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users interested in monitoring rapidly-changing dynamic phenomena.

Apart from the scientific results expected from the mission, which will be of great interest to researchers in the fields of physical oceanography, glaciology and climatology, ERS-1 will provide information that will help to develop commercial applications of immediate practical use to mankind. Better short- and medium-term weather and ocean condition forecasts can be expected; these are of particular importance not only for shipping but also for the planning and operations of off-shore industrial complexes, such as

oil rigs. More accurate sea-surface temperature measurements will be made which will help with the location of fish species living in the vicinity of the sea surface (e.g. tuna) thus improving the management of fish resources. The monitoring of sea ice and icebergs will also contribute to increasing the safety of shipping and off-shore oil activities in far northern areas.

Another area of interest where ERS-1 is expected to provide useful information, although still in an early stage, is the detection and monitoring of marine surface pollution.

Lastly, high-resolution SAR imagery over land will be used as an all-weather complement to optical data provided by other satellites such as *Landsat* and *SPOT*.

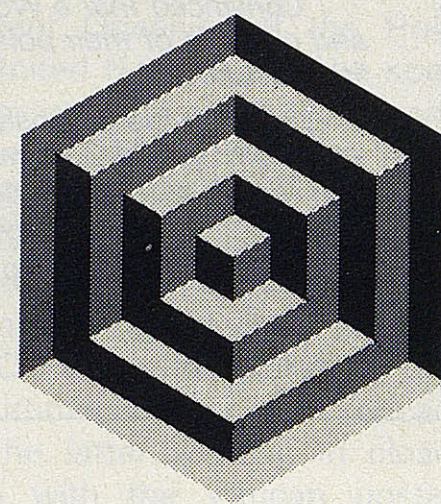
Launch into a sun-synchronous circular orbit at an altitude around 700 km by *Ariane-2* or *Ariane-3* is planned at the end of 1987. The lifetime of ERS-1 is expected to be three years.

ERS-1 is considered to be both an experimental and a pre-operational system, preparing the way for a fully operational multi-satellite system in the 1990s. —*ESA*.

17 May 1982

World Telecommunication Day

“Telecommunications and international co-operation”



Reports are now coming in to 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.

Mexico

To mark the 14th World Telecommunication Day on 17 May, the Mexican Administration organized a ceremony at the Central Telecommunication Tower with the following programme:

1. Delivery of the message from the Secretary-General of the ITU by Mr. José A. Padilla Longoria, Sub-Director General for Licencing and International Affairs of the General Telecommunications Directorate.
2. An address on “Telecommunications and international co-operation” by Mr. José J. Hernández G., Chief of the International Affairs Department of the General Telecommunications Directorate.
3. “International co-operation at the National Telecommunication School”, by Mr. Rodrigo Ramos Plascencia, Director of the School.
4. Closure of the ceremony by Mr. Fernando de Garay y Arenas, Under-Secretary for Communications and Transport.

Pakistan

World Telecommunication Day was widely celebrated this year in Pakistan. A notable event was the publication of a special supplement on telecommunications in the Pakistan Times on 17 May. The 3-page supplement included:

- a message from the Minister for Communications, Mr. Mohayuddin Baluch;
- an article by Brigadier Mansoor-ul-Haq Malik, Director-General of the Pakistan Telegraph and Telephone Department, reviewing major problem areas and ways of solving them;
- Mr. Khalid Jalil, Chief Engineer (Planning) reviewed the current status of telecommunications in Pakistan and sketched future expansion programmes.

Sri Lanka

On 17 May 1982, the Telecommunications Engineers' Association of Colombo held a commemorative meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Manicavasagar, who is chairman of the Association. Speakers included:

- Mr. T. S. Gnanadurai, Deputy Director of Telecommunications (Metro) of Sri Lanka who reviewed the history of the ITU and its current activities;

- Mr. Kari Karanko, Counsellor in the Finnish Embassy at Colombo, who spoke about telecommunications in Finland and the Finnish technical assistance programme;
- Mr. Lars Engvall, Senior engineer in traffic engineering and planning, who described ITU's work in technical co-operation in Asia and other parts of the world and gave details of the way in which the ITU could help the developing countries improve their telecommunications.

Uganda

In Uganda a joint sound and television programme was broadcast on the evening of 17 May by both Uganda Television (UTV) and Radio Uganda. In the programme, Mr. S. E. K. Mbabaali, Acting Managing Director of the Uganda Posts and Telecommunications Corporation discussed this year's theme with newsmen and answered their questions on national telecommunications issues. Mr. Mbabaali also broadcast a message to the people of Uganda on World Telecommunication Day.

The national English language daily “Uganda Times” gave ample coverage to ITU on 17 May. The following day the same newspaper carried an editorial on the ITU.