

# Secret Plan Revealed To 'Wire the Nation'

## Washington

A secret White House study of plans to wire every American home, car and boat into a central communications system under government control was made public yesterday by Representative William S. Moorhead (Dem - Pa.).

The study, prepared for President Nixon's Domestic Council envisioned a "wired nation" that would provide the government with a disaster-warning system and a means of dispensing a wide variety of services and information.

### SYSTEM

It provides also, said Moorhead, a blueprint for a government-operated propaganda and spy system. He asked President Nixon to inform the nation about the administration's intent and to make available more information about the plan.

At the White House, press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said he was unaware of any such report but declared, "I am sure this administration will not even propose or proceed with something like that."

The study in Moorhead's possession is stamped "Administratively Confidential" on each of its 300 pages. It is dated August 1971 and is described as a preliminary response to a request for the study by Edward E. David Jr., Mr. Nixon's science adviser.

Moorhead said the plan is "a blueprint for the big brother and spy system which George Orwell warned about in his novel '1984.'"

### RESPONSE

Moorhead's statement was called "absurd" by John Lannan, a spokesman for David's office, who said the congressman was apparently "talking about a report which is now dead and buried in our files."

"That report was part of the new technological opportunities program which was conducted last fall," Lannan said. "It was evaluated on a technical level here in the office of science and technology and it was completely rejected out of hand."

The study contains detailed descriptions of systems for sending letters by

## Sen. Buckley Speaks Tonight In San Jose

U.S. Senator James Buckley of New York will be the principal speaker tonight at the United Republican Finance Committee annual dinner in San Jose.

The \$100-a-plate affair will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. in the Mediterranean Center at the San Jose Hyatt House.

Buckley, a member of the Conservative party in New York, will urge the reelection of President Nixon.

Tickets to the affair may be obtained by calling 736-1204 or at the door.

satellite; disseminating educational, cultural and social services through a public broadcasting network; alerting the nation or any locality to an impending disaster, and providing local police with information they need to combat crime.

The basis of the disaster-warning system discussed in the study is the required installation of a special receiver in every home radio and television set and in every car and boat sold in the United States. The receivers could be turned on by the government to broadcast

warnings and advice about disasters.

The study contains also charts of a proposed television network linking every state, city and home which would be the heart of a wide-ranging system of public-service programs, including special educational programs for children.

### CHANNELS

It says such a system could be launched by 1975 with two fulltime broadcasting channels, expanding to six channels by 1978 and to ten by 1980. One channel would be devoted entirely to children's programs, the study says, and the others could be targeted to special groups.

Throughout the study the authors, described merely as members of "working groups on government and commercial services and communications capabilities," described their efforts as aimed at making the most effective use of modern communications techniques in dealing with national problems.

They make only one brief reference to any concern that might arise over the issue of government invasion of privacy.

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