

Agnew and Nixon Get Radio Threat

Denver

Authorities and private citizens monitored a complex radio network yesterday hoping to pinpoint the location of a man broadcasting threats against President Nixon and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

Officials believe the man sent New Mexico officers on a futile chase earlier this month in search of a boy named Larry who, according to broadcasts, said he was trapped in a wrecked truck and that his father had been killed or severely injured.

New Mexico officials launched a search for the boy. The search cost at least \$20,000 and thousands of man-hours.

Saturday, a transmission heard in Denver took credit for the New Mexico hoax. Two other transmissions threatened the lives of Mr. Nixon and Agnew. The calls were filled with profanity.

PATTERN

"This guy has got to be a psycho," said Robert Vetter,

a service station owner who first monitored the calls. "He threatened to kill Nixon and Agnew and then he threatened to kill everyone. He's daring anyone to find him."

"He's smart," Vetter said. "He always uses the 'skip pattern' for a coverup."

The skip pattern is a period during the afternoon when weather conditions create a garble effect on the citizens broadcast band.

"I'm sure we'll catch this nut sooner or later," Vetter said. "It's only a matter of time."

Vetter said 400 to 500 persons stood by their radios throughout Saturday night and Sunday in hopes the man would make another broadcast.

SIGNAL

"We're using different antennas and signal strength test meters trying to pinpoint his location," Vetter said. "Any signal that can be sent can be found if he stays on long enough."

Several citizens band operators south of Denver reported Saturday they had monitored several calls berating New Mexico authorities for their failure to find Larry.

"I'm convinced that this is the guy who was responsible for that business down in New Mexico," Vetter said. "At first I didn't think so, but now I do because of his mocking manner, the talking in a kid's voice and the operating technique he uses."

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