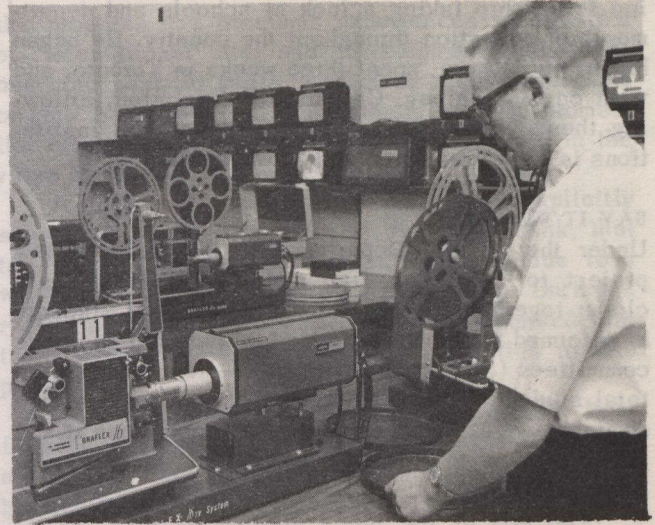


Teachers choose from 2,000 films and videotapes provided by the school boards, then phone their request to librarian.



Librarian selects the film, then technician transmits programme back to the classroom within minutes of request.

TELEVISION IN THE CLASSROOM

Television monitors have replaced traditional classroom film and slide projectors in four Ottawa schools for the duration of a two-year experiment in Information Retrieval Television (IRTV). The idea was developed jointly by the Northern Electric Research and Development Laboratories and the Ottawa School Board.

The purpose of the experiment is to assess the feasibility of combining telephone and television to get audio-visuals out of a central library and into the classroom when they are needed. One limitation of conventional educational television is the inflexibility of scheduled broadcasting which puts control of programming in the hands of the broadcaster

rather than the teacher. IRTV returns the control to the teacher, who phones a request for a programme to the library and gets it within a matter of minutes.

Heart of the IRTV experiment, and what makes it unique, is Bell Canada's coaxial cable network which links the four schools to the library, making it possible to transmit programmes on any one of 12 channels to each of the 130 classrooms involved in the experiment. Bell also provides telecine chains, videotape reproducers and the technicians to operate them. The experiment is co-sponsored by Bell, the Ottawa Public School Board, the Ottawa Collegiate Institute Board and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

STUDENT NOTES

EXCHANGE TEACHERS

Large Canadian school-boards are being invited to encourage their teachers to take part in the United States-Canada teacher exchange programme for the school year.

There are already several exchanges planned for 1969-70, but there are still a number of U.S. teachers (mostly in California) who are eager to find a Canadian exchange counterpart. The interchange applies to teachers from kindergarten through secondary school. But at the moment, there are more U.S. high school teachers than elementary teachers of history, English, physical education, geography, mathematics and home economics who would like to spend a year in the United States.

FILM-MAKING CONFERENCE

Lectures, panel discussions and seminars featuring outstanding film directors, communications experts and screen educators from the United States and Canada are on the agenda for the June conference planned by the Canadian Association for Screen Education, in co-operation with York University, Toronto.

Those attending the conference will learn about the sociological implications of film, teaching approaches to selected films, the documentary, film editing, problems of film distribution, the multi-media approach to language and the screening of films made by students.

EDUCATOR FROM GAMBIA

Gambia's director of education, S.H.M. Jones, has been in Canada on a two-month Commonwealth visit-