

Bomb Threats Close Building in Oakland

The nine-story Federal Building in Oakland was sealed off last night after warnings a bomb would explode there, as well as in the State Department in Washington.

Telephone calls from persons claiming to represent the Weather Underground warned a bomb would go off at 10 p.m. in the building at

15th and Clay streets in Oakland.

But by early this morning, an explosion had taken place in Oakland.

It was the second event in two days to indicate resurging anti-war activity in the Bay Area. On Monday, the South Vietnamese consulate in San Francisco was occupied by war protesters,

resulting in 19 arrests.

The target of the bomb threat was the Defense Department, which has offices on five floors in the brown brick building. The Armed Forces Induction Center is located in the structure.

After reports of the explosion in the State Department in Washington, police decided not to search the building.

Later, when they considered conducting the search, a caller urgently warned a local television station: For godsakes, don't let anybody go in there. The bomb's still there. We don't know why it didn't go off."

After midnight police, at the suggestion of Federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent-in-charge Joseph A. Pupello, decided to stay out of the building until 6 a.m. this morning.

Since the building closed at 6 p.m. and time bombs

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Weather Underground
Organization
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and the Department of Defense in Oakland, California.

Through them, the US government continues to wage war against Vietnam and Cambodia. Unable to resolve the deepening economic crisis and suffering at home, the imperialists mobilize for further war. Official policies of secret military intervention and threats are escalating. We honor and celebrate with our acts and words the Paris Peace Agreement. We act in solidarity with the people and liberation forces of Vietnam and in harmony with the millions of US people who are actively struggling to demand that the US get out of Indochina.

The first page of terrorist message received by The Chronicle

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linked to a clock only have a range of 12 hours, it was felt that by 6 a.m. it would be safe to search the building.

In the meantime, Oakland and Alameda police closed off the entrance to Posey Tube shortly after 11 p.m. after another caller threatened to blow up the link between the two East Bay cities.

The Weather Underground action was preceded by telephone calls to at least two Bay Area newspapers, including The Chronicle, at least one news service and at least one television station.

The call to The Chronicle came at 9:50 p.m. The voice was that of a young woman, speaking in pleasant tones.

"Do you have a pencil?" she asked. "Take this down. This is the Weather Underground. In ten minutes bombs are going to go off in the Defense Department in Oakland and the State Department in Washington."

She said a political statement on the bombing would be found in a phone booth at an empty service station at Fourth and Howard streets.

"Feed the Vietnamese people — not the war," she said.

The photocopied statement, which was recovered a few minutes later, was headed "Weather Underground Organization" and began:

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"We act in solidarity with the people and liberation forces of Vietnam and in harmony with the millions of U.S. people who are actively struggling to demand that the U.S. get out of Indochina."

The same statement — eight pages in length (four pages less than the statement circulated to the media in Washington — was also taped to phone booths at 86 McAllister street and Stockton and Post streets.

The last bombing for which the Weather Underground claimed responsibility in the Bay Area was on September 10, 1974 at the Oakland offices of the Anaconda American Brass Company.