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Among the ribbon dyeing machines displayed by the German firm Mageba was its Mageba-Midi, a unit with a working width 625 mm. It comes equipped with a dyeing and impregnating padding mangle with two or three rollers and a steam heatsetting chamber of 45, 60, 90 or 120 m.

The Mezzeraflux Ti, an atmospheric rope dyeing machine using the overflow system, was shown by Mezza. It comes in one to six modules and is designed to handle delicate fabrics such as acetate, wool, acrylic and silk, as well as heavier fabrics. Capacity ranges from 100 to 600 kg.

More Cordura coming on stream

Du Pont Co.'s Textile Fibers Department is doubling its capacity for producing "Cordura" nylon. The multimillion dollar expansion will be completed in late 1981 at manufacturing facilities in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Cordura nylon is a bulked continuous filament yarn with high strength and excellent abrasion resistance. It has long been a mainstay for backpacking and camping gear because of its properties and because it weighs about half as much as comparable cotton canvas and can be dyed uniformly. In the past two years, this premium nylon has been gaining popularity in the fashion-oriented, soft-sided luggage market.

Other markets include chafer fabric for tires and fire hose reinforcement where Cordura nylon has replaced cotton because of its strength as well as abrasion, mildew and rot resistance.

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Bryan Rock of Wira was heavily involved as have been present and past members of the affluent team at Wira. Mention must be made of the cooperation and contribution of Bruce Murgatroyd, managing director, and the staff and work-force of Henry Lister & Sons Ltd., as must the contribution from members of the YWA. Finally, the help and interest of Department of Environment and Department of Industry (through GARB) have been of immense value.

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