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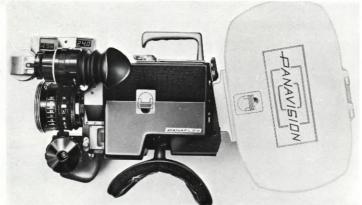
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ON THE COVER: On the huge "Shangri-La" set at Burbank Studios, Panavision camera crew, under supervision of Director of Photography Robert Surtees, ASC, films a musical number with Liv Ullman, one of the many stars appearing in the Ross Hunter musical version of "LOST HORIZON" for Columbia Pictures.

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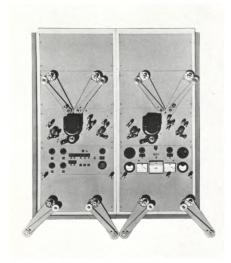
In Hong Kong, the lens mount was slightly damaged in a fall. But Mr. Niver was able to get it serviced there right away. "The Arriflex," he says, "is a camera that an Independent can depend on."



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GUILLOTINE INTRODUCES A HIGH-SPEED PANEL PRINTER FOR BLACK-AND-WHITE, COLOR, AND SOUND FILM

Highlighted as the fastest continuous operating machine of its kind available today, a new panel film printer by Guillotine Splicer Corp., Westbury, New York, has been designed to meet every known requirement of the professional film handler.

In announcing the new equipment, Barry Green, president of Guillotine, laid stress on the printer's flexibility of operation, modular construction, and range of options and additive systems—advantages designed to provide maximum machine utilization, low operating cost, and optimum service economy.

Used for release prints, the new Guillotine printer has a production capability of 680 feet of 16mm per minute, or 1,360 fpm of Super-8. If sound is included, output is 340 fpm. At somewhat slower speeds, it can be used as a standard printer with scene-to-scene change capability. Or in parallel operation as two separate machines running two separate negatives.

Priced to meet the cost requirements confronting the motion picture industry today, the Guillotine panel printer operates equally well with both black-and-white and color film, as well as with film with soundtrack. For added flexibility it includes the needed equipment for standard subtractive processing, and offers options for additive color.

The Guillotine printer is self-contained. Built-in loop arms do away with separate loop connection arms. Each lamp house has its own cooling blower;

these vent out the top, reducing dust and paper scatter. The lamp house contains in-head filter holders with additional slots for Kodak 2B and Pittsburgh heat-absorbing glass filters.

Basically designed for 16mm and 35mm formats, the printer can be adapted to other formats on request. It features 3000-foot film capacity with takeup torque controlled for 3-inch minimum core size. The package includes lamp control rheostats, lamp diaphragms, a lamp balancing meter, lamp Voltmeters, counters, and two heads permitting (a) picture or sound, (b) picture and sound, and (c) picture with picture.

For a factory demonstration, or additional information and a new technical data sheet, readers are invited to write or call Guillotine Splicer Corp., 45 Urban Avenue, Westbury, New York 11590; phone (516) 997-5566. West Coast: 3407 West Olive Drive, Burbank, California 91505; phone (213) 846-7740.



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For additional information contact: Don Prather; Advertising Manager; Echo Science Corporation; 485 Middlefield Road, Mountain View, CA 94040. Telephone: (415) 961-7145.



NEW VIDEO DISC RECORDER OFFERS VARIABLE SPEED RECORDING AND PLAYBACK AT SPEEDS FROM FAST TO STOP-ACTION

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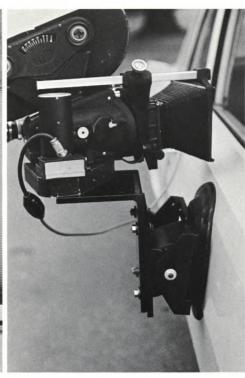
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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO HOLD FOURTH ANNUAL FILM CONFERENCE

This spring, the Fourth Annual USC Film Conference will be held April 5-8, 1973. As in previous years, the Conference will again bring together artists and leaders of the film industry to discuss the present and future state of the art. In addition to seven daytime panel discussions, three new feature films and a program of student films will be screened.

Because we feel that the Film Conference will be of great interest to the members of your organization, we ask your co-operation in announcing and publicizing the event. The Conference will take place at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles campus. Ticket prices will be \$5 for students, \$10 for teachers, and \$15 for others.

Conference tickets will go on sale the last week of March at the USC Cinema Department, or by mail-order form. For individual events, tickets will be sold at the door on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission for the screenings will be \$2, but a package for three feature films and an evening of student films can be purchased for \$5.

GODDARD COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FILM FESTIVAL

Goddard College is sponsoring a nonprofit film festival from May 24 through May 27, 1973. The Goddard New England Film Festival is open to all independent, experimental filmmakers. Any pictorial mode of film expression is acceptable.

Approximately twenty-four hours of film will be shown within the four-day period. Every film viewed will be considered for cash awards.

Filmmakers Shirley Clark and Nicholas Ray will be present to judge the entries. Each judge will present an evening of his/hers films and conduct a subsequent symposium.

Entries will be on 16mm., optical soundtrack or silent, and thirty minutes in length.

For further information and application brochure write to the Goddard New England Film Festival Committee. Frank Grasso, Coordinator, Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont 05667.

USA FILM FESTIVAL AT SMU CELE-BRATES ITS THIRD ANNIVERSARY

For the third year, Southern Methodist University in Dallas will host the USA Film Festival, April 9-15. Its status in the film world is unique in that it is the only festival dedicated solely to United States productions. All American-made films are given equal attention, whether they are produced by students, experimental filmmakers or major studios...no matter what the age or millimeter.

It is both an historical festival (looking back each year to one of the great American directors, studying the American tradition) and a forecasting festival (finding new directors and pointing out the new direction that the American movie takes each year). George Stevens and Frank Capra have been honored by the past two festivals. This year Raoul Walsh is to be the subject of a week-long retrospective. A Texas retrospective is particularly suitable for Walsh. Although born in New York, he was raised in Texas and is a survivor from the old days of the real West. Moreover, directors like Ford, Curtiz and Walsh are becoming the subject of a new body of film criticism. Up until this time, Walsh was one of the faceless masters of the rugged action picture, the often underestimated genre that demonstrated the kind of tough, unpretentious art that Americans do best and appreciate least.

Walsh has chosen seven films for the week-long festival; THEY DIED WITH THEIR BOOTS ON with Errol Flynn, THE ROARING TWENTIES and WHITE HEAT with James Cagney, HIGH SIERRA with Bogart, WHAT PRICE GLORY with Victor McLaglen and Dolores del Rio, CAPTAIN HORATIO HORNBLOWER with Gregory Peck, and BATTLECRY with Aldo Ray and Dorothy Malone. Many of the stars of his films will be present for the screenings and discussions that follow.

Past festivals have brought together the old and the new Hollywood with Continued on Page 493

ASC President Ernest Laszlo (center) chats with Cinematographer Joseph Walker, ASC, and Director Frank Capra at recent A.S.C. dinner meeting honoring the two famous film artists. (CENTER) Mr. Walker recalls happy times photographing 19 films for Frank Capra. (RIGHT) The affable Mr. Capra shares a joke with A.S.C. members.







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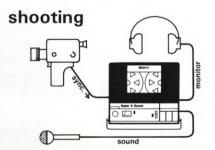
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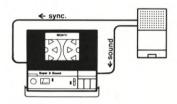
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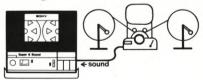
Super 8 magnetic film is now available to the filmmaker who already owns a sync sound system. The **Super 8 Sound Recorder** does not necessarily obsolete any existing equipment or, more importantly, any existing footage since it will automatically resolve sound from most* original sync tracks, Pilotone or Digital, Reel-to-Reel or cassette, including

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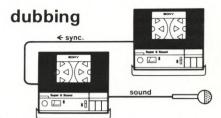
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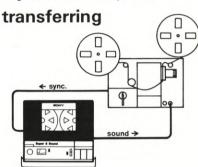
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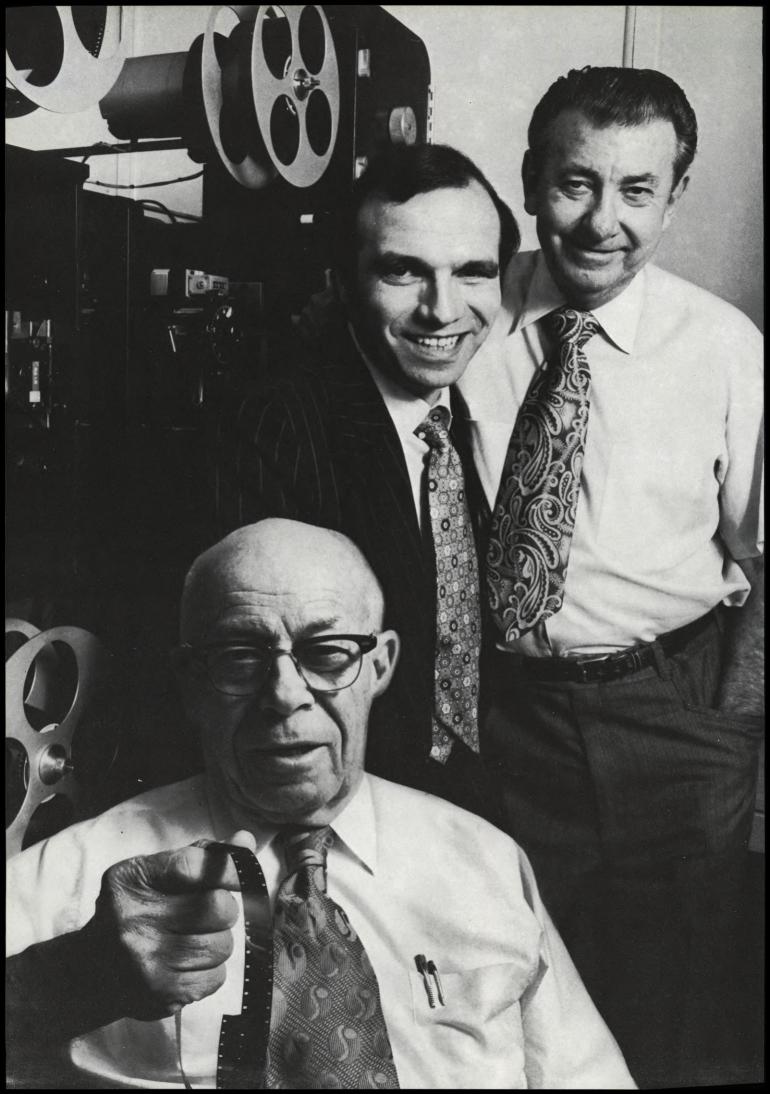
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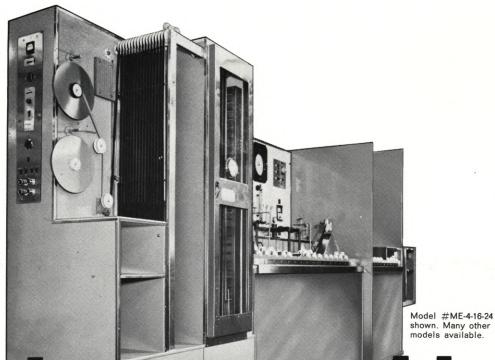
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LIGHT METERS

Virtually every cinematographer uses a photo-electric light meter to determine proper exposure. Whether your meter is an incident, reflective, spot or TTL, it invariably operates with one or two types of photo-electric cells.

The most straightforward light meter systems employ a "photo-voltaic" cell. Light striking a photo-voltaic cell produces an electric current. As seen in FIGURE 1, a photo-voltaic type light meter merely consists of a photo-voltaic cell connected to a sensitive microammeter which measures the current from the photo cell. As light falls on the cell, current is generated and measured by the microammeter. As a greater amount of light falls on the cell, more current is generated and a higher reading is produced on the meter, and vice versa. By calibrating the scale on the meter in foot-candles as "f" stops, one has a simple "photo-voltaic" type light meter.

In practice, the photo-voltaic cell is constructed of a layer of selenium mounted on a metal base plate with a thin overlay or film of platinum or gold. Light meters using this construction are sometimes referred to as "selenium" meters. As you can gather, this type of meter is very simple in construction and requires very little maintenance. There are no batteries to wear down and the only two components are the cell and the meter movement. The selenium cell is a rugged and stable unit and should require little attention. The spectral sensitivity of the selenium cell is almost identical to that of film stock and, thus, no color temperature compensation is

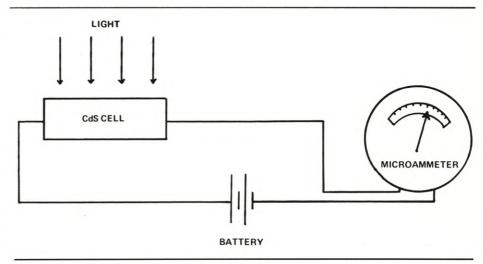


FIGURE 2

necessary. The only cautions are avoiding high temperatures, which can damage the cell, and a fall or jolt that would damage the meter movement.

The only drawback of the selenium type meter is its limited sensitivity. The selenium meter is well suited for incident type meters designed for the motion picture industry, where shutter speed is usually 1/50 second and film speed is seldom much above 100 ASA. For situations involving high speed film, fast lenses and low-light levels, the selenium meter may prove to be lacking in sensitivity. In almost all professional situations, the selenium meter is unsatisfactory for reflected, spot and TTL light meter systems due to its limited sensitivity. These applications usually employ a 'photo-conductive" type of cell.

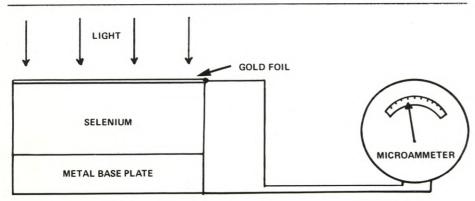
The "photo conductive" type cell is usually constructed of Cadmium Sul-

phide and thus meters employing this type of cell are referred to as "CdS-type meters". The construction of the CdS type meter is outlined in FIGURE 2. Basically, the CdS cell is a form of semi-conductor that varies its electrical resistance according to the amount of light that strikes it. The more light that strikes the CdS cell, the lower its resistance. Note that, unlike the selenium cell, the CdS cell does not generate any energy and, thus, a battery must be used in conjunction with the CdS cell. The battery provides the current, and the CdS regulates the amount of current by its variable resistance. As light hits the CdS cell, its resistance decreases, allowing more current to flow from the battery to the meter and vice versa.

The greatest advantage of the CdS cell is its high sensitivity, about 10 times greater than that of a selenium cell of equivalent dimensions. This makes the CdS cell particularly well-suited for low-light-level situations and meters with limited dimensions or acceptance angles, (i.e., spot meters and TTL meters).

The CdS type meter is quite popular in the professional motion picture industry. Almost all spot meters and through-the-lens metering systems employ the CdS cell. There are, however, certain disadvantages to this system. Because the CdS cell does not generate any voltage, a battery is necessary, which increases the size and weight of Continued on Page 459





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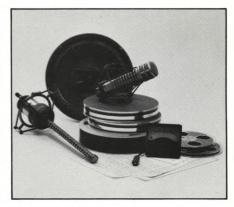
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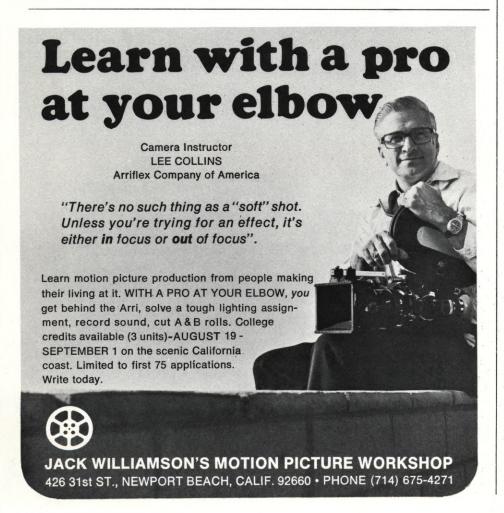
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A hefty addition to the reference shelf, THE WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE FILM (World \$25), while not truly encyclopedic, is an extensive world-wide biographical dictionary with some 2000 names, and a cast-&-credits compilation of about 20,000 films. Meticulously edited by Tim Cawkwell and John M. Smith, it includes—a notable first—the names of many avant-garde filmmakers.

A novel presentation of a film rating system popular with TV viewers, the large size FILM BUFF'S BIBLE lists some 13,000 films released between 1915 and 1972. Editor D. Richard Baer's 1 to 10 marks are printed next to the 1 to 4 star ratings of critics Leonard Maltin and Steven Scheuer, culled from their paperback guides to movies on TV. (Hollywood Film Archive, 8344 Melrose Ave., Hollywood, CA 90069, \$14.95.)

The 1972-73 edition of F. Maurice Speed's attractive and informative FILM REVIEW (Barnes \$8.95) affords a mainly pictorial grand tour of European cinema's personalities and outlooks. Also included are topical articles on black power movies, stuntmen, the Hollywood of yore, children and dance films. The statistical part is impressive, with a roundup of world production activities, festivals, awards, and a detailed listing of last year's releases.

For finding your way around the motion picture industry and related entertainment fields, the WEST COAST THEATRICAL DIRECTORY 1972 (Gousha \$6.95) is a useful and thoroughgoing guide. It lists, under appropriate headings, Los Angeles facilities, services and organizations, and includes sections on Hawaii, Nevada and San Francisco.

To communicate feelingly the magic appeal of moving shadows to young filmmakers is the successfully realized purpose of film critic and teacher Cecile Starr in DISCOVERING THE MOVIES (Van Nostrand Reinhold \$9.75). Her ingeniously visual method uses stills in sequence with a running commentary in which historic facts, film synopses, critical assessments and practical advice blend into an enlightening and entertaining guide to the appreciation of a complex medium.

To describe as "delightful" a technical work may be surprising, yet it is right for a MOVING PICTURE GIVING AND TAKING BOOK, a compact treatise of film techniques "which could be read by poets" according to its author, the well known avant-garde filmmaker Stan Brakhage. His advice is sensible, inventive and stimulating. (Frontier Press, Stewart St., W. Newbury, Mass. 01985 \$2.)

Barbara Gellman's PHOTOPLAY TREASURY (Crown \$9.95) is a perceptive sampling of articles and illustrations from this granddaddy of fan magazines. Its evocations of Hollywood at work and at play, going back to this century's early teens, is a happy mixture of film buff nostalgia, and a perspective on social attitudes and early techniques for more scholarly readers.

The "persuasive force" of the documentary is assessed by Richard Meran Barsam in his thoughtful and comprehensive book, NONFICTION FILM (Dutton \$9.95/4.95). A critical history of the 50 year old documentary genre, with emphasis on British and U.S. films, it analyzes their topical nature and creative technique and offers value criteria in the context of their aim to present solutions to major social problems.

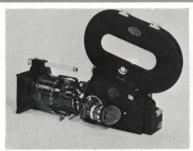
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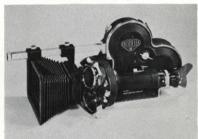
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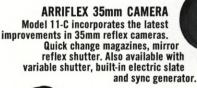
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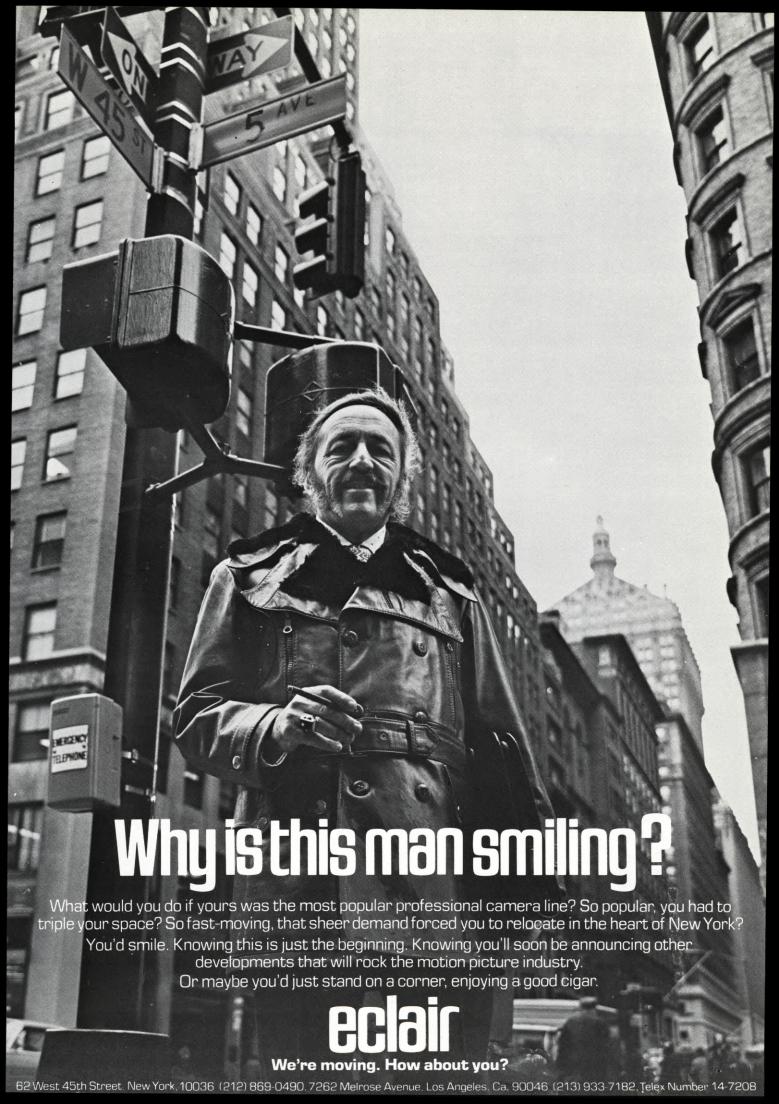


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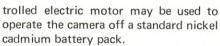
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In the absence of a splicing machine equipped with appropriate blades on the right side as described above, it is possible to scrape the base side of the right-hand film by temporarily placing it emulsion down in the left-hand side of the splicing machine. It would be well to practice this technique under white light illumination with waste film before attempting to splice underdeveloped film in the dark.

Do professional motion picture producers employ ¼ inch magnetic tape for recording lip-sync sound scenes in theatrical and television pictures? Is such tape perforated?

Yes. Quarter-inch magnetic tape is used for sync-sound recording, particularly on location, by employing a synchronizing signal, or pulse, which is obtained from a regular 60 cycle AC power source, or off the camera or the camera's synchronous or governorcontrolled motor, equipped with a pulse generator. The pulse is an index of camera frame speed vs. sound timing. The pulse is recorded on a separate track alongside the audio track, or it is recorded in "push-pull" on the edges of the tape, with the audio track in the middle. Either system allows for using the pulse in re-recording to 16mm or 35mm magnetic film so that picture and sound track may be edited in editorial side-by-side sync. This is an ideal system for location shooting where a number of camera and sound components and light weight are a factor. A governor-con-



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In making butt splices with tape, can the tape be easily and completely removed in the event the film is to be respliced at the same point?

In a word, yes.

What is meant by a T-stop on a lens?

The T or transmission number of a lens represents the f-stop number of an open circular hole or of a perfect lens having 100 per cent axial transmission. It is thus the "true" f-stop since it is free from all reflection and absorption losses. T-stops are calibrated electronically. F-stops are calculated geometrically, purely on the basis of dividing the focal length of the lens by the diameter of the diaphragm opening. The f-stop is, therefore, based on the light that enters a lens and does not account for light losses within the lens. The T-stop is based on the light that actually emerges from the rear of the lens and forms the image. All T-stop markings will match, regardless of lens focal length, and deliver the same volume of light at the same T-number. This is particularly valuable in motion picture work because so many lenses of different focal lengths are employed, and it is desirable that they produce the same negative density so that they will match perfectly when intercut. It is highly recommended that all motion picture lenses be T-stopped. This is particularly important with zoom-type lenses whose highly complex optical designs require a great number of optical elements. A considerable light loss is thus encountered. Zoom lenses marked in f-stops will generally transmit considerably less light than a conventional lens of similar rating with fewer elements.



