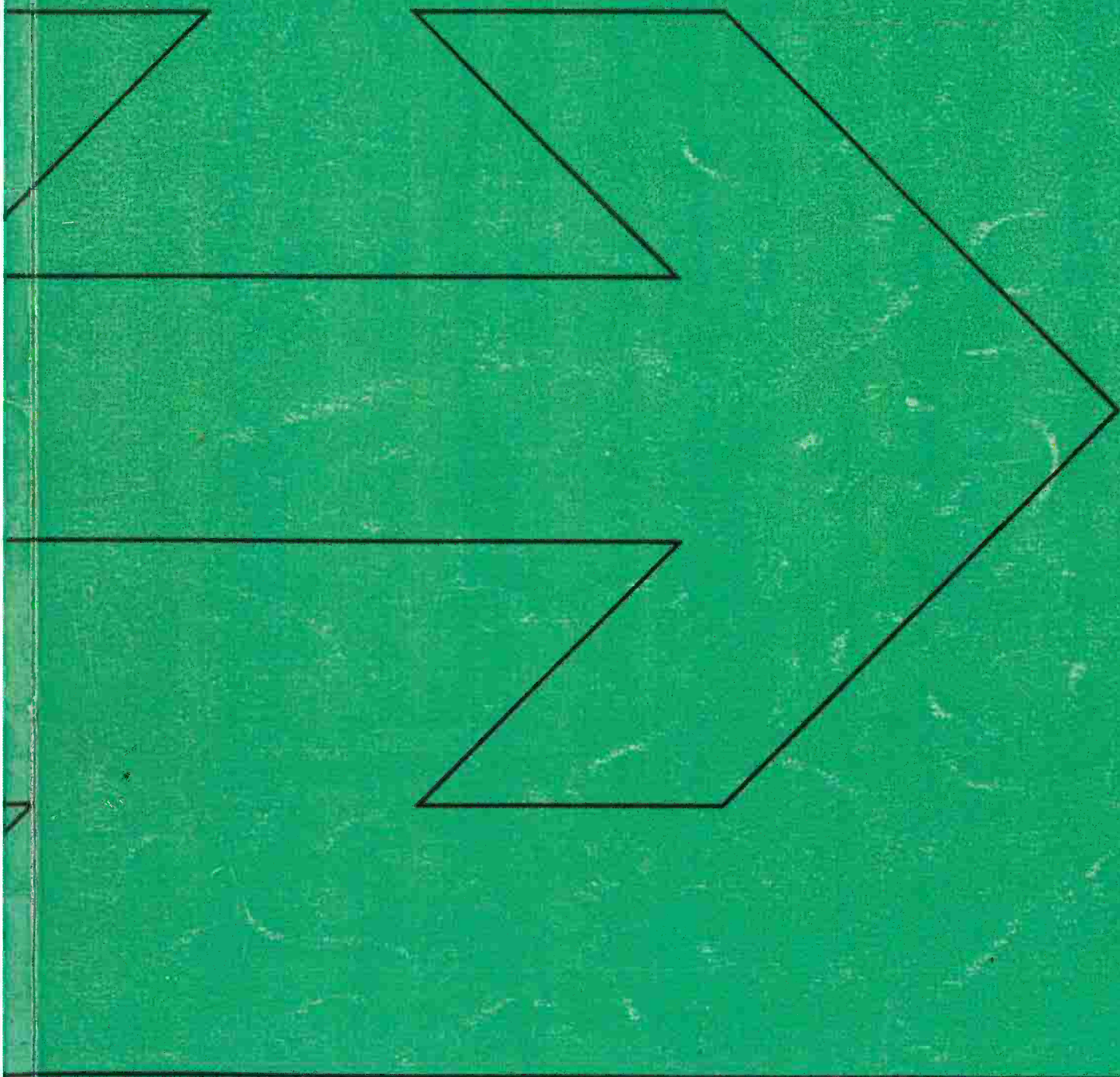


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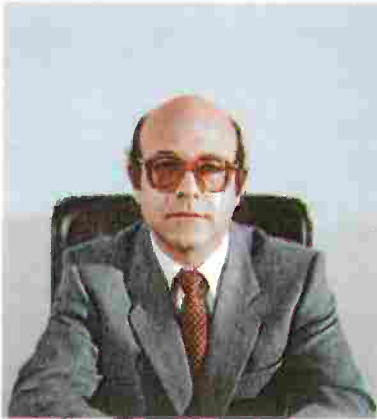
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Your Excellency,

We have the honour to forward to you the 28th Annual Report and Accounts (1983) of the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority.

This Report and Accounts are submitted in compliance with Section 22 of the Telecommunications Service Law 1954 (Cap. 302) as amended by Laws 20/60, 34/62, 25/63 and 54/77.

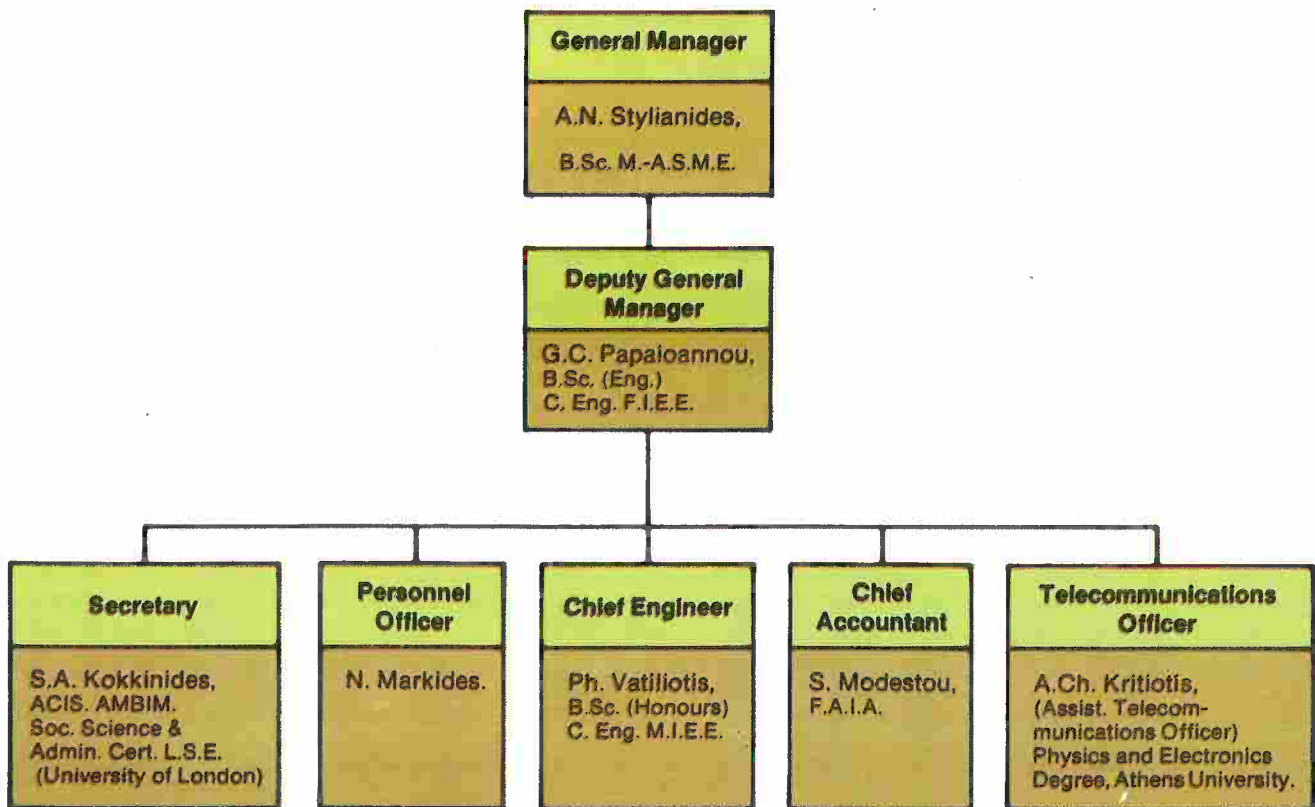
The Authority is grateful for the Government's assistance and encouragement of its efforts for continued progress. We take this opportunity to thank your Excellency for your personal interest in the Authority's activities and assure you once again, that all necessary measures will always be taken so that Cyprus retains its enviable position in the small number of telecommunicationwise developed countries of the world.

Yours faithfully,

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His Excellency,
The Minister of Communications and Works,
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Introduction

The Cyprus Telecommunications Authority (CY.T.A.) is a Public Corporation, established by Law 67 of 1954 (Cap. 302), as amended by Laws 20/60, 34/62, 25/63 and 54/77 and is answerable to the Council of Ministers, through the Minister of Communications and Works, whose power over its activities is regulated by the Service Law as amended by Law 25/63, Section 3. The Authority's main responsibility is, by virtue of the abovementioned Law, the provision, maintenance and

development of a comprehensive telecommunications service, both local and overseas.

The Authority's Board had 11 meetings during which it studied and dealt with all matters and policies relating to the maintenance and development of telecommunications in Cyprus.

This Report deals mainly with the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority's activities, progress and Accounts during the year 1983.

New CY.T.A. Head Offices under Construction. Nicosia



General

The Authority's main targets are the maintenance, development and expansion of telecommunications facilities so as to serve satisfactorily the island's economic, social, cultural and political activities. The services rendered at the moment are adequate and of high standard, and plans have been worked out for a continued and balanced development of the services in the urban, rural and international fields, by using most modern and efficient equipment and systems and well trained and qualified personnel. A major step will be the imminent introduction of the digital system which is the most technologically advanced telephone system in use today.

That the Authority has, so far, been successful in its efforts mentioned above, is evidenced by various comments in the local and foreign press describing Cyprus as an advanced telecommunications centre in

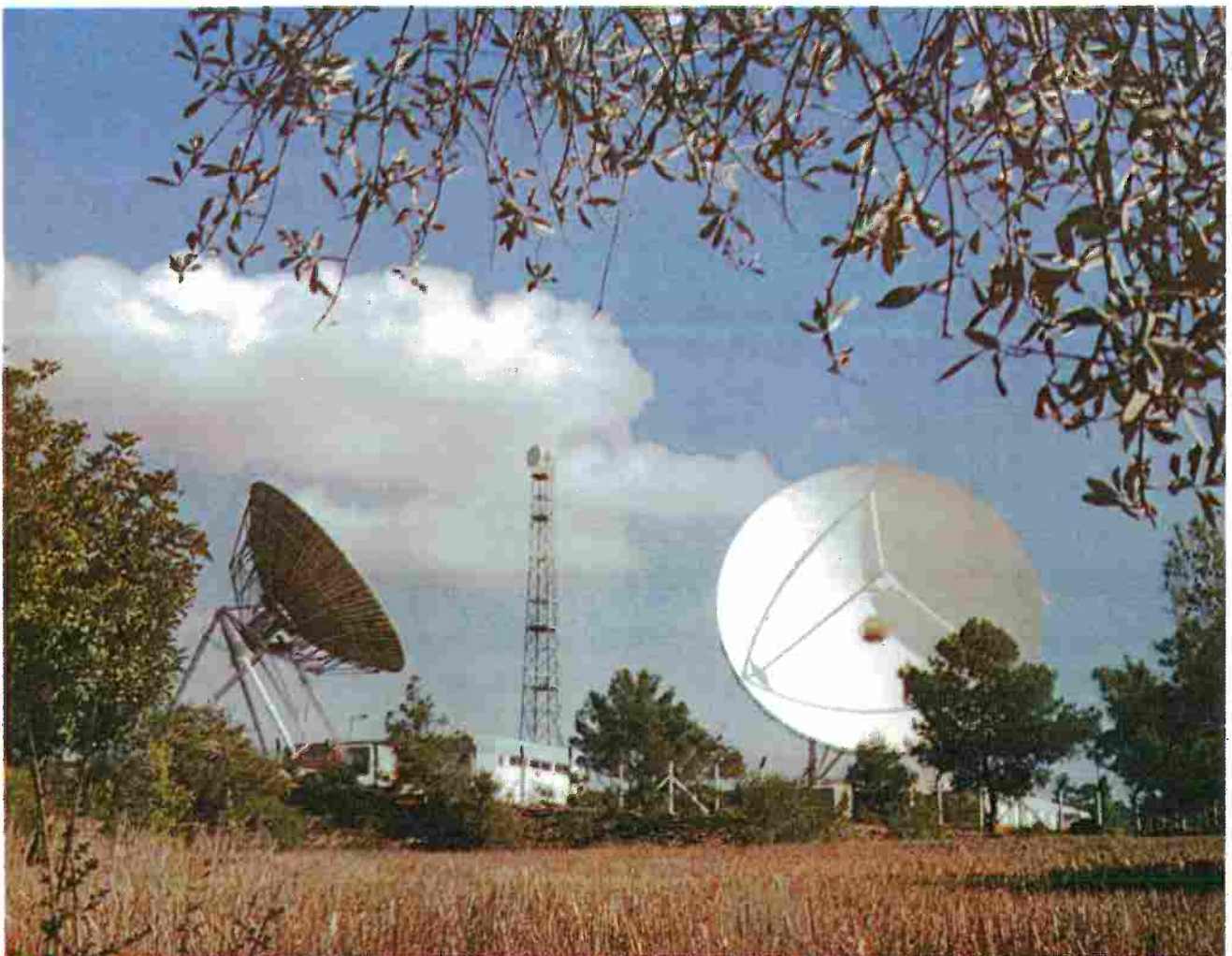
the Eastern Mediterranean, providing excellent telecommunications services at comparatively low costs which, inter alia, attract foreign concerns to establish offices and operate in the island.

The Authority is well prepared to meet the above targets with substantial capital outlay and technical expertise.

The Authority's activities, plans and achievements in the technical, financial, administrative and international fields during the year 1983 are described in some detail under the following headings:

**SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORITY
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES
ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF RELATIONS
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Makarios Satellite Earth Station Antennas 1 and 2 Operating with the INTELSAT Atlantic and Indian Ocean Region Satellites.



