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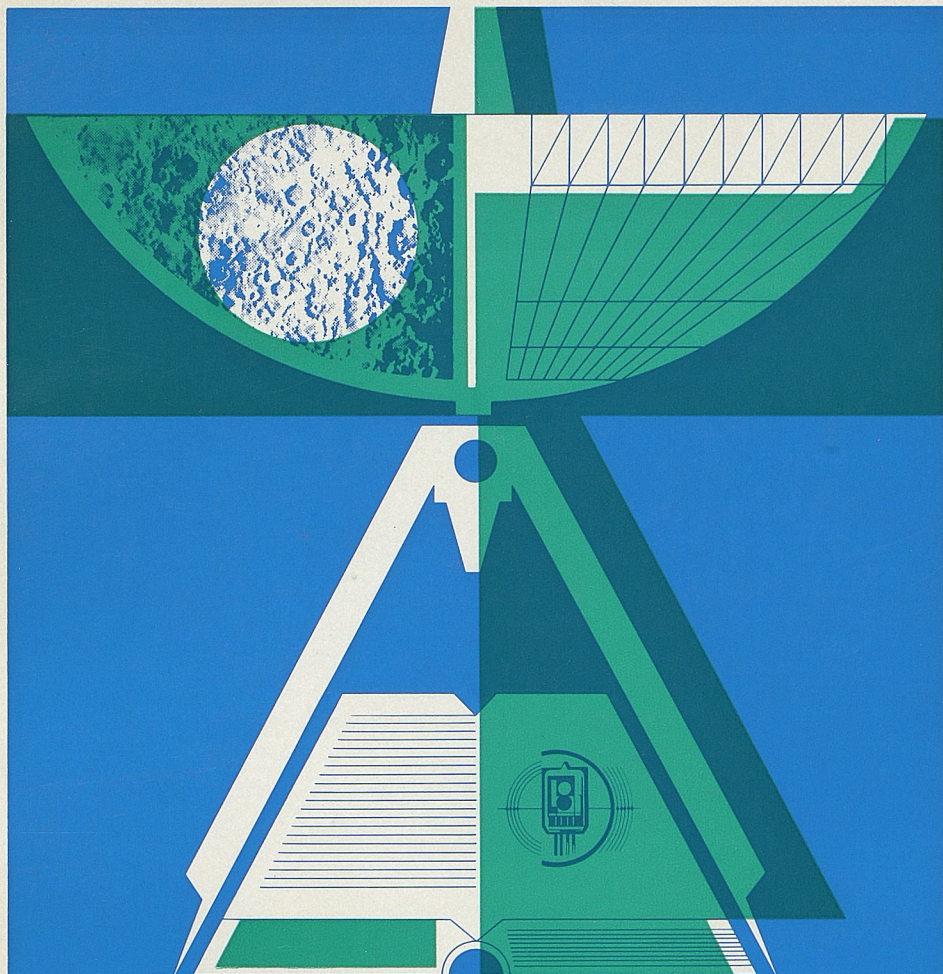
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FOREWORD

World Telecommunication Day, instituted in 1969, met with even greater success on 17 May 1970 than it had done the previous year. The growing interest of Member countries of the Union in this celebration, which is fast becoming a tradition, is a measure of the need for such action. This point was brought out by the Administrative Council at its 25th Session held at ITU headquarters from 23 May to 12 June 1970 when Resolution No. 673 annexed (page 8) was adopted.

The second World Telecommunication Day, on the theme "Telecommunications and Education", enabled most of the ITU Member countries to give wide publicity to the facilities for training in telecommunications. The Day also gave press, radio and television the opportunity to demonstrate the ever greater role they are playing in education.

Special issues of postage stamps were made in 12 countries, special postmarks were used in 6, while commemorative medals were struck in two other countries.

The following pages contain brief reports on the action taken by some Member countries of the Union. Acting on suggestions received when the booklet on the first World Telecommunication Day (Information Booklet No. 5) was issued, we have generally avoided repeated references to activities that recur in almost all the detailed reports. These activities are: publication of articles in the press, radio and television broadcasts, display of World Telecommunication Day posters, broadcasting of the message from the Secretary-General of the ITU, etc. Dull as such a list admittedly may be, the pages which follow should be regarded as a useful guide for the preparation of Third World Telecommunication Day, 17 May 1971, on the theme suggested by the Administrative Council "Telecommunications and Space". As was clearly stated by the Administrative Council in the resolution mentioned above, each Member country of the Union is free to choose any other theme more appropriate to its particular circumstances. However, the convening in 1971 of the second World Administrative Radio Conference for Space Telecommunications offers a particularly timely opportunity to give wide publicity to this new and rapidly expanding sector.

Lastly, it may be mentioned that the consultation of the Members of the Union revealed the great interest shown by many countries in the present booklet. Out of 67 replies received on the subject (see our Circular Letter No. 179/INF of 2.9.70), 59 were in favour of such a publication.

M. MILI

(Original language: French)

RESOLUTION N° 673

(adopted in 15th Plenary Meeting)

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY

The Administrative Council,

having examined

the memorandum by the Secretary-General contained in Document No. 3999/CA25;

recognizing

the need to emphasize the growing importance of telecommunications in the world today in the fostering closer relations between peoples, in linking countries and continents and in economic and social development;

recalling

that the International Telecommunication Union, under the name International Telegraph Union, was established on 17 May 1865;

noting

the large number of Administrations which celebrated World Telecommunication Day on 17 May both in 1969 and in 1970;

resolves

1. to designate 17 May as World Telecommunication Day;
2. to celebrate this day every year until the next Plenipotentiary Conference;

instructs the Secretary-General

- a) to bring these decisions to the notice of Administrations;
- b) to arrange for these decisions to be given appropriate publicity within the credits provided in the budget;
- c) to prepare a report for submission, after approval by the Administrative Council, to the next Plenipotentiary Conference.

*MESSAGE BY Mr. M. MILI,
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ITU*

With the development of modern telecommunication media, a remarkable tool is now available to those whose noble task it is to train future generations and educate the people.

It is for this reason that, following the decision by the United Nations General Assembly to declare 1970 "Education Year", the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunication Union selected as the theme for the Second World Telecommunication Day:

"Telecommunications and Education".

You are, of course, aware that the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the United Nations will be duly celebrated this year. It is no mere coincidence that the same year is devoted to education since there is no doubt that this subject is a major concern of the era of progress in which we are living.

In fact, vocational education, the fight against illiteracy, and basic and mass education demand the greatest efforts from our sister organization, UNESCO. Vocational training occupies a special place in the normal activities of most of the other specialized agencies of the United Nations family, including the ITU.

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I mentioned at the beginning of this message that modern telecommunications represent an invaluable tool which is available to all countries of the world in the efforts they are making to provide better training for young people and to ensure the widest possible dissemination of human knowledge. This tool—which, of course, will continue to be improved—must be used as effectively as possible so that maximum benefit may be derived from it.

If this wonderful instrument is to be put to the best possible use, international co-operation is absolutely essential. In evidence of this assertion, allow me to refer to a specific example which now holds the eager attention of the public and from which people are entitled to expect a great deal: I refer to communication satellites.

For many countries and even entire continents, the use of communication satellites for educational purposes may signify a veritable revolution in education in the broadest sense of the term.

But in view of the enormous possibilities offered by communication satellites and the fact that these satellites can cover vast geographical areas simultaneously and

at any time, it is necessary, first of all, from the purely technical standpoint that their use should be co-ordinated, planned and regulated.

These problems indeed constitute the major concern of the countries Members of the ITU which have agreed—among other practical decisions—to convene a world conference on space telecommunications in order to examine these questions thoroughly.

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The finest techniques and the best conceived regulations are unavailing, however, without the dynamic activity of those whose job it is to place them at the service of the public, that is, without the activities of the “ backroom boys ”. Essentially, therefore, the Second World Telecommunication Day should belong to them. In other words, it must be used to enable both student and adult to understand better how one becomes a telecommunication technician or engineer. For this reason, when it selected the theme “ Telecommunications and Education ”, the ITU Administrative Council also included the question of the technical training of specialists in telecommunications.

Many schools and institutes exist for this purpose practically all over the world and, year after year, teach those techniques which are evolving so rapidly in order to answer the public's expectations as fully as possible.

The International Telecommunication Union, which has been actively engaged in the United Nations Development Programme for a quarter of a century and especially in the last decade, participates in the work of technical training carried on by all of its Member countries. It has assisted in the creation of a very large number of technical training centres and in bringing teaching methods up to date.

But in this field, as well as in regard to the use of telecommunications for educational purposes, we must recognize that nothing lasting will be achieved unless governments are firmly determined to co-operate actively in all circumstances.

So far as telecommunications are concerned, the international co-operation which has been practised by the ITU for a century provides sufficient assurance and proof, if any were needed, that this resolve exists and will continue to grow stronger.

(Original language: French)

I. MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS RECEIVED FROM UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

- **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris**
- **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Kabul (Afghanistan)**
- **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Santiago de Chile**

II. LIST OF MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS

(countries are listed in French alphabetical order)

- **Afghanistan**
 - **East African Community: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania**
 - **Saudi Arabia**
 - **Argentina**
 - **Bolivia (National Director)**
 - **Bolivia (Ministry of Communications)**
 - **Brazil**
 - **Chile**
 - **Korea**
 - **Ethiopia**
 - **Guinea**
 - **India**
 - **Iraq**
 - **Italy**
 - **Malaysia**
 - **Mauritania**
 - **Norway**
 - **Paraguay (General Director)**
 - **Paraguay (Ministry of Public Works and Communications)**
 - **United Arab Republic**
 - **Senegal**
 - **Somalia**
 - **Sudan**
 - **Sweden**
 - **Thailand**
 - **Turkey**
 - **Uruguay**
 - **Yemen (Ministry of Communications)**
 - **Yemen (General Director)**
 - **Zambia**
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**III. LIST OF MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS RECEIVED
FROM RECOGNIZED PRIVATE OPERATING AGENCIES
AND OTHER SOURCES (by country, listed in French
alphabetical order)**

- **United States:** Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, Cal.
International Amateur Radio Union, Newington,
Connecticut
ITT World Communications Inc., New York
Panamerican Union (Organization of American States)
The American Radio Relay League, Inc., Newington,
Connecticut
- **France:** IBM Europe, Paris
- **Hungarian People's Republic** Beloiannisz Híradástechnikai Gyár Telecommunica-
tion Works, Budapest
- **Indonesia:** International personnel in West Irian, Djajapura
- **Jamaica:** International Amateur Radio Union, Region 2,
Kingston
- **Nicaragua:** National Director of radio and television, Managua
- **Paraguay:** Interamerican Telecommunications Commission
(CITEL), Asunción
- **United Arab Republic:** Arab Telecommunication Union, Cairo
- **United Kingdom:** Cable and Wireless, Ltd., London
- **Sudan:** Telecommunication Training Centre, Khartoum
- **Sweden:** Swedish Broadcasting Corporation, Stockholm
- **Switzerland:** European Broadcasting Union (EBU), Geneva

IV. celebration of
world telecommunication day

. . . in Geneva



(Photo J. Thévoz)

IV. CELEBRATION IN GENEVA

- UN films on the ITU were loaned to a number of countries through the UN Visual Services in Geneva and the ITU cinema library.
- The statement by Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of the ITU, for the *Tour du monde des Nations Unies* (No. 125, May 1970) was included in the UN Radio programme and distributed to 58 French-speaking stations throughout the world.
- The UN Radio studios at the United Nations European Headquarters, Geneva, were made available to the ITU for recordings required in the Union or about the Union.
- At the ITU, the amateur radio station 4U7ITU was extremely active on 16 and 17 May (see page 16).

International Amateur Radio Club — IARC

A preliminary rough examination of the traffic lists of the *IARC* radio amateur station, operating as an exceptional measure with the call sign *4U7ITU*, shows that on the occasion of the second *World Telecommunication Day* the station established approximately 1000 two-way contacts in the bands reserved for amateur traffic, both on *CW* and on phone, with 81 countries as listed below. The term “countries” means the countries or regions defined by the amateur radio associations for the delivery of certificates.