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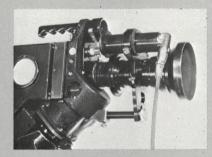
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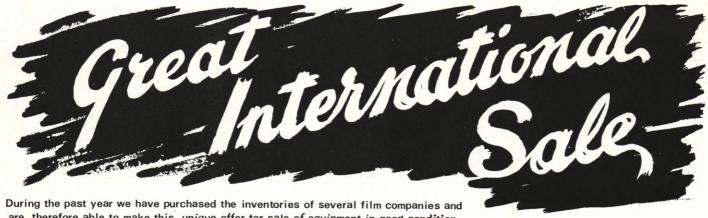


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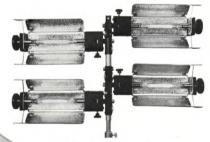
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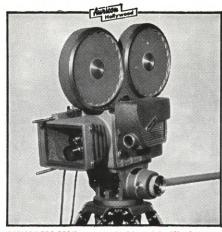
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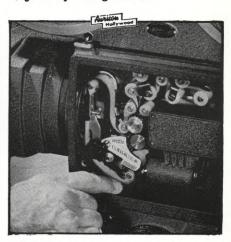


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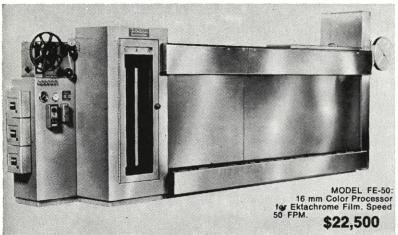
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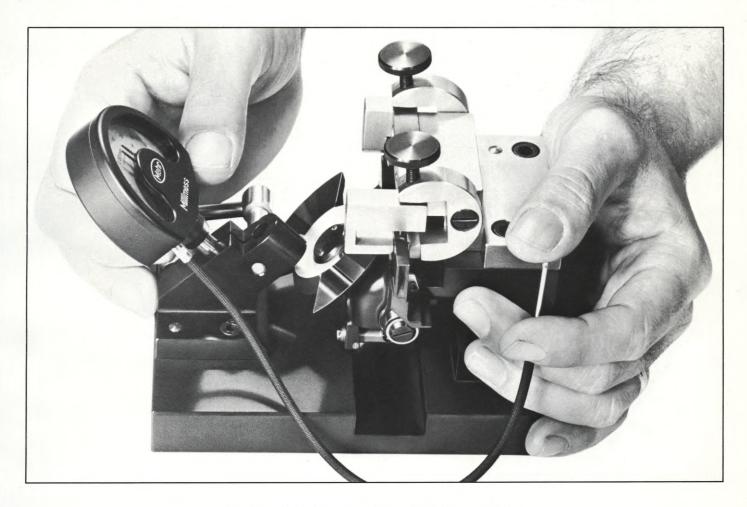
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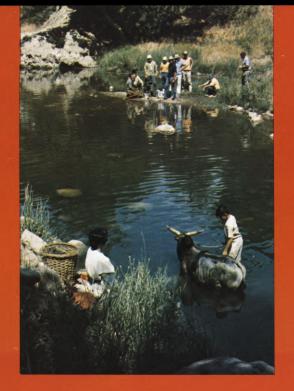
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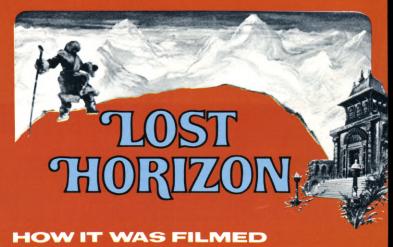


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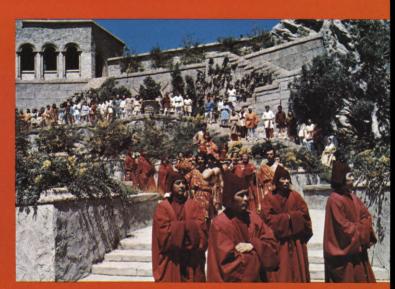
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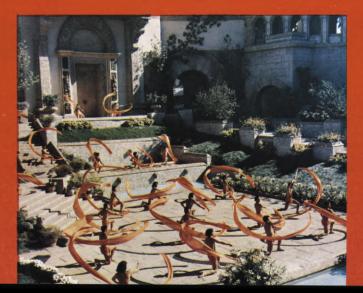


















Return to "old style" glamour photography is technical highlight of musicalized version of famed film classic

"Look at the world today. Is there anything more pitiful? What madness there is. What blindness. What unintelligent leadership. A furiously racing mass of bewildered humanity, strengthening, not in wisdom but in vulgar passions, crashing headlong into each other, motivated by greed and propelled into brutality. The time must come when evil will destroy itself.

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No words more perfectly describe the global plight of the '70's—and yet they were written almost 40 years ago by the late James Hilton to express the philosophy of the High Lama of Shangri-La in his classic





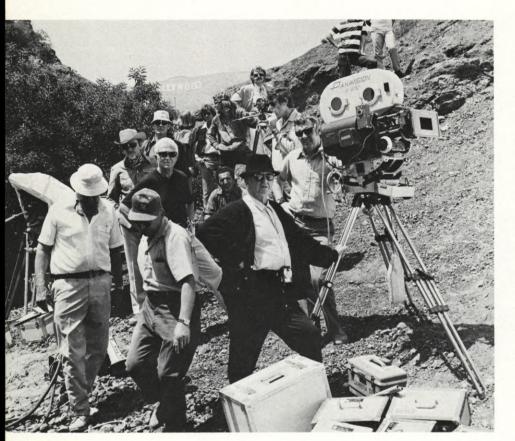








(LEFT) Night-for-night shooting on the huge Shangri-La lamasery set, which occupied four acres of the Burbank Studios backlot. (RIGHT) A procession of torch-carrying natives a quarter of a mile long winds its way through the grounds of the lamasery during filming of the Grand Lama's funeral sequence. Thirty-six "Titan" arcs were used to light the vast area.



novel, "LOST HORIZON".

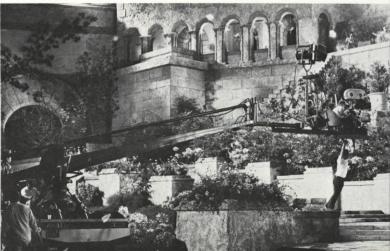
Because the drama and the sentiment of "LOST HORIZON" are so acutely keyed to today, producer Ross Hunter has brought it to the screen as a modernized musical drama, Hunter's initial production for Columbia Pictures.

The original black and white straight dramatic version of "LOST HORI-ZON", directed in 1937 by Frank Capra and photographed by Joseph Walker. ASC, was extremely well received by audiences and has, ever since then, been regarded as a classic by film buffs and cinema students. The new "LOST HO-RIZON", up-dated, set to music and shot in color, has been directed by Charles Jarrott with Jacque Mapes as associate producer and with music by Burt Bacharach and Hal David. An all-star cast of international screen personalities includes Peter Finch, Liv UIImann, Sally Kellerman, George Kennedy, Michael York, Olivia Hussey, Bobby Van, James Shigeta, Charles Boyer as the High Lama and John Gielgud as Chang.

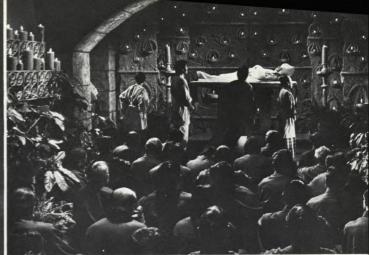
As modernized by Larry Kramer from the James Hilton novel, "LOST

(ABOVE LEFT) While the crew moves Panavision cameras into Bronson Canyon for artificial snow scenes, Cinematographer Surtees (black hat) surveys the scene for camera set-ups. (BELOW LEFT) At the 20th Century-Fox ranch in Malibu Canyon, preparations are made to shoot a musical number of Bobby Van with the children. (RIGHT) Camera on extension arm of Chapman Titan boom swings upward during night filming on Shangri-La set.









(LEFT) Low-key lighting provides a mood effect, as camera is framed on John Gielgud, playing the role of Chang. (RIGHT) Inside the candlelit chapel of the lamasery, the inhabitants of Shangri-La gather to pay tribute to the dead Grand Lama. Lighting on the ambitious production ranged the entire gamut from sparkling high-key to somber low-key for the more dramatic sequences.

HORIZON" depicts the dramatic adventures of a noted British diplomat who attempts to evacuate a small group of people from a revolution in Southern Asia and unwittingly leads them into a kidnapping, a plane crash and a trek through stormswept Himalayan mountains to the mystical, magical Valley of the Blue Moon and the lamasery of Shangri-La, where the art, the culture and the accumulated knowledge of the world are treasured against the day when an all-out war will destroy civilization. The clash of the severe ethnology of the outer world with the serene life style of Shangri-La is a key factor in the drama that unfolds.

"LOST HORIZON" is not essentially a musical; it is a drama with music. Except for a title number, the Bacharach-David songs are not introduced until Shangri-La is revealed.

"What 'LOST HORIZON' says is more appropriate today than when Hilton wrote it almost 40 years ago," Ross Hunter points out. "Today, people need a Shangri-La of their own more than ever before. They need some escape, if even for a very short period,

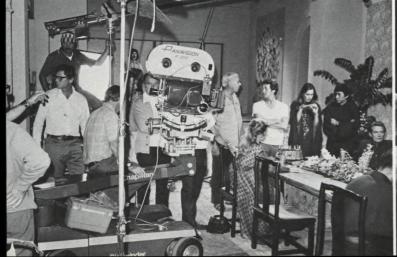
from the tumult of life around them. The frustrations of an elusive world peace, the breakdown of law and order, the alarming lack of fellowship and plain old economic woes have combined to create more stress than the public cares to accept. In their own individual ways, they simply have to get away from it all occasionally.

"I always try to give the public entertainment that nobody else is offering them at the time," Hunter explains. "It's my hope that escapist musical drama is what they'll be looking for next year. I think audiences will be seeking Shangri-La and they'll find it up on the screen in 'LOST HORIZON'."

In keeping with Hunter's oft-spoken sentiments that the best place to make a movie is in Hollywood, only a minimum location schedule was planned for "LOST HORIZON". Snow sequences were filmed against the icy backgrounds of the Cascade mountains of Washington and at Mt. Hood, Oregon. The evacuation of personnel from a Southeast Asian airfield under guerrilla attack was photographed near Tucson, Arizona Continued on Page 450



(ABOVE RIGHT) Camera booms up over the torch-bearers during shooting of funeral procession. (BELOW LEFT) Camera is positioned for dinner sequence in one of the lush lamasery interiors designed by Preston Ames. (RIGHT) The interior sets were tastefully luxurious, with heavily textured surfaces and a lot of space. The colors were carefully muted, avoiding raw red, blue and orange.





ON LOCATION WITH

TOST THORIZON

Film crews brave rigors of snow-covered peaks to shoot authentic and spectacular scenes of the trek to Shangri-La

By BILL KEIL

The Ross Hunter-Columbia Pictures musical production of "LOST HORI-ZON" won't be short of the real thing.

The second unit had more than its share of mountain realism working in the North Cascades mountains of Washington in early April of last year and even the first unit saw mountain action during four days of pre-production filming on Mt. Hood's upper slopes late the same month.

Coverage of the location fit in well with my dual interests of filming and mountains. The last major film work high on Mt. Hood, which I also covered, was Universal-International's "BEND OF THE RIVER" directed by Anthony Mann in 1951. The action western starred Jimmy Stewart, Arthur Kennedy, Rock Hudson, and Julie Adams. I served as an extra for several days to get the "inside feel".

That was in the day of Technicolor three-strip cameras. The U-I crew required a Caterpillar tractor to move the big lights, cameras and sound equipment up to the 7,000-foot-level for the pass-crossing scenes in the late-summer August snows. The lab tried, not too successfully, to filter out the summer dirt from the snow. A jet trail worked into the final cut in one scene and even



Trudging wearily through the snow after exodus from the Valley of the Blue Moon, Peter Finch, Michael York and Olivia Hussey do not have to simulate fatigue. Snow sequence location shooting was a rugged experience for the First Unit (at Mt. Hood, Oregon) and the Second Unit (in the Washington Cascades) and the crews were sometimes forced to bed down in mountainside snow caves. For days at a time, severe storms kept helicopters from landing to bring them food.



(LEFT) A single file of sherpas, leading survivors of plane crash to Shangri-La, wends its way over snow-laden slopes. (CENTER) The column winds its way along a precarious bridge hung from the side of a steep snow cliff. (LEFT) The actors in the picture wore heavy Tibetan sherpa gear of authentic design, and the crew had to dress just as warmly to withstand the numbing cold of the locations. Professional mountaineers were used in long shots by the Second Unit for the more hazardous climbing.









(LEFT) Actors slip and slither along a cliffside, as artificial snow is driven into their faces by snow machines. This tie-in shot was filmed in Bronson Canyon, actually only a few blocks from Hollywood Boulevard. (RIGHT) The party starts through the tunnel which leads from the stormy winter outside to the eternal summer of Shangri-La. The "cold" end of this tunnel, actually a cave in Bronson Canyon, was festooned with giant icicles to enhance the illusion.

an out-of-focus ski lift showed in another Stewart closeup.

But Columbia Pictures' "LOST HORIZON" was something else. The story was one of my favorites back in those simpler days of the 1930's when the original production was released. I well remember the High Lama's torchlighted funeral procession production scene.

At Mt. Hood this time, it wasn't August snow. It was real blizzards with 60-foot snowdrifts and subfreezing temperatures. It was realism at its best.

The biggest contrast with the "BEND OF THE RIVER" production was in the equipment. The "LOST HORIZON" company had portable lightweight equipment. Using Arriflex 35 Panavision conversions, the operator could pick up the whole outfit, tripod and all, for short setup moves.

Management made a great choice for

photographing the production, Robert Surtees, ASC, known for his big productions as well as simpler films—a most versatile three-time Oscar winner.

"LOST HORIZON" turned into a father and son picture when Bob's son, Bruce, was assigned as first cameraman on the second unit. But more of that later.

Both units worked at Mt. Hood, based at Timberline Lodge at the 6,000-foot level. Timberline is a well-known ski resort and the lodge's snow tractor fleet provided the transportation flexibility needed for the project. A helicopter furnished the fast transportation and high mountain work when required.

The lodge's radio system also augmented Columbia Pictures' own portables. The snow tractors and the lodge front desk are radio equipped and several portables operate on the same fre-

quency. Timberline also provided a set of portables, normally used for ski race management, on a separate frequency. The whole system allowed simultaneous action control when long distances were involved, and helicopter and supply control.

Last winter's record snowfalls (there were 21 feet of snow on the level during filming) made easy access for some of the crevasse and ice-cliff closeups. The drifts surrounding the lodge and parking lot were 60 feet deep in places.

One traverse, called the "birdcage" set, was built of logs anchored to the ice wall of the parking lot. A natural snow cornice hung out over the top of the traverse, making it more realistic. This even made the professional mountaineers somewhat nervous.

Another set was a crude log bridge thrown across a narrow "crevasse" dug by a bulldozer in another snowbank.

(LEFT) Lightly clad crew films tie-in shots in the cleared parking lot of the ski area at Mt. Hood, Oregon. Scenes shot here, to spare actors the climb up the mountain, constituted some of the best snow footage in the picture. (RIGHT) On a snow-covered meadow in the Washington Cascades, the Second Unit, with Robert Surtees' son, Bruce, as Director of Photography, sets up to shoot a low-angle shot.









(LEFT) A crane lowers damaged airplane into artificial snow piled up in Bronson Canyon, prior to filming of sequence of aftermath of a plane crash which supposedly takes place in the Himalayas. (RIGHT) Chapman crane moves into Bronson Canyon, as the crew sets up lights and other equipment. In the background, high on a cliffside, can be seen the huge "HOLLYWOOD" sign, which is a famous landmark of the area.

The bridge was patterned after "National Geographic" photos of high Himalayan bridges.

These sets, a few hundred feet from the lodge, were planned as alternate locations when the weather was too stormy to reach the upper mountain; but some fair weather sequences were shot there, too. The fair weather was a problem that will probably have to be solved in the laboratory, double-printing snow into some of the scenes.

Director Charles Jarrott tried an avalanche scene in the parking lot, using a rotary snowplow to drop snow down into the scene, without a great measure of success. The snow and ice chunks were too large. A camera operator was knocked cold by one of the chunks.

For the high mountain work, the call was for 5:30 a.m. with the snow tractors taking the crew up the mountain at 6:30 a.m. The actors followed 10 or 15 minutes later to allow for setup time.

The two-mile ride, climbing 3,000 feet or more, took 20 to 30 minutes. The lodge's large 20-passenger Tucker Sno-Cats were designed for Antarctic transportation with the huge boxlike bodies riding high above the tracks. The smaller Thiokols were used to reach the higher locations, except for one reached by a helicopter.

Locations were mostly at the 9,000 to 9,500-foot levels with the highest at 10,100 feet, only 1,000 feet below the summit of the mountain, Oregon's highest peak.

The two Panavision Arris were equipped with 50-to-500mm F/5-to F/32 anamorphic zoom lenses; 35mm F/4-F/22, 50mm, 4-inch, and 150mm

lenses. Generally, a zoom was on one camera and a 50mm on the other to produce matching action for inter-cutting.

The cameras had high speed motors and were powered by 24-volt nickel cadmium battery packs capable of running 10 magazines. Speed motors were powered by 36 volts. One camera was equipped with a corrected viewfinder, but on the other the operator viewed the squeezed image.

Surtees employed Eastman 5254 color negative shot at ASA 64 for daylight with an 85A or 86 filter. The light level was very high at the high elevations with the white snow contributing heavily. An ND6 helped cut down light on the brightest days with readings up to F/28 recorded. Overcast days produced readings of F/11 to F/16.

No auxiliary lighting was employed, although two reflectors did help to brighten the faces a bit in backlighted glare, one placed about 40 feet from the actors and another back another 10 feet or so to just barely feather the light away.

Too much fill in these natural backlighted scenes would have destroyed the realistic effect. Gauze helped to trim the reflected light.

For sound, the plan was to record a cue track. Some of the scenes sounded fairly good and possibly could be used, but most of the dialogue probably will be looped. When assistant director Jerry Ziesmer called for quiet for the sound takes, the noise of the unblimped Arris was quite apparent.

A Sennheiser 804 directional mike did help to keep the noise pickup down.

There were four Vega radio mikes on the location, although only one was being used. Olivia Hussey, playing Maria, wore the mike. These units worked well on the mountain, up to several hundred yards away, with the pickup by a Vega Professional receiver. Two Nagra IV recorders were employed, one for backup, fed through a Perfectone mixing panel.

The cameras were, of course, well maintained, cleaned and oiled; but no particular winterizing steps were taken. Nonetheless, there were no speed problems in the low temperatures. One day at Mt. Hood, the temperature registered 19 degrees and the strong winds knocked the wind-chill factor down to well below zero. This was harder on the crew and actors than it was on the equipment.

When the weather was bad, it was good for filming, but it generated some good-natured grouching. During a particularly icy blast, one voice piped, "I'm sure glad this is a musical. I'd hate to be working on a serious production. When do we bring on the dancing girls?"

There were only two women at the location, Olivia Hussey (who actually does dance later in the picture) and her double, a young Yakima, Wash., mountain-climber.

Most of the location work was shot at normal speed, although the second unit shot some sequences at 20-fps where the action was a little slow, and they overcranked to 30-fps in the Tylermount Arriflex (equipped with a 50-to-500mm zoom) to smooth out footage shot from the helicopter.

The lightweight Arris, carried on the

shoulder, produced some good walking and other P.O.V. shots to bring out the detail of the long tortuous journey. The Mt. Hood work consisted of the scenes of the initial trek into Shangri-La, the trek of Richard (Peter Finch), his brother (Michael York) and Maria out of the valley, and Richard's final return to the valley.

Director Jarrott was all over like a mountain goat, climbing up ahead of the snow tractors, picking his setups, throwing snowballs to designate turning points in the trail. He used the helicopter to reach the production's highest setup, located at the 10,100-foot level inside the ancient crater of Mt. Hood's summit; but he walked back down. Bruce Surtees had scouted the location earlier on foot.

Pilot Jack Johnson of Queen City Helicopters, Seattle, Wash., would only chance one passenger at a time in his three-place Bell J3 helicopter for this high mountain landing.

Earlier, he had dropped off a totem pole which marks the Shangri-La "city limits", for the final scene entering the valley. It was shot with doubles.

Columbia contracted with Lute Jerstad Enterprises of Portland, Ore. to provide 21 mountain climbers to perform as extras as well as to do the technical mountaineering necessary for both the production and artistic success of the venture. Jerstad was one of the first Americans to climb Mt. Everest.

During warm weather, the mountaineers sweltered under the heavy sheepskin Tibetan parkas and boots, although the warmth was welcome on the stormy days.

For the long shots, the leader was



Special effects experts feed artificial snow into a wind machine to create a Hollywood blizzard. Reflectors, as well as natural reflection from artificial snow piled up on the hillsides, helped out with the fill-light problem.

radio-equipped for his cues. One scene of an avalanche crashing down on the porters called for action before the avalanche signal. The radio had to be out of sight, so a bullhorn was set up to produce a feedback squeal to cue the reaction a quarter-mile away.

This scene was particularly realistic as the climbers stumbled and fell over their own ropes. "That one's good for an extra drink tonight, fellows. Thank you," was the word radioed to them from the cameras after the single take, a print

While the trek scenes continued, I hopped on my skis to drop down to the lodge to have a chat with Bob Surtees.

His son was relieving him on this day while Bob took it easy after a long 12-hour storm-ridden previous day.

The crew was envious of my run as the skiers in the crowd had been waiting to hit the hill. Their 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. schedule had not allowed it.

Ten minutes later, 3,500 vertical feet and two airline miles lower down the mountain, I was in Timberline Lodge's magnificent timbered lobby, talking with Surtees, working on his 60th picture as first cameraman.

I asked him about his approach to "LOST HORIZON".

"We really can't do very much differ-Continued on Page 497

(LEFT) With Brute arcs lighted, the Panavision camera booms in for a close shot of the procession struggling across the makeshift bridge toward the tunnel that will lead them to Shangri-La. (RIGHT) John Gielgud (CENTER) and Peter Finch brave the man-made blizzard, as producer Ross Hunter looks on from the left. Due to the artistry of Director of Photography Robert Surtees, ASC, these simulated shots in Bronson Canyon tie in perfectly with the real snow scenes.







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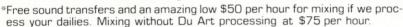
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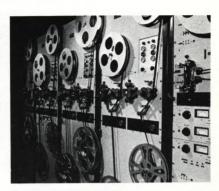
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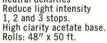
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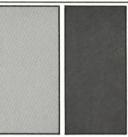
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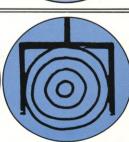
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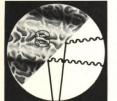
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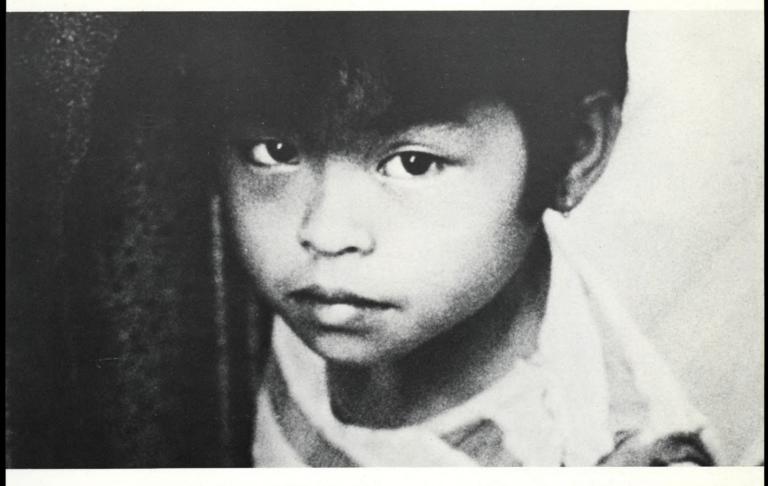
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PRE-PRODUCTION PLANNING PAYS OFF ON FILMING OF "THE MAN FROM CLOVER GROVE"

By WILLIAM E. HINES

Co-Producer/Director of Photography

A scientific approach to plotting the various elements of production results in substantial savings in time and costs . . . plus a happy company

With some exceptions, I have been associated with rather tight, relatively low-budget film productions of various types during the past twenty years, and this outing was to be no exception.

In addition to the cinematography, I was to be involved in co-producing this Intro-Media Productions film with my colleague, William B. Hillman.

Producing is a process which deserves more attention than this article can devote to it. But, in general, it involves developing the project from concept to completion, which includes attending to the myriad details associated with the script, budgeting, funding, staffing, casting, crewing, purchasing, cost accounting, publicity and public relations, negotiations with agents, unions, vendors and distributors, and scheduling.

Bill and I had devoted considerable time and energy to finding funding sources interested in motion picture investment. And now that funding was a reality, the added responsibility of bringing a marketable product in on schedule and within the very limited budget was our prime concern.

The cardinal rule of the tight budget film is thorough pre-production planning of all phases of the production process, not to mention equal attention to the pre- and post-production phases as well. This involves careful consideration in the determination and selection

of staff, cast, crew, equipment, supplies, vendors and shooting sites.

In doing this pre-production homework, it is essential to weigh all decisions against the time-cost factor. Time is money, and production time is more expensive than most single budget items. For example, eliminating from the budget a rental or purchase item or a production craftsman (generally an assistant type) looks good on paper, but often costs dearly in lost or extended time during production. There are those well-intentioned individuals who end up incurring considerable expense to save a dollar (on paper). Avoid this folly. Save money where it counts-in production time.

Also important is to keep all options open. Appropriate selection of the type and amount of personnel and equipment, and a carefully planned shooting schedule and logistics can, together, allow maximum flexibility in any predictable eventuality.

Time spent in pre-production planning costs much less than does production time because relatively few people and salaries are involved prior to shooting, and rentals are limited to office space. For example, we estimated that pre-production time on this picture would cost about \$60.00 per hour and production time would come to about \$600.00 per hour. Since we came in on

schedule and at budget, these figures held; pre-production time approximated one-tenth the cost per hour of production time. So it behooved us to make the most of our pre-production efforts to solve every conceivable problem then and there and not to have such problem solving occur during costly production time.