Services provided by the Authority

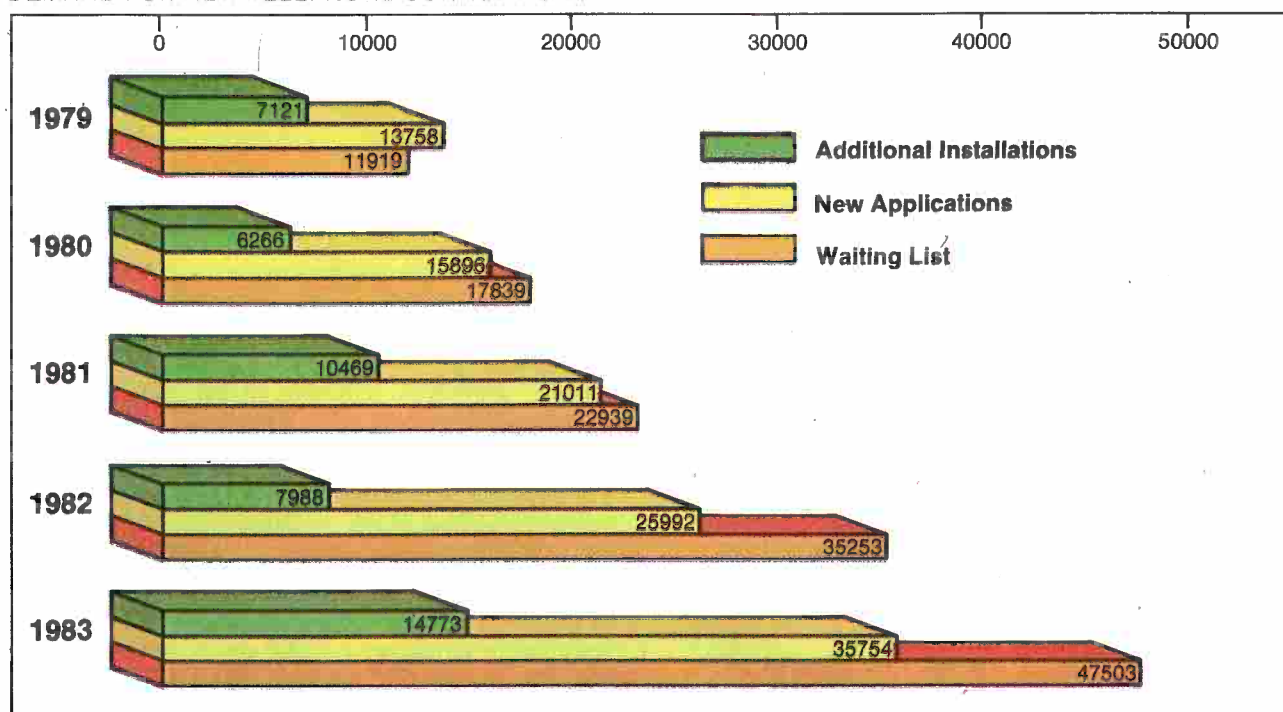
A. TELEPHONY

1. Direct Exchange Lines and Subscribers' Voice Terminals.

During the year under review 14,773 additional Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) were installed, 4,849 telephones transferred from one location to another

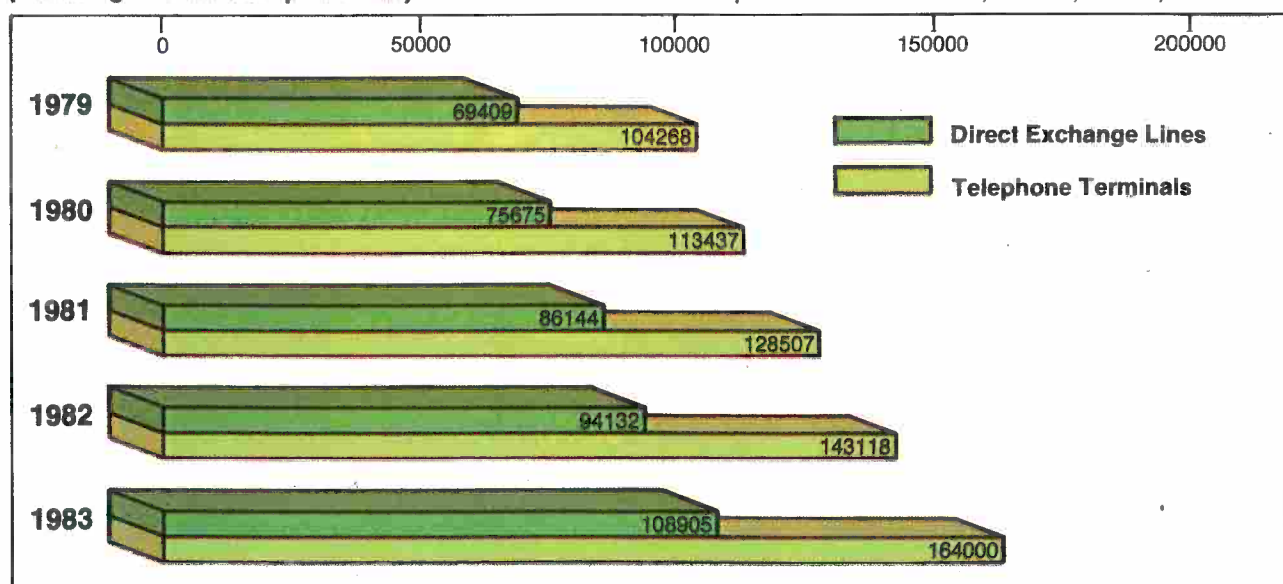
and 1,427 telephones withdrawn. The percentage increase of additional direct exchange lines over the previous year's figures is 85%. The demand for new direct exchange lines increased by 37.5% and the number of applications which could not be satisfied in 1983 rose by 34.7% totalling 47,503 (35,253 at the end of 1982).

DEMAND FOR NEW TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS



NUMBER OF DIRECT EXCHANGE LINES AND TELEPHONE TERMINALS IN OPERATION (Including Turkish Occupied Areas)

	1982	1983	Increase	% Increase
Direct exchange lines	94,132	108,905	14,773	15.69
Telephone terminals	143,118	164,000	20,882	14.6

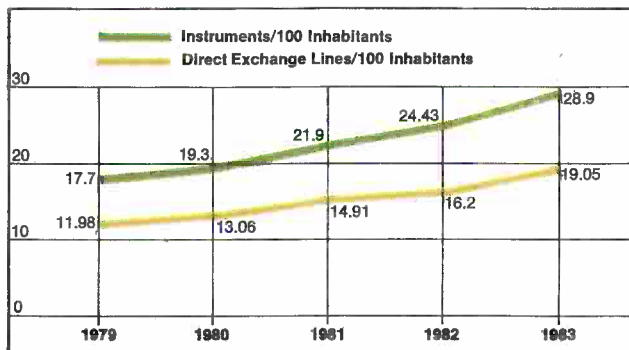


Services provided by the Authority

The number of direct exchange lines per 100 inhabitants in the whole of the Republic reached 16.63 whereas the density for telephone terminals reached 25.04.

Comparatively the density of the direct exchange lines per 100 inhabitants in the Government controlled areas was 19.05 and the density for telephone terminals was 28.9.

TELEPHONE DENSITY

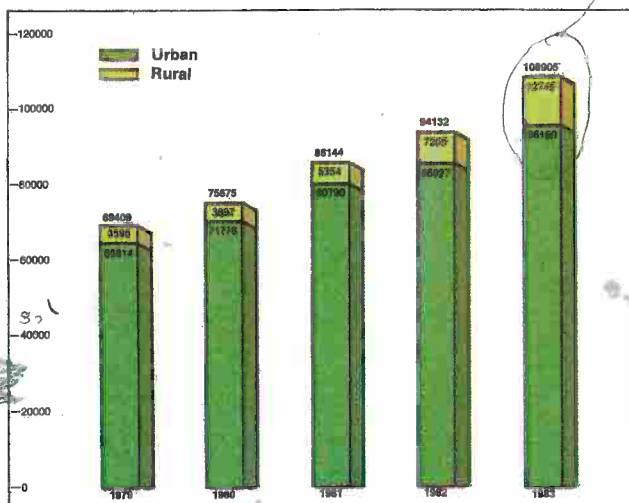


The provision of telephone service to the rural areas increased significantly during 1983. The rural direct exchange lines reached a percentage of 11.7 of the total, nearly doubling in two years.

URBAN AND RURAL DISTRIBUTION OF LINES

Year	Urban	% Total	Rural	% Total
1981	80,790	93.8	5,354	6.2
1982	86,927	92.3	7,205	7.7
1983	97,424	88.3	12,908	11.7

DISTRIBUTION OF DELs IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS (Including Turkish Occupied Areas)



2. Coin Payphones

The number of coin payphones installed in 1983 show a decrease compared to that of the previous year. This was due to the extensive modifications to all existing payphones necessary after the change of the money denomination from mills to cents and the subsequent replacement of coins both in value and in size.

The electronic and mechanical modifications required on all installed payphones were undertaken exclusively by the Authority's personnel.

International tenders were invited during 1983 for the procurement of a modern coin payphone, wall mounted and desk-top type, the installation of which will start late in 1984.

3. Private Branch Exchanges

The demand and supply of PBXs continued to increase in 1983. A total of 948 Private Automatic Branch Exchanges (PABXs) were in service with 32,470 telephone extensions connected to them. The respective number of Private Manual Branch Exchanges (PMBXs) was 2,514 with 21,972 extensions connected.

4. National Network

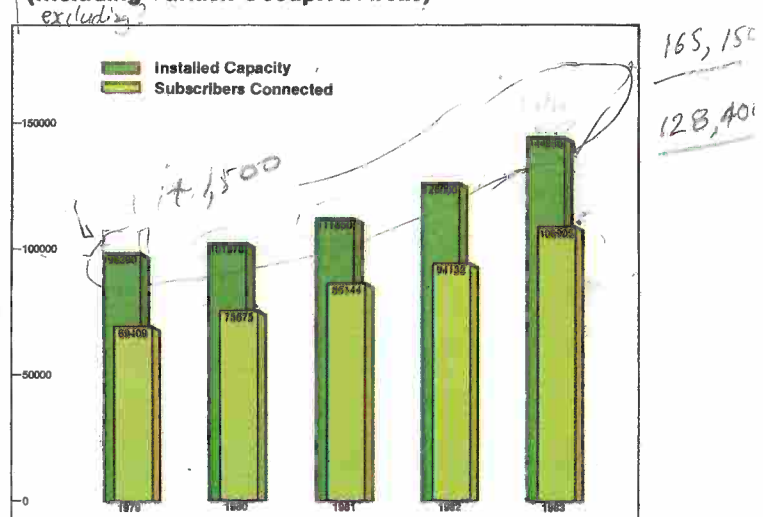
4.1. Telephone Exchanges

The expansion of the national telephone switching network continued with the establishment of two new urban, and seven new rural exchanges of 12,050 lines total capacity.

At the same time existing urban and rural exchanges were further extended by 6,000 and 850 lines respectively, bringing the total installed capacity of lines at the end of 1983, to 144,950. This represents an increase of 15.3% over the total capacity which existed at the end of 1982.

Note: 13,050 of the total number of exchange lines are in Turkish occupied areas.

EXCHANGE CAPACITIES AND CONNECTIONS (Including Turkish Occupied Areas)



Services provided by the Authority

In addition, the installation of another 15,800 lines is in progress. These lines are expected to be available for service in 1984 (13,000 in urban exchanges and the remaining 2,800 in rural exchanges).

All working telephone switching equipment as well as the one under installation are of the electromechanical technology, with 74.7% of all installed lines of the Crossbar type, and the remaining 25.3% of the step by step Strowger type.

The introduction of fully electronic digital telephone exchange into the Cyprus network is scheduled for 1985. For this purpose, during 1983, the Authority prepared all the necessary plans and specifications and invited international tenders for the procurement of such equipment. The plans cater for an overlay digital network which will work with, and in parallel to the existing analogue network. In this way it will be possible to extend all the advanced facilities offered by the new digital system in all parts of the country in the shortest possible time. The digital switching system is technologically the most advanced system in use today.

5. Transmission Systems

The backbone of the existing national transmission network consists mainly of analogue radio,

supplemented by a small percentage of open wire system in the rural areas.

During the year under review, the rural network has been further expanded with the installation of 8 additional radio links in the U.H.F. and S.H.F. bands of 900 channel total capacity, but partially equipped with 408 channels.

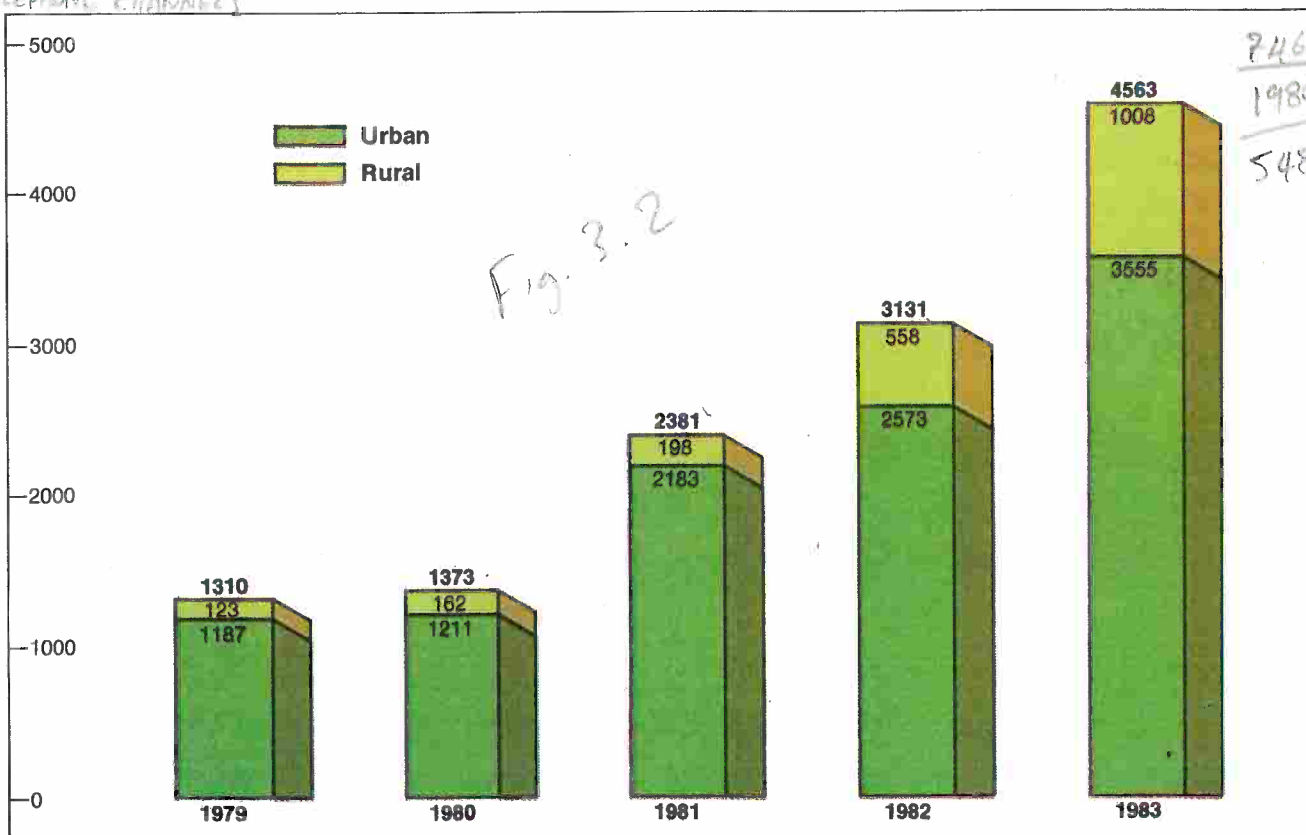
At the same time 4 open wire systems of 36 channels total capacity, have been redeployed in new rural areas. The existing radio systems for the urban and international communications were further extended and during 1983 a total of 1,432 additional channels have been introduced to the network, representing an increase of 33% over the total.

From the 1,432 installed channels, 960 were for the extension of the urban network and the remaining 472 were for the extension of the rural network.

Also during 1983 specifications were prepared and international tenders invited for the procurement of fully digital transmission equipment necessary for the interworking of the digital telephone exchanges.

Contracts were also signed for the construction of three new repeater stations for the accommodation of part of the new digital network.

OVERALL CAPACITY OF MULTIPLEX EQUIPMENT
TELEPHONE CHANNELS



Services provided by the Authority

6. Line Plant

6.1. Underground Installations

The expansion of the line plant network in urban and rural areas continued in 1983 at an increased rate compared to the previous years.

New areas have been provided with cabling and partly developed areas have been further enriched.

The additional urban and rural lines installed during 1983 can be summarized as follows:

Urban: 30,540	Nicosia (urban)	14,840 ✓
	Nicosia (rural)	750 +
Rural: 3,600	Limassol (urban)	9,800 ✓
	Limassol (rural)	700 +
	Larnaca (urban)	2,300 ✓
	Larnaca (rural)	2,000 +
	Paphos (urban)	2,000 ✓
	Paphos (rural)	150 +
	Famagusta (rural)	1,600 ✓

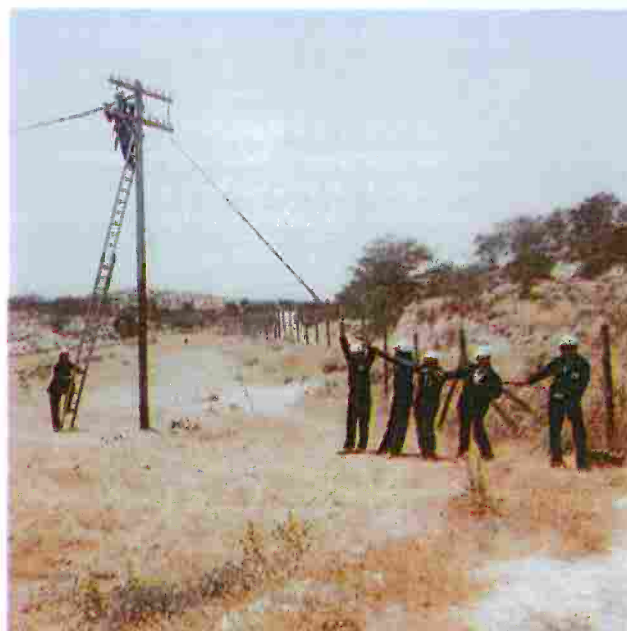
The equivalent single pair length of the installed cables in 1983, is 153,736 Kilometres, an increase of 22% over the total of the previous year.



