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Official Opening of the Automatic Telephone Exchange in Smyrna.

On the 1st of October 1928 the telephone service in Smyrna was officially opened to the public. Among the invited guests is to be noted Dr. I. Kolmodin, Secretary of the Swedish Legation and Chargé d'affaires in the absence of the Swedish Minister to Turkey, Captain G. Wallenberg. The Turkish officials who honoured the celebration with their presence were in the first place the Vali of Smyrna, Kiazim Pasha, the Commanding General in the district, Ali Fuad Pasha, the Member of the Turkish Parliament and former director of the Smyrna Tele-

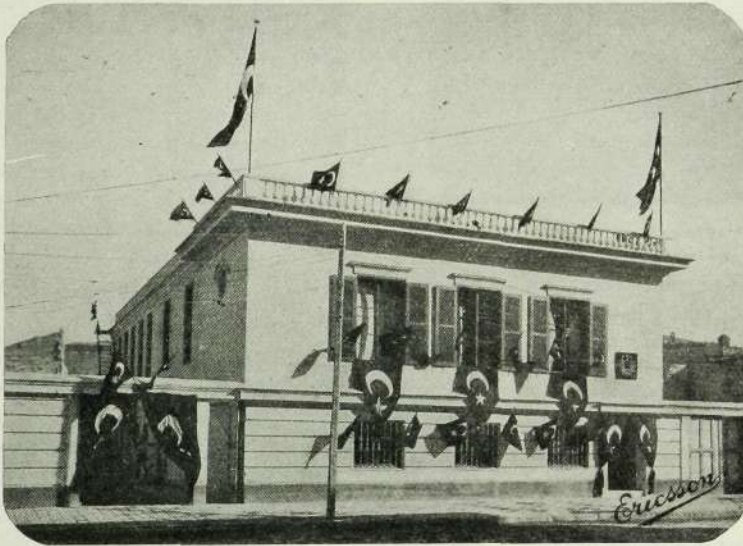
phone Company, Enver Bey, and the Chief of the Turkish Post, Telegraphs and Telephones in the city, the President of the Committee for the testing and approval of the telephone plant, Enver Bey, and the members of the said Committee, Niazi Bey and Tewfik Bey; furthermore the Mayor of Smyrna, Houloussin Bey, and the Government Inspector of Water, Gas and Electricity Works in Smyrna, Enim Bey. Of others taking part in the inauguration ceremonies may be mentioned The Netherlands Consul General, the Swedish Consul, the Manager of the Water and Electricity Works in the City, representatives for financial interests, the press etc.; together about 150 persons. The concessionaire company, S. A. Turque des Téléphones de Smyrne et ses Environs (SATS) was represented by the President of the Board of Directors, Vehbi Bey, the Director Ferid Bey and the Manager Mr. Krook.

The morning of the opening day the committee for the testing of the installation had concluded their work of inspection, which had proceeded for some days, and had approved of the installation, and issued permit to open the service to the public.

