

# Suspects in PSA Skyjack

By Ed Montgomery

Anita Anderson, suspected of supplying a gun to attorney Stephen Bingham the day he visited San Quentin inmate George Jackson, may have been the woman who participated in the Friday hijacking of a PSA plane to Cuba, authorities believe.

Also a possible key suspect in the hijacking of the San Francisco-to-Los Angeles jet is Herman Bell, 24, a functionary in the Black Liberation Army, who is wanted for murder and bank robbery.

Mrs. Anderson, 23, who had been living at Black Panther headquarters in

Berkeley, is known to have been hiding out in the East Bay since the half-hour bloodbath at San Quentin Aug. 21. It took six lives, including Jackson's.

## N.Y. Slayings

While authorities in Los Angeles would not positively identify Bell as the hijacker, they conceded, "He has not been ruled out as the prime suspect."

Bell is wanted as an active participant in the slaying of two New York policemen.

He also has been identified, from pictures taken by a hidden bank camera, as one of five blacks who staged a

well-executed \$15,000 robbery of the Bernal Heights Branch of the Bank of America on Cortland Avenue Sept. 20.

An accomplice in the bank robbery, Francisco Torres, also a BLA member, is in custody in New York, awaiting extradition for trial here.

## Others Convicted

Two other members of the local BLA gang, Albert Washington and Anthony Bottom, were arrested after a chase Aug. 23 after attempting to shoot a police sergeant at 16th and Bryant Streets. They were convicted here last week of attempted murder.

Bell, known to have been hiding out in the Bay Area, recently missed arrest by a few hours. He is known to possess a sawed-off shotgun such as that used by the plane hijacker.

Mrs. Anderson, whose husband Julius has begun divorce proceedings in Alabama, has an infant son born May 4 in Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley. It corresponds with the age of the child with the hijacker couple.

The birth certificate lists the child's name as Muntu Aluche Witherspoon-Roberts and the father as William Lee

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Roberts, 23, who frequents the Berkeley Panther headquarters.

## Militant Father

Mrs. Anderson's maiden name was Witherspoon. According to authorities, her father, an attorney, has long been active in left wing militant affairs in her native St. Louis.

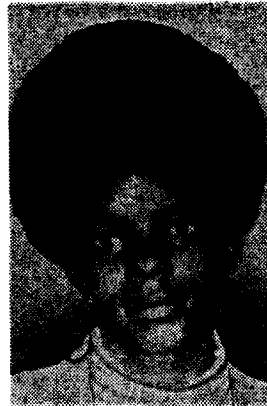
At the time of the San Quentin escape attempt, Mrs. Anderson was drawing Aid to Families with Dependent Children checks from the Alameda County Welfare Department.

She cashed the last such check at a Wells Fargo Bank in Berkeley during September. A hold was placed on the checks by police in an effort to locate her, but she made



**HERMAN BELL**

Several "wants" on him



**ANITA ANDERSON**

Long sought suspect

acquired it from Black Panther captain Randy Williams, now imprisoned for ambushing Oakland policemen.

## Bingham Alive?

Despite recently published reports "there's a good possibility he's dead," authorities have reason to believe Bingham is alive and being hidden out with the knowledge of a leftist Bay area attorney.

Police and the FBI have run down numerous leads on Bingham to no avail.

The strongest lead to date placed Bingham in a hotel in Spain, where a man described as a "positive look-alike" was detained briefly for interrogation. He turned out to be another California attorney.

According to an FBI description given wide circula-

no inquiry as to why the checks stopped coming. Police are convinced Bingham obtained the San Quentin death weapon from Mrs. Anderson, who in turn

tion, the most notable feature about Bingham, other than a non-obvious hernia scar, is the continuous line of his eyebrows.

It is known the Yale-educated grandson of a former Connecticut governor made an unsanctioned trip to Cuba in 1970. However, one source involved in the search for Bingham said there is reason to believe he would not seek asylum there.

HW: This Examiner story may have been spurred by Marin Dist. Atty. Bruce Bales who, when cornered, said Bingham very well could be dead but that there was no positive evidence of it. Bales also made the first reference by any official since last August to Anita Anderson, saying they were still looking for her.

Ed Montgomery is an old timer, who can write without attribution or facts to back up his innuendo. Unfortunately he is usually on fairly solid ground because he always has cooperated utterly with police, DAs, and, I hear, the FBI. They trust him, and with every reason to do so. He has launched many a trial balloon for them and so prospers. It's interesting that the FBI, when asked about this story, claimed to have heard nothing of any of this.

This is an extra copy, if you need it.

Later: Just heard federal warrants were issued today for an entirely different couple, Allen Gordon Sims and Ida ~~Par~~ Robison. Looks like someone led poor old Ed down the garden path or let him hang himself. Couldn't happen to a more deserving fink.