Drawing Underground Cable

6.2. Overhead Installations

The length of overhead wire installed during 1983 was 1% less than that of 1982 because of the practice of undergrounding most of the cable network.



Erecting Overhead Suspense Cable

7. International Telephone Service

The increasing demand for international telephone traffic was met by the introduction of additional circuits to existing relations with the following countries:

	Additional circuits	Total circuits in 1983
France	6	27
Greece	23	183
Italy	3	21
S. Arabia	4	11
U.A.E.	2	11
U.S.A.	6	21

In all, the total number of telephone circuits in operation during the year under review were:

- 599 circuits serving the public telephone traffic
- 17 VFT bearers serving the public telex and public/private telegraph traffic
- 504 circuits serving the transit traffic via Cyprus (used by foreign Administrations on either lease or IRU basis)
- 42 circuits serving private use on a lease basis.

The international outgoing telephone traffic in 1983 increased by 21.8% over the previous year, to 20 million paid minutes. At the same time the national traffic increased by 16.16% to 524 million units as shown in table A.

Services provided by the Authority

TABLE A
TELEPHONE TRAFFIC

Service	1981 '000	1982 '000	1981/82 Growth %	1983 '000	1982/83 Growth %
INTERNATIONAL (Outgoing)					
ISD traffic (Minutes)	12,829	16,540	28.93	20,161	21.89
Through Operator (Minutes)	1,178	1,480	25.64	1,400	-5.40
NATIONAL <i>Measuring Units</i> Dialled Traffic (Units)	393,824	451,141	14.55	524,067	16.16
Through Operator (Calls)	16	13	-18.75	10	-23.08

During 1983 three more countries namely Canada, Jordan and Uganda were connected on the SPADE facility. Twenty countries were directly connected with

Cyprus during 1983, while the number of International telephone circuits increased to 599, i.e. an increase of 6% as shown in Table B.

TABLE B
INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC TELEPHONE CIRCUITS

Country	1981	1982	1983
Australia	9	16	16
Austria	11	18	18
Canada	6	6	6
France	21	21	27
Germany F.R.	24	24	24
Greece	146	160	183
Israel	12	12	12
Italy	10	21	21
Kuwait	—	4	4
Lebanon	40	54	53
Libya	4	4	4
Saudi Arabia	5	7	11
South Africa	6	7	7
Spain	2	6	6
Sweden	11	11	11
Switzerland	—	12	12
Syria	4	4	4
U.A.E.	7	9	11
U.K.	135	140	136
U.S.A.	14	15	21
Spade facility (to 12 countries)	—	12	12
Total	467	563	599

Services provided by the Authority

Telephone subscribers in Cyprus had access to 78 destinations using ISD facilities. Service to all other

countries was available through the operator (see Table C).

TABLE C

CYPRUS ON THE GLOBAL TELEPHONE NETWORK

Service	Number of Countries					
	Outgoing			Incoming		
	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983
ISD	68	69	78	39	45	49
Semi-Automatic	16	18	20	30	36	40
Manual	62	59	48	77	65	57
Total	146	146	146	146	146	146

COMPARATIVE CHART SHOWING TELEPHONES OF CYPRUS AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

As at 1.1.1982

	No. of Telephones	Telephones per 100 Population	Per Cent Automatic
CYPRUS	128,507	20.0	98.4
Israel	1,302,000	32.1	99.8
Kuwait	231,643	16.0	89.9
Greece	2,956,663	30.2	99.5
Turkey	2,104,113	4.7	84.3
Spain	12,350,058	32.8	96.9
S. Arabia	788,576	11.2	2.3
Syria	471,127	4.9	79.9
Italy	20,444,037	36.3	100.0
Czechoslovakia	3,225,968	21.0	98.2
Hungary	1,296,682	12.1	84.2
Yugoslavia	2,303,501	10.2	100.0

COMPARATIVE CHART SHOWING TELEPHONES IN NICOSIA AND PRINCIPAL CITIES OF NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

As at 1.1.1982

	No. of Telephones	Telephones per 100 Population	Total Main Telephones
NICOSIA	59,000	39	39,473
Tel-Aviv	499,948	51	348,000
Kuwait	231,643	16	171,427
Athens	1,339,886	54	1,050,289
Ankara	385,819	21	151,043
Madrid	1,906,566	60	1,132,548
Riyadh	191,243	16	141,662
Damascus	154,615	12	106,868
Rome	1,679,229	57	1,086,509
Prague	643,279	54	364,076
Budapest	681,914	33	365,645
Belgrade	299,247	20	—

Total number of telephones in the world as at 1st January 1982 was 486,055,001

Note: The above information was obtained from "The World's Telephones" which is compiled and circulated by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The number of Telephones shown comprises also the extensions.

Services provided by the Authority



Computerized Directory Assistance Service "192"

B. TELEX SERVICE

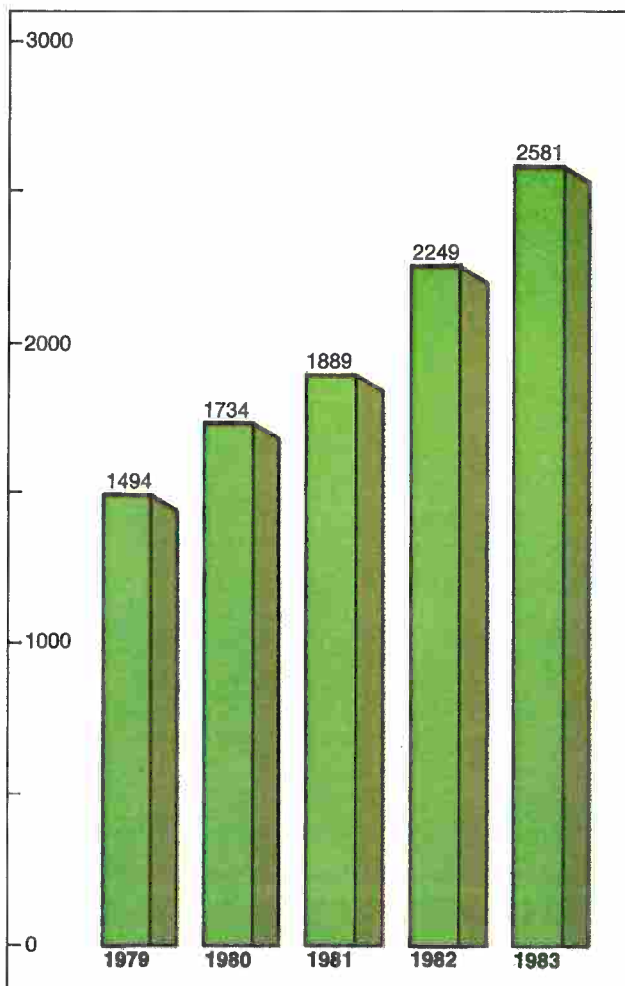
The fully computerized telex exchange was further expanded to its maximum capacity of 4,096 with the installation of 1,536 additional lines and provides automatic service for the national and international traffic.

Automatic service was available, during the year under review with 148 countries i.e. with almost all the countries of the World.

On the 31st December 1983 there were 2,581 telex subscribers compared to 2,249 of the previous year (increase of 14.7%).

The continuous growth of this service experienced in recent years was maintained during 1983. The increase in the international traffic (in minutes) was 22% and in the national traffic 25% over that of 1982.

GROWTH OF TELEX SUBSCRIBERS (Including Turkish Occupied Areas)



TELEX TRAFFIC

Service	1981 '000	1982 '000	1981/82 Growth %	1983 '000	1982/83 Growth %
INTERNATIONAL (Outgoing)					
Calls	1,092	1,303	19.32	1,533	17.65
Minutes	2,641	3,051	15.52	3,715	21.76
NATIONAL					
Calls	413	504	22.03	590	17.06
Minutes	1,111	1,385	24.66	1,734	25.20

Services provided by the Authority

The increase in the number of international circuits was 16% over that of 1982. The countries with which direct Telex Service operated and the number of circuits with

each one of them over the last 3 years are shown below:

INTERNATIONAL TELEX CIRCUITS

Country	1981	1982	1983
Austria	10	10	10
Belgium	10	10	10
France	13	13	13
Germany F.R.	15	15	15
Greece	25	25	25
Israel	8	8	8
Italy	18	21	21
Lebanon	7	7	30
Netherlands	10	10	10
S. Arabia	—	—	10
Sweden	5	5	7
Switzerland	12	12	12
U.A. Emirates	—	6	6
U.K.	61	63	60
U.S.A. (ITT)	8	8	8
U.S.A. (RCA)	7	6	7
U.S.A. (WUI)	7	7	7
Total	216	226	259

C. TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

International telegraph traffic has been declining worldwide for several years, because of the automation of the telephone and telex services. Former telegraph users are now becoming telephone and telex users which are more convenient and efficient.

This international trend has influenced adversely the overseas telegraph traffic; however a slight increase in the national traffic was observed compared to 1982.

The international and national traffic during the year under review is shown herebelow:

TELEGRAPH TRAFFIC

Service	1982 '000	1983 '000	1982/83 Growth %
INTERNATIONAL (Outgoing)			
Telegrams	58	53	-8.62
Words	1,623	1,534	-5.48
NATIONAL			
Telegrams	87	97	11.49
Words	1,662	1,852	11.43

Services provided by the Authority

SERVICE

D. DATA TRANSMISSION

Data transmission is possible through the DATEL service (data via the Public Switched Telephone Network) or through leased circuits.

The DATEL Service can support transmission speeds up to 2.4 kb/s whereas point to point leased circuits can support data transmission speeds up to 9.6 kb/s.

The Cyprus Telecommunications Authority does not only provide modems for connection onto its network but also approves other modems supplied by third parties.

Twenty-two modems have been connected on the network in 1983, 4 on the Public Switched Telephone Network and 18 on leased circuits.

On the 31st December, 1983 the total number of modems connected on the PSTN was 7, whereas on leased circuits 20.

E. FASCIMILE SERVICE

The facsimile service is also provided via the Public

Switched Telephone Network. Terminals of group 2 and 3 can be connected on the network and can be supplied either by the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority or by third parties after approval by the Authority.

The demand for the facsimile service was low this year as in the previous years with only 24 new installations. The total number of facsimile units of all types connected at the end of the year were only 32.

It is anticipated that with the lapse of time, the public will be more familiar with the service with a consequent rise in demand.

F. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

The international traffic continued its upward trend necessitating further expansion and improvement of the international communication services.

During 1983 the international traffic was routed through the following traffic outlets:

Traffic outlet	Route	Total Capacity
APOLLO Submarine Cable System	CYPRUS-GREECE	1380 circuits
APHRODITE Submarine Cable System	CYPRUS-GREECE	480 "
ADONIS Submarine Cable System	CYPRUS-LEBANON	480 "
MAKARIOS Satellite Earth Station with		
a) an antenna oriented towards the Atlantic Ocean Region Satellite operating as from 1980.	ATLANTIC Region SPADE (Atlantic)	300 " 12 "
b) an antenna oriented towards the Indian Ocean Region Satellite operating as from 1982	INDIAN Region	50 "
c) a third antenna operating with the European Satellite (EUTELSAT) is planned for installation and operation by 1986.		
UHF Radio System	CYPRUS-ISRAEL	48 "
* TROPOSPHERIC Scatter	CYPRUS-GREECE	120 "

* The Tropospheric Scatter is now considered as restoration facility.

DIRECT CIRCUITS PER COUNTRY

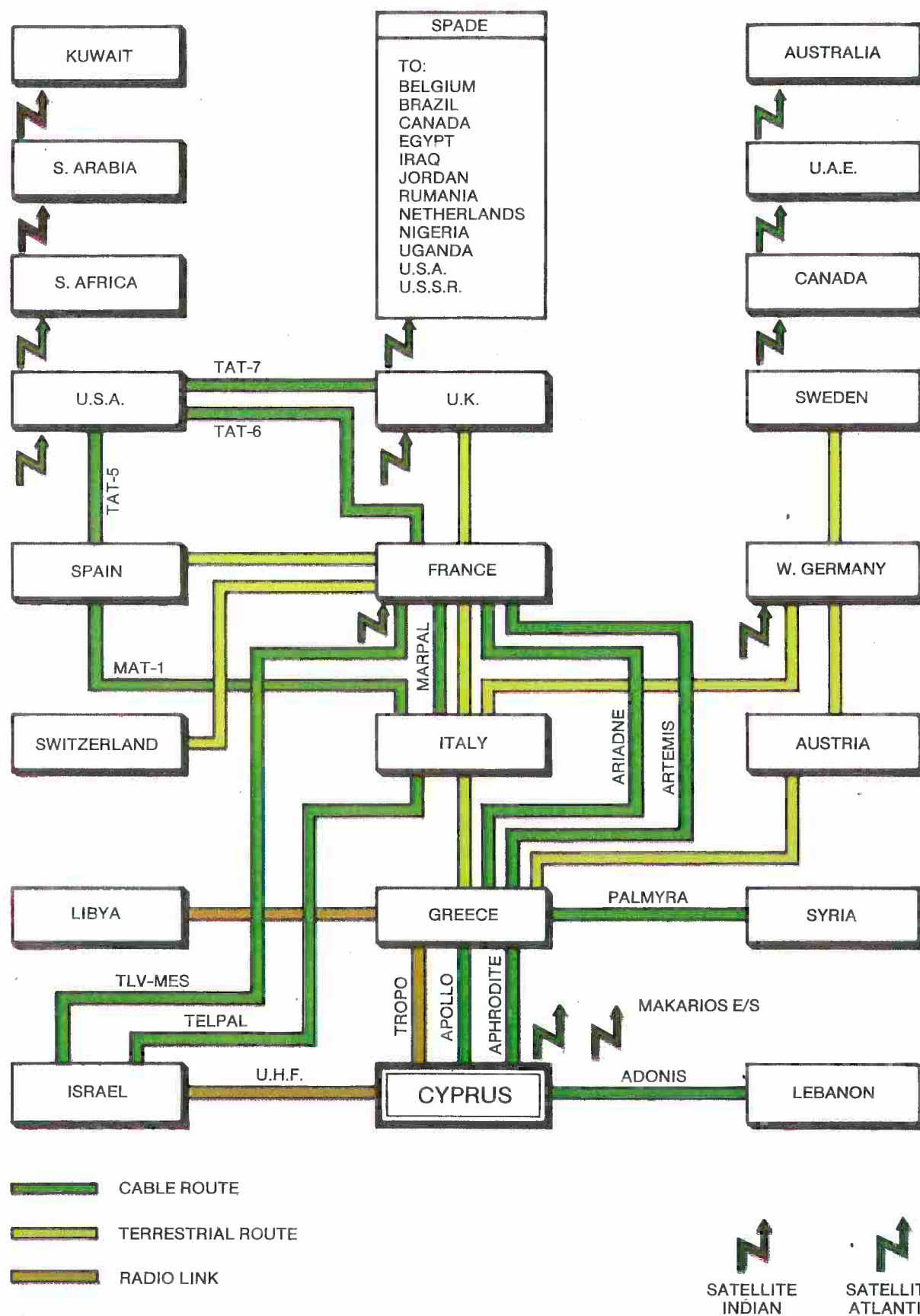
COUNTRY	TELEPHONE									VFT BEARER	TELEX			TELEGRAPH	
	AUTO			SEMI		M	PRIVATE LEASE				AUTO			M	PRIVATE LEASE
	O/G	I/C	B/W	O/G	I/C	B/W	V	DATA	PRO- GRAM		O/G	I/C	B/W	B/W	
AUSTRALIA			16												
AUSTRIA	10	8								1			10	1	
BELGIUM										1	5	5			
CANADA			6											1	
EGYPT A.R.							1								
FRANCE	9	11	7						1	1	6	7		1	
GERMANY W.	8	7	8			1				1	7	8		1	1
GREECE	84	82		11	3	3	30	1		2	11	14		1	9
ISRAEL	6	6					1			1	4	4		1	2
ITALY	6	14				1				1	12	9		1	1
KUWAIT			4												
LEBANON	32	19				2	1			1	15	15		1	2
LIBYA	2	2													
NETHERLANDS											4	6			
S. AFRICA			7												
S. ARABIA			11							1			10		
SPAIN	3	3													
SWEDEN	8	3								1			7	1	
SWITZERLAND	6	6								1	6	6			
SYRIA	2	2					1								
U.A.E.			11							1			6		
U.K.	44	54	38					1	5	3	30	30		1	2
U.S.A.			21							1			22		
SPADE			12												
TOTALS	220	217	141	11	3	7	34	2	6	17	100	104	55	10	17

O/G : Outgoing
I/C : Incoming
B/W : Bothway

AUTO : Automatic
SEMI : Semi-automatic
M : Manual

VFT BEARER : Voice Frequency
Telegraph Bearer
V : Voice

CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL NETWORK (as at 31st December 1983)



Services provided by the Authority

G. OTHER TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES

1. Broadcast (Local)

The Authority provides full facilities to the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation, for effective outside Broadcasts (live programmes) from any point in the country.

