my still photography background. I'm a great admirer of Edward Weston and Ansel Adams and others of the old F/64 school of photography. I personally believe in getting a good clear image, unless there is a definite reason for some other kind of effect.

I worked on a picture last year where the style called for us to use double fog filters and push EF for a particular effect. But I think that, in general, jerky hand-held camerawork or a lot of zooming and flip-focus are just technique for the sake of technique and that they are sometimes over-used. In my opinion, they are especially out of place in a documentary, whereas, in another type of film, they might be just fine. In a documentary I feel that they serve no purpose, except to make the audience

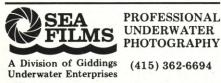


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Photographing a documentary about the Havasupai Indians was a fascinating experience, even though it had its frustrations. Some of the people were extremely cooperative, while others wanted no part of it, but I think that it's very understandable that they should be very suspicious of a group of white people coming into their reservation and saying, "We want to make a picture about you—for you."

They've had very, very bad experiences with white people for hundreds of years, so I think that their natural reluctance to be on film-which is partly superstition-might have been reinforced slightly by the fact that we were a white crew. I really think that an Indian crew would have been better to make this particular picture, because they have a shared past experience and a certain empathy that we just don't have, in that we come from a completely different culture. Ideally, it should have been made by a crew of Havasupai Indians from the reservation-or, as the second best choice, from a neighboring tribe, such as the Hualapai, the Hopi or the Navajo. However, there are just not enough trained American Indian filmmakers at the moment. We have five or six Indian students in the Motion Picture division at UCLA right now-which is good-but they are still in the beginning stages.

My experience in Supai was personally somewhat frustrating, because I saw so many great things and I just wanted to get that camera in there and photograph them. But to have people turn away or say, "No pictures, no pictures!", I found, as a cameraman, to be very frustrating. I haven't worked under those particular conditions before.

The making of a documentary about the people of Supai has a very special significance right now, because the scene is changing fast. Soon the entire village will have electricity, inevitably followed by a tramway into the valley from the rim. These encroachments of "civilization" will make it a very different place.

In the meantime, the ferment of change that is going on needed to be captured on film—especially the culture gap and the generation gap which exist between the younger kids, the people in their early thirties and the older people of the tribe. I think it was important for somebody to make a documentary film record of this before the present culture is completely gone. I'm happy that I could be part of that effort.



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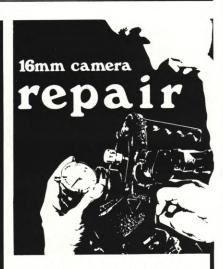
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and (I'm sure) silently praying for even more heat.

His prayers are answered. When the mercury hits about 112 degrees, we see in the distance a wisp of smoke, which means that Earl Paya has started a fire to heat rocks for the sweat lodge. We buckle on our equipment and go racing over to record the event.

The smoke has been seen, also, by various braves of the tribe and they drop what they're doing to assemble at the sweat lodge, Lemuel Paya leading the formation. They strip down to loin cloths, as Earl lifts incandescent rocks out of the fire with a shovel and places them inside the lodge. Lemuel goes in first, followed by three others. The heavy canvas flap is lowered over the opening and he can be heard shouting,

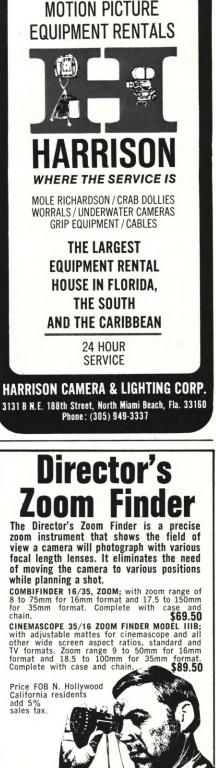
"Han-e-ga, Han-e-ga!" ("Good, Good!"), as he sprinkles water over the hot rocks. Then the chanting begins. Meanwhile, I'm thanking all of the Druid gods that I'm not in there with them. After about ten minutes, they emerge, dripping with sweat and fling themselves into the icy waters of the nearby creek. Barbaric!

George and Scotty scurry about, getting all of this on film. While Scotty trains his zoom lens inside the lodge, George grasps the microphone between his knees and regulates the Nagra controls with one hand, while beaming a Sun-Gun inside with the other. Talk about *intrepid*!

"We need a reverse angle," says George, obviously a distant cousin to the Marquis de Sade. Without a word, Scotty drags the Eclair, the Sun-Gun and himself inside the sweat lodge to shoot the scene. Stout fellow! He crawls out eventually, observing, "It's so hot in there that I could feel the fat on my knees frying."

While I am trying to visualize that, a dread thing happens: We are invited to join the Indians inside the sweat lodge. I would, personally, rather be dead. But since it is considered a signal honor to receive such an invitation—especially if you're not a member of the tribe—it would be very bad form to refuse. Resigning myself to my fate, I peel down to my shorts and crawl inside the steaming black hole for what turns out to be a preview of HeII. When in Rome ...and all that. One of our Indian buddies goes in with us, just to make sure that we don't bolt and run.

