Berrigans jailed after weapons plant raid

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KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa. — Peace activists Daniel and Philip Berrigan, charged with smashing the nose cones of two Minuteman missiles at a General Electric weapons' plant and smearing blood on classified documents, were held in jail Wednesday without bail.

The Berrigans, prominent protest figures in the 1960s, and six other members of peace groups were arrested Tuesday on conspiracy, trespass, assault and other charges.

Charles Glackin, attorney for Daniel Berrigan, said the eight entered a plant back door — left unlocked for employees — whisked past a security guard and entered a room marked "High Radiation Area."

Authorities said the protesters used hammers to damage nose cones on two missiles and spread blood on the documents.

Spokesmen for General Electric said the plant assembles and conducts research into the Mark 12A re-entry system for the Minuteman 3 intercontinental ballistic missile.

Matthew Horowitz, a spokesman for the Atlantic Life Community peace coalition, called the incident part of a so-called "Swords to Plowshares" protest and said the eight had hoped to dismantle the weapons systems in the facility.

"We feel their (GE's) contract to build the Mark 12A is making nuclear war more possible," Horowitz said.

Robert Smith, 30, of Media, Pa., a member of one of the eight groups associated with ALC, said the coalition had been "focusing on General Electric's production of the Mark 12A for the last two years."

"This kind of technology has no right to exist and the arms race must stop," Smith said. "To embody that statement, people did some damage to components of the re-entry vehicles and poured blood on drafting forms."

A hearing for the eight suspects was set for next Monday in Upper Merion District Court.

Jailed along with the Berrigans on similar charges were Dean Hammer, 28, Connecticut; the Rev. Carl Kabat, 47, Baltimore; Elmer Maas, New York; Sister Anne Montgomery, New York; Molly Rush, Pittsburgh, and John Schuchardt, 37, Baltimore.

The six refused to post bail, which was set at $125,000.

No bail was set for the Berrigans, who were taken to the Montgomery County Prison.

Philip Berrigan, a Josephite priest who was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church for marrying a former nun, was acquitted in a 1972 Harrisburg trial with six others on charges they engaged in a 1970 plot to kidnap Henry Kissinger and blow up Washington, D.C., heating tunnels.

Daniel Berrigan, a Jesuit priest who left the church, once went underground for four months to elude a federal prison term for destroying draft records. He was subsequently caught, jailed and paroled in February, 1972.

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Bradley to replace Rather next spring

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NEW YORK — Ed Bradley officially has been given the job that's been his on the rumor mill for months, replacing Dan Rather on "60 Minutes" when Rather takes Walter Cronkite's job.

No definite date has been set, but it will be sometime next spring, probably in March.

"No one really knows for sure when I'll start working and doing actual pieces for '60 Minutes,'" Bradley said after accepting congratulations on his new post.

"There's been no timetable set up. It all starts with Walter and when he will step down. The general feeling is that Dan will be gone from the show next season."

Bradley, whose mother and father both have been ill, has been too distracted to make definite plans.

"I've filed away a couple of things, good story ideas — which I won't mention now because I'm not going to start working tomorrow and I wouldn't want someone else to do them."

Bradley's career with CBS News began in Saigon in 1972. He was reassigned to Washington in June 1974, served as CBS News White House correspondent from November 1976 through September 1978, when he was named a principal correspondent for CBS Reports.

He also anchors the CBS Sunday Night New, and doesn't know if he will continue in the job after he begins work on "60 Minutes."

Bradley enjoys the traveling that will be part of his new job and likes the idea of "doing a little bit of everything."

"I'm not coming onto '60 Minutes' as a black specialist," he said in answer to a question, but added, "I do have a different perspective because I happen to be black."

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'For my next movement'

Patrick McGarity, a freshman from Atlanta, Ga., practices Beethoven in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Student Center. McGarity describes the piano in the lounge as "fantastic."

Satellite to help forecasters

United Press International

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A sophisticated weather satellite is in an elliptical orbit around the earth today, being readied for a permanent place from which it can help scientists on earth forecast hurricanes and other storms.