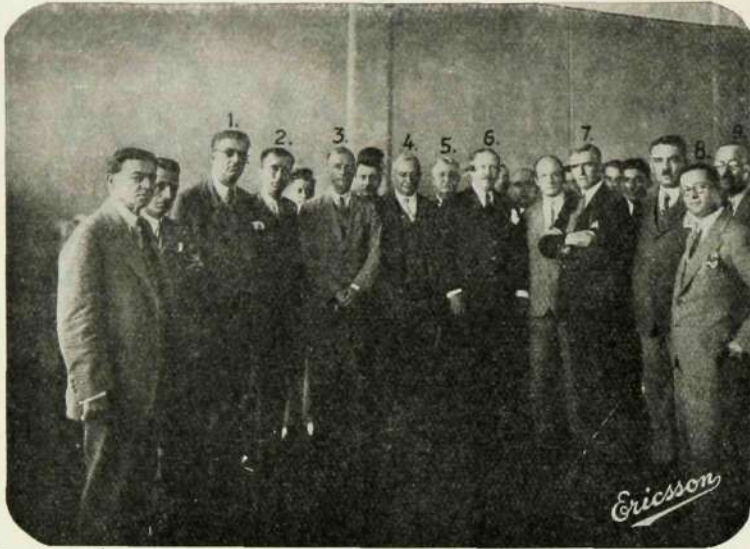
The opening ceremony had been fixed to commence at 3.30 p. m., and shortly after three o'clock the guests began to collect in the Telephone Central which had been attractively decorated with Turkish flags. At 3.30 p. m., the Vali, Kiazim Pasha, threw in the battery switch in person, whereupon the first conversation over the lines was held between him and his wife, who was in her house at Karantina. Immediately afterwards the lines were engaged for an extremely lively service, the Smyrna people having evidently been awaiting this moment for convincing themselves of the efficiency of the new service with keen zest. For one short moment all the registers were engaged. The service functioned from the very start to perfection, and the minute instructions regarding the use of the telephone instruments and the operation of the number dials, issued by the Company

to the subscribers, had evidently been studied to very good purpose. Everybody present expressed his great satisfaction with the design and function of the plant. The principal guests wrote a few words of warm appreciation of the good work done by the contractor, and expressed their wishes for a happy and prosperous future for the Telephone Company.

After being shown over the station the guests again gathered in a place close by for taking refreshments. In a speech, the chief for the P. T. T. in Smyrna, Enver Bey, gave an historic



R 1035 The Telephone Exchange in Smyrna covered by bunting on the opening day.



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Photo taken at the opening ceremonies of the Smyrna Telephone Central. A group of guests. From left to right: — 1) Ferid Bey, Director of SATS, 2) Enver Bey, former Director of SATS, 3) The Netherlands Consul General, 4) The Mayor of Smyrna, Hou-loussi Bey, 5) Enver Bey, Managing Director of P. T. T. in Smyrna, 6) Kiazim Pasha, the Vali, 7) Mr. Krook, Managing Director, 8) Enim Bey, the Government Inspector for Water, Gas and Electricity Works, 9) Selaheddin Bey, Director of the Deutsche Orient-Bank.

sketch of telephony and the development up to the present time. The opening ceremonies were concluded by a speech of the Vali, Kiazim Pasha.

Kiazim Pasha, Ali Fuad Pasha, Dr. Kolmodin, the Swedish Chargé d'affaires, and the Reception Committee were invited to a banquet by SATS at which the Board of Directors and Auditors were to be present and honoured the feast with their presence. At the dinner Dr. Kolmodin made a speech in fluent Turkish of which the following is a translation:

»Gentlemen!

Our gathering here to celebrate the opening of the Smyrna Telephone Service is the outcome of co-operation between Turkey and Sweden.

Our two nations have of course now and then been associated before this time, but the co-operation in past times has usually related to war and international politics. Most of us have perhaps by now forgotten that Turkey and Sweden during a whole century occupied the position of permanent allies. One of the best known victories of the glorious Turkish army — the Battle of Pruth — is connected with this alliance. Our common enemy was the Muscovite Czar, and when his army of invasion had been defeated and driven out of the country, one of the best known poets of the Sultanate period, Sabit Effendi, wrote the following lines:

Off they troop; in shame enveloped
Never shall we hear of their return.
Sorrow's emblem they carry before them
But after them revenge will burn.

When the horizons of our respective nations later had become restricted, as it were, the relations between the two countries during the last

century became in comparison with the previous time comparatively estranged. But in the end the honourable Turkish Nation resumed her full independence, and opened her formerly closed windows in all directions. The principle of independence was proclaimed, and asserted by the Turks with an almost inspired intensity, and thanks in a great measure to the strength and general spread of this principle during the last phase in history, our horizons are now once more widened. In this way we mutually found one another once more.