Of course, everything starts with the screenplay, which hopefully has been well crafted, because it takes as much technical effort to put a poor script on film as it does a good one. From the script is developed the creative staff, cast, crew, shooting sites, production schedule and final budget breakdown.

Our market research had convinced us that there was a need for feature film product suitable for the entire family. Of our twenty-five film properties, we decided on one of our G-rated-type scripts titled, "THE MAN FROM CLOVER GROVE", an original by Bill Hillman. It is a whimsical situation comedy about the bedeviled proprietor of a marginal cattle farm who, between his farm chores, takes time to make numerous one-of-a-kind dolls, games and plastic mechanical toys which he then periodically gives to the children of a nearby orphanage. In addition, he creates remote-controlled model planes and cars, as well as numerous electronic gadgets, none of which ever seem to

(LEFT) The picture literally starts off with a BANG! as one of Claude Raintree's inventions blows the front door off the barn. The right and left wings of the barn were partitioned off to both minimize and facilitate interior lighting. (CENTER) The right side of the Arri 300 shows the access door for the magazine film take-up belt, focus knob, and camera power feed. Note frontal blimped housing for 25-250mm zoom lens, used throughout filming. (RIGHT) Director William Hillman carefully studies the action as cameraman Hines puts it on film. This director and cameraman team co-produced "The Man from Clover Grove".













(LEFT) The McAlister crab dolly with risers fully extended rests at the end position of a dolly move. The installed level %" playboard floor gave needed mobility to both toys and camera. (CENTER) Assistant cameraman Marcel Shain checks the film loop after changing magazines. Note the quick-release wheels on the 1,000' Mitchell-type magazine. (RIGHT) Key grip Mike Shore moves the Dexter platform dolly along its tubular aluminum tracks as Claude Raintree crawls after one of his errant toys. The two grips were able to set and level the lightweight dolly tracks in less than ten minutes.

work right for him, causing him considerable trouble, in fact. His problems of dealing with an incompetent helper, a conniving, money-grubbing landlord, a long-suffering, frustrated sheriff and his deputy, a patiently-waiting, love-smitten maiden, a runaway orphan lad, and a somber stranger who lurks about, spying on the toy-making activities, are the basic story elements.

Since the entire story takes place on and near a farm, we went scouting for an appropriate location which would suit our interior/exterior shooting requirements. We selected the Hawkins Ranch, located in Liberty Canyon near Agoura, California, which was nearly ideal. It had a large barn, riding horses, and assorted livestock, poultry and outbuildings, surrounded by varying topography—hills, flatland, trees, a small lake, and several dirt roads.

The production staff was headed by Hillman and myself, ably assisted by Gary Grillo, associate producer, and Sharon Kaiser, assistant to the producers.

For quality control it was determined to go full union—DGA, SAG and AFC-NABET. Each of the unions accorded us every consideration possible.

The Directors Guild contingent consisted of Bill Hillman directing, assisted by

ABOUT THE AUTHOR. Bill Hines has been a free-lance director of photography more than twenty years, with several hundred films of various types to his credit. A product of USC, which granted him BA and MA degrees, his background includes writing, producing, directing and editing. He spends time on film research when he is not in production, and contributed the chapter on filmcraft job descriptions for the recent book, "LOW BUDGET FEATURES", by Wm. Brown. He recently completed special photography for the Vagar Films feature, "SURABAYA CON-SPIRACY", which was filmed in PanaVision. He and his partner, Bill Hillman, plan to produce more G-rated family films under the Intro-Media Productions banner.

First Assistant Director Grillo and Second Assistant Director Sylvan Duchovnay.

The comedy-cast twelve were: Ron Masak as the good-hearted inventor, Claude Raintree (the man from Clover Grove); Cheryl Miller as the sweet but uncoordinated Millie Swickle; Paul Winchell as her contentious dad, Jefferson Swickle; Spencer Milligan as the bumbling handyman, Fester McLong; Richard Deacon as the ominous, ever-lurking spy from a toy factory, Charlie Strange; Joe Higgins as the frustrated Sheriff Dodd; Stu Gilliam as the ever-eager Deputy Billy; Buddy Lester as the villainous neighbor and landlord, Ched Fields; Rose-Marie as the understanding orphanage nun, Sister Mary; Jed Allen as the harassed but nonchalant hippy; Rai Bartonius as the officious orphanage driver; and Billy Hillman as the runaway orphan lad, Zeke.

Our basic production crew consisted of fourteen Film Craftsmen. I directed the photography and operated, ably assisted by Marcel Shain. Gaffing was Craig Greene, assisted by Russell Bird. Key Grip Mike Shore was assisted by Phil Dunn, Keith Wester was Production Mixer and the mike boom was handled by Dave Schneiderman. Will MacKenzie created the makeup, Jane Morgan supervised the script, Gene Winfield supervised set construction and special effects. Bill Jones decorated the set and handled props, Richalene Kelsay watched over wardrobe matters, and Paul Lester functioned as Utility and Driver. On a daily basis, as needed, were Linda Weldon shooting production stills and Camera Operator Robert Kaufman on the second camera, assisted by Keith

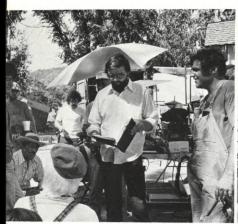
Our Film Editor was John Winfield, ACE, assisted by Don Schneider. Original music score was by Kurt Dietel and Kenny Kotwitz. CFI did a fine job on our lab work, as did Glen Glenn on the post-production sound.

Motion pictures are essentially a director's medium. Because the cinematic process is one of editing, of selecting, of building the picture shot-by-shot until the entire mosaic is complete, it falls to one man to lead the team effort-the director. He plans and blocks the action and the actors play their scenes to him, an audience of one, who must be satisfied with the performance before proceeding to the next shot. Like an engineer at the throttle of the production train, running on the script tracks, the director controls the pace of the shooting schedule and also the pace the picture will eventually take on the editing table.

It is the responsibility of the director of photography to apply the appropriate type and amount of personnel and equipment to the production in a manner best suited to capture on film the mood and action of the story within time and budget limitations.

The director is principally responsible for presenting the action to the camera; the cinematographer, for capturing that action on film. Thse functions are best served by close and understanding cooperation between director and cameraman. I have found that operating the camera myself helps considerably in facilitating this essential creative teamwork, particularly in filming TV commercials and in tight lowbudget features such as "CLOVER GROVE", where pre-production rigging has minimized lighting procedures.

Comedy is among the toughest forms of entertainment to put effectively on film. Timing is of the essence. First takes are generally the best for comedy performances, even with an experienced cast. Consequently camera/sound rehearsals were often truncated runthroughs with the actors easing through their blocking, saving voice and energy for film, often saving some ad-lib action.







(LEFT) Director Bill Hillman discusses an upcoming scene with (I-r f.g.) Ron Masak, Buddy Lester, Paul Winchell and Spencer Milligan, with cameraman Hines listening in. (CENTER) First AD Gary Grillo, Director Hillman and sound mixer Keith Wester carefully listen to sound playback. (RIGHT) Production sound was taken by a Nagra III recorder which is setting on a modified Sela four-channel mixing console. A playback speaker unit is behind the Nagra and to the left of a Glen Glenn camera power supply, which also supplies a sync signal to the recorder. Below sound slate mike on right is meter for monitoring sync on Cine 60 with second Nagra during double-coverage.

as well. So the camera, dolly, and sound crews had to be constantly alert in order to stay with such unrehearsed movement during those precious first takes. It was important therefore to have equipment and crew which would allow maximum flexibility and reliability.

FILMING PARAMETERS

We had a very tight budget and a shooting schedule of fifteen ten-hour days, neither of which we could afford to exceed. We shot three five-day weeks and averaged just under ten hours per day.

A shooting ratio of 8:1 was budgeted for, and we ended up by exposing 66,000 feet of Eastman color negative (5254), all of one emulsion number, printing 48,000 feet of one-light, uncorrected color dailies, for 95 minutes (8,550') of finished film.

We had decided on framing a tight 1.85 aspect ratio in order to accommo-

date mattes from 1.85 through 1.66 in projection, keeping essential action within the 1.33 TV safe area to minimize optical scanning for TV release. The entire academy frame area had to be kept free of the mike, the boom and their shadows and, of course, of any extraneous equipment and personnel. This meant that sound had to reach a bit on the full shots, and we often had to hide or "bury" the mike, but sound came through loud and clear.

To maintain a for-real sound presence throughout the picture, even for the normally MOS (minus dialogue) scenes, we decided to take sound on all shots. We felt that this procedure would enhance the overall quality of the film as well as require less time in post production sound effects work. And it did

Because of the comedy genre, we decided on a straightforward photographic approach with high key lighting.

A ratio of 1½:1 was used, except for some night and light-change effects, run-bys and certain long shots.

Foot and car chase sequences were called for in the script and we decided that under-cranking would enhance the antics. We shot from 6-12 fps, depending upon the action, and the results were pleasantly effective.

It was essential during production to keep as mobile as possible, to keep set-up and wrap time to a minimum. By and large, we were able to do this with our compact, efficient crew, the type and amount of equipment we selected, and by our pre-production rigging of interiors and exteriors.

THE CAMERA EQUIPMENT

Because the director planned full master scene takes, 1,000' camera magazine capability was a must. My preference was a BNCR but, as luck would have it, not one was available at the time. And, of course, the PanaVision and Todd A-O systems were beyond our budget limitations. However, an Arri 300 blimp with IIC was available and, after testing it, I decided to go with it as our principal sound camera system. Besides, it was large enough to accommodate my large Condor horn which is a real voice-saver when it comes time to announce to the AD that "camera is ready!" I had already planned to have an Arri in a Cine 60 blimp, was well as a wild Arri, standing by for added coverage, for inserts, and for fast tripod set-ups on steep terrain.

We needed the capability of completely fluid coverage so we equipped the Arri 300 with an Angenieux 25-250mm zoom lens. It being rather bulky and somewhat heavier than the BNC, we mounted it over a Worrall gear head on a McAlister crab dolly for interiors and exteriors. The few times

(LEFT) Utility man Paul Lester waits for the "Set's clean" word prior to an MOS take in the workshop/toy display area. Note the installed wooden floor, the plywood partitioning to the right and a part of the overhead silk above. (RIGHT) Grip Phil Dunn, script girl Jane Morgan, gaffer Craig Greene and director Hillman stand by while cameraman Hines operates the wild Arri, assisted by Marel Shain.





we had to use the Arri 300 on an extra-heavy-duty tripod took three men to move and adjust it. The dolly proved a much better way to go on the terrain we encountered. A move to the set-up, a few judiciously placed cupblocks, flats, and wedges by our efficient grips, and we were ready to shoot.

The Arri 300 configuration is basically the same as that housing the camera with 400' magazine. It is a solidly built, heavy-duty blimp, enclosing an Arri 35mm camera on a flat base, with the added capability of accommodating a 1,000' magazine and a 25-250mm zoom lens. Although rather heavy, we found it to be extremely quiet and quite easy to work with once it was mounted on a mobile base-a McAlister crab dolly in this case. Zoom and focus control cranks located on the camera access door on the left side of the blimp make it possible for the operator to follow focus or zoom while operating with a heavy-duty fluid head. Or, with a gear head, the operator can quick-set focus and zoom positions by eye for the camera assistant, which then allows the operator to devote full attention to following and framing the action.

The camera uses a 1,000' 35mm Mitchell-type magazine with a bellows mount adapter, housing a geared film drive, which fits to the camera body. The magazine is supported in the blimp, not by the camera. A heavy duty torque motor drives the magazine take-up belt, and the film takes up CW emulsion in.

Because we found the available rural household current to be unreliable, the camera, in the configuration we used, drew its 60 cycle, 110V AC power from a Glen Glenn rotary inverter which was fed by a 24V DC battery pack. The metered output was monitored by our production sound mixer. He had his hands full, as occasionally a Cine 60 would also be put on line for sound takes.

The Arri 300 proved most satisfactory. The particular Angenieux 25-250mm zoom lens we used—throughout its range—was one of the sharpest that I had ever worked with. And it was a real time-saver as well.

THE SOUND EQUIPMENT

In consideration of our limited budget, a two-man sound crew, rather cramped and cluttered interiors, and the rapid pace of our shooting schedule, we decided not to go with a mike boom. Instead, we used an extendable-type fishpole for interiors and exteriors. Fishpoling sound was a bit tough on our intrepid boom man, but it did the job and saved time.

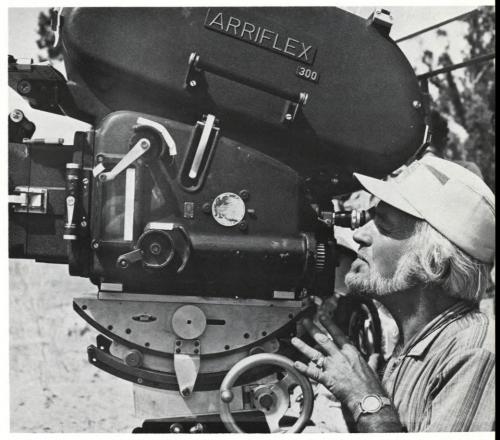
Keith Wester, our production sound

mixer, used a Nagra III sound recorder (two, when we added a Cine 60 for double-coverage of a scene), with a specially modified Sela four-channel mixing console.

Because of the rather high ambient noise level-ever-rustling leaves, very vocal barnyard animals, and the rather noisy generator—in our valley shooting site (which in itself amplified all noise), and because the mike often had to be positioned further from the action than would be ideal in order to clear the camera frame, particularly for long

The wings on each side of the barn interior were closed off by 4' x 8' aged-down sections of plyboard and masonite, which left 24' x 50', plenty of room for the main action area and, at the same time, minimized lighting and set dressing. A level 16' x 20' x ¾" plyboard floor was laid over the dirt in what was to be the workshop/toy display area in order to have a smooth surface for operating the mobile toys and to dolly the camera on.

In discussing electrical rigging with Craig Greene, the gaffer, we decided



Director of photography Bill Hines follows the action with the Arri 300 sound camera. Note zoom control handle above and focus control handle below on camera access door.

shots, Keith selected and used an Electro-Voice 668 microphone, which has outstanding noise-reduction characteristics, with wind-screen throughout the filming. His production sound came through sweet and clear, saving valuable post-production dubbing time.

INTERIOR SHOOTING

Fully thirty per cent of "CLOVER GROVE" was shot in a rather large barn, with a small number of set-ups in Claude Raintree's rustic house nearby.

The barn interior was modified and dressed to provide a workshop area, a toy display area, an area for supplies and discards, a stall for a calf, and a storage area for fodder, farm tools, etc.

against hanging several chicken coops overhead, because of the effect that their weight might have on the barn structure, the potential hazard to cast and crew, and the servicing time involved. Bounce light from ground units appeared to be the most efficient way to achieve the ambient light level desired.

Overhead, the length and breadth of the interior action area, a 24' x 50' silk was rigged sixteen feet above the floor, stretched over a supporting grid of bailing wire. In each of the walled-off wing areas of the barn we placed five four-light FAY units (with four units in reserve) on high stands aimed up over Continued on Page 456

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DIARY OF AN AROUND-THE-WORLD CORPORATE FILM

A day-to-day record of the adventures encountered in a far-flung effort to glorify American blue jeans on film

By PAUL FILLINGER

Friday, September 29, 1972:

The official letter of agreement was signed with Levi Strauss International to produce a 15-minute film about their international operations. It would involve visiting ten countries to film major factories, typical retail stores and kids in the various countries wearing Levi's and doing their thing.

Earlier in the week, Mike Howard, International Marketing Coordinator, had called me and said that I had been selected for the job and to get started packing for an October 4 departure date. The whole selection process had been such a whirlwind affair that I had trouble adjusting to the possibility of a four-week around-the-world trip-now that it was official I was in a mild state of shock. My first feeling of elation over the upcoming adventure faded somewhat with worries about the many things that could go wrong: fouled plane schedules, lost or damaged camera equipment, x-rayed film, sickness, bad weather-typical worries for any film project but, in this case, greatly magnified by the extremely tight schedule which required delivering a finished film by December 18, the date for the Levi management meeting at which the film would be presented. I felt a tightness in the stomach that didn't go away for many weeks.

Monday, October 2:

I picked up my rented equipmenttwo portable Sun-Guns, a 10mm lens and a tripod case. I had planned to rent an Eclair ACL but decided at the last minute to use my own Bolex Rex 5 with its 12-to-120 Angenieux lens, Having made several films recently with an Arriflex, I was intimidated into believing the Bolex wasn't professional enough. I wanted something very light so it was a good excuse to get to know the ACL, taking my Bolex along as back-up camera. A friend pointed out the logic of sticking to a familiar, lightweight camera and forgetting status symbols. A very wise choice. I took along my editor's Bolex as the back-up camera. In addition, I took a Miller fluid-head tripod, motor, battery. Sony

model 126 stereo cassette recorder and Shure 155 microphone. This sound system works for sync sound and is exceptionally lightweight.

Drove to Levi Strauss & Co. and submitted the final treatment for the film based on discussions and interviews the week before. Basically it was this: a montage of traveling shots for the introduction; factory shots; retail store shots; sync sound man-on-the-street interviews (cast in a humorous format); and an ending that focused on active kids doing their thing, giving a lyrical, uplifting feeling of kids around the world. Mike liked the plan and also liked the suggestion that we consider the possibility of re-editing the last section into a crosscultural educational film for the junior high school level. (I had checked this idea earlier with Rex Malcolm at BFA, educational distributors in Santa Monica, and he had encouraged the idea.)

Tuesday, October 3:

Picked up 6,000 feet of 7242 from Kodak. This gave me the best ASA for poorly lit factories and also the ability to work outdoors with little or no sun. This proved the best possible choice and post-fogging by the lab reduced the contrast to the level of ECO film.

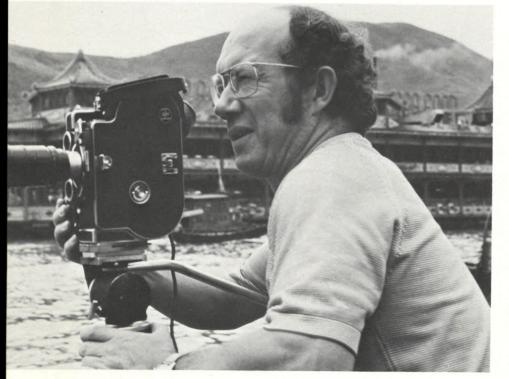
I teach part-time at California State University in San Francisco so a flurry of phone calls succeeded in lining up a substitute instructor, briefing him, handling all last-minute arrangements, and relaying final instructions to Ronald Chase, my editor. Ron would receive the film as I sent it back from each country and let me know what was working, not working and needed in the way of additional shots.

Wednesday, October 4:

My kids were happy to get out of school to see me off at the airport but didn't let me forget a previous promise to take them along on all future trips. The whole family had gone to Europe a few months earlier while I was completing a German television documentary. I explained this was a "scouting trip" in order to know where to take them next time!

With our ten cases of equipment, film, luggage, and overweight charges, Mike and I caught a 3 p.m. Western

The author, shown filming in Hong Kong harbor with Bolex Rex 5 camera and 12-to-120mm Angenieux Iens. His comment: "Shooting in busy Hong Kong harbor posed some problems with 'stabilization'. Like it or not, we achieved a very fluid effect."



flight to Mexico City.

Thursday, October 5:

Met Levi people for breakfast. The general manager turned us over to his advertising agency, who thought we were putting on a fashion show. Mike went into action. (One of the conditions of taking this assignment was that someone in authority from Levi accompany me to take care of all the slip-ups, miscommunications, and many traveling details that could not be planned for in advance. Mike Howard was that person.) Little had we suspected that trouble would occur so soon. Mike had written, teletyped, and phoned ahead specifying precisely what we would be doing and needing. We learned early in the trip that you can't expect much help from the branch offices you visit-at least on such short notice. All that you should realistically expect is for them to know you are coming, hopefully make hotel reservations, and, if you're lucky, provide a car and helper or interpreter. Anything more, like lining up appropriate models or suggesting suitable filming locations, we found to be an unrealistic request. What is needed is an on-the-spot coordinator with authority, imagination, and great energy who can line up the whole thing on the spot. Mike had a knack for doing this. He understood my concept of the film, quickly learned my style and the kind of shots I was looking for, and was able to arrange everything. If every filmmaker could have such a producer . . .!

Friday, October 6:

Still in Mexico City-and the first factory. Yesterday had been confusing but fun with the models romping through the Alameda. Now came the rows and rows of ladies at sewing machines. I avoided long shots, worked near windows for side or back lighting, and used long lenses to throw foreground and background images out of focus. Faces, hands, machines, rack focusing, slow pans and zooms were used to avoid the possibility of the factory looking like a sweat shop. In fact, the factory footage turned out to be some of the most dramatic in the whole film, perhaps because I worried so much about these problems.

In the afternoon we visited the University to get some students in a campus atmosphere. Our student contact didn't show up so we collected kids and set up some "walking around" situations. Exhausted, we drove back to the hotel in our luxurious, rented limousine, waving and smiling at smaller cars and people waiting at bus stops, hoping to change the image of the rich from old and



Mike Howard (left), Marketing Coordinator for Levi International, handled all arrangements and sound recording for the first half of the trip. Here the crew plans a shot with local models on grounds of Bangkok's Temple of the Sleeping Buddha.

stuffy to young and friendly.

Saturday, October 7:

We met two Levi people for breakfast in Mike's room and recorded brief interviews about the local operation and the Latin American market in general. Then packed and left for the airport to catch a noon flight to Tokyo. We flew a long time before we looked out and saw Lake Tahoe—practically back where we had started. I thought about getting out. There had been a knot in my stomach since we left. Were the shots coming out

Matzu Yamamoto, marketing manager for Levi's Japan (left), directs models in Sensoji Temple garden in Tokyo.

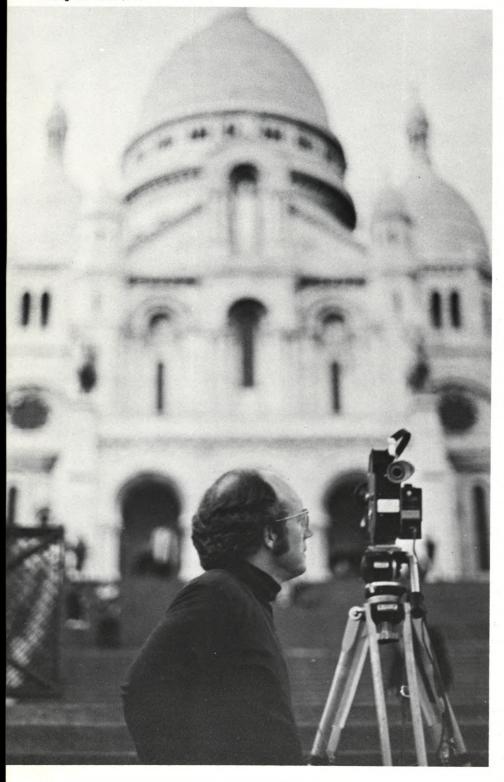


or not? There was no way of knowing for sure—and there was no going back for retakes. By the time I would know how the film turned out I would be in Hong Kong or Sydney.

(The film shot in a particular country was sent by the local Levi office back to Mike's secretary in San Francisco, who forwarded it to the lab for processing. Then my editor would pick it up, review

it, and select the parts to be work-printed. He was also to wire me as to how things looked. In this regard we had miscalculated. It was a week and a half later before I had any word as to the first footage I had shot. This lack of feedback nearly drove me crazy. If you're basically insecure and tend toward paranoia, you should have a lot of cheerful, constructive and encourag-

The author lines up a shot in front of Sacre Coeur in the Montmartre district of Paris. Operating with only one other crew member, he managed to maintain a hectic shooting schedule throughout the world.



ing phone calls, teletypes, letters and post cards coming from the folks back home. Otherwise you can imagine all kinds of conspiracies, mix-ups, and catastrophes taking place.)

Sunday, October 8:

Flying to Japan you follow the sun, so it was only early evening when we landed in Tokyo, 17 hours later. However, because of crossing the international dateline, it was already the next day. We had VIP treatment through customs and never did know who arranged that. Upon arrival at the hotel, I decided to try a massage and that was one of the amazing experiences of the trip—completely legitimate, thoroughly professional, and practically medical in its scientific exactness. It's like checking in your old body and getting back a new one. It almost made up for losing a day.

Monday, October 9:

Breakfast with the local manager and marketing director. Planned the next two days. Shot retail stores in the old market and models in and around the Sensoji Temple. Back at the hotel, we interviewed several students about clothing habits of Japanese youth, ideas about social change, etc.

Tuesday, October 10:

Shot more kids doing their things—going to a carnival-type amusement park, walking through the streets and through modern department stores. That afternoon we shot mostly identification shots. It's hard to find anything that "says" Tokyo. But Japan wasgreat: a delicate serenity, a mystical quality I'd like to understand better. Marvelous people.

