

JIM PHELPS ISSUE

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For those of us who aren't Latin scholars, that means "Hail and Farewell!" I co-edited TAP for 1½ years, and in that time we got it into pretty good shape, tho the number of volunteers has been disappointing. We've learned a lot, met a few great people, some good people, a lot of mediocre ones, and a number of yo-yos.

I could have gone into editing TAP full-time. But it would have meant staying in or near Fun City and the (rotten) Big Apple has become, in Heinlein's words, "an Abandoned Area". Too much effort is required to protect oneself against one's fellow humans. So I'm in the land of Roger MacBride's Young Pioneers, where "40 Below keeps the riffraff out". Coincidentally, it's Birch country and I don't mean trees. If you want to really learn about conspiracies, ask a Bircher (but don't tell him you smoke or trip).

One of the ways we've been advocating to Fight the System has been to reduce - eliminate? - your dependence on it. Produce your own food, power, shelter, clothing and grow your own entertainment. Here I can attempt that.

We have from time to time recommended certain books. One which has nothing to do with Fighting the System is called God Drives a Flying Saucer by R L Dione, Bantam Q7733. It describes some interesting theories about THE SYSTEM. You may have some trouble finding it. I believe it will be worth your effort.

My apologies to those who have written me and are still waiting for a reply. Be patient. I probably still have your letter and will try to reply eventually. Mail for me will be forwarded. I'll continue to offer articles, etc. when time permits.

People often close with "Pax". I prefer "Si vis pacem, parabellum" (If you want peace, prepare for war)

Excelsior!
(Higher)
Jim Phelps

Update from England

Where CAMA and LAMA exist on your exchange, the operator will know the number you're on, so you can forget methods like giving the # of a large business (or your exchange) as your own number when making operator connected calls, or booking a call for a later time to a pay phone # from a domestic phone and being at the pay phone at the right time to receive it. If the operator has to ask your #, it probably means you haven't got CAMA or LAMA. On Velros (spelling?) that haven't, these fraud methods will work (e.g., here in UK). Sorry if anyone was misled by my piece in #43.

NYC has voice-response validation for CC calls. The "card" I was using was that of a large corporation. The operator asked me the area code on the card and after what seemed like an age, the computer came back with "valid, valid, valid". This was after a month of using the same "card" in Detroit, Chicago, Montreal, Cleveland, etc. with no hassle. So either I was lucky and picked a number to which a card was issued or the machine doesn't connect to an actual data base of all cards issued.

CB here is freaky. A friend who has a full wave aerial has been talking to Italian and Portuguese Amateur DXers. From 3:30 to 5:30 afternoons conditions are sometimes so good you can hear US truckers! That's 5000 miles on 4 watts! Got any good plans for a linear? 100 watts should do. A pair of 5 watters cost £195 (\$355), so if you come to UK, just bring some CBs. You can sell them easily at 300% profit. Mobiles are unobtainable - putting a battery in a transceiver or connecting up a mobile CB is illegal here. There is a network of CBs in London only, but mostly used by criminals.

Just watched the last episode of The Prisoner again - ten years old and hasn't dated a bit.

Please tell your readers not to miss I, Claudius when it comes round to you. A trifle slow at first, it builds up into a fantastic crescendo. The best thing ever to have been on telly, it's the story from Augustus to Nero and is so deliciously perverted it's wonderful. Unfortunately, the American version has been extensively cut. I was really sick and angry when I read what they'd done to it. Nothing America has ever done has angered me so much. Among other cuts was a vital last scene where you see Caligula's face, dripping blood, after he's eaten the fetus he's cut out of Drusilla.

Depravo

Bloody awful! PBS had the balls to show Valerie Perrine delightfully bare in Steambath, but I guess this was "really too much". It should also be on Canadian TV, which is relatively uncensored compared to gutless ABC, CBS, and NBC.