Gentlemen! What in your opinion is the characteristic of an independent nation in the period in which we are now living? Is it not that the whole earth has become the sphere of activity of such a nation? That is to say, we must all, if we want to be independent, be a *world-nation*, or a *world-power*, whether we like to or not. In this statement there is no thought of occupation or monopoly; on the contrary, each nation which wants to safeguard her own interests must work in the interest of the whole. A principle of universal co-operation is simply the only natural and necessary corollary of the principle of independence.

For my part, I have not the slightest doubt that the Turkish Republic, situated as it is in the geographical centre of the Old World, and for that reason most intimately concerned with all the happenings in the New and the Old World, will occupy a very important position in this new aera of independence and co-operation, and that she will be of especially great service to the whole world in a sphere which may be regarded as the most central problem of this new aera — the peace and security problem. The part played by Sweden will in the natural course of things be more modest; however, it is my personal opinion that it will redound to her credit if, in some degree, she has been able to assist in

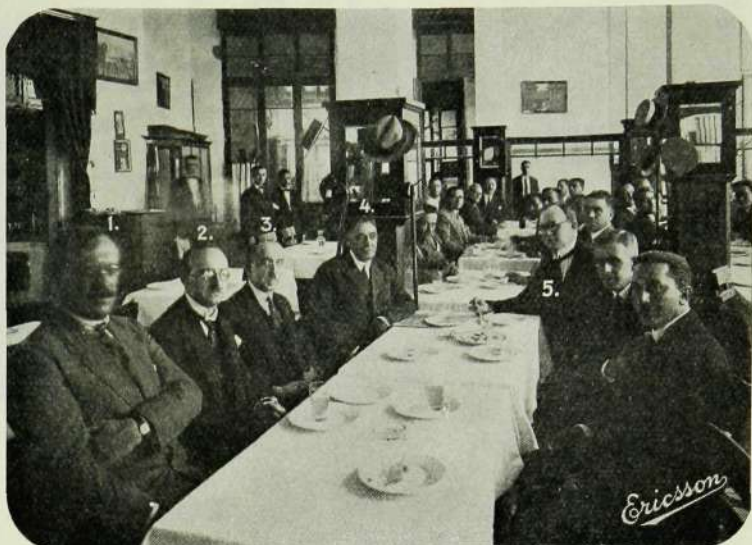


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Photo taken at the opening ceremonies of the Smyrna Telephone Central. The Vali, Kiazim Pasha, writes a few sentences in the Company's visitors' book. From left to right: — 1) Dir. Krook, 2) Vehbi Bey, President of SATS, 3) the Vali, Kiazim Pasha, 4) Enver Bey, a former Director, 5) Ferid Bey, Director of SATS.

the equipment of the Turkish state for the great mission which may devolve upon Modern Turkey.

In conveying my congratulations on this telephone transaction, I wish to express the hope that the co-operation between, our two independent nations will gradually be further developed, and be a source of mutual satisfaction and mutual confidence. Gentlemen! I close by expressing my best wishes for the Turkish Republic and her great founder and leader, His Excellency the President of Turkey.»

After Dr. Kolmodins speech the Vali, Kiazım Pasha, spoke of the concession, its inception and history, pointing out the decisive importance which both the L. M. Ericsson Company and their automatic telephone system and network construction have exercised on the solution of the telephone communication problem. He finished by congratulating SATS on the great success of their work in Smyrna, the prosperity of this telephone undertaking being now evident to each and all.



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Photo taken at the opening ceremonies of the Smyrna Telephone Central. Refreshments served after the ceremonies. From left to right: — 1) the Director of the Water Works, 2) the Director of the Electricity Works, 3) Vehbi Bey, 4) the Swedish Consul, 5) The Swedish Chargé d'affaires, Dr. I. Kolmodin.



