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RCA Laboratories' "Chamber of Silence"-proving ground of tonal quality in radio and television instruments.

Ever hear SILENCE?

You walk into an eerie room. The doorswings shut and you're wrapped in a silence so complete that it's an effort to listen. Sound in this vault-like cavern is reduced to the minimum of hearing.

But even *silence* has a sound of its own. Faintly you hear a subdued hiss; sometimes a soft hum. Scientists have suggested this may be the "noise" of molecules hitting the eardrums. Others wonder if it is caused by the coursing of the body's bloodstream.

On the walls, ceiling, beneath the open, grated floor of this RCA sound laboratory,

hangs enough heavy rug padding to cover 250 average living rooms. Sound is smothered in its folds—echoes and distortion are wiped out.

When acoustic scientists at RCA Laboratories want to study the actual voice of an instrument, they take it to this room. What they hear then is the instrument itself—and only the instrument. They get a true measure of performance.

Information gained here is part of such advances as: The "Golden Throat" tone system found only in RCA Victor radios and Victrola radio-phonographs... superb sound systems for television

...the true-to-life quality of RCA Victor records...high-fidelity microphones, clear voices for motion pictures, public address systems, and interoffice communications.

Research at RCA Laboratories moves along many paths. Advanced scientific thinking is part of any product bearing the names RCA, or RCA Victor.

When in Radio City, New York, be sure to see the radio, television and electronic wonders on display at RCA Exhibition Hall, 36 West 49th Street. Free admission. Radio Corporation of America, RCA Building, Radio City, N. Y. 20.

