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# Cineramic New York

New Motion Picture System to Show State at the Fair

THE NEW YORK STATE exhibit at the World's Fair will have incorporated into it a unique motion picture system which will give Fair visitors an unusual and exciting panoramic view of the state. Coleman Productions, Inc., of New York City, will be the producers of the picture and will also function as the operators of the exhibit.

Harry Coleman, president of that firm, engaged the Cinerama Camera Corporation to design a unique motion picture camera which could photograph "in the round" — that is to say, with a panoramic 360 degree picture. Cinerama Camera undertook the task in the early part of April of this year, and has already delivered the camera system, which is now being used for the production of the film.

"Spacearium" at Seattle Fair

Cinerama's Special Projects Department has produced such unique exhibits as the Spacearium, the hemispherical projection system which took viewers on a motion picture trip to outer space. The film was located in the United States Science Pavilion of the Seattle World's Fair. It had been developed by a Cinerama Camera team under the direction of William D. Liitschwager, who is now Director of Marketing for the company.

Coleman recognized that such talent was needed for the development of the New York State Exhibit and contracted to have his cameras built by them. Coleman, in conjunction with Gerhard Lessman, Cinerama Camera's Director of Engineering, and with Mr. Liitschwager, worked out the detailed specifications of the system.

360-degree View of State

The motion picture system envisioned for the exhibit was to be a panoramic picture of New York State projected onto a cylinder 80 feet in diameter and 20 feet high, in a 360-degree panorama. To accomplish this it was necessary to first design and develop a multiple camera system which could photograph in this configuration. It was decided that six Mitchell Mark II cameras would be mounted in tandem on a pedestal. This would provide six 35mm single frame exposures to cover the 360-degree panoramic view called for.

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N.Y. STATE FILM:



Producer Harry Coleman (at left) checks Cinerama camera with William D. Liitschwager of Cinerama's Special Projects Department.

inches high with an overall diameter across the magazines of 52 inches. The total unit weighs over 500 pounds.

The cameras are mounted vertically and photograph into a turret of 45-degree angle mirrors. Special optics were designed to accomplish the 360-degree horizontal coverage and the 27 degree vertical coverage.

Coleman Productions, Inc. won the assignment to do the New York State production because of the company's familiarity and experience in travel films. The principal cinematographer engaged for the production, said to be one of the few able to handle a brace of six cameras at once, is Chuck Austin, formerly employed by the Mitchell Company, and one of the men instrumental in the design of the Mark II.

#### Writer Carl Pugh's at Home

☆ Script writer Carl Pugh is now located on his own mango and avocado plot at 13123 South West 64th Court, Miami, Florida. His phone number remains the same: MOhawk 1-9440. A C 305. ■

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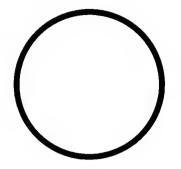
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Produced by Coleman Productions, Inc., the film treats viewers to a whirlwind tour of the state, highlighting significant scenic, industriad, cultural and entertainment centers. The feeling of presence experienced in the 360-degree film is extraordinary.

#### A New 360-Degree Approach

This process differs from earlier attempts at reproducing a total 360-degree field of view in several substantial areas. Most significant, it utilizes 35mm film, rather than the previous 16mm, which permits a projected image of sufficient dimensions to do justice to total all-encircling panorama.

Additionally, because the Mitchell Mark 11 eameras are equipped with identically-matched anamorphic lenses, only six cameras are required to complete the 360 degree horizontal coverage, rather than the 10 or 11 cameras required by other processes. This advantage is immediately obvious. The biggest obstacle to be overcome in multiple projection is edgematching. By using only six units, the number of edges to be matched is reduced by nearly half.

#### Special System Was Built

In order to more adequately fulfill his conception of Theaterama, Harry L. Coleman, president of Coleman Productions, Inc., commissioned the Cinerama Camera Corporation, of Hollywood, to design and construct a multiple camera system to certain of his own specifications.

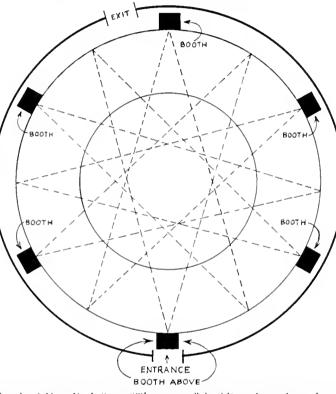
The result of their combined efforts is the 60-pound camera set-up approximating the shape of a cylinder — 48 inches high by 52 inches in diameter, including 1000foot magazines.

The six Mark II's are mounted vertically on a pedestal, shooting up into a turret of six front-sur-



# A 360-DEGREE TOUR "A-ROUND NEW YORK"

### encircling ristus of the Empire Stute put viewers right "in" the action



Sketch of New York State "Theateranu" building shows how the six 35mm Norcleo Pulse-Lite projectors cover equal number of 20 x 42foot screens, encircling viewers who stand in center on marble floor.

face mirrors, arranged to present a 45 degree surface to each lens. Without this feature, the cameras would necessarily be mounted horizontally, shooting outward like spokes of a wheel.

In the latter arrangement, the edges of the angle of view origi-

Circular Theaterama building in which Coleman-produced 360-degree film is shown. Examples of "pop" art are used around outside walls.

