



H. V. Munchhausen, acoustical consultant

H EYNO V. MUNCHHAUSEN, acoustical consultant and audio engineer, died on October 1, 1969 in New York City, at the age of 69.

Baron Munchhausen, a collateral cousin of the 18th-Century Baron von Munchhausen, was born May 29, 1900 in Hamelin, Germany, the son of a German army officer and an American mother. He served in the German Army during World War I and later studied chemistry and physics at the Universities of Berlin and Göttingen. After a whirl at banking, the Baron turned to his real interest, soundproofing. Having successfully silenced machinery for Addressograph and Multi-graph Companies in England and Ger-

many, Munchhausen with his wife and child left Germany in 1939 and settled in New York City, where he established the Munchhausen Soundproofing Company. His soundproofing work ran the gamut from recording studios to psychiatrists' offices. Perhaps one of the less important but most well known of the Baron's achievements was the high-attenuation Munchhausen door. His many clients included General Motors, Chrysler, Ford, Walter Reed Hospital, Lederle Laboratories and Metropolitan Museum.

Having soundproofed a goodly number of psychiatrists' offices, he was asked if he could tell what school of

psychiatry a doctor belonged to by the decibels he and his patients generated. The William Reich boys far outstripped the others with an easy 95 decibels as against 70-80 decibels for the Freudians and Jungians.

Baron Munchhausen was a member of the Audio Engineering Society and the Acoustical Society of America.

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H LAWRENCE GOLDING, sound engineer at Walt Disney Productions in Hollywood, died recently in Glendale, California at the age of 60. A native of Harvard, Nebraska, he had worked extensively in radio and television broadcasting, and in disc, tape, and film recording.