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Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 17 (AP)—Three Cornell university engineering students were accused in court today of devising a contrivance that enabled them to telephone anywhere in the country without charge.

The case was the second of its kind in recent weeks at an upstate institution of higher learning.

The three Cornell students were arrested in their fraternity house Saturday night during a demonstration of the electrical device to 40 other students, police said. One of the students reportedly was telephoning Palo Alto, Cal., at the time.

40 Students Involved

The other students were not held, but District Atty. Richard Thaler of Tompkins county raised the possibility of further arrests. He said as many as 40 students had used the

equipment to make 150 long distance calls.

Stuart S. Pattison, 22, of White Plains, N. Y.; Seth J. Stowell, 20, of Troy, N. Y., and Hoyt A. Stearns Jr., 19 of Arcadia, Cal., were arraigned in Ithaca City court today on a charge of fraudulent use of telephone equipment to avoid payment, a misdemeanor.

Each was released on \$50 bond, pending another hearing.

Called Ingenious Device

Dayton Garlick, chief security officer of the New York Telephone company, said the contrivance, while not novel, was "quite an ingenious device."

It was explained that a caller would be able to bypass the telephone company's monitoring equipment by feeding impulses from the 12-tube device into the mouthpiece of the telephone.