

Doctor denies Hearst intimidation complaint

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A government psychiatrist said he was "gentle, tender and compassionate" in questioning Patricia Hearst but that she "appeared simply afraid of me."

Dr. Harry Kozol gave his account Thursday in disputing allegations that he browbeat Hearst. He testified that she reached the edge of tears only once, when he mentioned a slain terrorist for

whom she proclaimed her love. "When I asked the question in the kindest possible language and manner, she exploded with an utterance I won't repeat here and ran out of the room," Kozol testified during the second day of a special hearing called to consider his conduct.

After about two and a half hours of testimony, U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Carter took under advisement the government's request that Hearst be directed to meet again with Kozol. He said he would decide the matter no later than Friday.

In a surprise defense move, the imprisoned newspaper heiress had taken the stand Wednesday to accuse the Boston psychiatrist of reducing her to hysteria with

pointed questions about an April 1974 bank holdup and her relationship with members of the Symbionese Liberation Army. She is to stand trial Jan. 26 on charges she joined the SLA in the robbery.

"I treated her with gentle inquiries," Kozol maintained from the witness stand. "How she interpreted them is a different story. She appeared simply afraid of me."

As Hearst sat unsmiling at the defense table, Kozol denied becoming angry with her or attempting to intimidate her. Asked by U.S. Atty. James Browning Jr. whether he expressed disbelief in any of her answers, Kozol replied: "Never by word, never by expression, never by tone of voice."

Kozol, bespectacled and dressed in dark suit and tie, also denied Hearst's charges that he had touched her, saying they exchanged "not even a handshake."

Hearst became upset after about one and a half hours of questioning when he broached the subject of Willie Wolfe, slain with five other SLA members in a May 1974 shootout with Los Angeles police. Kozol said.

"I think she was close to crying on the last time," Kozol said. "She was struggling three to four minutes to hold back tears" before she burst out of the room at the San Mateo County Jail, where she has been held since her capture Sept. 18.

Lederer lawyers receive pay from commissioners

Lane County Commissioners Wednesday approved payment of \$38,595 to the two attorneys who defended Belinda Lederer, convicted last September of manslaughter in the shooting death of Lane County Sheriff's detective Roy Dirks.

Attorneys Jack Gardner and Bill Honsowetz had presented a bill for \$49,500 to the county in October. Lane County Legal Counsel Helen Kallil recommended paying about \$35,000, based on an hourly wage of \$32.50. The final figure represents a compromise worked out between the parties.

The board also appointed an 11-member advisory committee to "address the feasibility of an expanded Board of Commissioners." The committee will hold its first meeting Jan. 22 to elect officers and set a schedule for future meetings.

The committee will submit recommendations on ballot measures to the commissioners in June, which the board, after revision, will submit to the Elections Division to be placed on the November ballot. The committee will then work on publicizing and securing passage for the proposed ballot measure.

In a lighter vein, Commissioner Robert Wood read a letter from several announced candidates for board positions one and three, offering their services to "brainstorm" a solution to the county jail problem.

Wood, whose term is not up until 1978, said he doubted whether it would be proper for the board to appoint such a committee. And Commissioner Hayward, up for re-election, jokingly suggested they take the candidates up on the offer, since the project would take over a year and would keep them busy through the elections.



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