

## The D. B. Cooper - King Connection

It's called the "mystery project" at CBS, and no wonder. Mike Wallace and a *60 Minutes* team are said to have produced a report linking the missing skyjacker D. B. Cooper to the Martin Luther King assassination. Two reliable TV news sources—one close to *60 Minutes* producers—confirm that the story is completed and in the hands of attorneys and high-level officials at the network.

The *60 Minutes* crew filmed interviews in Seattle, Hawaii, and Los Angeles, and are reported to have found people who knew the mysterious Cooper, who parachuted from a Northwest plane with a \$200,000 ran-

som on November 24, 1971, and was never found. One TV journalist said the story reports that Cooper survived the jump and may be alive today, but no other details were forthcoming.

A former CBS producer, Dirk Summers, brought CBS into the project nine months ago. Summers has been working on the story for more than two years and has received a "five-figure" advance for a book on the subject.

A TV journalist close to the story said that if the CBS hierarchy decides to go ahead with the report it will be shown on the first or second program of the new season. —**Bruce Henderson**