

# Randolph Hearst's daughter kidnaped by two gunmen

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## Where Mayor's wife was

By Stephen Cook and Russ Cole

Argentina Alito, wife of the Mayor, was safe at home today after an 18-day absence during which, Alito's office said, she toured California "on her own" 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 quit the Mayoralty of her own accord, had given up 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 yesterday afternoon and it was assumed the matter would be discussed then.

The blonde, 38 year old San Francisco "first lady" vanished from her \$95 a day Palm Courtings bungalow in a rented Ford at 11:30 p.m. Jan. 18.

Until yesterday, the Mayor kept her disappearance secret from all members of the family and the police. A discreet search of resorts, hotels, hospitals and bars in San Francisco 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 her law office to inquire on what the Mayor's office called a "pilgrimage."

She telephoned home last night to San Jose. Mr. M. drove to Santa Cruz to pick her up and returned her to the family home in Presidio Terrace.

The statement issued this morning said "Mrs. Alito, who is deeply religious, sought someone in a pilgrimage to make a spiritual California mission beginning in San Diego and concluding in Santa Cruz where she heard news reported concerning her."

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## Nixon outlines his plans for national health insurance

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The administration has outlined its plan for national health insurance, which would provide government financing of a cradle-to-grave health insurance system.

While arguing his proposal is best, Nixon indicated he will 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 it is time to send Congress a package embracing three separate but related insurance programs that would cover everyone.

First, he said, one would be "offered where people work," with employers paying part of the insurance premiums and employees the rest. The precise ratio was reported still somewhat in question, within the administration.

There are those who say that health services in America can only be improved by extending the federal government aid with that I totally disagree.

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

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

## Patricia, 19, seized in Berkeley raid

By Jerry Belcher and Jay Bowser

Patricia Hearst, 19 year old daughter of Examiner editor Randolph A. Hearst, was kidnapped 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 help."

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 was leading the case almost immediately.

Peter Bergman of Berkeley also may have been kidnapped for the use of his 1968 Chevrolet convertible, found abandoned late last night.

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

His sister, Anne Bergman, 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 fiance, Steven Weed, 36, and a young neighbor 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. 6 assassination of San Francisco Supervisor B. Dennis Foster and it is known to have compiled a list of wealthy East Bay and San Francisco residents as kidnap targets.

Three kidnappers broke into Weed's apartment at 2901 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 one of 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 led to the street.

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

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

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

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

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

Hold 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.

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These included a Federal Energy Office order that the trucking industry be supplied with 10 percent of its trucks carrying perishable cargo and medical supplies.

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

to prevent violence in the shopping areas — in the 24 hour period from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. A spokesman said 10 arrests had been made.

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

National Guardsmen, on duty in most states, reported that the Pennsylvania and Ohio highways. A spokesman said four-man Guard units in jeeps patrolled the major roads carrying perishable cargo and medical supplies.

Pennsylvania State Police said there were 53 reports of violence — including four

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