

# Ma Bell's secret uncovered

SEATTLE (AP) — American Telephone and Telegraph Co. documents marked "secret" outline a plan to charge phone customers for every call they make, whether the call is across the street or across the country, a Seattle newspaper says.

In a copyrighted article for Tuesday editions, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says the phone company "has quietly moved through the initial stages" of the plan to, in effect, apply the method of toll charges to local calls.

The scheme would eliminate the unlimited number of local calls allowed under the flat rate system and replace it with a unit-pricing

method that would mean a charge for each call, taking into account the length of the call and the distance between stations.

A spokesman for Pacific Northwest Bell, a part of AT&T, said in Seattle Monday night he was unable to comment on the report.

"However, telephone company executives privately have termed the measure a 'pay-as-you-go' plan and contend it is more 'equitable' to customers," the paper said.

Records would be kept on every call made by AT&T customers, and a company source told the P-I that a major problem might be privacy rather than economics.

The 100 pages of documents gathered by the newspaper describe the plan as "Usage Sensitive Pricing" (USP) and indicate it already has been implemented in some forms.

The idea was formulated in 1970 by an AT&T task force, the documents say, and "the result should be widespread introduction of USP in the 1978-1980 time frame."

"In the early years," the documents also tell AT&T subsidiaries, "per minute charges must be kept low because of residence customer reaction."

A timetable also is provided: for 1976, developing "AT&T policy positions and guidelines on specific aspects of USP — e.g., public relations approach."

For 1977, "Initiate USP tariff action where appropriate."

There are several methods for charging discussed in the documents. One would cost the customer 5.5 cents every time a local call was placed. Then the customer would be charged 18 cents for the first minute of the call, and eight cents for every minute thereafter.

# World at a glance

From Associated Press reports

## AIM leader asks for UN help

VANCOUVER, Canada — Lawyers for American Indian Movement leader Leonard Peltier said Monday they have applied to have this case reviewed by a committee of the United Nations.

Stuart Rush said in a telephone interview from Dundas, Ontario, that he has sent a telegram to the U.S. delineating seven areas in which Peltier's civil or political rights have been violated during his incarceration in Canada.

Peltier, a 32-year-old Sioux from the Pine Ridge reserve in South Dakota, was arrested Feb. 6 in Alberta and is in a Vancouver-area jail awaiting extradition to the United States, where he is wanted on charges of murdering two FBI agents on the reserve.

## Nixon asks court for tapes

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court said Monday it will decide whether former Pres. Richard Nixon should control records of his administration, including 888 reels of White House tape recordings.

The court agreed to hear arguments by Nixon's attorneys that Congress violated the ex-president's rights to privacy and invaded the powers of the presidency two years ago when it gave control of the massive records to the General Services Administration.

## Teachers refuse to integrate

BATON ROUGE, La. — An all-white Louisiana teachers organization voted down a proposed merger with its all-black counterpart in a move described by officials Monday as economic rather than racial.

Louisiana remains the only state in the nation with segregated teacher associations. Less than four per cent of the 28,000 members of the white Louisiana Teachers Association cast ballots on the merger proposal, which fell six votes short of the required two-thirds majority.

## Oregon crime index down

SALEM—There were fewer murders, burglaries and motor vehicle thefts in Oregon during the first nine months of 1976 compared with 1975, state researchers said Tuesday.

This year, however, there have been more rapes, robberies, cases of arson, forgeries, cases of fraud, drug violations, prostitution arrests and cases of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, according to the governor's office.

The crime index of major offenses — murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft was down by 6.2 per cent from 1975.

## Decriminalization pushed

DENVER (AP) — Strong support has emerged from the nation's biggest group of municipal officials to decriminalize all drugs, including heroin, as part of a vigorous attack on the street terror that illicit drug trafficking brings to America's cities.

Decriminalization, the removal of criminal penalties for possession and use of narcotics, was endorsed this week by the key committees on policy and resolutions of the National League of Cities. The proposal goes to the league's 3,000 member Congress of Cities today.

"The increase in drug-related crime and drug-related deaths are an insufferable burden on urban economies," said Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Ind., who shepherded the proposal through the committees.

If the congress approves the resolution, decriminalization would become official league policy. League staff members in Washington could lobby for federal laws implementing the policy.

Hatcher said he could not guess whether the full Congress of Cities will approve the proposal but added, "The giant social cost of drug traffic — the burglaries, the robberies, the terror," may finally lead the city officials to take "this giant step."

Hatcher added "We're not suggesting that heroin be put on the market at the corner drugstore," only that it be treated as a health problem rather than as a criminal problem.

He said decriminalization would remove the financial incentives from drug trade. "This is a big-bucks operation, and we want it stopped cold," Hatcher said.

## Smog alert hits Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) called an air pollution alert for the Portland area Tuesday after carbon monoxide levels reached the level specified by state law for calling such an alert.

The level is 17 milligrams of carbon monoxide per cubic meter of air. The carbon monoxide accumulated partly because warmer air was trapped next to the ground

beneath a layer of cooler air.

The alert, the first this year for the Portland area, will continue at least until today, when the DEQ will re-evaluate the situation. It applies to the area from Hillsboro to Gresham and Portland to Oregon City.

The DEQ urged voluntary curtailment of motor vehicle traffic in the area. A representative of the agency said persons with respiratory or cardiovascular illnesses should stay indoors.

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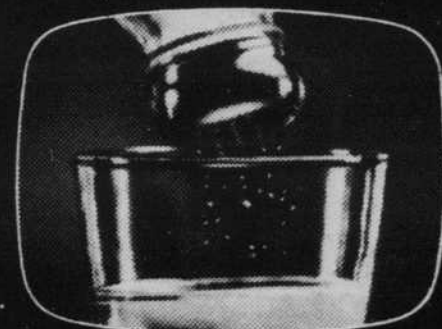
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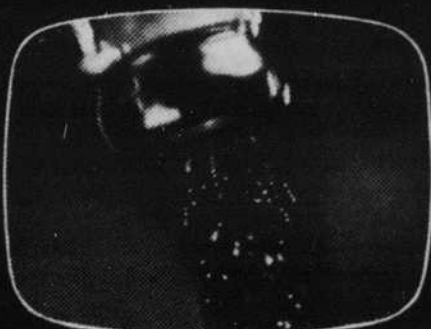
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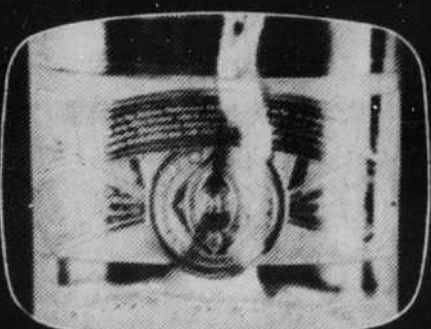
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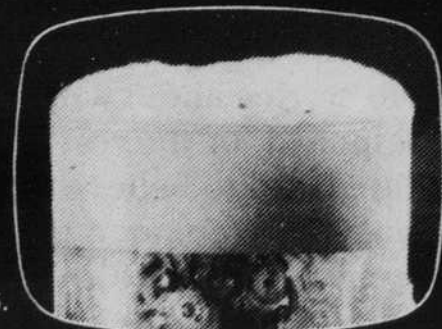
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