

[RF] **High radiation detected on Teleram 2277**

The Newspaper Guild has recommended that all local units with members working on the Teleram 2277 video display terminal urge management to have metal shields installed on the units as a "safety precaution."

Long Island (N.Y.) *Newsday* first discovered that some of the Teleram 2277 VDTs were emitting a high level of radiation last July.

"We are contractually obligated to test our terminals twice a year and during our testing last July, we found some of the Telerams got a positive (radiation) reading," said Harry Beery, senior editor at *Newsday*.

Beery said Ferris Associates conducted the test of the paper's 232 ATEX and 10 Teleram units.

The test at *Newsday* produced a reading of 15 milliwatts per square centimeter over a two-inch area on the top of two 2277 units, Beery said. He added that this is 5 milliwatts above the safety standard set down by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration.

The high readings were found only at the top surfaces of the VDTs and dropped off a few inches away.

"We brought it to the attention of Teleram and we insisted they put metal shielding on the 10 models we had and on 13 more we had on order," Beery said. "They did it free of charge. We have tested the models again after the shielding was installed and showed no measurable radiation."

A similar test at the *New York Times* also showed a high radiation emission level on one Teleram machine and the Times subsequently had metal shields installed inside all their Teleram 2277 units.

Teleram has told the Guild it is making the metal shields available to all 2277 model owners for \$40 per machine.

The Guild has, meanwhile, told all members not to rest their arms on top of the 2277 units.

Teleram commissioned a test of the 2277 model in November and a report on the findings stated: "based on the present NIOSH (National Institute on Occupational Safety & Health) requirements and the data derived during the radiation tests on the VDT, there are no levels emanating from the VDT which can be stated to be harmful to human beings given the present requirements and the data presented herein."

Eisen said although subsequent testing of the 2277's make the case against the machines "far from clear," he said the Guild was concerned enough to urge its members to encourage managements to install the metal shields.

Revised shield law tested in New Jersey

The first test of New Jersey's revised reporter shield law is underway in Freehold in connection with the trial of alleged organized crime figures.

Following the highly publicized free press/fair trial confrontation involving *New York Times* reporter Myron Farber and Dr. Mario Jascalevich in 1978, the New Jersey legislature strengthened the shield law to benefit reporters.

Under the revised law, in cases where a free press-fair trial conflict arises, lawyers must show at a court hearing why the material is relevant to the case and must also prove that the material sought is not available elsewhere. This was not required when Farber was jailed for 40 days in 1978 for failing to comply with a subpoena for his notes.

In the current case, an attorney for Anthony DeVingo, on trial for murder, subpoenaed letters that Patrick Pizuto sent to Robin Goldstein, a reporter for the *Shrewsbury* (N.J.) *Daily Register*.

DeVingo is one of four defendants on trial for murder in a case the state claims will prove the existence of a nationwide crime syndicate.

DeVingo's lawyer contends that he has learned through a "source" that the letters Pizuto sent to Goldstein might damage Pizuto's credibility as a witness for the state. He said the letters might reveal new details of a deal Pizuto made with law enforcement officials in exchange for his testimony.

Pizuto, who has confessed to murder, said he will not testify in the case because the state failed to honor a plea bargain, according to *Daily Register* articles. The state has billed Pizuto as its key witness.

Sex service ads no longer accepted

Effective April 1, 1980, the *Dallas Times Herald* will no longer accept classified and display advertisements for escort services, massage parlors, or nude modeling services. Times Herald executive officers held that these types of advertisements did not in any way reflect the image of a quality newspaper.

Honored guests

According to Henry Singer, chairman of the Overseas Press Club's Annual OPC Awards Dinner-Dance, Ambassador Kenneth Taylor, formerly Canada's ambassador to Iran, and Hodding Carter III, assistant secretary for public affairs and spokesperson of the United States Department of State, will be honored guests at the Club's 1979 Awards Banquet April 29 in New York.

Phila. Bulletin acquired by Charter Media

The *Philadelphia Bulletin* has reached an agreement under which Charter Media, the recently formed communications company headed by Karl Eller, will

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