JP

In my personal correspondence with Mr. Phelps, he has accused me (and rightly so) of being an ego-maniac because I never mention him in TAP. Mr. Phelps has been physically absent from TAP for well over a year now but he lives on here in Libertarian spirit! I truly miss that Libertarian bastard and all the fun we had arguing over TAP policies. Ever frugal (cheap!), he would spend hours washing Elmer's Glue off 1¢ stamps. I would retaliate by sending out one issue of TAP ordered by a reader in the largest envelope we had! Those readers fortunate enough to have visited the TAP office during his reign know the fun, labor, and love that "Jim Phelps" put into the pages of TAP. It is with heart-felt thanks that I hereby dedicate this issue of TAP to our "Jim Phelps". Everything in this issue was either written, commented on, or typed by Mr. Phelps. The opinions expressed here are his and do not necessarily represent the opinions or views of TAP or its staff. All names have been changed to protect the guilty! This intro should destruct after reading. Good luck "Jim".

#47's article on radar detectors was great! Who did you steal it from? However, there's a new police radar which operates only momentarily "as needed". What is needed by us to combat it is a radar jammer - which will indicate that your car is going 55mph (or whatever speed you like) no matter how fast you are actually going. Sept. Car & Driver has a description of such a jammer. It is a 100mW transmitter broadcasting 10,525,001,727 Hz. Now will someone PLEASE come up with a debugged schematic and printed circuit board layout?!

Running at sub-light speed (because I was towing a B Sedan Volvo racer) while everyone was passing me at Warp 2 to Warp 4, I heard a "public service" announcement on the radio. A State Fuzz informed listeners that "The law is 55, regardless of traffic speed. Just because the stream of traffic is exceeding the limit, is not permission to speed." But EVERYONE (including the "authorities") agree that the speed at which 80% of traffic is moving should be the speed limit. Economy results from streamlining and efficient engine design, not arbitrary limits. C&D urges us to "Vote with your Foot".

JP

New Radar Gun To Become The Motorist's Foe

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The police here have just upped the ante in the high-stakes poker game between themselves and motorists.

Assistant State Patrol chief Gerald Kittridge said this week that the Patrol is purchasing a new anti-speeder weapon—a radar device that he claims will obsolete the radar detectors that have made the radar cop's job almost impossible to perform.

Kittridge said radar detectors are so numerous that they are "totally disabling" the radar now in use. The new "KR-11" units purchased by the Patrol use a tiny microprocessor and are equipped with "hold buttons" which shut off the signal when they are depressed. The operator can cut off radar signals until he sees a car he believes is violating the speed limit, then release the hold button. In about 1/100 second, the speed is calculated and displayed.

Kittridge declined to state how many of the units the Patrol has ordered, but he did say that several local sheriff and police departments are buying the KR-11s as well.

Each one will cost the taxpayers of St. Paul \$2895.

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FORD'S BETTER BEST IDEA

Dear TAP,

Just a quick letter to say "Keep up the good work". I just received a full set of your reprints, and really enjoyed the material. Will put it to good use.

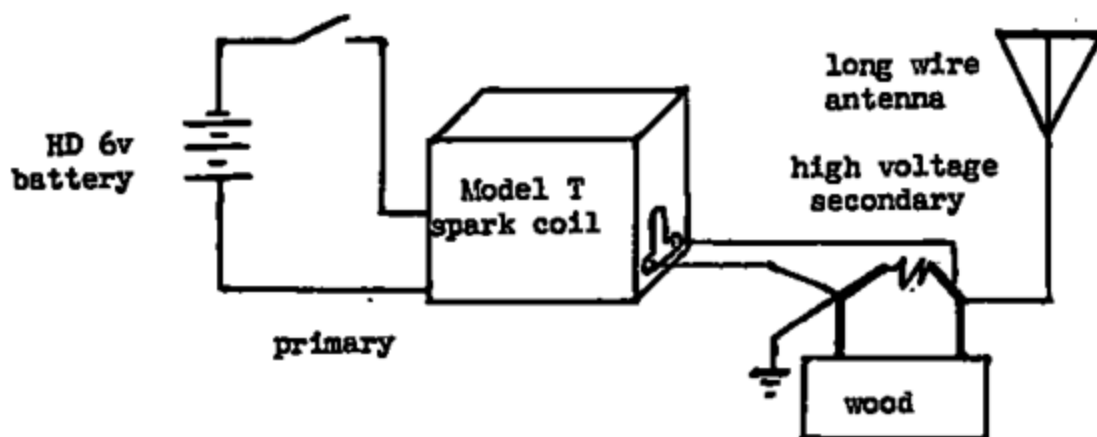
Included below are plans for a little device I used to play around with a few years back. It's the "Ford's Better Radio Jammer". Under good conditions it will fog out every (and that means all) radio receivers for about four blocks. The jammer is small, portable, hideable, easy to build, and cheap. You can put it in trees, fix it to cars, or place it just about anywhere. Carry it to your next police rally and really mess up their communications.

