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Assembly. At this very moment a new request for a credit of more than 15 million francs is being examined by the Councillors; of this credit  $3\frac{1}{4}$  millions is intended for a new institute which will carry out forestry experiments. At the same time approval will be sought for a project dealing with the construction and management of an Institute sports' ground, because the physical fitness of the students must also be catered for. The project has the backing of the Canton of Zurich.

As can be seen, the Confederation does not neglect its child; but it should be stated here that private economy, too, particularly the industries interested in the Institute's work, has again and again manifested its gratitude and recognition in the form of extremely generous donations and assistance. This is testified by, among other things, the many funds, foundations and legacies which are administered by the Confederation and total almost 10 million francs. Recently, promising and so far very successful efforts have been made to present the ETH with a new, substantial birthday gift on the occasion of its jubilee.

This close link between the Institute and industry may be described as exemplary. It results quite naturally from Article 1 of the Regulations which defines the Institute's task in these words:— "The Federal Institute of Technology's object, in accordance with the law governing its foundation, is to provide the necessary scientific training for technical professions and for specialist teachers of mathematics and natural sciences, as well as to cater for studies of a general educational nature and for scientific re-

search". It is obvious that the Institute, apart from training students, devotes itself primarily to basic research, which directed research is mainly the task of industry; nevertheless it is quite impossible to draw a definite line of distinction between these two fields and any attempt to do so would necessarily lead to an undesirable rigidity.

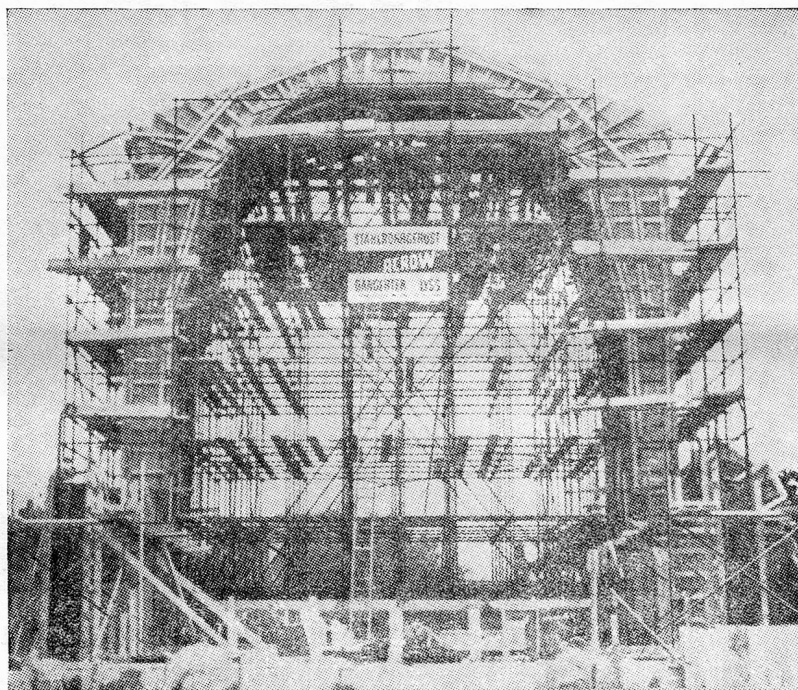
There is a mutual and fertile give-and-take between theory and practice. The Institute's high ideal is still the freedom of teaching and learning, as well as the freedom of research except where this is restricted by the regulations governing the award of diplomas.

It would be tempting to enumerate the important and often honoured Institute teachers who have lent their brilliance to the ETH in the course of the last hundred years. The list, however, would be too long and any curtailment of it would be bound to lead to injustice and might even give the appearance of ingratitude. Also, such an enumeration would not be welcomed by the majority of these prominent men who have fulfilled their high duty.

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