View of the New York State area with Theaterama ticket booth in foreground. A modest 25¢ admission is charged for the 42-minute picture.





nating at the nodal point of each individual lens could not possibly correspond. Thus, at close range, a subject passing from the field of view of one camera to that of another would be lost from sight during that interval.

#### Avoiding the Loss of Field

By establishing an effective nodal point for *all* cameras (hypothetically dead center of the system) and reflecting the field accepted at this common point into each individual lens, there is no loss of field at any distance from the lens, from minimum to infinity. This is the value and necessity of the optically - correct, perfectlyaligned turret of mirrors.

Reducing the number of cameras, thereby providing more uninterrupted screen in projecting 360-degrees, created optical problems which challenged the best engineering minds in the business. Since each of the six cameras must accept a full 60-degrees of horizontal coverage, a lens with a focal length of not more than 40mm is required. A 40mm lens could not accept the necessary anamorphic addition without vignetting.

#### Lenses Were Ground Overseas

The problem was deported, with recommendations to an overseas optical manufacturer. The solution received was a set of six (CONCLUDED ON PAGE 76) identical 40mm matched lenses, with built-in anamorphics. This feature permits angle coverage in excess of the 60-degrees per camera required, and then is masked in projection.

The cameras are collectively driven by a single motor, interlocked to the drive shafts of each camera. This mechanical interlock insures identical operation of all cameras. Power for the outfit is supplied by a 28-volt rechargable storage battery. The various speeds of the motor are absolutely controlled by a servo amplifier, which is accurate to plus or minus a tenth of one degree. This servo amplifier was originally engineered for delicate speed controlled devices for the armed forces. Its application is ideally suited for constant camera speed controls,

## Required 17-Conductor Cable

The remote control system, a single panel box connected to the camera by a 17-conductor cable. permits on-off control, variable camera speeds from 8 fps to 48 fps, full range control for diaphragm settings (a feature which proved invaluable during aerial photography at dawn when the camera was suspended 20 feet below the cameraman, and the rising sun changed light values every five minutes), and indicator lights to warn immediately should one or another of the six cameras develop malfunction. Harry Coleman is presently designing a radio-controlled remote device which will permit even greater flexibility in the use of the camera,

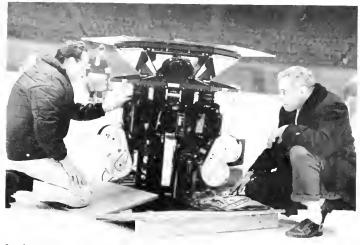
The camera is supported on a hydraulic dolly for field use, and can be moved directly in a Corvan truck for transportation. In order to get travel shots from the truck, a square opening was cut into the roof, and the camera is raised through it hydraulically. Most of the exciting shots were taken in this manner and give audiences a sense of participation so realistic that they inevitably gasp when the truck drives over a bump in the road.

# Supervised by William Drohan

The film was produced for the New York State Commission On The World's Fair through William J. Drohan, project director, A circular theatre was designed and built, having an 80 foot diameter. The screen size is 20 feet high and 251 feet in circumference.

It was important to use projectors which do not have a shut-

# NEW YORK STATE IN THEATERAMA



Intricate camera gear used to film 360-degree "Theaterama" production for New York State's World's Fair exhibit pictured at Madison Square Garden as cameraman Hal Seiden (right); assistant cameraman Don Shapiro prepare for a sequence featuring New York Rangers ice hockey team during a game.



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ter in order to reduce flickers, which become more apparent through peripheral vision. For this purpose, six Norelco FP-22-S projectors were ordered. Corresponding to the identical operation of all cameras, an interlocking device for the projectors was designed and installed by Magna-Tech Electronic Company. Identical frame-forframe registration on all projectors is necessary in order to insure proper reproduction.

## Effect on Audiences Notable

The result of this cooperative endeavor is clearly evident on the faces of the audience. Just as the film transports the spectator deftly from the quiet serenity of an evening boat ride through the Thousand Islands to a thrilling "shoot-therapids" in Ausable Chasm, from a pleasant drive along a country road to a spectacular helicopter trip past the nose of the Statue of Liberty, so do the emotions of onlookers run the gamut from quiet appreciation to wild adventure. Each showing is invariably punctuated by sighs of delight, oohs of revelation, or squeals of fright. Whatever the impression, it is a lasting one.

Undertaking the production of a film of this nature was a challenge squarely met by Coleman. It necessarily involved a broad imagination in concept, and the ability and confidence to break all the established rules for motion picture production. Old ideas had to be discarded left and right, and new ones developed and put to work, often right on location.

The experience was found to be gratifying, however. With one Theaterama production under its belt, the company is now negotiating future presentations using the same medium. The 360-degree technique would be particularly effective for tent shows at state fairs and similar attractions.

#### Wilding Inc. Sales, Profits Show Gains in First Quarter

A Shareholders of Wilding, Inc. have received that national communications company's quarterly report for the period ending March 31st with the gratifying news of a sharp upturn in comparative first quarter sales (\$3,987,464 v.s. \$1,645.911 for the same period last year). There was a corresponding increase in net earnings which totaled \$128,474. The company reported a loss of \$38,924 for the comparative 1963 first quarter. Net earnings of Wilding. Inc. were 32e a share for the first quarter of 1964. 10