Wednesday, October 11:

We recorded some statements by the marketing manager at the Levi office and left for the airport. Ten cases in a small Japanese cab mean you're sitting on and around a lot of luggage.

It was dark when we landed in Hong Kong. My geography knowledge of this part of the world was a bit fuzzy so I was constantly confused about where places were in relationship to each other. Fortunately, Mike had lived here for two years so was very much at home.

Thursday, October 12:

Breakfast meeting with the local manager and the marketing director, Albert "No Problem" Chan. Whatever our request or suggestion, Albert would smilingly say, "No problem," and arrange it. We shot retail store exteriors and interiors, general identification

shots and the Hong Kong factory.

Friday, October 13:

We met our models in front of the Bank of Hong Kong for some downtown shots, then drove to the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter for a sequence of four kids taking a sampan ride. (In each country I tried to find an activity for the kids which would be natural, say something about the country, and give the visual dynamics I wanted for the ending sequence of the film.) The traffic was so bad that we only had 45 minutes to rent two sampans, film the sequence, and be back to the other side of the island by noon to catch the hydrofoil for Macao. We made it with seven minutes to spare.

It's an hour to Macao and a beautiful ride through the many islands. We were met, taken to lunch, and then shot the factory there, which is located across a 50-foot-wide river from mainland China. We wanted to show this proximity but without letting the border guards, 50 yards away, see the camera, since they are reputed to be very mean characters. When I was fully zoomed in on them, I wondered briefly what a bullet looks like when it is coming straight at the lens.

Saturday, October 14:

Met our models again in order to shoot closeups there hadn't been time for yesterday. We then drove around town for general atmosphere shots, had lunch at a restaurant on Victoria Peak, overlooking the entire harbor, and did some MOS sync interviews. Mike had meetings today with the Levi people so my helper here was George Chang, a California College of Arts and Crafts (Oakland) graduate with whom I had made experimental films years ago in San Francisco. He had recently returned to Hong Kong and is a struggling but highly talented filmmaker there.

Sunday, October 15:

This was our one "day off." I bought a still camera and gifts for the family before catching the plane for Bangkok. It was a MAS flight (Malaysia Airline System)—the finest airline we flew. Everything, in all respects, was of such a superior quality that we continually felt we were being mistaken for some world-famous dignitaries. What an introduction to this part of the world...of sensitive, cordial, gentle, beautiful, smiling people.

The flight took us over South Viet Nam and, knowing there were occupied areas below, and perhaps raging battles, it was disturbing how a mere 35,000 feet could remove one so far—and how



Tim Van Beek (right), Levi's European Director of Advertising, and Fillinger set up for a sync-sound interview with a young lady in the red light district of Amsterdam. Tim was the European coordinator for the film and also recorded interviews.

quickly it was behind you. The setting sun made thousands of red ribbons of light on the many klongs (canals) around Bangkok as we landed.

Monday, October 16:

A breakfast planning meeting with the local manager and his advertising account executive. We discussed appropriate activity for the models. I suggested horseback riding, tennis, jogging, etc., and was kindly informed that, in Bangkok, kids look for *in*activity in their spare time. The most popular pastime is going to air-conditioned movies. When I walked out of our hotel I understood. It must have been 90 degrees with the same humidity, and this was the cool part of the year! I could see that any outdoor shooting in Bangkok was going to be accomplished Continued on Page 485

REPORT FROM THE UCLA FILM-MAKERS

Graduate Cinema students of the University of California at Los Angeles talk about changing trends in their production, their future plans and their attitudes toward Hollywood

By TOM BIRNS

With the lowering of the age of majority to 18 in mind and the new general emphasis across the country on youth in business, politics and art, Editor Herb Lightman asked me, as a writer for the UCLA Daily Bruin, to talk with aspiring film-makers on campus to determine new trends in their films, and changes they would like to see in the motion picture industry.

I hiked up to the north part of campus where the various art departments are situated amid a green land-scaped park and surrounded by avant garde sculptures and fountains. Also

located in this inviting spot is Melnitz Hall which houses the film classes, sound stages, and editing rooms. I looked up Derek Scott and Jim Morrison who run the technical office and with their help was able to contact some of the more outstanding graduate film students.

The first student I located was Don Paonessa. A bearded, intense looking fellow, I found him tucked away in a tiny editing room working diligently on his thesis film. I stuck my tape recorder in the middle of his rewinds and got him talking by asking his impressions of the

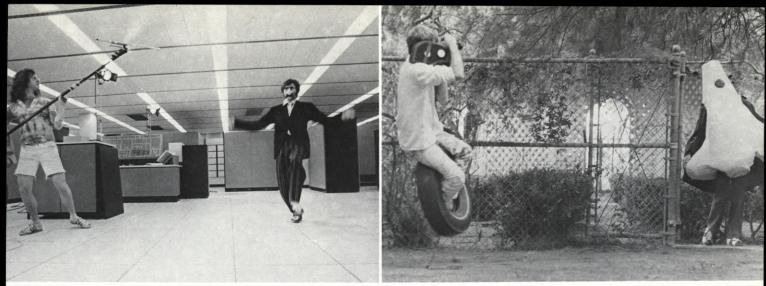
latest trend in student films.

"When I first started here the big thing was drug-related films and from that there was a trend toward the sexually-liberated film where they got involved with a lot of sex on the screen. Now, it seems that there's a trend toward the individual—the individual involved in his society and his inability to remain an individual. I think it relates a lot to what's going on in society. There's a good deal of social consciousness; there's an attempt to be 'relevant.'

"It's interesting that what happens at

Student cast and crew assembled on UCLA sound stage to shoot night-club sequence for Master thesis film, "THE NOSE". The UCLA Motion Picture Division complex is located on campus in Melnitz Hall and includes three sound stages, in addition to full television production facilities, sound recording and mixing facilities, cutting rooms, etc.





(LEFT) Student sound technician fishpoles microphone during shooting of dance sequence in a computer center for thesis film. (RIGHT) Cameraman Vince Dyer swings in a suspended tire to film "pendulum" shot for chase sequence of "THE NOSE". Some student films might be classified as "far-out experimental", but most dramatic and documentary cinema projects deal with contemporary real-life situations.

UCLA sort of precedes by a year what the industry picks up on. Specifically, a year before Hollywood ever attempted to get into drug films they were being made here. And when it was a dead subject here all of a sudden there were six or eight drug films ready to be released in the industry. Generally you could say that if you look at what's being done in the film schools today, those films will probably come out in the industry for the general public in about a year.

"I've never really been involved in tape. I don't like tape. There's something about film; it's tactile, it has a look, a feel about it that hasn't been achieved yet on tape. For soap opera tape is the medium; it's cheap—you can see it right now. I like film. I like the quality, the look it has and I don't think I'd be willing to give that up for tape. But who knows, they may perfect tape."

Paonessa paused to look into his Moviescop and I asked him about his future and the type of films he is interested in making.

"I'm interested in traditional narrative films, dramatic films. I've tried to be involved only in the type of films that I want to make when I get out of here. But making that break from the University to the industry is a very difficult one to make because the people in the business have had very bad experiences with young film-makers.

"A couple of years ago they were on this big youth trend and they employed a lot of young film-makers to give them a chance to make feature films. What happened is that most of them bombed, so they got scared and they stopped. Now it's almost impossible for a firsttime director to get a job.

"The way to go now, as I see it, is to write screenplays and hope to get into

the industry on a low-budget level. Or else write until I have the power of negotiation—so that I can have enough leverage in dealing with the industry—to turn out enough product in terms of screenplays so that I can demand certain things."

Graduate students at UCLA who are working towards the Master of Fine Arts degree have a heavy workload to complete over a two-year period. They are required to pass nine courses and complete a thesis consisting of a feature-length motion picture, a one-hour television script, or an equivalent amount of writing in fictional or documentary form.

The courses cover such subjects as:

European and American motion picture history, film structure, seminars in documentary and fictional film, broadcast media, educational television, animation, television production, and the completion of two film projects, including writing, production and editing.

Penelope Spheeris, a tall effusive brunette who looks mature for her 26 years, worked in the technical office at UCLA while attending the film school. She was finishing up her thesis film for her Master degree at the time of this interview.

"It really upsets me that film-making has to be a troublesome endeavor," she commented, "I would like to be able to come to a point where the process of

Cameraman Derek Scott, who also heads the UCLA Cinema technical office, sets lights for a student production. Studio lighting is taught on the sound stages of the University, though most student productions are filmed on location.







(LEFT) Cameraman John Sherat moves into position for an unusual "dolly" shot, with Eclair NPR camera mounted on a raft, during filming of UCLA production, "I DON'T MEAN MAYBE". (RIGHT) Cast and crew of "I DON'T MEAN MAYBE" making shot in the desert near Death Valley for race to the swimming hole sequence. Actors in the film doubled as crew members when off camera.

film production is fun and an easy situation and not always very uptight. You have to depend on equipment always working and the weather, both of which are very unpredictable things, and so, for the most part, a lot of it is out of the director or producer's control. Still, if you can set yourself into a situation where you can work with people with whom you really have a lot in common and get along with them it makes it a lot easier.

"The films I've worked on for a major production company or independent feature film production companies have been such that there are a lot of people who are in it only for the money and not for any creative release. It's like working in a bank or something—I don't like that attitude in film-making.

"I'm extremely fascinated with recreating the real situation. To me, it seems that there is more challenge in that than there is in total dramatic film-making and so my films, thus far, have been an integration of the two techniques. I've called them pseudo-documentaries or semi-documentaries because it takes a hell of a lot of film to shoot a documentary. Since a student doesn't usually have enough money, what I do is find a situation that exists in real life and, instead of going out and documenting that situation, I translate it into drama. It's sort of a Peter Watkins approach, only not so far out.

"I want to do something that hasn't been done before. I think that to be original is a normal human drive. The approach that I have is rather unique. Now I'm not saying that to make myself sound wonderful, but it's experimental, it's fresh, and it's avant garde. You're not competing with something that has already been accomplished—you start out defeated if you are. Hollywood is dying for a new innovative technique.

"I went around with a script in my hand to maybe thirty or forty independent film producers in Hollywood just trying to get money for a feature film. The film ultimately became my thesis film because I couldn't get the money and I learned it's very hard to approach people with a new kind of idea. If you're a woman it's especially difficult and you start out batting zero.

"My thesis film is a story about two rather unconventional people who are caught up in a Hollywood underground scene and hopefully it says something about the entire society being extremely degenerate."

Production manager and lecturer at the film school, Hugh Grauel (pronounced "growl"), is particularly excited about the films being made at UCLA. According to Grauel, some student productions manage to draw Hollywood support, such as "LET'S EAT", a film about the eating habits of Angelenos produced by Max Reed with a grant from Mirisch Bros., and "FOR THE LOVE OF THE MOON", a feature produced by Michel Leviant, with music by Sandro Zaninovich and made with grants from Henry Mancini for scoring and Charles Boyer for acting.

A third picture by his proteges, of whom he is proud, is a "sensitive triangular love story about three young people—a Korean girl, a Caucasian girl, and a black man," produced by Evi Hong, a Korean student.

Grauel predicts a continuing interest in ethnographic and documentary films among the 250 graduate students enrolled in the Theatre Arts Department.

Howard Lester, a 27-year-old professor at the film school, seems to be almost a legend around the film depart-Continued on Page 447

Students filming an Intermediate project at UCLA line up a shot on the sound stage. (Left to right:) Brogan de Paor (Director), Charles Morrison (Cameraman), Francisco Martinez (Production Assistant), Richard Pelter (Actor) and Larry Mirisch (Actor).







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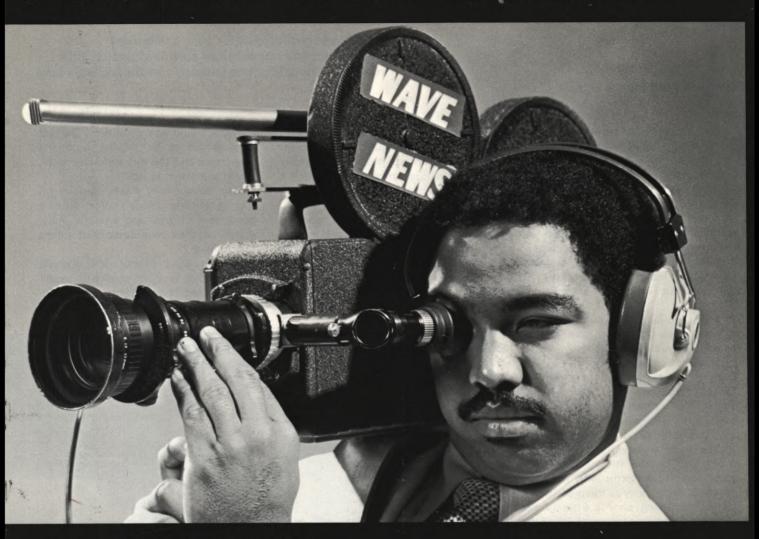
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BUILD YOUR OWN EDITING TABLE

A do-it-yourself project for low, low-budget film-makers and impecunious cinema students said to result in editing facilities (almost) like the big boys have

By SAM WATTS

It always comes down to money, right? And no matter how much creative genius flows from the filmmaker into his work, if there's not a good bit of cold cash backing it up, all is for naught.

These days, however, many independent filmmakers have given up dreaming of a professional lab equipped MGM-style. Instead, they're taking a long, hard look at the sophisticated stuff and duplicating it at a fraction of the cost.

Many do-it-yourselfers have found this approach lends itself most readily to editing equipment. When three young filmmakers recently set out to beat the high cost of editing and synchronizing film and sound tracks, they first reduced one of the expensive models down to its mechanical essence, and let their imaginations take it from there.

The result is an editing table which could well be the filmmaker's dream come true. It performs with the same degree of proficiency as the professional tables, sacrificing only a little of the automated convenience and a lot of the cost.

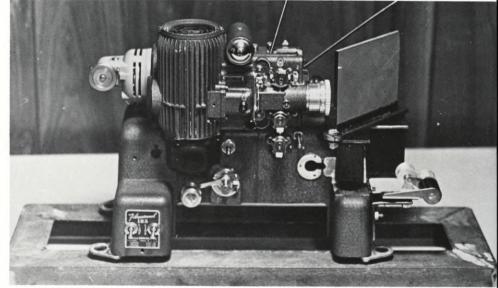
All the editing equipment fits into or on top of—a large, steel office-type desk. This proved to be an ideal framework because, aside from its sturdiness, a desk has the built-in advantage of drawers—a real bonus in any crowded workroom. Also, a desk like this can be picked up fairly cheaply by any conscientious bargain hunter. The top of the desk is rigged-up with the conventional visual editing equipment—two rewinds mounted on either side of the desk move film through a small Moviescop viewer. A splicer sits beside the viewer.

After this point, however, convention gives way to hard work and ingenuity. What the designers were after was a table that could not only edit film, but also synchronize sound tracks. Fitting a synchronizer into the system, they dis-

covered, would be no problem. The real hang-up would be moving both the mag-tracks and the film simultaneously, and at a constant speed.

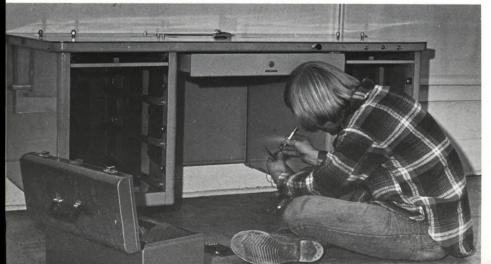
The answer they finally decided on was an outside power source. After a good deal of trial and error, a quick survey of their own equipment solved the problem.

At the heart of this do-it-yourself editing table is a not-so-slightly modified Bell and Howell 16mm sound pro-



The modified projector is mounted on a support brace. Note that directly below the lens, the optical-sound component has been removed. An adjustable mirror, mounted at approximately a 45-degree angle, helps transmit the image to the large screen.

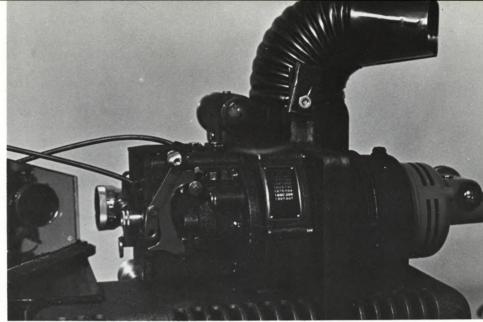
A steel office desk provides the framework for this low-cost editing system. The three switches on the desk-front will control the projector, lamp and direction. The round, black knob is connected to a choke-type cable which activates a stop-action control.



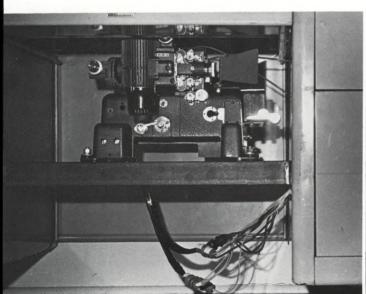
jector. Innumerable hours were spent pondering over how to tie together an unwieldy combination of sheet metal, gears, motors, pulleys and light bulbs into a simple (!) unit. This unit had to be capable of driving film through a viewer big enough to actually work with, pulling magnetic track across playback heads, and keeping the two in sync at 24 frames per second. But even the slowest thinker eventually feels the pang of the realization that someone has already solved the problem—and has done it a lot cheaper than you ever could.

It doesn't take long to notice that the most expensive thing about those professional editing tables—other than their slick, efficient-looking packaging—is what you can't see. All those synchronous motors, relays, shuttles, rollers, and assorted paraphernalia that make the damn thing go are what run the price up. But since it's going to be hidden anyway, and since by its nature it has to do basically the same thing when put to normal use, there's no reason why the economizing filmmaker can't drop an inexpensive pre-assembled unit (namely, a projector) into his editing table.

Once the decision is made to use a projector as the mechanical link between raw film and mag-track and the edited product, there are three main considerations: 1) the direction in which film and mag-track move across the table, 2) getting to the projector to thread the film; and 3) ease of dis-assembling for later modifications or just for moving the equipment around.



A choke-type cable (extending left) is attached to a stop-action framer. Stovepipe acts as a vent for the lamp, directing heat away from the tabletop.





(LEFT) The projector is mounted into place under the desk. Quick-disconnect cables (the type used in trailers) allow the projector to be moved easily. (RIGHT) The finished table allows the editor to match sound tracks and film.

Practicality dictates that the film comes off the reels and moves across the table from left to right. When this simple procedure is followed, images tend to be right-side-up and the action looks the same as the cameraman saw it.

With this requirement in mind, and considering the second one of accessibility, the result is that the projector must be operated in a somewhat unorthodox manner. Since, on the model used, the busy side of the projector is on the left, the lens must point to the right side of the desk in order to expose the drive sprockets for threading.

A moment of reflection at this point will suggest to most observers that film travel from left to right in a projector Continued on Page 460 Rewinds are in reverse position in order to match the synchronizer and to connect with the projector. A drive cable extends through the slot in the tabletop to the projector below.



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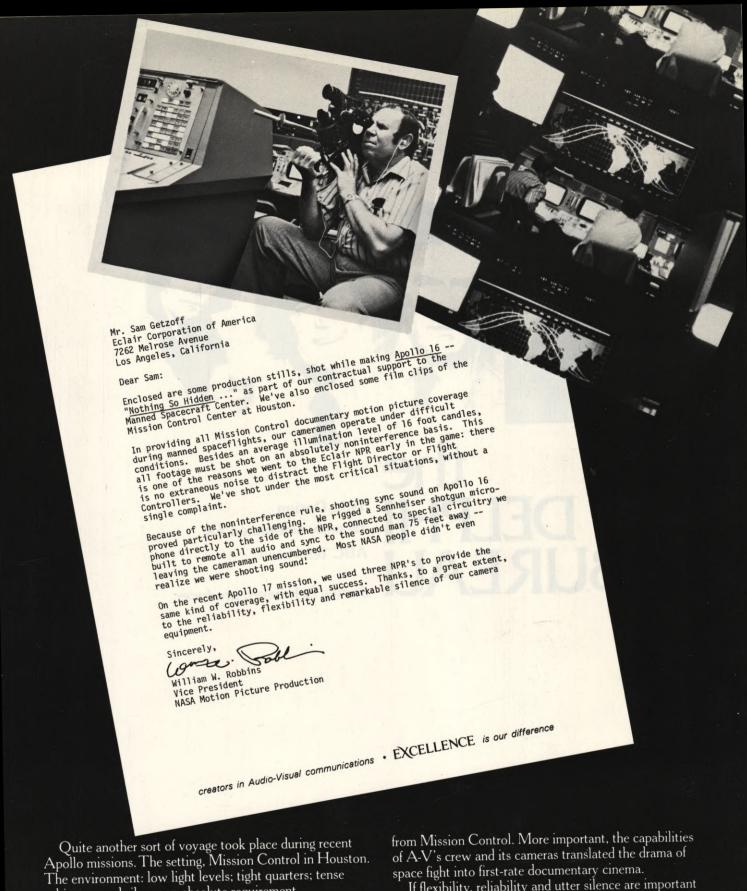
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A highlight at the NAVA Show held recently at the Albert Thomas Convention and Exhibit Center was a working prototype of Hitachi's newest development in the "freezing" and storing of TV frames.

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By automatic programming of the control, as many as 15 different images Continued on Page 492

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ment. Everyone knows of him but never where he is. He teaches the basic production course, called Project I, which is the first film that somebody makes at UCLA. I finally found him in an editing room on the third floor of Melnitz Hall.

"The trend that I see starting to happen is a trend away from intellectual communication to direct sensual communication where the audience doesn't sit there, look at the film and say, 'Oh, that happened and that means the following . . .' or they are simply intellectually following a story. The trend is toward a kind of communication which will directly be felt emotionally and physically but without the intermediate interpretive step. I have the feeling that this is a trend that is just starting but it's just a feeling—it's difficult to point to specific films.

"I'm into any kind of film, all kinds of film. The way I probably limit my approach in what I do is not in terms of a kind of film or style or subject matter. It's a matter of the approach to making a film because it's a business. There is no limit to the types of films I would like to be involved in. The limit doesn't come in terms of documentary as opposed to comedies or optical printing as opposed to cinema verité but rather in terms of how you make the film.

"I am uninterested in specifically dealing with the traditional Hollywood way of business. I would much rather make money from my films than make money in any other way, but films are more important to me than just making money. I don't refer to film-making as an industry. I'm talking in this particular vocabulary just because in the last two days I've run into a lot of people who, in talking about film-making, don't say 'film-making,' don't say 'making movies,' or anything else. They say, 'In the industry . . .' or 'In the business ...' and that's it. I don't want to be part of an industry.

"The film that I'm working on now hopefully will make money. All the people who worked on the film are extremely competent, they all earn their money professionally making movies but none of us were paid. If we make any money we will simply share it equally. We all got into it; everybody shared and, as a result, there wasn't one hassle during the shooting of the movie, not one moment of undue tension, no hatreds—just people having a good time.

"The result is a better kind of film than if we had done it with people who were there only because they had a job or because of an archaic union system.



Women's Lib comes into its own at the UCLA Motion Picture Division, as Director Penelope Spheeris and Soundwoman Fritzie Rodgers struggle to unload camera and sound equipment from hearse doubling as location car.

Everybody who worked did so because they wanted to. In the *business* there's a very different attitude. Things just don't happen as easily in that kind of system. It's very difficult to have fun making a movie in Hollywood and movie-making should be fun. If it's not fun, then it's a job and it gets back to being an industry and I'm making movies because I don't want to have a job.

"I probably have a very snobby reaction to video-tape and to small screen and to situations where only one or two people are viewing it instead of a whole theater full of people. There's a very definite thing that happens between members of the audience in relating to a film. And it's a different feeling when you're in your home alone watching a film on TV, which is why

they put laugh tracks on TV. I personally prefer the theatrical experience to the private experience.

"But with the possibilities that videotape has, and with the silver quantities being depleted, and certainly the ease of video-tape in comparison with filming, and the potential saving of money by video-tape productions, it probably will become extremely important. But my reaction right now is that I'm still a little snobby about it. Film is film and video-tape is TV."

Lester stopped to light another cigarette. Since he is a member of the faculty I asked him if he feels the department is doing its job in stimulating student creativity.

"The main problem with the depart-Continued on Page 468

Mark Griffith, Director of UCLA production, "AND I DON'T MEAN MAYBE", lines up an early morning scene in the desert for "chest-butting" sequence, filmed near Death Valley. It was not explained whether chest-butting is a form of combat or some exotic mating ritual.



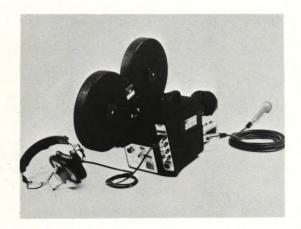
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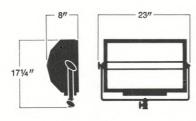
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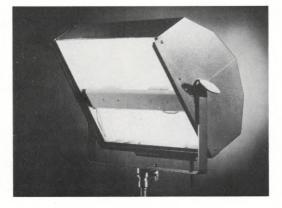


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FILMING "LOST HORIZON"

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and a refueling stop by a DC-3 on a barren desert was filmed at Victorville. Bronson Canyon, a few short blocks from Hollywood Boulevard, was completely snowed in artificially to serve as the background for closeups of the dangerous treks to and from Shangri-La.