The diagram of the Model "T" Spark Coil is drawn from memory, so a few of the terminals may be misplaced - but the circuit is correct.

Buy a Model "T" Spark Coil at old car dealers, ham fairs, or J.C. Whitney. Wire the primary to a heavy 6 volt battery with a switch or timer. Wire the secondary wires each to a bent nail stuck in an insulator, and placed close enough together so a spark will jump all of the time. Run another wire from one of the nails to an earth ground, and the other nail to as long a wire as possible (up to around 100 feet).

Close the switch, and you're On The Air!

Your Friend,
6 PAK



Redeeming Social Value: Throw a pi at Them

If you've been enjoying Project UFO and accept the premise (as I do) that there are other (or maybe they're the ONLY) intelligent life forms in the galaxy, and that they've been visiting us, this jammer might be an ideal broadband transmitter to attract the attention of any UFO you may observe. Remember, they don't know Morse code or "local" constants, so try communicating in the universal languages of science and math. Broadcast pi (3.1415926...), e (2.71828...), Euler's constant (.57721566...), square roots, etc. Good luck!

JP

Tom, Jim, or whoever -

Got your last four issues promptly, thanks. WHAT A GREAT NEWSPAPER! Talk about Free Press! It is exactly what I have lived for, for years feeling alone in admiration of Guy Grand and Augustus Mandrell, installing phones and phone taps, and defrauding whomever I can. How wonderful to know there are many of us around the country.

Have you heard of some of the Harvard Lampoon's masterpieces? Such as: Stealing a terrific amount of earth-moving equipment, going to a major road in Boston, setting up a detour, digging a large hole, and then leaving. Anyone could do this, but then they called the police, told them the Lampoon had stolen the equipment and dug the hole. They then found a legitimate city construction area, reported to the police that the Lampoon was at it again, at that location, then went there, and told the construction workers that some people from the Lampoon had stolen a police car and some uniforms and might show up there to hassle the workers. And then stood back and watched.

Or the time they restaged the Battle of Hastings on the Charles River and the police stopped them as they were bringing the war elephants off the boats!

Keep Fighting -
MK

"The Survivor" is excellent and extremely informative. It's a Mother Earth News for pessimists. Volume I is \$6 and a subscription to Volume II is \$8, from Atlan Formularies, Box 586, Eureka, CA 95501. Atlan also publishes "The Poor Man's Armorer" edited by Clyde Barrow. A year's subscription is \$8. I saw the first issue and it was full of "hard to find" info.

JP

In case you haven't yet learned, a choice DEA working frequency is 165.2375 MHz. They also work the standard aircraft channels. If you want to know a frequency, a good idea is to pick up a surplus URM-50 or use a broad-band-coverage receiver and a good electronic counter, get in close proximity of the transmitter site you wonder about, and if the counter will not pick up the station directly (with the aid of a quarter wave whip), use the URM-50 or receiver as a pre-amplifier. You can read the frequency precisely in this manner. That's how I learned the FBI, DEA, and some of the others. I am in the communications business and believe me, it was impossible to get the freqs any other way!

