

'Total Environment' May Be Dialed to Home



NEW CONCEPT—"Total Environment," a new technically feasible concept of "dialing" environmental moods right into the living room, may be available some day soon, even in the

most inexpensive American homes, experts say. This cartoon depicts such a situation. The caption reads: "I dialed the storm sequence, but I didn't expect it to be so realistic!" (UPI)

By GERALD S. SNYDER
SCHENECTADY, N. Y. (UPI) — Ever fancied yourself sunbathing on a beach in Tahiti, watching the surf break on a coral reef?

Wished you could really feel the breeze on a ski slope in Switzerland? Or rest in the deck chair of an ocean liner?

Step into the living room of your home tomorrow. No need to go further. With as much effort as you need today to flip the switch of your electric toothbrush, you'll be able to — no kidding — create the stuff that dreams are made of.

"Total Environment," is what it's called — a new technically feasible concept of "dialing" environmental moods right in your own living room.

Want to smell the sweet smells of a botanical garden? Dial it. Want a real good tan for the Caribbean? Dial it. Feel the thrill of a roller coaster? Dial it.

It's as simple as that — or so say the people who make comfort a business. Experts at the advanced technology laboratories of the General Electric Company here say that today's comfort devices — stereos, air conditioners, movies, lighting and heating effects — are moving into an area of such highly

refined perfection that there may be a market someday soon, for a real "you-are-there" room.

"If they (the manufacturers) could see the market of one-third of the new homes being built right now, they'd dive right into it," said John L. Matrone, a GE mechanical engineer and project manager.

Components for the fun room have long been on GE drawing-boards. The space would be 20 feet by 10 feet, with approximately 10 feet of overhead to contain a special piston arrangement and an "atmospheric pre-

paration tank" for creating the real atmosphere of the desired scene.

You could easily make it snow, said Matrone, but the problem would be "shoveling all that stuff out afterward."

You'd pick "Hawaii" or "Tasmania" from a catalogued file, for example, and could have still or motion pictures in a pre-selected scene, with accompanying music.

The deck of an ocean liner? A tilting floor, of course. There would be special effects on records, a file of odors,

speakers, projection equipment, amplifiers and special lighting effects.

"All we are trying to do is coordinate a little better what we already are doing in the entertainment field, and package it, too," Matrone said.

The fun room could be created right now, he emphasized. But since there's no way of determining the market demand yet, it would be too costly to build. Eventually, the environment room might be built for under \$10,000 or possibly \$5,000. He wouldn't predict a year.

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Castro Refuses to Join Soviets Against Red China

By K. C. THALER
United Press International
LONDON (UPI) — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro has refused to line up formally with the Soviet Union against Communist China, but apparently runs no risk of losing Soviet aid, diplomatic sources said today.

Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, however, was reported to have decided against leaving Castro in charge of Communist plans for penetrating Latin America, the sources said.

Taking Up Sides
According to diplomatic dispatches reaching here, Castro, who pledged full support last summer to the Soviet attacks on Peking, refused to make a formal declaration of support more recently when Moscow be-

gan lining up the world's Communist parties to be counted.

A summit conference of the parties supporting the Moscow line is reported under preparation in Moscow. These talks during next month's celebrations of the Russian revolution anniversary could begin the process that leads to China's expulsion from the Moscow-led bloc.

Communist, theoretical organ of the Soviet Communist party, reported a few days ago that 65 parties have declared themselves in favor of Khrushchev's peaceful co-existence and opposed to China's militant foreign policy.

This count left more than a score of Communist parties unaccounted for. Some, like Albania, North Korea, and appar-

ently North Viet Nam, support the Peking line.

Others prefer to stay neutral, and a third group has declined to commit itself for the present.

Remains Uncommitted
Cuba is in this last group, according to the reports in London.

There was no hint of Soviet retaliatory action in the form of an aid cutoff, the sources said. The Soviets value Cuba too highly as a staging area for the Communist penetration of Latin America to let it go.

Castro was believed confronted with a dilemma between his revolutionary aims — which are thins for Peking is his refusal pendence on the \$1.6 million daily Soviet aid.

One other sign of his sympathies for Peking is his refusal to sign the nuclear test ban treaty concluded by the Soviets with the West.

DENNIS THE MENACE



YOU KNOW WHAT HE SAID TODAY? HE ASKED ME IF HE COULD RING THE BELLS SOMETIME!

Medford Doctors Named as Fellows

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Dr. James T. Priestly, professor of surgery at the May Foundation graduate school Thursday was elected president - elect of the American College of Surgeons at their annual convention.

Dr. Rudolph J. Noer, professor of surgery at the University of Louisville, Ky., was named first vice president-elect, and Dr. John Raaf of Portland, Ore., clinical professor of surgery at the University of Oregon, was selected vice president-elect.

About 1,050 surgeons were inducted as new Fellows of the American College of Surgeons Thursday night.

Those from Oregon included: Robert L. Larson and Robert L. Phifer of Eugene; W. George Bingham Jr. and Brian D. Stringer of Medford; and Paul M. Brown, William S. Fletcher, J. Gordon Grout, Russell G. Gustavson and Campbell White of Portland.

Phoenix Man Injured In Traffic Accident

Gerald Eldon Chris, 22, of 400 Fourth St., Phoenix, was injured Friday night when his car attempted to make a right turn onto Interstate 5 from the Valley View road, Jackson County Sheriff's deputies said.

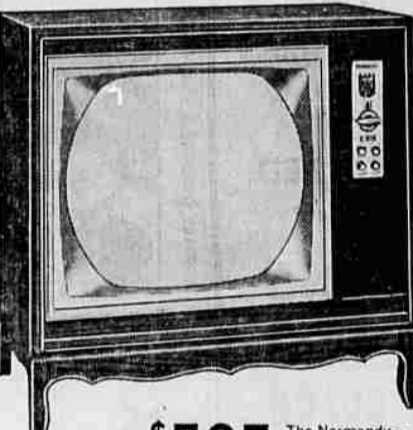
The car skidded 165 feet and took out about 100 feet of guard rail, deputies said.

Passengers in the car were Edward F. Bennett, 22, Ashland and Dave Barlow, 22, Phoenix.

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