Alaska, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaydzhan, Azores, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Canary Islands, Cape Verde Islands, Chile, Colombia, Congo (Kinshasa), Czechoslovakia, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Franz Josef Land (Arctic USSR), Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Germany (East and West), Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Isle of Man, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kaliningrad, Kazakhstan, Kerguelen Islands, Kirghizia, Latvia, Lithuania, Mauritania, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Northern Ireland, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, Ryukyu Islands, Scotland, Senegal, Sicily, South Africa, Spain, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United States of America, Uruguay, USSR (Asiatic area), USSR (European area), Vatican City, Venezuela, Wales, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Among the amateur radio stations using the suffix *ITU* or *UIT*, the *IARC* contacted *DLØITU* at Kiel in the Federal Republic of Germany, *PZ1ITU*, *PZ2ITU*, *PZ6ITU*, *PZ9ITU* and *PZØITU* in Surinam, *3A2UIT* in the Principality of Monaco, *9J3ITU* and *9J5ITU* in Zambia and *5T2ITU* in Mauritania. Nine operators—four Swiss, one Brazilian, one Czech, one Icelandic, one French and one Belgian—took turns during a period of 48 hours to establish these links.

Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of the *ITU*, visited the station, where, during a connection with Nouakchott in Mauritania, he was able to hear an account of the ceremonies which took place in that town in celebration of the second *World Telecommunication Day*.



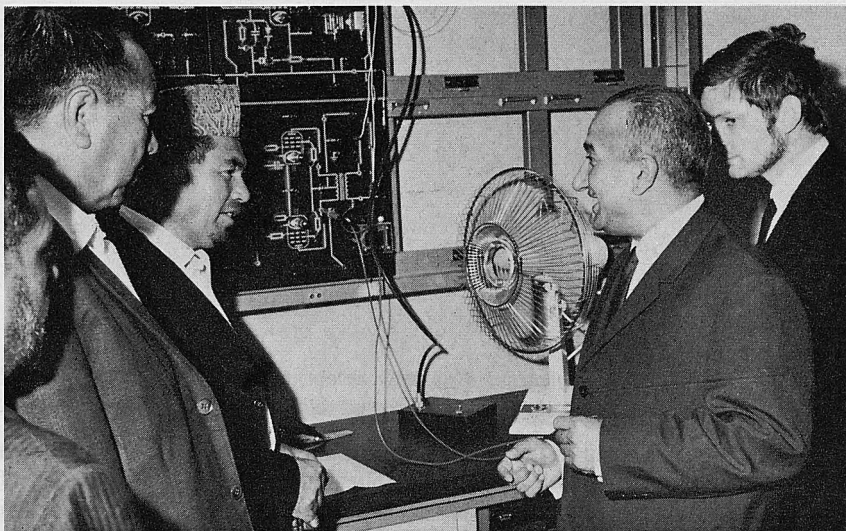
V. celebrations of world telecommunication day

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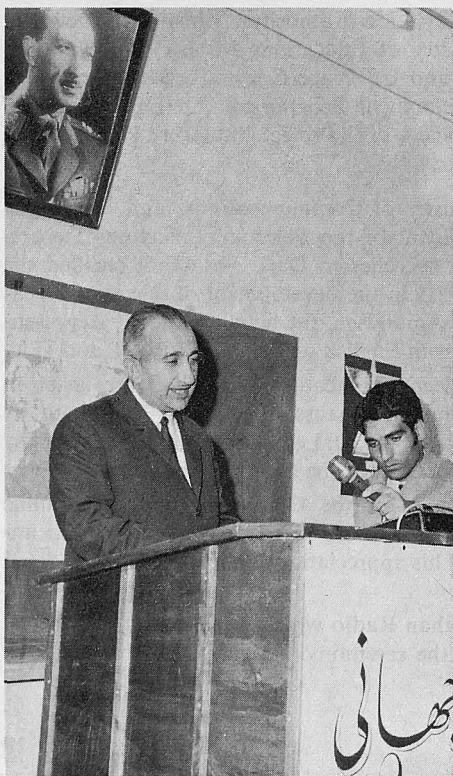
V. CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Afghanistan

- The *World Telecommunication Day* was celebrated on 20 May instead of 17 May as this year the event coincided with a religious holiday in Afghanistan.
 - A reception was given at the ITU Telecommunication Training Centre (TTC) at Yaka-tut, near Kabul, with Mr. Mohammad Azim Gran, Minister of Communications, as host. About 60 guests attended the reception, including representatives of the Afghan Parliament (the Communications and Public Works Committee); news communication media and cultural organizations (press, broadcasting, films); Civil Aviation Authority; Ministry of Defence; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Planning; Kabul University; British Council and US Peace Corps; Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Chiefs of Missions of UNDP executing agencies; ITU Project Manager; ITU team of experts and their Afghan counterparts.
 - Mr. Mohammad Azim Gran, Minister of Communications, and Mr. Sayed Mohammad Naseem Alawee, President of the Telecommunications Department of the Ministry, pronounced speeches in Dari. Mr. Gran recalled the valuable services rendered by the ITU in the development of telecommunication systems in the world. Mr. Per Amundsen, the acting Resident Representative of the UNDP, gave an address in English on behalf of UNDP and ITU. After a short description of the Telecommunication Training Centre given in Dari by the Co-Manager, Mr. Ghulam Ghauss, the guests, conducted by Mr. Gran and the ITU Project Manager, Mr. O. Lehne, visited the Centre. They were familiarized with the various sections of the Centre by experts. Mr. Nadir Ali Allah Dad, Chairman of the Communication and Public Works Committee of the Afghan Parliament, expressed his favourable impression of the Training Centre and his appreciation of the assistance rendered to Afghanistan by the ITU.
- The speeches were recorded by Afghan Radio which on 20 May, in a special emission, broadcast an account of the ceremony. The news was broadcast in both Dari and Pashto.



*Mr. M. Azim Gran explaining
the Electronic Master Trainer
equipped with a 3.5 MHz trans-
mitter, to the Members of Par-
liament*



*Mr. M. Azim Gran, Minister of
Communications, addressing the
gathering*

- On 21 May, a special commentary on World Telecommunication Day was broadcast in Urdu, Russian, German and English.
- The celebration held at the Telecommunication Training Centre was shown in newsreels in Afghan cinemas.

*(Source: Mr. O. Lehne, ITU Project Manager,
Telecommunication Training Centre, Kabul)*

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East African Community: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania

- *World Telecommunication Day* was celebrated in Tanzania by a special 15-minute programme on Radio Tanzania with the Director (Tanzania) of the East African Posts and Telecommunications Corporation.

*(Source: Ministry of Information and Tourism,
Dar es Salaam)*

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Germany (Federal Republic of)

- Reference to *World Telecommunication Day* was made at all public relations events and in all press releases issued by the Press Section of the Federal Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.
- Showing of the film “The International Telecommunication Union”.

(Source: Federal Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Bonn)

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Saudi Arabia

- The Riyadh Television telecast an interview of H.E. Sheik Ahmed Zaidan, Deputy Minister, Posts and Telecommunications, and Chairman of the Plan Committee for Asia and Oceania. The interview, which lasted one hour, explained the significance of *World Telecommunication Day* with special reference to the theme “Telecommunications and Education”, functions of the ITU, its role in the field of training and education, the ITU programmes of Technical Assistance in the developing countries with special reference to Saudi Arabia, benefits to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from the ITU conferences and the telecommunications in that country.
- Commemorative stamps were issued.

(Source: Deputy Minister, Posts and Telecommunications, Riyadh)

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Argentina

- Television channel 7 broadcast a two-hour programme in which the Director of the United Nations Information Centre took part. Announcements about the *World Telecommunication Day* were broadcast periodically on 17 May over the other television channels and over the radio.
- In the main library of Córdoba University the ITU poster and photographs furnished by the ITU were exhibited along with ITU publications available in the library.

(Sources: State Secretariat for Communications, Buenos Aires; main library of Córdoba University; United Nations Information Centre, Buenos Aires)

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Australia

Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne

- A statement on the event by Mr. J. L. Knott, Director-General of the Australian Post Office, was published in the "Australian", a national daily newspaper with wide circulation in the business community.

United Nations Information Centre, Sydney

- The message from the Secretary-General of the ITU as well as two other items on the second *World Telecommunication Day* were included in three issues of the Centre's Weekly "News and Notes". (This publication is distributed to 500 recipients throughout Australia and New Zealand).

Similar announcements were included in the Federal Bulletin of UNAA (United Nations Association of Australia) as well as in bulletins of individual UNAA State Divisions.

- The film "A Call from Malaysia" was loaned to one State Film Centre and at the beginning of June was still in circulation.

(Sources: Postmaster-General's Department,
Melbourne; United Nations Information
Centre, Sydney)

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Belgium

- The message from the Secretary-General of the ITU, Mr. Mili, was published as a circular and distributed to the staff of the Telegraph and Telephone Administration.

(Source: Régie des télégraphes et des téléphones,
Brussels)

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Burma

- The Burma Broadcasting Service, Rangoon, broadcast two talks by Burmese Government officials, one in English by U Myo Thaw, Deputy Director, Radio

Regulations, and the other in Burmese by the Assistant Engineer of Radio Control.

*(Sources: United Nations Information Centre;
Resident Representative of the United Nations
Development Programme, Rangoon)*

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Bolivia

- A statement by Mr. Héctor Valdivia Rodríguez, Director-General of Telecommunications, was published in the press on 17 May.
- Mr. Carlos Villarroel, President of the National Telecommunication Undertaking (ENTEL), held a press conference which was reported in the newspapers and broadcast by Radio Illimani along with a statement by Mr. Pedro Chaher, ITU Adviser in Bolivia.
- The Training Institute began a new course on mathematics, physics, telecommunication legislation and English.

(Source: Mr. Pedro Chaher, ITU Adviser, La Paz)

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Brazil

- The Government of Brazil, through the Ministry of Communications and with the participation of the Brazilian Amateur Radio Association (LABRE) and all other Brazilian amateur radio societies, organized an international radio amateurs' competition in honour of *World Telecommunication Day*. The competition was held on 16 and 17 May 1970.

The competition was prepared by a committee of experienced radio amateurs, all members of the LABRE, who were invited by the Director General of the National Telecommunication Department (DENTEL).

In order to give the competition maximum publicity, the Director General of DENTEL, the executive body for the competition, organized a number of events to inform the general public, and especially young people, about the wide ranging possibilities offered by telecommunications. Informative material on telecommunications specially written for Brazilian schools was widely disseminated.

Copies of the competition rules and an explanatory booklet in Portuguese, French, English, Spanish, German and Esperanto were sent to every country in the world.

- To launch the competition, the Minister of Communications gave a reception which was attended by the Director General of DENTEL and other eminent personalities, radio amateurs and representatives of the Foreign Correspondents' Club in Rio de Janeiro, and more than 50 journalists of the main press, radio and television services and news agencies representing almost every country in the world.
- Four days later another meeting was held at the national headquarters of the LABRE in Rio de Janeiro, when representatives of the authorities, radio amateurs and journalists spoke to amateurs in many countries from the LABRE station.

Similar meetings took place subsequently at the offices of the LABRE and other amateur radio associations in Sao Paulo, Petropolis and other cities.

- Great enthusiasm was aroused by the fact that, besides the usual gold, silver and bronze medals offered to the winners of competitions, the winning country was to be awarded a handsome and valuable trophy, officially called the "ITU Trophy" as a tribute to the International Telecommunication Union; radio amateurs and journalists called it the "World Radio Amateur Cup". The ITU trophy is made of solid bronze and stands on a base of *jacaranda*, a special wood typical of Brazil. It represents the globe which is fixed to a geometrical figure, the international symbol of Brasilia, and it will be awarded definitively to the national amateur radio association of the country which wins the competition three years in succession.

The trophy was exhibited for many weeks in the windows of the main shops in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. In Sao Paulo it was one of the major attractions of the Trade and Industry Fair. Large photographs of the trophy were displayed in other cities.

- For three months, Brazilian radio amateurs referred to the competition and World Telecommunication Day in their contacts with amateurs in all five continents.

