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The home at 2603 Benvenue from which Miss Hearst was kidnapped last night... at right is entrance to her apartment

Editor Hearst's daughter kidnapped

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son's home, they found similar bags and groceries spilled outside.

Police said Miss Hearst and possibly Benson were transferred to the white station wagon on Tanglewood.

Tanglewood Road is a commonly used shortcut to the hill roads leading to Contra Costa County.

The all-points bulletin for the station wagon was issued at 11:35 p.m.

The apartment was a shambles. Blood splattered the poolroom near the kitchen. A blood-soaked towel was in the living room floor.

Berkeley Police Lt. Henry Sanders noted that both Weed and the neighbor were bloodied in the attack. He said there was no indication that Miss Hearst had been injured.

Weed and his neighbor, also 28, were taken to Herick Hospital for treatment of multiple head injuries and later were transferred to Covel Hospital. They were reported in satisfactory condition. The neighbor asked that his name not be used.

Miss Hearst is a sophomore art history major at UC.

She has light brown shoulder-length hair, brown eyes, is 5 feet 3, and weighs 110 pounds.

Benson, 31, of 1204 Josephine St., Berkeley, is 5 feet 8, weighs 155 pounds. He has a well-trimmed beard.

The white woman who led the raid was in her 20s, about 5 feet 4, 110 to 120 pounds. She had long dark hair and was wearing a long jacket. She was "dubiously dressed," Weed said.

One of the men was in his late 20s or early 30s. He was about 5 feet 10, about 155 pounds and wore his hair in a "medium Afro" style.

The other man had a short Afro, was about 30 years old, about 6 feet tall. He wore eyeglasses.

Both men were clean shaven. Weed said each wore boots, but there was no other description of their clothing.

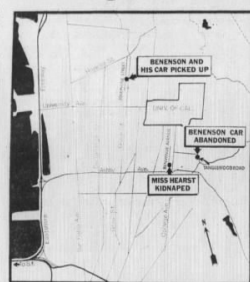
The old station wagon was possibly a Chevrolet, circa 1960. Witnesses said it may have had horizontal line streaks on its sides and rounded tail fins.

Weed, badly bruised and shaken, was able to recount the invasion.

He said that about 9:30 p.m. either the door bell rang or there was a knock at the apartment door.

He said the young woman claimed she had had an accident and needed help.

"That is when two black



The locale of last night's kidnapping of Miss Hearst

'Please let me go'

Sandy Golden, 24, a next door neighbor of Steven Weed's today told what she saw of the terror kidnapping of Patricia Hearst last night in Berkeley.

"We heard a scream," she said. "Then three shots. We looked outside. Two men were carrying a girl. She was struggling."

"She was half-dressed, naked from the waist up. She screamed, 'Please let me go!' She seemed to be blindfolded."

Donald Yamaguchi, 32, who lives in the same apartment building, said he heard the noise of the break-in.

"All of a sudden we heard a noise that sounded like firecrackers," he said. "There were two bursts but it wasn't exactly like firecrackers as I went to look. There must have been 12 shots. I heard glass shattering."

Police said that at least five shots were fired. Other witnesses said there were many more.

freed his hands, opened the sliding glass doors and got out of the apartment. He said he ran into the backyard seeking help, climbed over several fences, and finally reached Parker Street.

The apartment probably was "cased" two days before the raid.

Weed said that about the same hour Saturday night a black man and a white woman came to the door and asked a number of "vague" questions about whether the apartment was for rent. He said they were "suspicious looking" and "looked like street people."

Miss Hearst's parents learned of the kidnapping late last night in Washington, D.C. They flew to San Francisco today.

Miss Hearst's father is chairman of the board of The Hearst Corp. He is president of The Examiner and

Santa Rosa and Donald E. Weed of Palo Alto. Weed is a Princeton graduate.

The FBI dispatched a special team of investigators from Washington to work with local officers in checking fingerprints, particularly on the wine bottle with which Weed was battered.

Weed said his apartment was burgled last August, but only a few comparatively inexpensive items were taken.

Two suspected members of the SLA — Joseph Remiro, 27, and Richard Little, 24 — were captured after a shootout with police in Concord. Both have been charged with murder—the cyanide bullet ambush of Dr. Foster.

Police are still hunting 26-year-old Nancy Lue Perry, wanted for arson in the torching of the Concord house police say was the SLA headquarters.

