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General Director
Dr. SADRETTİN ALPAN

on the 22nd of June 1966, at the ceremony to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the Mineral Research and Exploration Institute, at the same time paying tribute to members who have completed 30 and 25 years of service.



General Director delivering the opening speech.

«Dear Guests and Friends,

You are welcome to the ceremony arranged to celebrate the thirty-first anniversary of the foundation of our Institute and also to pay tribute to those members who have completed thirty and twenty-five years of service in the Institute, without interruption.

The Institute, which has helped a great deal toward the improvement of the economy and industrialization of our country since its foundation, continued its activities in 1965 within the framework of 29 projects and, as a result of investigations and explorations carried out for various minerals, industrial raw materials and power resources, discovered lignite, asphaltite, alunite, bauxite, phosphate, salt, fluorite, lead and meerschaum, worth 6 billion Turkish liras.

The printing work of a 1 :500,000-scale geologic map was brought to completion. Investigations carried on in closed petroleum areas gave promising results. Through the negotiations with the United Nations, regarding the Geothermal Energy Project with the purpose of producing natural steam from underground, assistance in the form of a \$ 1,085,000 was obtained. Investigations for bituminous schists have already started to produce cheaper energy and negotiations are being carried on, in this respect, with the United Nations.

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Our Institute, which has taken part in the establishment of various industries, has also helped to establish an aluminium industry. We hope that the Turkish super-phosphate plants will be established in the near future.

The study carried out for the possible and probable natural gas localities was completed. This subject will be dealt with extensively during the coming years. Radio-active minerals investigations and explorations will continue as well.

It is our aim to provide the M.T.A. personnel with all the possibilities in their efforts towards the realization of our projects. The new construction program which should contribute to this end is nearly completed. This year, we will start moving to the new buildings. After the completion of the new buildings of our Institute, where outstanding personnel are assembled under one roof, our second target would be to provide the Institute with enough equipment and machinery. In this connection, a project was prepared, requiring 9 million dollars, and was transferred by our Government to the Government of the United States. Negotiations for obtaining the participation of the German Government in one aspect of our work gave favourable results. Distribution of food among our workers will continue as well, in accordance with the World Food Project.

Laboratory work carried out for the production of smokeless fuel gave very good results too. All kinds of research work, both scientific and practical, will be carried out in the laboratories in our new buildings. A Scientific and Technical Research Committee was established in the Institute to conduct and direct the scientific research work. The first Museum of Natural History of Turkey is going to be established in our Institute. A committee was organized for this purpose.

Our main purpose is to explore and evaluate the underground wealth of our country in as short a time as possible. We have already received some of the equipment ordered for the magnetic and electromagnetic investigations in our country, using the aeroplanes purchased for this purpose. In addition to radioactive mineral airborne survey, this year we will start magnetic survey with the purpose of discovering iron ore reserves.

Our Institute is occupied not only with the theoretical aspect of the work. It is also one of our main duties to find and investigate new mineral deposits. Therefore, the practical aspect is equally important for us. Our motto is: «Speedy investigation, drilling and evaluation.» Therefore, we are planning to double the number of our drills, send field parties all over the country, and put drill holes wherever necessary.

Successful achievements, gained by the Institute up to now, have been realized through the hard work, unity and devotion of the M.T.A. personnel. I want to thank all of them and ask them to go on with their excellent work in order to get practical results.

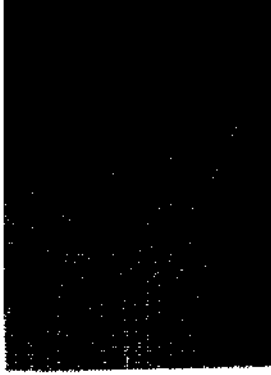
The minerals inventory work is being efficiently conducted and upon compilation of necessary data a separate book is being published for each mineral.

I want to thank and congratulate all my friends who took part in folklore dances and sport shows and those who prepared the movie picture, photographs as well as those who published and printed various books for this occasion.

I also want to congratulate the members who have completed thirty and twenty-five years of service and invite them to get their service medals.

