## **Phones of 6 Governors** Were Incorrectly Wired 15 11/10/70

The and Telegraph Company has Where wiring errors have found that civil defense tele been found, the mistake "is or phones in the offices of cir will be corrected," the spokesphones in the offices of six man said. governors were incorrectly wired so that conversations in vate electronics expert making the offices could be moni- a routine check of his office tored, but only if the lines discovered that the civil dewere tapped nearby, a com. fense phone - part of the na-pany spokesman said yester, tional warning system inday.

The Tuesday by AT&T after Mary-land Gov. Marvin Mandel revealed that his phone could phone was cradled. The phone serve as a listening device, un- could not amplify the convercovered wiring errors in the sations, however, and any po-"hot line" phones in five other tential eavesdropper would states-Delaware, Pennsylva, have had to tap the line. nia, Illinois, Utah and Arkansas

In 38 other states, a com-pany spokesman said, "no wiring errors or conditions that would permit cavesdropping of any kind were found " any further. of any kind were found."

The phones in five more See PHONES, All, Col. 1

American . Telephone | states remain to be examined.

According to Mandel, a pristalled by AT&T affiliates phone survey, begun was capable of picking up and transmitting conversations in Mandel's office while the

> The telephone company said that the phone had been improperly wired but that a safeguard inside the statehouse would prevent transmissions

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would be "very difficult" to monitor conversations from Arkansas Gov monitor conversations from Arkansas Gov. Winthrop outside the statehouse, but that it could be done "It reached for comment. would take almost a labora-fory to do it," Boyle said. Man-del said he would have the

wiring error was unintentional Rampton said, "He took quite

telephones including those in taken on an awfully dull task." the governors' offices in executive mansions or in statehouses. The governors' phones duplicate those operated by the "state warning point."

These phones are connected to three transmission points of the North American Air Defense Command: At Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., in a two-story underground building in Denton. Tex., and at a classified location "outside Washington." According to the Office of Civil Defense, the system costs about \$1 million annually for maintenance and operation

The phones are special, fourwire circuit devices designed to insure at least one-way transmission in an emergency. A spokesman for AT&T said last night that the wiring error could not in any way be dup-licated on normal household telephones, which are differently constructed. Another company official said the phone company is preparing a complete explanation of the error for the public.

Delaware Gov. Russell W. Peterson learned that his phone was capable of eavesdropping after Mandel called him about the Maryland phone:

Pennsylvania Gov. Raymond P. Shafer had his phone checked earlier in the week by the phone company and announed that it had no prob-

flem. A spokesman for Shafer said yesterday that Shafer's Mandel's electronics expert, phone had not been checked Edward Boyle, said that it since and that he was unaware

del said he would have the emphatically not upset" by the phone moved out of his office. wiring defect disclosure. An Boyle said he thought the aide to Utah Gov. Calvin L. because if it were deliberate, "it wouldn't be that obvious." The national warning sys-tem is made up of about 1,600 vate conversations, they had