Undoubtedly the biggest set construction in Hollywood in many years took shape on the back lot of The Burbank Studios where four acres were used to create an awesome replica of the lamasery of Shangri-La. The structure, rising 80 feet in the air, surrounds extensive gardens, five pools and two waterfalls. The area was also seeded to provide its own floral decor, even to the real flowers blossoming from the cracks in exterior stairways and passageways.

At the 20th Century-Fox ranch in Malibu, huge areas were leased to create the entire Valley of the Blue Moon that spreads out in all its verdant glory below the Shangri-La lamasery. Acre upon acre was seeded there, too, to provide its own flowers and greenery, including a golden meadow of flowers as the setting for the romantic encounter between Peter Finch and Liv Ullmann.

"LOST HORIZON" was produced with all of the lavish care typical of the "Golden Age of Hollywood"-and recently in short supply. No amount of time, budget or attention to detail was spared to give it authenticity and the maximum amount of production value. For example, thousands of dollars were spent to bring rare orchids to the set to decorate the exotic interiors of the lamasery of Shangri-La. The odonoglosom grande, a prize-winning flower from the Orchid House of San Luis Obispo, Calif., forms the centerpiece for a dining room sequence. Set decorator Jerry Wunderlich also brought in dendrobium from Hawaii, as well as displaying *phalaenopsis* and *cymbidium*. The most impressive bloom, flown in from South Africa, was the *protea*, an imposing flower that resembles an artichoke that has been struck by a rainbow.

The costumes designed by Jean Louis for the inhabitants of Shangri-La are imaginatively original, but in the sequences prior to the arrival at The Valley of the Blue Moon, realism is stressed and the wardrobe is scrupulously authentic. For example, during the trek to the magical valley, Peter Finch is decked out in the authentic arctic gear of the famous Sherpa porters of Tibet. Heavy fur-trimmed leather trousers feature extra furs that are wrapped around the legs with leather thongs, huge furlined leather coats topped by two fur parkas, and heavy fur mittens complete the frosty picture.

"In an outfit like this," commented Finch, "only a clairvoyant could get to the bathroom on time."

The thousands of props required for the picture-some of them wildly exotic-presented a unique set of challenges to Ross Hunter's prop man on "LOST HORIZON". Among the listed items needed for the picture: 150 lamasery torches, Tibetan wax paintings, a bronze statue of an 11-headed Bodhisat Avalokitesvara, a full library of books with wooden covers, two gallons of caoutchouc for making up native women and enough yak hair to fashion six herdsmen's 12-by-50-foot tents. Max Frankel, prop man on the film, accomplished the feat-and then some. He actually got enough yak hair for seven tents.

The new "LOST HORIZON" is a visual spectacle of stunning beauty, with handsome sets by Preston Ames and exotic-chic costumes by Jean Louis, but it is the photography of Robert Surtees, ASC, that lends pictorial magic to the film and crystallizes the story's nevernever-land theme.

Surtees was a most fortuitous choice for Director of Photography. A triple Academy Award winner for "Best Achievement in Cinematography", he was last year nominated twice in that category for his work on "THE LAST PICTURE SHOW" (in black and white) and "SUMMER OF '42"-two films employing radically different styles of photography. After 46 years in the motion picture industry (and going stronger than ever), he is one of the few stillactive cinematographers of the old school with the skill and experience to handle a film of such magnitude in the grand manner.

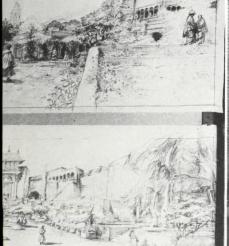
That "grand manner" means glossy and outright glamorous photography of a type that hasn't been seen on the screen since "SOUND OF MUSIC". It is characterized by superb lighting, precise composition, smoothly fluid camera movement—and it is, by today's gritty standards, unashamedly old-fashioned. But it is all of a piece with a story that takes place in mythical Shangri-La, a place of unreal beauty, where all is perfection, utopian health and happiness prevail and no one grows old for hundreds of years.

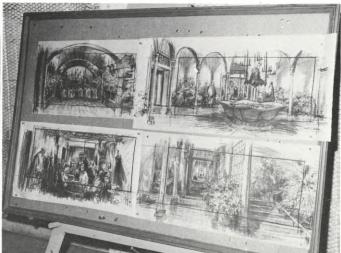
In his photography of "LOST HORI-ZON", Surtees creates an aura of fantasy without leaning on gimmicks—and it is refreshing (and somewhat nostalgic) to enjoy once again cinematography that is sharp and crisp, with rich color and modeled lighting—and which makes no apology for its studied perfectionism. It is the work of an artist who is master of his craft and who achieves Art without artifice.

In the following interview with American Cinematographer Editor Herb Lightman, "LOST HORIZON" Director of Photography Robert Surtees, ASC, discusses the techniques and methods he utilized in filming the picture:

QUESTION: First off, Bob, can you tell

(LEFT) Artist's renderings of some of the sets and camera compositions for "LOST HORIZON" designed by Preston Ames. The sets mix Tibetan motifs with clean, modern lines to arrive at a style that is distinctively "Shangri-La" and unique to the film. The effect is that of a timeless never-never-land, with an air of fantasy, but rooted in reality—a kind of dream Utopia that is free of the strifes and pressures of the world outside.











(LEFT) The proverbial "cast of thousands" was assembled on an abandoned airfield near Tucson, Arizona to stage the film's dramatic opening sequence that supposedly takes place in a strife-torn South Asian nation. Planes, illuminated by the fires from burning buildings, land and take off in the midst of human chaos. (RIGHT) Inside the last plane to leave the area, Michael York, Sally Kellerman and George Kenndey become aware that they are being abducted.

me about the photographic style used in shooting "LOST HORIZON", and why that particular style was selected?

SURTEES: The photographic style was indicated by the story and the script. That's what means the most to me. Almost everyone knows the story of "LOST HORIZON" because of James Hilton's book and the other picture that was made from it. They usually think of Shangri-La as a heaven-on-earth sort of place where you don't get old and you don't die for many hundreds of years. It sounds a little corny, but I guess there's a lot of people these days reaching out for something like that. Anyway, in order to get a visual look in key with that idea, I went right back into an earlier style of photography-a glamor type of photography, the kind of stuff that my good friend Arthur Miller and the other boys of that period used to do. I guess I'm the last active cameraman who remembers that era or has had that kind of experience. By "glamor" photography I mean trying to get a great richness into what's on the screen.

QUESTION: What are the specifics that you feel create this glamor aura in photography?

SURTEES: In terms of lighting, for example, the old Mae Murray pictures used to emphasize hot highlights on the hair. Well, we went back to a little of that—and it looks completely different, because no one has done it for so many years. Our compositions were very carefully figured out in pre-planning. The camera moves, also, were very precise and always motivated. Instead of just going with somebody, there was always a reason for the move that would advance the story and show the people most advantageously in the sets. Many things were done to dress up the "heav-

en" idea. Preston Ames did the sets and his work was very, very important to the picture-and important to me. The exterior set for the monastery in which the monks live-and where most of the action takes place-was enormous. This may be the last Hollywood picture to have tremendous sets like that-and be able to afford them. Then there were the flowers, thousands of them, that were used in the sets. They spent something like \$1,000 a day to fly in fresh flowers from all over the world. But the settings, the design, the decorations and the photography do an awful lot for this picture-much more so than they would have for a "normal" type of picture-because we had to reach out to suggest that Shangri-La would be a perfect place to be for the rest of your life. On the other hand, you had to be careful in matters of taste, so that you didn't over-dress it or over-photograph it, because the whole thing could have become cornier than hell.

QUESTION: What about the location shooting, the snow sequences particularly?

SURTEES: We climbed Mt. Hood in Oregon and shot up there for a whileslept out in the snow and stuff like that. The second unit did some shooting in the Washington Cascades and they had some terrible experiences up there. They made snow tunnels and slept in them. From time to time their food couldn't be flown in by helicopter because of the weather. Then we followed up and had to match some of their work on the top of Mt. Hood, which is about 60 miles from Portland. It's a beautiful spot, but when you get up to around 9,000 feet the grade gets awfully steep, so you can't get very far with snow vehicles. They tumbled a couple of them, as a matter of fact.

QUESTION: Does that mean you ended up climbing it on foot?

SURTEES: Oh, yeah—sure. But after climbing the mountain we still had a lot of stuff to shoot with the principals. Sir John Gielgud was too old to climb the mountain, so when he came up we arranged to do his scenes about a mile from the hotel, in a parking lot area where the skiers park their cars. They cleared it for us one morning and we went down and shot all day. While we were there a storm came up and it worked out just beautifully. It's the best-looking snow stuff in the picture!

QUESTION: What about other locations?

SURTEES: Well, they updated the story just a bit, but it starts off with people being loaded onto airplanes in an area

Triple Academy Award-winning cinematographer, Robert Surtees, ASC, master of many photographic styles, reverted to an old-fashioned glamor treatment as an appropriate mode of visualizing a musical Shangri-La.





On location at the freshly glamorized 20th Century-Fox ranch in Malibu Canyon, the crew prepares to film a romantic scene between Peter Finch and Liv Ullman. The familiar location ranch has never looked so green and beautiful.

under siege-something like the India-Pakistan thing-and the enemy troops are approaching, so the order is given to burn the village. We did this sequence in four or five nights of shooting near Tucson, Arizona. We built a village at an abandoned airport and burned it. You could see it for a half-mile at night because the flames from the fire were so great. There were about 1,000 people used in the sequence, with planes coming in and taking off and the enemy arriving and shooting it out. They've got a little of everything in that sequence. I hope they don't have too much of everything.

QUESTION: Working with fire photo-

graphically is always a bit tricky, but handling it on such a vast scale must have been a real challenge. What were some of your problems in that respect?

SURTEES: Well, for instance, in the long shots, as much as possible, we played a red glow against the distant sky. Then, for the scenes around the airplanes, where these thousands of people are running from one side of the airport to the other and trying to hold the planes down, we had to have flame effects. We worked this out with the Special Effects people and did it in a rather simple way. Instead of using smoke pans with oil burning in them, as we usually do, we just used pieces of

silk that were shredded and then shook them in front of the lamps. I like to introduce a little red into scenes like this, but I don't like to hit faces with red—unless someone runs through and out. For one thing, such scenes go out of focus because there is a wave-length shift in the red. But we did have red kickers coming from the top and back to outline the faces and hair. We kept the red off the faces by cutting the 25A red gelatines so that the red color would hold only from the neck down and it doesn't appear so peculiar. Otherwise, to me, it looks a bit motion picture-ish.

QUESTION: So much for location lighting, but how about the problems of lighting that huge monastery set on the Burbank Studios backlot?

SURTEES: There were problems, alright. Just to light that great area night-for-night required 35 or 36 Titan arcs. I think we had every one there is in Hollywood. The number of lights and the amount of area they had to cover and the time that it took to set all of them added up to a huge project and incredible expense. But, as if that weren't enough-it happens that this was a candlelight picture. This meant that that vast exterior had to look as if it were lighted by candles, in such a way that you could believe it. We used a lot of MT-1 and MT-2 filters in front of the lamps to get the effect. I prefer that to using a filter over the lens, because I'd rather have a clean negative and put the color into the lighting. This leaves you free to take some out or add more wherever you want it.

QUESTION: I noticed when I was out at the studio that the monastery exterior set was continuous. In other words, it went all the way around in a circle. That must have meant that you sometimes had to light the whole thing at once.

SURTEES: Well, yes-because the director did a lot of 180 and 360-degree pans-which are rough. I spent about a quarter of the picture hiding under the camera to keep out of the composition, lying flat on the ground with the camera panning over me. In the final cut of some of the sequences, they've eliminated half of the pan, so that you get only about 180 degrees. That's because they sometimes run too long and slow down the tempo, but there are times when they play very well. We had a terrible throw to light from the top of the set down to where the action played, while keeping the lights out of the picture. The picture was shot in Panavision anamorphic, which, of

Burt Bacharach conducts the orchestra in recording his original score for "LOST HORIZON". In addition to the dramatic underscoring, he composed, in collaboration with Hal David, a dozen songs to be performed by the principals in the film. The film is more a "drama with music" than it is a straight musical.



course, takes in a lot of area in a single shot.

QUESTION: How did your lighting style carry over into the monastery interiors?

SURTEES: Those were supposedly lit by candlelight, too, so I tried to get a kind of copper tone into the lighting, using MT-1, MT-2, 70 and 57 filters over the lights. The monastery interior sets, the private rooms, were beautifully designed and decorated. The color combinations were very subdued-no harsh blues or reds or oranges. I tried with my lighting to pick up textures-wood textures and the textures of various materials-because when you can see these textures the effect is more realistic. The costumes were beautiful, too. It's that old, old story about making pictureseverything has to click at the same time. If one department doesn't do its job right, if the sets look cheap, if the picture isn't photographed or acted the way it should be, then the final result can't be good. Costumes, makeup, lighting-they all have to hit, especially in color. In black and white you can play with things a bit. You can take a bad set and use some shadows and light it so that it looks right. You can't do that in color. In black and white, if the makeup is bad or skin doesn't look right, you can use a little more light or a little less light to give the makeup the correct density, but in color there is nothing you can do about it.

QUESTION: What about filtration on the lens? Did you do anything tricky there in the way of diffusion or fog filters?

SURTEES: I don't use fog filters anymore. I did the fog filter picture to end all fog filter pictures when I shot "THE SUMMER OF '42", and I don't want to



Director Charles Jarrott eyes a possible camera angle through his Director's Finder, while Director of Photography Surtees surveys the scene and the camera crew prepares for a new set-up. Camera angles throughout were kept conventional to avoid being obtrusive.

ever touch a fog filter again. They're too old-fashioned.

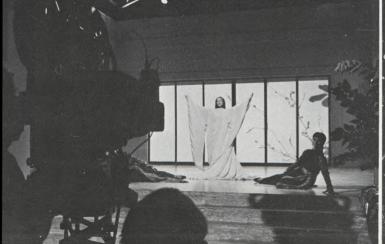
QUESTION: That's a little ironical, considering how much the younger cameramen have been using them lately—over-using them, in some cases.

SURTEES: Yes, but I think they're starting to get away from them now. It's like the hand-held camera. It isn't being used as much anymore. Such gimmicks have outlived their usefulness. Fog filters make me feel self-conscious, but some people use them as a crutch. After all, it's harder to light a set right than to put on a fog filter to gloss over lousy lighting. It's much harder to get the right feeling sharp and hard than it is the other way, but I think it's much better. Of course, you couldn't tell me that when I was doing "THE SUMMER OF '42". But that picture was nostalgic and I was trying to get a feeling of nostalgia into it. Everything kept getting softer and softer until, at the end, you could just barely believe it. It may have been a little overboard, but I was trying for an effect and when you do that you have to go a little over. Otherwise it won't read. It's much better to have a little too much effect than not enough.

QUESTION: How about more conventional types of diffusion on "LOST HORIZON"?

SURTEES: I used a very thin marquisette net for the torch parade sequence, where there were five or six hundred torches. It didn't create a big blur—just a shimmer. But I didn't use any other diffusion, even for photographing the women in the cast. I don't think the audience should be made aware of such devices. They should simply feel that the scene is done right, instead of Continued on Page 466

(LEFT) Cameras record a dance sequence featuring Olivia Hussey in a role totally different from that of the 15-year-old Juliet that marked her screen debut in Zefferelli's lush "ROMEO AND JULIET". (RIGHT) Strong cross-light accentuates the ruggedly masculine features of Michael York and Peter Finch. Women in the cast were lighted softly, but without the use of diffusion over the lens.





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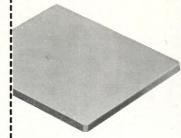


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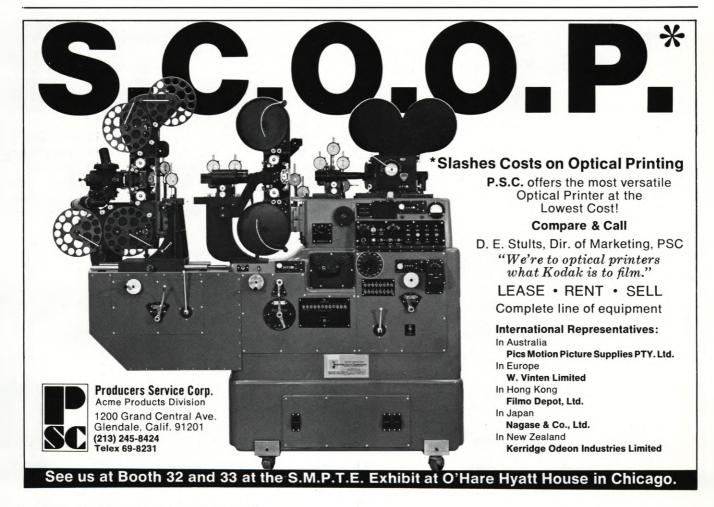


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PRE-PRODUCTION PLANNING

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the partitioning, to bounce light off the silk into the action area. We maintained 64 foot-candles of ambience in the workshop/toy display area with an average of two lights per unit working. Several midgets and babies provided back light, key light for actors working close to the 40W hanging practicals, and to boost illumination in certain background areas. Two diffused 4K softlight floor units were used-one to motivate sunlight ambience from the gaping hole in the barn front, the other to boost fill ambience. We keyed to maintain exposure between T/4.2-T/5, depending upon the angle and the subject matter, for the 10x zoom lens.

For interior shooting, I make it a practice of pushing film stock one stop under controlled lighting conditions. and do this for several reasons. First, cooler lighting keeps the actors and crew more comfortable. Second, smaller lighting units draw less amperage, and a less powerful generator, or even household current, may be used. The advantages achieved are better performances throughout the day, a smaller and more efficient crew, a better-natured set, plus cost savings using the smaller lighting units and less power. In short, efficiency is improved and sustained over a longer period of time, which more than makes up for the added nominal cost of forced film development.

A couple of light changes were called for in the script. One took place in the barn, while Fester and Jefferson are nipping at the cider and reminiscing, when the work lights go out and the two cronies find themselves lighted only by daylight filtering through the barn slats. This effect was achieved by killing the overhead key and background lights, leaving only the heavily diffused 4K soft fill which was emitting two stops less

intensity than had the key light.

The other light change was a night interior, which changes from subdued interior light to moonlight when Claude turns off the bedside lamp after hearing the runaway orphan's bedtime prayer. The problem with light changes, especially when going from one color to another, and without a properly sophisticated switching board, is that of intensity lag, or overlap, of the two effects when one is killed and the other switched on. Studio lamps just do not come up to full intensity, or drop to zero intensity, immediately. Switching, or plugging and unplugging, often flaws the desired effect. Lamp shutters, on the other hand, are noisy. Leaving bluish light on the scene with the warm interior light can be distracting if not carefully placed and washed out. A #626 blue gel was placed in front of a full-flooded senior. By positioning the blue light 90° to the left of the camera's lenticular axis and lightly filling from behind and to the left of the camera, cross-back-keying both actors as though being lighted from the practical bedside lamp, the blue was effectively washed out and could be left on during the prayer bit. After getting into bed and covering up, Claude turned the motivating practical light off and the warm lights were simultaneously killed, leaving only the blue light coming through a window pattern, which then bathed the room in moonlight at two stops under the previous warm key-light intensity. The effect worked well on film.

To cover Claude as he crawls after an errant mobile toy, we utilized a Dexter platform dolly with paired vector-cammed wheels riding on tubular aluminum rails. A wild Arri was set on baby legs and a sixteen-foot dolly move was made. It took less than ten minutes for our efficient grips to set and level the lightweight track. This lash-up was used in another interior sequence for mul-

tiple moves during Raintree's pantomime sequence and for an exterior sequence involving the orphan children. The lightweight dolly system was found to be fast, firm and efficient.

One thing that concerned us during scouting was a flock of pigeons which had been using the barn rafters as their home base. Their rattling around on the corrugated tin roof, cooing and fluttering could play havoc with our sound. However, when production started, the pigeons obligingly left during shooting hours, returning to roost in the rafters above the silk each night. So, because each of those birds regularly left deposits on the silk, we ended up having to buy it.

EXTERIOR SHOOTING

In general, we lucked out on our exterior shooting weather. A day of scattered clouds and an overcast afternoon were the extent of our weather problems. We were utilizing two, sometimes three, six-light Maxi-brutes with PAR 64 dichroics for fill on exteriors, using the sun as side key or back light whenever possible. The artificial fill-light level on the subjects was kept high in order to filter down exposure, intensifying the hint of green in the dry ground cover. After all, Clover Grove should have a green-as-possible look.

85N6 and 85N9 filters were used in order to keep the lens in its optimum mid-stop range and to soften the focus on the backgrounds and foregrounds, thereby emphasizing the principal action. In addition, longer focal lengths in the 25-250mm zoom lens were used to further soften the backgrounds, especially for close-ups.

We felt that a soft, pastel treatment of a love sequence by the tree-rimmed lake between Claude and Millie would be an appropriate contrast to the rest of the sharp, bright sequences. We reached out with a 100mm prime lens through

(LEFT) Sheriff Dodd (Joe Higgins) does his thing for camera. Plastic velveteen covering the windshield provides appropriate diffusion of the dichroic ground lighting. (CENTER) With key grip Mike Shore pulling, the dolly move works well, as 2nd AD Sylvan Duchovnay, b.g. and director Hillman hover over the little actors. (RIGHT) Boom man Dave Schneiderman fishpoles a take of Claude, Millie, Zeke and the villainous Ched Fields (Buddy Lester) doing their bit. An Electro-Voice 668 with wind screen was used to subdue the rather high ambient noise level at the shooting site.







soft-focussed leaves while subdued leaf patterns played gently across their faces. A ½ double fog and light chocolate filter pack along with heavily diffused fill lights gave this rather soft, pastel feeling to the scene which we were after.

Because the action could not always be staged to utilize the sun as back light, we employed solid and silk butterflies in order to control our mid-day lighting on close-ups. The direction of the mid-day sun throws harshly angled and unflattering shadows on faces which even appropriate fill light does not sufficiently subdue. We used reflectors and/or Maxibrutes to provide exterior key and/or fill. Fortunately, we had laid runs of 4/0 cable from the generator to each of our shooting areas and were within 300 feet of our power plant for all of our exterior sound takes, excluding some vehicle and horse run-bys and other establishing shots, so we kept our options open with respect to lighting.

We had one major move to a roadside restaurant, about four miles from our principal shooting site. As luck would have it, scattered clouds were scudding by, and the varying light was playing games with our action area. We were hustling along, as usual; however, we had come prepared, so we set up both lights (operating off the available 110V AC household) and reflectors to cover the rather extensive and partially shadowed entrance way and parking area in which our action would take place. We shot this particular sequence, the establishing long shot and close-ups, both with lights (under cloud cover) and with reflectors (under direct sunlight), alternately, as the light conditions changed, and got both versions in the can in short order.

A number of interior shots were required in our rather unusual Clover Grove Sheriff's patrol car, which was a specially modified Dodge Dart with full-sized red lights and siren paraphernalia mounted atop the black and white compact. Emblazoned on each door and the hood were large green clovers and the Clover Grove Sheriff's logo. The visual incongruity of such a small vehicle holding the bulk of our Sheriff, Joe Higgins, and his deputy, Stu Gilliam, and occasionally their prize prisoner, the minstrel hippy Jed Allen, can be imagined, as can some of the problems of lighting them.

In lighting these interior-exterior shots, we used artificial dichroic illumination and employed plastic velveteen to diffuse our frontal key light (a 4-light FAY unit) and our fill lights (1K and/or 650W quartz) as well. We rigged a 12' x 12' silk butterfly over the patrol car in





(LEFT) The director of photography and his gaffer, Craig Greene, discuss a set-up, with script gal Jane Morgan listening in. Note the McAlister crab dolly which was used for exterior shooting for the mobility it gave to the heavy camera. (RIGHT) A silk butterfly was rigged over the car to control the sunlight and to help balance the dichroic ground lighting. Note 4-light fay units.

order to take down the sunlight on the white top and sides and to reduce the intensity of the sunlight coming through the car windows. The velveteen was especially effective in diffusing our lights when the patrol car set-ups were located in heavily shaded areas.

Multiple camera coverage, which can be a real time- and money-saver, was used several times during the production. This technique is best employed for special effects (when re-rigging time is a factor or when an expensive set, or irreplaceable props, are involved), for most stunts, chases, one-time events and large crowd scenes—and we had them all. A quick time-cost comparison convinced us to go with the additional personnel and equipment for the few days required.

When utilizing two or more cameras from approximately the same photographic position, it is a good idea to vary the taking lens of each by at least 15mm and also to vary the vertical and horizontal positioning of each by at least 15° in order to avoid the feel of a jump cut when the footage from each camera is intercut later in editing.

Three remotely-controlled cameras were used to cover an explosion which blows the front door off the barn-two high-speed Mitchells (one running at 120 fps, positioned about 90° to the direction the debris would take, and the other running at 96 fps, positioned directly in line with the debris pattern) and one wild Arri running at 48 fps, positioned at 45° to the special effect. On another occasion, we used two cameras, running at 12 fps, to cover the errant sport car as it came crashing through the rear barn door and on into the outback outhouse containing Charlie Strange.

