



Second Extension of ESO Headquarters

Regular visitors to the ESO Headquarters in Garching will have noticed – also in the audio domain – that a major construction has been going on since mid-August this year. The second extension to the Headquarters building was decided in order to provide much-needed room for new staff members and more visitors, in particular because of the increased influx in connection with the VLT project, now shifting into very high gear.

The architect's solution to the problem consisted in adding a fifth floor to the southernmost part of the building, executed in light steel elements. This will provide 25 additional offices with space for about 50 more desks, within a total floor area of 450 square metres. It is expected that this space will be allocated to Science Division staff members who will liberate their old habitats below, making room for staff from other Divisions.

It is planned that the construction phase will last until mid-February 1990. The picture shows the view from south-east, on November 6, 1989.

much about these events, but the relevant documents are found in the section of the ESO Historical Archives originating from Oort [14], one of the participants.

Visits to Chile of Council, of FC and of other ESO Committees always have been extremely useful for a proper evaluation of the planning and the operation of the Observatory. The minutes of this first Council meeting in Chile reveal considerable, unforeseen rediscussion of the geographic structure of the establishment in Chile, although no fresh points of view were presented. An understandable development, because the complexity of the geographic structure of the organization and the enormous effort of the ESO staff required for its realization could only now, *in situ*, be fully appreciated by Council.

References and Notes

Note: For lists of the meetings of ESO Committee and Council see the tables in articles I and IV.

Abbreviations used:

EHA = ESO Historical Archives (see *The Messenger* of December 1988).

FHA = Files Head of Administration at ESO Headquarters.

Heckmann Sterne = O. Heckmann, *Sterne, Kosmos, Weltmodelle*, Verlag Piper and Co., München-Zürich, 1976.

- [1] EHA-I.A. 2.13.
- [2] Council Documents Chile-8, 12, 15, 16 in EHA-I.A. 2.14. and letters in EHA-I.A. 2.10.
- [3] Minutes Council Meeting 2–3 Dec. 1964 and *ESO Basic Texts* Section B.3.
- [4] Cou. Doc. Chi-12 in EHA-I.A. 2.14.
- [5] See ref. 4.
- [6] Heckmann Sterne p. 298ff.
- [7] See Muller's reports mentioned before.
- [8] In EHA-I.A. 2.10.
- [9] EHA-I.C. 3.2.
- [10] EHA-I.C. 3.8.
- [11] Annual Report 1964.
- [12] Lists of employees were at regular intervals drawn up by the Administration in Bergedorf for the FC. For instance, they are found in doc. FC 32a and 32b for the situation per April 1, 1965 and in doc. FC 92 per Oct. 1, 1966; these documents are part of the FHA.

[13] Cou. Doc. Chi-15 in EHA-I.A. 2.14; for preparatory work also Cou. Doc. Chi-9, 10 and 11.

[14] EHA-I.A. 2.15.

The R Corona Australis Cloud

The southern constellation Corona Australis contains this fine molecular cloud, known as the R CrA cloud after a young variable star, which is surrounded by a reflection nebula in the northern part of the cloud. It appears that the cloud has been perturbed by an outside event from the north-west, perhaps a supernova explosion. Low mass star formation is actually taking place in the cloud: many T Tauri stars and several Herbig-Haro objects are found there and a cluster of embedded infrared sources is located in the north-western front of the cloud. The globular cluster to the right is NGC 6723. There are also several minor planet trails in the field. From a 150-min ESO Schmidt plate (IIIa-F + RG630), obtained by G. Pizarro and H.-E. Schuster; text by B. Reipurth, photographic work by C. Madsen. ▶



