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Summaries and Notices

Summaries

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Directives and Explanations for Installing Residential Terminal Connecting to the Public Telephone Network (B 191, Edition 1979)

P. Günter, Berne

All residential installations which are connected to the public telephone network have to conform to the Directives B 191 of the Swiss PTT Administration. Following the PTT guidelines a completely revised edition B 191 (1979) replaces the edition of 1964. It takes account of the latest state of installation technique and newest material. The paper shows in a concise form the most important changes as compared to the edition of 1964 and eases the complete study of the new edition.

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New Studio Outfit for Colour Television at Federal Parliament House

D. Cupelin, Berne

The author deals at first with the historical development of the television studio at Parliament House and then proceeds to describe the infrastructure as well as the equipment used. Certain characteristics of the employed audiovisual medium are briefly treated.

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New Coach for Postal Passenger Service

U. Bretscher, Berne

The author deals with the subjects of the structural body and interior design as well as with the heating system of the new postal coaches. The applied safety measures for the passengers and the problems of operational life of the coaches are touched slightly.

News Items

Telephone

The number of subscribers on the **3-month-plus waiting list** increased by 333 to 4,576 in 1979.

The PTT was operating 380 **satellite circuits** to the Atlantic (320) and Indian Ocean (60) regions by mid February. Of these circuits 336 are used by the PTT and 34 by Radio-Suisse Ltd while 10 are assigned to the Europe-Japan pool.

Telegraph, Telex

Automatic telex service to 18 further overseas countries will be available on 27 May 1980. The call charges to some of these countries will be reduced by about 12 pc.

Radio, Television

Two **radio relay links for Electronic News Gathering (ENG)** were taken into operation between **St. Moritz and Piz Corvatsch** as well as **Sitten and Ravoire** in February. Over these links reporters can transmit direct to the three national TV studios.

Radio transmitting licenses last year rose by 15.1 pc to 80,026 and licensed transceivers went up by 10.1 pc to 161,647.

Radio remote control equipment for model kits (ships, airplanes, cars, etc) is subject to PTT approval. Type tests or individual tests were conducted on 121 such devices in 1979. Only 49 pc met the relevant requirements.

At the end of 1979 there were **7,449 car radiopaging terminals**, 358 more than in the previous year. Car radiopaging is a one-way selective call service enabling drivers to be reached by dialling over the public telephone network. Besides, the national automatic car telephone system (Natel) which offers the same facilities as the public switched network is being increasingly used.

Miscellaneous

PTT business last year increased by 3.7 pc overall, 3.1 pc in the postal service and 4.2 pc in telecommunications. National long-distance telephone calls went up by 5.5 pc, international calls by 11.7 pc. Inland telegrams continued to rise, but foreign telegrams dropped further. Telex traffic grew by 4.1 pc, which was less than expected.