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## 25 YEARS IN PICTURES



Twenty-five years ago this month, COMSAT was born. Conceived by a presidential vision, the Communications Satellite Corporation set out to provide global communications to promote world peace for all mankind. In



the last issue of *Today*, we gave you a brief history of the company through its milestones of the last quarter century. This month, we want to take you on a pictorial tour of 25 years of communications, "Live via COMSAT."

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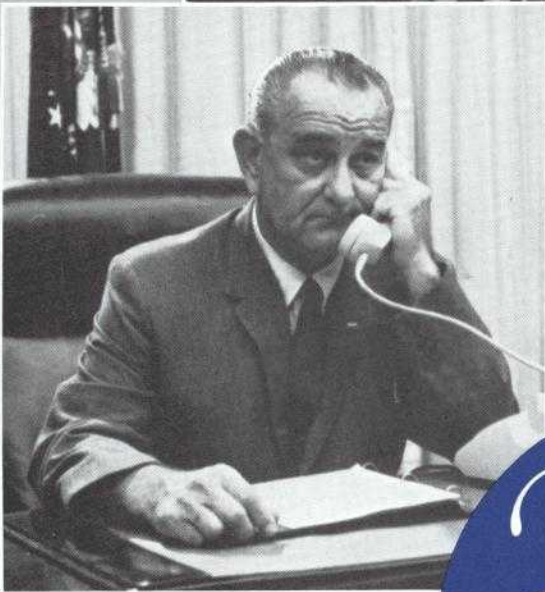
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**On August 31, 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed the Communications Satellite Act which gave birth to COMSAT.**

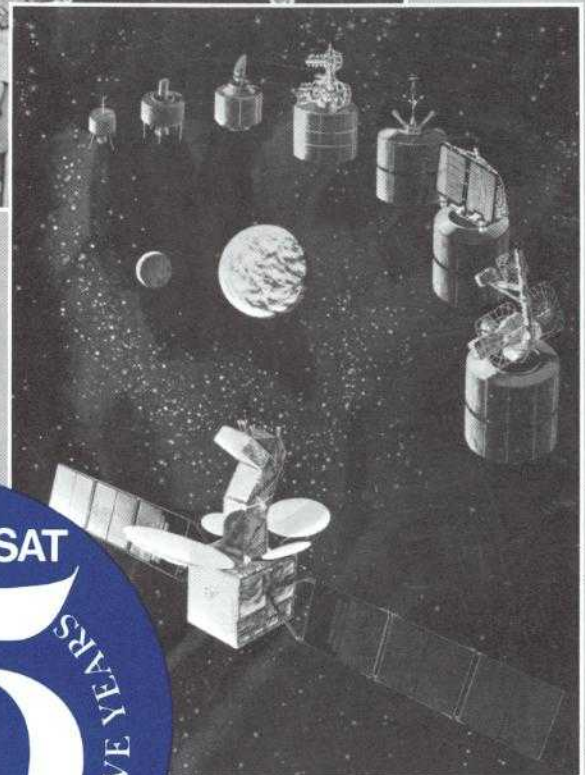
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**Richard Nixon's trip to China in 1972 was covered by the world press via satellite transmissions and news photo and news dispatch transmissions.**

**Dr. Joseph Charyk and Washington notables such as Senator Walter Mondale, and Vice President and Mrs. Hubert Humphrey watched televised lift-off of Early Bird from the basement of COMSAT headquarters at 1900 L St.**



**President Lyndon Johnson inaugurated voice communications via Early Bird on June 28, 1965 with telephone calls to his political counterparts in Paris, Bonn, Geneva, and Rome.**



**An artist's rendition of all the generations of INTELSAT satellites from Early Bird through INTELSAT V.**





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As part of the inauguration ceremonies for Early Bird, world-renowned heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey demonstrated his surgical techniques from America to the doctors on the continent of Europe.

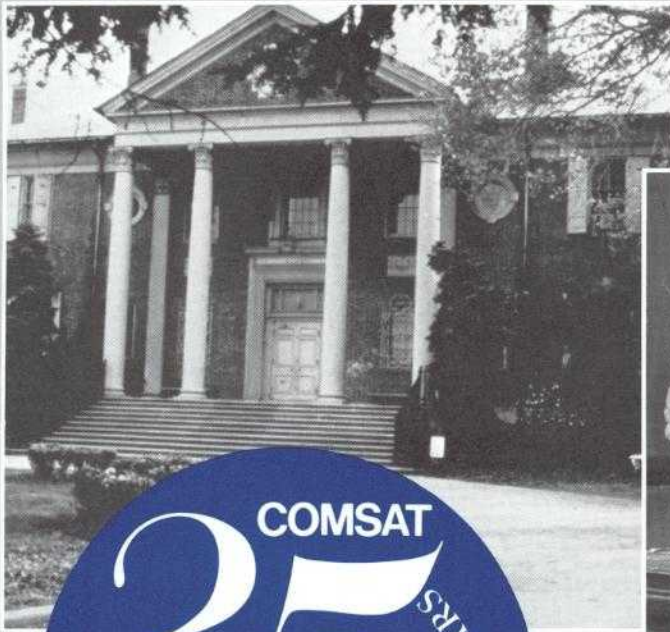
The words, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," were uttered by Astronaut Neil Armstrong as he put man's first imprint on the moon. The event was beamed to the four corners of the earth "live via satellite."