- Contacts were made on 16 and 17 May with thousands of amateurs all over the world.
- In addition to the international radio amateur competition, a ceremony initiated by the Ministry of Communications took place at the headquarters of the *Empresa Brasileira de Correios e Telégrafos* in Rio de Janeiro. Addresses were delivered on World Telecommunication Day before the Baron de Capanema monument. The anniversary of the establishment of the first telegraph circuit in 1852 was also commemorated.
- In the National Senate and the House of Representatives members of both legislative bodies spoke about the significance of the Day. They paid tribute to the work done by the ITU and gave a brief account of its history.
- The Public Relations Office of the Ministry of Communications distributed information to the press and radio and television stations on the history and activities of the ITU since its creation 105 years ago.

(Sources: Ministry of Communications;
Mr. Juan A. Autelli, ITU expert in Brazil,
Rio de Janeiro)

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Burundi

- On 17 May the staff of the telecommunication service in the Ministry of Communications and Aeronautics assembled in the gardens of the Central Radio Office in Bujumbura. Mr. Antoine Kadende, Director of Telecommunications, made a speech outlining the development of telecommunications and assessing the progress achieved in Burundi. This was followed by a discussion.

Mr. Kadende's speech was broadcast at 6 p.m. the same day by the station "Voice of the Revolution".

- In one of its weekly programmes, the Information Centre broadcast over Radio Burundi information on *World Telecommunication Day* and the ITU.

(Sources: Ministry of Communications and Aeronautics,
Bujumbura; United Nations Information
Centre, Bujumbura)

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Canada

- A press release in both English and French was issued on 13 May 1970 by the Department of Communications.
- The Northern Electric Laboratories, Ottawa, issued a general news release on 16 May 1970 to publicize *World Telecommunication Day*. The release was sent out to 28 newspapers disseminated throughout the country.

The ITU posters were exhibited in their Central Laboratories in Ottawa and sent to regional laboratories in Kanata, Belleville, Bramalea and London, Ontario.

The Day was also announced over the employee telephone information service.

*(Sources: Department of Communications;
Northern Electric Company, Ltd., Ottawa)*

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Ceylon

- To commemorate *World Telecommunication Day* two afternoon newspapers carried special supplements which included messages from the Minister of Telecommunications and the Director of the United Nations Information Centre.

*(Source: United Nations Information Centre,
Colombo)*

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Chile

- At the initiative of the *Superintendencia de Servicios Eléctricos, de Gas y de Telecomunicaciones* (SEGTEL), a Standing Committee was set up in April under the chairmanship of the Minister of the Interior to organize the celebration of *World Telecommunication Day* in this and subsequent years.
- On 15 May a cocktail party organized by the Directorate-General of Electricity Services, was held in the banqueting hall of the Sheraton Carrera Hotel in Santiago which was attended by important personalities, including Mr. Patricio Rojas, Minister of the Interior, representing the President of the Republic; the Secretary of State, accompanied by the Under-Secretary, Mr. Juan Achurra; Mr. Pario Parada, Director of Posts and Telegraphs; Mr. Edgardo Cruz Plaza, Superintendent of Electricity Services; Mr. Paul Frings, Deputy Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (in place of Mr. Ramírez-Boettner, Resident Representative, who was absent from Santiago); Mr. Vicente Huerta, High Commissioner of Police; Mr. Luis Jaspard, Director of Research; and representatives of the Armed Forces, the university authorities and communication equipment manufacturers and services.

All ITU experts and experts of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Special Fund project were present.

Mr. Edgardo Cruz Plaza handed the Minister of the Interior a commemorative gold medal, to be given to the President of the Republic, with the ITU symbol on one side and the symbol of World Telecommunication Day on the other. An identical medal, for the ITU, was given to the United Nations Resident Representative in Chile.

Addresses were delivered by Mr. Edgardo Cruz and Mr. Paul Frings. Both speeches were recorded by the United Nations Information Service and sent to headquarters in New York.

A commemorative booklet and a copy of a press release by the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA), with the message of Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of the ITU, were given to everyone present.

Musical entertainment was provided by a choir of telecommunication officials and a folk ensemble.

The commemorative ceremony was followed by a luncheon in the same room of the Carrera Hotel attended by 200 guests.

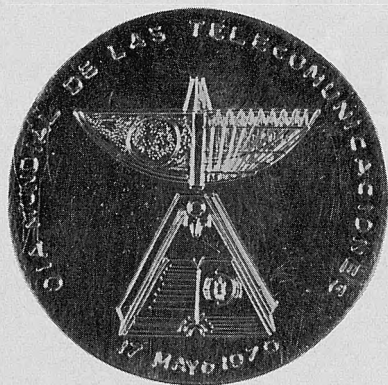
- Programmes on the Day were broadcast throughout the country.



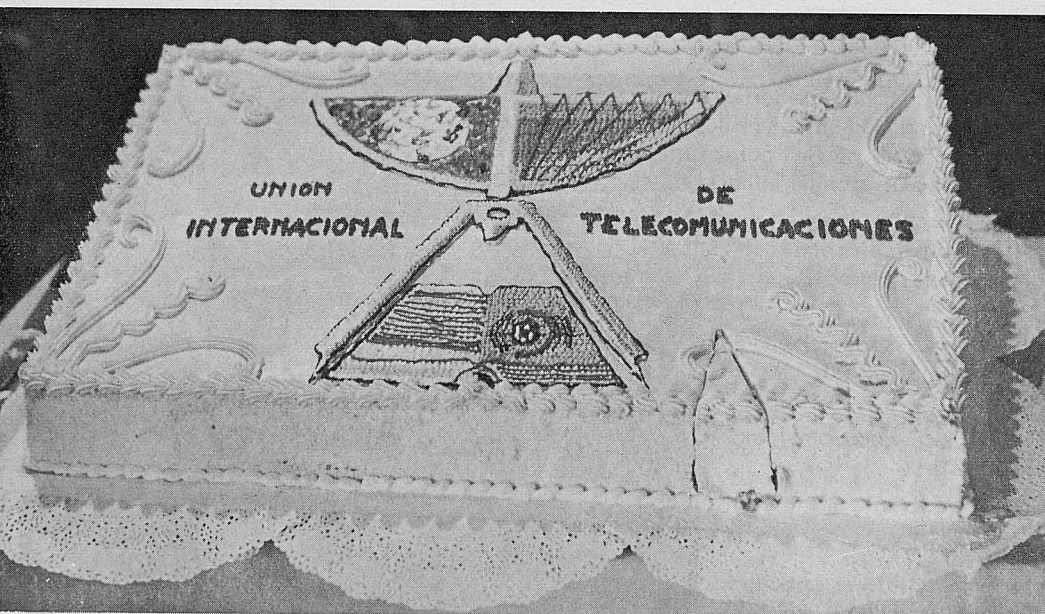
The SEGTEL choir



Presentation of the commemorative medal to Mr. P. Frings, Deputy Resident Representative (UNDP)



Commemorative medal



Cake served at the gala luncheon offered by SEGTEL

- The television authorities devoted a considerable part of the most popular viewing time to the following:

Channel 7: On 14 May, a discussion featuring Mr. Edgardo Cruz Plaza, Superintendent of SEGTEL and Mr. Jacques Raverdy, Project Manager of ITU CHI-21. Subject: the role of the ITU in the world and in Chile.

Projection of the film "The International Telecommunication Union".

Channel 9: On 16 May at 2 p.m., a discussion featuring Mr. Fernando Casasbellas, Director of the National Centre for Electronics and Telecommunication Studies (CENET), and Mr. Jacques Raverdy on "Training in the ITU" and the CENET.

Projection of a film on telecommunications in Chile.

Channel 13 (Catholic University of Santiago de Chile): On 17 May at 3 p.m., a talk by Mr. Michel Carles, television systems expert, on the social function of telecommunications—their history and future prospects—exhibition of old and modern equipment.

Broadcast of greetings to the Secretary-General of the ITU in connection with World Telecommunication Day.

(Sources: Directorate-General of Electricity Services,
Chilean Telecommunication Administration;
ECLA Information Services;
Resident Representative of the United
Nations Development Programme;
Mr. Jacques Raverdy, ITU Expert in San-
tiago de Chile)

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China

- The message from the Secretary-General of the ITU, Mr. M. Mili, on the occasion of the second *World Telecommunication Day*, translated into Chinese and printed—was distributed to all newspapers.
- A special postmark was shown on all letters sent on 17 May 1970.

(Source: Directorate General of Telecommunications,
Taipei)

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Cyprus

- The Government Public Information Office published a press release on the these of the *Day*, “Telecommunications and Education”, as well as the message from the Secretary-General of the ITU.

The press release was carried by the local press, radio and television.

- Mr. Mili’s message was also disseminated in Cyprus in English, Greek and Turkish. The translation into Greek was done by the United Nations Information Centre.
- The film “The International Telecommunication Union” was shown on television by the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation.

(Sources: Ministry of Communication and Works,
Nicosia; United Nations Information Centre
for Greece, Isarel, Turkey, Cyprus and
Athens;
Resident Representative of the United Nations
Development Programme, Nicosia)

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Vatican City

- Broadcasts by Radio Vatican in its three working languages referred to *World Telecommunication Day* and stressed the ever-increasing importance of telecommunications in the expansion and promotion of education at all levels.

(Source: *Radio Vaticana, Vatican City*)

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Colombia

- In the week prior to 17 May, the national radio and television channels broadcast several times a day a message on the theme “ Sunday, 17 May: Second World Telecommunication Day. Colombia joins in celebration ”.

On television the programmes were appropriately illustrated with pictures.

- At 10 a.m. on Saturday, 16 May, a press meeting was held in the office of the Minister of Communications to discuss the significance of *World Telecommunication Day* and telecommunication activities in Colombia.
- At 10 p.m., a round-table discussion was included in the *NOTICIERO TELECOM* programme and broadcast over official radio and television channels. Taking part were the Minister of Communications, the President of TELECOM (National Telecommunication Undertaking) and the Director of INRAVISION (the governmental radio and television authority).
- At 7 p.m. on Sunday 17 May, there was a round-table discussion in the auditorium of Radio Sutatenza in Bogotá with the Electronics Engineering Faculties and the Colombian Radio Amateurs' Association. Messages referring to communications by His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, the Minister of Communications and Monsignor José Joaquín Salcedo were included in the programme.
- From 8.30 to 9 p.m. a special programme, during which the Minister of Communications and the President of TELECOM spoke, was broadcast by the *Cadena Todelar de Colombia* station.
- The importance and significance of World Telecommunication Day were explained by the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Communications during

a radio programme which was included in the *Monitor de Caracol* programme, and by the Counsellor of the Ministry during a special radio programme broadcast by *Radio Cadena Nacional*.

This last programme included an account of the ITU and the activities of TELECOM in Colombia (as well as the recent inauguration by the President of Colombia of the Chocoeta space-tracking station in Colombia associated with INTELSAT).

- A talk on social problems and telecommunications in Colombia was given by Dr. Miguel Ignacio Castro.
- The United Nations Information Centre sent to the United Nations Office of Public Information tape recordings of the messages by the Secretary-General of the ITU and the Colombian Minister of Communications as well as a special radio programme prepared by the Director of the Colombian Radio Cadena Nacional.

(Sources: Ministry of Communications; National Radio and Television Institute (INRAVISION); United Nations Information Centre, Bogotá)

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Congo (Kinshasa)

- One of the events marking *World Telecommunication Day* was a reception given at the United Nations Club in Kinshasa by Mr. J. G. Lemay, Manager of the ITU sponsored technical assistance project for the National Posts and Telecommunication School (ENPT). Among the guests were officials from the Congolese Government, directors of the Congolese Posts and Telecommunications Office, United Nations Development Programme administrators and ITU experts.
- The Project Manager gave a lecture at ENPT on the theme "Telecommunications and Education."
- The film "The ITU" was shown on 17 May by the Congolese national television service.

