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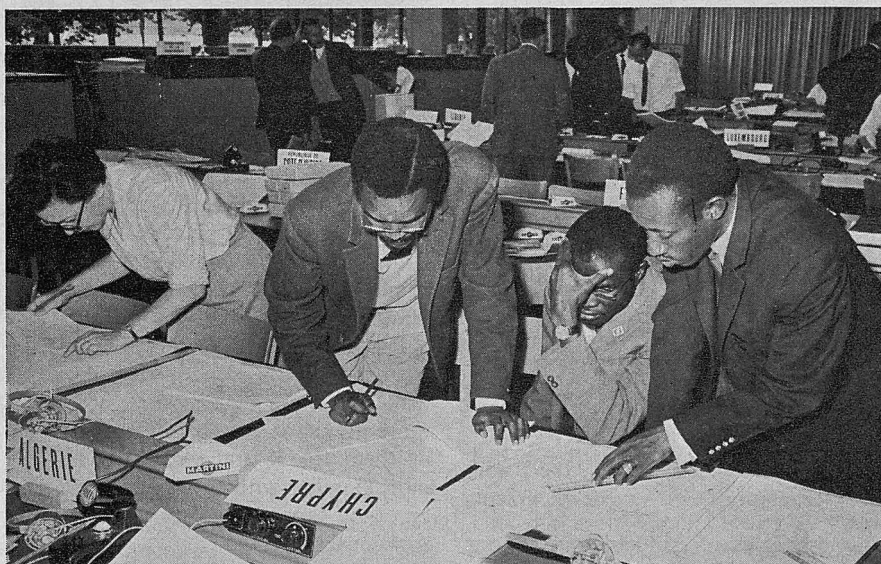
for an extension of their services, so that it is now likely to be 1970 before they leave and the project as such winds up. In addition, while the new Centre will continue to be the major arm for training by the Malaysian Telecommunications Department, the Government has proposals for subsidiary centres in Sabah and Sarawak and has asked that Special Fund assistance be extended for the purpose in the form of a continuation of the project.

## AFRICAN BROADCASTING CONFERENCE

The African LF/MF Broadcasting Conference, which was originally convened in Geneva in October 1964 and which adjourned on that occasion after a few days, resumed its work, also in Geneva, on 19 September, in accordance with the decision of the Administrative Council. The Conference, which was attended by some 180 delegates from about 65 countries, had Mr. Alpha Diallo of the Republic of Guinea as Chairman and Mr. I. Lasode of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as Vice-Chairman. It lasted three weeks.

The purpose of the Conference was to draw up a medium frequency (525-1605 kc/s) broadcasting plan for Africa, ensuring that all national broadcasting stations are able to operate without interference from other transmitters, either in the same country or abroad. The Conference also examined the position as regards low-frequency (150-285 kc/s) broadcasting on the African continent.

Our picture shows some of the delegates engaged on the planning stage of the work.



## PLAN COMMITTEE FOR ASIA AND OCEANIA

Plans for the development of worldwide telecommunication services were significantly advanced at a meeting of the ITU Plan Committee for Asia and Oceania, which was held in Melbourne from 7 to 19 September, 1966, by invitation of the Australian Post Office.

The conference, which was convened under the chairmanship of Mr. C. P. Vasudevan (India) and Vice-Chairman,

CCITT, and Mr. N. V. Gadadhar, Senior Counsellor of the CCIR, were present throughout the proceedings.



The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Councillor I. Beaurepaire, addresses the opening meeting. Delegates, from left to right: Mr. C. P. Vasudevan, Chairman Plan Committee; Dr. M. B. Sarwate, Secretary-General ITU; Councillor I. Beaurepaire; Mr. T. A. Housley, Director Posts and Telegraphs; Mr. J. Rouvière, Director CCITT; Mr. S. Fujiki, Vice-Chairman Plan Committee

Mr. S. Fujiki (Japan), was attended by 78 delegates from thirty-three countries, including representatives of administrations, operating authorities and scientific and industrial organizations. The inaugural session was attended by the Secretary-General of the ITU, Dr. M. B. Sarwate, the Director-General of the Australian Post Office, Mr. T. A. Housley, and the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Councillor I. Beaurepaire. The Plan Committees operate under the joint auspices of the CCITT and CCIR, and Mr. J. R. Rouvière, Director of the

The conference produced new and reconciled estimates of traffic and circuits for telephone, telegraph, telex and miscellaneous services at the years 1965, 1970 and 1975, for relations within the Region and to other Plan Regions. These figures reveal a *communications explosion* over the next decade, with forecast traffic increases of up to tenfold on many major traffic streams.

Progress in the provision of international arteries was reviewed and existing and proposed new facilities were recorded on maps and descriptive lists. There has been substantial progress since the previous Plan Asia meeting in 1963 and the construction of major intercontinental submarine cables, including *Compac*, *Transpac* and *Seacom*, supplemented by the development of further radio and cable links between neighbouring countries on the Asian continent, is providing a large capacity, high quality network linking together countries within the Region and providing access to other Regions of the world.

Of special importance are the plans for satellite communications and the conference recorded details of satellite earth stations scheduled for construction in the Region during the period to 1970. Fifteen earth stations were listed, with up to seven giving access to the Pacific satellite and eleven to the Indian Ocean satellite.