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New Phone Dial Offered As All-Digit Alternative

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27 (AP). — A college professor thinks he has a solution to that bane of bad memories — all-digit dialing.

His remedy: Put a new dial on the telephone.

Dr. Leslie K. Kaeburn, physicist-mathematician at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, says it would work this way: Telephone companies say there aren't enough letter-number combinations on the present dial to take care of growing needs. But the present dial has letters in only eight of the 10 numeral openings — three letters in each of eight openings.

A new dial with 10 numbers and 20 letters — two to each numeral — would provide a system capable of handling as much growth as the all-number system.

Dr. Kaeburn testified yesterday

at a State Public Utilities Commission hearing into protests against all-digit dialing.

The protesting subscribers were headed by Edward L. Blincoe, president of the Utility Users League of California, and James J. Oppen, an attorney.

They complain that not only is it difficult to remember all those numbers but that a subscriber can't tell the difference between a local and toll call.

A Pacific Telephone Co. executive testified that less than one-eighth of 1 per cent of its subscribers have protested against the new system.

Mr. Oppen also is seeking permanent court injunction against the all-number system.

And he's asking the State Commission to hold up publication of the San Fernando Valley telephone book — due out January 22 — until the dispute is settled.

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