

Saxbe Warns on Kidnaping

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Attorney General William B. Saxbe said yesterday he does not think that "any acquiescence" by Randolph A. Hearst in meeting demands of his daughter's kidnapers will satisfy them.

"I certainly wouldn't recommend any compliance with such vague and unrealistic demands," Saxbe told reporters. "What they are asking is beyond even the capability of government to meet."

The Attorney General was commenting on the demands

of the Symbionese Liberation Army, which claims responsibility for the Feb. 4 abduction of 19-year-old Patricia Hearst from her Berkeley, Calif., apartment. The SLA has ordered Hearst to supply \$70 worth of free food for every elderly and needy person in California as a "gesture of good faith" before negotiating release of the girl.

Saxbe also told reporters, "I think we could identify most of the people [responsible] in this kidnaping." Asked if the FBI knows where she is being held captive, he replied, "If we did, we'd go get her. We'd

be subject to a dereliction of duty charge if we didn't."

His comments brought an anguished retort from Hearst, president and editor of the San Francisco Examiner.

Washington Post correspondent Leroy F. Aarons, reported that Hearst, speaking to the press outside his colonial mansion in suburban Hillsborough, said sharply, "Mr. Saxbe is not the father of the prisoner. I'm going to do what I can to get her out."

Hearst also said that "to make a statement that you're

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going to bust in" on the kidnapers "is damn near irresponsible."

Saxbe was "not in a position to have an opinion," Hearst said, adding that the Attorney General's statement was "antagonistic" and had no place "in the kind of negotiations that we are involved in."

The Saxbe statement also caused consternation within the FBI, which issued a statement saying that it has not identified any suspects in the case and that it "will do nothing to jeopardize the safety of Patricia Hearst."

Saxbe later said he felt "compelled" to clarify his earlier comments.

"I wholeheartedly subscribe to the procedures being pursued by the FBI in its investigative endeavors in this most delicate case," Saxbe said. "I have no certain knowledge there are suspects identified in connection with this matter nor would I want the FBI to pursue any action which would in any way jeopardize the life of the young victim in this case."

His second statement came after FBI Associate Director Nicholas P. Callahan urged him to modify his earlier news conference remarks, but before he learned of Hearst's comments.

After hearing them, Saxbe told an aide, James Duerk, that he was sorry his first comments had upset Hearst. "I've been persuaded that I

was wrong in stating my personal views in such a manner as to cause distress to an already overwrought family," he said.

An FBI source here said Hearst and the bureau "are in close contact, but we're not directing his actions. We are being guided by his wishes. Our greatest concern is her safe return."

Charles Bates, the FBI special agent in charge of the San Francisco office, said the bureau "is still working" on identification of the kidnapers. Earlier he had warned, as Saxbe did yesterday, that the kidnapers' demands would be followed by more demands, each more difficult than the last to satisfy.

Hearst told the press that he had received an enormous amount of cash, checks and pledges to help set up the food distribution program the SLA had demanded. But the sum was nowhere near the \$1 million that his wife, Catherine, had estimated for reporters Wednesday night, Hearst said.

"She got the figure from hearing someone say that if they had a telethon, it could raise \$1 million," he explained. "That is where the \$1 million came from."

"I don't know how much we have. It isn't anything like that. We're not soliciting funds. It's from people who just feel that they want to help us, people who are concerned like all of us with what's happening to Patty."

Hearst said the money would be put in escrow so that "if things turn out, we can send it back to the people."

Cecil Williams, a minister of the progressive Glide Memorial Methodist Church in San Francisco, has put together a coalition of social action groups who have discussed plans with Hearst to supervise a food distribution program.

The coalition includes representatives of the American Indian Movement, the Black Teachers Caucus, Nairobi College of East Palo Alto, the United Prisoners Union and the National Welfare Rights Organization.

The groups in the coalition were named in an SLA document as those it wanted to supervise the distribution program.

On Wednesday the coalition agreed with the SLA's view that "oppressive conditions" are "a reality" but stressed that "we do not condone terrorist activity whether it is carried out by either the SLA or the establishment. We are concerned about the life of Patricia Hearst, as we are about all human life."

Therefore, the coalition said, it is willing to act as liaison between the Hearst family and the SLA if that "would prevent further destruction of human life."

Hearst said the family had not yet worked out a counterproposal to the SLA demand, which could cost up to \$402 million to distribute free food to 4.7 million needy Californians.

"We are in the process of looking into what's possible," Hearst said.

Meanwhile, a tape recording specialist in Sacramento said the recording of Miss Hearst's voice made last Friday by the SLA showed she was "obviously terrified" when she was speaking.

Dan Mallicoat, who heads a security organization specializing in the analysis of tape recordings, said the FBI had asked him to evaluate her voice.

Mallicoat said she showed "extreme stress," the greatest coming in the portion in which she said she was not being forced by the SLA to make the statements.

"The stress was high, indicating there was deception," Mallicoat told United Press International. He said there was a "great possibility" that she was drugged when she made the recording. "The speech pattern was slow and

methodical," he said, adding, "She is a very courageous young woman."

Later, California Attorney General Evelle Younger said some state legislators are under guard to protect them from the SLA. "We received information about the SLA," he said, "and asked the legislators whether they would like additional security. They said yes." Younger would not describe what information he had received or disclose which legislators are being protected by his office's security unit.

Besides kidnaping Miss Hearst, the SLA has claimed responsibility for the cyanide-bullet assassination of Oakland School Supt. Marcus Foster last Nov. 6.