2. Voicecasts (International)

Voicecasts facilities are also offered by the Authority to any international destination.

The facilities of this service are usually used by foreign press correspondents to cover news reports and sport events.

Comparative figures show the extend of use of this facility.

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
No. of voicecasts	193	113	68	65	114
No. of minutes	10,553	9,032	10,419	7,962	7,091

3. International Video Telecast Service.

This service is available to television broadcasters and video news agents, for the transmission and/or reception of video programmes via the INTELSAT Atlantic Ocean Region Satellite.

The use of this facility shows a steady increase since its introduction in 1981.

4. Communication with Ships at Sea (Maritime Service)

The ship-to-shore service offers radiotelephone and radiotelegraph communication with ships at sea over the MF, HF and VHF bands.

The quality of service in the HF band has been further improved in 1983 with the installation of a new aerial.

The radiotelephone traffic during 1983 shows a slight increase over that of the previous year, reaching the level of 1981.

With the improvement of the radiotelephone service, the radiotelegraph traffic shows a further decline in 1983 keeping up with the trend of the previous years.

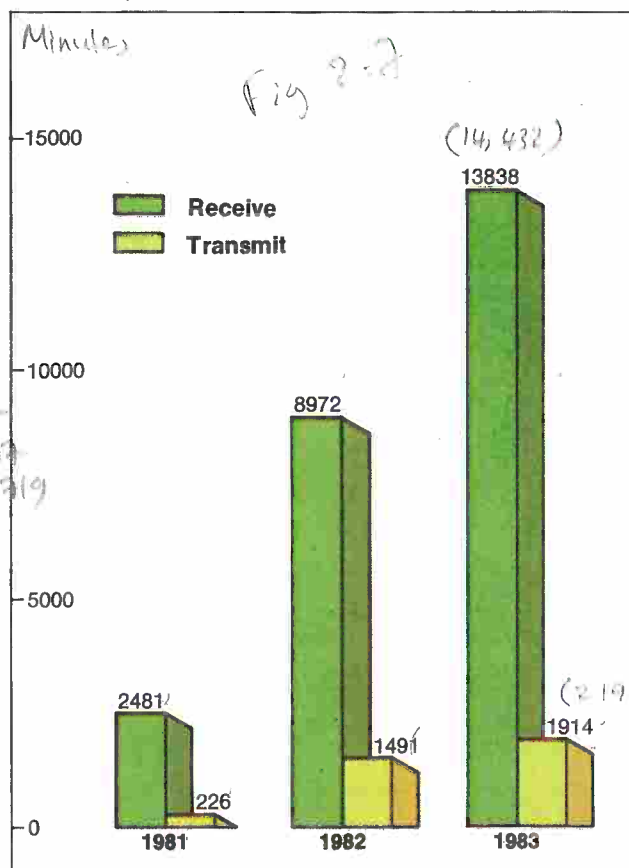
RADIOTELEPHONY

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Calls	103,631	147,038	168,741	154,855	163,557
Minutes	429,641	593,623	714,916	655,951	710,291
% Difference	20.1	38.2	20.4	-8.4	8.28

RADIOTELEGRAPHY

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Telegrams	12,834	19,043	13,354	12,444	12,574
Words	260,785	414,456	308,211	283,776	275,664
% Difference	15.8	58.9	-25.6	-7.92	-2.86

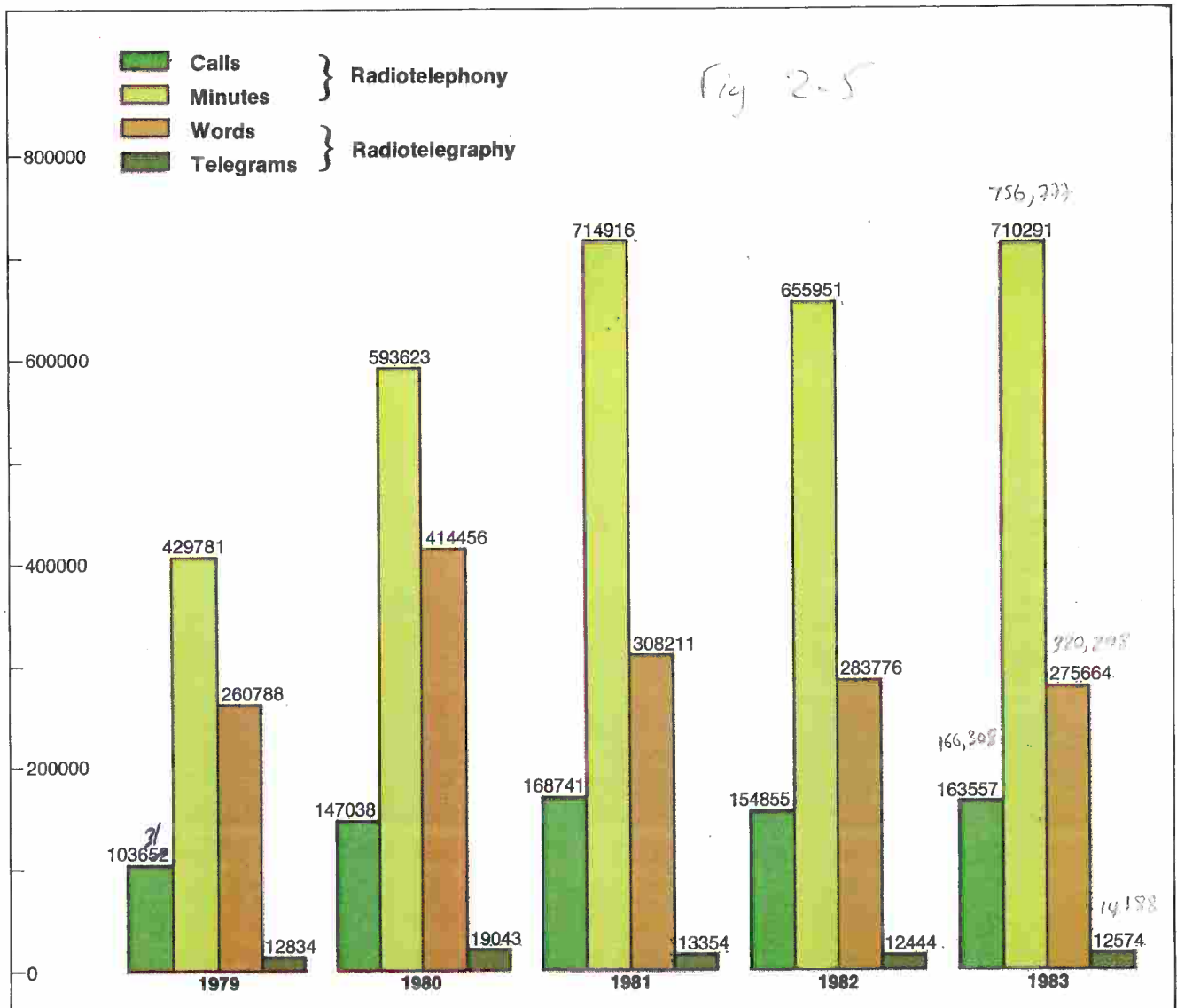
VIDEO TELECAST SERVICE (INTERNATIONAL)



The Cyprus Radio which is part of the ship-to-shore service kept a 24 hour watch on the international distress frequencies and contributed to the safety of life at sea by alerting the appropriate authorities, where and when help was needed. During the year under review, the service handled 68 cases of navigational warnings (TTT), 46 distress signals (SOS) and 31 cases of medico calls (Request for medical help or advice).

Services provided by the Authority

SHIP/SHORE RADIOTELEPHONY AND RADIOTELEGRAPHY



5. Civil Aviation Telecommunication Services

The Authority continued to provide technical and operational services to the Department of Civil Aviation, for the running of all telecommunication facilities, both at the Larnaca International and Papho Airports and the Nicosia Communication Centre. These facilities are offered in accordance with the standards and recommended practices laid down by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and they include the following services:

- 5.1 Radiotelephone communication with aircraft in flight within the Cyprus Flight Information Region (FIR).
- 5.2 Telephone communication between the Nicosia Air Traffic Control Centre (ATCC) and the Control Centres of Larnaca, Athens, Beirut, Tel-Aviv, Cairo and Akrotiri airports.
- 5.3 Communication between Larnaca Control Tower and aircrafts, for approach, landing and/or take-off purposes.
- 5.4 Radio Air Navigational Aids for civil aircrafts.
- 5.5 VOLMET service (Transmission of continuous weather reports for use by aircrafts in flight within the Cyprus Flight Information Region).
- 5.6 Telegraph communication within the Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunications Networks (AFTN) to the airports of Athens, Tel-Aviv and Beirut.

International Relations and Activities

The Authority takes an active part in the work and deliberations of international telecommunications organizations and is well represented on the relevant working committees and conferences organized by the above bodies.

Furthermore, officers of the Authority pay regular visits to suppliers for the purpose of inspecting and or supervising the construction of equipment for the Authority. Other administrations are also visited in order to study developments and new systems of operation. Generally, the Authority maintains excellent relations with the international bodies and administrations mentioned above and this is most conducive to the Authority's efforts to keep abreast of technical progress in the field of telecommunications.

Some of the Authority's contacts and activities under the above heading are described herebelow:

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU)

Cyprus is a member of the ITU, an agency of the United Nations with a worldwide participation of 157 member countries.

ITU declared 1983 as World Communications Year and called upon the Governments to set-up National Committees to study and make proposals for the development of all communications media in general. (The work of Cyprus National Communications Committee is described in some detail elsewhere in this section).

During the year under review the General Manager of the Authority visited the Telecom 83 Fourth Telecommunications Conference and Trade Fair which took place in Geneva, in October 1983 under the auspices of the ITU.

Officers of the Authority participated in the following meetings of Study Groups organized under the auspices of ITU:

- UNDP/ITU MEDARABTEL Regional Project (Geneva)
- CCITT Study Group for Switching and Signalling (Geneva)
- CCITT Plan Committee for Europe and the Mediterranean Basin held in Nicosia after the Authority's invitation.

Plan Committee Meeting for Europe and the Mediterranean Basin (CCITT/CCIR) Nicosia 1983.



International Relations and Activities

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OF CEPT

The Authority represented Cyprus on the T-Commission of CEPT, which is a regional organization for Europe with 26 member countries. The major task of CEPT is to establish recommendations and procedures for the harmonization of equipment, tariffs and services within Europe and at a further stage to influence the trends worldwide through active participation in the work of ITU.

The Authority applies the above recommendations and closely follows the developments in CEPT. During the year, the Chief Engineer of the Authority represented Cyprus at the CEPT Plenary Assembly of the T-Commission held in Cannes (France) in September, 1983.

COMMONWEALTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATION (C.T.O.)

The Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization was established by the Governments of Commonwealth Countries for the promotion and development of telecommunications in the Commonwealth. Normally, a Commonwealth Telecommunications Conference is convened every three years at governmental level, to examine the developments reported by the Commonwealth Telecommunications Council, which is the body set up to continuously study the operation of the Commonwealth Network. The last Commonwealth Telecommunications Conference was held in Nicosia in November, 1982 and there was no call for a Conference during the year under review.

The proposed by Nicosia C.T. Conference 1982 "Agreement Terminating the C.T.O. Financial Agreement 1973" and the new "C.T.O. Financial Agreement 1983" took effect in April 1983.

The Chairman of the Authority continued to represent Cyprus on the Commonwealth Telecommunications Council (C.T.C.) and in his capacities as Representative for Cyprus and Vice-Chairman of C.T. Council, he attended the 23rd C.T. Council Meeting held in Srinagar (India) in July, 1983.

Officers of the Authority served as members on various groups and organs of C.T. Council and Cyprus participated actively in the work of all groups, especially in the non-financial collaborative arrangements, by hosting in Nicosia a seminar on "Effective Instructional Techniques" in November, 1983. During 1983, the Authority offered to five officers from three Commonwealth Countries training on the SPC Telex Exchange, International Service Coordination, Traffic Observations and International Traffic Accounting. One member of the Authority's staff participated, after an invitation, in a Digital Seminar held in Canada from the 12th to the 20th October, 1983.

The Commonwealth Telecommunications Conference, which was held from the 20th to the 23rd November, 1983 at Leeds Castle, Kent, England, was sponsored by the British Department of Trade and Industry, British Telecom and Cable and Wireless and formed part of Britain's contribution to World Communications Year.

The Conference discussed the strategic issue of the expansion of telecommunications networks in developing countries and was attended by delegates from twenty-two Commonwealth Countries as well as the Secretary General of ITU, and representatives from the Commonwealth Telecommunications Bureau, INTELSAT and the World Bank.

Cyprus was represented by the Authority's General Manager, who chaired the Working Session of the committee which discussed the "Levels of Technology with special reference to Rural Communications".

The other issues on which the Conference concentrated its efforts were: "The Role of Telecommunications in Economic and Social Development", and "Financing the Expansion of Telecommunications".

During its deliberations the Conference recognized the importance of good communications in the efficient operation and effective implementation of programmes in other development sectors and realized that the "new era" of digital technology should be cautiously entered after vigorous training for installation and maintenance. It welcomed the existing cooperative arrangements adopted by the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization (C.T.O.) to assist the improvement of Telecommunications in Commonwealth countries, and considered that these might also be expanded worldwide. It furthermore recommended that the Independent Commission for World Wide Telecommunications Development, which is under the auspices of the ITU, should explore the establishment of a revolving fund, the aim of which would be to secure rapid universal access to monetary reserves for the timely procurement of equipment for the at least basic telecommunications services.

INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (INTELSAT)

INTELSAT is an independent international organization with 109 member countries and provides worldwide telecommunications services through satellites positioned over the three oceans - Atlantic, Indian and Pacific.

The Authority became the INTELSAT signatory for Cyprus by signing the Operating Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization on 1st March, 1974.

International Relations and Activities

The investment share of the Authority in INTELSAT was 0.129802 per cent whilst the utilization percentage of Cyprus during the year was considerably higher, 0.235883 per cent, out of the total telecommunications provided by INTELSAT.

The Telecommunications Officer of the Authority participated in the work of the Global Traffic Meeting (GTM) held in Washington DC in July, 1983 where the short term satellite utilization was agreed between Cyprus and each one of the correspondent countries. The Operations Representative of the Authority also attended the work of the INTELSAT meetings, for the definition of the technical operation of the satellites in both the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Regions.

