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Opening of the Plenipotentiary Conference at Malaga-Torremolinos

THE Union's Plenipotentiary Conference will open at Torremolinos (Malaga, Spain) on 14 September 1973. The Conference will last until 26 October.



Regulations remained in force in spite of the very rapid developments in means of transmission and the expansion of facilities offered to customers. This bears witness to the excellence of the work carried out in 1958 and the foresight shown at the Conference.

At Montreux in 1965 the Plenipotentiary Conference did however agree that it would be advisable to simplify the Regulations by making some provisions the subject of recommendations and thus making them more readily adaptable to the rapid advance of telecommunications. As a result the CCITT was instructed to ascertain which provisions could be the subject of recommendations and thus be omitted from the Regulations. The CCITT Study Groups set to work and proposals were submitted to the CCITT Plenary Assemblies at Mar del Plata in 1968 and Geneva in 1972, which approved them. Hence the texts to which the 1973 Administrative Conference was called upon to put the finishing touches had been thoroughly prepared.

The Dean of the Conference, Mr. Gunnar Pedersen, Director General of Telecommunications, Denmark, opened the inaugural meeting with a masterly exposition of the objectives ahead of the Conference about to start.

"The fact that the Plenipotentiary Conference in Montreux 1965 found such a change desirable is important. It is—in my view—a clear indication that the general philosophy for the structure of the Union, with the CCIs responsible for recommendations on technical, operation and tariff questions on the one side and Administrative Conferences dealing with the binding Regulations on the other side, has been found to be fundamentally sound.

"Our experience in the past fifteen years confirms this. The recommendations have been formulated by the best specialists from countries all over the world and they represent good advice. Of course, the Administrations are free to accept and use these recommendations but are not compelled to do so. However, we have seen that the recommendations meet a wide acceptance in all quarters simply because they represent the best possible advice in the field of telecommunication.

"It will be the task of this Conference to make the best use of our experience since 1958. We should ensure that ITU work in the field of telegraphy and telephony will be adapted to present-day

Visits by the Permanent Representatives of Italy and of the United Kingdom

The recently appointed Ambassadors of Italy and of the United Kingdom, Permanent Representatives at the United Nations Office and the other international organizations in Geneva, paid visits to Mr. M. Mili, Secretary-General of the Union, on 22 June 1973.

World Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference

Some 300 delegates from Member countries of the ITU attended the World Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference held at the Maison des Congrès, Geneva, from 2 to 11 April 1973, to finalize and approve the new versions of the Telegraph Regulations and the Telephone Regulations. Representatives of the Democratic Republic of Germany, which had just become a Member of the Union, were, for the first time, invited to take part.

The previous Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference took place in 1958. During this fifteen-year interval, the



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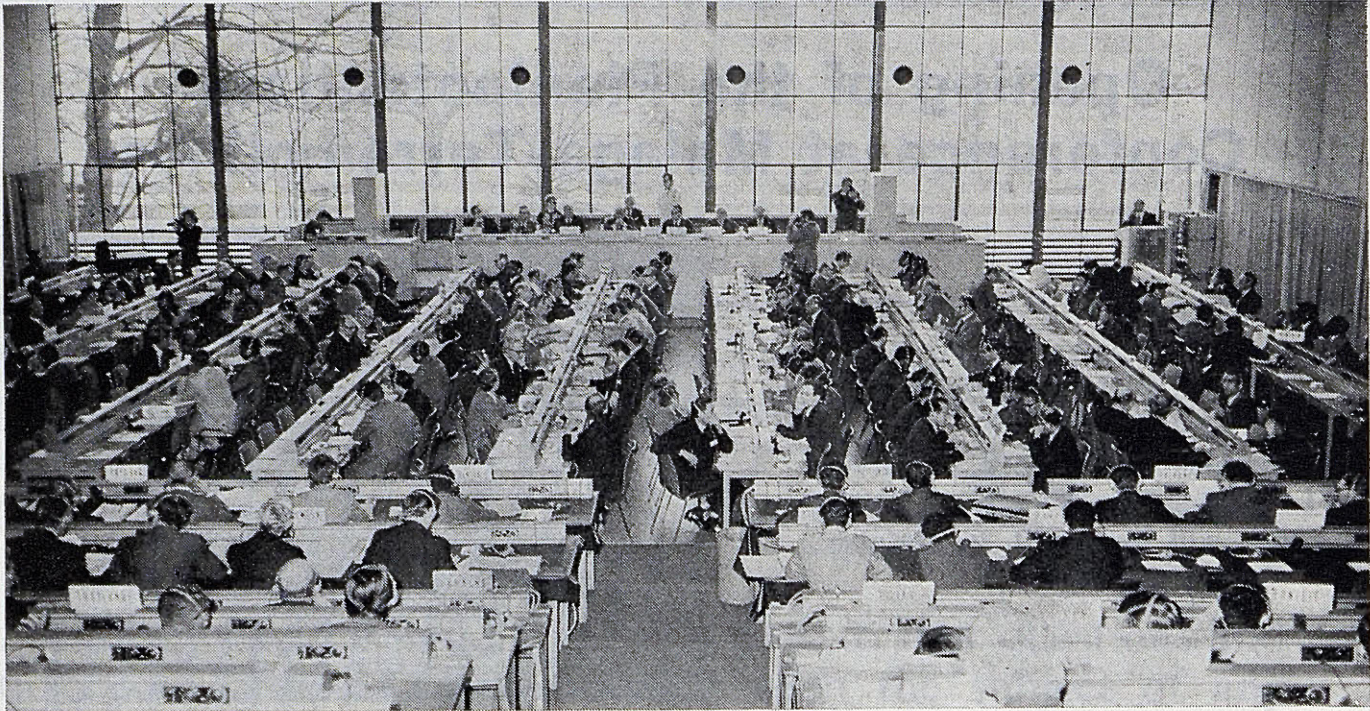
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conditions and, as far as possible, to conditions during the next decade. ”

