

String of Beads - Tim

Performance / Critical Issues of Identity

1. "My fellow Americans, I'm pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes"
Actor/President Ronald Reagan 11/8/84
2. Kidnap of Patty Hearst 2/2/74
"Tania" photographed in bank raid 15/4/74
3. Tom Wolfe The Bonfire of the Vanities (novel) 1987
4. Martin Scorsese The King of Comedy (film) 1982
5. