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Malkus Plans Law To Crimp Bookmaking

By GEORGE BOWEN
Associated Press Writer
ANNAPOLIS (AP)—The telephone rings and a bookmaker answers to take a bet. The police rush in, but there's nobody in the room.

It's one way the gamblers are taking advantage of the electronic age. In addition to avoiding detection by the police, they are using devices to cheat the telephone company.

Sen. Frederick C. Malkus Jr. of Dorchester said today he will introduce legislation to short circuit them by cutting off the source of supply.

He will call for a law making it a crime to manufacture devices which the telephone company describes as black box, blue box and cheesebox.

The cheesebox makes the bookmaker invisible. He can be miles away from the telephone number being called by a better It works this way.

The bookie rents a room and has two telephones installed. He connects the two lines inside a device. He gives his clientele one number. He goes someplace else and dials the other number. They make connections.

The telephone company has no record of the calls. And even if police are suspicious they can't find the bookie.

Another device known as the black box attached to a telephone bypasses any record or charges on incoming calls. On the other the blue box does the same for outgoing calls.

The telephone company told Malkus it found out that a legitimate manufacturer of electronic devices in Maryland turned to making the cheeseboxes during a slack business period.

Voting Legislation To Aim At Combating Bias

By JOSEPH E. MOHAT
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Johnson administration is narrowing its planned voting legislation to two key proposals — a localized moratorium on literacy tests and the limited use of federal registrars.

Informed sources reporting this today said a constitutional amendment while still under active consideration is likely to be shelved for the time being.

The Justice Department is expected to send to President Johnson shortly — perhaps by the end of next week — its draft of proposed legislation to combat any discrimination against Negroes attempting to register and vote.

Department lawyers already are drafting a message for Johnson to send to Congress possibly in advance of the voting legislation package.

Some key administration officials believe the only thorough solution to the voting problem is a sweeping constitutional amendment that not only would

ban literacy tests but guarantee the vote to anyone of age who is of sound mind and never has been convicted of a felony.

But the administration is under considerable pressure from civil rights leaders and congressional liberals to push for immediate legislation that would affect the 1966 elections.

An amendment one source said would be lucky to pass Congress and the required 36 state legislatures by the end of the decade.

The consensus of Justice Department officials is that the abolition of literacy tests now required in 19 states would require a constitutional amendment. The plan being prepared

for Johnson's consideration would attack the test problem while circumventing the delay tactics available to any state officials who try to avoid compliance with earlier civil rights laws aimed at making good the right to vote.

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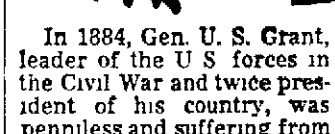
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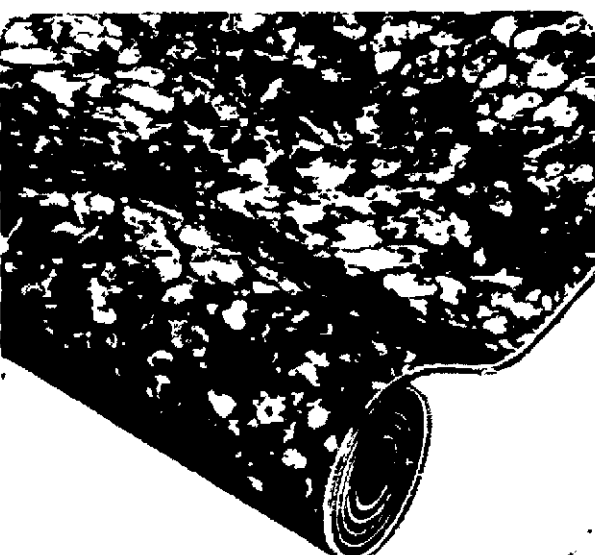
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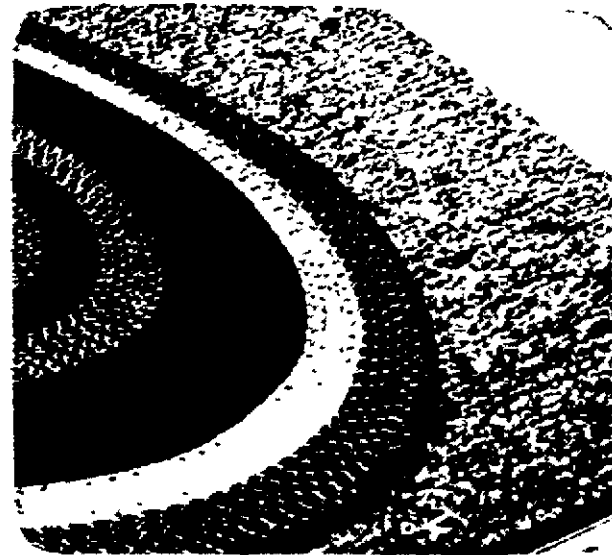
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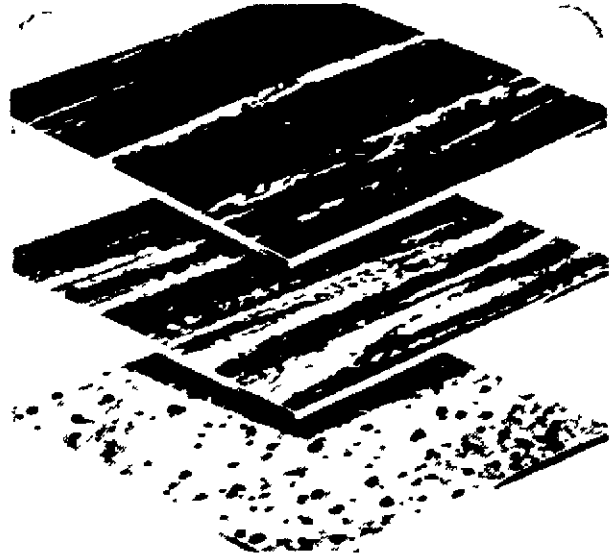
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