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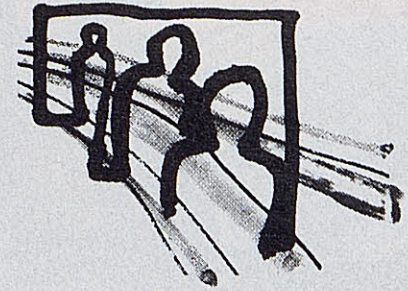
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# World Telecommunication Day

## "Telecommunications for all"



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 resumé of a selection of these reports.

### Afghanistan

A carefully planned program for World Telecommunication Day 1979 was prepared by the Ministry of Communications in close co-operation with the ITU Team Leader in Kabul.

This program consisted essentially of four principal actions:

- publication of articles in local newspapers;
- a short program on Kabul television;
- talks on the importance of telecommunications;
- opening of the Telecommunication Training Centre (TTC) to visitors.

#### Television program

The ITU project team helped to write the script for this eight-minute program which highlighted the importance of telecommunications, the extent of efforts required for providing telecommunication facilities, the future plan of Afghanistan, the training activities at the Telecommunication Training Centre and the ITU's role in the TTC. In

addition to outlining the overall activities of the ITU, the program also brought out that ITU's help to TTC is now in its third phase and includes the provision of international experts, equipment (amounting to 700 000 US dollars) and fellowships.

#### Talks

On the morning of 17 May 1979 a function was organized at TTC and was addressed by the Deputy Minister of Communications, Mr. Khalilullah Kohistani, the Principal of the TTC, and the ITU Team Leader. These talks brought out the importance of telecommunications and the role of the ITU in developing global communications.

### Netherlands

As part of the World Telecommunication Day celebrations in the Netherlands, a study meeting was organized at the Dr. Neher Laboratory, Leidschendam.

One hundred and five persons participated in the meeting which was opened by Dipl. Eng. C. Boonstra, Deputy Head of the Education Service Liaison Office.

The program included the reading of the following papers:

- Position and task of the Dr. Neher Laboratory, by Dipl. Eng. A. Boesveld, Director of the Laboratory

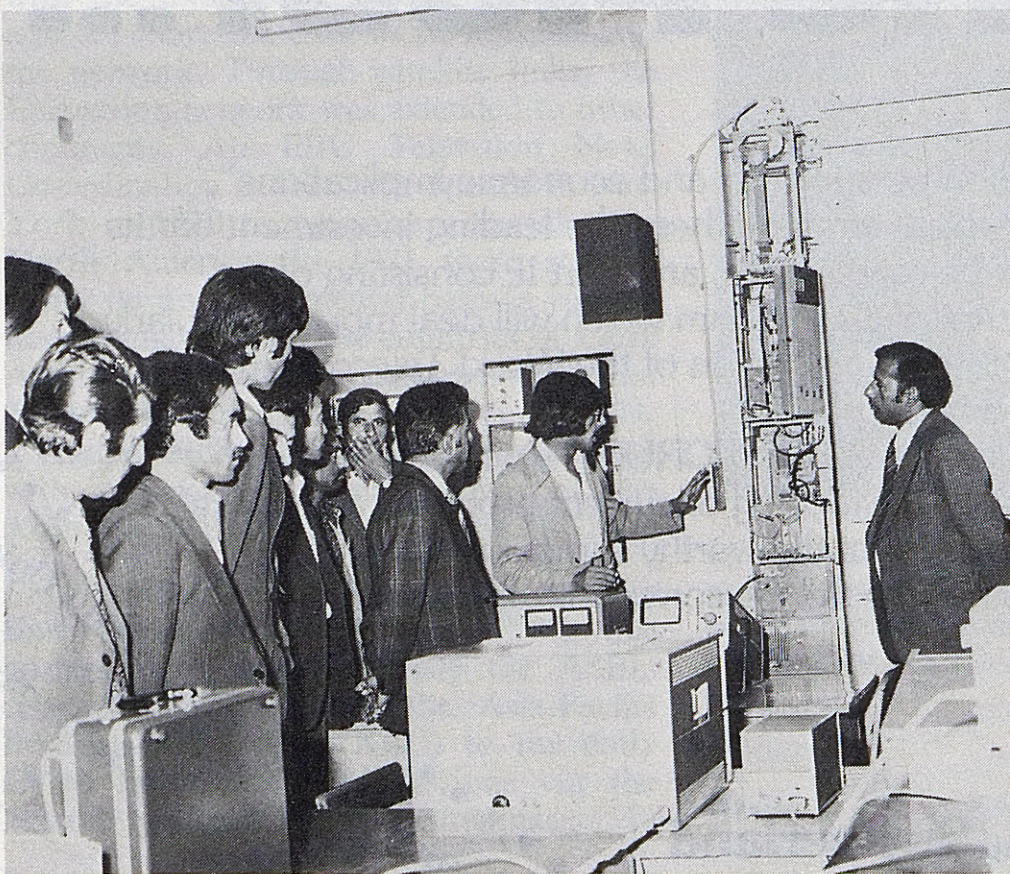
- Public telecommunications, now and in the future, by Dipl. Eng. M. van Beveren, member of the Policy Advisory Group
- Viewdata, by Dipl. Eng. P. J. G. M. Ruiten of the Central Telecommunications Subscriber Services Branch
- Glass-fibre transmission, by Dipl. Eng. P. Diekema of the Dr. Neher Laboratory