Anyone can get frequencies of police stations in their particular areas (except for Feds) by calling this number and giving name and address and area of interest: 800-428-2326. This is the Electra division of Masco. (I hope this number is correct!) They make the Bearcat brand scanning receivers (which I sell at discount!) Their new model 210 covers every channel you can think of between 30 Mc and the top end of the UHF band. It will search out unknown frequencies and display the located frequency, in nice little readouts, for you. If you have an idea the unknown station is between 154 and 157 Mc as an example, you can program it to scan that portion of the spectrum and when the station you're looking for comes on, Whammo! it locks on it and gives you the exact frequency. You can then program this specific freq into the memory and let the search circuit continue searching for other stations! Smartest little piece of gear to come along in a long time! No station can hide from you when you got one of these babies. I know freqs of most gov't agencies, including their alternates, and this baby surprised me right off by locating a UHF channel the --- uses for their little shirt-pocket rigs that use the hidden wrist-watch, or other, microphones. Had no idea they had a channel in this particular region! These Model 210 rigs are hard to find. Delivery is slow. Last one I got in had a factory defect. American way of doing things, ya know...compared to imports! and I had to send it back to them. No exchange due to shortage of sets. But at \$369 it is quite a radio if anyone needs one that bad. No crystals to buy. It covers about 16,000 channels. Works at home or in the car!

Rumors are that US Marshall Service has funds for new repeaters, mostly on VHF/UHF. Soon as I get freqs, will send them if you want them. Also same for any ATF (Alcohol-Tobacco-Firearms) in this state. Maybe something different in other areas.

I have large quantities of Don the Ripper's stuff if anyone wants to swap, or just wants something, and will pay for copying (PO has sorry-assed machine at 15¢ a page). DB ripped me off with his come-hither lifetime subscription line. Never did get all of what was promised two years ago, and never an update or answer to my letters or phone calls, but I do have a small box full of his shit and although most of it is obsolete or uses WW2 tubes, someone might want something.

Here's one for you. Some kid fresh from California told me the guys out there put a spark plug in the bottom of a coffee can (remember coffee?), ran one of their car spark plug wires to it and used it to zap police radar. "Sparky" end of plug is inside can, through hole in bottom. Open end of can faces forward, sorta like an antenna, I 'spose. Heard anything about this?

Nickolai Testicle

Since you wrote us, the list price of the Bearcat 210 has dropped to \$289. It looks every bit as impressive as you claim.

JP

I am a freshman enrolled in Engineering at our local university. I am interested in power systems, mainly solar and wind. I am mad at ERDA for their efforts to produce large windplants for the power industry. We have a national grid to every home so any homeowner could produce his own power and sell it back to the national grid. There are expensive synchronous inverters on the market but the power companies will not let them be hooked up, much less pay you for the power you might give them (see Mother Earth News #40 interview) I am looking for plans, specifications, etc. on small inverters 1-10 KW. and I have information to trade.

JN

Since you wrote us, the guys on East 11th Street have won a court decision allowing them to sell their surplus wind-generated electricity back to Con Monopoly.

JP

Readers aren't the only ones writing letters. Mr. Phelps has also written a few. The first letter below appeared in the Free Libertarian Newsletter and the second letter is a reply from a U. S. Senator to a "gem" sent by our "Jim".

FELLOW LIBERTARIANS:

Enjoyed the article about Teletronics and their harassment by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph. (Oct.-Nov. issue--Ed.) California has a very strict law about publishing phone ripoff info. Rockefeller (surprise!) vetoed a similar bill in New York.

The demise of TEL leaves only TAP, the publication of the Technological Assistance Program (formerly the Technological American Party) to carry on the battle. Introduction of the Electronic Switching System and Common Channel Interoffice Signalling will make obsolete the Blue and Black Boxes, so we are diversifying into other areas. Recent articles have included; "Free Postage" (the stamp on this letter is coated with Elmer's Glue-All and is recyclable; soak it in water, say the magic words "Lysander Spooner," rub lightly, and the cancellation disappears); "Fighting the Biggest Monopoly of All" (by voting Libertarian, of course); "Give the Water Company a Blow Job" (alternate sources of energy); "Pen Pals Wanted" (Dostoevski said something about the best people being in prisons, didn't he?); "The Ultimate Red Box" (for "pay" phones); "Report on Bulletproof Vests," "Parking Meter Locks," "Misuse of the Social Security Number," and "Pay and Die?" (Death and Taxes are not inevitable; Rene Baxter's tax refusal plan).