EUROPEAN SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (EUTELSAT)

EUTELSAT is a European organization established to provide the space segment of most advanced technology for the basic telecommunications services, TV programmes (European Broadcasting Union-EBU-services) and Special (high speed data) Services.

The first EUTELSAT commercial satellite was in the outer space by the end of the year and a second one would follow by the end of 1984 when operation for telecommunications services and TV programmes would commence.

The Authority is the EUTELSAT signatory for Cyprus with an investment share percentage of 0.97 per cent and plans were prepared during the year for the installation of a third antenna at MAKARIOS Earth Station, to operate with the European Communication System (ECS) for the provision of telecommunications service and TV programmes with Europe in 1986.

OTHER FORUMS

The study of new media to satisfy the ever demanding future requirements of the existing and new services, received considerable attention by the Authority during 1983. It was focused on the plans for a Fiber Optic (F.O.) Submarine Cable in the Atlantic and the Authority was committed to participate as co-owner in the TAT-8 cable project.

The Authority's Deputy General Manager and the Telecommunications Officer participated in the regional meetings for the study of similar network projects in the Mediterranean Sea. The projects under discussion were by the end of the year still at the stage of exchange of views.

CYPRUS NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 1983 as World Communications Year and asked member countries to establish National Committees, whose aim would be to review and analyze national policy for communications development and take all necessary steps and measures to promote the importance of communications in their countries.

The Cyprus National Communications Committee, established by a decision of the Council of Ministers, was chaired by the Director General of the Ministry of the Presidency. The General Manager of the Authority was appointed as member of this Committee.

During 1983, the Cyprus National Communications Committee organized a number of activities, which included a Press Conference, an open discussion on the subject "Communications in our lives today", a television debate on "Contemporary Journalism" and finally an exhibition on the "Contemporary Means of Communication". Furthermore, a commemorative stamp was circulated to celebrate World Communications Year.

In its effort to help in the improvement of communications in Cyprus as well as with the rest of the world, short-term and long-term goals were set by the committee and six subcommittees undertook to study the matters pertaining to their scope of activities and prepared reports for submission to the Council of Ministers.

The General Manager of the Authority, chaired the sub-committee on Telecommunications which, inter alia, studied the possibilities for further development of the Telecommunications services in Cyprus, the co-operation of the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority with other Telecommunications Administrations in the nearby area and the rest of the world, the cooperation with the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation and the Press, the promotion of Cyprus as a forum for the organization of International Meetings, the possible establishment of a Telecommunications School and the provision of the necessary facilities to new agencies, banks, industries, offshore companies etc..

The Cyprus National Communications Committee did not terminate its services at the end of the World Communications Year, but will continue to function as a Consultative Committee to the Ministry of the Presidency.



CY.T.A. Training School classroom

Administration and Staff Relations

A. TRADE UNIONS

The satisfactory management/staff relations, which prevailed during the year, ensured industrial peace and enabled the Authority to proceed uninterrupted with the implementation of its development plans and the general improvement of the service.

The Unions submitted new claims on 31st October, 1983 requesting the revision of certain conditions of employment and salary scales of the staff, which was governed by the Collective Authority/Union Agreement, expiring on 31st December, 1983.

B. JOINT CONSULTATIONS

There was a close cooperation between Management and Staff and the various Joint Committees functioned satisfactorily and effectively.

1. Staff Safety and Welfare

The Authority employs a full time Safety and Welfare Officer, who is responsible for the implementation and Management policy on staff Safety and Welfare.

1.1 Safety

Every effort was made for the prevention of accidents by using the appropriate equipment and strictly adhering to existing safety regulations. All accidents reported were promptly investigated and action was taken to avoid their repetition.

1.2 Welfare

General Staff Welfare was well served through the satisfactory overall conditions in the place of work. Cases requiring special attention were most sympathetically and effectively dealt with. Such cases included seriously ill employees or members of their families, pensioners in need of care and attention, employee advice on use of statutory services etc.. Christmas parties were organized for all employees and their children and presents were distributed to the latter.

2. Establishment - Promotions - Staff Strength - Leaves

The implementation of the staff establishment resulted in 99 promotions, 9 changes of scales, 2 transfers from Weekly Paid to Permanent Status and 48 transfers from Temporary Monthly Paid to Permanent Status.

During 1983 the number of Permanent Staff reached 2,079 (1,967 in 1982), including 155 Weekly Paid. One hundred and fifty-two employees were recruited mainly as Technicians, 35 employees retired, 6 resigned, 5 were dismissed and 4 passed away.

Outstanding annual leave for all employees at the end of the year reached 16,645 days. Nine thousand one hundred and eighty-seven days were granted as sick leave (6,946 in 1982) to Monthly Paid employees and 855 days (377 in 1982) to Weekly Paid.

3. Pension and Provident Funds

Following the agreement reached between the Authority and the Union, mentioned in the 1982 Annual

Report, which provided for the establishment of a Pension Scheme with obligations and benefits similar to those of the Government Scheme, the rules and regulations of the CY.T.A. Pension Scheme were agreed upon and published in the Cyprus Gazette on 27th May, 1983.

As a result of the above agreement, the members of CY.T.A. Permanent Monthly Paid Employees Superannuation Fund and CY.T.A. Permanent Monthly Paid Employees Provident Fund were given the option either to remain in the existing Funds or to join the new CY.T.A. Pension Scheme.

The option of the Permanent Monthly Paid employees as at 31st December, 1983 was as follows:

CY.T.A. Pension Scheme	1,377
CY.T.A. Permanent Monthly Paid Employees Superannuation Fund	16
CY.T.A. Permanent Monthly Paid Employees Provident Fund (plus 5 missing persons who are considered to be in the Monthly Paid employees Provident Fund.)	4+5

4. Training

In view of the rapid technological changes, the Authority places great emphasis on staff training so as to maximize the utilization of available manpower. To achieve this, the Authority provides training facilities for its personnel to, inter alia, ensure familiarization with new trends, modern equipment and methods.

Training is carried out at the Authority's Training School in Nicosia or abroad, at institutions and supplier's establishments.

The Authority, furthermore, encourages all employees to attend courses relative to their work and refunds their tuition and examination fees when they succeed in examinations required by the Schemes of Service.

The Authority's expenses for Training during 1983 amounted to £161,721 (£222,517 were spent in 1982).

5. Medical Funds - Medical Treatment - Sick leave

5.1 Monthly Paid Personnel

All monthly paid employees of the Authority are members of the CY.T.A. Medical Fund, which is administered by a joint committee and is financed by the Authority with a contribution of 3% on the monthly paid employees basic salary and Cost of Living Allowance.

5.2 Weekly Paid Personnel

All regular weekly paid employees are members of the Government Social Security Scheme and enjoy sick leave and medical treatment in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Membership in the Fund provides a contribution of 1% of the wages of each member and an equal contribution by the Authority.

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YEARLY RESULTS

The Net Operating Revenue for the year was lower than that of the previous year by £624,000 due to the increase of the Operating Expenses by 25.2% whilst the Operating Revenue rose by only 15.8%.

The above reduction, after the set off of £288,000 increase in Other Income, and together with an increase in the Financial Expenses by £181,000 and in the Foreign Exchange Loss by £509,000 led to a yearly deficit of £738,000 as against a surplus of £288,000 of the previous year.

Analytically the results were as follows:

A. OPERATING REVENUE

	1983	1982	Increase
	£	£	%
Telephone Services	21,121,472	18,089,164	16.8
Telegraph Services	372,661	425,634	(12.4)
Telex Services	2,574,523	2,291,184	12.4
Other Services	524,934	438,356	19.8
	<u>24,593,590</u>	<u>21,244,338</u>	15.8

Telephone Services

During the year there was a net addition of 14,773 telephone subscribers to the system. This led to the increase of the telephone revenue by 16.8%. The main sources of income were the Inland Calls £6,985,000 as against £6,009,000 of 1982 and the Overseas Calls which were £11,223,000 as against £9,766,000 of 1982.

Telegraph Services

The usage of this service by the public is continuously decreasing and this is the reason for the reduction in revenue by 12.4% compared to the previous year.

Telex Services

The main source of income were the Overseas calls which were £1,995,000 as against £1,799,000 of 1982 and this was the result of a net addition to the system of 332 telex subscribers.

Other Services

The increase is mainly attributed to the television reception programmes revenue and additional services to the Civil Aviation Department.

B. OPERATING EXPENSES

The Operating Expenses of the year, before allocations to capital and recoverable works, were £21,384,308 and are by 25% higher than those of 1982 which were £17,121,254.

The items of expenditure that mainly contributed to the increase of £4,263,000 were:

1. The staff costs which rose by £885,820 mainly due to the engagement of 152 new employees and the increase in the cost of living allowance (1.38% from 1.1.1983 and 6.15% from 1.7.1983).

2. The Pension Scheme Payments Provision by £2,037,819. This is the annual provision for pension benefits of the staff who joined the new non-contributory pension scheme (Please refer to Note 14 in the Accounts). The Authority's contributions in 1982 for the pension benefits were included in the staff costs and amounted to £630,400.

3. The Network Excavations by £249,966 due to increased network development and

4. The Depreciation by £759,765 due to extensive capital development.

C. FINANCIAL EXPENSES

The Financial Expenses of 1983 were £4,463,197 compared to £4,282,297 of 1982.

There was a reduction in the Interest on Government Loans and Debenture Stocks by £80,000 which was due to the redemption of the Debenture Stocks.

The increase of £259,740 in the Interest on Suppliers' Credit and Loans from Foreign Financial Institutions represents interest on additional suppliers' credit and loans obtained during the year for the purchase of equipment for development.

The charges for the various staff retirement schemes in 1982 and 1983 were approximately the same.

D. DEVELOPMENT

The additions to the fixed assets during the year amounted to £11,950,772 (1982 £11,876,627) after deducting £461,653 (1982 £374,905) contribution from subscribers by way of installation fees. These additions are normal extensions and improvements to the telecommunications system.

This year's development was financed from internal sources by 54% and from external sources (suppliers' credit and loans from foreign financial institutions) by 46%.

E. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The Authority's long-term liability to overseas suppliers and to foreign financial institutions for loans obtained for the financing of its development has increased to £18,467,334 from £15,426,515 in 1982.

This liability is repayable over a period between 2 and 22 years at rates of interest ranging between 3.5% and 10.85% per annum.

The Authority's liability to the Superannuation Fund amounting to £8,835,531 on 31st December, 1982, was cancelled after the introduction of a new non-contributory pension scheme in 1983 and the entry to this scheme of all employees except 17.

A provision was created based on actuarial valuation for the Authority's liability based on the benefits of the new pension scheme which at 31st December, 1983 amounted to £36,850,849.

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F. RESERVE FUND

The Reserve Fund as at 31st December, 1983, amounted to £16,750,026 as against £17,488,122 of 31st December, 1982.

G. CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

The contractual commitments as at 31st December, 1983, amounted to £11,500,000 (1982 £12,000,000). They include £764,000 for the New Administration Building and the balance represents outstanding orders of plant and equipment for development.

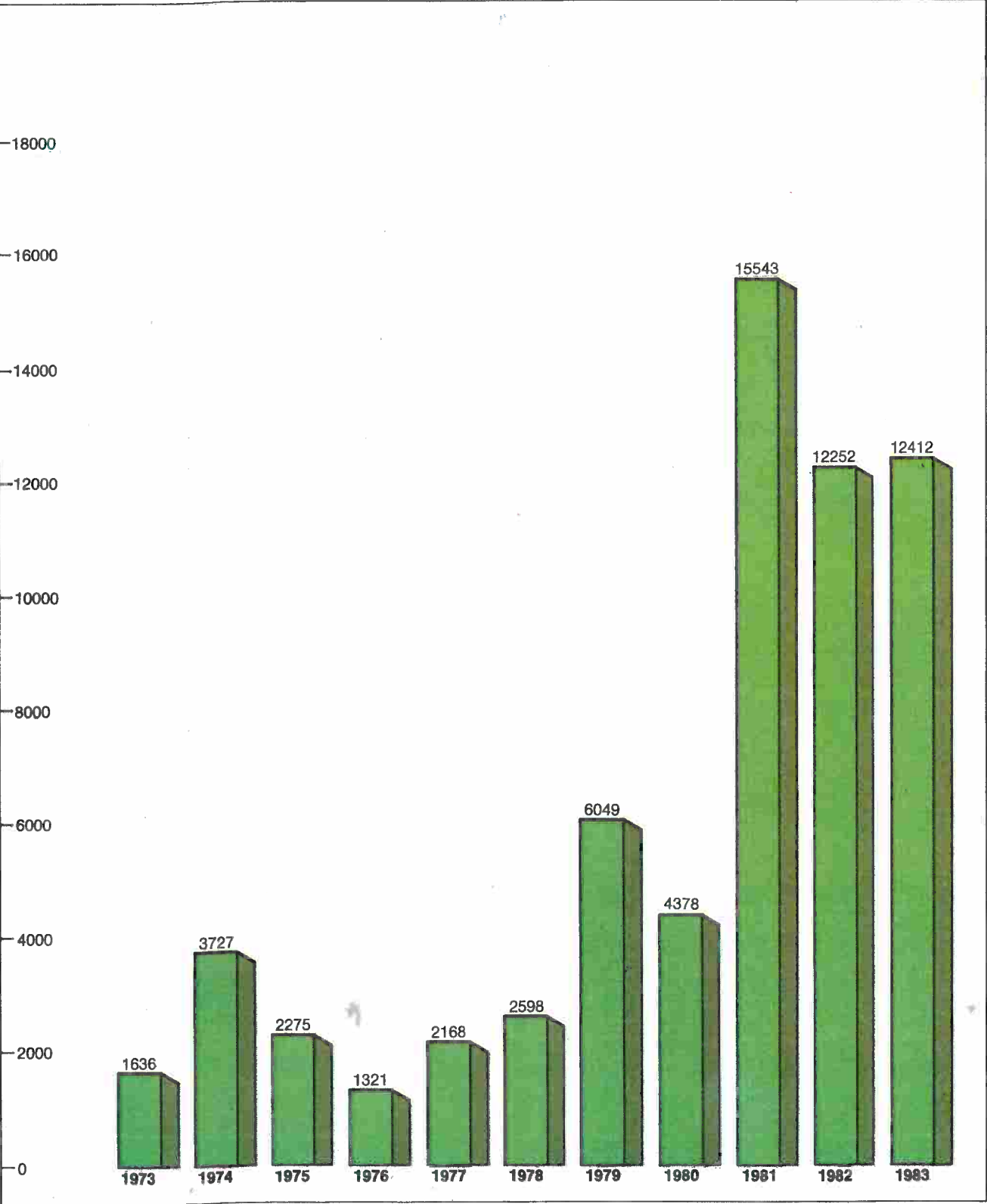
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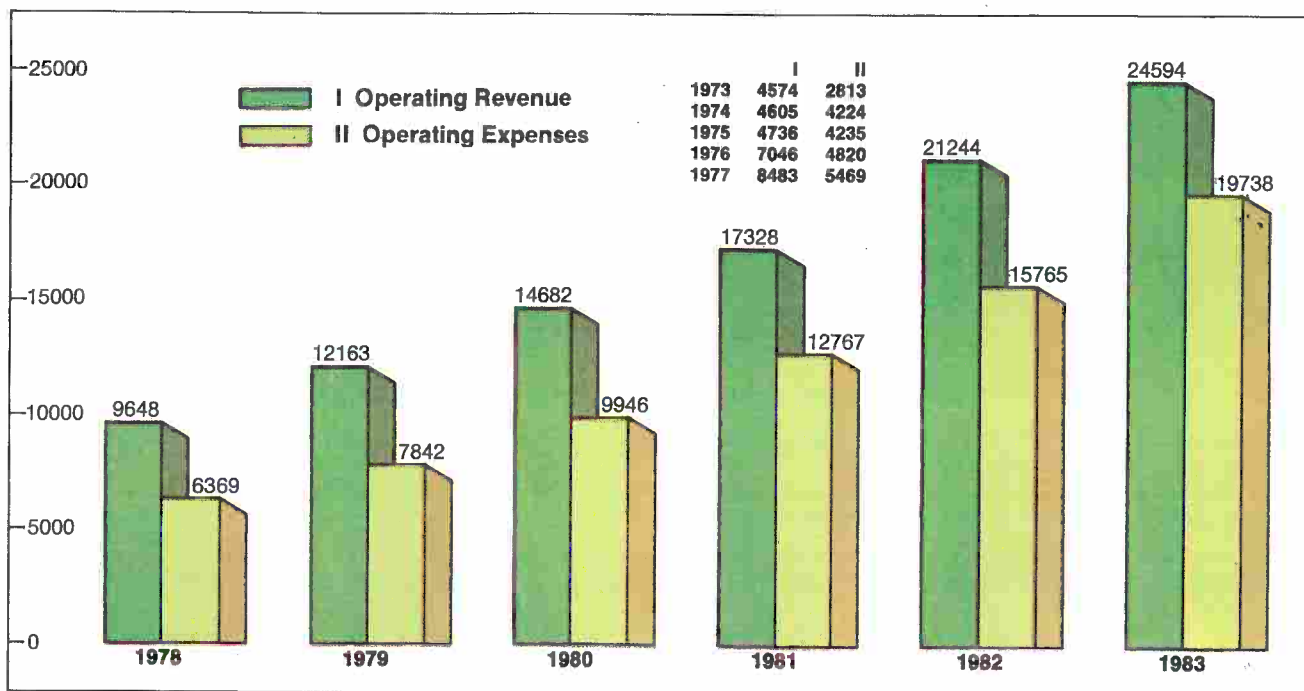
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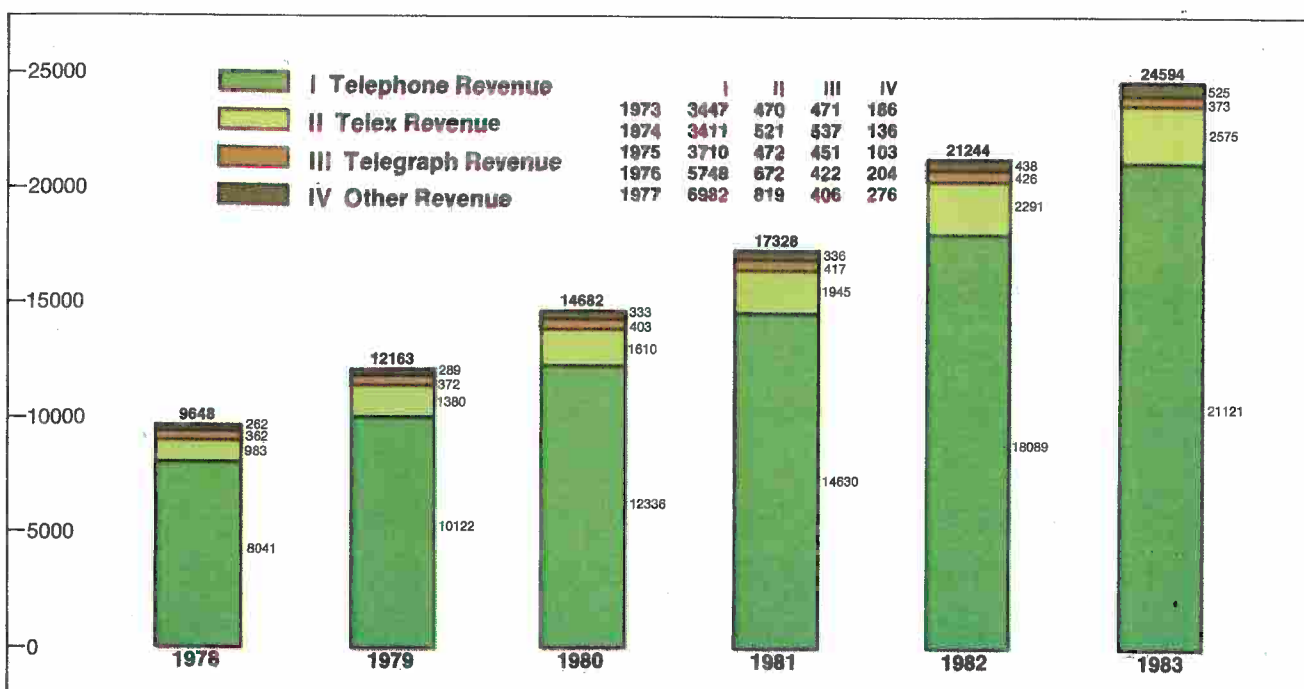