### Pakistan

The media in Pakistan marked World Telecommunication Day with the publication of many articles. The Pakistan Television news program of 17 May broadcast the filmed message of the Secretary-General of the ITU. Radio Pakistan also commented on the "Day" in its "Background to the news" program.

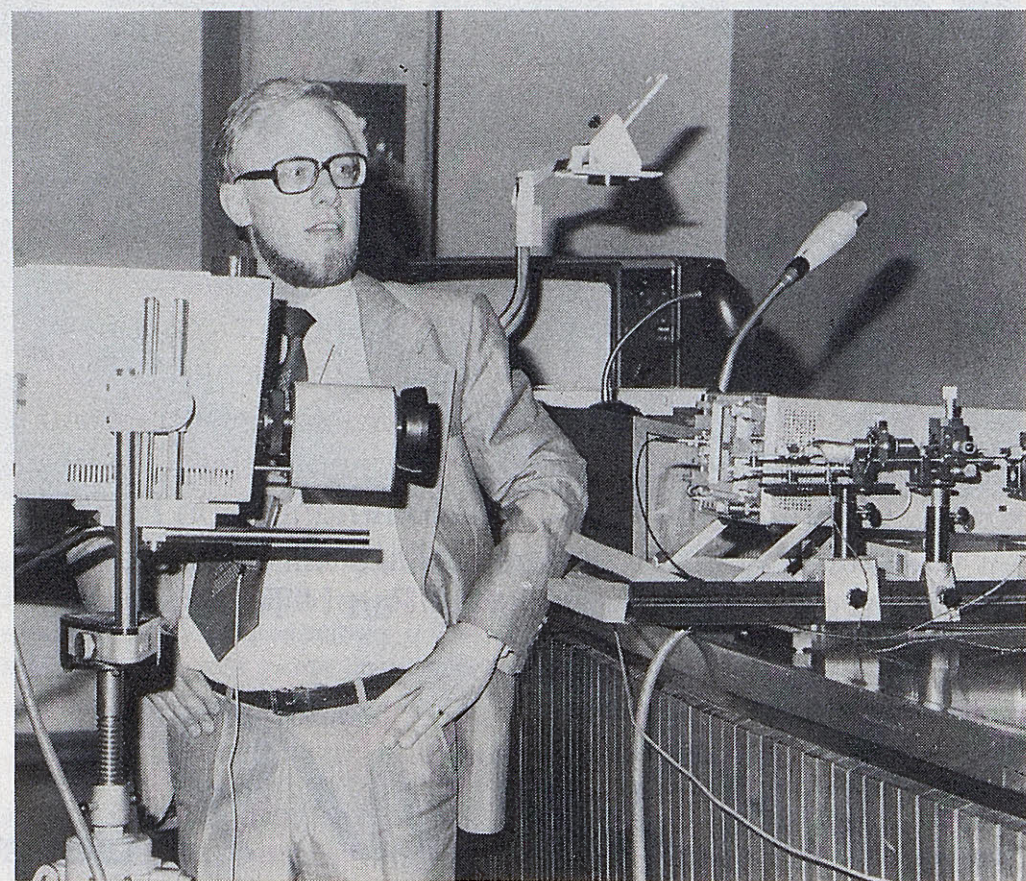
### Uganda

Once again the Uganda Posts and Telecommunications Corporation highlighted World Telecommunication Day with a program of press features and radio and television broadcasts. A special news feature compiled by the P&T Corporation's Public Relations Branch was broadcast in the "Magazine of the Air" program on Radio Uganda and Uganda Television.



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The Deputy Minister of Communications of Afghanistan (right) and other visitors in the Microwave Laboratory of the Telecommunication Training Centre



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Dipl. Eng. P. Diekema spoke about and demonstrated glass-fibre transmission