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Summaries

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The Announcing Machine System for the Reproduction of Short Texts

W. Rufer and R. Lüscher, Berne

The article contains a description, application notes and operating procedure for the recently introduced short-text reproduction system from Amesa. The use of announcing machines is required when the information obtained by the telephone user through the usual dial-, ring- and busy tones is insufficient.

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Use of Adjacent Channels in CATV Systems

H. Brand, Berne

The use of adjacent channels in the VHF range has been discussed for the past decade. On the one hand it presents a number of problems; but on the other hand it also offers economic advantages, particularly to the subscriber. Several CATV systems having successfully used adjacent channels since 1977, the author examines what types of interference have been eliminated by technological progress and what must still be attended to and improved upon. After a short description of the technical development and the reason behind its practical utilization, the specifications of the various building blocks are discussed with special emphasis on receiver characteristics. Based on these data, combined with appropriate planning as well as care in operation and maintenance, the use of adjacent channels is practicable today.

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PTT's Programme of Experimental Reception from Europe's OTS Test Satellite

H. Heierli, Berne

The great variety of measurements planned with the OTS test satellite in Europe includes the study of the 11/14-GHz band newly opened up for satellite use and the evaluation of new technology and transmission techniques. Swiss PTT participates in these experiments with a small receiving station to study wave propagation from circularly and linearly polarized 11-GHz beacons. At the same time, sky noise temperature will be measured with a radiometer.

News Items

Telephone

Coloured push-button dialling telephone sets with control key have recently been added to the range of equipment made available by the PTT.

The type M pay stations still in operation — about 800 in number — will be replaced by newer types by 1979.

Modern equipment for switching and charge computing and for use as pay terminal in public call stations, designed for easier handling, has been ordered. A first prototype plant for servicing 20 pay stations in Basle will be installed in mid-1979.

Subscriber dialling to Dubai was taken up on 1 July.

A second aerial for Leuk satellite earth station is to be installed by the end of 1979.

Radio, Television

With the introduction of stereophonic programmes a new control system for switching in the stereocoders in the transmitting station, from the studio

over the modulation circuit, has been set up on La Dôle VHF transmitting station.

On 6 June six new transposers for transmitting the television programmes started in the cantons of Berne and Valais.

New simplex relays have been placed in service on Gebidem, canton Valais, at Ruschein, canton Grisons, and on San Salvatore, canton Ticino, bringing the total up to 33, with some 2300 vehicles connected.

Miscellaneous

59 of a total of 90 candidates have successfully passed the spring examinations to obtain the certificate of proficiency as technical managers of licensed radio and television installation firms.

Up on Jungfrauoch, work has started on the new lower section of the tunnel giving access to the PTT multipurpose station.

The 8000th modem for data transmission in the Swiss telecommunication system was placed in service in the month under review. The current yearly growth of electronic data transmission is 30 pc.