We are always very careful to saturate our articles with "redeeming social value." For this reason, or possibly because Gerald Lefcourt has agreed to defend us on any charges of First Amendment violations, harassment has been minimal. Only "Pay or Die?" resulted in anything: a visit from the Gestapo. Two agent types parked outside our office in a conspicuously inconspicuous dark sedan and stared steadily up at our window for one afternoon.

Unlike TEL's mailing list, ours will not be surrendered. It is programmed to self-destruct in case of attack.

We're only a few doors away. Drop in any Wednesday, from 4 to 7 p.m., 1201 Broadway, Room 608. Meet Tom Edison, Al Bell, Mr. Phelps, Alexander Mundy, Simon Pure, Edward Extract, and the ever popular Name Withheld.

Jim Phelps
Advisable Missions Team

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Phelps,

Thank you for your letter of July 31 in which you asked "Did I hear you right? I'm for abolishing the whole Postal Department."

Yes, I am "guilty" of saying that at a recent press conference. The reporters were pressing me hard for answers to all the Postal Service problems and I said I would be in favor of abolishing the whole system. Anything would be an improvement!

Thank you too for the enclosed article (TAP #39!) on the Postal Service. I haven't had a chance to read it yet but I am taking it home with me tonight.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,
MILTON R. YOUNG