George is being very macho about the whole thing. He keeps saying ballsy



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things like, "If you hold your head straight up, you'll find it's much hotter near the top."

At 200 degrees, who needs it hotter? I've got my nostrils pressed against the dirt floor, trying to sniff up the last traces of relatively cool air, but I'm determined not to be the first to give in. In the end, it's our Indian friend who yells "Uncle", and wants out.

We stagger down to the creek, more dead than alive, and it's heart attack time as we hit the freezing water. George skins his lip doing a porpoise thing. Tough!

Without pausing to dress, the UCLA film-makers grab their filming equipment and start shooting the next group to enter the sweat lodge. They form a funny tableau, standing there in their jockey shorts with nothing else on but an Eclair and a Nagra, respectively.

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The Falls

During our first week in Supai, the indomitable UCLA filming team has been preoccupied with shooting various sequences of village activities, as well as filling in with pick-up shots bypassed during their spring excursion to the valley. I've tagged along with them everywhere, cameras clicking, totally fascinated by the whole exotic scene.

And yet, there has been a certain restlessness on my part. Being a waterfall-freak, among other things, there gnaws at my vitals the realization that within a short distance of the village are five magnificent waterfalls which I haven't yet seen. For a genuine, dyed-inthe-wool waterfall freak, that's like agonizing through the cold turkey treatment.

And so it is with great glee that I hear George decree one morning that today we are, indeed, going to the Falls. At last, I'm going to get my "fix"!

The waterfall nearest to the village (about a half-mile away) is called "Fifty-foot Falls"—which it, no doubt, once was. But by now, floods have chopped it down to about half that height. Nevertheless, it is a beautiful cascade of singing waters that tumble down travertine terraces into a clear turquoise pool that serves as the "ol' swimmin' hole" for the children of the village. Tom Sawyer never had it so good!

We stop by at Fifty-foot en route to the larger falls and pause for a quick dip in the bracing waters. I am intrigued by the "secret grotto" which George reveals to me. You dive into the pool





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We press on toward Navajo Falls, which lies a mile farther down the canyon. We can hear the roar of its waters before we see it-and then, rounding a curve in the trail, we find ourselves looking down at a scene of spectacular beauty. Navajo is actually a complex of several interlinked watercourses, each with its own individual character. The main one is a powerful cataract plunging straight down from a ledge about 75 feet above. The second major flow begins high up as a cascade of rapids that divides into streams falling from split-level travertine ledges into the pool below.

To get down to the foot of the falls, we slip and slide down a steep, muddy trail and then pick our way through dense foliage that grows right to the edge of the rushing creek. It's a hairy maneuver all the way—but worth it. My film-making friends wade out to a spot almost directly under the main falls and set up the Bolex. Three camera angles later, we push on down the trail.

We cross the creek, using a large fallen log as a footbridge. It takes a bit of a balance to get across, even with a dry footing, and I find myself wondering what it would be like in a rainstorm. Little do I know that I will have ample opportunity to find out!

We pass magnificent Havasu Falls a half-mile down the canyon, but decide to press directly on to Mooney Falls, since the light should be just right for shooting there at this time.

Mooney Falls, almost 200 feet high, derives its name from the fact that a dude named James Mooney fell off of it (no pun intended) back in 1880. The face of the cliff adjoining the falls is so precipitous that it was 10 months before his companions could get down to bury what remained of old Jim.

Getting down the face of that cliff isn't a helluva lot easier to negotiate even now, despite a sort of trail hacked out by miners, but we decide to do it anyway.

Even for a mountain goat, it's a neat trick. The angle of the cliff is about 80 degrees and, just now, it's mighty slippery. Considering the height and steepness, one slip could spell doomsville, so we pick our way down gingerly, to say the least. Since I have half a dozen



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At last—after what seems like 28 days—we reach the bottom, and *terra firma* never felt so good! The view from here of Mooney Falls is mind-boggling. Higher than Niagara, it plunges straight downward in a single roaring cataract into a pool fringed with scalloped travertine terraces. Magnificent!

We pick our way along the edges of the travertine in search of the best camera angle—which turns out to be right in the middle of the creek. Where else?

The boys grind off a few miles of film and, treading water, I snap my cover shot for *American Cinematographer*. Then we scale the cliff and head back toward Havasu.

Thunder Over Paradise

As a serious, card-carrying *connois-seur* of waterfalls, I can truthfully say that for sheer form and symmetry Havasu Falls would be very hard to beat. At the top, the creek leaps through a relatively narrow travertine notch and immediately fans out into two main cataracts laced together by a kind of "bridal veil" spray. The whole fantastic arrangement plunges 100 feet into a pool of incredibly blue-green water, a favorite skinny-dipping spot for denizens of the campground located a short distance below the falls.

George goes ape with his director's viewfinder and keeps on walking until he finds himself literally up to his neck in water. Without taking his eye from the viewfinder, he yells, "This is it!"

Good old faithful Scotty, wearing his neon-green hat, comes trudging into the drink and sets up a tripod just barely tall enough to keep the lens of the Bolex above the water level. "Why is the best angle always in five feet of water?" he asks plaintively, of nobody in particular.

