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POLICE FIND DEVICES TO BALK BOOK RAIDS

Police raiders broke into a Bronx store late yesterday afternoon, charging it was the headquarters for the manufacture of illegal telephone "cheese-box" devices used by bookmakers in the metropolitan area.

A "cheese box" was described by Deputy Chief Inspector James R. Kennedy, in charge of Police Commissioner Thomas F. Murphy's confidential squad, as an illegally made switchboard-like device. He said it permitted bookmakers to receive calls from bettors without either party appearing at a wire room or running the chance of being arrested in a raid.

The raid was on a store at 588 East 181st Street. Detectives, entering through a rear window soon after 5 P. M., found fifty telephones they said had been stolen in Massachusetts, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Inspector Kennedy said a "cheese box," which is supposed to be "detection-proof," was operating between the raided store and a basement at 728 East 187th Street, which was raided also. The police said a buzzer warning, connected to a "cheese box," went off when the door of the 181st Street store was opened. This was believed to have sounded at the 187th Street address, aiding possible occupants to escape.