(Sources: ITU Project Manager, ENPT; United Nations Information Centre, Kinshasa)

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Ivory Coast

- A speech by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications was broadcast on radio and television and published in the press.
- A panel discussion was held on television with various officials from the Post and Telecommunication services, the International Telecommunication company of the Ivory Coast and Ivory Coast radio and television taking part.
- A film and photographs were shown to the public on the different branches of telecommunication activity, in particular the role of the ITU concerning international regulations, frequency allocation, technical assistance, etc. This was followed by a debate in which stress was laid on the careers offered to young people in the telecommunication services of the Ivory Coast.
- A special *World Telecommunication Day* stamp on educational television was issued.

2000 of these stamps were sent to the ITU.

(Source: Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications;
Resident Representative of the United Nations
Development Programme, Abidjan)

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Cuba

- In a radio programme on 16 May, the First Vice-Minister Mr. Pedro W. Luis Torres, gave a talk on the importance of telecommunications for national political, social and economic development.
- The Ministry of Communications issued a stamp to commemorate *World Telecommunication Day*.

(Source: Ministry of Communications, Havana)

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Dahomey

- A reception in honour of *World Telecommunication Day* for all those concerned with telecommunication activities was offered in his home by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative. Among the numerous guests were the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Mr. Karl Ahouansou, his predecessor, his executive secretary, the Director of postal services, the Director of telephone services and the officials responsible for the different services, and embassy representatives.

The reception was reported in the local press.

(Source: *Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme, Cotonou*)

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Dominican Republic

- The *Dirección General de Correos y Telecomunicaciones* issued two postage stamps designed for the event, a 7 cents air mail stamp and a 20 cents surface mail stamp. The design shows a telecommunications satellite and the inscription “World Telecommunication Day—17 May 1970—International Telecommunication Union”.

A first day of issue cancellation postmark was available at the main Post Office in Santo Domingo.

- Lectures on telecommunications were held at the *Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra*, school of engineering, by ITU expert Mr. B. Brok. During the lectures a description was given of the functions of ITU, its technical assistance programmes and the meaning of *World Telecommunication Day*. The message from Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of ITU, was read to all students.
- The *Revista Postal y Telegráfica Dominicana*, journal of DIRGENTE, carried a full-cover reproduction of the ITU celebration poster.

- A bulletin commemorating World Telecommunication Day quoting Mr. Mili's message was issued by the Dominican Telephone Company and distributed to all employees and the press.

(Source: Mr. B. Brok, ITU expert, Santo Domingo)

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Ecuador

- The Ministry of Public Works and the Director-General of Telecommunications offered cocktails and lunch on 17 May at the Intercontinental Hotel in Quito for ITU staff in Ecuador, the United Nations Resident Representative and other eminent personalities.
- A bonus of 1 month's salary was given to the employees and officials of the Directorate-General of Telecommunications.
- Programmes prepared by the Administration of Ecuador on *World Telecommunication Day* were broadcast over the radio and on television.

(Source: Directorate-General of Telecommunications of Ecuador, Quito)

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Spain

- Illumination of the Palace of Communications, decorated with national and ITU flags.
- Issue of a special postmark.
- The following were organized by the College and the Association of Telecommunication Engineers:
 - a prize of 25 000 pesetas for the best article published in the daily press on the subject "Telecommunications and Education" (not yet adjudicated).

— a series of lectures and symposia on “Education and Telecommunications” and on the use of computers for educational purposes.

These events took place in the Palace of Communications in Madrid between 18 and 22 May 1970.

- Spanish Television broadcast in its national programme a transmission on the history of telecommunications, discussions on the significance of the Day and talks on telecommunications and education in general, telecommunications and education in intermediate schools; and telecommunications and the teaching of medicine.

(Sources: Directorate-General of Posts and
Telecommunications;
National Telephone Company of Spain;
Standard Electrica, S.A., Madrid)

United States of America

Voice of America (VOA)

- The VOA marked the celebration of the second *World Telecommunication Day* by the occurrence of this event in its news casts of May 17. Mention of the event was also made in several VOA broadcasts on that day, and at least one broadcast was entirely devoted to World Telecommunication Day.

The American Radio Relay League, Inc.

- The celebration of the contest sponsored by the Brazilian Ministry of Communications was announced in the May issue of *QST* (the official publication of The American Radio Relay League). In addition, prior to 17 May, a special bulletin was transmitted several times daily from their headquarters station *WIAW* in Newington, calling attention to World Telecommunication Day and referring to the item in *QST*.

(Sources: Office of Telecommunications, Washington;
The American Radio Relay League, Inc.,
Newington, Conn.)

Ethiopia

- On 17 May a press conference was held at the Imperial Board of Telecommunications of Ethiopia (IBTE) on the theme of the second *World Telecommunication Day*, i.e. "Telecommunications and Education". Present at the conference were Mr. Gabriel Tedros, General Manager of IBTE; Mr. Abdu Mozayen, Director of Ethiopia's Educational Mass Media centre of the Ministry of Education and Fine Arts; Mr. Beyene Desta, Radio Division Manager, and Mr. Seyoum Negussie, IBTE Training Branch Chief.



Mr. G. Tedros during the press conference

At the end of the press conference, Mr. Beyene Desta and Mr. Abdu Mozayen gave exclusive interviews on mass media education which were broadcast by Radio Ethiopia during the after-lunch programme.

The message from Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of ITU, was also broadcast.

The Ethiopian Television showed the press conference in its evening programme.

- The film "The ITU" and two other films related to telecommunications were shown on television. The films had been lent by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).
- A press release was issued by the Public Relations Department of IBTE and two pages in IBTE's house magazine *Tele Negarit* were devoted to World Telecommunication Day together with photographs depicting the two aspects of the theme as practised by IBTE. The magazine also carried the ITU World Telecommunication Day emblem.

(Sources: Imperial Board of Telecommunications of Ethiopia; United Nations Economic Commission for Africa; Mr. H. K. Bender, ITU Telecommunications Expert, Addis Ababa)

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Finland

- *World Telecommunication Day* was featured in the programmes of the national radio service and the international department and information agency of the national television service.

The Information Bulletin of the P&T Administration included a special feature on the Day.

(Source: General Directory of Posts and Telegraphs, Helsinki)

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France

- A lengthy memorandum on the ITU, the second *World Telecommunication Day*, telecommunication training, training centres etc., was issued by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and 1100 copies were distributed to the press, parliamentary delegates and prefects.
- A press conference was given on 15 May by Mr. Voga, Chief Engineer, Director of the PTT training services, and followed by a tour of the premises of the Training Service Department (laboratories, Computer Centre, etc.). Representatives of the press and broadcasting services attended this lecture-tour.

A report on these events was published in the *Postes and télécommunications* bulletin (which has a circulation of 330 000).

(Source: Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications,
Paris)

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Gabon

- The Posts and Telecommunications Office issued a commemorative stamp for *World Telecommunication Day*.

A “First Day” cover, with this stamp, was put on sale (limited issue, numbered 1 to 2000).

(Source: Posts and Telecommunications Office,
Libreville)

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Gambia

- On Sunday 17 May, a 30-minute radio broadcast programme included an address by the Minister of Works and Communications who invited the public to visit the Telecommunication Training Centre on Monday 18 May.

The Director of the PTT, speaking on *Radio-Gambienne*, stressed the importance of the role played by telecommunications in the modern world.

He also organized a visit to the new radio-telephone facility set up by the Gambian Government with British collaboration and technical assistance.

The recorded message from the Secretary-General of ITU was also broadcast, followed by a résumé of the history, functions and achievements of the ITU.



Open-day at the Telecommunication Training Centre

- By special invitation from the Director of Posts and Telecommunications, on Saturday 16 May Ministers of the Government, members of the Mercantile Community and many very important personalities visited the Telecommunication Training Centre. Distinguished visitors included His Excellency the President of the Republic of Gambia, Sir Dawada K. Jawara; the Honourable Alhaji I. M. Garba-Jahumpa, Minister of Education, Health and Social Welfare; the Honourable Alhaji Kalilu Singateh, Minister of Works and Communications.

During the visit trainees demonstrated some of their work, the modern training facilities with which the Centre is equipped and several other exhibits set up for the occasion.

The recorded message from the Secretary-General of ITU to telecommunication trainees in Gambia was prominently displayed. The message, which reached Gambia by telex, was reproduced on punched tape and used to demonstrate the closed circuit teleprinter system with which the school is equipped.

- On Monday 18 May, the Training Centre was open to the general public and trainees took a continuous stream of enthusiastic visitors on conducted tours of the Centre.

At the request of the Ministry of Education the Training Centre was also held open on 19 and 20 May. On these days groups of school children at all levels, accompanied by teachers, were conducted around the Centre.

The Women's Corona Society of Gambia spent several hours at the Centre on the evening of 19 May. They listened to a short address on the organization, aims and objectives of the ITU, and were then taken on a conducted tour of the Centre by Mr. C. A. Wiltshire, ITU expert in Bathurst.

*(Source: Mr. C. A. Wiltshire, ITU expert, Bathurst;
United Nations Information Centre, Dakar)*

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Greece

- An announcement by the Greek Ministry of Communications on the second *World Telecommunication Day* which referred to the development of telecommunication media in the service of man, as well as the ITU activities to co-ordinate and promote collective effort and international co-operation in this field, received very good coverage in the press and was transmitted by radio and television.
- The Director of Schools of the Greek Telecommunication Organization (OTE) gave an interview on "Telecommunications and Education" on Athens TV.



Mr. L. Alexandropoulos, Director of OTE, gives the starting signal for the second Tele-Rally

- To mark the Day the OTE made arrangements for the “ Second Tele-Rally ”, a 900 km motor rally of its staff members, which was widely covered by all information media.

During the award presenting ceremony it was officially announced that the Third Tele-Rally to be held on 17 May 1971 will be an international motor car competition.

- The Governor of the OTE, in a special circular-letter to the Organization’s personnel throughout the country, outlined the significance of the Day.

(Sources: Ministry of Communications; United Nations Information Centre, Athens)

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Guinea

- On 16 and 17 May 1970 the national broadcasting service produced a special programme including a lengthy speech by Mr. Mamady Kaba, Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications, on the theme “ Telecommunications and Education ” and the special message by the Secretary-General of the ITU.

- On 29 May 1970 the *Ecole nationale des arts et métiers* in Conakry organized the following events for its students:

- an exhibition of photographs and the texts of the messages by Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of the ITU, and Mr. René Maheu, Director-General of UNESCO, and
- a showing of the films “ Invisible Links ” and “ In Signal Honour ”.

The films were preceded by a speech given by Mr. Mamadou Bobo Camara, head of the Research Department attached to the Secretariat of State for Posts and Telecommunications.

- On 10 June the same films were shown in the Secretariat of State for Posts and Telecommunications for workers in the department.

The photographs and films aroused considerable interest among the students and workers; the two sessions were attended by 300 students and 200 workers respectively.

- A special stamp was issued by the P&T undertaking.

(Sources: *Secretariat of State for Posts and Telecommunications*;
Resident Representative of the United Nations
Development Programme, Conakry)

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Guyana

- The second *World Telecommunication Day* celebrations were organized by Mr. Winston Harper, Public Relations Officer, Guyana Telecommunication Corporation (GTC) jointly with Cable and Wireless (W.I.) Ltd., the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Information and Culture.
- On Saturday evening 16 May, 1970, the Honourable Minister of Communications, Mr. Mohamed Kasim, made a special radio broadcast over Radio Demerara and the Guyana Broadcasting Service in observance of the Day.
- A film show was held in the Lecture Room, Telephone House, on Monday 18 May. The films shown were "Open for Traffic", "Erection for Earth Satellite" and "New Caribbean".
- An exhibition, organized by the Guyana Telecommunication Corporation, was held at Telephone House, Brickdam, Georgetown, from 18 to 25 May. The exhibition, which depicted the old and new in telecommunications, was intended for primary school children in the Georgetown area.

The exhibition was opened by Mr. Neville Bissember, Chairman of GTC.

An illuminated symbol of children listening to the radio programme "Broadcast to Schools" was displayed in the GTC building in Brickdam as well as a globe depicting the linking of the entire world through telecommunications.

Tours were also conducted throughout Telephone House.