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OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES 1978-1983 (£ thousand)



OPERATING REVENUE 1978-1983 (£ thousand)



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Report of the Auditor General of the Republic to the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority

The financial statements of the Authority have been audited in accordance with approved Auditing Standards and I have obtained all the information and explanations I considered necessary.

In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept and the financial statements which have been prepared under the historical cost convention are in agreement therewith and give a true and fair view of the state of the Authority's affairs as at 31st December, 1983 and of the deficit and source and application of funds for the year then ended.

Th. A. Theophilou, FCA,
*Auditor General
of the Republic*

Nicosia 1st June, 1984

Balance Sheet

31st December, 1983

	1983 £	1982 £
Assets		
Fixed Assets (Notes 1(b), 2, 3)	44,697,339	37,409,772
Investments (Note 4)	919,000	1,239,818
Current Assets (Note 5)	17,158,187	10,439,176
Deferred Debts (Note 6)	22,219,817	4,744,610
	<u>84,994,343</u>	<u>53,832,376</u>
Liabilities and Reserve Fund		
Loans and other long term liabilities		
Government Loans (Note 7)	2,931,156	2,973,647
Other long term liabilities (Note 8)	18,467,334	24,282,046
	<u>21,398,490</u>	<u>27,255,693</u>
Provision for staff pensions (Note 14)	35,850,349	525,668
Current Liabilities (Note 9)	9,994,978	8,474,893
Total Liabilities	<u>68,244,317</u>	<u>36,256,254</u>
Reserve Fund (Note 10)	16,750,026	17,486,122
	<u>84,994,343</u>	<u>53,832,376</u>

The Notes on the Accounts form an integral part of these Accounts.

A. T. Demetriades
Chairman

A.N. Stylianides
General Manager

S. Modestou
Chief Accountant

Revenue Account

For the year ended 31st December, 1983

	1983 £	1982 £
Operating Revenue (Note 11)	24,593,590	21,244,338
<i>Deduct:</i>		
Operating Expenses (Note 12)	19,738,250	15,764,969
Net Operating Revenue	4,855,340	5,479,369
<i>Add:</i>		
Investment and other income	719,041	430,926
	£5,574,381	£5,910,275
<i>Deduct:</i>		
Financial and other expenses (Note 13)	4,463,197	4,282,297
	1,111,184	1,627,978
<i>Deduct:</i>		
Foreign exchange loss	1,849,280	1,339,768
Revenue Surplus/(deficit) for the year carried to reserve fund	(738,086)	288,210

The Notes on the Accounts form an integral part of these Accounts.

Statement of Source and Application of Funds

	1983 £	1982 £
Source of Funds		
Revenue surplus/(deficit)	(738,096)	280,210
Adjustments for items not involving the movement of funds:		
Depreciation and amortisation	4,481,632	3,721,867
Amounts written off in respect of:		
Superannuation fund deficiency	—	1,508,506
Provision for staff pensions	36,222,181	
Less deficiency in deferred debits	21,947,893	
	<u>14,274,288</u>	
Adjustments:		
Superannuation fund liability (Notes 8,14)	8,835,531	
	<u>5,438,757</u>	
Superannuation fund deficiency (Notes 6,14)	4,525,521	
	<u>9,964,278</u>	<u>—</u>
Funds generated from operations	13,707,814	5,518,583
Sale of investments	625,100	496,703
Increase in long term liabilities	3,040,819	2,614,925
Funds from other sources	3,665,919	3,111,628
	<u>£17,373,733</u>	<u>£8,630,211</u>
Application of Funds		
Net additions to fixed assets	11,775,189	11,798,738
Redemption of 7 1/2% debenture stock 1980/82	—	600,000
Redemption of 7 1/2% debenture stock 1980/83	650,000	—
Repayment towards government loans	42,491	40,703
Purchase of investments	304,282	277,796
	<u>12,771,972</u>	<u>12,627,237</u>
Increase (decrease) in working capital:		
Stores	1,740,797	(582,914)
Debtors	1,536,255	(958,475)
Creditors	(2,170,085)	(548,001)
Deferred debits	52,835	(18,173)
Movement in net liquid funds:		
Increase (decrease) in bank balances and Cash in hand	3,441,959	(1,889,463)
	<u>4,691,761</u>	<u>(3,997,026)</u>
	<u>£17,373,733</u>	<u>£8,630,211</u>

Notes on the Accounts

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The Accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Fixed Assets

Amortisation of leasehold properties is provided so as to write off the cost of these properties by equal annual instalments over the period of the lease with a maximum of 39 years. Depreciation on other assets is calculated on a straight line basis at annual rates estimated to write off each asset within its normal useful life. Freehold land is not depreciated.

The annual rates of depreciation are as follows:

Freehold buildings	3%
Exchanges, telegraph, line plant and apparatus	10%
Radio and satellite earth stations	10%
Sub-marine cables	4%-5%
Vehicles	20%
Office furniture and equipment	10%
Tools	33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %

In respect of additions to fixed assets during a financial period a full year's depreciation charge is applied and in the case of disposal of fixed assets during a financial period no depreciation charge is applied in that period. Profits or losses on the disposal of fixed assets unless otherwise stated, are reflected in the Revenue Account.

Capital work projects undertaken by the Authority are valued individually at material cost plus an addition for direct labour and other appropriate expenses.

Interest payable on the suppliers' extended credit on the purchase of plant and equipment or on the borrowed funds for the purchase of such assets is not included in the capital cost of the respective asset but is written off to revenue as it arises.

(c) Debtors

Known bad debts are written off and specific provision is made for any considered to be doubtful of collection.

(d) Stores

Stores, which include plant and equipment for current development, are physically verified by continuous stock takings carried out throughout the year; they are valued at cost less provisions for obsolescence and for other possible losses referred to in Note 2.

(e) Long term items

Long term items are those assets and liabilities not expected to be realised or settled within one year from the balance sheet date.

(f) Operating revenue

The operating revenue is stated after the deduction of the payments made to other administrations in respect of international traffic.

(g) Repairs, renewals and excavations for the line plant

Expenditure on repairs, renewals and excavations for the line plant is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

(h) Balances and transactions in foreign currency

Foreign currency balances are converted into Cyprus pounds at the rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year.

Exchange differences attributable to the purchase of fixed assets for specific projects are capitalised until the completion of the project. Otherwise, exchange differences are dealt with through the Revenue Account.

Notes on the Accounts

(i) Interest payable and/or receivable attributable to subsequent years

Interest payable and/or receivable, attributable to subsequent years, is deducted from the respective liabilities or receivables.

2. Assets in occupied areas

Certain fixed assets and other equipment and materials in stores are situated in the territory occupied by the Turkish invasion forces or in areas to which the Authority due to present conditions, has no access. Full provision has been made in these Accounts in respect of the equipment and materials in stores for any possible loss of or damage thereto, but no such provision has been made for the fixed assets the value of which cannot, in view of the particular circumstances, be reasonably ascertained, however, on the fixed assets a full year's depreciation is being provided.

The Authority is unable to express an opinion as to the present state of the aforesaid fixed assets which in the Balance Sheet are reflected at book values.

3. Fixed Assets

	Cost £	Depreciation £	Written down Value	
			1983 £	1982 £
Freehold land and buildings	4,507,641	563,382	3,944,139	3,124,154
Leasehold buildings	279,497	66,254	213,243	222,582
Exchanges, telegraph, line plant and apparatus	38,931,328	18,443,511	20,487,815	14,728,961
Radio stations	2,201,880	1,355,327	846,553	755,862
Satellite earth station	2,520,549	869,942	1,650,507	1,824,535
Sub-marine cables	11,457,421	2,227,507	9,229,914	9,237,382
Vehicles, Tools and equipment	1,268,376	386,882	382,514	293,623
Office furniture and equipment	469,221	256,895	212,226	197,757
	<u>61,644,911</u>	<u>24,688,900</u>	<u>36,976,911</u>	<u>30,384,856</u>
Assets under construction	<u>7,720,428</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>7,720,428</u>	<u>7,018,918</u>
	<u>69,365,339</u>	<u>24,688,900</u>	<u>44,697,339</u>	<u>37,403,772</u>
1982:	<u>£57,780,332</u>	<u>£20,376,560</u>	<u>£37,403,772</u>	

4. Investments, Unquoted

Trade £919,000 (1982: £814,718) at cost less amounts written off. This represents the Authority's investment share in the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (INTELSAT) and the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization (EUTELSAT). Under the terms of allotment the Authority is required to make capital contributions proportionate to its investment share, towards future development projects undertaken by INTELSAT and EUTELSAT.

5. Current Assets

	1983 £	1982 £
Stores (Notes 1(d), 2)	6,014,325	4,273,528
Debtors and other accounts less provisions (Note 1c)	5,484,601	3,848,348
Bank balances and cash in hand	5,659,261	2,217,302
	<u>17,158,187</u>	<u>10,439,176</u>

Notes on the Accounts

The debtors and other accounts, less provisions, are stated after the deduction of £8,100 (1982: £12,375) representing interest attributable to subsequent years. They include a long term debt of £45,000 (1982: £50,000) which is repayable by equal annual instalments till 1987, at an interest rate of 6% per annum.

6. Deferred Debits

	1983 £	1982 £
Superannuation Fund deficiency less amounts written off (Note 14)	—	4,525,521
Pension scheme deficiency less amounts written off (Note 14)	21,047,593	—
Other	271,924	219,989
	<u>22,219,817</u>	<u>4,744,810</u>

7. Government loans

	1983 £	1982 £
5 $\frac{3}{4}$ % Government loan 1969/1983	—	18,159
5 $\frac{3}{4}$ % Government loan 1970/1984	15,156	29,488
5% Government loan 1973/1987	1,816,000	2,926,000
	<u>2,931,156</u>	<u>2,973,647</u>

8. Other long term liabilities

	1983 £	1982 £
Bills payable to suppliers	7,917,169	4,335,962
Loans from foreign financial institutions	11,459,145	11,090,553
Superannuation fund liability (Note 14)	—	8,835,531
	<u>19,487,334</u>	<u>24,262,046</u>

(a) The bills payable to suppliers are payable between 1985 and 1990 and they bear interest ranging between 6%–10.85% per annum. These are stated after the deduction of £928,259 (1982: £504,325) representing interest attributable to subsequent years.

(b) The loans from foreign financial institutions are repayable between the years 1985 and 2005 and they bear interest ranging between 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %–9% per annum.

9. Current Liabilities

	1983 £	1982 £
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Guaranteed debenture stock 1981/83	—	650,000
Bills and other accounts payable to suppliers	2,774,120	2,041,939
Loans from foreign financial institutions	2,521,132	2,043,095
Superannuation and provident fund liabilities including interest	—	799,441
Creditors and other accounts	4,699,726	2,940,418
	<u>9,994,978</u>	<u>8,474,893</u>

Notes on the Accounts

- (a) The 7½% guaranteed debenture stock 1981/83 was redeemed at par on 31st March, 1983.
- (b) The bills and other accounts payable to suppliers are stated after the deduction of £420,334 (1982: £214,223) representing interest attributable to subsequent years.
- (c) The creditors and other accounts include a sum due to a foreign creditor amounting to £2,270,876 (1982: £1,037,591) the accuracy of which cannot at present, be determined. However, from the information available, in the opinion of the Authority the said amount is fairly stated.

