

RADIO AIDING IN CRIME DETECTION

This Method Used in Police Cars in 14 Cities and Wider Use Is Predicted

It is no longer quite safe to be professionally criminal, even in the more crime-hardened districts of New York and Chicago, since radio has entered the field of crime detection.

The Federal Radio Commission some time ago set aside three short-wave frequencies exclusively for police operations.

Now police cars cruising the streets of 14 cities, with receiving sets tuned to the signals of stations out of the reach of the ordinary listener, wait only a flash from "headquarters," before they are off to the scene of murder, burglary or petty theft.

Quick Work

There have been instances of arrests within 30 seconds of the time this signal was given. On the average only one minute is necessary for the police car to reach the scene of crime.

So successful have been early experiments that the Radio Commission has been asked to broaden its present policy. The three frequencies now in use already are "overcrowded," the commission is informed, and additional assignments in time will be necessary.

Lieut. Kenneth Cox, of the Chicago Police department, which holds construction permits for three police

radio stations and is planning to establish a fourth has made repeated representations to the commission on this score.

Cox told the commission that in cutting down the "escape period," crime's latest scientific adversary deals with the most vital phase of the police problem.

Predicts Spread

In a few years every city of over 20,000 population will establish a radio police force, says Cox. As there are 550 cities of this size in the United States, the situation demands that the commission form a definite and more liberal policy, he argues.

According to Lieut. E. K. Jett, the commission's short wave engineer, there are only 25 frequencies in the "mobile band," available for police service, and of those, three already are in use. The entire twenty-five would not be enough should the expansion anticipated by Lieut. Cox come to pass according to Jett.

The following fourteen cities now are operating a police radio service under license of the commission:

New York, Baltimore, Seattle, Wash., Harrisburg, Pa.; Butler, Pa.; Reading, Pa.; Highland Park, Mich.; Belle Isle, Mich.; Farmingham, Mass.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Dallas, Tex., and Cleveland, Ohio.

Woman Hurt in Auto Accident Files Suit

Mrs. Emma Cook of Chicago, who was injured in an auto accident by a car driven by Viola Fisher of Highland Park, between Libertyville and

Mundelein last spring, has filed suit for \$10,000 damages in the circuit clerk's office, says the Waukegan News.

There is also a \$10,000 damage suit pending for the same accident,

brought by the woman's husband, a Chicago school teacher, who is seeking to recover damages for the wreck of his car and the loss of his wife's services.



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