- There was a drawing or painting competition among school children, illustrating something interesting or important in the telecommunication world. A cup and fourteen (14) book prizes were distributed to the pupil winners by Miss Shirley Field-Ridley, Minister of Education.
- Illuminated signs illustrating “Education by Telecommunication ” and “Telecommunications Span the World ” were displayed at the Administrative Building and Telephone House, respectively.
- A supplement was published on Sunday 17 May, by the Guyana Graphic—one of Guyana’s daily newspapers—for Guyana Telecommunication Corporation and Cable and Wireless (W.I.) Ltd. Included were extracts from the Minister of Communications’ broadcast, the message from Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of the ITU, and an article by Cable and Wireless.

(Sources: Guyana Telecommunication Corporation,
Brickdam, Georgetown; United Nations
Information Centre for the Caribbean Area,
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad)

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Upper Volta

- On the occasion of the second *World Telecommunication Day* the Posts and Telecommunications Office organized the following events in Ouagadougou:
 - conducted tours of the telephone exchange on the mornings of 16, 19 and 20 May 1970;
 - a lecture on the theme “Telecommunications and Education ” at the *Ecole nationale d’Administration* on Friday 15 May at 5.30 p.m.

(Source: Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications,
Ouagadougou)

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Hungarian People's Republic

General Directorate of Posts

- The Postal Administration organized a lecture for its staff on the relationship between telecommunications and education in Hungary.
- An article on the role and importance of the ITU appeared in the brochure *Matière des organismes internationaux* (Activities of the International Organizations) published by the Documentation Centre and National Technical Library of Hungary.

Beloianisz Híradástechnikai Gyár (BHG)

- The BHG Telecommunication Works, Budapest, organized a photo competition on the theme of the second *World Telecommunication Day* i.e. "Telecommunications and Education".

Bronze medal for the winners of the international contest



- On 15 and 18 May commemorations were transmitted by the loudspeaker system of the factory.
- On 18 May, the Deputy-Technical Manager read a paper on World Telecommunication Day and the significance of ITU. This was followed by the projection of the films borrowed from ITU *Ich rufe Sie an* (I'll give you a ring) and *Rhythmus unserer Zeit* (Rhythm of our time). The show was attended by an audience of about 400.
- A short commemorative article was published in the factory's newspaper.
- In addition to the above listed events, the BHG Telecommunication Works sent 10 bronze medals to the ITU for the winners of the international contest organized on the occasion of the second World Telecommunication Day.

(Sources: General Directorate of Posts; BGH Telecommunication Works, Budapest)

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India

- On 16 May 1970, Mr. Satya Narain Sinha, Minister of Information, Broadcasting and Communications, Government of India, broadcast a statement on All India Radio's network in Hindi and English.

On 17 May, a panel discussion was held on the theme "Telecommunications and Education". Talks on the subject were given by Prof. S. V. C. Aiya, Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training; Mr. Kiran Karnik, Indian Space Research Organization; Mr. B. S. Rau, P&T Directorate; Mr. T. R. Jayaraman, Ministry of Education and Youth Services; Mr. A. I. R. Jankiraman, All India Radio; Brig. S. K. Batra, Signal Directorate; Mr. B. Y. Nerurkar, Wireless Adviser, Department of Communications; and Dr. B. D. Chaudhuri, Member, Planning Commission.

- A ceremony organised by Mr. N. C. Srivastava, Secretary, Department of Communications, was held at New Delhi in the course of which Prof. Sher Singh, Minister of State for Communications, who presided, delivered an address which was subsequently broadcast.

- The Government of India instituted three prizes of 1000 rupees each to be awarded annually for outstanding contributions in the field of telecommunications. The task of making selections from amongst the contributions sponsored by various Ministries and Departments was undertaken in 1970 by a judging committee comprising Lt. General I. D. Verma, President, Institution of Telecommunication Engineers; Mr. C. A. Cornelius, Senior Member, Posts and Telecommunications Board; and Prof. S. V. C. Aiya, Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training.

The three prizes were distributed, one each, under the fields “ Research and Development ”, “ Manufacture ” and “ Operation, Maintenance and Organization ”.

- The Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department provided a special postmark in Hindi and English for franking of mails on 17 May 1970 to mark *World Telecommunication Day*.
- Regional stations of All India Radio covered local functions in local news and newsreels.

(Sources: Department of Communications;
All India Radio, New Delhi)



Indonesia

- As part of the celebration of *World Telecommunication Day*, on 16 May 1970 took place the opening of Regional Telecommunication Training Units in Indonesia.

Commemorative ceremonies were held in the various regional centres. The principal ceremony was held in the capital, Djakarta, in the assembly room at Gambir exchange. The ceremony was opened by Mr. Sanusi, Head of Training; and speeches were delivered by Mr. Soepandi, Director of Training; Mr. Kinoshita, Project Manager; Mr. Holzhausen, Asst. Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Mr. Sutanggar, First Director of *Perum Telekomunikasi*, Bandung, and Mr. R. R. Adiwinata. The message from Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of the ITU, was read out during the ceremony.

There was a symbolic donation of training equipment and an illuminated map showing the location of 5 Regional Training Units was unveiled.

Over 100 visitors and about 60 students attended the ceremony.

Similar ceremonies were held at Bandung, Surabaya, Makassar and Medan.

Bandung

- A ceremony was held on 16 May at the Auditorium Perum Telecommunications Academy was attended by about 70 guests and 84 students. Speeches were delivered by:

- Mr. Poernomo Soebowo, Administrative Officer of the Telecommunication Training Centre;
- Mr. J. Willmot, representing ITU;
- Mr. Harun al Rasjid, representing the Board of Directors of Perum Telekomunikasi;

and Mr. R. Affandi Prawiraatmadja, Chief, Bandung Regional Telecommunication Training Unit, read the message from Mr. Mili.

Surabaya

- The ceremony was held on 16 May in the courtyard of the Regional Training School. About 20 guests and 65 students (30 of the latter being students of the new regional Training Unit) attended the ceremony. Speeches were delivered by:

- Mr. Wakidjan, Chief, Surabaya Regional Telecommunication Training Centre;
- Mr. Djma'udin, representing Regional Director;
- Mr. H. Schnitzke, representing ITU;
- Mr. Pattirane, representing Training Headquarters.

Medan

- The ceremony was held on 16 May at the Regional Training School building which had been profusely decorated with flowers. About 20 guests and 30 students were present. Speeches were delivered by:

- Mr. Sihombing, representing the Director of Education;
- Mr. Koesmoerhadi, representing General Soehardjono, Director-General of P&T;
- Mr. H. J. Heymann, representing ITU.

Makassar

- No formal ceremony was held on 16 May, but on 1 June 1970, when local training actually began, Mr. Mili's cable was read together with a message from the Director-General. About 10 guests and 30 students were present.

Djajapura

- On 17 May 1970, at Djajapura, West Irian, a party was held at the home of Mr. Øystein Linge, ITU Project Manager of the telecommunication project financed by *FUNDWI-31* (Fund of the United Nations for the Development of West Irian) for which the ITU is acting as executing agency. Almost 200 people attended the party which followed the boat regatta on the Humboldt Bay organized for the occasion. The gardens were flarelit and the terrace was decorated with colourful World Telecommunication Day posters.

(Source: Mr. M. Kinoshita, *Telecommunication Training Centre, Bandung*; Mr. Øystein Linge, *Project Manager, Djajapura, West Irian*)

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Iran

- The Ministry of Information publicized *World Telecommunication Day*.
- Radio Iran network carried the news.
- The United Nations Information Centre supplied two films on the ITU and some background information to the National Iranian Television (*NITV*).

The Centre also prepared a feature story on ITU and its assistance to Iran and sent it out to 200 papers and magazines in Tehran and provinces together with Mr. Mili's biography and a story on the recent meeting in Tehran of the Plan Committee for Asia and Oceania which had been attended by Mr. Mili.

(Source: *United Nations Information Centre, Tehran*)

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Iraq

- To commemorate *World Telecommunication Day* a ceremony was organized by the Directorate General of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones at the Baghdad Telecommunication Training Centre. The ceremony was attended by H. E. Mr. A. A. Sabri Al-Izzi, Minister of Communications, Mr. Nazar Tawdiq, Director General of the PTT, the UNDP Resident Representative in Iraq, United Nations experts and high ranking Government officials.

During the ceremony speeches were delivered by the Minister of Communications, the Director General of PTT and other personalities, and a variety of activities were presented. A luncheon followed the ceremony.

- The celebration of the Day was well covered by radio and television.

(Source: United Nations Information Centre, Baghdad)



Mr. A. A. Sabri Al-Izzi, Minister of Communications, delivering his speech

Israel

- Radio broadcasts on the various aspects of telecommunications by the Minister of Posts, the Director General of the Ministry of PTT and senior engineers.

The Minister's broadcast was reported by the press.

- "The anatomy of disconnecting a telephone cable" was the subject of a broadcast talk with the Director of Engineering Services of PTT, the Legal Adviser and professional people concerned with the subject.
- In a special broadcast for elementary schools, talks on present and future developments were held by senior engineers of the Ministry of Posts. A recorded telephone call from two Israeli boys to two boys in San Francisco, USA, was transmitted and afterwards two other boys told of their impressions of a visit to the Exchange where the above-mentioned call was put through.
- Special attention was given to explaining the importance of telecommunications to youngsters of school age. Special lessons on the proper use of public telephones were given in all schools. A suitable poster was distributed among 6,000 classes of elementary schools and youth clubs.
- "Open house" all over the country. Visits of schoolboys and girls aged 13-14 to automatic exchanges were organized throughout the country. They were shown how to use the telephone properly so as to avoid interfering with other users. Printed brochures with diagrams had been prepared.

A total of 10,000 boys and girls visited 40 exchanges all over the country. Oral as well as visual explanations (posters, etc.) were distributed.

- The subject of the telephone was given wide publicity in the daily press by means of photographs and articles both in Hebrew and English.

In all these events the ITU was mentioned and emphasized.

(Sources: Ministry of Posts; Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Jerusalem; United Nations Information Centre for Greece, Israel, Turkey and Cyprus, Athens)

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Italy

- An official ceremony was held in Rome at the Capitol and was attended by numerous guests from economic, cultural and religious circles. Mr. Franco Maria Malfatti, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, gave a speech on the theme “Telecommunications and Education”. The ceremony was broadcast and televised by the Italian Radio and Television service (*RAI*).

A first-day cover printed with the ITU design was distributed by the Administration to those attending the ceremony.



Mr. F. M. Malfatti, Minister of P & T, delivering his speech

(This first-day cover was also sent as a gesture to the members of the ITU Administrative Council by the Italian representative).

- RAI made several references to the significance of *World Telecommunication Day* in its radio and television broadcasts. On 17 May RAI also broadcast a TV documentary entitled “Antennae on the world” which was filmed specially for the occasion.
- A special postmark in commemoration of the Day was used from 1 to 17 May 1970.

(Source: PTT Ministry, Rome)

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Japan

- Commemoration of the second *World Telecommunication Day* was advanced to 7 May at the UN Pavilion at EXPO '70, Osaka, in order to make it coincide with the visit of the Secretary-General of ITU, Mr. Mili. A special ceremony took place on that day at the UN Pavilion and the *Asahi Tele-Newspaper* machine produced a special issue for the day.

The UN Pavilion also prepared a press release which was distributed to the Japanese and foreign press accredited to EXPO '70.

ITU pamphlets were distributed to the public.

- On 17 May, ITU posters and pamphlets in Japanese, English and French were distributed to the visitors to the Telecommunication Pavilion of EXPO '70, explaining the history, organization, work, etc. of ITU.
- Mr. Mili delivered a speech on the theme “The role and activities of the ITU” to an audience of over 300 people from the telecommunications circles during his stay at Shin-Hankyu Hotel in Osaka on 7 May. The text of his address and his message on the occasion of the Day were translated into Japanese by the Ministry of Posts Press Section and distributed to the press through its press club.

(Sources: Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications;
United Nations Information Centre, Tokyo;
Mr. J. Zuckerman, UN Coordinator for the
UN Pavilion, Osaka)

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Jordan

- On 17 May 1970, special programmes on the occasion were transmitted over the radio and television.
- The newspaper *Al Difa'a* published an article in Arabic which included the message addressed by H. E. the Minister of Communications on the participation of Jordan in the *World Telecommunication Day*. Information about the ITU and its role in the development of worldwide telecommunications was given. Developments already achieved in telecommunications on the national scale as well as future projects of the Ministry of PT&T were also mentioned.

