

## 25 years ago

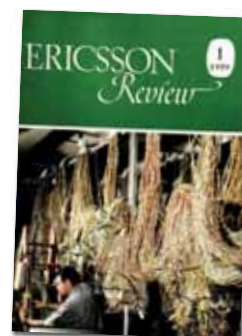
❖ **The Nordic** coverage of the television service provided by TELE-X made it a factor to be considered in cultural policy. Technically it was wholly in line with the current international trend. On the other hand the choice of system for the data and video services was singular and motivated by the desire for a system with small, cheap earth stations placed on subscriber premises. TELE-X was a first step towards a Nordic satellite communication system that could lead to a general use of satellite terminals for data and video in the Nordic countries by the end of the 1980s.



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issue number 1, 1984.

## 50 years ago

❖ **The telephone** networks of the world continued to expand very rapidly. In 1957, the number of installed telephones rose by 7,800,000—the largest annual increase in the history of telephony. The USA ranked highest with 37 telephones per 100 inhabitants compared with the average world figure of only five telephones per 100 inhabitants. The World's Telephones, issued annually by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, recorded fifteen countries with a million or more telephones as of January 1, 1958. The order of these countries had changed only slightly from the previous year (Italy had passed Argentina). The top three countries in 1958 were the USA, Sweden and Canada.



**Ericsson Review,**  
issue number 1, 1959.

## 75 years ago

❖ **The new** interlocking system at Stockholm Central Station was put in service on March 25, 1933. L. M. Ericsson's Signalaktiebolag and other factories of the Ericsson Group supplied a significant amount of materials for this system and the interlocking systems already in place at the Gothenburg and Malmö Central Stations. This issue described the system, touching on the main technical and economic problems that had to be addressed. The next issue promised several illustrations and text showing the construction of the interlocking machine and the details of the signaling system.



**Ericsson Review,**  
issue number 1, 1934.

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