

equipment gift to monaco

Research work at the Agency's Laboratory of Marine Radioactivity in Monaco, including that concerned with pollution of the sea, has been made more effective by its latest acquisition of equipment.

This is a spectrophotometer donated by the Federal Republic of Germany.

Among the functions of the spectrophotometer, which is worth \$ 10 000, will be the detection of elements in sea-water, in quantities which would be too small for detection by classical methods of analysis.

The apparatus was handed over on 25 May by Dr Walter Oppenheim, Consul General in Marseilles of the Federal Republic of Germany. Among those present were Mr François Didier Gregh, Minister of State of the Principality of Monaco, Mr César Solamito, Permanent Delegate of the Principality to International Organizations, Mr Arthur Crovetto, President of the Monaco Scientific Centre, Commandant Jean Alinat, Deputy Director of the Oceanographic Museum, Dr Jean Thommeret, Director of the Laboratory of Applied Radioactivity at the Scientific Centre, Dr André Finkelstein, the Agency's Deputy Director General for Research and Isotopes, Professor Vasili Ferronsky, Agency Director of the Division of Research and Laboratories, Dr Joachim Joseph, Director of the Laboratory of Marine Radioactivity and Drs R. Fukai, E. Duursma and Stjepan Keckes, senior staff members of the Laboratory.

Dr Joseph, on behalf of the Agency, expressed appreciation and gratitude for the gift and spoke of the assistance it would give in promoting the Laboratory's scientific work. Recognition by Monaco of the dangers of sea pollution and its generous support for the Agency's work had provided the reason for setting up the Laboratory there, and more recently the United Nations had urged greater attention to the subject among those member organizations responsible for taking appropriate measures. The laboratory was able to assist those efforts and had received further support from a number of Member States.

An explanation of the operation of the spectrophotometer and of the tasks for which it would be used was given by Mr André Veglia of the Laboratory.

U Thant, Secretary General of the United Nations, was in Vienna for five days when the fiftieth session of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination was held at Agency headquarters. This brings together the executive heads of all members of the UN family of agencies. Here he is shaking hands with David A. Morse, attending for the last time as Director General of the International Labour Office. On the left is A. H. Boerma, Director General of the Food and Agricultural Organization. U Thant also attended a meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee, which discussed preparations for the 1971 Geneva Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy. He paid courtesy calls on the President, Federal Chancellor and Foreign Minister of Austria, made a speech to the UNIDO Industrial Development Board and addressed members of the Agency Staff.