(Sources: Ministry of Communications, Amman; UN
Information Centre for Jordan, Kuwait,
Lebanon and Syria, Beirut)



Kuwait

- The United Nations Information Centre prepared a press release in Arabic and English which, along with other publications, was distributed to the information media in the four countries served by the Centre.

(Source: United Nations Information Centre for
Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon and Syria, Beirut)



Laos

- The second *World Telecommunication Day* was celebrated throughout the country.
Streamers with “World Telecommunication Day” with texts in Lao and in French were displayed in the main streets of Vientiane and on the facade of the Posts building and the PTT Ministry.

Panels with photographs and posters were displayed in various administrative buildings.

- The General Directorate of the PTT prepared a special release which was published by the press and broadcast by the national broadcasting service in its various newscasts over a three-day period.
- The Agency “Lao Press”, a daily information bulletin, devoted a full page to World Telecommunication Day in its 15 May number.

(Source: General Directorate of Posts and Telecommunications, Vientiane)



One of the streamers which were displayed in the main streets of Vientiane and on the facade of the Posts building and the PTT Ministry

Lebanon

- The United Nations Information Centre prepared a press release in Arabic and English which along with other publications was distributed to the information media in the four countries served by the Centre.

(Source: United Nations Information Centre for Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon and Syria, Beirut)

Libya

- The documentation supplied by the ITU was circulated to the senior officials of the Administration of Posts and Telecommunications with an explanation of the importance of the event.

(Source: Director General, Administration of Posts, Tripoli)

Madagascar

- A ceremony took place in Anosy on 16 May at the Ministry of Equipment and Communications. It was attended by several Malagasy and foreign officials, including Mr. Ravoahangy-Andrianavalona, Minister of State in the office of the President of the Republic, Mr. Razafimandimby, Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications, and the heads of United Nations projects and of diplomatic missions.

During the ceremony the Director of Information, Radio and Television, representing the Minister of Information, Tourism and Traditional Arts, gave a lecture on "Telecommunications and Education".

The Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications spoke of the training of technicians in the National Institute for Telecommunications and Posts (INTP).

The UNDP Resident Representative, Miss Granger, made a closing speech. The guests were then shown the film "Within the Bounds of Possibility" which was followed by a reception offered by the Minister of Equipment and Communications and the UNDP Resident Representative.

- An exhibition on the theme of *World Telecommunication Day* was organized in the Information Hall in Tananarive from 15 to 25 May and met with considerable interest on the part of the public.
- From 19 to 25 May films on the ITU were shown to PTT workers and INTP students.
- From 12 to 17 May radio and television programmes were broadcast about Telecommunication Day in which officials responsible for national education were interviewed.

On 17 May the Day's events were reported on radio and television. The film "Within the Bounds of Possibility" was also shown on television and was followed by an interview on telecommunication satellites.

*(Sources: Ministry of Equipment and Communications;
General Directorate of Posts and
Telecommunications;
Ministry of Information, Tourism and
Traditional Arts;
Resident Representative of the United Nations
Development Programme, Tananarive)*

During the ceremony which took place at the Ministry of Equipment and Communications in Anosy, various personalities spoke on the theme of telecommunications



Malaysia

- On the eve of *World Telecommunication Day*, a dinner and dance party was organized by the staff of the Telecommunication Department at the Telecommunications Training Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

The party commenced with the screening of some interesting films on telecommunications.

- A special colourful brochure reproducing the ITU poster emblem on the cover page was printed on the occasion and distributed throughout the country. (2000 copies were made available for wide publicity within Malaysia). The brochure included the message of greetings sent by the Honourable Minister of Works, Posts and Telecommunications of Malaysia, Tun V. T. Sambanthan, to Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of the ITU, as well as the messages from U Thant, Secretary General of the United Nations, from Mr. Mili and from the Director-General of Telecommunications of Malaysia, Mr. Chew Kam Pok.



Distribution of a special brochure reproducing the ITU poster emblem on the cover page

- On the evening of World Telecommunication Day, Television Malaysia showed a 40-minute ITU film entitled "Lines of communication".
- Radio amateurs also participated in the World Contest organized by the Brazilian Ministry of Telecommunications and this was given wide publicity.

(Source: Telecommunications Department,
Kuala Lumpur)

MALI

- To commemorate the second *World Telecommunication Day*, the *Office des Postes et Télécommunications* issued a stamp with a face value of 90 francs.

(Source: Office des Postes et Télécommunications,
Bamako)

Malta

- A special postmark with the slogan "17th May — Telecommunication Day" was used from 12 to 17 May for franking postage stamps.
- An informative article "How a telephone system works" by Mr. V. Mule Stagno, senior engineer in the Telephones Branch of the Posts and Telephones Department, was published in the "Sunday Times" of Malta of 17 May 1970. Reference was made to *World Telecommunication Day* in the television news bulletin.

The children's television programme showed a 5-minute general outline of telecommunications.

(Sources: Office of the Prime Minister, Wireless Telegraphy Branch; Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme, Valletta)

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Morocco

- The PTT Ministry organized special ceremonies to mark the second *World Telecommunication Day*.
- Moroccan radio and television broadcast a message by Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of the ITU, during its programmes on Friday evening and Saturday (15 and 16 May).
- The United Nations Information Centre arranged a window-display about the ITU from 15 to 26 May 1970. The Centre also lent films dealing with telecommunications.

(Source: United Nations Information Centre, Rabat)

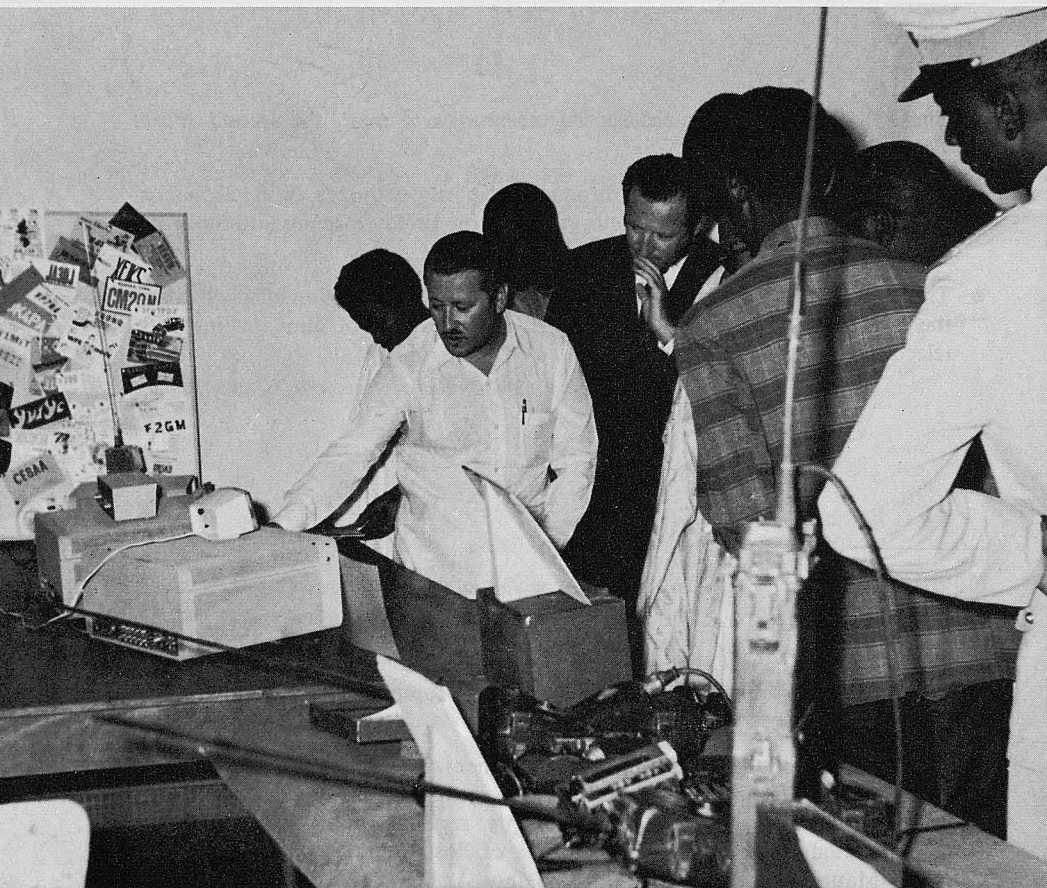
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Mauritania

- The Director of the Office of Posts and Telecommunications gave a *méchoui* (traditional roast dish) which was attended by prominent national figures and foreign guests.
- An exhibition of telecommunication equipment was organized by the Office of Posts and Telecommunications at Nouakchott. Various types of equipment (radio broadcasting, aeronautical, security services, public services) were demonstrated at the stands of the Office of Posts and Telecommunications, Radio-Mauritania, the Aeronautical Safety Agency (*ASECNA*), the Police and the Army, as well as by the radio amateur station *5T2UIT*, set up at the exhibition.

Moving displays using material supplied by the ITU were shown.

*(Sources: Office of Posts and Telecommunications;
Resident Representative of the United Nations
Development Programme, Nouakchott)*



*Radio-amateur station 5T2UIT at the telecommunication equipment exhibition
organized by the Office of Posts and Telecommunications*

Mexico

- *World Telecommunication Day* received a very wide radio and TV coverage. The Minister for Communications and Transport, Engineer José Antonio Padilla Segura, voiced a special message which was carried by TV channels 2 and 4 twice, at 19 and 24 hours. The message was also heard over *Radio Mil-FM* as part of a special 15-minute programme prepared by the United Nations Information Centre, Mexico.

The Mexican representative to the ITU Administrative Council, Engineer Lázaro Barajas, also delivered a message which was broadcast by station *XEX*.

The *Hora Nacional*, an official programme which is heard nation-wide, transmitted a historical account of ITU by Mr. Jaime Pericás, the President of the Mexican Association of Radio and TV Commentators.

In Mexico City, TV Channels 2, 4 and 5 presented spots at half-hour intervals during the day, using the slides sent by ITU to the United Nations Information Centre. Also, two films loaned by the Centre were shown on channels 2 and 4.

In the City of Guadalajara, Jalisco, a film on the ITU was televised on channel 4.

(Source: United Nations Information Centre,
Mexico City)



Monaco

- The Administration of Posts and Telecommunications of the Principality of Monaco used a special postmark from 1 April to 17 May 1970 containing the words “ Second World Telecommunication Day — ITU — 17 May 1970 ”.
- There were broadcasts by Radio Monte-Carlo and announcements on *Télé Monte-Carlo* in April and May.
- The Principality's Radio Amateur Association joined in the celebration of this 2nd *World Telecommunication Day*. Three hundred contacts with seventy

countries were established on all the HF bands from 0 to 24 hours. Special *QSL* cards for the Day, bearing the call sign *3A2UIT*, numbered and stamped with stamps bearing the ITU emblem were sent out to correspondents.

(Source: Ministry of State, Director-General of Posts and Telecommunications, Monte-Carlo)

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Mozambique (Portuguese Oversea Provinces)

- The Radio Club of Mozambique arranged a special theatrical programme including orchestras, a female choir, soloists and various sketches.

Senior telecommunication officials were among the large audience at this performance.

(Source: Radio Club, Lourenço Marques)

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Niger

- The celebration of the second *World Telecommunication Day* was proclaimed by the Office of Posts and Telecommunications through press releases and radio announcements.
- On 17 May, the Niger Radio and Television Office broadcast messages from Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of ITU, and the Acting Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Mr. Léopold Kaziende. The substance of the messages was reported in the press.
- A special PTT service order was circulated to all postal establishments on 5 May 1970.
- An airmail stamp with a face value of 100 francs was issued on 16 May 1970.

(Source: Office of Posts and Telecommunications, Niamey)

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Special variety show organized by the Radio Club of Mozambique



Nigeria

- The Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation-Television showed the films “ The International Telecommunication Union ”, “ In Signal Honour ” and “ A Call from Malaysia ”.
- A high mass for journalists was held at the Holy Cross Cathedral in Lagos.

