

ter flights to Chile, flexible working hours, recreational facilities, unemployment insurance and contract conditions.

Chile branch of the SA: The committee members tendered their resignations on January 29.

Hail and Farewell

To mark the retirement of Prof. A. Blaauw as Director-General of ESO and to introduce his successor, Prof. L. Woltjer, a number of parties and receptions were given at the various locations: in Hamburg, Geneva, Santiago and La Serena.

Hamburg. Prof. Blaauw's party for the staff of the Director-General's office took place at the Block-House, Bergedorf, on December 17. The TP Division, Geneva, was represented by Dr. S. Laustsen.

Following a fine buffet dinner and a few words from G. Bachmann, E. Kunstein and the Director-General, a staff band got together and played folk tunes of the member states, cunningly adapted to the occasion. The D. G. then led the way to the dance floor, where waltzes, foxtrots and even livelier rhythms kept us going till the small hours of morning.



We could have danced all night to this combo, consisting of (from left to right): H. Neumann, H. Wiring, R. H. Marciniowski, A. Da Costa Campos, E. Kaske, and P. H. Huijmans.

La Serena. Here, on November 15, local and international staff enjoyed a beach party in sunny weather. At the barbecue, G. Gonzalez, from the Local Staff Association, made a speech and Prof. Blaauw, in reply, recalled the early days of ESO/Chile when water had to be pumped by hand from an open hole, horseback riding was the only means of travel to La Silla and light-signals were used to locate people in cases of emergency.

Prof. Blaauw and Woltjer ended their stay in La Serena with a cocktail party at the Turismo Hotel, which provided the opportunity for a meeting with the local authorities and other personalities of the area.

To All Members of the ESO Staff

Now that my term as Director-General of this Organization has come to an end, I wish to express my deep



At the Bergedorf party, Prof. and Mrs. Blaauw.

gratitude for the expressions of goodwill which my wife and I have received from so many of you at the farewell parties and receptions and on some other recent occasions. Ranging from the first ones, the "asado" and reception at La Serena, via those at Santiago, at the TP Division and the Council dinner, to the evening with the staff at Bergedorf, this has been an unforgettable experience. On these occasions many moments in the long history of my association with ESO have again come to my mind and it was heart-warming to enjoy these in the presence of so many who have been my highly-valued collaborators throughout these years. A memory of these gestures and the pleasure we derive from the beautiful presents we received will undoubtedly remain a source of joy for us in the years to come.

Adriaan Blaauw

New in ESO

DG's office

Johan van Tol succeeded Jürgen Meuser as Head of the Purchasing/Transport Service at Hamburg on January 1. Mr. van Tol, who comes from near Eindhoven in the southern Netherlands, studied economics at Rotterdam and Tilburg and was later employed by DAF as purchasing manager.

He is married and has three children. Sport is one of his freetime interests — football, of course, since he is Dutch, and a spot of tennis now and then.

TP Division

Maurice Le Luyer, is from Brittany, as the name suggests. He is the new designer in the Optics Group and he joined the TP Division on October 1. Born in 1941, he studied — though not immediately — at the Ecole Supérieure d'Optique, Paris University, and became licencié ès sciences in 1964. His last post was that of designer at CERCO (Centre de Recherches et de Calculs Optiques) located at Courbevoie, near Paris. Now he is working on the ACCOS 5 Programme, connected with the CERN computer.

Mr. Le Luyer is married and has a child. Favourite pastimes: photography and yachting.

Daniel Enard was born at Panjas, France, in 1939. He joined the Optics Group as engineer on February 1. A graduate of Paris University, he took a doctorate in optical engineering in 1965. His latest job was with the MATRA plant at Rueil, near Paris, which makes military equipment. Mr. Enard is married and has two daughters.