10. Reserve fund

	1983	1982
	£	£
Balance 1st January, 1982	17,488,122	17,186,912
Revenue surplus/(Deficit) for year	(738,096)	288,210
	<u>16,750,026</u>	<u>17,488,122</u>

11. Operating Revenue

	1983	1982
	£	£
Telephone services	21,121,472	18,089,164
Telegraph services	372,861	425,634
Telex services	2,574,523	2,291,184
Other services	<u>624,934</u>	<u>438,356</u>
	<u>24,593,890</u>	<u>21,244,338</u>

12. Operating expenses

	1983	1982
	£	£
Staff costs	10,534,003	9,848,181
Pension scheme payments provision (Note 14)	2,037,819	—
Maintenance	477,267	362,482
Network excavations	1,734,884	1,484,118
Depreciation and amortisation	4,481,632	3,721,867
Leased circuit rentals	904,103	858,362
Other	<u>1,215,400</u>	<u>1,046,214</u>
	<u>21,384,308</u>	<u>17,121,254</u>
Less:		
Staff costs and transport allocated to:		
Fixed assets	<u>1,599,813</u>	<u>1,322,818</u>
Recoverable works	<u>48,245</u>	<u>33,447</u>
	<u>1,648,058</u>	<u>1,356,265</u>
	<u>19,736,250</u>	<u>15,764,989</u>

Notes on the Accounts

13. Financial and other expenses

	1983	1982
	£	£
Interest on Government loans and debenture stock	160,686	240,997
Interest on suppliers' credit and loans from foreign financial institutions	1,603,344	1,343,604
Other interest	18,842	33,181
Interest on superannuation fund liability	—	638,510
Pension scheme payments provision (Note 14b)	1,582,910	—
Pension scheme deficiency (Note 14b)	665,107	—
Amount written off in respect of superannuation fund deficiency (Note 6, 14)	—	1,508,506
Superannuation fund post retirement pension increases	178,524	220,980
Provision for deficiency of the provident fund safeguarding benefit (Note 14c)	28,085	115,615
Other	227,919	180,904
	<u>£4,463,197</u>	<u>£4,282,297</u>

14. Retirement benefits

The Authority operated three staff retirement funds. A Superannuation Fund for the monthly paid staff, a Provident Fund for the monthly paid staff and a Provident Fund for the weekly paid staff. Contributions to these funds were made by the employees and the Authority.

As a result of an agreement made between the Authority and the Staff Trade Unions, the members of the Superannuation Fund and the Monthly Paid Staff Provident Fund were given the option to choose between these funds and a new non-contributory pension scheme. The option was exercised early in 1983 and as a result 1,214 members of the Superannuation Fund and 128 members of the Provident Fund joined the new Scheme.

Since the new scheme is a non-contributory one, the Authority's contributions in the existing Funds for the members who joined this scheme were transferred to the Authority whereas the employees' contributions were credited to them in the Superannuation Fund and will be refunded on retirement of each member.

The position of the retirement schemes is now as follows:

(a) Superannuation Fund

The liability of the Authority to this Fund amounted to £9,634,972 on 31.12.1982 (£8,835,531 in the long-term and £799,441 in the current liabilities). The balance of the Deficiency Account amounting to £4,525,521 at 31.12.1982 was set off against the above liability and the remaining liability was transferred to the new Pension Scheme Provision. An actuarial valuation of the Fund was then carried out as at 1.1.1983 with the remaining 17 members and the existing pensioners and all required funds were paid.

(b) New non-contributory pension scheme

An actuarial valuation was carried out as at 1.1.1983 and revealed a deficiency of £22,613,000 over and above the provisions already made in previous years for staff retirement benefits under the existing funds. This will be written off against revenues over 18 years commencing with 1983. In addition an annual provision will be made each year to cover future liabilities for such benefits. This provision for 1983 amounted to £2,037,819 and is reflected in the Operating Expenses.

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(c) Provident funds

Under the rules of the provident funds the Authority is liable to make good any deficiency that might arise between a minimum amount, as set down by the rules, and the amounts standing to the credit of the members of these funds on retirement. The aggregate sum provided for in respect of these deficiencies upto 31st December, 1983 amounted to £95,787. The Authority has not undertaken to fund these deficiency liabilities.

15. Contractual commitments

Contractual commitments in respect of capital expenditure as at 31st December, 1983 not provided for in these Accounts, amounted to approximately £11,500,000 (1982: £12,000,000) of which £9,100,000 is payable in foreign currency. Amounts in foreign currency have been converted into Cyprus pounds at the rates of exchange ruling at 31st December, 1983.

16. Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities in respect of claims against the Authority amounted to approximately £174,000 at 31st December, 1983 (1982: £570,000). No provisions have been made in these Accounts in respect thereof.

17. Taxation and special contribution

The Authority acting on the basis of the advice of its legal adviser that it has no liability to income tax and special contribution (see Note) has made no provisions for liabilities to income tax and special contribution on the surplus for the year and on the surplus of previous years. The Authority is currently involved in litigation with the Inland Revenue with regard to income tax liability.

Note: Special contribution

Under special legislation enacted after the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, corporate bodies are liable to make quarterly contributions to the Special Fund for the Relief of Displaced Persons, computed by reference to the profit made in the respective quarter.

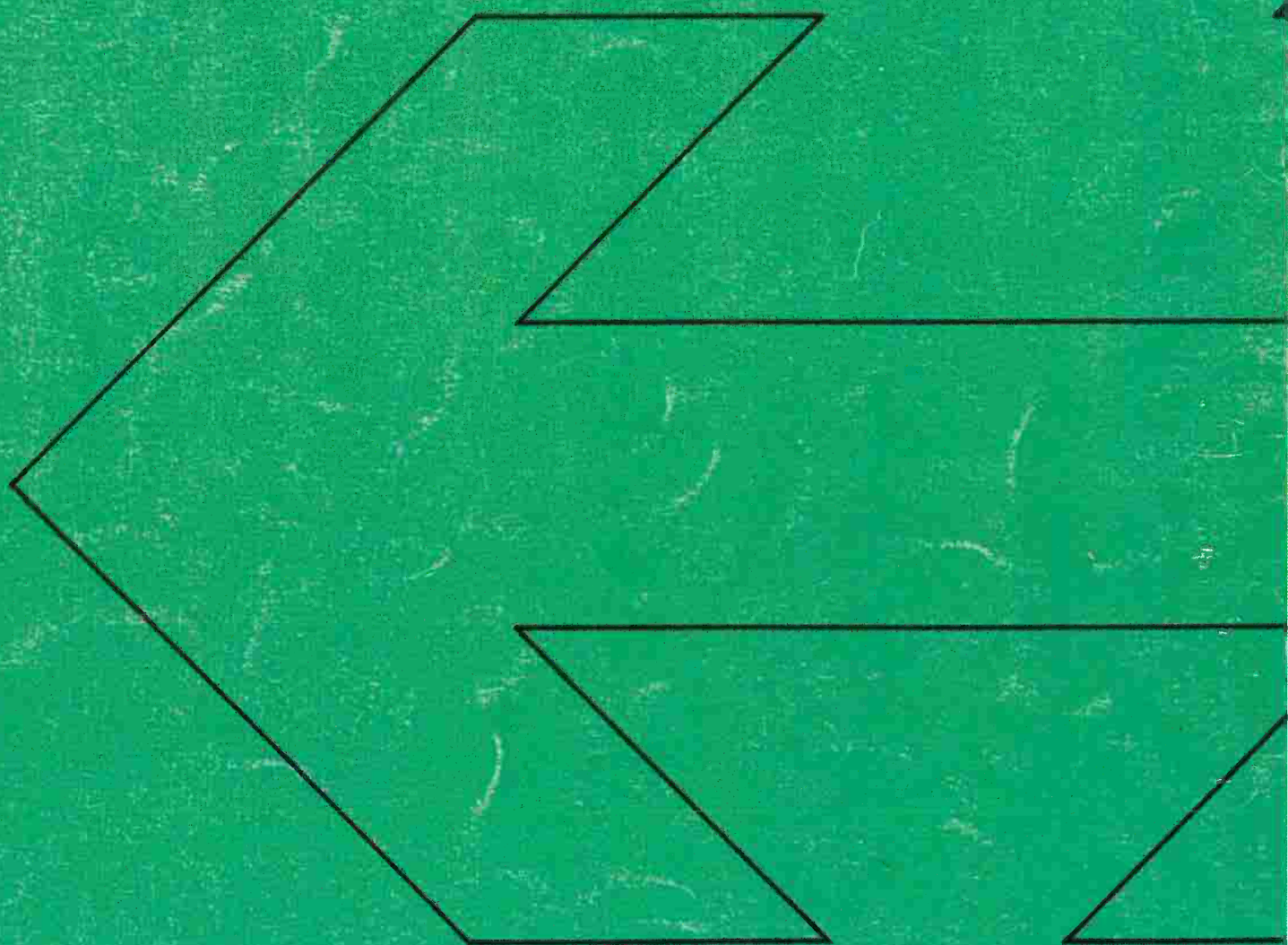
Return on Capital Employed

	Financial Years ended 31st December				
	1983	1982	1981	1980	1979
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Capital employed	69,411	52,422	40,563	27,990	23,317
Annual earnings	(736)	269	1,546	3,566	2,709
Percentage of annual earnings on capital employed	(1.1%)	0.5%	3.8%	12.1%	11.6%

Notes:

1. Capital employed represents the average of the opening and year-end reserve funds and liabilities.
2. Annual earnings are stated after the deduction of interest.
3. The annual earnings for 1982 and 1983 have been materially affected by the amount written off in respect of the foreign exchange losses.

The capital employed as well as the annual earnings for the 1983 have been also significantly affected by the introduction of the new Pension Scheme (Note 14).



ΑΡΧΗ ΤΗΛΕΠΙΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΩΝ ΚΥΠΡΟΥ

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11 ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ, 1984, ΚΑΙ ΩΡΑ 11 π.μ.

ΟΜΙΛΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΥ ΤΗΣ ΑΡΧΗΣ κ. Α.Τ. ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΑΔΗ

Έντιμοι κύριοι Υπουργοί,
Αγαπητοί εκπρόσωποι του Τύπου,
Αγαπητοί προσκεκλημένοι.

Μεγάλη είναι η χαρά και ικανοποίηση μας που μας παρέχεται και αυτή τη χρονιά η ευκαιρία της άμεσης επαφής μαζί σας.

Σκοπός μας είναι η εκπλήρωση της βασικής υποχρεώσεως της Αρχής Τηλεπικοινωνιών για ενημέρωση του λαού πάνω στις δραστηριότητες της. Είναι γεγονός ότι η διάσκεψη αυτή γίνεται κάπως καθυστερημένα, αλλά θα αναφερθούμε και στο έργο της Αρχής μέσα στο χρόνο που βρισκόμαστε.

Θεωρούμε τη συνάντηση αυτή σαν μια καλή ευκαιρία να γίνουν ευρύτερα γνωστές οι προσπάθειες που καταβάλλει η Αρχή για να καλύψει τις τηλεπικοινωνιακές ανάγκες του κοινού τόσο όσον αφορά την επικοινωνία του μέσα στα όρια του νησιού μας όσο και με το εξωτερικό. Προσπάθειες που πιστεύεται ότι πέτυχαν την κατάταξη της Κύπρου ανάμεσα στις πιο αναπτυγμένες τηλεπικοινωνιακά χώρες του κόσμου. Το διεθνώς αναγνωρισμένο ψηλό επίπεδο των τηλεπικοινωνιών τείνει να καταστήσει την Κύπρο τηλεπικοινωνιακό κέντρο της ανατολικής Μεσογείου, γεγονός που προσελκύει την εγκατάσταση γραφείων μεγάλων διεθνών επιχειρηματικών οργανισμών με όλα τα ευνοϊκά για τη χώρα μας επακόλουθα.

Βέβαια, δεν μπορεί να μη γίνει παραδεκτό ότι στο στάδιο αυτό υπάρχουν ακόμα δυσκολίες ή/και αδυναμία για ικανοποίηση όλων των απαιτήσεων του κοινού, προβλέπεται όμως ότι μέχρι το τέλος της δεκαετίας του 80 η Αρχή θα έχει τη δυνατότητα και την ικανότητα να ικανοποιήσει πλήρως τη ζήτηση για παροχή τηλεφωνικής υπηρεσίας.

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Οι δραστηριότητες της Αρχής έχουν πάντοτε γνώμονα το συμφέρον του κοινού και γενικότερα του κράτους, γι' αυτό και στόχοι της αμετάθετοι είναι:-

1. Η πλήρης ικανοποίηση των τηλεφωνικών αναγκών του κυπριακού κοινού το συντομότερο δυνατό.
2. Η διατήρηση της προσφερόμενης υπηρεσίας σε ψηλά επίπεδα.
3. Η διατήρηση άριστων σχέσεων μεταξύ Αρχής, Διευθύνσεως και Προσωπικού με την εξασφάλιση των καλύτερων δυνατών συνθηκών εργασίας, και
4. Η σύσφιγξη των σχέσεων Αρχής και κοινού με τη συνεχή ενημέρωση του για το επιτελούμενο από την Αρχή έργο.

Αναλυτικά τα επιτεύγματα της Αρχής μέσα στο 1983 συνοφίζονται στα ακόλουθα:-

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΙΚΗ ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ

1. Ο αριθμός των τηλεφωνικών συνδέσεων αυξήθηκε κατά 14,773 και έτσι στο τέλος του 1983 λειτουργούσαν 108,905 τηλεφωνικές συνδέσεις. Σε ποσοστά η αύξηση ήταν 15.69%.
2. Με την ανέγερση ενός αστικού και έξι αγροτικών κέντρων καθώς και με εργασίες στα υφιστάμενα αστικά και αγροτικά κέντρα η χωρητικότητα των τηλεφωνικών κέντρων έφτασε τις 144,950 γραμμές, δηλ. επιτεύχθηκε αύξηση 15.3%.
3. Ταυτόχρονα έγιναν εργασίες για την επέκταση του υπόγειου και εναέριου τηλεφωνικού δικτύου και εγκαταστάθηκαν σε πολλά σημεία ασύρματες ζεύξεις Υψισύχνων και Φερεσύχνων για τη σύνδεση των αγροτικών κέντρων με τα ανάλογα αστικά κέντρα.
4. Για να μπορέσει η Αρχή να ανταποκριθεί στη συνεχώς αυξανόμενη κίνηση της διεθνούς τηλεφωνικής υπηρεσίας προστέθηκαν νέα κυκλώματα με τη Γαλλία, την Ελλάδα, την Ιταλία, τη Σαουδική Αραβία, τα Ηνωμένα Αραβικά Εμιράτα και τις Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες.
5. Η εσωτερική τηλεφωνική κίνηση αυξήθηκε κατά 16.16% και η διεθνής κατά 21.8% σε σύγκριση με εκείνη του 1982.

6. Ήνυέα ακόμα χώρες προστέθηκαν στον πίνακα των χωρών με τις οποίες η Κύπρος συνδέεται αυτόματα και έτσι ο ολικός αριθμός τους έφτασε τις 78.

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΤΕΛΕΞ

Το ηλεκτρονικό κέντρο τέλεξ επεκτάθηκε με 1,536 γραμμές και έτσι έφτασε το μέγιστο της χωρητικότητας του που είναι 4,096.

Κατά το τέλος του 1983 οι συνδρομητές τέλεξ ήταν 2,581 έναντι 2,249 του προηγούμενου χρόνου, δηλ. παρατηρήθηκε αύξηση στους συνδρομητές 14.7%.

Παρουσιάστηκε αύξηση στην εσωτερική κίνηση κατά 25% και στην εξωτερική κατά 22% έναντι εκείνης του 1982.

Αυτόματη επικοινωνία είναι δυνατή με 148 χώρες, δηλ. σχεδόν με όλες τις χώρες του κόσμου.