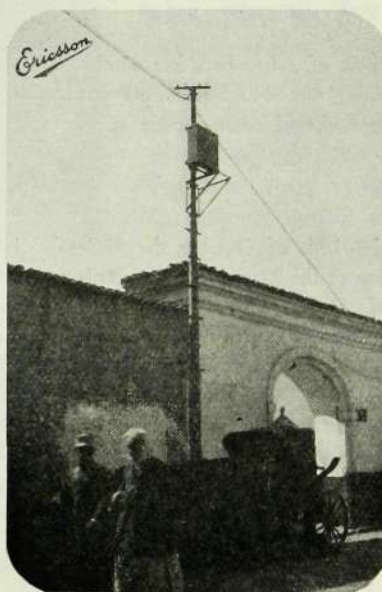
R 1039 Interior of the Telephone Exchange at Smyrna. Selector stand with the Switchboard in the background.

A strong increase of subscriptions flowed in during the days immediately preceding the opening of the new telephone service, and during the time that followed upon the inaugura-



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View over Smyrna.



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Distributing tower.



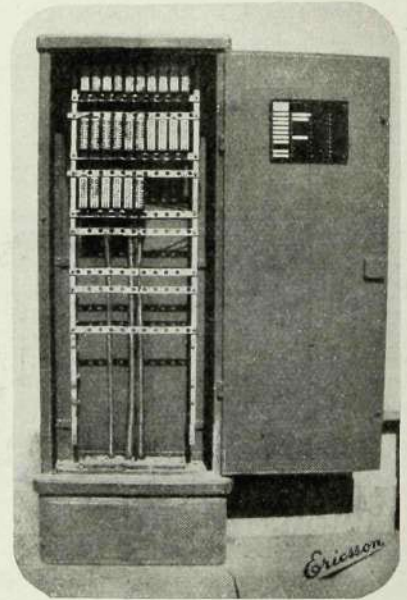
R 1042 Pole with box.



R 1043 Transport of cable ladder.



R 1044 Transport of cables.



R 1045 Junction box.

tion, the access of subscribers has continued at a rapid rate. On the opening day 443 instruments were connected up, the station being equipped for a service of up to 2 000 lines.

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— On the 18th of October the General Director for the Administration of the **Turkish Post, Telegraphs and Telephones, M. Fahri Bey**, arrived in Stockholm accompanied by the Chief of the Traffic Bureau (Chef d'exploitation télégraphique) **I. Djemal Bey**, the two gentlemen stopping in the Capital till the 21st. The purpose of the visit was to study the telephone service in Stockholm and the establishments of the L. M. Ericsson Company. During the visit calls were made at the Kungsholmen automatic telephone station, opened this summer, from which exchange we here reproduce two pictures.

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— **Literature.** — No. 7—9 (Third Quarter Number) of **The L. M. Ericsson Review**, the Swedish Edition, has been published and contains the following papers: — *Calculation of the number of coupling organs with reference to the value of the subscribers' time* by Mr. R. Trechcinski, Dipl. Eng.; *Automatic Signal Installation at a highroad and railway crossing near Henriksdal Station on the Stockholm—Saltsjön Railway*; *Something about Call Computers* by G. Knös, C. E.; *About Forest Fires and Forest Fire Alarm Devices* by Chief Forester Folke Johansson; *Devices for Service from an Automatic or Manual to an Automatic Telephone Station* by R. Trechcinski, Dipl. Eng. The English, French, Italian, Spanish and German editions will be issued before the end of the year.

— No. 10 of the journal "ERA" (**The Organ of the Association for the Rational Use of Electricity**, Stockholm, Tulegatan 13) contains on page 180 an article by Bureau Engineer A. Widström on "A Subtraction Meter with throw-over switch for the regulation of the load" (L. M. Ericsson's Domestic Tariff Meter). The article will be reprinted and sent out as a supplement to the Swedish edition of the L. M. Ericsson Review No. 7—9. It is at present not available in other languages. The article will, however, be inserted in the English, French, Italian, Spanish and German editions of The L. M. Ericsson Review, in the first quarterly number for the year 1929.