

SLA-Your 3/14 note on KPFA's 3/11/74 and attachments.

Weed strikes me as politically sophisticated, probably no activist. He got several net TV plays, came across as quiet, rational, concerned and not in agreement with Hearst or FBI. Then and more now I wonder how the true daughter of a Hearst could shack up with one so different, one of the considerations leading to my suggestions re her.

Reagan must have had his feet bound in infancy to get so many in one mouth. After that insanity about botulism he reappoints Mama Hearst, knowing she was SLA objection? And she then accepts? And William's son says nothing? They are all trying to assassinate the girl!

KDIA: Black station, white owned, and when I knew it not Uncle Tom as I knew, mostly perceptive Louis Freeman. This could explain sending tape to them vice KPFA if there was fear of FBI interception.

FBI tape interception would also seem to be insanely provocative. Hearst's silence on this seems strange. Especially after SLA complaints, long silence.

I last saw Freeman 1968. He then told me that despite all their piety on their own stations and show, not one white SB broadcaster would do his, engage in dialogue. Among those named that I recall, Joe Dolan.

Richard Rye phoned this p.m. He reports that his wife was told by a wealthy woman with whom she comes in contact that Pat Hearst had been in a convent south of S.F. and about two years ago had been kicked out on drug charges.

South of SF could mean Mexico City, but I took it to refer to not far south. Can't be that many convents there. However, if she is part of drug culture, is this consistent with the conjecture that now seems to be common enough to prompt the denials I am hearing, that Pat was not part of plot to kidnap her. HW 3/18/74

KPFA-FM, Berkeley
Evening News, 6:30 p.m.

11 March 1974

[On this newscast, the station played a new and apparently much clearer version of the SLA tape which had been released the day before. At the end, following the remarks of SLA Field Marshall Cinque, the following was read by a young woman with an accent, possibly of French influence]:

This is Information Intelligence Unit Four. On March 9, 1974, this unit was directed to deliver a tape communique to the news media. Due to intelligence reports received by the federation, in regards to FBI attempts to intercept and suppress any communications between the SLA and the people, a double decoy system was set up. One tape, with a gasoline credit card, was sent to radio station KGIA [KDIA?]*and another tape, enclosed with an automobile [club?] credit card was sent to KSAN. We of Unit Four notified KGIA first, of the location of this tape, which allowed one of two things to happen. Either KGIA, without telling the public of the Hearst family, turned it over to FBI, who in turn suppressed it, keeping it from the Hearst family and public. Or, the FBI intercepted it before KGIA got it and suppressed it from getting to the Hearst family and the public. In any event, this allowed the second tape to get through to KSAN because the FBI thought that the tape they had already intercepted was the only one sent out. We of Unit Four are sending our copy of the tape because it is more audible, Please pass it along.

Announcer: That was the latest communique from the ~~Symbionese~~ Symbionese Liberation Army, received on Sunday, and, once again, it's different from the one received Saturday in two respects: It's much more audible, and, as you just heard there, it contained an explanation of why more than one copy of the tape was distributed.....

[The news account then turns to Randolph Hearst's news conference earlier the same day].

* From the accent, KDIA (an AM station) could easily have been pronounced as KGIA. No KGIA is listed in the Bay Area.

HW: None of the above was used by the local press.

Attached see clips indicating controversy between Weed and the FBI. Both Weed and the girl (in her part of the tape) made it plain they feel the main problem is holding the FBI and other law and order types in and keeping them from rushing in and getting the girl killed.

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Fiance Speaks Out

By Beverly Stephen

Steven Weed, the fiance of kidnaped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, held a brief press conference yesterday to tell Patty she has not been forgotten.

Weed spoke to reporters from the Hearst home in Hillsborough in response to Miss Hearst's weekend plea to hear from him.

Weed, a 26-year-old philosophy graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley, was beaten by Symbionese Liberation Army members when they abducted Miss Hearst from his Berkeley apartment February 4.

"We certainly haven't forgotten her," Weed said. "I can see why she might be irritated. It might appear we are not doing all we can do."

In her taped message received Saturday, Miss Hearst called on Weed to speak: "Steven what do you have to say? Where are the men who really care about

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STEVEN WEED
He explained silence

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what happens to me?"

"The two weeks of silence on our part was very unpleasant," Weed said yesterday. "We really didn't know what to say or do at that time. We thought the food program was going to work out but now apparently it wasn't what was wanted."

Weed soundly dismissed any notion that Miss Hearst

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might be involved in her own kidnaping. "We've been together constantly the last two years. We know exactly what each of us do and think."

"Previous to the last two months, she really didn't have a political point of view," Weed said. Referring to her taped message, he said, "It's clear that she's reading something. The rhetoric isn't hers. But a good part of it is what she sincerely feels. She may actually have her doubts."

"From her point of view it may look like we've made a mess."

Weed, who was wearing white jeans and a crew neck sweater, spoke calmly and somewhat reluctantly. His voice betrayed no emotion but he said that he had a lot of respect for Patty, "even more than before."

When he was asked if the kidnaping would affect their relationship, he said "If things come to a happy conclusion in a reasonable length of time, I don't think there will be that much problem."

Weed repeated his promise, made in his first news conference over a month ago that he would not testify against any SLA members.

"And I think I can make that promise for Patty too," he added.

In an interview last night on KQED-TV (Channel 9), Weed said he felt Patty "believes . . . to a degree" that the FBI would like to kill her, an opinion she expressed on the latest tape.

