

# In Memoriam

## AUDIO INDUSTRY LOSES DEDICATED LEADER

*Los Angeles, California.* The sudden death of Raymond V. Pepe, 52, on August 15, following a heart attack earlier in the week in Los Angeles, was deeply felt throughout the industry, as well as in West Coast civic, educational and government circles. He was widely known and liked as a dedicated leader and a tireless worker for the Institute of High Fidelity, Inc., of which he was president from 1960 to 1964.

His contributions to the audio industry were many. At the time of his death, as IHF Chairman of the Board, he was planning a comprehensive course in high fidelity retailing to be taught at the University of California.

According to one of his close friends and associates, "Ray Pepe's whole life was the industry . . . and his family. He had no other outside life. It wasn't at all unusual for him to work ten or twelve hours at the plant, then come home and plunge into IHF problems for several hours before calling it a day. He spent weekends and Sundays on the road, visiting dealers all over the country or attending high fidelity shows.

"Ray was a born politician. There was nothing he loved better than going up to Portland to help out dealers involved with a city ordinance affecting high fidelity sales, or to Washington to politick for excise tax protection for other people."

Mr. Pepe had been a member of AES since 1961. He was Vice President—Marketing for James B. Lansing Sound, Inc.

Born in New York City, February 9, 1912, Mr. Pepe graduated from Columbia University and subsequently joined the administration of New York's Mayor Fiorello La Guardia in the Office of the Comptroller. He took his Master's degree at Stanford University.

During World War II, he served as a Major in the United States Army. Surviving are his wife, Karla, and his two-year-old daughter, Lori. Prior to the funeral services on August 18 in Los Angeles, Mrs. Pepe requested that friends make donations to the Los Angeles County Heart Association rather than send flowers.

## HEART ATTACK FATAL TO ZOLTAN HARTMAN

*Baldwin, New York.* Zolta Hartman, veteran electrical engineer, died of a heart attack at his home, 2882 Dahlia Street, Baldwin, on Friday, July 3. He was 66 years old, and for 20 years had been a resident of this community.

Mr. Hartman was a member of the New York Section of AES, and also was an associate member of A.I.E.E. Born in Dzutmar, Hungary, he settled in New York in 1909 and took his engineering degree at Cooper Union.

Mr. Hartman's career included 34 years in electrical construction. At the time of his death he was with John Doris, Inc., an electrical contracting firm. He was formerly with the Belmont Electric Company, Inc., and served as engineering supervisor on a variety of jobs, as well as designing electrical layouts for many projects, working with TV stations WABD, WPIX and WJZ-TV and radio stations WFUV, WNYE and WNEW.

He is survived by his wife, Anne; a son, Dr. William H. Hartman,

of Baltimore, Maryland; two daughters, Mrs. Robert Ozeran of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Allan Rosin of West Hartford, Conn.; a sister, Mrs. Arthur Lichner, Atlantic Beach, New Jersey; a brother, Benjamin Hartman, of Hollywood; and five grandchildren.

## ALFRED LOUIS LEPORE RESEARCH CAMERAMAN

Notice was received on August 20 at AES Headquarters in New York of the death of Alfred L. Lepore of Providence, Rhode Island, engineer and cameraman. Mr. Lepore, who was 56, had been a member of the Society since 1949. His career included research on motion picture cameras and projectors (8, 16, 9.5 and 36 mm). At one time he recorded three sound tracks on original Edison film and also on French 9.5 mm film. Underwater electric acoustic research also engaged his interest.

Mr. Lepore was at one time connected with the ALL Research Laboratory in Providence. He was certified in radio electric engineering from Brown University, in electro-acoustic engineering from the Electric Sound Institute, and in plastics from Boston Tech. Institute. Some of his affiliations included Apco and Apco Mossberg Corporation, Brown and Sharpe Manufacturing Company, Abrasive Metal Tool, and Lepore's Laboratories. He belonged to the International Cinematographers Society of Hollywood, Armed Forces Combat Association, IAGP, NPA, and International News Photographers.



RAYMOND V. PEPE

## JOHN P. DAVIS CRASHES TO DEATH IN GLIDER

A brief bulletin has reached Society officials in New York of the tragic death of one of its younger members, 38-year-old John Paul Davis, who crashed to his death August 2 in his own glider in Apple Valley, California.

Mr. Davis, who was with Capitol Records, Inc., in Hollywood, had received a company promotion just four days before the fatal crash. Burial took place August 6 in Pasadena.

Mr. Davis, an electronics engineer, was born in Enid, Oklahoma. He graduated from the University of Colorado and took his M.Sc. in electrical engineering at California Institute of Technology.

He had served just prior to his death as manager of the Electronic Engineering Laboratory and Phonograph Engineering Laboratory of Capitol Records in Pasadena.

## ANTON M. SPRINGER DIES IN GERMANY

The Board of Governors has received the announcement of the death in Heidelberg, Germany, on August 17, of Anton Marion Springer, 55. Mr. Springer was a well-known scientist in the fields of acoustical and audio engineering and has been a member of AES since 1958. He was for nine years a technical assistant at the University of Prague and later served as engineer for Berlin-German Broadcasting network. For several years he was chief engineer of the Tele-Norm Corporations European acoustical laboratories in Frankfurt, Germany. He was a member of the Acoustical Society of America as well as of AES. His writing was known and valued by many experts in his field.