(Sources: Ministry of Communications; United Nations Information Centre, Lagos)

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New Zealand

- A press article prepared by the New Zealand Post Office was published in a number of newspapers throughout the country.

Photographs depicting telecommunications and educational activities were also distributed by the Post Office and appeared with some of the articles.

(Source: General Post Office, Wellington)

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Pakistan

- The second *World Telecommunication Day* was celebrated throughout Pakistan on 17 May 1970.
- The press published an item released by the Ministry of Communications reviewing progress of ITU-aided projects in Pakistan.
- The United Nations Information Centre published the message from Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of ITU, in a press release as well as an article entitled

“Telecommunications and Electronic Data Processing”, by a former ITU Secretary-General, reproduced from the special ITU *Telecommunication Journal* of December 1969, for the local press.

(Sources: *Directorate General, Pakistan Telegraph and Telephone; United Nations Information Centre, Karachi*)

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Panama

- The press featured on their front pages a speech by Dr. Reginaldo L. Macias, Director-General of Posts and Telecommunications, on *World Telecommunication Day* and its significance.

(Sources: *General Directorate, Posts and Telecommunications; Mr. W. J. Bünger, ITU expert in Panama*)

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Paraguay

- The second *World Telecommunication Day* was the subject of special sound and television broadcasts.
- On Sunday 17 May 1970, the President of the Board of the National Telecommunication Administration (ANTELCO), Mr. Miguel C. Guanes, delivered a message which was broadcast at 7 p.m. by *Cerro Corá* Television. After the message, films on telecommunications were shown.
- The May 1970 number of the review *Teleinformativo*, the official journal of ANTELCO, published an article on Telecommunication Day and reproduced the messages sent to the Secretary-General of the ITU on 16 May for World Telecommunication Day by Mr. Miguel C. Guanes as President of the *Comisión Interamericana de Telecomunicaciones* (CITEL) and Mr. Francisco F. Duarte as General Administrator of ANTELCO. The cover-page of the journal reproduced the commemorative poster.

- The office of the United Nations Information Centre in Asunción produced posters with appropriate captions which were exhibited in the Administrative School of Paraguay, in the General Postal Administration and elsewhere.

(Source: United Nations Information Centre, Asunción)

Netherlands

- To celebrate *World Telecommunication Day*, a meeting was held on 12 May 1970 at the Dr. Neher Laboratory attended by deputations from technical universities and colleges of advanced technology. On this occasion, students gave lectures on the following subjects: "Fourier Series", "Semi-electronic exchanges", "General and technical aspects of satellite traffic".
A luncheon was given for the participants.
- Some directors of telephone regions invited the heads and electronics professors of the colleges of advanced technology to dinner in their respective regions. The publication "From Semaphore to Satellite" was distributed to the guests. It was sent by airmail to a number of heads of the educational institutions in question who were prevented from attending these functions owing to examinations.
- In the postal museum, guided tours specially organized to celebrate the Day were held throughout May. On each tour, a competition was held on a question relating to telecommunications.
- A poster depicting a young man repairing a telephone was distributed to the headmasters of primary and secondary schools, accompanied by a letter explaining the operation.
- An article concerning the Day was printed in the 13 May 1970 number of *Aangetekend*, the PTT house magazine.

(Source: Directorate-General, Administration of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones of the Netherlands, The Hague)

Peru

- To celebrate *World Telecommunication Day* on 17 May a message from the Director-General of Communications, Col. Jorge Estrada Gómez Sánchez, was read on radio and television.

A message of greetings to all telecommunication workers was sent by the Minister of Transport and Communications, General Aníbal Meza Cuadra. At the request of the United Nations Information Centre, the message was recorded for the United Nations radio service and was broadcast by 300 radio transmitters in Latin America. The Centre published the message in a press release which was distributed to all local information services and published by most of the important newspapers.

- An official ceremony was held and was attended by senior officials.
- A National Prize was awarded to the winner of the essay competition on the theme " This is Latin America ".
- Information on the ITU was published in the Journal of the Ministry of Transport and Communications.
- The Peruvian Radio Club and its amateur radio members took part in the competition organized by the Brazilian Administration.

(Sources: Ministry of Transport and Communications;
United Nations Information Centre;
Mr. V. V. Rao, ITU expert, Lima)

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Poland (People's Republic of)

- The functions organized in Poland to celebrate the second *World Telecommunication Day* were preceded by a publicity campaign in the press and on radio and television. As in 1969, these events were sponsored by the Polish Electricians' Association (SEP), in collaboration with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, the Ministry of Education and High Instruction and other professional and social associations.

- An organizing committee was set up by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications under the chairmanship of the Head of the Technical Department, Mr. E. Janowski. The committee comprised representatives of the Ministries of PTT, Education and Higher Instruction, the Radio and Television Committee "Polish Radio and Television", the central trade union committee of posts and telecommunication workers, the SEP, the National Defence Union, the Polish Radio Amateurs' Association and various other associations. This committee planned, prepared and carried out the programme of events organized to celebrate the Day.
- On 14 May 1970, a national press conference was held at the Electronics Faculty of the Warsaw Polytechnical Institute attended by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Dr. Edward Kowalczyk; the President of SEP, Mr. Tadeusz Dryzek; the Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Education and Higher Instruction, Mr. Waldemar Winkiel; the Rector of the Polytechnical Institute, Professor Dr. A. Kiliński; Professor Dr. St. Kuhn; Departmental Director, Mr. J. Rutkowski and other representatives of the



Journalists visiting the technical facilities of the Warsaw Polytechnical Institute

scientific and teaching world. About fifty journalists attended the conference, together with radio and television representatives. Documentation on the various possibilities afforded by telecommunications in education were distributed.

After the conference, the journalists inspected the Institute's technical facilities.



Mr. E. Kowalczyk, Minister of P & T, during the press conference

- On 16 May, a central assembly was held at the offices of the Polish General Technology Federation in Warsaw, under the chairmanship of the President of the Polish Electricians' Association (SEP), Mr. T. Dryzek; it was attended by high State officials, including the Deputy Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, the Deputy Minister of Education, the Rector of the Warsaw Polytechnical Institute and various social organizations.

During the conference, speeches were delivered by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Dr. E. Kowalczyk, by the Deputy Chairman of the Science and Technology Committee, Mr. Jerzy Metera, and by the Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Education, Mr. W. Winkiel. In his long address on "Telecommunications in education", the Minister of PTT referred to the progress made in Poland over the past twenty-five years in education, and stressed that the progress achieved had been made possible by the enormous strides made in the development of telecommunication and electronics facilities.

To conclude the assembly, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Mr. Janowski, read out the message from the Secretary-General of ITU.

- As part of the functions organized to celebrate the Day, Polish telecommunication workers built or repaired, free of charge, installations for the educational television centre at Plock, a branch of the Warsaw Polytechnical Institute.

On 18 May 1970, the centre was formally inaugurated at a ceremony attended by the Minister of PTT and the Minister of Education and High Instruction, Mr. Henryk Jablonski, both of whom delivered speeches.

- On 20 May, an exhibition of prize-winning awards was held at the Ministry of PTT following a competition on the rationalization of working processes organized by the Ministry throughout Poland. In the course of the inaugural ceremony, the Minister of PTT officially distributed the prizes and diplomas awarded to the winners of the competition. Twenty prizes were distributed for a total amount of 100 000 zloty.
- On 21 May, as part of the Day's celebrations, a ceremony was held at the Higher College of Telecommunication Technology at Bydgoszcz for the distribution of diplomas to 120 post and telecommunication workers who had completed courses in telecommunication engineering.
- Regional conferences on the theme of the Day, based on documents drawn up at Warsaw, were held in the fifteen main technical centres in Poland. These conferences were attended by representatives of SEP, the regional postal and telecommunication departments and by the national education authorities.
- SEP representatives gave talks to students and scouts on the Day all over Poland.
- Exhibitions of telecommunication equipment, books, photographs of telecommunication centres and workshop projects by young people in the field of

telecommunications, etc., were organized in all the major centres throughout the country.

Several telecommunication centres organized tours for young people guided by SEP members.

- The Polish Radio Amateurs' Association took an active part in the events organized to celebrate the Day. Numerous radio amateur stations took part in the competition held by the Brazilian Ministry of PTT.

The central radio transmitter *PZK/SP5 PZK* transmitted in its regular short-wave programme special broadcasts on the ITU and the Day. Several thousand amateur radio operators working with more than 3000 home sets and more than 300 club sets established radio contacts with *4U7ITU* at Geneva and *GB3ITU* in London and transmitted their good wishes to ITU.

- Special radio and television broadcasts devoted to the Day were transmitted in the course of regular programmes, including the education programme.
- A special postmark was introduced on 17 May 1970.

*(Source: Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications,
Warsaw)*

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United Arab Republic

- The Postal Authority issued a special commemorative stamp of the second *World Telecommunication Day*.

*(Source: Telecommunications Organization,
Radiocommunications Administration, Cairo)*

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Rhodesia

- The ITU posters were exhibited in Post Offices and selected public places together with a brief explanation of the *Day's* theme symbolized by the posters and the origin and structure of ITU.

(Source: Ministry of Posts, Causeway)

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United Kingdom

- A press and broadcast notice was issued by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications on Friday 16 May, giving an explanation of the significance of the ITU celebration of 17 May.
- The ITU posters were displayed at the Ministry of Communications, Post Office Telecommunications Headquarters, the Headquarters of Cable and Wireless Ltd., and at other suitable public buildings.
- The United Kingdom radio-amateurs took part in the competition for the "ITU Trophy" organized by the Brazilian Administration. The Radio Society of Great Britain operated two special event stations with the calls *GB2ITU* and *GB3ITU*. In accordance with the theme of the *Day*, the former station operated from Tonbridge School, Kent. These stations made about 600 contacts with more than 30 countries and special *QSL* cards were despatched.

The design published by the ITU Secretariat for "Telecommunications and Education" was reproduced on the front covers of the May edition of the magazine "Radio Communications" and of the April issue of the "International Amateur Radio Union—Region I News", the official publication of the International Amateur Radio Union, Region I Division.

- In addition to the publicity given to the Day through the Radio Society of Great Britain, the BBC World Overseas Service carried full details of the event in their programme "World Radio Club" which is broadcast four times a day to different parts of the world.

United Kingdom Overseas Territory ; St. Helena

- The ITU posters were displayed and the ITU publicity photographs were distributed to schools throughout the island.

(Sources: Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, London; The International Amateur Radio Union, Region I Division, Romford, Essex)



Special radio-amateur station GB2ITU of the Radio Society of Great Britain

Senegal

- A number of programmes broadcast by the national radio service gave information on the ITU. A special broadcast was devoted to radio amateurs. A twenty-minute interview with Mr. Métayer, ITU regional expert in West Africa, was produced on *World Telecommunication Day* on both programmes, Inter and National, during which Mr. Métayer spoke of the structure of ITU and explained the purpose of the Day. Radio broadcasts stressed the implications of the Day and commented on the message from the Secretary-General of the ITU.
- Senegalese radio amateurs took an active part in the competition organized by the Brazilian PTT.

(Sources: Office of Posts and Telecommunications;
United Nations Information Centre, Dakar)

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Sierra Leone

- A fifteen-minute talk on *World Telecommunication Day* was broadcast over the national radio.
- A special call sign *9LITU* was allocated to radio amateurs who participated in the worldwide contest organized by the Brazilian Telecommunication Administration.

(Source: Posts and Telecommunications Department,
Freetown)

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Somalia

- On the occasion of the second *World Telecommunication Day*, the Secretary of State for Communication and Transport, H. E. Mohamed Warsama Ali,

held a special meeting in his office. He made a speech referring to the Day and the activities of ITU in the Somali Democratic Republic on behalf of the Revolutionary Government on the theme of the Day, "Telecommunications and Education".

The meeting was attended by Mr. Hussein Haji Mohamed, Director-General of the Ministry; Mr. G. Kochevnikov, Resident Representative a.i. of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Mr. G. Segreti, Telecommunication Training Adviser, and by senior personnel of the Ministry.

