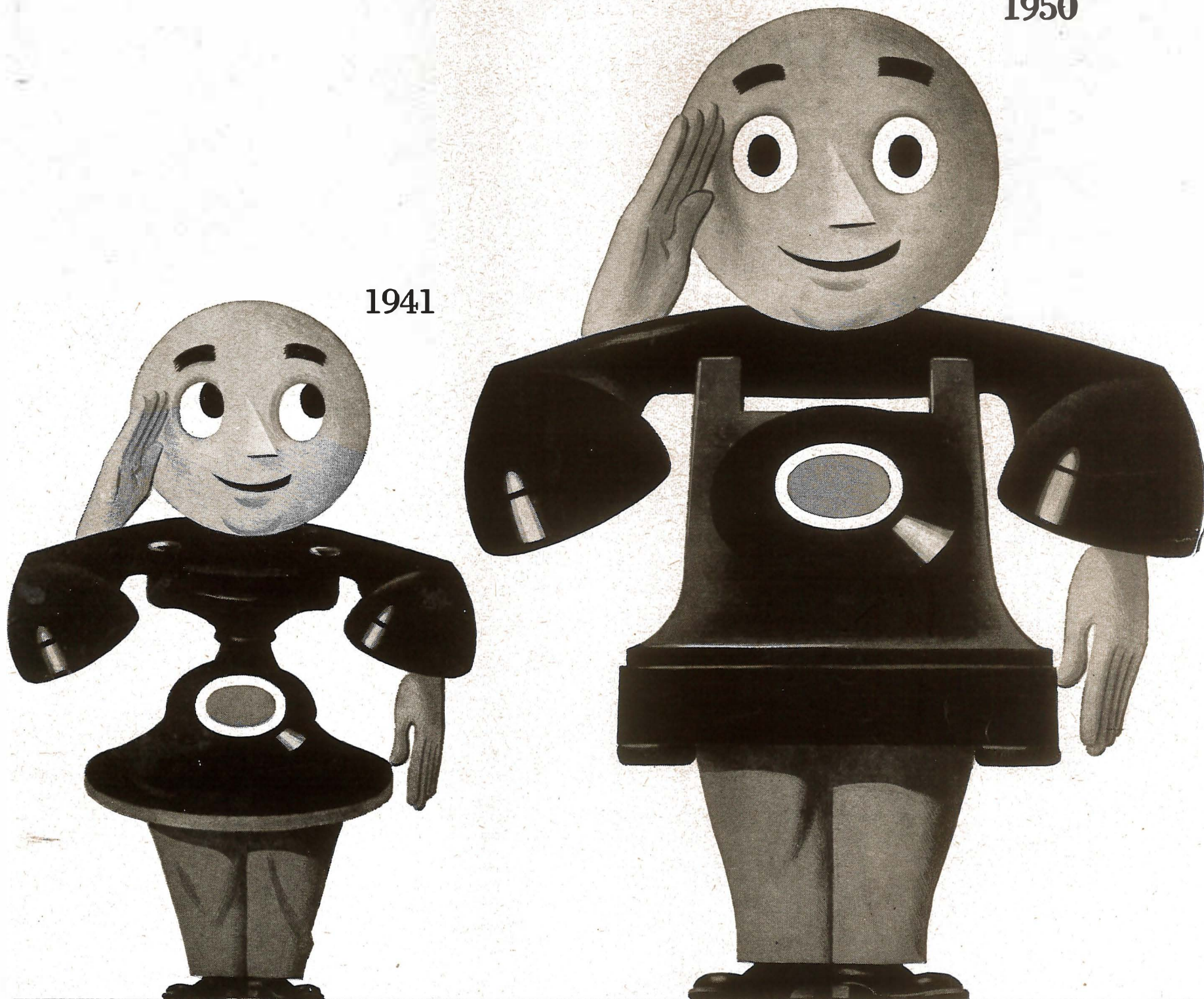


1950

1941



## Good thing he's grown

He seemed like a big fellow in the rush days of 1941. But it's a good thing he's bigger today. For the telephone system of nine years ago couldn't possibly do today's job.

Since 1941, the Bell System has increased the number of telephones by more

than 16,000,000. There are nearly twice as many now as nine years ago.

Millions of miles of Long Distance circuits have been added. Billions of dollars have been spent for new equipment. The number of Bell Telephone employees has increased to more than 600,000.

Times like these emphasize the benefits of such growth and the value of a strong, healthy telephone company to serve the Nation's needs.

For now, more than ever, the Nation depends on telephone service to get things done and speed the job of defense.

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