However, Weed added,

"The FBI does not intentionally — I really believe — want Patty to die."

He went on to describe sessions between Charles Bates, special FBI agent in charge, and the Hearst family as "almost comical."

"Mr. Bates comes in and sits down, and he's poured a drink," Weed said. "And Mr. Hearst and Mrs. Hearst and whoever wants to be there just sits down and chats."

"The comical parts about it is how adept Mr. Bates is at not telling us anything."

While conceding the family knows more about the case than has been publicly released, Weed emphasized that it was "not much more — in a significant kind of way."

Asked whether he felt the FBI could be trusted, Weed said yes, "to a point." But he promptly added, "I think the SLA would be wrong to trust the FBI entirely."

He suggested that the agency should be forced into "a very, very public position" in its handling of the case.

Weed revealed that a major disagreement he had with Hearst in the first few weeks after the kidnaping concerned the editor's reluctance to spell out his financial position, and his relationship to the Hearst Corp. and the Hearst Foundation.

"I had the really distinct feeling, and I think I was entirely accurate, that he could just not begin to understand how people — very intelligent people included — could fail to understand his financial status," Weed said.

In a reference to Catherine Headst's activities on the University of California Board of Regents, one of the family "crimes" mentioned in SLA communiques, Weed said: "Neither Patty nor I would have appointed her. And certainly we would have never voted — in almost all cases — the way she voted."

Asked by reporter Marilyn Baier whether he would act as a substitute hostage, Weed replied, "It depends on the circumstances. I wouldn't rule it out."

Ruling Monday on Live TV for SLA

By Charles Raudebaugh

A decision whether to give two murder suspects a national television forum to talk about the Patricia Hearst kidnaping was deferred until Monday by Contra Costa county Superior Court Judge Sam Hall yesterday.

The television broadcast is a demand of the terrorist Symbionese Liberation Army, which is holding Miss Hearst and has claimed the murder suspects as two of its "soldiers."

The two men, Joseph Remiro and Russell Little, stood in shackles as Judge Hall discussed the proposed television broadcast with their attorneys. The men are accused in Contra Costa county of the attempted murder of a policeman, and are charged in Alameda county with the slaying of Marcus Foster, Oakland school superintendent.

Deputy Public Defender John Bain, representing Little in the Contra Costa county case, said the telecast would last about "five or ten minutes," with each of the men reading a statement.

The statement would deal with "their conditions of confinement," a mysterious discussion that Little and Remiro had February 21 with State Corrections Director Ray Procunier, and some "suggestions to aid in the release of Patricia Hearst."

William Gagen, of Danville, attorney for Remiro, said that the suggestions would be "very calm, very thoughtful and very non-inflammatory."

The court action was probably without precedent in California, and officially was in the form of a "request for advisement" by the two lawyers.

The attorneys did not ask the judge to order the broadcast. They asked whether the judge would order them

not to proceed with it.

They also asked if they would be held in contempt of court if the court forbade them to go on with the plan, and they carried it out anyway.

"My duty in this case is to realize it, because I, too, read the papers and watch television, is that although we have some outside pressures, I cannot allow those pressures to get into this case," Judge Hall said.

"My duty is to insure that the people of the state of California and the defendants in this case are protected under law."

The defense lawyers emphasized that the television statements would not touch upon the charges pending against the men in Contra Costa or Alameda counties.

"You have the right to

protect the First Amendment rights of the defendants," Bain argued. "If they were at liberty today they would be free to approach the media. All we're asking is that they be able to talk about matters that are not under consideration by this court."

Meanwhile, in the second of two interviews with KQED-TV, Steven Weed said last night "there's absolutely no way" the authorities would agree to release Remiro and Little in exchange for his fiancée.

The Berkeley graduate student also said he is so concerned about Patty Hearst's safety that if he had the address of the place where she is being held, "I don't think I'd turn it over to the FBI."

"If Little and Remiro were railroaded into a murder conviction I would personally feel very irate," Weed said. He added, however, "I have no great love for the SLA ... these people I

Catherine Hearst Still a Regent

Catherine Hearst of Hillsborough, mother of kidnap victim Patricia Hearst, was reappointed a regent of the University of California yesterday.

Governor Ronald Reagan also announced the appointment of Joseph A. Moore Jr. of San Francisco.

Mrs. Hearst, wife of publisher Randolph A. Hearst, was first appointed to the

Board of Regents by former governor Goodwin Knight in 1956.

Moore has been an ex-officio member of the regent since 1966 in his capacity as president of the Mechanics Institute. He replaces John Granday of Los Angeles, whose term expired.

Both terms are for 10 years.

don't hold in great esteem."

Weed denied he was ever a member of Students for a Democratic Society, but agreed that many of his friends consider him "radical."

He said it is "absurd" to imagine that Miss Hearst has been brainwashed by her kidnapers.

Foster was assassinated November 6 and Remiro and Little were arrested January 10 in Concord after a gun battle with police who stopped them for a traffic check.

Both men were in San Quentin—held for safekeeping at the request of Contra Costa county authorities—when Miss Hearst was abducted in Berkeley on February 4.

Nearly all of the communications from the abductors have mentioned the two men, and in the last message to her parents, Miss Hearst also asked that they be given a chance to be heard.

If the broadcast is unopposed by Judge Hall, it could then also be approved by Municipal Judge Stephen Buckley in Alameda county, in whose court Remiro and Hall are scheduled to appear at 9 a.m. today. The hearing is procedural in connection with the Foster murder charge.