

Blacks' help asked in 'Zebra' murders

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Mayor Joseph L. Alioto called on the city's blacks yesterday to submit willingly to police questioning and searches to track down the killers of 12 white persons in a case dubbed "Zebra."

Killers are "roaming the streets of San Francisco, simply killing people at random without any real motive and without any real sense," Alioto told a news conference. "You can't really investigate it as you would a regular murder."

The latest victim was Nelson T. Shields IV, 23, the son of a DuPont Co. executive, who was shot in the back and killed Tuesday night.

Since Nov. 26, a wave of apparently unprovoked shootings has left 12 dead and six wounded. All the victims were white; the gunmen all were black. The shootings have terrorized residents and left police baffled, despite the largest investigation in the city's history.

Alioto said police cars and foot patrols have blanketed San Francisco and officers will be stopping and questioning people.

"In the very nature of things, we are going to be stopping a lot of innocent people who have nothing to do with it," he said.

"There is going to be natural resentment. I want the cooperation of every citizen. Everything will be done within constitutional limits."

Alioto and Police Chief Donald Scott passed out composite sketches of a man believed to be one of the killers, made after talking to two teen-agers who were shot and wounded Sunday night.

"We're not going to stop white people," Scott said. "We are going to stop black people. We are not going to stop fat black people. We are going to stop slender black people."

The suspect in the composite was described as a black man, 20 to 30 years of age, and from 5 feet 9 to 6 feet tall.

Washington Garner, black president of the police commission, joined in the appeal for cooperation: "Many will take anger at being stopped and being

searched. I am appealing to you that if you are stopped, show your identification and cooperate."

In almost every case, the white victim was minding his own business at night on a city street when he or she was gunned down by a black assailant with no warning.

"I didn't do anything," Tina Smith, 32, said the night of Jan. 28 just before she died on a downtown sidewalk where she had been waiting for a bus. Three others died in similar fashion the same night.

All the victims were white; the gunmen all black.

Three months later, Tom Rainwater, 21, and Linda Story, two white Salvation Army cadets, slipped out of their training school for a snack near the city's Japanese Cultural Center. A gunman stepped from the darkness and began firing at point-blank range with a .32-caliber pistol. Rainwater fell dead, Miss Story was seriously wounded.

Then, Tuesday night, Shields went with a friend, Jonathan May, to a quiet residential street to pick up a rug. Shields had been playing lacrosse earlier in the day and was dressed in his uniform, blue shorts, gray pullover and tennis shoes. He had been in the San Francisco area for only a week.

May went into a house to get the rug as Shields stayed outside to make room for it in their station wagon. Three shots rang out and Shields slumped to the street, fatally wounded.

"I ran outside and I heard Nick moan. But he was dead when I reached him," May said. A neighbor who heard the shots told police she saw a black man running up the street.

"It looks like another Zebra case," said Police Inspector Gus Coreris. "There's no motive. A guy just comes over to help move a carpet and winds up dead."

Police say they are pursuing the killer or killers with their biggest manhunt ever. Rewards totaling \$25,000 are posted.

All the victims were killed with a .32- or .38-caliber pistol, police say. They

were struck down, apparently at random, between 8 p.m. and about 10 p.m. Only in one case—when Saleem Eraket, 53, was gunned down and his store robbed—has there been an apparent motive.

"Operation Zebra"—so-named after the phonetic use for the letter "Z," code name for the radio channel used in the operation—was stepped up this week after an attack on two teen-agers Sunday.

They were seriously wounded by a gunman who walked up to them and opened fire from a distance of less than five feet. The victims—Terry White, 15, and Ward Anderson, 18—are recovering at San Francisco General Hospital.

Most of the other murders were on dark streets. But Jane Holly, 45, was struck down under the harsh glare of lights in a coin-operated laundry.

Roxanne McMillan, 23, was approached in front of her home as she was picking up clothes from her car.

"Howya doing? a man asked her. 'Hi,'" she responded.

The gunman then fired two bullets into her chest. Mrs. McMillan survived.

Testifies in own defense

Stans denies payment to Vesco

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans yesterday testified that financier Robert L. Vesco never received a payoff in return for a secret \$200,000 cash contribution to President Nixon's 1972 election campaign.

The former Cabinet member took the witness stand in his own defense at the federal criminal conspiracy trial in which he is a codefendant with onetime Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell.

When Vesco made the donation, he was the target of a massive Securities



No elbow room?

