

films OF THE WEEK

Listing is for readers' information of new 16mm and 8mm films on science, engineering, medicine and agriculture for professional, student and general audiences. For further information on purchase, rental or free loan, write to distributor.

APOLLO 4 MISSION. 16mm, color, sound, 16 min. Shows the launch of the Apollo/Saturn V unmanned space vehicle which reached an altitude of 11,232 miles. Includes views of earth from camera in spacecraft window. Audience: general. Free loan from NASA Manned Spacecraft Center, Public Affairs Office, AP2, Houston, Tex. 77058.

BALANCE OF NATURE. 16mm, b&w, sound, 27½ min. An account of Australia's progress in the biological control of animal, plant, and insect pests. Audience: general. Purchase \$90 or rental \$4.50 from Films Officer, Australian News and Information Bureau, 636 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10020, or Western States, Press and Information Officer, Australian Consulate-General, 350 Post St., San Francisco, Calif. 94108.

PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS—M-1439-X. Depicts the longtime Federal involvement in infectious disease control, traces the origins of the National Institutes of Health, and describes the work of the Vaccine Development Program of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Audience: general public, physicians, college students. Purchase from Capital Film Laboratories, 470 E St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024, or free loan from National Medical Audio-visual Center, Atlanta, Ga. 30333.

PERSIMMON: A NUCLEAR PHYSICS EXPERIMENT. 16mm, color, sound, 16 min. Discusses the various experiments that comprised the Persimmon event, an underground nuclear detonation which produced an intense burst of neutrons in a fraction of a second equivalent to what a laboratory accelerator would have taken hundreds of years to produce. Audience: professional. Purchase \$68.75 from W. A. Palmer Films, 611 Howard St., San Francisco, Calif. 94105, or free loan from AEC field libraries or Audio-Visual Branch, Division of Public Information, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C. 20545.

EDUCATIONAL FILM INDEX

The Educational Film Index is a 250 page handbook designed to assist the film user in identifying and locating materials related to specific topics. Covering the combined film resources of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, it is a "companion" tool to be used with the MSU-UM Educational Film Catalog or with a similar document which includes content information. Based on careful analysis of available films, the index contains classifications of 7,000 film titles under 3,700 general and specific headings from Abacus to Zurich including over 600 science and science-related headings. A valuable reference tool for teachers, librarians, and directors of instructional media programs, it answers the initial question in film selection: "What Is Available on This Particular Topic?"

Price: \$3.00 per copy (quantity discounts are available)

Available from:

Audio-Visual Education Center
University of Michigan
416 Fourth Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

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Technology/Versatronics, Inc.
506 South High St.
Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387

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414 Fisher Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219

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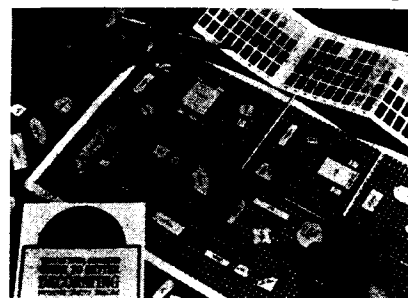
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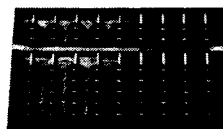


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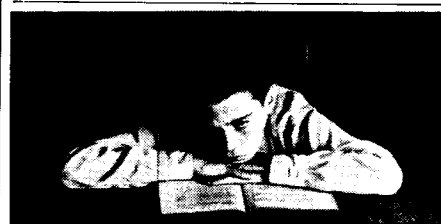


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