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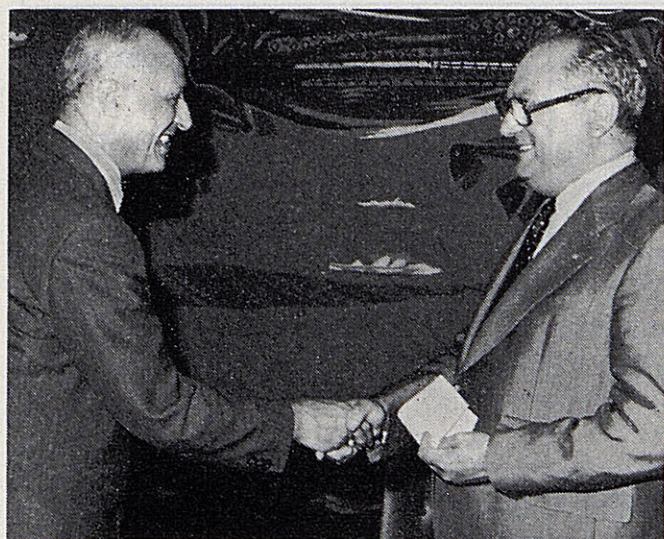
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Mr. N. Segard, Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications (right), welcomes Mr. M. Mili, Secretary-General of the ITU

wished to associate our organization with these vital decisions.

"This generous gesture, which is truly in accord with French tradition, provides a fitting climax to the activities in which your great country has been engaged for the past one hundred and eleven years within ITU, which has enjoyed your unflagging support."

In reply to Mr. Mili, Mr. Norbert Segard, Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications, thanked the Secretary-General for coming to Paris and commented on the topic adopted for 1976 in the following terms:

"This year you have selected "Telecommunication and mass media" as the theme for your World Telecommunication Day.

"Your decision to associate UNESCO with this event reflects the emphasis which you wished to place on the importance of telecommunications for education, science and culture.

"We are bound today—and you were quite right to bring this point out—to be increasingly aware of the growing influence of telecommunications on our way of life.

"There is one particular point which I feel coincides with your Union's interest in mass media, and that concerns young people.

"I am well aware, and I welcome the fact, that the ITU is most anxious to involve young people in telecommunications.

"Speaking as an ex-alumnus of the university and as a specialist in electronics, I can only share this concern.

"In France, we are very glad to find that all telecommunication techniques, and particularly those applied in electronics systems, radio relays, high-speed telecopy, optical fibres, etc., appeal to young people, who have grasped the fact that these are professions of the future, involving creativity and a sense of innovation, that their scope is world-wide because of the techniques themselves, the extension of networks and particularly the possibilities afforded in the field of co-operation.

"Your Union has a unique contribution to make here; I should like today to express the wish that it will continue and widen its role.

"In the field of written, spoken and televised information, too, telecommunications are a vehicle of progress unimaginable a few decades ago.

"I am well aware of the ITU's desire that this progress should genuinely benefit social and human development and, to quote your own words, Mr. Secretary-General, "transform our planet into one great village in which men will be able to get to know each other and hence to understand each other better". "

conferences or meetings external to the ITU

International Conference on automation sound and video broadcasting and transmission networks

October 19 in Paris sees the opening of a three-day conference for those involved with the transmission of telecommunication signals and those concerned with the production, transmission and broadcasting of sound or video signals. The conference will be the International Conference on automation sound and video broadcasting and transmission networks.

Sponsored by some nine professional bodies and the International Telecommunication Union the conference subjects include: survey on automation; production means and necessary equipments—tele-texts; production management and allocation of facilities; sound and video measurements; monitoring centres, continuity booths and nodal master control rooms; transmissions and networks supervision; broadcasting.

The registration fee for each participant has been set at 600 French francs, which

includes registration, entrance to the different sessions and a copy of the conference proceedings.

Included in the conference programme is a visit, on 22 October, to the *Télédiffusion de France* (TDF) automation laboratories at Issy-les-Moulineaux near Paris.

The conference takes place on 19, 20 and 21 October 1976 in the SIEM building, 6, rue Albert de Lapparent, 75007 Paris. All enquiries concerning the conference should be addressed to: "Colloque international sur l'automatisation de la radio-diffusion et des réseaux de transmission, c/o FNIE, 11, rue Hamelin, 75783 Paris Cedex 16 (France)". Tel: 553 11 09 or 505 14 27. Telex: Sycelec Paris 611045 F.

Successful "Communications 76" exhibition and symposium

"Communications 76", the third of a series of bi-annual communication exhibitions, was held at the Metropole Convention Centre in Brighton, United Kingdom, from 8 to 11 June 1976.

The exhibition represented one of the most comprehensive displays of communication equipment to be seen in Britain for some years. It consisted of some 160 stands, mainly from United Kingdom manufacturers and organizations, among them a stand by the British Post Office. The latter was one of the major supporting authorities of Communications 76.

Sir Edward Fennessy, the Post Office Managing Director, visiting the exhibition explained to several inward missions brought into the United Kingdom on British Overseas Trade Board fellowships, the operation, expansion and modernization of the network linking Britain's more than 20 million telephones with each other and the world.

The exhibition was backed up by a comprehensive array of papers presented at a symposium opened by Professor James Merriman British Post Office Board Member for Technology. In his overview address he outlined the role to be played in the future of telecommunications by microelectronics. Over the next four years, he said, the Post Office's use of microelectronics will grow from an annual consumption of some 4 million devices a year to 12 million devices. This, he pointed out, would account for almost 10% of the United Kingdom's total consumption. Already the microelectronic device was having an impact on telecommunications, replacing