

Atlanta editor nabbed by new militant group

ATLANTA (AP) — Executives of Atlanta Newspapers Inc. waited word today on how they should pay the \$700,000 ransom demanded by the abductors of editor Reg Murphy. He said in a taped message that he was being held by the American Revolutionary Army.

William H. Fields, executive editor of the Atlanta Journal, said the ransom would be paid as soon as he is "apprised of the method and time."

Murphy, 40, editor of the Constitution, said in the taped message:

"The American Revolutionary Army, as I understand it, feels that the American news media have been too leftist and too liberal. They intend to do something about that.

"That's the cause for my abduction. They also tell me that they have representatives in the major American cities that they are quite strong, and that they are determined to return the American government to the American people."

Addressing his message to Jim Minter, managing editor of the Constitution, Murphy said, "Jim, the demand that they have is a ransom of \$700,000. They understand that I don't have that kind of wealth and they don't make it personally, they make it toward the corporation."

Murphy said that someone in the Atlanta area would be called at random by the kidnapers.

"They will be given the kinds of demands that we're talking about here and they will expect

the person who is called to call you," Murphy said.

He said the kidnapers wanted the money in \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 denominations packaged in plastic bags.

"They tell me it should not be new currency and it shouldn't have any particular sequence to the serial numbers," Murphy said.

Murphy disappeared after leaving his home Wednesday night with a man he said wanted him to help distribute \$100,000 in heating oil for the needy.

Sources said the man was white, heavyset, in his early 20s, about 6 feet tall and wore a cowboy hat. He and Murphy left in a green car.

Fields said there was no doubt about the authenticity of the tape received Thursday by the newspaper.

"That was Reg's voice," he said. "There's no question about it."

Jim Rankin of the Constitution, who was serving as spokesman for the Murphy family, agreed.

"He sounded very serious," Rankin said. "There is no doubt that it was Reg."

In a voice that sounded tired but calm, Murphy said his kidnapers told him they intend to engage in guerrilla warfare throughout the country in the future.

But Murphy said that for now, they mainly want all elected federal officials to resign and "free" elections to be held.

Murphy said the group originally planned to abduct him at about the same time the Symbionese Liberation Army SLA ab-

ducted Patricia Hearst, daughter of California newspaper executive Randolph A. Hearst. But Murphy said there were circumstances "which made it difficult to do that at that time.

"I think I ought to say, and it's fair, that the two groups don't work in concert at all; they don't share as I understand it the same goals and don't work in the same way."

The FBI was investigating Murphy's disappearance but remained noncommittal. FBI agents combed Murphy's office Thursday seeking leads.

At Murphy's two-story brick home, his wife, Virginia, their two teen-age daughters and his parents waited with friends throughout the day and night. Newsmen maintained a vigil outside.

Constitutional officials declined to say how they received the taped message from Murphy. It was not until they played it at a news conference in the lobby of the newspaper building that it was learned that they had been contacted earlier by Murphy.

He referred to an earlier phone conversation, said he had been kidnaped, and asked that his family be told he was all right.

Murphy then went into details about the denominations the ransom should begin and show it was to be packaged.

He continued, "Jim, the American Revolutionary Army says that although it intends to go into guerrilla warfare in the future it doesn't intend to do that now. They want to make it clear that they believe the American Revolutionary Armies are stronger, better organized, better disciplined and better spread around the country than the SLA.

Hearst gets new demands from SLA

HILLSBOROUGH Calif. (AP) — The Hearst family is ready to launch an unprecedented feed-the-poor program in the face of new demands from the terrorist kidnapers of their daughter, Patricia. There was no assurance that the \$2 million free food distribution plan starting today would satisfy the Symbionese Liberation Army, which claims to hold the girl as its "prisoner of war."

In a 20-minute tape recording late Wednesday and released Thursday, the SLA denounced Hearst's effort as "throwing a few crumbs to the people." The group demanded that another \$4 million be pumped into the program to feed needy Californians.

Only if all its complex new demands are met will the way be cleared for actual negotiations for Patricia Hearst's freedom, the SLA said.

The SLA leader who calls himself "Cinque" set a deadline of today for Miss Hearst's father, newspaper magnate Randolph A. Hearst, to set the \$6 million food program into motion.

There was no immediate response from Hearst, president and editor of the San Francisco Examiner and chairman of the Hearst Corp. After pledging the initial \$2 million he said there was no more money "in the kitty."

Cinque, however, accused Hearst of holding back vast sums of the family and Hearst Corp. fortune which he claimed amounted to hundreds of millions of dollars.

There was new militancy in the message after a more conciliatory communication last Saturday that raised family hopes for an early release of Miss Hearst.

The pretty 20-year-old University of California coed was dragged from her Berkeley apartment Feb. 4 by two black men and a white woman who fired shots at witnesses.

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Batt Film Review

Student—teacher conflicts explored

By BRAD ELLIS

All of you reading this are probably involved in a paper chase, or else you'd most likely be watching television now, possibly drinking beer, instead of accentuating your degree of literacy.

"The Paper Chase" as a concept, is a sarcastic view of higher education; while as a film it is the story of a first-year Harvard law student and how he survives it.

James T. Hart, played by the elusive young actor Timothy Bottoms, is the focus of consideration, as his personality is assaulted by his professor in the very first minute of class, by his dorm buddies as the tension mounts to insanity pitch by the end of the year, and by omnipotently aloof coincidence as he falls in love with his prof's daughter.

Director James Bridges establishes the conflict quickly, methodically, building on set-ups and introductions such that all the important turns of events are anticipated on film. Never is the viewer caught in a tight situation without subconscious foreknowledge of the escape route.

The conflict is a game. The game is called "Beat the Prof." The objective is to infuse his brain into yours; totally, academically, intellectually, spiritually, as far as the subject matter's relation to the functioning of the real world allows. In the prof's own college notes, Hart finds a philosophical observation that it is hard being the living extension of accumulated expertise. They tell us we have to know it all before we can add to it. Right.

Subtly controlled coincidence of sound and motion mold the mood, which is Hart's. For point of view this may be called "limited omniscient," because we are allowed to know facts Hart is as yet ignorant of, but all the input bears only on his state of mind. The film's devices are just gently stereotyped, bigger than life, more real than real, just comfortably illusory.

"The Paper Chase" is replete with absurd coincidences as Susan's lover-daughter situation complicates the student-professor relationship and vice-versa. Susan (Lindsay Wagner) is often used as an observation point from which Hart thinks to us and himself out-loud; that is, whenever she is not being used as a tension building complication.

Photographically, several nice angles are apparent, the finest of which being a particular shot in the stadium, accompanying a major turning point in the kid's first year, at a point when his complicated life is arranged so as to fall together in a fine, integrated whole; at the point just before he blows it.

Being a strong character, Hart associates with students who demonstrate a fascinating command of their own situation, a clever delusion which successful students construct so they can make it through school without going crazy under the pressure.

Hart's personal fortitude and control are revealed in a burst of surrealism: a daydream every cocksure, frustrated student has—of winning a shouting match with his professor. The inevitable result of the match is the affirmation of faith that he, the student, is in control of his life on his own terms, and that part of the time the game must be played by his rules.

"The Paper Chase," as a film and a concept, culminates for Hart and for Susan simultaneously as each receives a piece of paper that sets them free. As for the result, what good could it possibly do to tell the result? You are chasing the answer down a paper page when you should be out chasing it down the concrete path to success. On your way out, "The Paper Chase" is showing at the Campus Theater.

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