Dr. Sadrettin Alpan
GeneralDirector

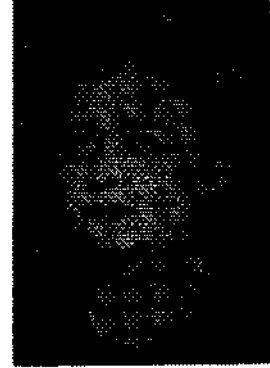




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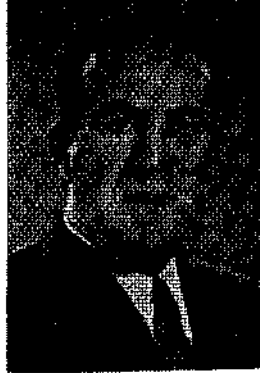
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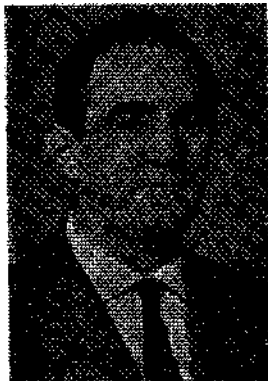
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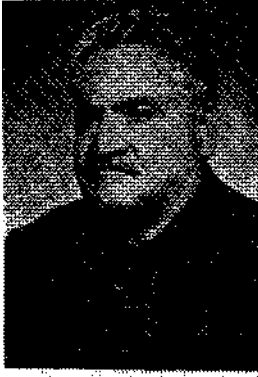
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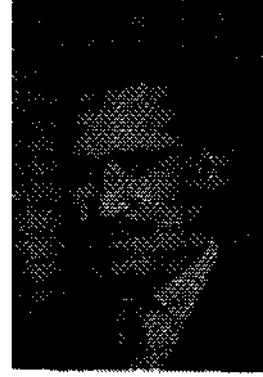
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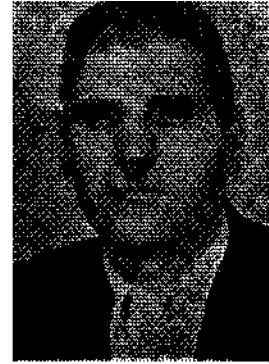
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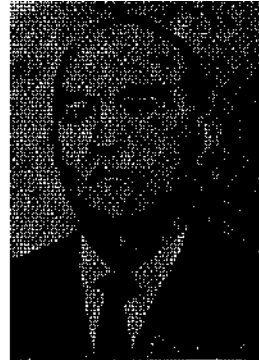
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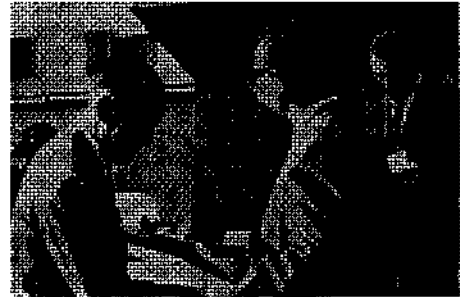
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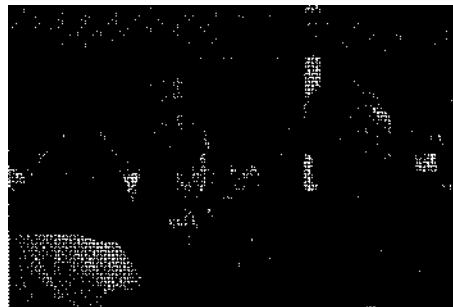
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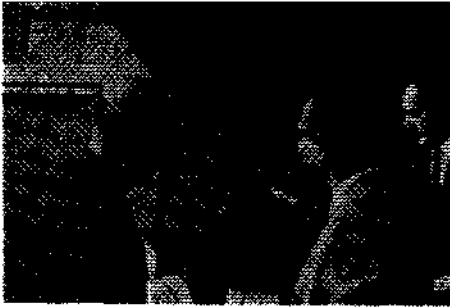
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COMPLETED A PERIOD OF 25 YEARS
OF SERVICE**



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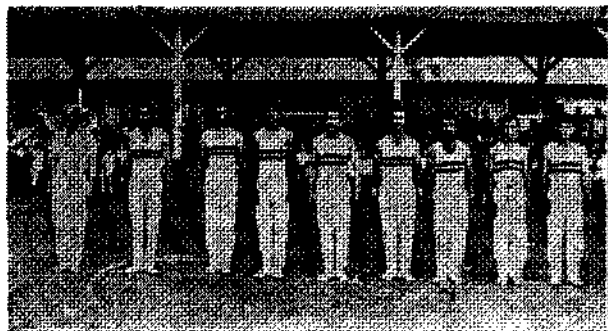
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Ahmet Özdemir



**Sport and folklore
teams of the
Institute on the
Anniversary Day**