In letters to Bay Area media, a person who identified herself as Mrs. Perry said she, Remiro and Little were members of the SLA intelligence unit and that unit was not responsible for the Foster slaying.

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A chance victim in kidnapping

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A bag of groceries from the Berkeley Co-Op was scattered along the sidewalk at Benson's apartment, including a carton of melting ice cream.

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were in Benson's car when it was found abandoned on the apartment of Steven Weed, Miss Hearst's fiancé, where Miss Hearst was kidnapped.

Benson released unharmed, was in seclusion after being questioned by authorities today.

He went to the home, took the baby and the Coffees to headquarters and brought the missing baby's parents there.

Fingerprints were compared with the missing baby and 13 points of identification were identical, said Williams.

Card file address source

A possible lead on how the kidnapers knew the address of Patricia Hearst turned up today on the University of California's Berkeley campus.

A public card file in Sproul Hall was found flipped open to her name. The card lists her name, address, phone number and her parents' name and address.

There are nearly 30,000 such cards. A UC spokesman said no campus employees, except possibly campus police, were known to have checked the file last night or this morning.

A spokesman for campus police said a check was being made to determine whether any of the department's officers may have gone through the file last night or this morning.

The only person known to have checked the file was Jeff Henneberg, campus correspondent for The Examiner.

He said that at 9:15 a.m. he found the file opened to Miss Hearst's card. The file is located in a public lobby of Sproul Hall.

A UC spokesman said the cards are included in student registration packets. The card carries a small, printed advising that the student has the option of declining to fill out the information, but many do not realize it.

Pair 'scouted'

Weed apartment before kidnap

Steven Weed's Berkeley apartment, scene of last night's kidnapping of Patricia Hearst, apparently was systematically scouted Saturday night by a white woman and a man who appeared to be black.

Weed said it was dark and difficult to see the pair but he did not believe they were among the kidnap-raiders last night.

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Anti-smoking move chokes

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Clouds of smoke from cigars, pipes and cigarettes waited across the chamber as the California Assembly rejected yesterday a move against smoke-filled rooms in the Capitol.

The resolution by Assemblyman John Briggs, a non-smoking Republican from Fullerton, would have banned smoking in Assembly hearing rooms, but not in legislative offices or in the chamber.

"You are dealing with your own heart and your own lungs and your own good health," Briggs said.

Republican Assemblyman John L. E. (Bud) Collier of South Pasadena said the Legislature got rid of spittoons years ago and prohibiting puffing in committee rooms would be a logical next step.

"Would you want somebody sitting around here spitting on you? Certainly not," Collier said, squinting through a cloud of cigar smoke sent up by his seatmate, Democrat Walter Powers of Sacramento.

"I started to smoke a pipe when I was 18 years old and that was a very sophisticated thing to do, and it's a habit I don't look forward to giving up," said pipe-puffing Assemblyman John Knox, D-Richmond.

Briggs' resolution was snuffed out on a 30-32 vote. It needed 41 votes for passage.

Briggs said he would try later with a different anti-smoking move — perhaps a resolution segregating smokers from non-smokers.

Diesel price freeze

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Carolina for an indefinite period and laid off 300 employees.

Layoffs elsewhere — many of them in the meat packing or auto industries — totalled over 75,000.

Nearly all the nation's meatpacking and processing plants could be shut down by the weekend if the truckers strike continues, an American Meat Institute official said.

Meat packers throughout

Agriculture Secretary Earl Butte said that if the shutdown continues it will have a serious impact, especially on perishables. He said that hundreds of millions of dollars worth of food could be lost.

The Owens-Illinois Glass Co. at Alton laid off 200 workers at its glass container plant, complaining it was unable to get supplies.

There was no indication that the shutdown had caused bare spots on grocery store shelves as of today.

Midwest stock markets reported another decline in the number of bags and cattle for sale. Eleven major markets said they received only 8,500 hogs Tuesday — 22,000 fewer than a week ago.

The Nebraska Legislature adopted a resolution urging the federal government "to support price rollbacks of diesel fuel to 33 cents per gallon." Prices now range from 40 cents on up and the rollback has been a key truckers' demand.

"Coverage under all three plans would be identical," he said. "It would finance virtually all of the health protection people need — hospital and physician's care — in and out of the hospital, drugs, laboratory tests, X-rays, medical devices, ambulance service, treatment of children, catastrophic illness — and even mental illness, including alcoholism and drug abuse."

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