WRSC DISC JOCKEY MIKE ST. JOHN (left) demonstrates his "winning style" over WMAJ's Todd Jeffers during last night's Ice Cream Superbowl at the Baskin-Robbins store on College Avenue. See story page 7.

and Exchange Commission frauds investigation.

Mitchell and Stans are accused of seeking to impede this probe in exchange for the \$200,000. They are charged with conspiracy, obstruction of justice and perjury.

Stans said that at the March 8, 1972 meeting in which the money was pledged, it was he and not Vesco who raised the matter of the SEC investigation.

He testified: "He said, 'Well that has been going on

almost a year. We have been trying to resolve it. But the problem was that the SEC was harassing us and we haven't been able to sit down and settle it. Our lawyers haven't been able to get to see the commissioners.'"

"I said, 'Mr. Vesco, that should be no problem. Anybody having trouble with a government agency should be able to go to the head of that agency.' I said something to the effect that 'I hope you work out your SEC matter satisfactorily.' He said, 'I'm sure we will.'"

However, Stans said that because of the SEC matter, he put a hold on the pending Vesco contribution until he could "check him out" with Mitchell. The two former Cabinet colleagues had resigned their offices by that time to run the Nixon re-election campaign.

The liaison man for Vesco with Stans and Mitchell was Harry Sears, a political friend of Mitchell who had gone to work as a \$60,000-a-year Vesco legal aide.

Regarding his meeting later with Mitchell, Stans testified:

"I told him I had met Vesco and talked with Sears and Vesco was prepared to give a contribution of \$250,000. I said that I had discussed with Sears that Vesco had a matter pending before the SEC, that Sears had described himself as a good friend of yours, John Mitchell's."

"I said, 'I want your advice as to the propriety of taking the \$250,000.' I meant as a matter of moral correctness in whether I would ever be embarrassed publicly or privately by taking this contribution."

Stans testified that he and Mitchell discussed Sear's report that the SEC investigation was winding down and that Vesco's lawyers said he had done nothing wrong.

Stans went on, "He, Mitchell, said, and I agreed. There was no reason under the circumstances that existed at that time that we should not accept a contribution."

Hearst called 'common criminal'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — U.S. Atty. Gen. William Saxbe branded Patricia Hearst a common criminal yesterday, and a federal grand jury began considering whether she willingly wielded a gun in a terrorist bank robbery.

Saxbe said in Washington he was convinced the 20-year-old newspaper heiress was "not a reluctant participant" in the \$10,000-robbery Monday by a heavily armed gang which wounded two persons in its getaway.

The terrorist Symbionese Liberation Army dragged Miss Hearst screaming from her Berkeley apartment 2½ months ago. In a "communiqué" April 3, she renounced her family and swore she

had been converted into a revolutionary fighter.

"It would appear to me that she was not a reluctant participant in this robbery," Saxbe told his weekly news conference, adding that SLA members all are "common criminals." Asked if he included Miss Hearst, he said, "Miss Hearst is a part of it."

Miss Hearst's father, newspaper executive Randolph A. Hearst, called Saxbe's comments "speculation" and refused further comment.

Charles Bates, the FBI agent in charge of the case, also refused comment other than to say: "The FBI is continuing its aggressive investigation looking to a solution of the Hearst kid-

naping case and the bank robbery."

U.S. Attorney James Browning said evidence in the bank robbery is being presented to a grand jury and that indictments are possible by next week.

"It is entirely possible that the evidence will show that there was no duress or coercion on the part of these people, but that is a matter for the grand jury to determine," he said.

According to a guard at the bank, Edward Shea, Miss Hearst took an active part in the robbery — "giving...orders and all that, saying she would shoot the first guy that moved."

"She wasn't scared. She let it be known that she meant business," the 66-year-old guard said yesterday. "She had

a gun and looked ready to use it."

Bates said 100 to 125 federal agents are working on the case and again said he does not know the location of the SLA hideout. Police say the SLA is a heavily armed, multiracial group of about 25 men and women.

Bank cameras photographed Miss Hearst along with three other white women and a black man during the robbery of a Hibernia Bank. The photographs showed Miss Hearst and two other members of the robbery team holding weapons.

Federal bank robbery warrants have been issued for the three women and the man, and Miss Hearst is sought for arrest as a material witness.

