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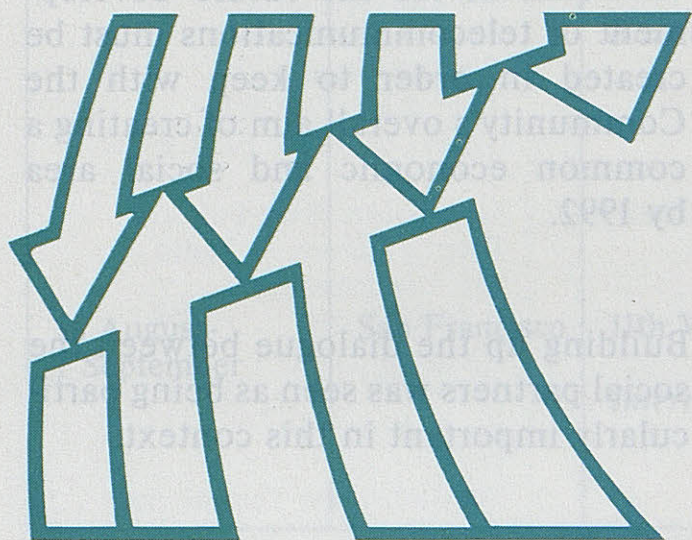
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17 May 1988

World Telecommunication Day

"The transfer of technological know-how in the age of electronics"

On World Telecommunication Day, a number of countries and organizations sent congratulatory messages to the Secretary-General of the ITU.

ECUADOR

On 17 May, Mr G. Cascante López, advisor to the Directorate-General of the *Instituto Ecuatoriano de Telecomunicaciones* (IETEL) marked World Telecommunication Day by addressing a large group of special guests and IETEL employees on subjects including the following:

- general history of the ITU: general aspects of its inception, Member countries, specialization, etc.;
- objectives of the ITU: technical co-operation, technical assistance, development of technical facilities, efficient service operation, need for international telecommunication regulations, introduction of new space techniques, etc.;
- how the ITU works: international conferences and meetings, publication of information, world and regional exhibitions, technical co-operation;

- organization of the ITU: hierarchy, organization and internal structure, permanent organs (the International Frequency Registration Board –IFRB, the International Radio Consultative Committee –CCIR and the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee –CCITT);

- functions of the Administrative Council, General Secretariat, etc.

After giving a clear picture of how the ITU operates, the speaker went on to discuss matters relating to IETEL's representation of Ecuador within the organization and the experience it has gained.

The discussion with the participants lasted more than an hour.

PERU

As part of a two-day event (16 and 17 May 1988) marking World Telecommunication Day in Peru, the Deputy Minister Mr J. Bartet Rosas of the Peruvian Administration opened the celebrations.

At a special seminar, Mr C. Rodas of the *Empresa Nacional de Telecomunica-*

ciones (ENTEL-PERU SA) spoke on the "Antara project" for designing, constructing and placing in service a 1200-subscriber prototype digital telephone exchange, while Messrs J. Kawano, advisor to the Ministry of Interior, E. Molano, ITU Expert, and G. Roselló of the *Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Capacitación de Telecomunicaciones* (INICTEL) all chose the *transfer of technology* as their theme. Two films from the ITU on world telecommunications were also screened.

The main ceremony took place on 17 May and was attended by Mr F. Maury López, the new Minister of Transport and Communications, his predecessor, Mr G. Parra Herrera, Mr R. Avalos Manco, the Director-General of Telecommunications, and Mr Molano representing the ITU, senior communication officials and members of the public.

The ceremony opened with a reading of a motion by the Chamber of Deputies of the Peruvian Congress, offering greetings and expressing satisfaction with the ITU's efforts to affirm peaceful relations through economic, social and cultural development and solidarity between the people of the world, and to contribute towards the spread of



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From left to right: Messrs R. Avalos Manco, J. Bartet Rosas, F. Maury López, G. Parra Herrera and R. Herrera, Director-General, CPT SA

ideas. A message from the Secretary-General of the ITU, Mr R. E. Butler, was then read out.

In his own address, the Minister spoke of the transcendental role which telecommunications are playing in bringing about changes in people's lives by opening up new job opportunities, developing knowledge, reconciling time and distance, tightening the links between countries all over the world and sharing the facilities and amenities so generously provided by technology.

Prizes were then awarded to the winners of the 5th World-wide Photo and Drawing Competition "Youth in the Electronic Age '87"; to the gratification of all, three Peruvians were among the winners.

These activities marking the 20th World Telecommunication Day were given wide coverage by the press, radio and television with the aim of publicizing the benefits of telecommunication services and the support they provide for all the nation's productive activities.

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World Telecommunication Day

"International cooperation"