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Obituary

Gustav Adolf Wettstein

Gustav Adolf Wettstein, qualified engineer and former Chairman and Managing Director of the Swiss PTT, died in Bern on 21 September in his eightieth year. From 1961 to 1966, he was the first Chairman of the newly established Managing Board of the Confederation's largest public corporation, to which he had devoted, in different capacities, 36 years of his life.

He was born on 27 June 1901 at Teufen, Aargau, where he spent his childhood. After attending the Cantonal School in St. Gall, he studied at the Federal Polytechnical College in Zurich, where he qualified as an electrical engineer in 1926. He then worked for some years with the Bell Telephone Mfg. Co. at Antwerp and with *Siemens & Halske* in Switzerland. In 1930 he joined the Bern

district telephone management, where one of his first tasks was to introduce trunk dialling between the towns of Bern and Biel, the first step in the automation of trunk telephone traffic. Apart from his professional duties, Gustav Adolf Wettstein devoted a great deal of time to voluntary in-service training of the staff under his supervision, thus initiating the training courses which today contribute so much to the good name of Swiss telecommunications. In 1939, he joined the General Directorate of the PTT, where he was successively entrusted with tasks involving higher responsibility.

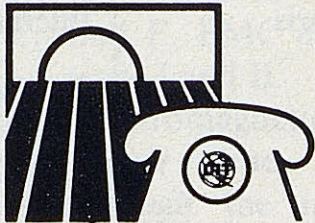
As Chief of the Telegraph and Telephone Division and, subsequently, as Director General of the Telecommunication Department, Mr. Wettstein resolutely set about enlarging the Swiss telecommunication network, for which detailed and long-term planning was required as a result of the substantial increase in traffic and the growing number of subscribers. He devoted special attention to improving international relations, which are of particular importance to Switzerland as an exporting and tourist country. But he

also encouraged the development of line broadcasting and the extension of the USW transmitter network and television.

Mr. Wettstein took part in the work of several national and international organizations and represented Switzerland at many international telecommunication conferences. In particular, he was Chairman of the Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union held at Montreux in 1965. In view of his outstanding and valuable services, he was appointed an honorary member of "Pro Radio-Television", "Pro Telecom" and the Swiss Electricians Association. The Federal German Postal Administration awarded him the Philipp Reis medal.

In addition to his technical and professional skills, Mr. Wettstein was noted for his quiet, thoughtful and conciliatory character, his determination, and his spirit of comradeship. He was held in high esteem by all his colleagues and recognized as an exemplary leader. Many of the installations now taken for granted in Swiss telecommunications are the result of his foresight and energy.

17 May 1980 World Telecommunication Day "Rural telecommunications"



We publish below a selection of reports received on the celebration of World Telecommunication Day in the various Member countries of the Union.

India

World Telecommunication Day 1980 was observed in India with a full programme of

sound and television broadcasts and newspaper coverage.

All-India Radio, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Cuddapah and Visakhapatnam broadcast a talk on world telecommunications by Shri T. H. Chowdary, General Manager of Telecommunications, Andhra Pradesh on 16 May in its 19h45 programme, a prime listening time.

As well as referring to the advances in electronics which were reducing the cost of telecommunication circuits, Shri Chowdary emphasized the special importance of telecommunications for countries with limited energy resources.

On the same day television coverage was given by Doordarshan, Hyderabad of the visit by Shri C. M. Stephen, Minister of Communica-

tions to Sangareddy, Medak, where he inaugurated a telephone building, an automatic exchange and a radio link from the district town to the state capital, Hyderabad.

The same station also carried a 10-minute interview with Shri Chowdary on the extension of telephone services to rural areas.

Andhra Prabha, one of the largest circulation Telugu language dailies, gave extensive coverage to World Telecommunication Day.

Japan

To commemorate World Telecommunication Day the following events were celebrated under the sponsorship of the ITU Association of Japan, Inc. with the co-operation of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corporation (NTT), *Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., Ltd.* (KDD), *Nippon Hoso Kyokai* (NHK), National Association of Commercial Broadcasters in Japan, Telecommunications Manufacturing Industry Association, and other related organizations.

