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## union activities

Study Group XV asked the Working Party to proceed forthwith with an examination of the other aspects of Question 34/XV: transmission standards to be recommended for international circuits (point *c*), in collaboration with Special Study Group D (Pulse code modulation), and switching problems (point *d*), to be defined before the competent CCITT Study Groups are approached.

### 10. Reliability (Questions 40 to 44/XV)

The Working Party chaired by Mr. Allan (Canada) finalized certain definitions and started an enquiry among administrations with a view to collecting information on the availability and reliability of the transmitting systems in operation.

### 11. LTG Working Party (Questions 35, 36, 38 and 39/XV)

Subject to the consent of the other Study Groups concerned, Study Group XV agreed to the proposals by Mr. Toutan's (France) Working Party concerning the limitation (to 3) of the number of types of telephone circuit, the unification of the recommendations relating to those circuits so that they can be used for purposes other than telephony and the unification of the characteristics of the signals transmitted. (In particular the line power would be fixed at  $-13$  dBmO for data and frequency-modulation telegraphy and at  $-15$  dBmO for new services). Considerable progress was also made with the revision of Recommendation H.14 relating to the characteristics of wideband group circuits.

### 12. Systems for the new and developing countries

Arrangements were made for Mr. Lawry (Australia) to complete the final draft of the handbook on overhead lines (Question 17/XV).

In the absence of sufficient information on the requirements of the countries concerned, no progress was made with Question 18/XV (cable systems with a small number of channels). The necessary information should be obtained in the replies to CCITT circular-letter No. 130, to which the attention of the administrations concerned was again drawn.

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## Third World Telecommunication Day

Since 17 May 1971, ITU headquarters has been receiving a continuous flow of letters and telegrams describing how the third World Telecommunication Day was celebrated in different parts of the world. Information is still coming in so it is obviously impossible to present

at this time a full picture of this year's celebrations.

The ITU distributed over 50 000 posters publicizing World Telecommunication Day and a selection of 38 photographs, depicting different types of telecommunications equipment and installations, was available to administrations and journalists on demand. Some 40 films were lent by the ITU Cinema Library to administrations for showing on 17 May.

Considerable press coverage of World Telecommunication Day was obtained as a result of press releases made by the ITU, by Member administrations and by United Nations Information Centres.



The "ITU Trophy"

(Brazilian Administration)

Third World Telecommunication Day—Display of photographs supplied by the ITU at Communications Museum, Japan

(Ministry of P&T, Japan)



Once again the Brazilian Administration organized a radio-amateur contest for the "ITU Trophy". Last year the trophy was won by Surinam.

Special stamps to commemorate World Telecommunication Day were issued this year in 16 countries and many other countries used special cancellation marks. An article on the philately of World Telecommunication Day will appear in a forthcoming issue of the *Telecommunication Journal*.

The reports received show the excellent co-operation the ITU has had from Member administrations, from ITU experts and from the United Nations Information Centres in the organization of this year's World Telecommunication Day.

of the consultants is expected to start in the beginning of November this year.

The Director-General of P&T, Ghana, Mr. E. M. Koram spoke on behalf of the delegates and expressed their thanks to the Dahomeyan Government for the arrangement of this meeting and the warm reception. He ended his speech by the following words "The day is not far distant when a telephone subscriber in one of the five countries may lift his receiver and call his friend in the other country. When the history of international subscriber dialling in this part of the world will one day be written, the Republic of Dahomey will be mentioned as the country which sponsored the first meeting of Nigeria, Dahomey, Togo, Ghana and Ivory Coast to usher this wonderful day".

- The meeting in Monrovia considered the international links to be studied, connecting Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Liberia and Sierra Leone with each other as well as with the other countries of the world. The meeting was held at the Ministry of Planning under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Butler, Commissioner of Radio Communications.

The scope of work for the consultants was clearly defined by the delegates of the represented countries.

At the closing of the meeting Commissioner Butler expressed thanks to all members who attended the meeting and contributed to making it a success. He recalled that we all are aware of the many difficulties encountered in Africa, but that the development of communications within the continent is necessary economically, socially and politically for the progress of the continent as laid down in the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and which the ITU is interested in fostering.

in Bandung, Indonesia. This mission was part of an ITU project under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/Special Fund Component.

... to China

Mr. Gunther Seiz (Federal Republic of Germany) left for China towards the end of June 1971. He will be working as training adviser in telecommunications in Taipei. This mission is part of an ITU project under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Technical Assistance Component.

... to Malawi

Mr. John W. Willmot (United Kingdom) left for Malawi at the beginning of May 1971. He will be working as project manager designate for the establishment of a multinational Posts and Telecommunication Training Institute in Malawi and national Training Institutes in Swaziland and Botswana. This mission is part of an ITU project under the UNDP/Special Fund Component.

... to Venezuela

Mr. Horst B. B. G. Kaufmann (Federal Republic of Germany) left for Venezuela in mid-June 1971. He will be working as instructor in outside plant at the Training Centre for Telecommunication Technicians in Caracas. This mission is part of an ITU project under the UNDP/Special Fund Component

... to Zambia

Mr. Torsten P. H. Olsson (Sweden) left for Zambia towards the end of June 1971. He will be working as a telephone switching instructor at the National Telecommunications and Postal Training Institute in N'dola. This mission is part of an ITU project under the UNDP/Special Fund Component.

... from Indonesia

M. Sten G. Sallander (Sweden) returned to Geneva for debriefing after a mission of two years and eight months as telecommunication lines and cables instructor at the Telecommunication Training Centre

**technical  
co-operation**

**The pan-African  
telecommunication  
project**

With two meetings recently held in Cotonou (3-4 June 1971) and Monrovia (9-10 June), the work scope of the consultants who will shortly be engaged through the ITU was definitely determined.

- At the meeting in Cotonou, representatives of Dahomey, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Togo participated actively in determining the objectives of the consultants in performing their survey on the important link Lagos—Abidjan, interlinking all five mentioned countries. The work

**Returns  
from mission...**