

Librascope Plans Big

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A \$300,000 program for acquisition of new manufacturing space and property by lease and purchase has been undertaken by Librascope, Inc., Glendale manufacturer of automatic computing and control equipment for industry and the armed forces.

The plan was announced by Lewis W. Imm, president of Librascope, which presently employs a force of 400 in its 50,000 square foot building at 1607 Flower.

Building to Be Sold

The program involves sale of a manufacturing building at 1625 Flower, owned by John M. "Jack" Lawson, Glendale hotel man and candidate for the City Council, and Casey Stengel of Glendale, manager of the New York Yankees baseball team.

This building has been occupied since its completion in January, 1949, by Powdrell & Alexander, Inc., curtain manufacturers. The firm is giving up its curtain operations, but will continue in the piece goods business in a downtown location.

The sale, which currently is in escrow, will be to the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., from which Librascope will lease the building.

Will Add Parcel

The Librascope company also plans acquisition of a parcel of land to the rear, now part of the Grand Central Airport property.

When the program is completed, Librascope will have a total of 86,000 square feet of manufacturing plant, plus adjacent property available for further expansion.

Imm said that the company plans to begin operations in the new building about May 1, and that by the end of the year he expected the firm's labor force would total 600.

The company has been in business for 13 years in the Glendale-Burbank area. Librascope's present plant was completed only about one year ago.

Imm said the devices his firm manufactures are finding growing applications in many fields of industry.