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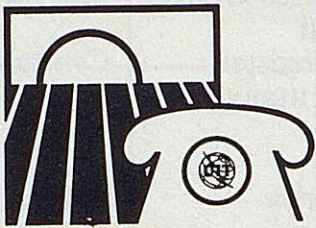
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17 May 1980

World Telecommunication Day

"Rural telecommunications"



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 a selection of these reports.

Nigeria

Federal Government plans telecommunication facilities for rural areas

A programme aimed at providing telecommunication facilities to all local government headquarters and other rural communities in Nigeria is to start during the next plan period, beginning January 1981.

The Minister of Communications, Alhaji Akanbi Oniyangi, announced this in Lagos on 17 May in a nationwide radio and television broadcast in commemoration of this year's World Telecommunication Day celebration.

He said that the programme was designed as a result of the priority the present adminis-

tration was giving to rural and agricultural communities.

Alhaji Oniyangi stated that the plan, which would be limited only by the availability of resources, would ensure the success of the green revolution in Nigeria.

He argued that since the people in rural areas constituted the main vehicle of the revolution they should be made to feel that even in their rural setting they were part of the wider Nigerian community.

The Minister disclosed that efforts were being made to ensure that telecommunication played its proper role in ensuring development, particularly of agriculture.

Commenting on the theme of this year's celebration the Minister noted that the theme was appropriate from Nigeria's point of view.

He expressed the hope that the International Telecommunication Union through the United Nations Development Programme would

become more deeply involved in assisting the country in achieving its objectives in developing telecommunication infrastructure in rural areas.

Qatar

Qatar celebrated World Telecommunication Day this year with an exhibition on telecommunications at the National Museum. The exhibition was formally opened on 17 May by Mr. Abdullah bin Nasser al-Suweidi, Minister of Transport and Communications, in the presence of senior government officials and diplomats.

Films and slides were shown on satellite communication, space centres and satellites. The ITU Secretary-General's message for World Telecommunication Day was broadcast and televised together with a programme on the activities of ITU and the national Telecommunication Department.