NM BELL Telephone is starting to take the bells out of pay phones to prevent, they claim, collect calls to pay phones and "signal calls" where people hear their phones ring once and call back to a pay phone. Thus if you have a life-or-death situation where you must be called back, you're out of luck. So much for the argument that "pay phones are a public service."--Robert McClellan, editor of Security Letter, a anti-rip-off newsletter showing companies security methods, is pleased to report. YIPL for business execs. He calls us "a bunch of nuts" and puts it in our addresses with the warning "don't use the office address" (of their company). Security Letter, 475 Fifth Avenue, N.Y., N.Y. 10017. Use an office address you're writing for a company, remember. Say you want to subscribe to Security Letter... John D. deBout, chairman of AT&T, in U.S. News and World Report, (Tomorrow's Phone Service-Why it Will Cost More) comes up with some outrageous statements like "a public telephone is a public service," "Service in New York City today is good" and "we had always felt the Bell System companies were well out ahead in the fairness of our employment practices." Also "People don't visualize the uses for Picturephones."--George Orwell did in 1949, but deft doesn't mention bugging or privacy at all. Another item of interest: "Do you have a telephone listed for John D. deBout's at 200 E. 66th St.?... Yes. That is 421-2277"... "in Kansas City, the existence of just such an arrangement between the telephone company and the chief of police was revealed." That's a quote from Monopoly that YIPL printed in issue #7. Well, friends, we all know how big corporations often exert political pressure to help their friends into office, don't we? Nixon just named Clarence M. Kelley, the police chief of Kansas City to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Maybe all those wired will go to a little box on Clarence's desk...

MEAT!

Several of you have written about meeting other phreaks in your area. Some feel that this would invite infiltration, and that meeting at electrical supply stores is probably a lot safer. This way you can see who you meet before you meet them. Then again, you don't know if they're in the "field" unless you ask. Others have said that if another phone phreak convention is held, that would be the ideal place. Or, again, YIPL could receive requests to meet other phreaks in your area, and send pairs of people the name and number of each other simultaneously. Or a reader who feels cool. If you send in, be patient. We'll try to match another reader, only one, for each request.

HOT FLASHES-
A friendly Pa Bell worker says that though most telephone companies use the amount of resistance in ringing the bells on a line to determine the number of phones connected, in some (college) towns they run spot checks of total line resistances that detect phones even with the bell disconnected. So a good policy is to make up a one-line "conference" call maker (YIPL #1) and leave the switch in the center-off position when not in use.

MONKEY WARFARE-
The underground warfare against mindless mechanical bandits goes on. After the phone, but high up on the list lies the coin-sucking parking meter. After stalking the little beasts you find they fall into two major types: the egg-headed cranker and the flat-faced change sorter. The flat-faced change sorter was the pioneer of the modern generation of coin suckers. You stuff coins in the side through a single slot; it gages the coin's size and gives you credit for it. The last two coins inserted are visible through two rounded windows (spray paint) and is very gullible. It sucks nickels, dimes, round pop tops, #14 brass washers. Also the larger pop tops with the tails attached and many other bulky items plug it and render it useless till serviced. The egg-headed cranker is more sophisticated. It comes with different slots on the side for different coins, and has a thumb and index crank like a nose on the middle of its face. It is much more selective in what it gives credit for. @ #14 washers and, if you use great care, round pop tops if they are both scotch taped can achieve the desired effect. (Be sure to carry something to push them in with like the pop top tab as the tape sometimes stops the "coins" from rolling in far enough.) WARNING: if you use funny money be generous, you don't want a ticket from a meter that is filled with washers. It might lead to embarrassing questions.

After tiring of the above methods and wishing to become a mass destroyer of meters, send to Edmund Scientific Co. (500 Edscorp Bldg., Barrington, N.J. 08007) for their mass meter disabler (they call them giant surplus horseshoe magnets). A meter is after all a one-handed clock, and clocks and magnets don't mix. Their monster 5 lb. job concealed in a pack or purse can stop a meter with a couple of rubs. After it is stopped any money deposited will give credit till the city demagnetizes it. OFF A METER TODAY, IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR SOUL! AND IT FEELS GOOD TOO.

