



LETHAL ALARM CLOCK FOUND IN A NEW YORK VAULT

Device, with batteries, was removed from safe deposit box in background

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FBI Hunt Centers In Chicago
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A mid-north area of Chicago which has been a hotbed of radical ferment, including Weathermen activity, was being combed by FBI agents today for leads on the time bombs which were secreted in safe deposit boxes of banks in San Francisco, Chicago and New York.

"Christopher Charles Mohr," the person or persons who rented the safety deposit boxes last year and in late

Man Sought

The Chicago FBI said it wanted for questioning a young man who was said to have discussed bomb making recently in three bars in the mid-north area of Chicago. The FBI's description of him was roughly similar to the one for Christopher Charles Mohr, but there was no other definite link identifying them as the same person.

The FBI in Chicago also announced that it wanted to round up 16 young radicals in the investigation, including several who are nationally known fugitives and members of the Weatherman.

(The name derives from a Bob Dylan lyric on "The Times They Are a-Changing.")

The list put out in Chicago included Bernardine Dorhn, 29, who is on the FBI's Most

1970, was checked out by Alcohol Tax Unit agents to an address at 560 West Arlington Place in Chicago shortly after one of the long-timed bombs went off prematurely in September at the Bank of America branch at Market and New Montgomery.

The West Arlington address is in the same mid-north area of Chicago. Christopher Charles Mohr lived there only two days, and was later checked to another Chicago address. The manager of the West Arlington apartment building described him as clean cut appearing, in Ivy League clothes, with a crew haircut.

On contract cards filled out when he rented the safe deposit boxes, Mohr described himself as 25 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 165 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

Wanted list; William Ayers, son of Thomas C. Ayers, President of the Commonwealth Edison Co. of Chicago and Michael Rudd, 24, or Maple Park, N. J., leader of the 1968 Columbia University demonstrations.

13 Others

There were 13 others on the list, including a number who are not well known and who were not specifically identified as Weathermen. The FBI did not say that it had identified the bombs in the safe deposit boxes with the Weathermen.

The safe deposit boxes were rented at three banks in San Francisco, three in Chicago and three in New York City. Black powder bombs were found in safe deposit boxes in eight of the banks yesterday, including the Crocker National Bank at 1 Montgomery St. and the Wells-Fargo Bank at Market and Montgomery. The premature explosion at the Bank of America at Market and New Montgomery was kept a secret at the time it occurred last September.

The bombs were timed with electric calendar clocks, a method by which they could be timed to explode up to seven months after being placed in the safe deposit boxes.

Press Notified

Special delivery letters, alerting the Establishment to the presence of the bombs, were sent to news media outlets in San Francisco, Chicago and New York. The letters suggested that bombs could be used to kidnap such things as major buildings, hotels or new freeways, in exchange for the release of "political prisoners".

The letter said these were "prototype" bombs intended for demonstration purposes. Future bombs, it said, would have plastic explosives and electronic watches.

The letters were post-marked Chicago, and Chicago was the address given by the person who rented the safe deposit boxes at the banks.

Keys Included

Neat hand lettering listed the banks by name and address, gave the numbers of the boxes, and in most instances included the box key.

There was no key for the Wells Fargo box, which had to be drilled open.

In all cases the police and FBI bomb experts had to wait until time locks gave morning access to the basement vaults.

A San Francisco police dog trained to sniff out explosives was taken to Crocker and the Bank of America.

Donald White, a Crocker bank official, said since the box was high on the wall and they had the key, the dog was not needed but was tested anyhow.

Barks

"It was amazing," he said. "He loped around for about two minutes, then went right up to the box, put his paws on the wall and started barking."

The letter announcing the safe deposit bombs concluded "Free all political prisoners. Remember George Jackson and Sam Melville."

Jackson, a black revolutionary convict, was killed Aug. 21 in a San Quentin prison outbreak while awaiting trial for murder of a guard. Melville was killed in the September rioting at New York's Attica Prison, where he was doing time for New York bombings.