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# Telephone talk sweeps the globe

Hong Kong, Taiwan and Turkey moved into the category of each having a million or more telephones as the world added more than 21 million new telephones during 1975.

These and other statistics are contained in the current edition of "The World's Telephones," a booklet published annually by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.'s Long Lines department.

Information on some 1,400 principal cities located throughout the world is contained in the 28-page booklet. The material is dated as of Jan. 1, 1976, and is the most recent available since it takes a year to gather and publish the data.

According to the booklet, the number of telephones in the world as of Jan. 1, 1976, was 379.6 million, an increase of 21.2 million, or 5.3 per cent over 1975. It marked the first time in 20 years that the annual rate of increase dipped below six per cent.

The three new entries on the list of places having more than a million telephones brought to 36 the number of political entities sharing this distinction.

Still at the top of this list is the United States with 148 million telephones in service. Japan is a distant second with 44 million, and the United Kingdom is third with 21 million.

IN FOURTH place with 17 million phones is the Soviet Union. Fifth and sixth places are held by Italy with 14 million and France with nearly 14 million.

Since they have the most telephones by far, it follows that Americans are the most talkative. They placed 20.6 billion local and long distance calls during 1975, a record number. Japan again was a distant second in this category with 45.7 billion calls.

An indication that France also is a talkative nation can be found in the fact that although that country ranked sixth in the number of telephones, it ranked third in the number of calls, with 29.3 billion for the year.

Telephone growth among countries was paced by Brazil where the number of telephones jumped 27.1 percent for the year to a total of 3.4 million. Second in the growth category was Taiwan with an increase of 24.1 percent to a total of 1.1 million. The United States had an increase of 3.3 percent for the year.

In terms of telephones per 100 population, the United States continued to lead with 69.5 phones for every 100 citizens.

**SWEDEN WAS SECOND** in this category with a per capita telephone count of 66.97 per 100 citizens. Third was Switzerland with 61.69 telephones per 100 population. The world average is 9.1 telephones for each 100 persons.

In the United States, Washington again claimed the distinction of having the most telephones per 100 population—140.4. The nation's capital is one of seven American cities having more phones than people. The others are Southfield, 133.0; Champaign, Ill., 110.9; San Francisco, Calif., 105.6; Palo Alto, Calif., 103.0; Fullerton, Calif., 102.9 and Newport Beach, Calif., 101.7.

"The World's Telephones" notes the fact that that of the 379.6 million telephones in the world, the Bell System connects with 373.3 million, or 98.5 percent, of them.



## It'll haunt you

Farmington Observer reporter Louise Okrutsky found out what some Farmington area residents thought of her "Tinkering Around" column speaking out against the sentiment that the Farmington area was rural. Some ingenious reader brought in two freshly laid eggs, as the note said, "delivered" in Farmington. (Staff photo)

## Hillel presents music recital

Hillel Day School, 32200 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, will present a music recital featuring Sara Zivian of Oak Park and Risa Sears of Southfield on June 5, at 7 p.m.

Ms. Zivian, a voice student of Marko Rothmuller at Indiana University, will perform works by Mozart, Purcell, Faure, Schubert and selections from American musicals. She is a mezzo-soprano.

Ms. Sears, a music education major at Oakland University, will perform piano pieces by Beethoven, Poulenc and other 20th century composers. She has studied with Mischa Kotler, Flavio Varani and is presently with Kent McDonald.

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