

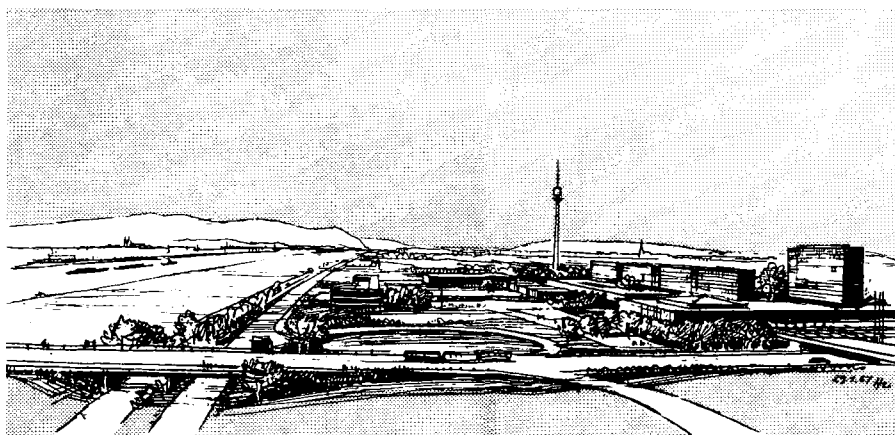
NEW HEADQUARTERS BESIDE THE DANUBE

By the early 1970's a new United Nations international centre located in the Donaupark near the Danube in Vienna will serve as the site of the Agency's permanent headquarters. At its June meeting the Board of Governors unanimously decided to accept the offer of the Austrian Government to provide both the site and the building.

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) will share the site, and there will be room for the construction of an international Conference Centre and possibly for other UN organizations. The coming of UNIDO to Vienna and the need for an IAEA permanent headquarters influenced the Austrian Federal Government to search for a means of providing for the expansion of international activities in Vienna.

From its inception, the Agency has been the guest of the Austrian Government. The original agreement provided for both temporary and permanent headquarters. The first temporary headquarters was in Vienna's famous music centre, the Musikakademie and the Konzerthaus. Other buildings were also used

An artist's impression of the new United Nations International Centre in Vienna, as it may look in five years time.



for a time. Since 1958 the well-known Grand Hotel, converted for the Agency's use, has served as temporary headquarters for the staff, which now numbers about 700.

The Donaupark was chosen for its possibilities for expansion, its location in an area planned for use in future city development, and its easy access to the centre of the city. It lies between the Danube and an old branch of the river now used for sailing and recreation called the Old Danube. It is surrounded by green meadows, pleasure grounds, and a large park dominated by the Donauturm, a high tower with a restaurant on the top.

The city planning authorities expect this area, located north-east of the centre of Vienna, to be the direction in which the city will expand in the next twenty years. An increase of a quarter of a million inhabitants is anticipated. Because of this expansion, more services are projected in addition to the already established facilities and transport services.

Our artist's impression of what the site may look like in a few years' time, with the Danube to the left and the hills of the Vienna Woods in the background, is of course a work of imagination. Final designs will be chosen by an architectural competition after the IAEA and UNIDO have decided on their requirements.

In Ethiopia the Agency is helping to establish a centre for training and research in radio-chemistry and health physics at the Haile Selassie University. The Emperor is taking a personal interest in the work and this photo, taken during a visit he paid to the Centre, shows him talking to Dr. I.Bucina, of Czechoslovakia, an IAEA Technical Assistance Expert.

