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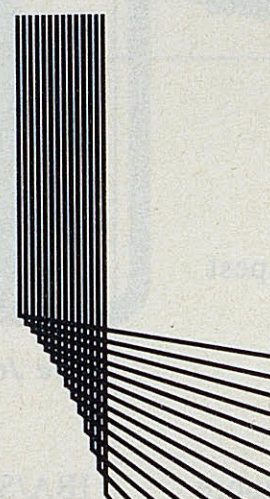
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17 May 1985

World Telecommunication Day

"Telecommunications for development"



Reports are now coming in at ITU headquarters on the celebration of World Telecommunication Day in the different Member countries of the Union. We publish below a résumé of the first of these reports.

PAKISTAN

The World Telecommunication Day was observed in that country by the Pakistan Telegraph and Telephone Department on 17 May. The *Pakistan Times* published a news item to mark the occasion and carried the message of the Secretary-General of the ITU.

The same newspaper published a supplement to commemorate the day which contained messages of the Communication Minister, Prince Mohyddin Baluch; Secretary, Ministry of Communication, Mr F. K. Bandial and the Director-General of the Telegraph and Telephone Department, Brig (Retd.) Mansoor-ul-Haq Malik and articles on "Telecommunications in economic development" and "Management of telecom services in Pakistan".

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This year, World Telecommunication Day was marked in Prague by a ceremonial assembly and seminar at the cinema hall of the National Technical Museum. With the slogan "Telecommunications for development", the seminar was organized under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Communications, the Central Section of Communications of the Society of Transport and Communications, the Czechoslovak Society of Science and Technology, the District Administrations of Telecommunications and the branch of the Czechoslovak Society for Science and Technology at the Federal Ministry of Communications.

The morning session was opened by an address of welcome following which the filmed message, translated into Czech, of ITU's Secretary-General, Mr R. E. Butler, was projected. In the ensuing programme from 09h30 until 12h30, Mr B. Kubin, Engineer, delivered a lecture on the theme "Development of telecommunication services", followed by a discussion. At the end of the session, instructive and popular scientific films were screened.

On the occasion of World Telecommunication Day, the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), Prague, installed a photo exhibit with Czech text in its premises for visitors to the office and library.

Information media informed the public on the importance of telecommunications in the contemporary world. Television and sound radio included commentaries on this theme in their new programmes. On the evening of 17 May, the Czechoslovak television broadcast a 10-minute film on the history of ITU, its activities, the Czechoslovak participation in its work and prospects of telecommunications and their importance for development. In the daily press an extensive article entitled "From tam-tam to satellite" was published on 17 May by the newspaper *Svobodne Slovo*.

The article included an interview with a representative of the Federal Ministry of Communications of CSSR, Mr S. Schneider, who described the participation of Czechoslovakia in ITU activities.