

# Policeman's Killing Called Retaliation for Jackson's

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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30—A San Francisco police homicide officer theorized today that the shotgun killing of a desk sergeant last night was the latest of a series of retaliatory acts for the death of George Jackson.

Jackson, one of the three blacks known as the "Soledad Brothers" who were charged with the killing of a guard last year at Soledad Prison, was shot to death Aug. 21 in what the authorities at San Quentin Prison said was an escape attempt. Three white guards and two white prisoners were also found slain in the Adjustment Center, a maximum security cellblock where Jackson had been held.

Since Jackson's death, there has been a public outcry, largely from liberal and radical circles, that he was "set up" and murdered by the prison authorities. Officials at the prison have repeatedly denied the accusation as well as charges that the 26 prisoners remaining in the Adjustment Center had since been beaten, tortured and threatened.

Several hundred protesters gathered outside the San Quentin gates throughout last week carrying picket signs with demands such as "Free the Soledad Brothers," "Let Doctors In" and "Stop the torture."

## Bombings Over Weekend

Over the weekend several public buildings and a branch of the Bank of America were bombed. In two instances, the bombings of State Department of Corrections offices in San Francisco and Sacramento, communications said the actions had been in retaliation for the killing of Jackson.

In linking the shotgun slaying last night of Sgt. John V. Young to the protests over Jackson's killing, Lieut. Charles Ellis, who was in charge of the San Francisco Police Department's Homicide Bureau today, said "That's only a theory on my part."

"I can't say that's a fact," he went on. "I can't back it up.

But it's a motive. There's certainly no other motive in this case, because the man who was killed was such an outstanding man. He didn't have any enemies."

## Dispatcher Wounded

Recalling the series of bombing over the weekend, the protests at San Quentin, the outbreaks last week at a Superior Court hearing of pretrial motions in the case of the two remaining Soledad Brothers, Fleeta Drumgo and John Clutchette, Lieutenant Ellis said that he was convinced that Sergeant Young's death was an outgrowth of "radical unrest."

"They just want to kill policemen," he said.

Sergeant Young, 45 years old, was killed at his desk at the Ingleside police station about 9:40 o'clock last night when two black men fired repeated blasts from shotguns into the building, Mrs. Ellen Lipney, 30, a dispatcher, was

wounded in the shoulder by one of the shots.

The police have also theorized that the men might have been attempting to break into the station's armory to steal weapons.

But Gerald D'Arcy, president of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, said at a news conference today that he thought it was another episode in a "national conspiracy against policemen by some maniacs."

Sergeant Young was the third San Francisco policeman killed this year.

The first three in the series of bombings in the state came early Saturday morning. The authorities in Sacramento and San Francisco said they had received telephone warnings of the blasts.

One of two callers in San Francisco, according to the police, said that the bomb planted in the Department of Corrections office in the Ferry Building was "in defense of George Jackson."

## 'This Is Weatherman'

In Sacramento, a woman calling to warn about a bomb in the office there is reported to have said, "This is Weatherman." Later in the day, The San Francisco Examiner received a letter signed "Weather Underground" taking credit for the explosions and declaring that they were "one outraged response to the assassination of George Jackson."

The third bombing, shortly after midnight Friday, was at the State Department of Rehabilitation office in San Mateo, which provides vocational training for the handicapped. It is not connected with the prison system, but investigators theorized that the bombers had made a mistake because of the word "rehabilitation" in the title.

Yesterday the Stonestown branch of the Bank of America here was bombed, shattering windows and causing minor structural damage. It was 46th attack on branches of the bank since February, 1970.

And in the latest issue of The Berkeley Tribe, an underground newspaper, two letters are printed under the heading "Retaliation." One, signed by the Red Willow Family, claims credit for the fire-bombing of a parking lot for state-owned automobiles on Aug. 22 as a reaction to Jackson's death. The other, which is unsigned, said that the writers set fire to a Bank of America branch here on Aug. 21 shortly after he was killed.