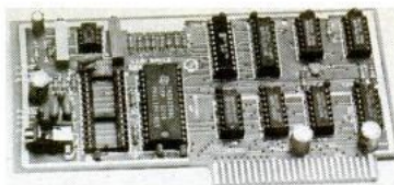


New peripherals

Multitech Electronics has introduced a plug-in board that allows Apple II users to add speech abilities to their systems.

You can use the board for language instruction, speech therapy, video games, experiments in speech synthesis and more. It has a 1200-word vocabulary.

The 2.75 × 6-inch board, called the **Apple Speech Synthesis Board (SSB Apple)** is based on Texas Instruments' TMS5220 speech synthesis device. The board plugs directly into any spare slot on the Apple II. It has an on-board audio amplifier and a socket to expand the unit's voice synthesis memory with the addition of a TI TMS6100



The Apple Speech Synthesis Board

chip.

Included with the board are a 5¼-inch floppy diskette containing the dictionary, an instruction manual and a stand-alone speaker. Also available on the diskette are three Chinese lessons, which introduce you to a basic understanding of Mandarin. You can develop other foreign-language instruction sequences using the board

along with speech data furnished by TI.

The SSB Apple is priced at \$195. Multitech Electronics, Inc., 195 West El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA 94086; (408) 773-8400.

New systems

NCR Corporation announces the **Decision Mate V series of micro-computers**, which have been designed around industry standard hardware and software subsystems. Single and dual-processor models are available, which feature memory sizes up to 512K, flexible or Winchester disk drives, high-speed monochrome or color-graphics abilities and a 12-inch CRT display—all integrated into a low-

profile cabinet with a detached keyboard.

Decision Mate V systems utilize CP/M and MS-DOS operating systems. Users can add peripherals and memory without opening the cabinet of a **Decision Mate V** system.

Prices for an 8-bit model with monochrome graphics start at \$2800. A dual-processor model, which can run both 8- and 16-bit programs, sells for \$3340. Prices include dual flexible-disk drives, 64K of main memory, an operating system and a high-speed graphics subsystem.

(The single-processor model is available now; the dual-processor model will be available in June.) **NCR** Corporation, Dayton, OH 45479; (513) 445-2075.

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