We have a picture-taking orgy at Havasu and then, suddenly—what was that? A raindrop? *Hell, yes!* There is a mad scramble for lens covers and plastic bags as the heavens open up and urinate all over us. It's not merely a rainstorm it's a cloudburst, a deluge, the Johnstown flood. I wish to hell we had Noah's ark.

There is no place to stash the camera gear except under a shallow outcropping



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"My God!" exclaims George, suddenly getting religion, and I look up toward where he's pointing. Havasu Falls, which only minutes before had been a virginal veil of crystal-clear water, is now a raging torrent of chocolate-colored goo. Unbelievable volumes of the stuff come thundering through the notch and into the pool below.

We break out the cameras-the devil with the rain-and start taking pictures of this phenomenon. Water gets into everything-and my poor Hasselblad will never be the same-but we get some great shots of Nature's tantrum.

It suddenly dawns on us that we'd better get our tails out of there and head back toward the village, or we might not make it until next St. Michaelmas Day.

It's a pretty gooey exodus, as we go twinkle-toesing through suddenlyformed inland seas, hoping we won't get struck by lightning, because of all the metal we are carrying.

When we reach the fallen-log footbridge, the only possible way across the creek, an appalling sight greets us. The creek, so recently shallow and placid, is now a raging rapids about 15 feet deep and almost up to the slippery log. Getting across with all our gear is a nightmare prospect. One slip and we could get carried over four waterfalls clear down to the Colorado River. In the end, there's nothing for it but to waddle laboriously across on our bottoms like so many ducks—a really sidesplitting sight!

Meanwhile, up on the mesa, billions of gallons of water have flowed toward the edge of the plateau, so that the entire rim of the canyon is now one colossal waterfall. I've hit the jackpot! We break out the rain-soaked cameras and photograph these giant cataracts pouring down on every side.

Nothing's really a disaster, as long as it's photogenic!

The Peach Festival

In former days, when peaches were abundantly grown in this valley, the Havasupais celebrated the harvest with a Peach Festival. Though peaches are no longer grown as a major crop, the Peach Festival still remains—except that now it is held as a kind of send-off celebration for the kids of the village who are returning to boarding schools in the outside world.





The Festival kicks off with a rodeo. Steers and calves are driven down the trail from the plateau above especially for the event and all the Indian cowboys, including 84-year-old Lemuel Paya, get involved in the action. For the filming of the various events, Scotty climbs right into the ring and almost ends up with hoof-prints all over him a couple of times, but he gets some great shots.

The Havasupais, almost literally born in the saddle, are superb horsemen and they put on a spectacular show.

Later that night, the villagers, armed with flashlights, brave the ghosts which usually keep them indoors after sundown and assemble on the new concrete basketball court outside the Recreation Hall. A traditional circle dance is held, with the people shuffling around a cadre of drummers and chanters in the middle.

George and Scotty have been granted permission to turn their Sun-Gun on for only two minutes to film scenes of the dance. It's probably the shortest filming session in history, but they manage to get their shots.

The dance goes on far into the night. Then the Indians slip away, clutching their flashlights. The drumming and the chanting die out—and the Peach Festival is over for another year.

Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow

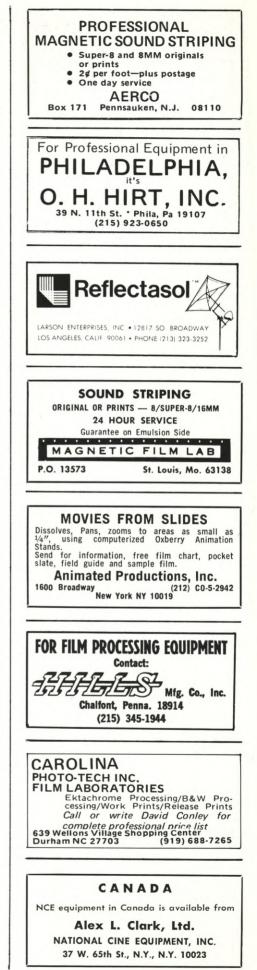
Time—which seems to stand still in Supai—also has a way of slipping by and, before we realize it, the time has come to leave. The last frame of film has been shot, the last inch of tape recorded—so there is really no reason to stay on, although I could think of a dozen quite easily.

I hate to leave the peace of this magic canyon. For one wild moment, I contemplate going AWOL, holing up near Havasu Falls and letting the rest of the world go by. But then I think of our constant readers and relent.

In the morning, crack of dawn, the ever-faithful Perry shows up with his mules and packs our gear for the long eight miles up to the Hilltop. I'm suddenly glad it's such an arduous trip. Otherwise, this lovely Shangri-La would be overrun with tourists.

Up on top, I don't look back, because I know that if I do I may never leave. The spell of Supai lingers, and I know it always will.

In my long-continuing love affair with the American West, I have known many infatuations—but, of them all, Havasu Canyon has to be the *Grand Passion*!



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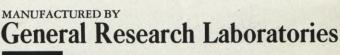
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