(Source: Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme, Mogadiscio)

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South Africa

- The ITU posters were displayed at the main post offices throughout the country.
- Appropriate exhibitions were arranged at two of South Africa's major shows that were held in Cape Town and Johannesburg.
- The article "History of the ITU" was distributed to the local press for publicity.

(Source: Postmaster General, Pretoria)

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Switzerland

- The press office of the Directorate-General of the Swiss PTT in Berne issued two press releases concerning *World Telecommunication Day*: "Why a World Telecommunication Day?" and "Telecommunications and Education". Articles on the Day were also published in the May 1970 number of the PTT Technical Bulletin as well as in the federal officials' journal and special articles were prepared by the Swiss PTT for journals and newspapers.

- National and short-wave broadcasts featured interviews, dealing particularly with the contribution of the Swiss telecommunication services to the developing countries.

A number of short films were produced for regional TV news programmes: "Behind the scenes in television; telecommunication satellites".

The French-language radio service commemorated the Day in its newscast on the evening of 17 May 1970.

(Sources: Directorate-General of the Swiss PTT, Berne; Radio Suisse-Romande, Lausanne)

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Swaziland

- The ITU posters were displayed.
- The Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) distributed information on the *Day*.

(Source: Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme, Mbabane)

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Syria

- Interview by Damascus Radio with the Head of Operations of the PTT, who explained the structure and the purpose of the Union, its tasks and the facilities offered by telecommunications for education.

A special programme was produced on 18 May on the activities of ITU and on the part played by telecommunications in education.

- Damascus Television broadcast on 16 May an Arabic language film on telecommunications produced by the United Nations. This broadcast was followed by an interview with the Head of Operations of the PTT and the Head of Educational Programmes of the Ministry of Education, who explained and demonstrated the role of telecommunications in education.

- A series of stamps was issued to commemorate the *Day*.

(Sources: *Postal and Telecommunications Establishment*; *United Nations Information Centre, Beirut*)

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Czechoslovakia

- As part of the events organized to celebrate the second *World Telecommunication Day*, a symposium was arranged by the Czechoslovak Society of the History of Science and Technology and the National Technological Museum on the subject "The history of telecommunications in Czechoslovakia and throughout the world". The symposium was held at the Office of the National Technological Museum on 28 May 1970. Eminent professors and engineers gave talks on the following subjects: "The history and the tasks of ITU", "Telecommunications and human society", "The development of the telephone industry in Czechoslovakia" and "The development of radio-communications in Czechoslovakia".

On the same occasion, two films on the ITU, on loan from the United Nations Information Centre, were shown.

- The PTT Journal *Spoj* and the house magazine of telecommunication officials *Telekomunikace* published articles on the Day.

(Sources: *Federal Committee of Posts and Telecommunications*; *Czechoslovak Society of the History of Science and Technology, Prague*)

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Trinidad and Tobago

- The second *World Telecommunication Day* was commemorated over all the major radio stations in the Caribbean area as also over TV news. The various stations used for their broadcasts the press releases issued by the United Nations Information Centre.
- An interview with the ITU expert for the Caribbean area, Mr. Pasman, on the significance of Telecommunication Day was televised.

- An article by Mr. Pasman appeared in the daily newspaper, “Trinidad Guardian”.

(Sources: *Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the Office of the United Nations, Geneva; United Nations Information Centre for the Caribbean Area, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad*)

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Tunisia

- As part of the events held to celebrate the second *World Telecommunication Day*, Tunisian Radio and Television put out special French and Arabic broadcasts.

The message of the Secretary-General of the ITU was also broadcast.

The Minister of PTT gave a half-hour speech on television, followed by the showing of two documentaries: “The career of a telecommunication technician” and “Telecommunication Day in Tunisia and abroad”. The film “The ITU” was also shown.

The occasion was marked by a reception organized by Tunisian Radio and Television.

The United Nations film “In Signal Honour” was shown under the auspices of the PTT.

(Sources: *Ministry of PTT; United Nations Information Centre, Tunis*)

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Turkey

- The message of the Secretary-General of ITU, Mr. Mili, was published in the PTT Bulletin of May 1970, together with an article on *World Telecommunication Day*.
- The United Nations Information Centre at Ankara issued a press release in Turkish concerning the Day, which was printed in the newspapers.

- The ITU posters, with a Turkish text added, were prominently displayed on 16, 17 and 18 May 1970 in the main telecommunication offices.

(Sources: Directorate-General of PTT; United Nations Information Centre, Ankara)

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Venezuela

- Officials of the Ministry of Communications and the *Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela* (CANTV) made speeches about *World Telecommunication Day*.
- At the Telecommunication Technicians' Training Centre (CETT) Mr. Humberto Ruiz, ITU Project Manager, and the teaching staff gave talks on the activities of the ITU and its work for international co-operation.
- Sports events were organized for the staff of the telecommunication agencies. The CETT students asked that a trophy with the inscription "17 May, World Telecommunication Day" should be donated.

(Source: Mr. Humberto Ruiz, ITU Project Manager for Venezuela, Caracas)

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Yugoslavia

- The material received from the ITU by the United Nations Information Centre was made available to the Federal Union of Radio Amateurs and to the United Nations Association of Slovenia.
- *Radiomater*, the journal of the Federal Union of Radio-amateurs, with a circulation of 6000 copies disseminated in all the Yugoslav republics and of

which 500 copies go to the Soviet Union, published the announcement of the *World Telecommunication Day* Contest in its issue of May 1970.

(Source: United Nations Information Centre, Belgrade)

Zambia

- The Minister of Power, Transport and Works, the Hon. Mr. Aaron Milner gave an address on television and on sound radio on 17 May describing the work of the ITU and the tasks facing the Telecommunications Administration.

The film "In Signal Honour" was shown on television following the Minister's speech.

- One of the two main newspapers, the "Zambia Mail", published a special telecommunications supplement on 16 May with articles and photographs describing the work of the ITU and including the message from Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of the Union.

(Source: Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme, Lusaka)

The International Telecommunication Union

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), whose headquarters are in Geneva, is an intergovernmental organization made up of 139 Member countries.

The basic text governing the activities of the Union at the present time is the “International Telecommunication Convention (Montreux, 1965).”

The ITU was set up in Paris on 17 May 1865, and was known at the time as the International Telegraph Union. It became the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in 1932. In 1947 it became the United Nations specialized agency for telecommunications.

Purposes of the Union

1. The purposes of the Union are:
 - a)* to maintain and extend international co-operation for the improvement and rational use of telecommunications of all kinds;
 - b)* to promote the development of technical facilities and their most efficient operation with a view to improving the efficiency of telecommunication services, increasing their usefulness and making them, so far as possible, generally available to the public;
 - c)* to harmonize the actions of nations in the attainment of those common ends.
2. To this end, the Union shall in particular:
 - a)* effect allocation of the radio frequency spectrum and registration of radio frequency assignments in order to avoid harmful interference between radio stations of different countries;
 - b)* co-ordinate efforts to eliminate harmful interference between radio stations of different countries and to improve the use made of the radio frequency spectrum;
 - c)* foster collaboration among its Members and Associate Members with a view to the establishment of rates at levels as low as possible consistent with an efficient service and taking into account the necessity for maintaining independent financial administration of telecommunication on a sound basis;
 - d)* foster the creation, development and improvement of telecommunication equipment and networks in new or developing countries by every means at its disposal, especially its participation in the appropriate programmes of the United Nations;
 - e)* promote the adoption of measures for ensuring the safety of life through the co-operation of telecommunication services;
 - f)* undertake studies, make regulations, adopt resolutions, formulate recommendations and opinions, and collect and publish information concerning telecommunication matters for the benefit of all Members and Associate Members.

Structure of the Union

The organization of the Union shall be as follows:

1. the Plenipotentiary Conference, which is the supreme organ of the Union;
2. Administrative Conferences;

3. the Administrative Council;
4. the permanent organs of the Union, which are:
 - a) the General Secretariat;
 - b) the International Frequency Registration Board (IFRB);
 - c) the International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR);
 - d) the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (CCITT).

1. Plenipotentiary Conference

The Plenipotentiary Conference, the supreme organ of the Union, is responsible for laying down the basic policy of the organization. It revises the Convention, and elects the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General as well as the 29 members of the Administrative Council. It is composed of delegations representing the Members of the Union and meets once every five years, approximately.

2. Administrative Conferences

ITU Administrative Conferences are generally convened to consider specific telecommunication matters. They are of two types:

- world administrative conferences,
- regional administrative conferences.

2.1 World administrative conferences are competent, in particular, to undertake partial or complete revision of the Administrative Regulations, i.e.:

- the Telegraph Regulations,
- the Telephone Regulations,
- the Radio Regulations and Additional Radio Regulations.

The purpose of these regulations is to ensure the efficient international operation of telecommunication services.

2.2 Regional administrative conferences can only discuss specific telecommunication matters of a regional nature. The decisions of such conferences must in all circumstances be in conformity with the provisions of the Administrative Regulations.

3. Administrative Council

The Administrative Council of the ITU is made up of 29 Members of the Union elected by the Plenipotentiary Conference with due regard to the need for equitable representation of all parts of the world. It meets annually and is responsible for taking all steps to facilitate the implementation by the Members of the Union of the provisions of the Convention, the Regulations, the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and, where appropriate, the decisions of other conferences and meetings of the Union.

It ensures the efficient co-ordination of the work of the Union, particularly from the administrative and financial points of view.

4. The permanent organs of the ITU

4.1 General Secretariat

The General Secretariat, which is directed by the Secretary-General of the ITU, is responsible for the administration of the Union, the production of the Administrative

Regulations and other publications of the ITU, and also for the implementation of technical co-operation programmes under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The Secretary-General co-ordinates the activities of the permanent organs of the Union *via* the Co-ordination Committee, over which he presides. The Deputy Secretary-General, the Directors of the International Consultative Committees and the Chairman of the International Frequency Registration Board also form part of the Co-ordination Committee.

4.2 International Frequency Registration Board (IFRB)

The International Frequency Registration Board is composed of five independent members designated by a world administrative conference dealing with general radio-communication matters in such a way as to ensure equitable representation of the various parts of the world. The members of the Board, who serve as "custodians of an international public trust", record assignments of radio frequencies throughout the world after technical examination and advise Members of the Union on technical matters concerning harmful interference between stations. Each year the members of the Board elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from their own numbers. They are assisted by a Specialized Secretariat.

4.3 International Consultative Committees (CCIs)

The two "International Consultative Committees" of the ITU study and issue recommendations on technical and operating questions relating to radiocommunications (International Radio Consultative Committee — CCIR) and telegraphy and telephony (International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee — CCITT). Each CCI is under a Director, who is assisted by a Specialized Secretariat.

Participation in the work of the CCIs is open to all Members of the Union as well as to private telecommunication operating agencies, scientific and industrial organizations and international organizations which satisfy certain conditions.

Each Consultative Committee holds a Plenary Assembly every few years. The Plenary Assembly draws up a list of technical telecommunication subjects (Questions), the study of which should lead to improvements in international radiocommunication or international telegraphy and telephony. These questions are then referred to a number of Study Groups, composed of experts from different countries. The Study Groups draw up recommendations, which are submitted to the next Plenary Assembly. If the Assembly adopts these recommendations, they appear in the publications of the Union, which also include a list of the questions being studied, study programmes, recommendations, reports and opinions adopted by the Plenary Assembly of each CCI (CCIR: 7 volumes for the Plenary Assembly, Oslo, 1966; CCITT: 9 volumes for the Plenary Assembly, Mar del Plata, 1968).

In pursuance of joint decisions taken by the Plenary Assemblies of the two CCIs, a World Plan Committee and a number of Regional Plan Committees (for Africa, Latin America, Asia and Oceania, Europe and the Mediterranean Basin) have also been set up. These Committees prepare a General Plan for the international telecommunication network to help in planning international telecommunication services. They refer questions to the International Consultative Committees, the study of which is of particular interest to new or developing countries and which are within the terms of reference of the Committees. The Plan Committees are joint CCITT/CCIR Committees administered by the CCITT.

In addition, there are five "Special Autonomous Working Parties" (GAS), which were set up to deal with questions of a documentary nature of particular concern to the new or developing countries.

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