On four occasions, two cameras were used to record stunt falls—one by our intrepid horsewoman, Millie, as she takes a spill from horseback; another as fumbling Fester saws his way through board and sawhorse; once again, when the Sheriff sits on that same poorly-glued-together sawhorse while sweet-talking Millie; and lastly, when Fester does a spinning fall while holding onto a huge piece of lumber, timing the fall to coincide with Sister Mary's passing action.

We also employed two cameras during the entrance of Sister Mary's ancient orphanage truck which had been acting up, running in fits and starts, threatening to stop dead at any time. Fortunately, the third take resulted in a clean, non-stop entrance. Then the truck quit for good, but we had our two angles for the editor.

During the party which Claude Raintree gives for the neighboring orphans, we used two cameras in order to maximize coverage of the one-day event. Between takes by the camera holding the master angle, Bob Kaufman, assisted by Keith Kelsay, went hand-held among the children to capture candid shots of them playing with the varied toys Claude had fashioned for their pleasure.

Undercranking the camera has been a time-honored technique for emphasizing ridiculous comedy action as well as for increasing the apparent velocity of objects in motion. We employed this technique for both purposes.

We undercranked at 8 fps to enhance the frantic antics of Claude, Millie and Zeke while they were being pursued by the Sheriff and his deputy, as well as for Charlie Strange as he was being run down and captured by Fester and Jef-Continued on Page 481

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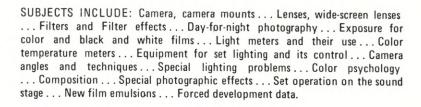
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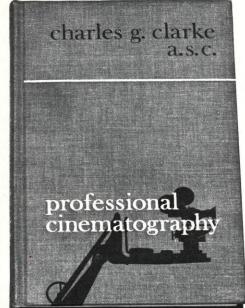


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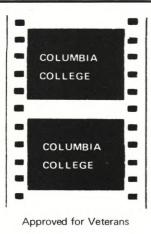
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positioned like this is a bit odd—backwards, to be exact. But there's no way to avoid it, short of an endless collection of loops, idlers, and sprockets to route the film completely around the projector.

The solution? Forget about convention. Thread the projector from the bottom, up past the lamp to the right rewind spool, and run the machine in reverse. It works perfectly, and with the correct mirror combination, the image in the viewer is true to life.

The secret to getting the projected image from its hideaway beneath the desk to the large screen mounted on the desktop is the oldest joke in filmmaking, "It's all done with mirrors."

Tired, but true. The first mirror, a small trapezoid directly in front of the lens, is on a swivel mount so that it may be adjusted to focus the beam on another mirror directly behind the projector. This second mirror is larger, and must be able to adjust up, down, right, left, forward and backward, and rotate on its axis. This insures that the beam will be placed squarely on the screen. This mirror could be stationary, but the builder must know exactly where it goes before making it permanent. Better to play it safe and allow plenty of room for adjustment.

The third mirror is permanently mounted inside the viewing screen's enclosure. It depends on the other two for correct placement of the image. It's necessary that the number of mirrors always be odd, because the image is reverse-projected onto the back of the viewing screen. The screen itself is a 16-inch square piece of double-strength glass etched on one side with hydrofluoric acid. The effect is the same as on the ground-glass screen in a Moviescop.

The added complexities of editing mag-track recordings didn't present too great a problem. The editor's main concern here is keeping each track synchronized with the picture and with each other. Most people are willing to pay for a synchronizer block to perform that function. The projector is again tapped to keep the chain turning at a steady, pleasing-to-the-ear 24 frames per second.

For lack of a better drive belt, the builders use a continuous loop of leader running from an extra power sprocket to the rear synchronizer sprocket, which it shares with the film. With everything tied together by registered leader film and mag-track running over toothed sprockets, there is no way for any of the tracks to slip synchronization as much

as a frame.

The last links from the projector to outside components are the metal, spring-type drive cables now running to each of the rewinds on top of the desk. These cables are the same kind normally used to operate the supply and take-up reels on an ordinary projector. (This particular type, however, may be peculiar to Bell and Howell projectors.)

The only modifications needed for this step involved the intricate pulleys that the cables pass over. The pulleys are designed so that if pressure is applied in one direction, they offer resistance and lock in place, causing the shaft to turn with the cable and pulley. But when the direction is reversed, the pulley gives no resistance and only freewheels. In this case, the shaft may remain stationary.

One of these pulleys had to be installed on the shaft of each of the rewinds-after they had been machined to tolerances on a lathe-in order to apply tension to the appropriate reel while the other turned free, depending on the direction of film travel.

An additional pulley was installed inside the projector just above the lens to power the right-hand rewind when necessary. This finishing touch was simple in concept, but proved to be considerably more difficult to carry out because of the lack of free space in that part of the projector.

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CINEMATOGRAPHY ON THE OCEAN FLOOR

By RICHARD SHUTT

Marine Life Research Group Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Seventy one percent of the earth's surface is covered by water. If it were possible to look out over all of the oceans at one time, one could only see a very small part of it. Much, much more lies below the surface. With all the oceanographic research, equipment, ships and money spent, we have not even begun to fathom it. One of the many projects of the Marine Life Research Group (MLRG) of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, which is under the direction of Professor John D. Isaacs, is to study life in the oceans, particularly in the abyssal regions. One of the methods used in this research is cinematography.

Today's technology has enabled us to send man to the edges of the continental shelf. With him, he carries his camera and lighting equipment. Beyond this lies another frontier. A frontier that is deep, eternally dark and mysterious...the abyss. Life is present there and man's desire to know something about it has forced him to overcome tremendous problems. Very few men have physically penetrated this region and when they do, they are confined to a small cramped capsule and their stay is for a very short period of time.

Since 1958, MLRG has deployed small oceanographic instruments by the use of a "free vehicle". This was a departure from the traditional method of deployment . . most instruments are lowered by cable from a ship. This vehicle consists of a locating float, with a radio transmitter and pressure switch built into its mast, a set of hollow glass spheres or syntatic foam used as buoyancy to support the weight of the instrument, the scientific instrument, a release system and ballast weight. These components are connected together by a 3/8" diameter line approximately

An ingenious approach to filming in an eerie frontier that is deep, eternally dark and mysterious . . . the abyss beyond the continental shelf

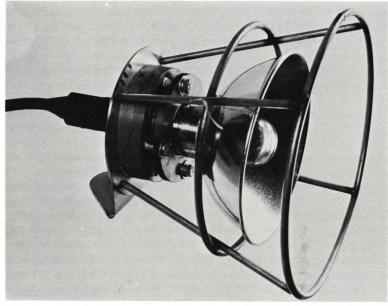
sixty feet in length. See FIGURE 1.

The entire system is assembled on the deck of a ship and thrown overboard. It descends to the bottom of the ocean, does its thing, and upon activation of the preset release system, ascends to the surface, whereupon it emits a radio signal to the ship. It is then picked up and the data processed.

The free vehicle has many advantages. It does not burden the ship with holding a station while the instrument dangles at the end of a cable. It frees the vessel to do other oceanographic work, while the instrument, independent of the ship, goes about its business. The ship may deploy many of these systems, later coming back to retrieve them.

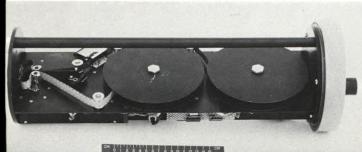
One of the many instruments used in this manner was an Edgerton 35mm still camera, modified for use with the free vehicle to take photos of deep sea bentic life. The camera was self-contained, having its own control system which was pre-programmed before launch. The ballast weight was baited with scrap fish in order to lure the creatures into view. This system worked well. It has resulted in an enormous amount of information being compiled about life on the ocean floor. It is still in use today.

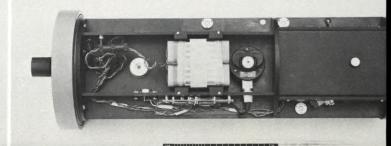
After the successful use of the still camera system, it seemed only logical to proceed with a deep water cine system. Continued overleaf



Deep water cine lamp consists of a 30-volt, 350-watt (FBW) Sylvania tungstenhalogen lamp enclosed in a glass pressure vessel. Three of these units are used in a cine system totaling over 1000 watts. Lamps are protected from rough handling and shock by stainless steel wire cages. External pressures found in the deep ocean will shrink the lamp housing, thus requiring the reflectors to be tied to the cages in order to keep them from sliding off.

The camera transport was designed for use in cylindrical pressure cases. It is built around a Bell and Howell Model 70 film transport and shutter mechanism. It has a film capacity of 400 feet on spools. The camera is powered by a 12-volt nickel-cadmium battery and is driven at 24 frames per second by a governor control constant speed motor. A second film gate is utilized to detect the end of the film in order to allow the system to completely shut down its power supplies upon completing the exposure of the film.











(LEFT) The crane on the "Ellen B. Scripps", Scripps Research vessel, is used to launch the camera system. The camera weighs about 200 pounds in air. (CENTER) Stored lighting and other equipment for the project. (RIGHT) Hosing down equipment after a camera mission.

(LEFT) Author-Designer Richard Shutts, of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. (RIGHT) Jim Singleton attaching bait to the ballast pole to lure deep sea creatures into the camera's field of view.









(LEFT) Frame blow-up of a cow shark, taken off the Comoro Islands. In many cases, the sharks completely missed the bait, taking bites out of the coral rock. (RIGHT) Frame blow-up of a scene taken in the San Diego Trough, in about 4000 feet of water. The eel-like creatures are hag fish. Sable fish and Grenadier also appear in these sequences.

(LEFT) Prior to launch, Scripps' technicians, Tetsuo Matsui, Jim Singleton, Ken Knutson and Author (center) survey their work. (CENTER) The author makes a final adjustment to a lamp before launching the camera. (RIGHT) Deck activity sometimes hits a furious pace during a mission.







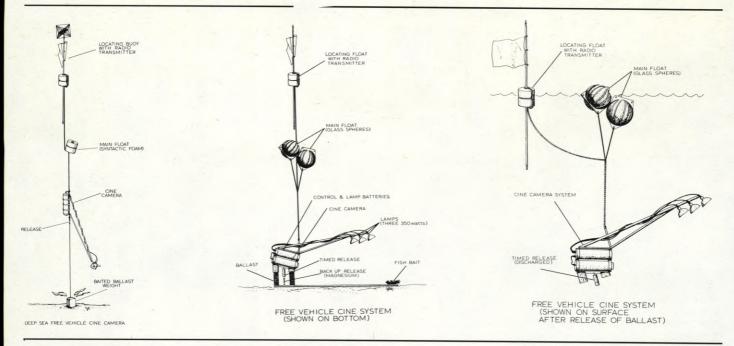
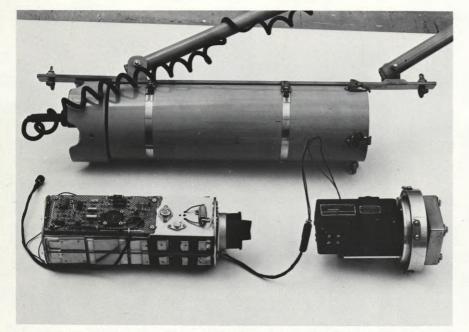


FIGURE 1 FIGURE 2 FIGURE 3



The experimental cine camera consisted of a surplus 16mm aircraft gun camera, a 30-volt nickel cadmium battery pack, a converted diver's lamp and a control circuit which programmed the system to turn the camera and lights on every ten minutes for a duration of eleven seconds. A delay timer was incorporated to allow the camera to reach the ocean bottom before the programming was initiated.

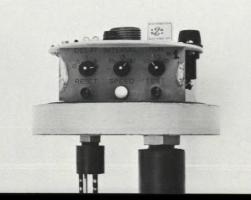
Outside of a slightly different set of electronics to control the camera, the basic difference would be a continuous light source, rather than a strobe as used in the still camera. This, of course, brought up other problems. There was the possibility that deep sea creatures would be frightened off when the lamps came on. It was one thing to take a still photo with one flash of light and quite another to expect them to stay around several seconds under a continuous light source. What of the transport noise? We were dealing with critters that no one really knew that much about. With these questions confronting us, I certainly did not feel it advisable to launch myself into a full-scale cine camera development program without having answered some of these basic questions.

EXPERIMENTAL CAMERA

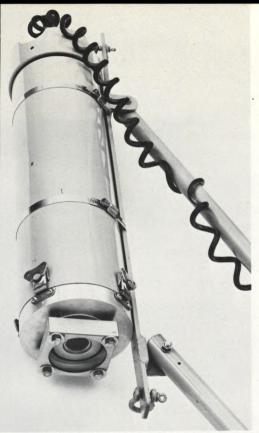
I found a surplus 16mm aircraft gun camera, that operated on thirty volts and had been converted to run at 24 frames-per-second. A diver's hand-held 250-watt lamp was used as a light source

(LEFT AND CENTER) The lamp battery pressure case also houses the control circuits. Mounted on an end cap, a panel of switches allows the camera technician to dial in the program he wishes the camera to perform. These are delay, interval and run durations, as well as test functions; run, camera motor speed, and reset. (RIGHT) 3D experiments were recently conducted with the use of a Swiss made stereo lens system. A much larger diameter hole had to be cut in the pressure housing end cap to accommodate the lens. This required a two-and-one-half-inch thick glass port to withstand the pressure. Normally, only a one-inch thick port is used with the standard lens.









Experimental camera, with housing. This model proved that a cine system could be used to photograph creatures on the ocean floor.

along with its thirty-volt battery pack. The lamp lens port was removed and replaced by a thicker piece of glass in order to withstand greater pressures. The hand switch was disconnected and sealed. A control circuit was designed and built to operate the camera for ten seconds at fifteen-minute intervals until the film, all fifty feet of it, was used up. It also had a delay function to keep the camera from turning on until it reached the ocean bottom. I used a discarded pressure case to house the equipment.

Experiments were conducted out of a small launch off La Jolla in 2000 feet of water. We got our answers. Those creatures which live near the range that light penetrates the ocean depths seem to be affected by light. We found, for example, that if the bait were placed in such a way that the fish could not actually get to it, they spooked usually within seconds after the camera system came on. If, however, they were allowed to eat the bait, it preoccupied them and they usually stayed around for the duration of the filming sequence. On later missions, which were made in the deep ocean, we found that the light never seemed to affect them, probably because they have never known light other than bioluminescence; therefore, they were not frightened of it.

After twenty successful missions, a decision was made to design and build two complete cine camera systems. Sev-

eral things had become apparent from the use of the experimental camera. The control circuit and cable drained off a great deal of power before it reached the lamps. This restricted us to a F/1.6 lens setting and the need to force process the film two stops. The film we were using was Ektachrome 7242. As seen in FIGURE 1, the experimental camera shoots from overhead, providing only a top view of the creatures. Scientists studying the film believed an oblique angle shot would better suit their needs.

Work began immediately.

CAMERA TRANSPORT

The deep-water, high-pressure environment dictated the shape of the pressure housing and camera transport. I chose the cylindrical shape, due to our experience with these shapes and the ease of manufacturing and testing. The pressure case is eight inches in diameter and twenty inches in length. With a 5/8" wall using 7075-T6 aluminum, the maximum operating depth is 22,000 feet.

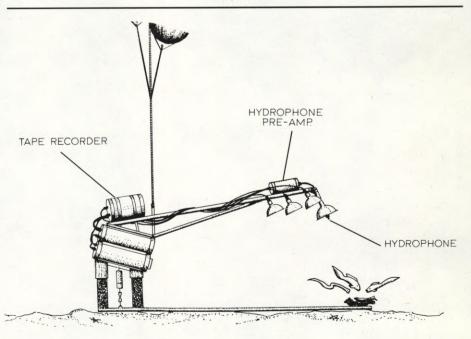
I investigated various film transports that were available and readily adaptable and concluded that a model 70 Bell and Howell film gate and shutter mechanism would fit my requirements. The chassis was built to accept a 400-foot spool of film rather than cores, so that sea-going technicians could load the transport in subdued light rather than in the dark. The film is driven through the



Used with experimental camera, converted diver's lamp has control circuit programmed to turn it on every ten minutes for eleven seconds.

transport at 24 fps by a 12-volt, electronically governed motor through a series of reduction gears. This motor has a speed fluctuation of plus or minus one percent within the temperature ranges of the deep ocean. It comes up to normal operating speed within a fifth of a second. A twelve-volt torque motor is Continued on Page 476

FIGURE 4



FREE VEHICLE CINE CAMERA SYSTEM WITH SYNC SOUND

"LOST HORIZON" FILMING

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saying: "Oh, they've got a pictorial disc in front of the lens."

QUESTION: Although the monastery set was located on the backlot at Burbank Studios, I feel that the picture gains great scope and pictorial impact because of the sequences shot at the Fox Ranch. Can you tell me something about that phase of the shooting?

SURTEES: Frankly, it came as a surprise to me when they said that we were going to do Shangri-La, the most glamorous place in the world, at Fox Ranch. I said: "Wait a minute-this sounds like a quickie." But the fact is that they spent a fortune on transforming Fox Ranch into Shangri-La. Every day they'd have thousands of fresh flowers, all set in the ground by hand and a crew would spend all night replacing them with more fresh flowers for the next day's shooting. The lighting out there was something else. For example, the torchlight parade that takes place following the death of the Grand Lamawe ran that parade for a quarter of a mile and rigging the lights for it was a tremendous operation. Most of the rigging out there went fairly smoothly,

however, because it was well prepared. We simply buried cables all over Fox Ranch so that we didn't have to move generators or anything. It was just like plugging in on a house circuit. All of this cost a hell of a lot of money for rigging crews and equipment, but it was the only way we could shoot and stay on schedule. We did the same thing at the airport in Tucson. All of that was rigged in advance, too.

QUESTION: I must say that I've never seen the Fox Ranch look so green and beautiful in a film before. Did they have to spray the foliage to get it to look that green?

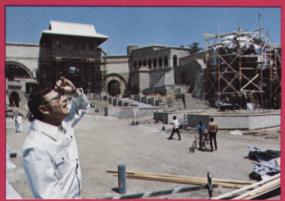
SURTEES: They put in a lot of fresh sod and installed a special sprinkling system. The sides of the mountains had been sprinkled for a couple of months before we got there. You can't imagine what it cost. Then, too, in those sequences, we tried to tie water into just about every shot—the lake, the stream, the waterwheel. We even turned on the waterfall, although we didn't stay on that too long because they didn't want people to recognize it. That waterfall used to be in every picture Fox made.

QUESTION: Where did you shoot that sequence where they come from the

raging snowstorm, walk through the tunnel and come out into the warm summer sunshine of Shangri-La at the other end?

SURTEES: We shot it-of all places-at Bronson Canyon, right in the heart of Hollywood. They had those hills covered clear to the top with artificial snow, but to me it looked like they'd used bed sheets. We decided to shoot it at night instead of in the daytime in order to take the curse off it. We used the torches and there was a storm going on with wind and lots of snow blowing -the more snow the better, to cover the background-and it worked beautifully. We shot from both ends of the cave, panning from one end to the other. The question was: Where do you put your lights? I had no choice. I couldn't put the lights where they should have been. I could only put them in the one place where they wouldn't show in the picture, but it turned out fine. The producer, Ross Hunter, was delighted with it. He came down to the set with film clips to show everybody how good it was.

QUESTION: With limited lighting in that dark tunnel, it must have taken some doing to keep things looking good as you panned around to the brightly sunlighted Shangri-La end of the tunnel. Continued on Page 494



(LEFT) Producer Ross Hunter observes construction on giant Shangri-La set taking shape on the backlot at Burbank Studios. Far from being a figurehead producer, he is an astute working technician, always on hand to supervise each phase of production. (RIGHT) The crew sets up for a dolly shot at the 20th Century-Fox Ranch in Malibu Canyon.



(LEFT) Camera dollies ahead of torch-carrying procession in the snowy wastes of Hollywood's Bronson Canyon. (CENTER) A huge water sluice complex, built on the 20th Century-Fox Ranch, serves as a giant prop for a musical number. (RIGHT) Focal point of the number is waterwheel at the bottom of the sluice complex. In the film, it is designed by engineer George Kennedy to eliminate need for carrying water by hand.









(LEFT) Technicians set up for filming of a sequence at the ranch. Hillsides were irrigated for months before the start of shooting in order to insure rich green foliage. (CENTER) Thirty six Titan arcs—probably all that there are in Hollywood—had to be rigged around perimeter of Shangri-La set to light the vast area. (RIGHT) Crane is moved into position for balcony shot.



(LEFT) Designed by Preston Ames, the huge Shangri-La lamasery set was built from scratch on four acres of the Burbank Studios backlot. It was a "continuous" set, extending 360 degrees and allowing for camera shots from any angle. (CENTER) A corps of greens technicians worked for months planting seeds and live foliage to dress the vast courtyard area. (LEFT) Several terraced water pools added pictorial interest to the Shangri-La set.





(LEFT) In the opening sequence of "LOST HORIZON" (filmed at an abandoned airfield near Tucson, Arizona), a gas dump is purposely set afire as a landing beacon for planes after the enemy bombs the power generator. Flames from the blaze could be seen a half-mile away. (CENTER) The crew basks in the warm glow during filming of fire sequence. (RIGHT) Red gelatines in front of the lamps lent the scenes a ruddy tint, but red was kept off the faces as much as possible.

(LEFT) Giant "sky-hook" crane lifts crew in cage high above snowcapped mountain backing. (CENTER) Chapman crane, with camera mounted, moves in on plane "crashed" against mountainside in Bronson Canyon. (RIGHT) Norwegian star, Liv Ullman, takes a ride on the crane during set-up for a scene at 20th Century-Fox Ranch. Although there is considerable camera movement in "LOST HORIZON", it is smooth, unobtrusive and always motivated.











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ment is that it is part of the University and the bureaucracy of a large university does not always work well with the teaching and creation of film. At the moment we are on the quarter system, so people are expected to do things in ten weeks. Well, ten weeks might not be a natural time to make a film or to learn how to direct an actor. But as a student. once you learn to deal with the bureaucracy and get that out of the way, this department is extremely well-equipped, and so there is the opportunity to use whatever equipment you want without spending a lot of money on it.

"I have been here as a student and faculty member for five years and it is very convenient. Also there's a community of film-makers which is really very nice. If you get an idea and want to shoot something there are ten people without any big hassle who are willing to go and work with you on it for a few days. It's very nice when you're hung up in your editing room and you've gone over the same cut twelve times and you don't know what's wrong to be able to walk outside and have your choice of twenty editing rooms. You knock on somebody's door and say, 'Look at this for me' and he'll say the obvious thing and you do the same for him.

"There's a great deal of sharing and, because it's a community of young film-makers, there's always something in the air. A lot of bad ideas are in the air and bad ideas always lead to good ideas or are eventually rejected anyway."

Lester's most recent film was a comedy or what he calls an adult fairy tale. "It was inspired by the Goebbels story, THE NOSE. It's about a guy who loses his nose. He goes in search of it and has a variety of adventures and finally does track the nose down after a chase and a big finale." Professional actors worked with Lester on the film but will only be paid if the film makes money. Most of the crew were either students or former students.

A 28-year-old graduate student working on his thesis at the time I interviewed him, Tomas Mendoza has since received his Master degree and is now working on films in South America.

"Film has not reached a great level of development and I feel that there is still a great deal to be done in film. Not so much technically, but aesthetically. I think that since the development of sound film, people have been stuck in a certain kind of technique, a certain approach to film, which has held it back and we're reaching a point where film can take a new leap forward.

"I think the changes that are beginning to take place in the approach of upcoming film-makers will be different from the social standpoint, from the aesthetic standpoint, and in terms of their use of the materials.

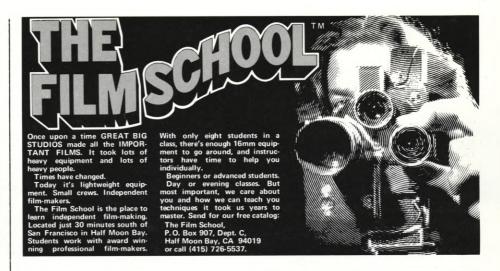
"It's inevitable, really, that tape or electronic systems will take over. The whole process by which film is made is still in a very primitive stage. It's still in a very chemical, very physical stage. The silver halide crystals on the film, the way you do your editing, physically cutting little shots and putting them together. This is all in a non-technological stage. I think the electronic processes where you can do your optical effects and your editing at the same time will really do a lot for the creative aspects of film.

"Another drawback to film is its expense. Not many people are able to get into it. As film goes into the electronic stage, perhaps the equipment will be costly but the materials will be much cheaper. In this way film, or the visual medium, can be made accessible to more people. And by making it accessible to more people you will find a greater expression of the general consciousness. It won't just be the expression of a certain elite which is either fortunate enough to be at a University or fortunate enough to have the money or the connections to make film.

"I'm very much involved with making documentary film because, like any other visual medium, you can capture reality. Film is too often used in a fantasy way, rather than to show people things about the real world which exists around us. One of the problems today is the problem of alienation. We don't know what's happening next door or in the next country—we don't know anything about other people.