Soon after the launch of Early Bird, television service was inaugurated with a broadcast between the United States and Europe "Live Via Early Bird" in which all of the major American networks participated.

Every four years, the world sits still while amateur athletes compete for the gold, broadcast since 1964 live via satellite.

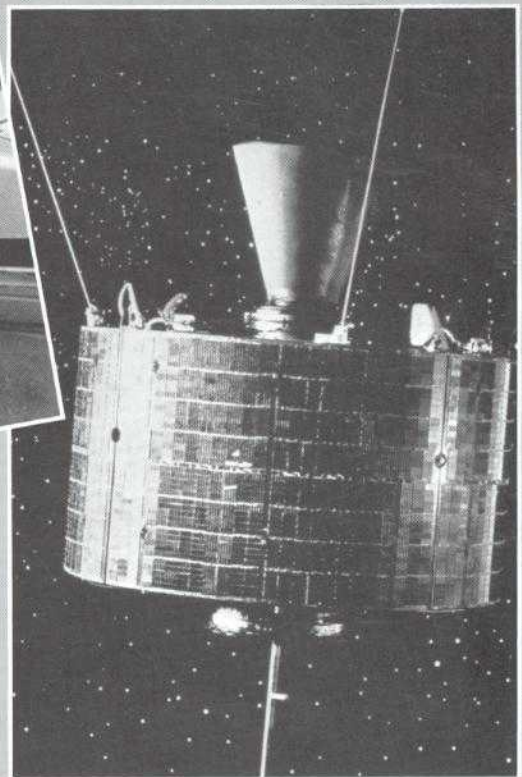
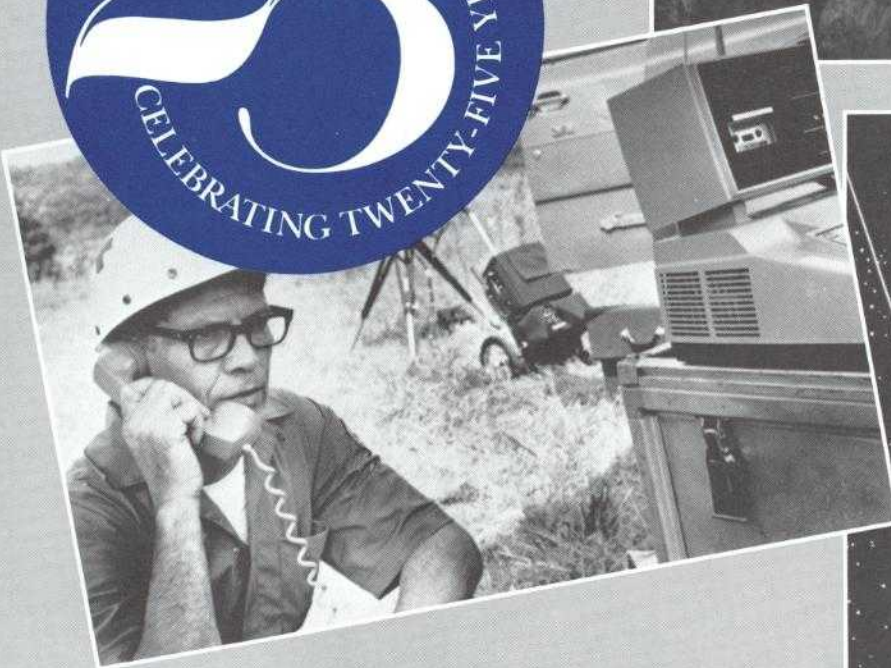


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COMSAT's first home was Tregaron, the estate of Admiral Davies, our former Ambassador to Moscow. The board met around the dining room table, Dr. Charyk's office was the master bedroom and the copy machine sat on the stove.



Senator John Pastore, chairman of the Communications Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee, was the "father of the Communications Satellite Act." He helped to mold the Act, led it through a rigorous filibuster, and saw it grow into the Communications Satellite Corporation.

On April 6, 1965, Early Bird, the world's first commercial geosynchronous satellite, was launched and began the modern telecommunications era.

Mobile earth stations located at disaster sites have made instantaneous communication possible with medical aid and relief operations.