New dorms rejected by physical policy

Editor's note: Following is the fourth of a five-part series examining the University's Physical Plant Policy plan. By PAMELA REASNER Collegian Staff Writer

With Penn State student population expected to rise to nearly 32,000, the future of student housing is a major consideration of the Physical Plant Policy Plan.

The plan states: "The University has expressed its intent to add no more housing at University Park, and questions the feasibility of replacing the Nittany and Eastview units at the termination of their useful life."

With the current demand for student housing, it would be impractical in spite of problems with the buildings to tear down Nittany and Eastview Terrace without a definite plan for replacement, Vice President for Business Ralph Zilly said.

He said the University hopes to replace existing housing spaces in Nittany and Eastview but not with the same type of complex. Replacement of these units when they wear out will depend on student demand for dormitory housing, Zilly added.

Nittany dorms are temporary barrack-type building built to cope with returning veterans after World War II. After 25 years, the mechanical systems of these buildings are beginning to fail.

Even with the minor piecemeal repairs these dorms have undergone in the past several years, Zilly estimated

they could not last more than five years. The University has until then to predict student housing demands and formulate a definite plan for their possible replacement.

The University is considering replacing traditional housing with suites—complexes of four single rooms, a kitchenette and bath.

The Eastview Terrace buildings are having problems with insulation and with paint peeling off exterior walls.

Zilly said the University experimented this year by insulating one building with special aluminum siding.

The experiment was successful enough for the University to consider such insulating for all the buildings. If done, Zilly estimated it would be another ten years before Eastview Terrace units would have to be replaced.

Atherton and West Halls were designated in the Policy Plan for building renovation. Some rooms in Atherton recently were converted to apartment units and parts of West may be remodeled if the living-learning area ideas are implemented, Zilly said. The plans for West are based on vacancies caused by less student demand for residence-hall housing.

Should student housing demands decrease, the University could convert some residence halls to academic buildings in addition to completely phasing out Nittany and Eastview.

Before any such conversion could occur, all mortgages on the buildings must be paid, Zilly said.

Kent State lawsuits kept alive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spurred by suits following the deaths of four students at Kent State University in 1970, the Supreme Court yesterday opened the way for citizens to take state officials into court to answer for their acts.

The high court unanimously rejected the notion that state officials have an absolute immunity from law suits. They have immunity for their official acts, said Chief Justice Warren E. Burger for

the court, but it is qualified.

The court thus kept alive damage suits against Ohio officials brought by relatives of three of the four students slain in a confrontation with Ohio National Guardsmen during a protest against the Indochina War.

The justices sent the cases back to a lower federal court for more proceedings to determine the extent of the immunity of the officials named as

defendants.

The defendants include former Gov. James Rhodes, the adjutant general of the state National Guard, officers and enlisted men of the guard and the university president.

The suits were filed by families of slain students Sandra Scheuer, Allison Krause and Jeffrey Glen Miller.

Mrs. Martin Scheuer, Boardman, Ohio, whose daughter was killed, said of



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Officers elected

PAMELA LEVANDOSKI (10th-law enforcement and corrections) and Joe Kaplan (9th-pre law) learn of their victory in the Academic Assembly executive elections last night. Kaplan was reinstated automatically as president when no one opposed him. Levandoski defeated incumbent Rich Vance (7th-accounting) for the vice-presidency. The Assembly is the branch of the Undergraduate Student Government handling academic affairs.

Israel, Syria battle for control

ATOP MT. HERMON, Occupied Syria (AP) — The Israelis and Syrians are engaged in a deadly battle for control of this rocky, snowswept peak that looms a mile above the Golan Heights war front.

"We mean to hold on to Hermon," said an Israeli officer. "This mountain is the eyes — and ears — of the Middle East."

On clear days the view stretches to and beyond Damascus, the Syrian capital about 25 miles to the east-northeast.

Israel conquered all of the Hermon massif from Syria in the Middle East war

last October.

Both sides were content to hold their positions during the bitter cold winter months. But the arrival of spring heated more than the weather.

The Syrians made their first attempt to win back the 9,232 foot peak from the Israelis April 6.

Military correspondents reported yesterday that Israel had finished building a rough track to the peak of the mountain where they have established a fortified position.

During the night, the Israelis fired at a Syrian helicopter and Syrian forces in the area below the peak to the north. A ground search at daybreak revealed nothing, the Israeli military command in Tel Aviv said.

Weather

Sunny and warm today, high 71. Tonight becoming partly cloudy and cool, low 40. Tomorrow partly cloudy with seasonable temperatures, high 60.