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Editorial

World Telecommunication Day *

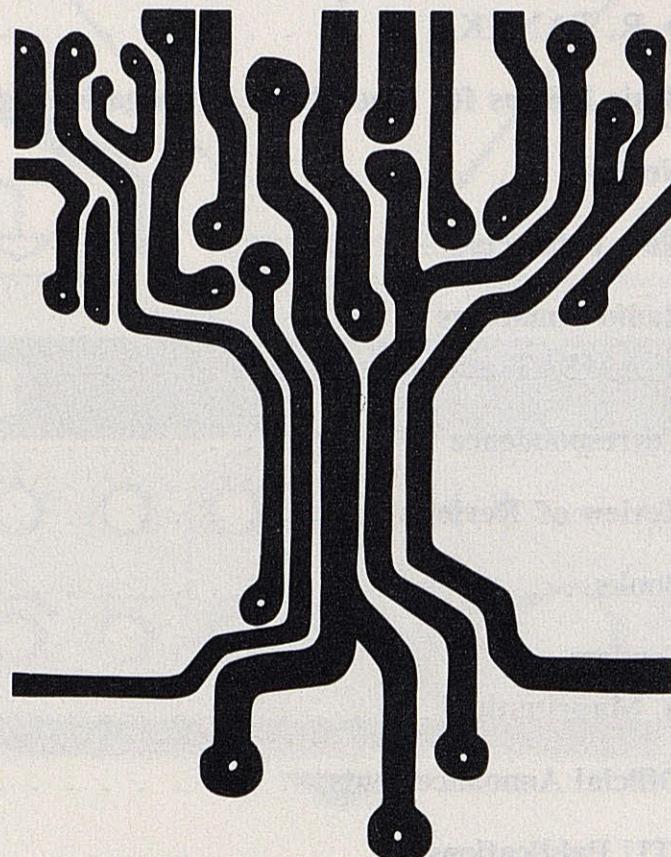
Telecommunication and Development... The theme of this 9th World Telecommunication Day coincides with the desire of the people of our planet to use the fantastic technical resources now at our disposal to promote progress and well-being.

Perhaps everything embodied in the word "telecommunication" is not fully understood. It is the telephone, through which we can converse over long distances... But it is also sound broadcasting and television which instruct and entertain. In short, it is the whole range of techniques which permit a universal dialogue throughout the world, and even in outer space!

* Message of the Secretary-General of the ITU.

Development, on the other hand, does not reach the same level everywhere: it is proceeding unequally in the different parts of the world, among the poor and among the rich, and each one of us has a conception of it, which corresponds to the day-to-day realities of the particular region where we live.

Telecommunication, that universal medium of dialogue, is indeed one of the techniques which give development its universal dimension. By bringing people closer together, telecommunications enrich them through their very diversities, level out inequalities without leading to uniformity, ensure harmonious development and contribute to the strengthening of universal peace.



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