"The visual medium, by its power, can bring us into a vicarious experience. It can inform us emotionally, intellectually, and in many other ways about what's happening in the real world. That's one of the things I like about documentary."

My impression after talking to these and other students in the film department at UCLA is that as in any other field some will excel while others will be mediocre or fail. There are many creative minds in this department and it is these students who will fill the limited number of jobs available in the movie industry. Further, whether the entrenched producers and directors like it or not the simple passage of time will eventually push them aside and bring the "new blood" into the profession and, with it, new techniques and new ideas.



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BRINGING REALITY TO FILMING OF "THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY"

Film story of a man who rejected America is photographed with great realism by cinematographer who adopted it as his country

By ROBERT A. FISHER

It is ironically appropriate that Edward Everett Hale's classic tale, "THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY," was filmed for television by Andrew Laszlo, ASC. The story is that of a man who rejected the United States; the filming was done by a man who adopted

the country as his own. Both came to love it.

In Hale's fictional story, Army Lt. Philip Nolan, played in the film by Cliff Robertson, is tried for complicity with Aaron Burr during the latter's attempt to achieve, through separatist govern-

ment, what he was unable to do at the polls. During his court-martial, Nolan angrily blurts out that he never wants to hear of the United States again.

That, ultimately, is the judgment handed down, and for the rest of his life—a period of some 50 years—Nolan

(LEFT) Director of Photography Andrew Laszlo, ASC, checks final camera angle before shooting night-for-night scene on location in Mystic, Conn. for Kodak-sponsored 90-minute ABC-TV special, "THE MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY". (RIGHT) Director Delbert Mann discusses strategy with Laszlo before shooting of sequence on deck of "The Rose", replica of a frigate located at Mystic.





(LEFT) Director Mann (center) and second assistant cameraman Vincent Gerrado review camera angle with Laszlo, while on location at Newport, Rhode Island. (RIGHT) Setting up for night dance sequence, with deck of "The Rose" at Mystic serving as open-air "ballroom". In order to achieve requisite depth of field for action, 200 foot-candles of light were necessary, but places to hang lights were few. Problem was solved by force processing.







(LEFT) Director Delbert Mann runs through scene with Robert Ryan, Cliff Robertson and Guy Spaull, prior to shooting in Mystic, Conn. (RIGHT) Robertson, portraying Lt. Philip Nolan, takes command of a gun crew during filming of battle sequence between American Naval vessel and a foreign ship. Such scenes were shot aboard land-locked ships and pitch was simulated by installing camera on improvised mount made of inflated innertube sandwiched between two sheets of plywood.

lives aboard a succession of U.S. warships, where the crews are forbidden to mention or discuss the United States in his presence.

Cinematographer Laszlo was born in Hungary. He showed an early inclination for photography, and was beginning an apprenticeship at a Budapest motion-picture studio when World War II erupted and ruined his dream of a cinematography career in his native land. In 1947, he emigrated to the United States to seek a job—any job related to photography.

His first work was taking baby portraits; then he served as an in-plant photographer for a company manufacturing wallpaper. Later, to do movie work for an industrial film producer in Pittsburgh, he lived away from his family five days a week, commuting to his New York home on the weekends.

The big break came when he was hired as camera operator for "NAKED CITY," one of the first location-filmed TV series. Today, Laszlo says, there is virtually no place in New York that doesn't evoke for him some memory of "NAKED CITY" or other films he made there.

During filming of the series, Laszlo became a full-fledged Director of Photography, and was tapped ultimately to film a series of theatrical movies, including "ONE POTATO, TWO POTATO," "THE NIGHT THEY RAIDED MINSKY'S," "THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT," "THE OUT-OF-TOWNERS," and "LOVERS AND OTHER STRANGERS." His latest, "CLASS OF '44," is scheduled to be released later this year.

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When producer Norman Rosemont and director Delbert Mann were gather-

ing a crew to film "The Man Without A Country"—a 90-minute ABC-TV special to be presented by Eastman Kodak Company April 24 at 8:30 p.m. (EST)—Laszlo was an obvious choice as director of photography. Because of his work in the east, he was familiar with locations in Mystic, Connecticut; Newport, Rhode Island, and Fort Niagara, New York. Laszlo eagerly accepted the challenge.

The result is a film that clearly adds to the pathos of the original story. If a word had to be chosen to describe its effect on viewers, the word would be "believable."

How Laszlo achieved this is perhaps best understood through a description of how he filmed the death scene. Nolan, now an old man, is dying. His last wish is for the captain, who is by now an old friend, to tell him something about the country he had forsaken.

"We had to capture the visual gloom of the impending end," says Laszlo, "and we also had to denote, in a few minutes on the screen, the passage of several hours during which Nolan and the captain talk. The technique had to Continued on Page 472

Camera operator Richard Katina checks a camera angle prior to shooting scene of Robert Ryan aboard ship at Newport, Rhode Island. Many times, in filming on deck, camera was mounted high up on gyb arm, with crew rocking the gyb at right angles to the optical axis in order to simulate pitch effect.



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be almost imperceptible, to make the viewer conscious of the passage of time, but not of how we created the illusion."

Working in tight quarters, with a Mitchell BNC camera and Eastman color negative film 5254, Laszlo did it with lighting. The scene is a small cabin and, as it opens, the dominant light is late afternoon sunlight. As the sun goes down, a candle and oil lamps are lit, and at the end of the scene the captain turns out the lamps, leaving only the candle to illuminate Nolan.

"Through this symbolism we know Nolan has died," recalls Laszlo. "There was a period—a long one—when you couldn't do this for television. You had to fill the dark corners with light, and you had to dim the bright areas to avoid flare. But now, with high-speed, sensitive negative film and greatly improved television reproduction, you can expect contrast and tonal quality that pretty nearly match what you see."

Tight Scheduling

As with most television specials, the shooting schedule was constricted. Production for the feature was completed during four hectic weeks in September and October, 1972. Essential to meeting this tight schedule, Laszlo relates, was painstaking preparation coupled with real devotion on the part of the cast and crew. Director Mann and Laszlo were on location weeks ahead of production.

Authenticity was the prime criterion in selecting locations. Historic Fort Niagara was chosen for both the court-martial of Nolan and the final *mea culpa* scene in which a stone memorial is dedicated to the deceased outcast. Newport supplied an original colonial court-room for the trial in which Burr was acquitted, and a period home that served as the office of the Secretary of the Navy.

A small studio was set up in an abandoned Newport gymnasium, where replicas of the cabins that housed Nolan on different ships were constructed. The side of a U.S. warship that took a direct hit and exploded in the story also was built there.

The "Rose," a replica of a frigate based in Newport, was made to serve as a number of ships by changing angles of view and minor redressing. A wooden whaler in Mystic, the Charles W. Morgan, also became a number of ships carrying Nolan.

Tourists See Filming

Filming aboard the Morgan was com-

plicated by the need to schedule production around crowds of tourists. In this case, local authorities worked with the production crew by limiting tours to mid-afternoon hours when the traffic was the heaviest. During these periods, Mann scheduled scenes away from the main deck while scores, and sometimes hundreds, of visitors watched in fascination.

Each day's film was shipped to TVC Laboratories in New York City; the processed dailies were returned to location the following afternoon and viewed that evening. Because of the changing weather and lighting conditions of location shooting, Laszlo was in daily telephone contact with the lab to inform them of problems and answer their questions.

Night Scene Problem

One scene that presented special difficulties was a night dance on the deck of a ship supposedly docked in Milan. In the action, Nolan was embarrassed by a confrontation with the wife of the American ambassador. Laszlo's problem was to get appropriate establishing shots across the entire ship deck.

To get the depth of field he wanted, Laszlo needed a minimum lens opening of F/4 which, according to film specifications, required 200 foot-candles of light. "We were working aboard the Rose," he remembers, "and there wasn't any place to hang a lot of lights. We had only two masts, which were both in the picture, and the lights we hung around the rigging provided only about 50 foot-candles or less on the deck."

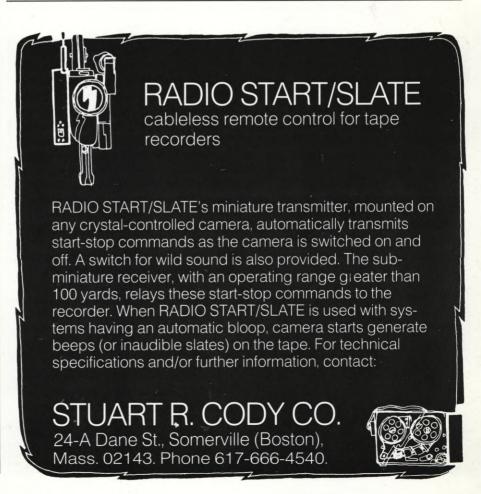
Laszlo's solution was to have the film force processed at the lab. As a test, he photographed a dress rehearsal of the scene and had the lab process it in three pieces: one as normal, one forced to the full capability of the lab, and one forced about halfway. Upon seeing the results of the dress rehearsal filming, Laszlo determined how the final filming of the scene should be processed.

"I had a good idea of what to expect," Laszlo says, "but I wanted to check the first results before processing the second shot. This way, the lab could make the proper adjustments in processing to match the second shot as closely as possible with the rest of the film."

Ingenuity Pays Off

The same scene demanded additional ingenuity. The story called for other ships to be anchored about 1½ miles offshore. Because it was a night scene, it was agreed that the outlines of the other ships could just be suggested by properly placed, lighted portholes. Instead of





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sending a lighting crew to achieve the effect, Laszlo had circles, about a foot and a half in diameter, cut from a reflective material. Then the "portholes" were staked into the ground on the other side of the bay, about a mile away. Laszlo had only to wait for darkness to get the appropriate shot. He set up a 5,000-watt light at the camera position on the ship and aimed it at the reflective material. The effect was the same as if the light had been generated from the other direction.

Good Simulation

Though most of the action takes place at sea, the cast and crew actually spent only one day afloat. The remaining "at sea" scenes were shot on landlocked ships. To simulate the pitch and roll of the ships for these scenes, Laszlo built a camera mount by sandwiching an air-filled innertube between two sheets of plywood with the corners tied together by a shock cord.

This mount, with the camera on it, was installed on top of a gybe arm and, as scenes were filmed, a member of the camera crew rocked the gybe at right angles to the optical axis. The result was a barely perceptible movement.

"We did it the first day on an experimental basis," Laszlo says. "The first scene we shot was of a British admiral surrendering his sword to an American sea captain on the pitching deck of a warship. Actually, the ship was resting in gravel, but the dailies showed it pitching and swaying, and we knew we had the right effect. We used the gybe throughout the rest of the film whenever the action was at sea."

Scene Presents Problem

Another challenging scene involved the filming of chained slaves in a ship's hold. The scene was conceived to depict the indifference with which the slaves were treated, and Laszlo wanted it to be believable.

"Nobody was comfortable," he relates. "It was hot, humid and cramped in that hold, with 50 or 60 'slaves' lying on wooden planks, plus the cameras and crew. Everyone was sweating, and it was real," he says.

There was a lot of temptation under this pressure, he adds, to light the hold as he would a set just to complete the scene. But he decided that wouldn't be realistic because the darkness and the shadows in the hold would make the scene believable.

Laszlo used the light filtering through an open hatch and balanced for it with a few portable 750-watt lamps. He also had the film force processed by one stop.

"The feeling I wanted here was one of brutality and coarseness," says Laszlo. "The lighting helped but, by force processing the film, we knocked down its pleasant tonality and brought out enough grain to make the scene look as coarse as the story we were telling.

"I don't force film unless I want to achieve an effect," he says. "It usually isn't necessary when you're working with a color negative film with an exposure index of 100. But the object of any film production is to make the audience believe what it sees and, in this scene, forced processing was the means to that end.'

Like any other production, there were many other situations where the ingenuity of the Director of Photography and crew were tested and the right answers were found. In each situation, after pondering various alternatives, Laszlo relates that he always came back to the same conclusion.

"I did what was realistic," he says, "because I believed in the story, and I wanted the audience to believe with me. That's what a director of photography has to bring to any assignment-not only a bag of tricks, but also a commitment to reach through the camera with some feeling that relates to, and is a part of, the story."

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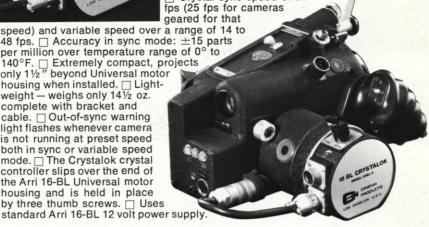
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used to drive the takeup spool. A separate battery supply is used for the camera. This eliminates high-level electrical noises from the camera motor which sometimes interfered with the control circuit in the experimental model.

The film is laced over the rollers from the supply spool, through an "end of film" switch, into the film gate and onto the takeup spool. The "end of film" switch is held in a closed position, thus keeping the control circuit operating, by riding on the edge of the film in the area of the sprocket holes. Upon passing the end of the film through the switch, its plunger drops through the guide, shutting the entire system down. This prohibits needless drain and subsequent damage to the batteries.

I was satisfied with the quality of the lens used in the experimental camera and I used it again in these units. It is a 10mm wide-angle F/1.6 Kern Switar lens. Using Ektachrome 7242 and the new lighting system, the lens setting is F/2.8.

LIGHTING

Lamps have to be relatively simple in design for use in an underwater environment; otherwise, they become bulky and heavy to pressurize. Sylvania manufactures 30-volt, 350-watt, single-end, tungsten-halogen lamps. Three of these lamps were placed in pressure housings with open reflectors. Since the unit is not mobile other than on its trip to and from the bottom, there was no need to utilize enclosed reflectors such as a diver might use to reduce drag.

The lamp housings and reflectors are surrounded by wire protection cages to absorb shock and accidental denting from handling on the ship. The use of three individual lamps provided better control and flexibility of light distribution than one lamp of the same total power.

BATTERIES

With the change of lamp power consumption from 250 watts to 1000 watts and the need for more "lamp on-time" due to the increase in the length of film, (from fifty to four hundred feet), we needed more powerful batteries. Twenty Yardney HR 21 Silvercells worked very well, producing approximately 41 volts at the battery terminals. The reduced temperature range found in the deep ocean, along with voltage drops through the control circuit and power cables, provided the correct voltage and color temperature

for the lamps. These batteries provide a longer high-level plateau of discharge before dropping off abruptly. This has resulted in even exposure through several missions before recharging is necessary. Normally, however, we recharge them after each mission if they will accept the charge.

CONTROL CIRCUIT

Gordon Cooke, an electronic design technician here at Scripps, came up with a preprogramming circuit that was operated by a crystal-stabilized clock which provided variable programming for the filming missions. It allowed for the manual selection of three variables: delay, interval and duration. The delay switch, which is usually set to allow the camera system to reach the bottom before it commenced filming, can be set for 1/2 hr., 1 hr., 2 hrs., 4 hrs. or no delay. The time between shots, when the camera is shut down, is selected at 7.5-min., 15-min. and 30-min. intervals. Camera "on time" can be selected at 10 sec., 15 sec. and 25 sec. These parameters were chosen to include normal operating requirements, but they may be changed to suit special situations by changing the chips in the circuit board.

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VIEWING ANGLE

In order to change the viewing angle, there were several problems that had to be considered. As experience has taught us in using the free vehicle, it is not advisable to place anything directly on the ocean floor which we want to retrieve. To do so may result in the instrument sinking into the sediment or getting trapped in rock formations, making questionable the possibility of getting it back. There was an element of safety in deploying the camera with the lens looking down on the subject. The camera was suspended about ten feet off the floor. Only the ballast weight and bait sat on the floor and these were jettisoned anyway.

The camera also had to look at the bait since that was where the bulk of the activity was presumed to be. There had to be some rigid structure between the camera and bait, otherwise, the currents could swing the camera around at random. This structure had to be

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made so that it could be handled with relative ease on board a ship; a large frame would not do. It also had to be inexpensive since it would be discarded at the end of the mission.

A number of approaches to the problem were brought to the drawing board stage and discarded. Finally I settled on the system shown in FIGURE 2. It is a piece of pipe on which two legs have been welded. These legs fit into pockets under the camera frame and are held in place by the releases which are secured between the legs. A turnbuckle is used to take up the slack. Bait is attached to the end of the pole which is always in view of the camera. Upon release, the electrical timer or backup release breaks its attachment to the ballast pole and the camera lifts off of the legs and returns to the surface. See FIGURE 3. This method is now being used on the still cameras as well as the cine systems.

RELEASES

Two releases are employed in the cine camera system. The primary release is a precision electronic timed device, designed by Meredith Sessions at Scripps. A crystal-controlled clock activates the firing circuit after a preselected time and fires a squib which severs its connecting link to the ballast weight. The backup release is made of magnesium rod and works on the principle that salt water will corrode the magnesium at a known rate. Release accuracy within one to three hours can be accomplished by cutting the magnesium to certain diameters.

MISSIONS

The deep water cine camera system has been used extensively off the Southern California coast, East Africa and in the Humboldt Current off Chile and Peru. Some harrowing experiences have occurred. Ever see a dolly shot made several thousand feet beneath the sea? On this particular mission our charts indicated that the bottom was made up of steep slopes and jagged outcroppings of rocks. When we got the dailies back and projected them, we found our camera sliding down a slope apparently still on its way to deeper depths, the bait pole digging up clumps of rock and scattering bentic creatures in its path. We never saw the bottom at all on several missions. It was apparent that the camera was sitting on a ledge looking out over a submarine canyon or vallev.

Most of the fish we photograph on the ocean bottom are Grenadiers or rat-tails. This is a deepwater fish. Along the shallower reaches, hag fish, an eellike creature, and sable fish, known as black cod, have been most abundant. Once at the bottom of the Patton Escarpment, on the outer edge of the channel islands, two and one half miles down, we encountered a small octopus which was just a little larger than an orange. How did we know this? One of our technicians got a bright idea; he suggested we see if fish were partial to citrus fruit. An orange was placed on the bait pole along with the regular bait. There were no takers for the orange, but the little fellow appeared to be checking it over, fondling it, sitting on top of it. Hmmmm, sex has gone abyssal.

Off Aldabra Island in the Indian Ocean, we encountered cow sharks, about eight to ten feet in length, which would come crashing in to get the bait, but somehow, would end up missing it completely and, instead, take a bite out of the coral rock. There has only been one mission where we did not photograph any fish. This was in the Santa Monica Basin. The camera did, however, photograph some medusa drifting by. We have photographed many types of crabs, starfish, eels, etc. Most of our work has been accomplished in depths over two miles, our shallowest being one mission in 700 feet of water.

FISH LIP-SYNC

On one occasion, off East Africa, we added lip-sync sound capability to the system. See FIGURE 4. Ever hear a fish talk? A tape recorder with pilot tone head was piggy-backed, or maybe "fishy-backed" is more appropriate, on the camera frame in its own pressure housing and connected to a special deep water hydrophone. The camera motor was connected to a sync generator and an automatic blooping signal device was designed and built into the system. The results? Not too successful. Underwater acoustical problems amplified the camera transport noise and we could not hear anything over the clatter. Unfortunately, there were no loud-mouthed fish around.

The fish lip-sync idea was temporarily abandoned due to the fact that it would require complete isolation of the camera from its pressure case in much the same manner as a normal sound camera is damped from its sound blimp. Aluminum tubes large enough to house the camera and its insulation are hard to come by, especially if required to resist the pressures we are working in.

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Aside from the scientific use of the film, some sequences have been shown on CBS's "BLUE ZOO", a special report on oceanography, and a twenty-five-minute film, "LIFE ON THE ABYSSAL FLOOR", was shown at the 1971 Underwater Film Festival in San Diego.

THE FUTURE

Additional experiments are to be conducted, as well as more of our regular camera work. A time-lapse cine system is presently under development for use in detecting sediment shifts on the ocean floor over long periods of time. This system can also be used to detect the activity of small crawling types of creatures. Also, attempts will be made to photograph micro-organisms in mid-water in the scattering layers. The use of macro-lens and even micro-lens seems inevitable as we continue our probing of life in the deep oceans.

There is, of course, the job of continually improving our methods of deployment, viewing, lighting, etc. These are all more difficult than they would at first appear. It is, for example, relatively simple to change the lighting for a motion picture shot on the surface. One can physically place the light where he wants it, but this becomes a very complex set of problems on the ocean floor. Does the change make the system heavier? How much flotation is required to get it back to the surface? What type of framework has to be constructed to suspend the light over the area you want lit? Can it be handled easily on board ship, especially in rough seas? How much additional power is required? What is the loss of power over an extended length of cable? How can you release it from the bottom? The problems compound themselves.

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ferson. And when one of Claude's electronic doodads causes the Sheriff's car to go out of control and run amuck in a field, we cranked at 6 fps for an hilarious result.

The remote-controlled model sport car would not run over the rough dirt surfaces and blacktop as fast as we would have liked, so we increased its velocity on film two-and-a-half times by photographing it at 9 fps.

Of course, when operating the camera at a film flow speed less than the standard 24 fps, compensation must be made for exposure. This we did by using heavier 85ND filters to minimize having to stop down.

This production was no exception in utilizing the skill of the grips in judiciously hanging greens in the foreground about the frame line to pretty up the composition and/or to hide otherwise obtrusive immovables (such as a rather extensive modern housing project in the background of certain needed camera angles).

Although our exterior shooting was pretty well centered in the barnyard area, where short range and limited moves of equipment and personnel were all that were required, we did have to move up a hill to high ground, or down the dirt road a piece, occasionally. When such a move was necessary, the entire crew pitched in and loaded what equipment was needed-camera dolly, the cameras and accessories, lights, reflectors, stands, sandbags, apple boxes, props, sound gear and water-on a halfton pickup truck and headed out. Such moves averaged less than half an hour. We maintained an average of close to twenty-four set-ups per nine-and-a-half hour shooting day.

Since the area is known for its population of rattlesnakes, the crew was advised to wear high-top boots. The second morning a huge rattler turned up by an outbuilding while we were moving some of the ranch equipment for a set-up. Needless to say, after that happened, everyone wore boots to work daily, and, of course, not another rattler showed up.

One of the biggest cumulative delaying factors (taken into account during pre-production planning) was airplane noise. It caused more delays than we had anticipated during our scouting of the area. Evidently, an instructor from one of the several valley airports acquired some morning students, and so the plane would appear overhead for half an hour at a time every hour or so each morning. This was in addition to

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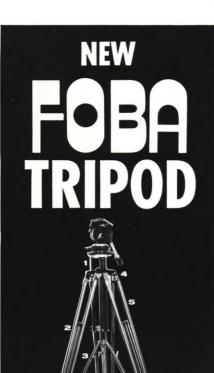
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Our assistant editor/sound cutter, Don Schneider, was put on early to set up the editing room in our production offices for the convenience it would afford. He would sync and have coded the voice track with the one-light, uncorrected color workprint, having our dailies ready for an 8:30 PM screening each evening. Besides saving money, the principal reason for ordering one-light, uncorrected color dailies is to determine whether the exposed negative is within printing range. Our CFI dailies printed at light 26R, 20G, 14B for the interiors and at 30R, 27G, 18B for the exteriors, near the middle of the printing scale, so we were all right in this department.

During our look at dailies, director Hillman was primarily concerned with the action, dialogue delivery, character interpretation and film coverage, while I scrutinized the film from a technical viewpoint—exposure, lighting balance, framing, camera and zoom moves, and the mechanical functioning of the camera and sound equipment.

Our film editor, John Winfield, began cutting sequences during the middle of the first week of shooting. We would screen these sequences right after looking at our dailies and then follow up with a rap session.

Post-production went well, as some clever comedy bits hit the editing room floor in the interest of overall pacing. By the third week following production, we had a first cut. Polishing—perfecting critical comedy timing and overall pacing of the picture—took two more weeks.

In the meantime, the composer, who had visited the shooting site and had viewed most of the rushes and the first cut, was roughing in his musical notions and was ready to start scoring.

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reel was finalized, timings were taken by the composer. Then the dialogue track was pruned of its minus-dialogue production sound and placed on a separate track, augmented by another track of appropriate library sound effects. The music cues were laid in on two tracks as they arrived from recording and transfer.

During the final week, while opticals and titles were being cut in, cue sheets for each of the dialogue, sound effects, and music tracks plus the sound effects loops were being prepared for the dubbing session at Glen Glenn.

Following the successful dub, and before cutting negative, we previewed the finalized workprint, now with all the titles and opticals included, interlocked with the composite mag track, before what we felt were audiences representative of our intended target audience—the rural and suburban family. The response was both gratifying and instructive. As a result, we did a moderate amount of pruning and readjusting, re-dubbed, and then cut our precious negative.