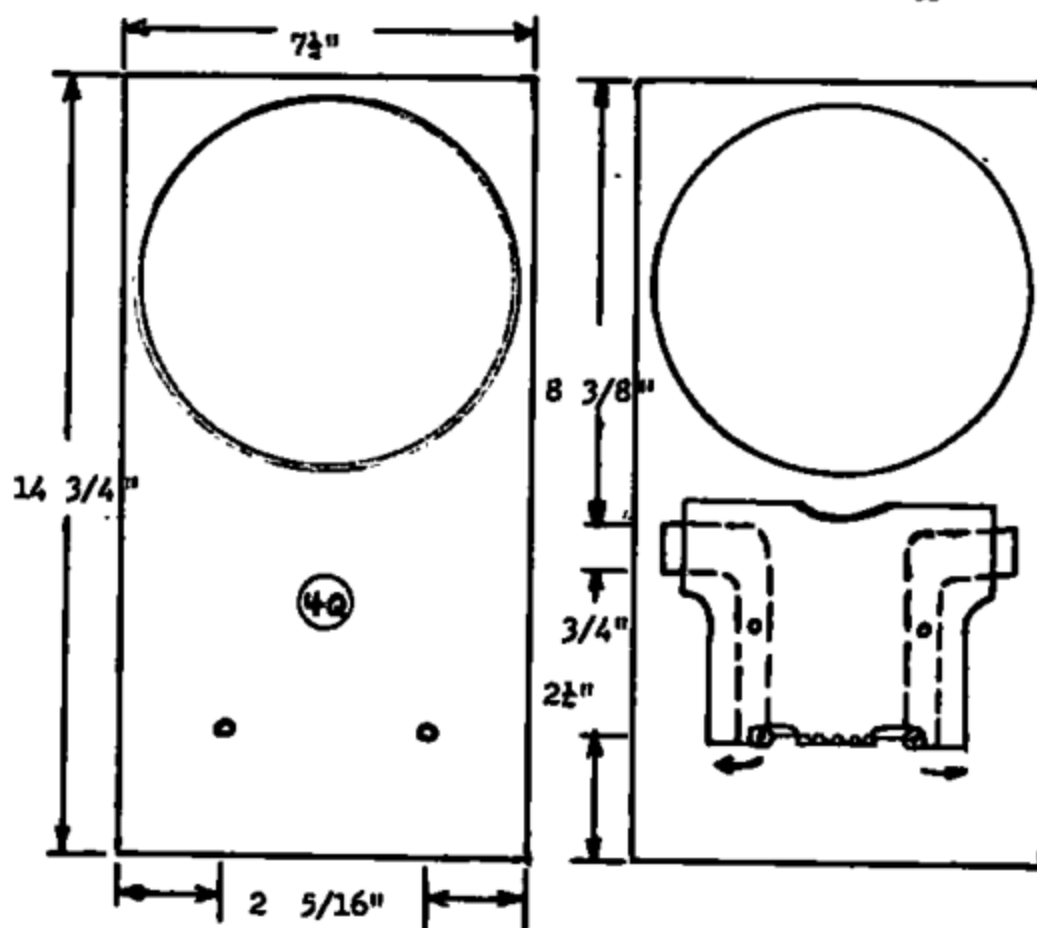
Getting Inside NJ PSE&G's Meter Box

We had an info request way back in Nos. 30-32 and just when we'd about given up, a reader came thru! Now I've finally written it up. This box is not too common, but, for what it's worth, here's some info on it. It may be useful for entering similar boxes.

The seal is ceramic and must be broken to remove the cover in the usual manner. But we're not interested in the usual manner, are we? There appear to be two ways to remove the cover without breaking the seal. One of the knockouts in the bottom can be removed, a screwdriver inserted (keeping it against the front cover or you may Zap yourself) and pushed as in the illustration. Use a replacement plug for the knockout and pop the cover back on when you're finished studying the meter. That's why you opened it, isn't it?

If you don't have access to the bottom because another box is in the way (or whatever), you can drill the cover with a $\frac{1}{8}$ " or so drill. Carefully! The latches are directly behind the drilling points and you don't want to damage them. When you're ready to replace the cover, fill the holes with Plastic Steel or equivalent, and repaint the cover.

JP



FORTRESS ALARM

Issue #30 is best received. Congratulations. PT&TCO now (1975) has fitted "sensitive" located paystations with an electronic "tamper device" which gives a silent alarm if any attempt to ripoff is made. Apparently experimental at present. Learned of three prosecutions where the artist was caught in the act. First plead not guilty, sentenced to prison; second plead guilty, got local time - 6 mos. and probation; third (19 yrs old) got 3 mos, \$300 fine and 3 years probation. At trial of first, during preliminary, the new device was described. It is on a card about 2" x 3" x $\frac{1}{4}$ " has a 16 lead IC and mercury switch and is line powered. Red and Green and Yellow leads pass thru it, plus three wires about a foot long. How and where they are connected are unknown.

Agent 921

The M-11 might be called the perfect assassination weapon. The U.S.-made hand machine gun fires bullets by gas propulsion without sound, flash or smoke and can empty its 32 round clip in approximately 1.7 seconds. It comes in two pieces, each nine inches long, and weighs about seven pounds. With it, one U.S. arms dealer says "I could kill a hundred people in the next room and you'd never hear it."

A dangerous trend is taking place in the world. Small, lightweight, easy-to-use arms like the M-11 are falling into the hands of all sorts of people. Small arms and even heat-seeking guided missiles like the Soviet built Strela launched by a man on the ground can knock a jetliner out of the sky at altitudes up to 6,560 feet. In 1973, Italian police burst in on a group of terrorists in an

apartment under the traffic pattern four miles from Leonardo da Vinci Airport near Rome. They had these Strela rockets.

Other weapons weighing less than 10 pounds can knock out a tank, speakers platform or automobile. The source of most of these weapons is National Guard armories in the United States. Other sources are arms dealers who operate out of "protected" countries. In the United States, one of the most popular weapons for terrorists is the AR-15. It is the civilian version of the military M-16. It is manufactured by Colt and can be bought in the U.S. by almost anyone.