PACK FLASH. ICWA-
**A RED BOX IN EVERY POT**

If you are one of those readers who would love to build a red box but don't have electronic experience, the tape method is for you. With only a small cassette recorder (price: $25) and a tape on which to record your phone conversations, you can easily and quickly record your phone calls for playback later.

**Dear YIPL**

I have some black-box info you might be interested in. This info came from a Bell V.P. talking to his nephew. He says some central office computers tie into all of its tandems, which randomly check the resistance of the calls passing on them. When it detects a low-resistance call, it prints out all available information. Your number, his number, time, etc. Supposedly the second time the same conditions are detected between the same two numbers, someone gets screwed, usually the user who has the blacks box. I can't say how true all this is, but it's plausible. There is diagnostic equipment in use, and if you want to send us your number, we will give you the details.

**Dear YIPL**

For your enclosures block, I would appreciate it if you could clear your number and have the Bell V.L. get your subscriber's name.

We all know the post office where it is located of the Watergate investigation, and don't believe for a minute that the Phone Company helps police as a rule. 

**Dear YIPL**

Only problem with red box #4 is faint tone (constant) in background with periodic soft beeps even when no button is depressed. Can anything be done? I bought what I thought were good quality ($1.25) International rectifier switches (coin silver contacts, etc.) and they're hogwash. Will look for better constructed versions. Thanks for all you folks are doing. -MM, N.Y.

**Dear YIPL**

There are some individuals who are in the habit of squirting epoxy into pay phone coin slots. Better be advised to squirt it...
It's not just the rate increases that burn me up about Bell. It's those local calls that sound like there's an atomic war on, after you've dialed a wrong number three times in a row. It's that lousy Bell service.

Lousy service comes from rotten equipment and asinine employees. The equipment is rotten because Bell doesn't feel like buying new equipment. It costs money and doesn't make money for them. Thus, there is no reason. People don't enjoy peeling tones that blow their ears out, or taps and clicks constantly on their private conversations. But people don't count, unless they're the few who own stock, lots of stock. It's a fact that in New York City the phone company puts the new equipment in the richer areas and badly neglect service in predominantly non-white areas. Recently they sent out printed leaflets in the bills saying that they were changing to a new dial tone to improve service. Result- new dial tone with no improvement in service. Result- a new dial tone with no improvement in service.

The employees are another problem. Though there are many polite employees, the bad ones do their best to make up for their numbers. They listen to your conversations, act like they do you a favor, and cut you off if you start to get apoplectic from not being able to strangle them. It has often happened that an operator will accuse you of being a bother or of lying to them, and then pronounce your sentence - your phone will be disconnected for the night. Too bad you only get credit if service is cut for 24 straight hours. And if you call the business office you get to talk to the latest invention of Bell Laboratories-computer people. They recite certain phrases and no others. Sometimes they blow a fuse and keep repeating phrases in random incoherent tones. You don't have to be sick to work for Bell; as their ads say, "We'll train you". Why do some operators monitor your calls? Because operators themselves are harassed and monitored by their supervisors, and the supervisors don't make clicks when they listen to you and the operator. Employees are treated like children, like boy scouts, or as if they're in the army (as many employees are hired because they're "pre-disciplined"). Employees are urged to act like they have some personal stake in AT&T and to protect its equipment with their life. Little insects that eat cloth wire remain a pain in the ass because Pa Bell won't spray their fossilized equipment or (God forbid!) replace it with plastic wires. Profits before People-AT&T's Success Story!

But cheer up folks! Soon AT&T will eliminate thousands of jobs by charging for information calls, brainwashing us into dialing our own calls, and soon there will just be one big daddy computer. AND THAT'S ALL! Who needs people anyway?

**Light and Sound Weapon Tested**

A case of Stel This Book has been donated to raise money for YIPL and we're offering them at $2.26 each. YIPL also recommends Monopoly, an amazing look at AT&T that will astound even veteran phreaks with all it's dirt. They're at $1.50 each. Both prices include postage.

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