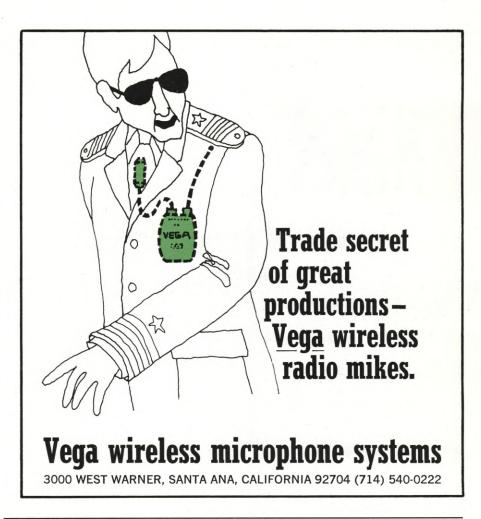
It was our intention when we made "THE MAN FROM CLOVER GROVE" to entertain and please a family audience, and with the feed-back we received from our representative audiences, we feel that our film has achieved this intended objective. On the money side, this decision to preview before cutting negative, was relatively costly, but well worthwhile, because the box office potential was enhanced. After all, that is where it counts because that is where decisions pay off.

SUMMING UP

In summing up, our day-end production meetings, our evening look at dailies, our extensive weekend skull sessions, during which we evaluated our progress and made adjustments in our plans, served us well. Even with some unexpected equipment failures-a surging generator with a faulty voltage regulator and the resulting burn-outs, a separated camera power switch cable, some minimal crew illness, and the airplane interference-we managed to come in on schedule with some adroit rescheduling of shots by Director Hillman and First AD Grillo, efficient repairs and moves by our gung-ho crew, and fast study by our fine cast.

It was a pleasant experience working with this cast of top-notch, first-take comedy actors. They were a pleasure on and off camera.

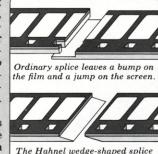
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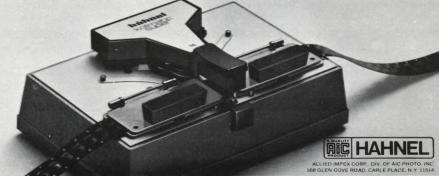


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Even with the speed of the shooting schedule, we were able to introduce appropriate camera moves with the crab dolly, the light-weight platform dolly, and the zoom lens to give sufficient variety to the camera coverage. In addition, our pre-production rigging procedures and the light-weight electrical equipment made for efficient shooting. As a matter of fact, the positive and cooperative attitude of cast, crew and staff would have made possible the shaving of a day or two off our fifteen day schedule had not the equipment failures occurred and had not that flight instructor selected our canyon shooting site for his students' aerial maneuvers.

To facilitate production, most of the category heads-cameraman, gaffer, construction supervisor, prop master, wardrobe mistress, makeup artist, utility and film editors, along with the assistant directors and script supervisor-were given adequate pre-production time to plan and arrange their materiel needs.

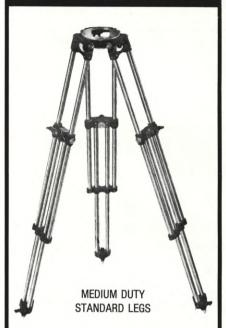
Post-production went about as planned, with some delays caused by several distributors desiring an early look at the film.

Having producer responsibilities while also functioning as a member of the production crew is not recommended for those who require their eight hours of sleep. Nevertheless, it can be, and was, challenging and worthwhile.

Although directing photography and operating the camera is not necessarily the most efficient way to go on most tight low-budget features, it worked well for this one because of the longterm relationship with my associate and director-co-producer, Bill Hillman, the substantial pre-production involvement with this project, the fast-paced production schedule, advance electrical rigging of interiors and exteriors, the efficient crew, and the first-take cast. In addition, I have a personal preference for operating my own camera because, along with lighting, it is the essential tool of the cinematographer and the creative process is best served with the tools securely in hand.

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while dripping wet. I was concerned about the effect of the heat and humidity on the film and noticed the film emulsion did become quite sticky but caused no problems whatsoever.

We filmed kids going to a movie and walking through the Emerald Buddha and Sleeping Buddha temples—absolutely spectacular places. Back at the hotel that evening, we recorded statements of several students. These sessions, rapping with students on a wide range of subjects, were always most interesting.

Tuesday, October 17:

Shot some retail stores, students walking around the University, and then back to our hotel, Dusit Thani, to pack. It conveniently rained while we had lunch. On the way to the airport, stopped at a Disneyland kind of place and got shots of Thai dancing girls and an elephant. Left on a 3 p.m. flight for Sydney that took all night.

Wednesday, October 18:

Checked into the Wentworth Hotel, Sydney, at 8:45 a.m., exhausted. At 9 the local manager was there for a breakfast meeting to plan our stay. He and his marketing manager had developed a comprehensive schedule which included stops in Adelaide and Melbourne. We had to go to Adelaide because the factory was located there, but it seemed unnecessary to go to Melbourne for retail shots that we could get in Sydney. You can make a point just so emphatically for just so long and then you back off. (We went to Melbourne.) The rest of the day was spent shooting identification scenes and working with models at the beach.

Thursday, October 19:

An early flight to Adelaide, where they hadn't got the word we were coming. It made little difference. Still managed some good factory shots and one MOS with a mini-skirted girl by a beautiful fountain. To the airport and off to Melbourne.

Friday, October 20:

The kindest thing to say is that things didn't go well here, even to the extent that the hotel's hot water system gave out. Mike went across town to record a retailer's statement while I was filming other retail locations. He nearly missed the plane. Back in Sydney we took a ferry boat ride for harbor shots and then interviewed several students.

Saturday, October 21:



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Sunday, October 22:

Arrived in London about noon and enjoyed the luxury of a nap until dinner time. Met with Levi people, in from the main European office in Brussels, to plan the European portion of the trip. From here, Mike was heading back to San Francisco so was busily briefing Tim Van Beek, the European advertising manager who would be taking Mike's place, as to the concept of the film, the arrangements to be made, his duties as assistant cameraman and sound man, and ways in which to handle a sometimes cranky filmmaker.

Monday, October 23:

We drove around for some early morning identification shots and then to Harrods, a large, well-known London department store. Shot wide open in a kind of boutique section which displayed many Levi's. The models we were to meet at Harrods either didn't show up or looked a matronly 35. We tried to recruit others. The motorcycle sequence we had planned required driving many miles to a motorcycle shop. We dropped the models off to get changed and try out the bikes while we scouted locations. Upon finding a nearby castle, we returned to the cycle shop to learn that none of the models had bike licenses or didn't care to ride even as a passenger. Mike and I found it curious that such matters hadn't been discussed earlier. As an alternative, we walked the models around the castle and were kicked out by a good-natured park attendant. This made a better sequence than we could have planned. Back to the hotel to record student comments . . . none showed up. London didn't go well.

Tuesday, October 24:

With no little trepidation, I said goodbye to Mike who was leaving for San Francisco later in the day, and my new helper, Tim, and I headed for a 9 a.m flight to Paris. Even though Monday had been a disaster, I had confi-

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dence in Tim because he also realized it was a disaster and, as a result, had some ideas as to how to prevent those types of problems in the future. At any rate, in Paris we were met promptly, taken to the Levi office where we recorded two interviews, and then driven to the Eiffel Tower with three models to do a climbing sequence. The weather was less than clear so we had to be content with climbing shots—the "pay-off" shots failed to show much of a view from the top.

Wednesday, October 25:

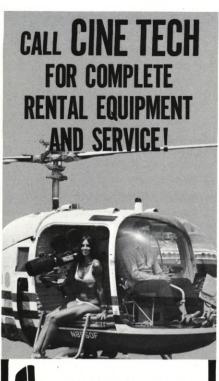
Up early for Paris identification shots, retail stores, and then to the Crazy Horse theater-restaurant by noon where the 1973 line of Levi's for Gals was being presented to buyers and merchandising managers from stores all over Europe. At 3 p.m. the show was repeated for the press and photographers, and I shot about 350 feet in case it might be useful. At one point when I needed to change film, Tim wasn't around and neither was the film case. He soon returned with the film but I had missed a large part of the 50-minute show. He disappeared again. I was left with only my French-speaking assistant, with whom I couldn't communicate. I was alternating between the front and back stage, changing from tripod to hand grip, as well as sometimes changing lenses and, in between times, taking a few still shots. With cameras and batteries strapped to my body and juggling a tripod and equipment case, I felt like Dick Van Dyke as the one-man band in Mary Poppins-except that I wasn't smiling. My mood was black. Tim finally showed up apologizing for his absence, but his wallet and passport had been stolen. I hadn't thought it possible to have a good enough excuse, but losing a wallet is a tragedy, especially when you're traveling.

Since there was still some light left, we drove around Paris picking up more identification shots—street artists in Montmartre, views of Sacre Coeur, etc. On such a tight schedule, my motto had become: if there's light, shoot! Then to the airport for our flight to Brussels.

Thursday, October 26:

A meeting at the European headquarters offices of Levi Strauss and then off to a tiny town almost to the coast, where a large factory is located. Got a good exterior shot and spent a couple of hours inside. Some 400 local girls there, and in walk two guys with a movie camera! In just about every shot there were eyes peeking around something, looking at the camera. It became a game to distract the girls' attention to some

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Friday, October 27:

Up early for retail store shots—two excellent locations with large windows that gave plenty of light, for a change. (Some helpful feedback arrived today from my editor in San Francisco, who was assembling a rough edit as the film came in, including requests for more inside-out shots of retail stores and natural looking models in old, instead of brand new, pants.) In the afternoon we shot some general identification scenes, stopped by the office again to get a substituted passport for Tim, and were off to the airport.

We arrived in Munich very late and barely got to the hotel bar in time to celebrate the fact that today had been my fortieth birthday—and this was my third visit to Munich in a year. One of my favorite cities, but it was raining. And I felt very old.

Saturday, October 28:

Rained all day but it didn't slow us down. Shot retail stores in Karlsplatz, the Rathaus Glockenspiel, and then met our models at the Olympic Stadium for the "active-kid scenes." Our local coordinators apologized for the small number of models but felt they could have done better had they had more than one day's notice. Tim and I smiled and agreed. Which proved again, with all the letters, telegrams, and phone calls, you still should expect only a fraction of your message to get through. Back to the hotel for more interviews and a pleasant dinner with old Munich friends.

Sunday, October 29:

Early morning flight to Amsterdam. The Munich airport security was intense—we were checked three times. When we landed in Amsterdam there were two tanks to meet us. We later learned terrorists had phoned Lufthansa three days earlier and told them they would hijack a plane on the 29th. They did that morning but, fortunately for us, not ours.

We drove to Vondelpark and got many good shots in the golden afternoon light; on to the Dom, another favorite milling-around spot for kids. And it seemed that about 90% of them were wearing Levi's. Recorded student interviews back at the hotel.

Monday, October 30:

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friend, came along with us to take stills. We did retail shots in the morning. Rob suggested a number of interesting locations, including a MOS in the red light district. We found a girl wearing Levi's and she agreed to a brief statement but I was concerned with potential trouble from "owners and protectors" who don't encourage this kind of publicity. I didn't want me or my equipment swimming in a canal so we did the shot in record time. Driving away, we spotted a beautiful girl in a Levi jacket and jeans riding a bike whom we "commandeered" for a setting-sun, bike-riding sequence, across bridges and alongside canals.

Back to the Dom, the light was fading, and I still needed a "dancing" shot as a transition into the last section of the film. We had asked the local Levi's PR girl to line up a go-go dancer. She was there, looking awful, so we paid her off and let her go. We walked around the Dom somewhat dejected when a fantastic girl came by: old, patched, skin-tight Levi's over a perfect body-young, good looking, a teacher from Antwerp in town on holiday. She agreed to our proposition and was outstanding. (As luck would have it, she had trained as a dancer.) Some of the best things in a film are unplanned.

Tuesday, October 31:

An early morning flight to London. A limousine met us and took us to the Levi's London show rooms where eight models, already fitted, were waiting for us. One had the feeling the London office was going to make sure this return trip would work out. We shot kids playing around in the London Zoo and then a short motorcycle sequence in Regents Park. Back at the show room again we did some recorded interviews with students and a series of dressingroom changing shots. We collapsed with a tall scotch and soda and went out to dinner to celebrate the conclusion of shooting. This kind of merriment had not previously been included in the schedule-not only was there no time for prolonged wining and dining but also the morning-after "condition" would have made it all totally impossible.

Wednesday, November 1:

Four weeks after leaving, I'm on my way back to San Francisco. The plane was delayed four hours due to heavy London fog and, as I sat in the airport, I thought how lucky we had been regarding weather, hijacking, riots and war. To say nothing of health and well-being. It was a pleasant flight and the reunion was an emotional one. Those four

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Thursday, November 2:

Reviewed the first 4,000 feet with Ron Chase. Admitting to no objectivity, it all looked amazingly good to me. Even my very critical editor, who is an outstanding filmmaker, praised the footage. The last 2,000 feet that I had brought back with me was reviewed the next day and we discussed some general directions on the edit. I then spent the next two days sleeping and overcoming a month's worth of jet lag.

Monday, November 6:

Reviewed all the assembled footage with the client. There were favorable comments and no changes in any of the plans we had previously discussed.

While Ron started to cut down our 2½ hours of film to 15 minutes, I studied the transcripts of all the interviews and sync sound sequences. I had these transferred, along with some music we had obtained while in each country. By Friday, we had an 18-minute rough cut ready for review with Mike.

Monday, November 13:

Based on comments from last Friday's meeting, we revised the film over the weekend and showed it to Mike today, along with his boss, Bud Robinson, and Bud Johns, director of corporate public relations. They liked it, except for deciding to eliminate some nudity from the Paris Crazy Horse sequence. Ron and I dove into the sound problem and had a four-channel interlock to show Mike on Friday, the 17th.

Monday, November 20:

Ronald Chase is the best film editor, as well as one of the hardest-working people, I know. Because he worked nearly around the clock, we were able to show a final workprint with a four-channel interlock to Mike and his boss today. They were very pleased. We proceeded to the final mix on Tuesday and I reviewed it with Mike the next day. He was unsure of it—some sound too loud, some statements not clear enough, etc. Since we were ahead of schedule, we decided to hold until after Thanksgiving.

Monday, November 27:

Reviewed the sound again and agreed to make a volume adjustment during the electro-printing of the sound. I feverishly went to work conforming the workprint to the original footage and had it to the lab by Thursday morning,



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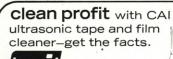
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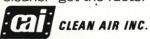
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Monday, December 4:

Reviewed the answer print with Mike and his people and we decided there were enough reasons to remix the sound. They agreed this print could have been used for the management meeting. But, since we were two weeks ahead of the meeting-planned that way just in case of some emergency-we agreed to do another sound mix to sharpen up some small problems of levels and fidelity. This was done Tuesday and Wednesday, into the lab on Thursday, and an answer print was out the following Monday.

Monday, December 11:

The second answer print was delivered to Levi Strauss and Mike was ecstatic. Which didn't make me sad. We had lunch at the Garden Court in the Palace Hotel and planned other educational and PR films based on our footage. And congratulated ourselves. It had been an impossible schedule, yet we were in a week ahead of time with a film that gave a warm feeling of respect for people around the world and a sense of pride in the multi-nation breadth of the Levi organization.

Monday, December 18:

The film, titled "THE WORLD'S STILL YOUNG", was shown to a senior management meeting at the Fairmont Hotel. It was the highlight of the threeday meeting.

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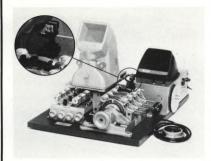
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stars like Ryan O'Neal, Jane Wyatt, Barbara Loden, Jean Arthur, Dennis Hopper, Rock Hudson, Rip Torn, Joan Fontaine, and John Voight. Together with the directors of award-winning films (like Robert Altman and Peter Bogdanovich), they participated in discussions of their work after the screenings. These exchanges have proved to be the most exciting element of the festival programming, for the festival audiences are passionate lovers of film. One of the most touching scenes of last year's festivities was that of Frank Capra tearfully accepting the tribute of his stars and the enthusiastic Dallas audience.

This year's festival boasts a distinquished panel of critics headed by Judith Crist (NEW YORK MAGAZINE and the NBC TODAY SHOW), Arthur Knight (SATURDAY REVIEW and PLAYBOY), Hollis Alpert (WORLD) MAGAZINE), and Esme Dick (Director, AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL). Together with the Festival Board of Directors, the critics have restructured the competition normally associated with festivals. In the past, critics like Jay Cocks and Rex Reed have been sequestered at the ranch of Dallas radio executive Gordon McClendon for a "Critics' Week." During this period, they might view as many as ninety official entrants. Aside from the fortitude required for such a grueling schedule, Dallas audiences were never exposed to the critics themselves and the critical process. Therefore, in order to interact to a greater degree with the festival patrons, the critics are now involved in extending the invitations on behalf of the festival to films that they consider to be of award-winning calibre. Their choices are, and have been, made from films which they have pre-screened for critical review. And in addition, Crist, Knight, Alpert, and Dick will discuss their personal selections with the filmmakers after each screening.

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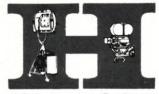
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SURTEES: It took aperture changessometimes five or six stops in one shot, but I happen to have an assistant who can make those changes so that you never see them. There's no one like him. Another picture we did, "THE OTHER" is full of aperture changes. We were always taking people inside of dark barns and then right out into the daylight, but you can't tell when you see the picture.

QUESTION: Do you actually manipulate the aperture, or do you do it by varying the shutter?

SURTEES: We never do it with the shutter. You'd think it would be easier. but by working the aperture you can cue it better and vary it from fast to slow.

QUESTION: Did you use any unusual lighting equipment on "LOST HORIZON"?

SURTEES: There isn't any unusual lighting equipment in Hollywood.

QUESTION: I'm glad you said it instead of me.

SURTEES: Sometimes on the lamps I used a new type of diffusion. We called it "scratch". I don't recall its actual name, but it has etched lines all over it which disburse the light, even when you're using a projection-type lamp. With conventional soft-lights the light is scattered all over the place and you can't control it. I want to be able to control every light that I possibly can. This diffusion lets you get soft light. while retaining full control of the lamp.

QUESTION: Did it seem a bit odd to you to be working on a musical after all of the dramatic films you've done recently?

SURTEES: Well, the last musical I did was "SWEET CHARITY" at Universal and that's been a while ago. On that picture I used a very modern photographic treatment with unusual camera angles because it was a very modern type of film. But "LOST HORIZON" is basically a very straight film and so I had to use straight camera angles. To have gone modern would have been out of key with the overall style of the picture.

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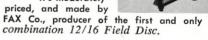
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SURTEES: That keeps it interesting. For example, the picture I'm working on now, "THE STING", is a complete departure from "LOST HORIZON" and the photographic style is totally different. The story takes place in Chicago during the 1930's and all of the guys in it are con men. I've gone back to almost a home movie type of lighting. I've even brought in my home movie lights for some of the close stuff. It's pretty hard and harsh by today's standards, and it might be considered bad photography. For once, instead of always having perfect density, I let people go hot even if they burn up once in a while, or I let them go very dark. The extreme contrast is in key with the feeling of this particular picture. It's like the year I did "THE LAST PICTURE SHOW" and also "THE SUMMER OF '42"-two completely different styles of photography. One was pictorial and the other one was harsh. On "LOST HORIZON" I had a chance to use all of the old gags again-everything. It was fun, though.

QUESTION: Do you think that young cameramen coming up in the industry today will have a chance to develop such versatility?

SURTEES: You can't imagine what we owe to the cameramen who went ahead of us-and I'm sure these new people can't imagine it. They'll never have the chance to learn from such cameramen, and that's a shame. It took me 19 years before I became a first cameramaneight years as an assistant and ten years operating the camera. Now a guy goes out and, if he's lucky enough to be working with a nice group and they change people, he may get advanced to first cameraman in perhaps four or five years-but he never gets the chance to learn everything he has to know. First of all, in TV film production they never photograph that way because it takes too long, so he'll never even see that kind of photography, much less get a chance to learn it. I think that when I retire-if I ever do-I'd like to open a school for cameramen. It would be in a place that has real lights, real cameras and real sets-and to hell with the theory. Let them go in there and do the actual work.

QUESTION: Do you think there's a tendency these days for people to underestimate how much they need to know in order to become first cam-



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SURTEES: The thing about camerawork is that you have to have so much technical knowledge-aside from going berserk once in a while and thinking vou're an artist.

QUESTION: We can't have you thinking you're an artist. That would blow the whole scene.

SURTEES: Especially if the studio finds out you're thinking it. The minute they hear the word "art" they become very defensive right now. I've seen good directors get labeled as "artists" and have a hell of a time finding a job. Yet, in the industry, they all admire artists such as Bergman, Truffaut and people like that, but they don't want anything to do with them on this end of picturemaking.

QUESTION: Do you have any final comments about "LOST HORIZON"?

SURTEES: Only that I hope that it will be successful, because that will mean a lot to Hollywood. It will encourage the industry to make big pictures in Hollywood again, including musicals. If it is a success, the man most responsible will be the producer, Ross Hunter. It's sad that not many producers in Hollywood mean very much to a picture, actuallybut when Ross Hunter's name is on the screen, it's a Ross Hunter picture. He's totally involved in production. He's a nice, polite man to work with and he has a facility for getting the best work out of you. You don't lie down on the job. You don't take it easy. It becomes the rule to ask yourself on each shot: "How can I do this better?" Not simply: "How can I do it faster." It's a wonderful feeling to know that you're working for somebody who will back you up, no matter what it costs. That's the way Mike Nichols was, too, on "THE GRADUATE". He'd just keep spurring you on to do something different-and if it didn't work, he'd take the

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ent with this," he said, "It's almost like a painting, but the camera is still there. Just good crisp work. The scenery gets more striking as we approach the valley.

"In 'THE LAST PICTURE SHOW', for instance, I could do some real tight stuff, parts of faces, etc., but this has to have a pictorial quality. It's a fantasy. We had a great, almost eerie effect yesterday with a band of haze and fog late in the day. I just let the exposure go. It should be good.

"The big problem here is equipment, getting it around-logistics. And this is a good word for the Arriflex. We're using two of them. I always carry one; but on 'LOST HORIZON' here we're using Arriflexes for both cameras.

"No, we haven't used any lights. We just can't haul our big lights up there and all we could get with small lights would be faces. You can't light up the whole mountain with them. We'll probably have to cut in a lot of closeups from the studio. Those parka hoods have hidden the faces some.

"But the real unusual thing about this picture is the second unit. I can't think of another major picture where the crew camped out, was snowed in, living in tents and snow caves."

It was the North Cascades location that brought out the stories. Bruce Surtees worked this second unit, along with director Russ Saunders, camera operator Ken Peach, Jr., color technicians Ozzie Smith and Lance Williams, second assistant and loader Dave Plinn, and unit manager Mac Harding.

This was in the Colonial Peaks area, 25 miles south of the Canadian border in some of America's wildest and roughest country. The helicopters (there were two of them on the job) provided quick 20-minute access from the hamlet of Newhalem when the weather was favorable. Usually it wasn't.

Jerstad's husky mountaineers, ramrodded by his partner Stan Armington, moved into the camp one day, setting up 13 two- and four-man tents at the 6.400-foot-level. More than 11 feet of snow fell during the three weeks on location in early April. Only eight days could be used for shooting.

The climbers started to dig snowcaves in the side of the hill. "By the time things went to hell, we really needed them," said Armington. Three tents collapsed under the heavy snow and 60-mile-per-hour winds. During one heavy weather siege, the crew spent three days and two nights in the tents. Bruce Surtees once was confined to his tent for 36 hours.

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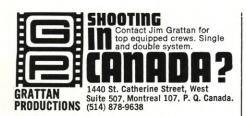
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The climbers dug out the entrances to the tents and caves in the morning, sometimes requiring a half-hour to get out. They also cooked the meals, providing a "catering service" with freezedried mountaineering foods. The camp was fully supplied to subsist the entire group of 28 during the stormy periods.

Of the technical work, Armington said, "We put in one route along a ledge that was really a little hairy. For safety's sake, we put in an evacuation route, should the weather change, preventing the helicopter from coming in to get us. This entailed placing directional wands, 50 feet apart, and breaking trail for a couple of miles across the glacier.

"The day we filmed that ledge, the weather did go bad. The Tyler mount was in one helicopter. They probably set a pit-stop record, pulling that mount out to provide room to get the people off the ledge. The weather hit ten minutes later. The helicopter couldn't have gotten in again for two days."

Moving equipment around in the deep snow was heavy work, with a toboggan sometimes helping. Virgin untracked snow was needed for the filming and careful planning was required to move equipment without tracking the snow.

The helicopter was used, too, to produce man-made blizzards, whirling away only five feet from the ground to churn up the snow. This is a difficult procedure because the pilot's visibility is limited in the swirling snow. It is difficult to judge depth and distances.

The unaccustomed high altitudes were a problem for some of the crew. In fact, on the day of my visit to Mt. Hood, first assistant director Shel Schrager had to hop the chopper back to the lodge after a few hours at the top got him down.

Interestingly, Peter Finch, who plays Richard Conway, the British diplomat who is hijacked to Shangri-La, leaves, and then returns of his own desire, has a mountaineering background. His father, Australian George Ingle-Finch was a member of the 1922 British expedition which tried to climb Mt. Everest. Mallory, the expedition's leader, coined the classic "Because it is there" statement when asked why he wanted to climb a mountain. Mallory disappeared near the top of Everest in a 1924 attempt.

As a 10-year-old, Peter Finch was

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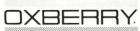
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