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A City of Ideas

THE GREAT national system of gathering and analyzing weather observations and thereby predicting weather conditions in all parts of the United States grew out of a modest beginning made in Cincinnati more than a half century ago. The work of Professor Abbe led to a unified national system under the U.S. Weather Bureau.

It is possible that Cincinnati also will have the distinction of having inaugurated a movement that will result finally in a unified national police system.

The idea of regional police co-operation, which brought into being the Cincinnati Regional Police Association, is spreading. The Cincinnati regional area comprises the Ohio counties of Hamilton. Clermont, Butler and Warren and Kenton and Campbell counties in Kentucky. Police in all of this area are co-operating in their war upon crime, with Station X, the Cincinnati headquarters police radio broadcasting station, functioning as a common medium of quick communication of information.

Now counties to the north, in an area surrounding the city of Dayton and adjoining the Cincinnati area, are planning similar regional co-operation, with the Dayton police radio station in touch with the whole region.

The next logical step would be police cooperation between the Cincinnati and Dayton areas, with rapid interchange of police information between the two broadcasting stations.

It is not difficult to see how this system could be extended thruout the state and nation until the police activities of the entire country were co-ordinated.

It will be a sorry day for the criminal when this comes to pass.