

DIAL YOUR OWN TRUNKS.

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One of these days you'll be able to dial any trunk number you want.

~~A new era for users of Britain's trunk telephone system took its first step when the Queen opened the country's most modern~~ ^{new service}

^{at the new} telephone exchange at Bristol - ^{and saw an exhibition of old} ~~And with it a whole new system~~ ^{time telephones.}

~~for making long distance calls..... For this is the first of the~~ ^{which means in the jargon of the Post Office plain English}

S.T.D. exchanges - Subscriber Trunk Dialing. ~~In future subscribers on~~

~~this exchange will be able to get many numbers direct, just by~~ ^{You dial 3 figures for the town you want, before you dial the number.}

~~dialing three figures, for the exchange they want, before the~~

~~number.The Queen made the first call, on the automatic~~

~~nation-wide hookup. Her call was to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh,~~ ^{It was}

~~and it was as good a Scot as he should be he'll appreciate the~~ ^{who a would}

~~cheapness, as well as the efficiency of the new system.(SOUND)~~

~~In future every call from Bristol will cost 2d. whatever the distance~~

~~But how long you can talk for your 2d depends on the distance. And~~

~~Eventually the system will spread all over the country.(SOUND)~~

~~and With the first call, the Queen's call, completed, S.T.D. is~~ ^{So with}

~~on its way. And the first to benefit? 18000 subscribers on~~

~~Bristol Central. are the first to benefit.~~