Hi:

I've gotten back into Amateur radio after being inactive for about eleven years, and it is amazing the progress that has been made in many things that should be of interest to phone phreaks. Although not cheap, remote control of phones is quite easy and quite possible on little used frequencies in the 450 Mc bands (using split channels) and once the remote phone is dialed, full touch tone and blue box control would be possible. I discussed this with another phreak in San Francisco some time ago, about a group of phreaks getting together to share expenses on such a project. If such a unit was moved periodically, detection would be difficult.

The thing that really interests me, though, is the very real possibility of learning the microwave operating frequencies, and the satellite operating frequencies, and building equipment to break right into the microwave long distance equipment. With the proper radio transmitter, connected to a BB, you would be able to seize a long distance microwave line with a 2600 Hz tone, without going through the C.O. at all. This would make detection almost impossible. **BUT WE NEED THOSE FREQUENCIES.** I'd be very glad to work on such a project with anyone who'd like to give it a try!!!

Ever since the wife and I got busted we've played it super cool, but it doesn't mean that I've given up by a long shot. Enough for now; keep up the good work.

Agent 948

Dear TAP

I was just rereading #39. I'll bet that if someone wrote the John Birch Society a nice letter (300 Concord Ave, Belmont, Mass) they'd be glad to help you "fight Communism" by sending you some of their "stamps".

Want an amusing book to read? Try the "Viking Process" by Norman Hartley. It couldn't happen? Knowing the things AT&T has done, I wouldn't bet on that.

I wonder - could the push button light switch from a refrigerator door be used for an off/on switch for an extension phone? That way if someone else used the extension, they couldn't forget to put the switch in the "off" position when done.

See Page 122 of Jimmy Breslin's book 'How the Good Guys Finally Won (the only funny Watergate book). It turns out that Tip O'Neill, the House Majority leader, is an ex-phone phreak.

Another book that's good for killing a couple of nights is Pipe Line by Milt Machlin (Pyramid). It's a novel but some of it is based on fact. One thing the author brings up is the possibility that OPEC did what it did largely at the urging of America's oil companies! i.e. the companies whose oil wells are in America. By jacking up the price of Arab crude, their oil suddenly became very competitive in price and, of course, any they sold to the Japanese, etc. would bring in 6 times the profit it did before.

Agent 038

Verrrry interesting! Whenever any of our readers can't locate a book mentioned in TAP, check Books in Print or Paperback Books in Print, available in almost any library and in most large bookstores.

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Bars and stripes

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — Georgia prison officials may have outsmarted themselves a few years ago when they decided inmates should wear blue jeans and cotton work shirts.

Now many prison visitors are wearing the same thing and it's causing a problem. Corrections Commissioner David Evans says too many inmates are mingling with visitors and walking out of the state prisons.

Inmates who escape "don't even have to go to the trouble of finding other clothes," said another corrections official. "They fit right in."

Evans told the Board of Offender Rehabilitation at a meeting Wednesday that inmates will have to switch back to more distinctive garb. He suggested white uniforms with a blue stripe down each pants leg.

INFORMATION WANTED

Alright, technophreaks. We're interested in some info on the following:

Pay cable TV: liberate video! HBO etc. What decoding methods do they use?

2600 Hz muting of calls: sources claim that by using this tone you can 'black box' calls. Is this true? Where? Microcomputers and fones: Recently saw an ad for IMSAI 8048 CPU which showed a picture of a home experimenter hooking it up to (gasp) his fone! Lots of fun could be had here - call forwarders, finding WATS extenders codes, etc. What are you doing to spread the digital revolution?

Blue and Black Box detectors/defeaters:

How? Where? Rumors abound - What's this about tones being used to detect black boxes?

"Greasy Kid Stuff" Information Wanted

That's what all you superadvanced electronics types will call my request for info on a build-it-myself inverter. 12v DC (auto) input and 110-115v AC 60Hz output, with 500-600 watt capacity. Wave form anything that'll operate AC-only stuff. Sure, I could buy one, but that's no fun. Any info on winding my own transformer, inverter theory, and of course, a debugged schematic would be appreciated. Maybe I'll be able to come up with a way to use it illegally.

Jim Phelps

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