A Delta rocket pushed the GOES-4 satellite into space at 6:27 p.m. Tuesday from the Kennedy Space Center. Officials there said the launch was perfect, and the satellite went into a preliminary elliptical orbit that swooped to 100 miles from earth and zoomed 30,000 miles out.

From its eventual stationary position 22,500 miles above the eastern Pacific Ocean, at longitude 75 west, the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite will watch weather systems over the United States and seas to the east, south and west.

The satellite will become [illegible] tional in mid-October, so it [illegible] tested little during the [illegible] Atlantic hurricane season, [illegible] ends in November.

The satellite's new equipment [illegible] cludes a radiometer designed [illegible] asure temperature and mo[illegible] Like previous weather sate[illegible] has cameras with which to [illegible] tures of clouds and relay them [illegible] to earth.

The moisture and temper[illegible] data will give forecasters bet[illegible] sight into the "fuel" supply a[illegible] storm or hurricane and the [illegible] that influence storm move[illegible] Knowing the temperatures [illegible] the hurricane eye will help [illegible] ters gauge a storm's strength.

Dick Young, spokesman [illegible] National Aeronautics and [illegible] Administration, said the new [illegible] will be available only to resea[illegible] at the University of Wiscons[illegible] NASA's Goddard Space Flight [illegible] ter in Greenbelt, Md., at [illegible] probably will become rou[illegible] available to other forecast[illegible] another six years.

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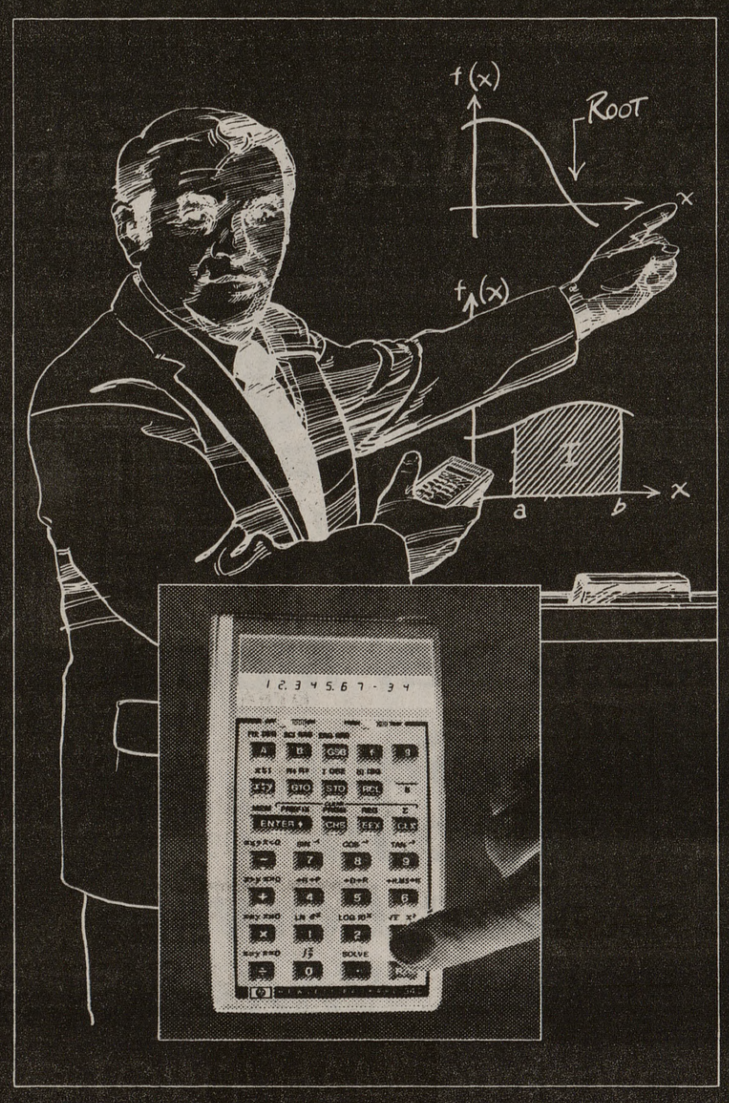

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