STATE POLICE CENTER UTILIZED
Convention in Honolulu
Necessitates Action

Baton Rouge, La.—Gen. Thomas D. Burbank, director of public safety and superintendent of state police, officially opened an international law enforcement communications system Monday, linking the continental United States with the International Association of Police Chiefs’ Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Gen. Burbank said the Honolulu message sub-station has been tied into the computerized communications system used by the Louisiana State Police, and the computer center at state police headquarters will serve throughout the week as a switching center for all law enforcement agencies in the United States wishing to communicate with delegates at the Honolulu convention.

Transmissions between the state communications headquarters in Baton Rouge and other law enforcement agencies in the U.S. will utilize the standard LETS network connecting all states. Messages between Baton Rouge and Honolulu, however, will utilize the highly advanced computer communications center installed by the state police early this year. The UNIVAC 418 computer will flash messages and information back and forth between Baton Rouge and Hawaii instantaneously, Burbank said.

NOW IN USE at State Police headquarters in Baton Rouge is this UNIVAC 418 computer. In addition to its “space age” communications duties, the computer also handles such administrative functions as payroll preparations, driver registrations and records, and storage of data on crimes and criminals.

REACH OFFICES
The effective combination of the two communications systems at state police headquarters in Baton Rouge will enable delegates at the convention within easy reach of their home offices, and also make readily available any information stored by the Louisiana State Police, other law enforcement agencies, or the F.B.I. National Crime Information Center in Washington, D.C.

Burbank said information on hand at state police headquarters can be relayed to Honolulu in less than two seconds by the computer system, and information retrieved from the F.B.I.’s National Crime Information Center in Washington can be relayed in less than 23 seconds.

The F.B.I. center is linked directly to the state police computer system.

Communications requiring the use of the LETS network will, of course, require somewhat longer relay times.

STATION LINKS
The computerized communications center at state police headquarters was installed and placed into operation in March of 1963, in the Vail M. Delony Data Processing Center at the headquarters complex on South Foster dr. Computer substations have also been established at all state police troop headquarters throughout the state, at the New Orleans Police Department, the Department of Institutions, the Division of Administration at the State Capitol, and the National Crime Information Center in Washington.

Plans are now underway to bring into the system all sheriff’s departments and large municipal police departments in the state that desire to have access to the computer system. When those plans are enacted, the total number of agencies utilizing the Louisiana State Police system will approach 100.

The ultimate result of the ultra-modern system will place every police officer, sheriff’s deputy, and state policeman in Louisiana within seconds of any information available from the installed state police or the F.B.I.’s crime information center, and within minutes of information available from any other state in the nation, according to Gen. Burbank.