World Telecommunication Day gathering

This gathering was held from 14h00 on 16 May at the Hall of the Posts and Telecom-

In his address, Mr. Issac Koga, President of the ITU Association of Japan, mentioned that the Association would continue its efforts to make ITU's activities known to the public.

The amateur radio commemorative communications this year were conducted with the active participation of six local secretariats of the Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL). President Koga also reported that Japan had obtained satisfactory results last year in the ITU-sponsored competition "Youth in the Electronic Age". He concluded his address by wishing continued prosperity to the telecommunications and broadcasting industries.

Vice Minister Asao said "This year's theme—Rural telecommunications—means telecommunications in agricultural, mountain and fishing villages, isolated islands and remote areas. There remain a number of problems to be solved to enable the spread and improvement of telecommunication services in these areas. The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will make further efforts to secure the provision of universal, fair and high-quality service so as to promote the welfare of rural people".

Following the Vice Minister's address, Mr. Oda read a message from Mr. David J. Exley,

ITU-related activities in Japan, and the development of telecommunications and broadcasting.

Two persons were commended for their successful writing activities on various aspects of telecommunications and broadcasting.

Then three films were shown:

- the filmed message from the Secretary-General of ITU,
- "Research into space communications", produced by the Radio Research Laboratory of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, and
- Optical fibre cable transmission system, produced by NTT.

After the films, a reception was held in honour of the prize-winners.

ITU exhibition corner

The ITU special exhibition corner was opened on 15 May on the third floor of the Posts and Telecommunications Museum. Exhibition panels showed the organization and functions of the ITU, and gave information on Japan and ITU co-operation. Pictures and photographs illustrated both this year's theme "Rural telecommunications" and technical co-operation activities. Ten thousand copies of a leaflet, "What is ITU?", were distributed to the public.

Amateur radio communication

JARL actively participated in the Day. As fixed radio stations, there were 8J1ITU at Yushu mini-hall of the Museum, 8J2ITU at Nagoya in Tokai district, 8J3ITU at Tenri in the Kinki district, 8J4ITU at Hiroshima in the Chugoku district and 8J9ITU at Kanazawa in the Hokuriku district. As mobile radio stations, 8J7ITU was opened at the top of Mount Hiei in the Kinki district, and four cities of the Tohoku district, Sendai, Fukushima, Morioka and Yamagata (for a period of two days).

The period of commemorative radiocommunication was for ten days from 9 to 18 May, and the number of stations with which messages were exchanged reached some 75 000.