ΤΗΛΕΓΡΑΦΙΚΗ ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ

Παρά το γεγονός ότι προσφέρεται ικανοποιητική τηλεγραφική υπηρεσία, η διεθνής κίνηση μειώνεται συνεχώς λόγω της εξελίξεως της τηλεφωνικής υπηρεσίας και της υπηρεσίας τέλεξ, με τις οποίες ικανοποιούνται σε μέγιστο βαθμό οι ανάγκες του κοινού. Το γεγονός αυτό έχει σαν αποτέλεσμα η υπηρεσία αυτή να παρουσιάζει σοβαρό έλλειμμα, που χρόνο με χρόνο αυξάνεται.

Εδώ θα πρέπει να σημειωθεί ότι όλες οι χώρες του κόσμου αντιμετωπίζουν την ίδια κατάσταση γι' αυτό και πολλές απ' αυτές, ιδιαίτερα της Ευρώπης, έχουν διαφοροποιήσει τον τρόπο παροχής της υπηρεσίας με στόχο τον περιορισμό του συνεχώς αυξανόμενου ελλείμματός τους.

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ DATEL

Η υπηρεσία αυτή, παρέχει την ευχέρεια μεταδόσεως δεδομένων από σημείου σε σημείο μέσω του τηλεφωνικού δικτύου. Μέσα στο χρόνο που πέρασε εγκαταστάθηκαν 22 από/διαμορφωτές και συνολικά λειτουργούσαν 27 τέτοιες συσκευές μέσα στη 1983.

ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ FACSIMILE

Μέσω της υπηρεσίας αυτής είναι δυνατή η μεταβίβαση φωτοτυπιών εγγράφων και φωτογραφιών μέσω του τηλεφωνικού δικτύου. Μέσα στο 1983 εγκαταστάθηκαν 24 τέτοιες συσκευές.

ΡΑΔΙΟΦΩΝΙΚΕΣ ΜΕΤΑΔΟΣΕΙΣ

Μέσα στο 1983 παρασχέθηκαν πλήρεις διευκολύνσεις στο Ραδιοφωνικό Ίδρυμα Κύπρου για την πραγματοποίηση εξωτερικών μεταδόσεων ως επίσης και σε ξένους ανταποκριτές για μετάδοση ειδήσεων και κάλυψη αθλητικών γεγονότων.

ΤΗΛΕΟΠΤΙΚΕΣ ΜΕΤΑΔΟΣΕΙΣ ΕΞΩΤΕΡΙΚΟΥ

Η υπηρεσία αυτή που παρέχει τη δυνατότητα σε ανταποκριτές τηλεοπτικών δικτύων για μετάδοση προγραμμάτων μέσω του Δορυφόρου του Ατλαντικού Ωκεανού παρουσιάζει σταθερή άνοδο.

ΕΠΙΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑ ΜΕ ΠΛΟΙΑ ΣΤΗΝ ΑΝΟΙΚΤΗ ΘΑΛΑΣΣΑ

Η ραδιοτηλεφωνία παρουσίασε κίνηση αυξημένη κατά 8% περίπου ενώ η ραδιοτηλεγραφία μειωμένη κατά 3% περίπου σε σύγκριση με το 1982.

ΤΗΛΕΠΙΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑΚΗ ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΠΟΛΙΤΙΚΗΣ ΑΕΡΟΠΟΡΙΑΣ

Η Αρχή συνέχισε να παρέχει στο Τμήμα Πολιτικής Αεροπορίας τεχνικές και χειριστικές διευκολύνσεις τόσο στο Αεροδρόμιο Λάρνακας όσο και στο Αεροδρόμιο Πάφου για σκοπούς επικοινωνίας με τα αεροσκάφη που πετούν μέσα στον ελεγχόμενο από την Κύπρο εναέριο χώρο.

Η Αρχή επίσης ύστερα από συνεννόηση με την Κυβέρνηση ετοίμασε τις σχετικές προδιαγραφές και προκήρυξε διεθνείς προσφορές για την προμήθεια και εγκατάσταση συστήματος Ραντάρ για τις ανάγκες της Πολιτικής Αεροπορίας. Ήδη κατακυρώθηκε η προσφορά και υπογράφηκε το σχετικό συμβόλαιο.

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΙΣΜΟΣ

Όπως αναφέρθηκε προηγουμένως στόχος της Αρχής είναι μέχρι το τέλος της δεκαετίας του 80 να έχει τη δυνατότητα να ικανοποιήσει πλήρως τη ζήτηση για παροχή τηλεφωνικής υπηρεσίας, αλλά ταυτόχρονα να βελτιώνει κατά το δυνατό τις προσφερόμενες υπηρεσίες διατηρώντας έτσι το ήδη ψηλό επίπεδο τους.

Με τις βάσεις αυτές καταρτίζονται προγράμματα για ισοζυγισμένη αστική και αγροτική ανάπτυξη, που θα βοηθήσει στη βελτίωση των συνθηκών διαβίωσης στις αγροτικές περιοχές και έτσι στη διατήρηση του πληθυσμού σ' αυτές.

Προγραμματίστηκε συγκεκριμένα η εγκατάσταση 15,800 νέων γραμμών, 13,000 στις αστικές και 2,800 στις αγροτικές περιοχές που λειτούργησαν μέσα στο 1984.

Ετοιμάστηκαν προδιαγραφές και ζητήθηκαν διεθνείς προσφορές για την εγκατάσταση πλήρως εκσυγχρονισμένου ψηφιακού συστήματος τηλεφωνικών κέντρων, που αποτελεί την πιο μοντέρνα τεχνολογία που εφαρμόζεται σήμερα και αναμένεται να λειτουργήσει περί το τέλος του 1985. Το κόστος της νέας τεχνολογίας για την προσεχή πενταετία υπολογίζεται σε £20,000,000.-

Ταυτόχρονα θα συνεχιστεί με ταχύ ρυθμό η επέκταση του τηλεφωνικού δικτύου, αστικού και αγροτικού, ώστε να προσφερθεί υπηρεσία σε περιοχές που τη χρειάζονται.

ΔΙΕΘΝΕΙΣ ΣΧΕΣΕΙΣ ΚΑΙ ΔΡΑΣΤΗΡΙΟΤΗΤΕΣ

Η Αρχή διατηρεί καλές σχέσεις με τους διεθνείς τηλεπικοινωνιακούς οργανισμούς καθώς και με άλλους τηλεπικοινωνιακούς οργανισμούς.

Η τακτική συμμετοχή σε διεθνή συνέδρια και συσκέψεις και η επαφή με τους οργανισμούς άλλων χωρών παρέχει την ευκαιρία στους λειτουργούς της Αρχής να ενημερώνονται πάνω στις τεχνολογικές εξελίξεις και τον τρόπο λειτουργίας και τις μεθόδους που χρησιμοποιούν άλλοι οργανισμοί πιο αναπτυγμένων τηλεπικοινωνιακά χωρών.

Η Αρχή είναι μέτοχος στο Διεθνή Οργανισμό Τηλεπικοινωνιών μέσω Δορυφόρων (INTELSAT) και στον Ευρωπαϊκό Οργανισμό Τηλεπικοινωνιών μέσω Δορυφόρων (EUTELSAT) και παρακολουθεί στενά τη λειτουργία τους και τις εξελίξεις στον τομέα αυτό των τηλεπικοινωνιών.

Με την ευκαιρία της κηρύξεως του έτους 1983 ως Παγκόσμιου Έτους Επικοινωνιών ιδρύθηκε στην Κύπρο με απόφαση του Υπουργικού Συμβουλίου Εθνική Επιτροπή Επικοινωνιών, στο οποίο διορίστηκε ως Μέλος ο Γενικός Διευθυντής της Αρχής, που οργάνωσε διάφορες εκδηλώσεις σχετικά με τη σημασία που έχουν οι επικοινωνίες στη ζωή του ατόμου. Ο Γενικός Διευθυντής προήδρευσε της Υπεπιτροπής για τις Τηλεπικοινωνίες που μελέτησε τις δυνατότητες για περαιτέρω ανάπτυξη των Τηλεπικοινωνιών στην Κύπρο, τη συνεργασία με τους Οργανισμούς άλλων χωρών, τόσο των γειτονικών όσο και των απομακρυσμένων, τη συνεργασία με το Ραδιοφωνικό Ίδρυμα Κύπρου και τον Τύπο, την ανάδειξη της Κύπρου ως χώρου διοργάνωσης διεθνών

συνεδρίων, τη δυνατότητα ιδρύσεως Τηλεπικοινωνιακής Σχολής και την παροχή των αναγκαίων διευκολύνσεων σε τράπεζες, βιομηχανίες, υπεράντιες εταιρείες και άλλους σημαντικούς οργανισμούς. Σημαντικό θεωρείται το γεγονός ότι η Εθνική Επιτροπή Επικοινωνιών θα διατηρηθεί ως Συμβουλευτικό Σώμα για το Υπουργείο Προεδρίας.

ΣΧΕΣΕΙΣ ΑΡΧΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΡΟΣΩΠΙΚΟΥ

Οι σχέσεις της Αρχής με το προσωπικό της υπήρξαν και κατά το 1983 άριστες, παράγοντας που επέδρασε ευνοϊκά στην ομαλή διεκπεραίωση των προγραμματισμένων αναπτυξιακών έργων της.

Στόχος πάντοτε είναι η εξασφάλιση καλών συνθηκών εργασίας που επιτυγχάνεται με διάφορες μικτές Επιτροπές Διευθύνσεως και Προσωπικού που ασχολούνται με θέματα που προάγουν την ευημερία του προσωπικού στο σύνολο του, όπως είναι η εξασφάλιση άνετων και υγιεινών χώρων εργασίας, η παροχή στεγαστικών και φοιτητικών δανείων και η παραχώρηση υποτροφιών για παιδιά των υπαλλήλων.

Μέσα στο 1983 μπήκε σε εφαρμογή νέο Σχέδιο Συντάξεων με ωφελήματα πανομοιότυπα με εκείνα του Κυβερνητικού Σχεδίου Συντάξεων, που θα παρέχονται από την Αρχή χωρίς οποιαδήποτε επιβάρυνση του προσωπικού.

ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΗ ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΤΗΣ ΑΡΧΗΣ

Ο λογαριασμός χρήσεως του 1983 παρουσίασε έλλειμμα £738,000.- Αυτό οφείλεται στο γεγονός ότι τα έξοδα της Αρχής αυξήθηκαν κατά 22% περίπου σε σύγκριση με εκείνα του 1982 (£26,051,000.- έναντι £21,387,000.-) ενώ τα έσοδα αυξήθηκαν κατά 17% (£25,313,000.- έναντι £21,675,000.-).

Οι πιο σημαντικές αυξήσεις στα έξοδα προέρχονται από αυξήσεις στο μισθολόγιο λόγω προσλήψεως 141 νέων υπαλλήλων και αυξήσεως του τιμαριθμικού επιδόματος, αύξηση στην πρόβλεψη για υποχρεώσεις στο Σχέδιο Συντάξεων και αύξηση των αποσβέσεων λόγω του εκτεταμένου αναπτυξιακού προγράμματος της Αρχής.

Οι προσθήκες στο πάγιο ενεργητικό έφτασαν τα £11,951,000.-

Οι μακροπρόθεσμες υποχρεώσεις της Αρχής ανέρχονταν σε £18,467,000.- σε σύγκριση με £15,426,000.- το 1982. Οι υποχρεώσεις αυτές είναι αποπληρωτέες σε περίοδο από 2 μέχρι 22 χρόνια με επιτόκια μεταξύ 3.5% και 10.85% το χρόνο.

Επίσης οι υποχρεώσεις της Αρχής για ωφελήματα συνταξιοδοτήσεως των υπαλλήλων με βάση αναλογιστική μελέτη του νέου Σχεδίου Συντάξεων ανέρχονταν στο τέλος του 1983 σε £36,851,000.-

Επιθυμώ να διαβεβαιώσω την Κυβέρνηση και το κοινό ότι η οικονομική κατάσταση της Αρχής δεν εμπνέει καμιά ανησυχία. Όπως εδήλωσα και στο παρελθόν η Αρχή δεν έχει πρόθεση στο παρόν στάδιο να αυξήσει τα βασικά τηλεφωνικά τέλη της, παρά το γεγονός ότι δεν έχουν αυξηθεί από το 1975, σε ορισμένες μάλιστα περιπτώσεις μειώθηκαν, παρά τη συνεχιζόμενη αύξηση στα εργατικά και τα υλικά. Ορισμένα όμως τέλη και συγκεκριμένα τα τέλη εγκαταστάσεως είναι πολύ χαμηλά σε σχέση με τα συνεπαγόμενα κόστα και έτσι η Αρχή θα μελετήσει πιθανή αύξηση τους μέσα στο 1985.

Έντιμοι κύριοι Υπουργοί, κυρίες και κύριοι,

Η Αρχή Τηλεπικοινωνιών Κύπρου έχει σαφή επίγνωση των ευθυνών της και καταβάλλει κάθε προσπάθεια για την προσφορά της καλύτερης δυνατής υπηρεσίας στον τόπο μας. Γνωρίζει τη σημασία του ρόλου που διαδραματίζουν οι τηλεπικοινωνίες στην καθόλου οικονομική, κοινωνική και πολιτιστική ζωή της πατρίδας μας γι' αυτό και τα προγράμματα της έχουν στόχο να καταστήσουν την Κύπρο τηλεπικοινωνιακό κέντρο της περιοχής, που κατ' επέκταση θα την καταστήσει ταυτόχρονα και εμπορικό κέντρο.

Διαβεβαιώνουμε για μια ακόμα φορά την Κυβέρνηση και το λαό ότι, συνεχής και επίμονη θα είναι η προσπάθεια της Αρχής για ικανοποιητική προσφορά υπηρεσιών και πιο πέρα βελτίωση τους.

Η Αρχή συνέχισε την ανοδική της πορεία και κατά τη διάρκεια του 1984. Μέχρι την 31 Οκτωβρίου του 1984 εγκαταστάθηκαν 16,451 νέες τηλεφωνικές συνδέσεις από τις οποίες 2,338 στις αγροτικές περιοχές, ήτοι 25% περισσότερες τηλεφωνικές συνδέσεις έναντι της ιδίας περιόδου του 1983. Επίσης εγκαταστάθηκαν 349 νέες συσκευές τέλεξ.

Πριν τελειώσω θεωρώ υποχρέωση μου να εκφράσω τις θερμότερες μας ευχαριστίες στον Πρόεδρο της Δημοκρατίας κ. Σπύρο Κυπριανού και την Κυβέρνηση του για το αμέριστο ενδιαφέρον και τη βοήθεια που παρέχουν στην Αρχή. Ιδιαίτερα θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω τον Έντιμο Υπουργό Συγκοινωνιών και Έργων κ. Χρίστο Μαυρέλλη που διαθέτει πολύ από τον πολύτιμο χρόνο του για την επίλυση προβλημάτων που αναφύονται και την παροχή συμβουλών.

Επίσης εκφράζω τις ευχαριστίες μου στα Μέλη του Συμβουλίου της Αρχής, που εντελώς αφιλοκερδώς αφιερώνουν πολλές ώρες στη συζήτηση των θεμάτων που απασχολούν την Αρχή, για τη συνεργασία τους.

Τέλος, επιθυμώ να εκφράσω την εκτίμηση μου και την ευαρέσκεια μου στη Γενική Διεύθυνση, για τον καθόλα υποδειγματικό τρόπο που χειρίζεται τις υποθέσεις της Αρχής, στο Διευθυντικό Προσωπικό και γενικά όλο το Προσωπικό για την ευσυνειδησία, την εργατικότητα και την αφοσίωση στο καθήκον, παράγοντες που έχουν καταστήσει την Αρχή Τηλεπικοινωνιών Κύπρου παράδειγμα προς μίμηση. Διαβεβαιώνω το Προσωπικό ότι εγώ και τα Μέλη του Συμβουλίου θα συνεχίσουμε να επιδεικνύουμε το ίδιο σοβαρό ενδιαφέρον για τα προβλήματα που το απασχολούν.

Τώρα είμαι στη διάθεση σας για να απαντήσω σε ερωτήματα σας και ύστερα σας καλώ σε γεύμα εδώ στο ξενοδοχείο.
