

KOTO : - On The Air

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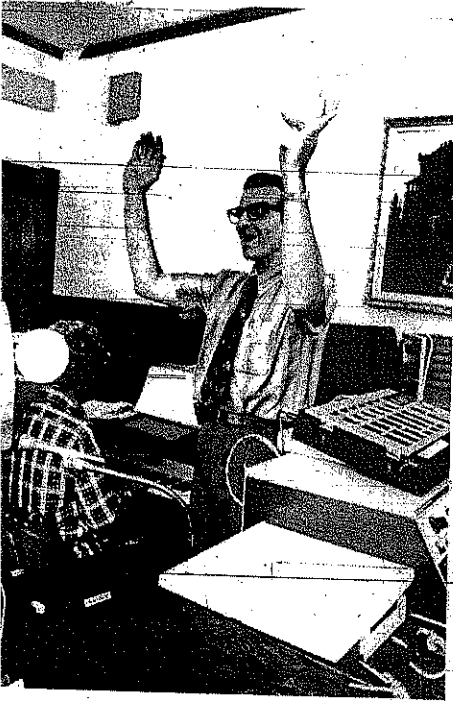
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ENGINEER, MANAGER, MAINTENANCE MAN, AND JANITOR. Jerry Green (left) controls KOTO operations in the studio. And on opening day it was serious business.



YOU WIN A MICROPHONE AND A CHECK. Take your pick, said Jim Bedford (left) to Terry Starr (right). Starr took the check, a whole dollar for a year's rent. Then he borrowed the microphone to wish KOTO well.



WRESTLE YOU FOR THE FIRST REQUEST (above right) But first a hardy well done said Jim Bedford to Dave Sklare (right). And Dave Sklare said the same to Jim Bedford. Both men played key roles in creating KOTO.



HALLELUJA AND GLORY TO THE RADIO (above left), a phrase not only expressed by Reverend Al Johnston, but many others in Telluride. Joyce Johnston contributed a share in the opening ceremonies by playing electric piano.



PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS (right) How about a quarter for KOTO. Donations and public input help run Telluride's radio network, the smallest in the entire US.

Telluride Radio Station



THE TOWN BOARD LIVE? Town Clerk Elvira Wunderlich (left) says some welcoming words after accepting a one-dollar check good for a year's lease of town-purchased radio equipment. And it's true too, there will be live Town Board Meetings broadcast.



IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF (below) A lot of booze flowed and a lot of music rolled through reception chambers at the Floradora.



CAN I PLAY NOW. Jim Jackson (top right) waits while a record plays. But he got his chance, and so did others around Telluride, to perform live over the air.

YOU'RE ON KIDS (right) At 4 p.m. sharp on Oct. 3 KOTO announced its first official words over the air. And who spoke the inaugural address? It wasn't the deer over the door. Al Johnston and his Merry-makers made a speech and sang some scores. And Jerry Greene made sure they were heard.

A JUNIOR DJ PERHAPS (left) guests, performers, and the genuinely-curious came to sneak a peek at Telluride radio.

