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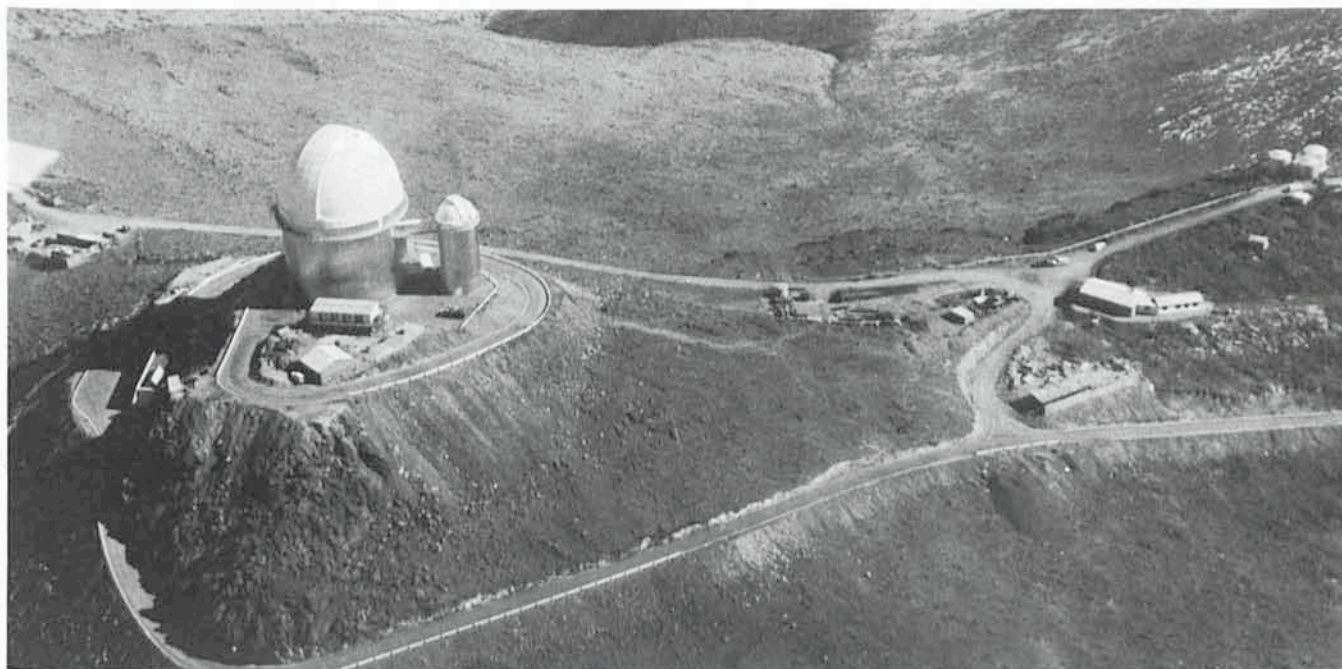
Mechanical Assembly of 3.6 m Telescope Completed

The 3.6 m telescope erection is proceeding well, informs Dr. Laustsen from La Silla. His report was written on the first day of August:

By the end of July, the mechanical erection of the telescope was nearly completed. Three weeks earlier, the team of Creusot-Loire had installed the upper ring onto the Serrurier struts of the tube. The "machine" thereby recuperated its proper appearance—it looks again like a real telescope.

Three months of hard work were spent to reach that stage. More than 150 crates were opened and piece after piece of the telescope was transported the last 1.5 km from the un-

packing area up to and then into the telescope building. Cleaning and assembly work was normally done on the ground floor before the 35-ton crane of the dome took over



Aerial view of the 3.6 m dome on the summit of La Silla, July 1976.

Photo by S. Laustsen and R. Donarsky.