

Randolph Hearst's daughter kidnaped by two gunmen

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Where Mayor's wife was

By Stephen Cook and Russ
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Angelina Alito, wife of the Mayor, was late at home today after an 18-day absence during which, Alito's office said, she toured California missions in "a desperate attempt to secure some measure of personal privacy."

This privacy, the statement declared, "has been increasingly denied to her in public life."

The announcement tended to bolster rumors that Mrs. Alito had grown weary of her husband's busy political activities and had been urging him to quit his campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor.

The statement made no mention of any possible change in his plans. However, he scheduled a press conference for later in the day, and it was assumed the matter would be discussed then.

The blonde, 39-year-old San Francisco "first lady" vanished from her \$65-a-day Palm Springs bungalow in a rented Ford at 11:30 p.m. Jan. 18.

Until yesterday, the Mayor kept her disappearance secret from all but members of the family and the police. A discreet search of resorts, hotels, hospitals and clinics in Southern California and four neighboring states turned up no clue to her whereabouts.

Yesterday afternoon, Alito's office disclosed that she was missing.

Mrs. Alito learned of the search while in Santa Cruz visiting the last of 14 missions on what the Mayor's office called a "pilgrimage."

She telephoned home last night. A son, Joseph M., drove to Santa Cruz to pick her up and returned her to the family home in Presidio Terrace about 3 a.m.

The statement issued this morning said "Mrs. Alito, who is deeply religious, sought solitude in a pilgrimage to a number of California missions beginning in San Diego and concluding in Santa Cruz where she heard news reports concerning her."

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PATRICIA HEARST AND HER BETROTHED, STEVEN WEED
They're shown at time of their engagement announcement last December.

—Examiner Photo

Nixon outlines his plans for national health insurance

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Describing national health insurance as "an idea whose time has come in America," President Nixon said today the insurance plan he will send Congress tomorrow will offer protection to everyone without adding to federal taxes.

In a speech to the Ameri-

can Hospital Association convention here, Nixon said there is widespread support in Washington for some form of comprehensive health insurance.

While arguing his proposal is best, Nixon indicated he would be willing to compromise with Congress on the question.

"Let us act sensibly and let us act now in 1974," he added.

The President said he would send Congress a package embracing three separate but related insurance plans that would cover every American.

At the same time, Nixon argued against "an extreme program that would require \$80 billion or \$100 billion in federal funds."

Nixon drew a round of applause when he declared:

"There are those who say that health services in America can only be improved and extended by the federal government, and with that I totally disagree."

He previously was referring to proposals by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.)

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Patricia, 19, seized in Berkeley raid

By Jerry Belcher and Jay Bowworth

Patricia Hearst, 19-year-old daughter of Examiner editor Randolph A. Hearst, was kidnaped from a Berkeley townhouse last night in what was described as a "commando-like" raid.

A neighbor said she heard shots, then saw two men carrying the struggling girl out of the building. "She was half-dressed, naked from the waist up," she said. "She screamed, 'Please let me go!'"

Her abductors forced her into the trunk of an old model Chevrolet convertible and sped off, firing several shots as they went, witnesses told Berkeley police.

A second vehicle, an old white station wagon, roared off at the same time. Witnesses said gunfire also erupted from the station wagon. No one was hit.

A nationwide search was under way for Miss Hearst. The FBI entered the case almost immediately.

Peter Benenson of Berkeley also may have been kidnaped for the use of his 1963 Chevrolet convertible, found abandoned late last night.

Benenson was reported safe at mid-morning but his whereabouts were unknown.

His sister, Anne Benenson, said he telephoned her this morning. "He was very upset and wouldn't tell us anything," she said. "But he is all right."

Miss Hearst's fiancé, Steven Weed, 26, and a young neighbor who tried to help them were viciously battered and kicked during the raid. Both men's hands were bound.

Weed broke free, escaped from the apartment and tried to summon help.

Police intelligence sources feared that the mysterious Symbionese Liberation Army might be involved. The underground SLA has claimed responsibility for the Nov. 4 assassination of Oakland School Superintendent Marcus Foster and is known to have compiled a list of wealthy East Bay and San Francisco residents as kidnap targets.

Three kidnapers broke into Weed's apartment at 380 Benvenue Ave. at 9:21 p.m., using phony traffic accident story to gain entry.

One of the raiders was a young white woman. She was with two black men, both armed either with rifles or shotguns. Other members of the gang may have been waiting outside.

Witnesses said Miss Hearst appeared to be blindfolded as she was hauled to the street.

Police said that an expended .38 caliber cartridge from a Browning automatic pistol was found on the front seat of the convertible.

They believe at least five shots were fired at the scene, although several witnesses said there were more.

By mid-day the kidnapers had not attempted to contact The Examiner or the Hearst family.

Miss Hearst and her fiancé are students at the University of California.

Weed said the young woman began the cool but violent invasion of the two-story townhouse.

He told police the woman came to the door, said she had been in a traffic accident and wanted to phone for help.

The two black men then burst in with guns.



PATRICIA HEARST, KIDNAP VICTIM
Editor's daughter was abducted, her fiancé beaten.

—Examiner Photo

The story was known to Bay Area news media hours before it was made public. The FBI and Berkeley police asked that the story be withheld to protect the victim. The silence was broken about 10 a.m. by radio stations.

Weed said he believed the kidnaping was carefully planned. The apartment probably had been "cased" by another white woman and a black man two nights before.

He also said robbery did not seem to be the motive, although his wallet with \$20 was taken.

Berkeley police theorized that Benenson, an employee of the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, was a chance victim of the plot.

His convertible was found 25 minutes after the kidnaping. It was parked on Tanglewood Road, about a mile from the enshuttled apartment.

Police connected the abandoned car with the kidnaping about 11 p.m.

Two shopping bags labeled "Coop," a Berkeley supermarket, were found in the car. When police went to Benenson's home, they found the bags.

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Nixon freezes cost of truckers' fuel

Associated Press

Examiner News Services

WASHINGTON—President Nixon, responding to complaints by independent truckers, today ordered an immediate freeze on the retail price of diesel fuel.

Federal Energy Director William E. Simon said the freeze would remain effective until the end of February, as far as possible, with all the fuel it needs.

Attorney General William B. Saxbe has meanwhile announced steps being taken by the Justice Department

to prevent violence in the strike.

More layoffs, violence and disrupted food and fuel shipments were reported today as the truckers' shutdown affected at least 46 states.

National Guardsmen, on duty in three states, escorted some trucks along Pennsylvania and Ohio highways.

A spokesman said four-man Guard units in jeeps were accompanying trucks carrying perishable cargo and medical supplies.

Pennsylvania State Police said there were 31 reports of violence — including four

shootings — in the 24-hour period that ended at 8 a.m. today. A spokesman said 19 arrests had been made.

Violence was reported in at least a dozen states. Most trouble involved sniper fire, fire, fire, fire, or objects thrown at trucks.

There were more layoffs in industries unable to get raw materials or ship finished products.

Holly Farms Industries Inc., one of the nation's largest poultry processors, closed three plants in North Carolina.

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Weather: Fair, cooler

2 p.m. forecast: Fair through tomorrow. Cooler nights but slightly warmer days. Low tonight and tomorrow night in the mid 30s to low 40s. Gusty winds in the East Bay tonight and tomorrow. Full report, Page 13.