

CLEAVER, ZODIAC, COOPER, DOHRN - THEY'RE ALL WANTED

Where Did All Those Fugitives Go?

By Dick Alexander

Will Eldridge Cleaver ever come back to his homeland? Whatever became of Teddy Nelson? (Remember the two Black Panthers who walked out of an Oakland jail with \$18,000 in cash almost nine years ago?) And where is D. B. Cooper?

These are among at least 12 "fugitives" from justice who also have graced headlines in recent years. Ironically, nearly all have Bay Area roots. Their alleged crimes range from bank robbery to bombing, bank劫持 to cop killing.

West Coast

Three are members of the violently radical Weatherman group and three are part of the Black Liberation Army. Two names in particular seem to be dedicated to killing police officers.

To the 12 the chronologically, it appears they go back to June 23, 1964, when the bald-faced Nelson, then 20, made his bank haul and vanish.

Nelson, perhaps the least fearsome and most romantic of the kidnappers, doubtless probably justified his crime alone.

A court-ordered, clemency-received, in a year and a half he worked his way up from messenger to change clerk if the Oakland Bank of Commerce, 18th Street and Telegraph Avenue. He was untrained to handle large sums of money.

On Nov. 15, 1968, in the early morning he left his sunny Nob Hill apartment carrying a shopping bag. In it, apparently, was a \$10,000 bill and Matilda, to give the animal to a female employee because his landlord told him to get rid of the story goes.

About an hour later, Nelson presented himself at the vault door of the bank for \$140,000, which he was to bundle and send to supermarkets. He put the money into a safe and (at potential \$47,440) he had gathered earlier from cash drawers and sauntered out of the bank, never to be seen again before disappearing into infinity.

Trigger Man

On Nov. 15, 1968, William Lee, 20, then a Black Panther captain and a two-time loser to San Quentin, was the alleged trigger man in a shooting between Black and Black Panthers near the Hall of Justice. Three policemen were wounded in the raid, which triggered a service station hold-up.

When Brent was apprehended, Cleaver, in his mind seemed to be standard procedure for Panthers caught in the act. It was announced Brent was being expelled from the party.

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THE ZODIAC

charges of "aggravated battery" after allegedly striking a policeman during a protest in Chicago's Grant Park.

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Most Wanted

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The last communication from Zodiak was on March 22, 1971, a picture postcard from the Philippines. Taken with the lettering "12."

One of the most baffling disappearances is that involving Stephen Mitchell Birmingham, 36, of Oakland, a radical, counterculture, of distinction, Connecticut Yankee, Yale '64.

On Aug. 21, 1971, Birmingham was found dead in a five corner of a room, stemming from a San Quentin escape attempt 10 days earlier and other inmates and three guards were slain.

Believed Dead

The state says Birmingham managed on Aug. 21 to deliver an automatic pistol to

persons in July, 1969, claiming three murders in a series of the country or was part of the radical underground.

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Jackson before disappearance

Bingham's father, a Salmon, Conn., attorney, noted that his son had vanished from the family home in Woodstock, Conn., and he might have met with foul play. Authorities disagreed and were investigating Bingham as a "live case."

Already a living legend — or possibly a dead one — is the man known as "B" or "the man in the rain slicker," who has been listed as the first of the rare sun skylanders.

On Nov. 24, 1971, Thanksgiving weekend, with \$300,000 strapped to his chest, he leaped from the rear end of a Northwest-bound airplane during the murky night and hasn't been seen again.

It is not known what appeared to be a homemade bomb in a carrying case, he hijacked the plane shortly after takeoff from Portland for Seattle.

The FBI is convinced he bailed out over southwestern Washington and landed at 9877-601 in Mt. St. Helens and the Columbia River.

Tony Black, Liberator American, was believed involved in police killing cases in San Francisco and New York are fugitives. They are accused of killing police in the fatal Ingleside police station ambush of August, 1971, and former Black Panther Field Marshal Donald

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with a total maximum penalty of several hundred years in prison.

Stanford Degree

Kaufman, 35, was born in Milwaukee, served in the Army in the late 1950s and obtained a degree in psychology from Stanford in 1965 with a thesis about color discrimination among pigs.

Bell, 24, a Cleaver adherent, also is being sought in the slaying of four New York residents. His last known address was 345 Divisadero St., San Francisco.

He also has been identified in three pictures taken by a hidden camera as one of five blacks who staged a well-known bank robbery of the Bernal Heights Branch of the Bank of America on Cortland Avenue on Sept. 20, 1971.

Key Suspect

Bell was a key suspect in the hijacking of a San Francisco-to-Los Angeles jet a year ago last month.

Cox, 35, was arrested in April, 1968, in a raid on San Francisco's Ingleside police station and charged with having a shotgun. In April, 1972, his \$250 bail was forfeited and he failed to appear for trial.

Another celebrated fugitive is a gentle, sensitive young man known to his friends as Ronald Kaufman. But to the FBI he is a suspect in the planting of bombs in safe deposit boxes in San Francisco and Chicago.

On Jan. 7, 1972, he vanished without a trace. If found, he faces indictment

Kaufman's fingerprints

matched prints on bombs and box rental receipts.

Chicago

Which brings us back to Cleaver, who had lived in Chicago since 1969 after fleeing the U.S. rather than face trial for his role as a parole violator. He set up the International section of the Black Panther Party in Chicago, but was arrested in 1970 when he openly criticized American Panther leaders for not engaging in violent guerrilla activities.