

Hearst: Young witness counters Patty

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Patricia Hearst, once a kidnap victim, smiled easily Tuesday as a teen-aged witness spoke of her as his kindly captor who comforted him while loading her gun.

Thomas Matthews, an affable 19-year-old obviously pleased to see Hearst again, testified that he remembered vividly her skillful clicking of a bullet in and out of her rifle while he watched.

Hearst swore in direct testimony Monday that she never handled a gun near Matthews. But under further questioning, she said her memory was cloudy and "it's possible" she loaded a rifle in his presence.

Matthews' recollection was far from cloudy as he told again and again of Hearst's concern for his comfort during his 12 hours of captivity by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

"She patted me on the head and asked me if I was all right," he said. "I know she did this at least twice, but it might have been four or five times."

Matthews testified during the second day of a hearing outside the jury's presence to decide whether key pieces of government evidence should be placed before a jury in U.S. District Court.

The government planned to call to the stand three witnesses who met Hearst in her role as "Tania" of the underground.

The witnesses, it was learned, were neighbors in the predominantly black section of San Francisco where Hearst lived for several months.

Invited to meet her by SLA chieftain Donald "Cinque" DeFreeze, the three reportedly have said Hearst looked happy and spoke openly of her exploits as a revolutionary.

The witnesses, who are said to have helped the fugitive group with provisions and cars, were expected to be granted immunity from prosecution before they testify.

Matthews, recalling his night on the run with the SLA, said Hearst told him openly that "she was a willing participant" in the bank robbery with which she is charged.

He identified Hearst's companions of May 16, 1974, as William and Emily Harris and said neither of them urged Hearst to speak of the robbery.

Matthews said Hearst told her story after she and the Harrises had commandeered Matthews' van, taking him along in their frantic search for helpers in their flight from the law.

"I asked why they had robbed a bank," Matthews recalled. "William Harris stated they needed money. They were fighting guerrilla warfare and it wasn't easy."

"...Patty said she'd read in the paper how her hands were tied during the bank robbery and that SLA members were pointing guns at her," he said. "She said this was absolutely false."

Matthews testified after Anthony Shepard, a sporting goods salesman, described his sidewalk scuffle with Harris, a suspected shoplifter.

Shepard identified Hearst as the person who sprayed machine-gun fire across four lanes of traffic to provide cover for Harris' escape.

Hearst does not deny firing the gun but says she was—as she always did with the SLA—under duress and in fear of execution.

Mediterranean wastes may threaten sea life

(CPS) — Pollution could kill every living thing in the Mediterranean except bacteria and viruses unless a major international effort is made to control wastes, according to French oceanographer Jacques Cousteau. If pollution continues, citizens of Barcelona, Nice, Genoa, Naples and the rest

of the southern European coast

might have to move miles inland to survive, Cousteau said recently at a conference at the United Nations headquarters.

Serious damage has already been done, Cousteau said, claiming that coastal areas have been depleted of fish in some areas.

Fake ID breeds serious game

By CRAIG WALKER
Of the Emerald

Fake identification is everywhere.

Walk up to a University student under 21 and chances are he or she can produce a doctored driver's license, a friend's OLCC card, a Minnesota beaver-trapping permit or a tire warehouse discount card all proudly stating "This person is 21."

"It's as easy to get an OLCC (Oregon Liquor Control Commission) card as to get into this tavern" said Adrian Clark, manager of Duffy's, which is one of the more difficult taverns for minors to get into.

The strictness at Duffy's stems from the predominantly young college crowd which frequents the tavern and the citation Duffy's received about two years ago for serving a minor.

That penalty can be a fine of \$500 against the person who served the minor and \$1,000 against the tavern. Most establishments pay the \$500 personal fine also, and the fined server is usually sent looking for another job.

So while bigger profits are realized from more customers,

the wrong kind of customer can be costly.

"For them, it's a game; but for us, it's very serious," said Clark.

Most taverns can show many pieces of fake identification lifted from minors. Some grocery stores have been known to detain minors attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages with fake identification until police arrive. But few local taverns go to such extremes. Duffy's, however, keeps the illegal documents.

The OLCC issues citations to minors using stolen, bought or altered identification, charging wrongdoers with "falsely representing age."

The fine is generally \$50, but the amount can increase if forgery or theft is involved.

The OLCC has four employees for eastern Lane County. Besides inspecting sanitary conditions and reviewing requests for liquor licenses, they also appear anonymously in taverns to look for violations.

"We have no idea how often or when they're here," said a bartender whose words were echoed by other tavern workers.

One of the most common

means to alter driver's licenses is to use a hole punch to switch address and birthdate numbers. Commonly used, it is also commonly detected.

Underground identification, much of it thought to be Canadian, is also widespread. Generally obtained from mail-order companies, it is often poor quality.

"I think there's a lot of fake student identification cards drifting around," said Clark. "We don't get many fake OLCC cards anymore; just a lot not belonging to the person carrying it."

"Fraternity and sorority members let each other use their identification often as do people in dorms," said one identification checker.

"Girls seem to use it more than guys" said one bartender. "Girls are more brazen about it, guys have a lot more trouble."

Duffy's hires many college students to spot minors. "Often they'll recognize someone they know is too young," said Clark. "They have to be vigilant."

Most taverns report that they pick up several pieces of fake identification during the week and three or four each weekend night.

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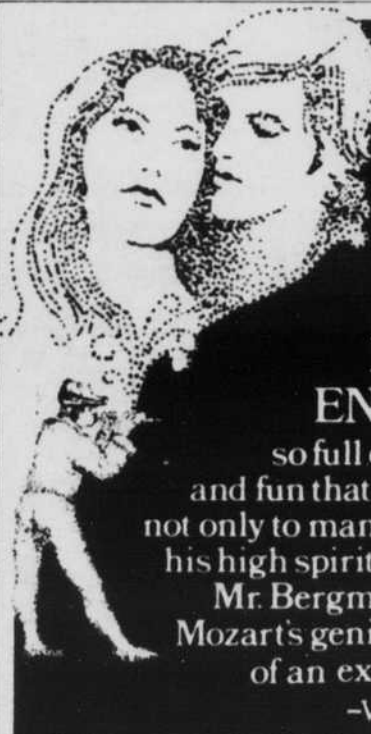
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