

PRODUCT NEWS

Stage Equipment take-over

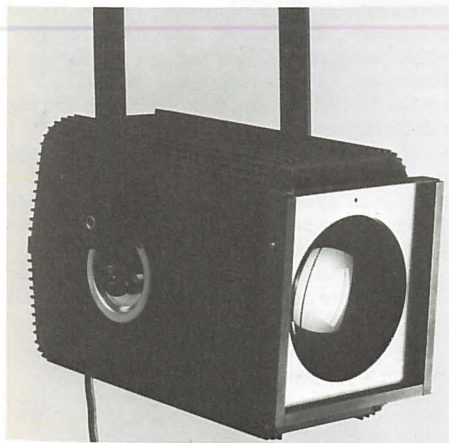
Rank-Strand, who took over Tele-Stage Associates earlier this year have now acquired another stage equipment company in the same area, Mole Richardson at Thetford. The proximity of the two companies should solve the different problems faced by each. While Mole Richardson reported a heavy loss last year and have spare capacity at Thetford, Ranks have been facing a problem of an increasing order book and insufficient capacity at Bury St. Edmunds to cope with it. Mr. R. D. Rae, the founder and present managing director of Tele-Stage, is now managing director of the combined organisation.



CCT Minuette Fresnel.

New lights

CCT has been adding to their own range of luminaires. The latest additions are to the 500W Minuette range— a profile and a pebble convex. The latter gives a soft edged 12° to 65° variable angle beam. Later this year CCT will be launching two 650/1000W spotlights in the Starlette range. A fresnel with a beam angle of 15/65° and a pebble convex with a beam control of from 12° to 65°. CCT gave up the ADB agency last year. On the control side CCT are now marketing Electrosonic controls worldwide.

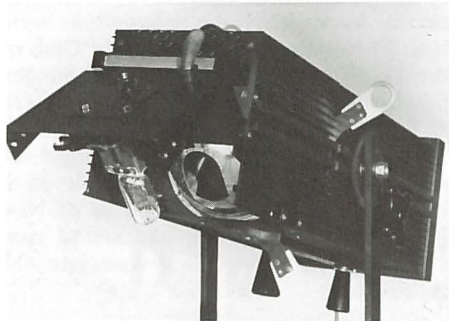


The new CCT Starlette pebble convex.

Contel and BPS to market ADB products

The agency for ADB, the Belgian light and lighting control manufacturers, is now held jointly by Contel Limited of Stroud and BPS Control Systems Ltd of Cheshire. Last year Contel established a combined trading and marketing operation with BPS which greatly increases their geographical coverage.

ADB have also been busy with new lights.



The Gamma 1kw profile showing the simple lamp access.

The Gamma 1kw profile was launched in May and a 2kw version is due out shortly. The range is available in three beam angle versions: 30° to 48°, 17° to 36° and 12° to 20°.

Both Contel and BPS are, of course, also manufacturers of their own control equipment and BPS recently announced a new compact and inexpensive memory system which has been specially designed to add on to existing installations. Only one production unit has been installed so far but units should be available from stock this month. This could be an interesting development and we look forward to learning more about the system in operation.

Old Lights

John Simpson, managing director of White Light, the Fulham based lighting sale and hire firm, has turned his equipment maintenance department into a profit earner by offering a refurbishing service. Lanterns are completely dismantled, sandblasted, re-enamelled, rewired and tested optically and mechanically. Seeing the operation makes you realise how really robustly some of the old lanterns were made—a Strand pattern 23, good as new, for £16 sounds good value.

Coloured Lights

Rosco' Colorine Lamp-Dip is now non-flammable. The 15 vivid colours and a thin-

