

SLA Target Thinks Patty Is In Peril

By Jack Anderson

A marked man, who inadvertently helped found the Symbionese Liberation Army but is now on its death list, believes the kidnaped Patricia Hearst was forced to participate in Monday's San Francisco bank robbery and is now in "great danger".

This is the opinion of Colston Westbrook, a black linguistics instructor who knows the SLA members and how they think. He became acquainted with them during visits to California's Vacaville prison, where he coordinated the activities of the Black Cultural Association, the forerunner of the SLA.

The SLA has now issued a death contract on Westbrook, calling for him to be shot on sight. My reporter Ed Tropeano arranged to meet him behind the locked doors of a motel room.

Westbrook discounts Patty Hearst's statement that she has joined the SLA. The language she used, he said, sounds like his former friends. "It was too much like the way they talk for me to believe she said it out of her own free will," he told us, adding:

"They like to do the unexpected just to mix people up. Besides, Patty Hearst isn't the type of person they're looking for to join."

Now that Patty has been identified in the bank photos taken during the robbery, Westbrook feels she may be expendable.

He predicts they will make a final grandstand move, possibly to exchange her for the release of two SLA inmates now awaiting trial. He believes she is in danger because she "knows too much about them."

It was Westbrook who brought Donald DeFreeze into the Black Cultural Association at Vacaville prison. Westbrook wanted to break the influence of white radicals on the black society and thought the strong-willed, white-hating DeFreeze could do it.

The group evolved into the Symbionese Liberation Army, with DeFreeze as its purported leader. He now calls himself "General Field Marshal Cinque."

But Westbrook claims he has learned from his contacts that DeFreeze, an escaped convict, is merely a figurehead and that the SLA is still run by the white radicals.

Westbrook says there has been racial dissension, however, within the SLA. "It's the same old thing," he said. "These people claim they're working for the good of the black community when really all they care about is their own ego."

Footnote: As evidence of his close former ties with the SLA, Westbrook showed my reporter considerable documentation including his own detailed diary.

Milk Money: The Watergate prosecutors are secretly bargaining for a guilty plea from the president of a \$100 million-

a-year milk cooperative, which unwittingly supplied "hush money" for the Watergate conspirators.

The official is Richard Allison, who began as a candy clerk, worked his way through night school and is now the \$55,000-a-year president of the LeHigh Valley Cooperative Farmers of Allentown, Pa.

Proud of his accomplishments in building the co-op into a major American milk power, Allison wanted President Nixon as his speaker for the group's 1972 conference. LeHigh's Washington lobbyist, Frank Carroll, was called on to help with the arrangements, say sources close to the case.

Carroll could not land Mr. Nixon but settled for Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz. Thereafter, LeHigh coughed up a \$50,000 contribution.

The donation, which is illegal under federal law because corporate gifts are outlawed, was clandestinely passed to the President's campaign committee in two \$25,000 bundles, one of them in a car, say our sources.

J. Curtis Herge, a medium-level campaign official who accepted the cash for the committee, claims he was acting under orders from former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, and Mitchell's chief sidekick at the time, Jeb S. Magruder.

The \$50,000 reportedly wound up in the slush fund from which "hush money" was drawn to buy the silence of the original Watergate conspirators. This, of

course, set the prosecutors on LeHigh.

Carroll, who reportedly transmitted the money to Nixon campaign headquarters, could not be reached. Through his lawyer, he declined to comment. Herge refused to return our repeated phone calls. Allison's lawyers conceded only that the plea bargaining was going on.

Aluminum Hazards: The moguls of aluminum have met secretly in their shiny New York headquarters to try to counter federal hearings this week on deaths and home-burnings caused by aluminum wiring.

At the meeting, officials from Kaiser, Reynolds, Southwire, Alcoa and others agreed that a "motherhood" package concealing the dangers of aluminum wiring was the best way to deal with the hearings of the Consumer Product Safety Commission in Los Angeles.

From inside sources, we have also learned that "the industry is frightened to death" that studies showing 400 recent fires from the wiring will lead to reinspection of all aluminum-wired homes. At least two million homes, each with dozens of fire hazards, have been built.

The tin gods of aluminum privately decided at their meeting not to do their own survey, for fear it would prove how dangerous aluminum wiring actually is. Instead, they decided to discredit surveys now being done by others.

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