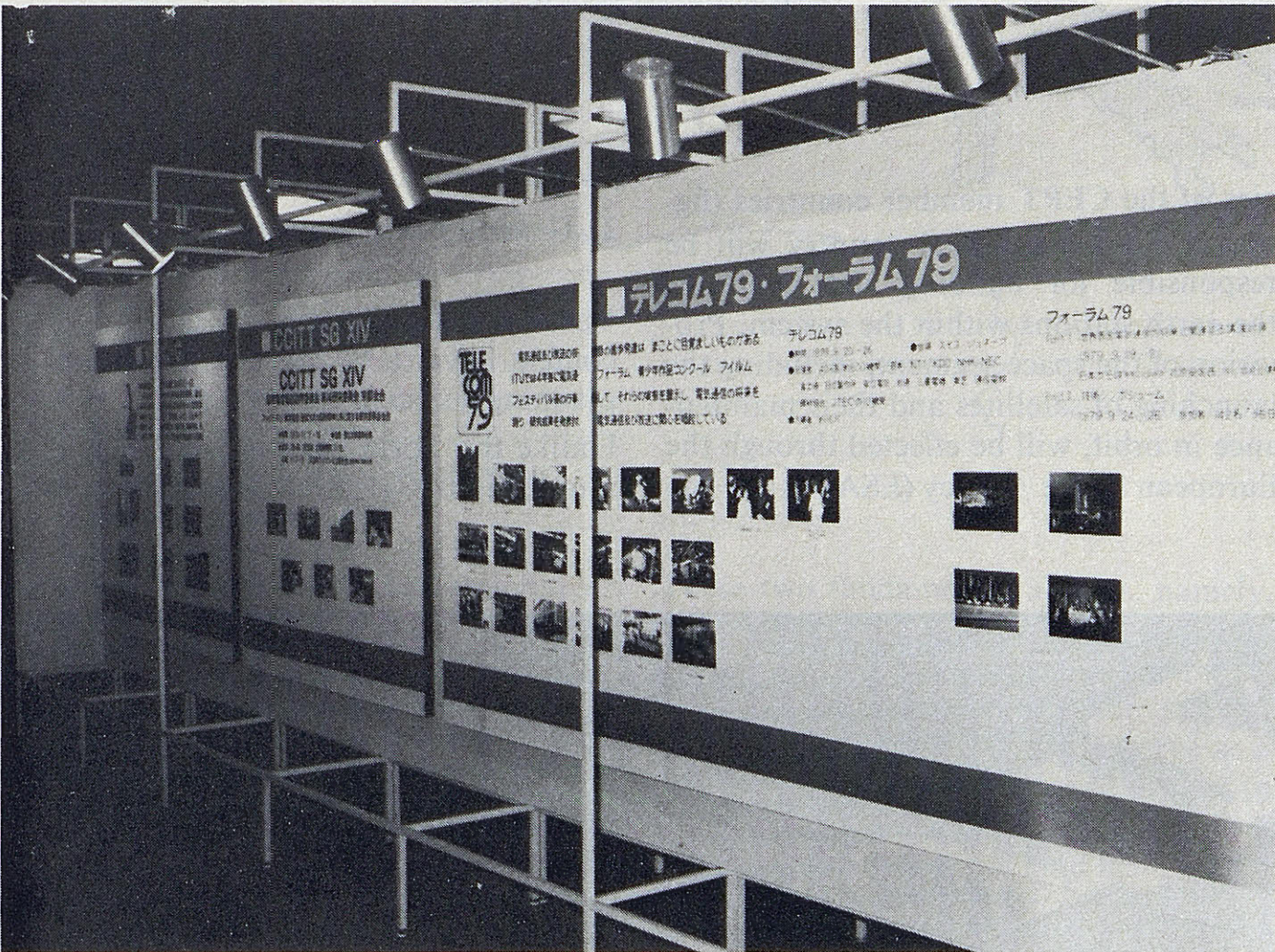
World Telecommunication Day commemorative lecture

This commemorative lecture was given by Mr. Yoshikatsu Sawamura, Executive Director and Chief Engineer of NHK. The 1½-hour lecture, entitled "Broadcasting technologies from now on", was given on 26 May in the building of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

Nigeria

In addition to events organized by the Administration, World Telecommunication Day 1980 was celebrated in Nigeria by the All-Nigeria United Nations Students and Youth Association (ANUNSA). Their activities included:

- an essay competition entitled "Expectation in telecommunications in the 80s—Nigeria, a case study";
- an excursion to the headquarters of Nigeria External Telecommunications Ltd. (NET) in Lagos;
- a film show;
- a farewell get-together for graduating members on 24 May 1980.



Part of the exhibition organized by the ITU Association of Japan to celebrate World Telecommunication Day

munications Museum at Ohte-machi, Tokyo, in the presence of Mr. Hiroshi Asao, Vice Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Mr. Sumio Terashima, Director General of Telecommunications, Mr. Nobuaki Oda, public relations officer, who represented the Director of United Nations Information Centre of Tokyo, and other dignitaries. In spite of the rain, the gathering was attended by about 100 distinguished persons.

Director of the United Nations Information Centre of Tokyo. A message from Mr. M. Mili, Secretary-General of ITU, was then read in Japanese.

Subsequently, the presentation ceremony of the ITU Association of Japan prize was held. The certificates of merit and supplementary prizes were presented by President Koga to four persons who had contributed to various