The delegates set enthusiastically about their task, with six Committees and many Working Parties hard at work to bring out texts that would satisfy all the different views expressed. Such work sometimes went on late into the night. The Conference was remarkable for the spirit of co-operation and mutual goodwill which prevailed throughout its deliberations, as a result of which no question ever had to be put to the vote.

It would have given the Chairman of the Conference much pleasure to mention here by name the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committees and Working Parties and to express his appreciation to them for the good work which was accomplished, but they must forgive this omission in view of the obvious difficulty of naming everyone who contributed to the success of the meeting. Nevertheless, grateful mention must at least be made of the Vice-Chairmen of the Conference: Mr. Robert E. Lee of the United States, Mr. N. Talyzine of the USSR, Mr. Tchouta Moussa of Cameroon and Mr. Yasno Makino of Japan.

Because the new Regulations have been simplified, the CCITT recommendations



View of the assembly

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have increased in importance, and the ITU now has three levels of regulatory texts. The Convention and the General Regulations annexed thereto have the highest status, followed by the administrative Telegraph, Telephone and Radio Regulations and finally the CCI recommendations.

At the end of the meeting, the Secretary-General was able to announce that the

representatives of 80 countries had signed the final Acts of the Conference and had thus approved the new versions of the Telegraph and Telephone Regulations.

On reviewing the work done, it is satisfactory to note the full accomplishment of the mandate entrusted to the Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Montreux, 1965).

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...25 years in the service of the Union

At a reception held on 17 May 1973 to celebrate World Telecommunication Day and the official opening of the ITU tower (see the *Telecommunication Journal*, July 1973, page 349) the Secretary-General of the ITU presented diplomas to 32 staff members to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their entry into the service of the Union and as a tribute to their devoted service.



Presentation of the diploma to a charming ITU staff member

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The 32 recipients were:
Mr. M. Bardoux; Mr. R. Brossa; Mr. R. Buecher; Mr. C. Cardena; Miss M. Chambaz; Mr. R. Chapuis; Mr. G. Cossy; Mrs. D. Dardel; Mr. F. Dellamula; Miss I. Elisseieff; Mrs. P. Garnier; Miss T. Goluchowska; Mrs. M. Grand; Mrs. E. Grandjean; Mr. F.

Hugon; Miss M. Knight; Mr. A. Marqués; Miss P. Merlet; Mrs. L. de Michely; Mr. F. Moreno; Mr. R. Petit; Mrs. M. Petit-Pierre; Mr. R. Pluss; Mr. R. Prélaz; Mr. A. Reinhard; Mrs. R. Reinhard; Mr. J. Revoy; Miss N. Schuli; Mr. C. Stead; Mr. L. Stulz; Mrs. Y. Wisard; Mr. J. Wyss.