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## Hunt for Zodiac Turns to Fairmont

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slayer — was arranged by police.

Capt. Martin Lee, chief of inspectors and head of San Francisco's "Zodiac" squad, said police had no assurance that the mysterious caller was actually responsible for the five "Zodiac" murders.

"I think the caller has a problem," he said, "but whether he is involved in the killings, I cannot say."

Lee said the strange television performance was set up after a man telephoned a neighboring police department about 11 p.m. last night and offered to negotiate.

Sincere

He was taken seriously, Lee explained, because he seemed to have knowledge and he seemed sincere.

San Francisco police did not talk to him directly but they acceded to his request to have an attorney on the television show this morning to attempt to arrange a surrender.

Melvin Belli, one of two lawyers the caller asked for



Beverly Adams, KGO-TV telephone operator, put through call from a man who said he was the Zodiac.

by name, appeared on Jim Dunbar's regular KGO-TV morning talk show as a result.

A series of telephone calls resumed, at the end of which Belli — off the air — made a 10:30 date to meet the mystery man at St. Vincent de Paul's Thrift Shop, 676 Mission Street.

Broke Date

He and Dunbar went there at the appointed time, and police arrived half an hour later when it appeared the caller had no intention of keeping the date.

Belli told reporters he hoped the man would telephone his office, saying he was "a very sick person and needs help."

The rendezvous was arranged after Belli and Dunbar received 15 telephone calls during the two hours they were on the air.

Most were obviously from the same person, although several seemed to be in a different voice. Belli expressed concern that someone else was entering the dialing.

The caller represented himself as suffering from headaches, and twice declared he had the urge to "kill again."

Different Voice

But The Examiner learned that the police officer who took the original call that led to the broadcast said the voice on the Dunbar program was apparently not that of the man to whom he spoke.

During the broadcast, in which the Dunbar show was kept on the air more than half an hour past its normal cutoff time, one San Francisco police inspector described the odds they were dealing with as "like flipping a coin."

No More Calls

Dunbar and Belli opened the conversations with the self-described killer by clearing the switchboard to accept

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A MESSAGE TO ZODIAC

no other calls than his at 7 a.m.

Police promised they would make no effort to trace the calls. The first call was at 7:14 a.m. during a commercial.

The audience heard Belli, when the commercial ended, saying:

"Did you hear me?"

"Yes, I did," replied the caller in a soft, almost boyish voice.

He hung up, apparently because he was nervous. But he called back a few minutes later.

Call Him 'Sam'

When Belli pleaded with him for a better name to address him by than "Zodiac," the caller agreed to be referred to as "Sam."

He asked a second time for a Fairmont radio meeting, setting no specific time for the rendezvous.

Dunbar and Belli assured him that the lines were not tapped, and that no attempt was made to trace the call. They tried, too, to persuade him to say what police department he had called as evidence that he was indeed the man who instigated the conversations.

Dunbar and Belli tried to persuade "Sam" to identify the police department he called during the night to determine whether they were dealing with the same man.

He carried their questions, however, and they never asked about the five murders charged to "Zodiac."

Belli assured the caller of a fair trial, and repeatedly asked whether he wanted the attorney to contact District Attorney John J. Ferton to win a promise that no effort would be made to send him to the gas chamber.

Headaches

The caller once said he suffered from "headaches," and that aspirin would not help. Then he hung up, as he did frequently during the strange performance.

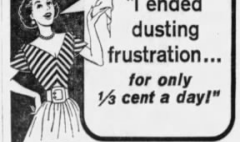
When he called again, Belli asked how long he had suffered from the headaches.

"Ever since I killed that kid," the caller replied.

"Was that before last December?"

"Yes."

December was the month



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the killer used three and possibly four different weapons in his reign of terror.

It was known previously that a .22-caliber pistol was used to shoot and kill Betty Lou Jensen, 16, and her boyfriend, David Parady, 17, in a lovers' lane near Vallejo last Dec. 20.

A 9-mm. pistol killed Darlene Ferrin, 23, and critically wounded Michael Mageau, 19, in another lovers' lane at Blue Rock Springs Park in Vallejo last July 5.

A knife with a six to eight inch blade took the life of Miss Sheppard, who was stabbed more than 20 times, and critically wounded her companion, Hurtel, who was recovered from 12 stabs.

A 9-mm. pistol took the life of Stine, 20. The shot taken from his body was too smashed to make a comparison with those in the Vallejo murder. It may or may not have been the same gun.