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'CHEESEBOX' SEIZED IN GAMBLING RAIDS

Police Arrest 2 Suspects in Smashing Phone Set-Up for Placing of Bets

In simultaneous raids on three apartment houses in Manhattan, the police broke up an ingenious telephone bookmaking set-up last night. The raids were directed by Deputy Chief Inspector James R. Kennedy, who heads Commissioner Thomas F. Murphy's confidential squad.

Two men were arrested on charges of bookmaking. The police said the prisoners had accepted telephone bets amounting to several thousand dollars a day. The play was reported to be on horseracing, boxing, basketball and other sports.

The operation centered on a "cheesebox," a device that enables the bettor and bookmaker to telephone different numbers at the same time and make a connection. This instrument was in a vacant apartment at 1007 Second Avenue, a four-story building that is undergoing renovation.

The prisoners, the police said, took turns in phoning a Murray Hill number to receive bets called in on a Plaza exchange. Each remained on the phone ten minutes, then hung up to permit the other to receive calls. This procedure, the police said, would defeat any attempt at tracing a call, a process that normally requires at least fifteen minutes.

All of the raids were made at

4:15 P. M. In an apartment at 444 East Fifty-second Street, the police arrested August Hirsch, 43 years old, of 452 Beach 133d Street, Bell Harbor, Queens. They picked up Arthur Carroll, 36, of 3502 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, in an apartment at 728 West 181st Street. Both men were said to have had large numbers of tally sheets when arrested.

At the Second Avenue building, the police climbed fire-escape ladders to enter the empty fourth-floor apartment. The "cheesebox" was hidden in a closet.

It was pointed out that the building owner could be unaware of the installation, and that a subsequent tenant in the apartment might be equally ignorant of its presence. The police were trying last night to locate the building owner.

Hirsch and Carroll, arraigned in Night Court last night before Magistrate Charles Ramsgate, were released in \$500 bail each for a hearing Wednesday in Gamblers Court.