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HUNT FOR 'BOOKIES' BARES NEW DEVICE

'Wired Wireless' Links Phones in a Check-Proof Set-Up —Two Men Arrested

A new electrical refinement has been introduced into bookmaking here, the police charged yesterday after a raid on an apartment at 662 Lexington Avenue, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth Streets.

When Inspector John Walsh of the Sixth Division, Lieut. Edward Mullaney and two plainclothes men went there at 1 P. M., they found a man leaving the third floor apartment they had gone to check. Inside the apartment were another man, two telephones, a coffee table, several chairs and some tally sheets, the police said.

While the checking was going on, one of the telephones buzzed several times. A detective who answered it found himself talking with someone who wanted to place a bet.

The police then went to a third floor loft at nearby 670 Lexington Avenue, which they found empty except for a telephone and a device that appeared like a small, stripped-down radio.

Puzzled by the gadget, the po-

lice called in investigators for the Federal Communications Commission. The two men found at the apartment were booked at the East Fifty-first Street Station on charges that included bookmaking and violation of the Federal Communications Act.

The second charge resulted from the mysterious electrical contraption, a semi-wireless device called a "transreceiver." The police, who were somewhat mystified by its complexity, said it enabled a standard telephone to be linked by regular house current wiring to a distant "parasite" instrument that functioned as well as if directly connected. There was also a timing device by which the phone could be shut off when the owners did not care to receive calls.

The so-called "wired wireless" device cannot be traced by ordinary back-checking procedures, the police said, and removal of the transreceiver relay and formation of a new set-up is easy.

The gadget, the police said, had not been known to be in use by bookmakers here but four other such machines have been confiscated in other parts of the country.

The prisoners, who will go to Felony Court this morning, are Fred Fisher, 33 years old, of 22 Brighton Eighth Place, Brooklyn, and Edward C. Chudy, 27, of the Franklin Hotel, 164 East Eighty-seventh Street.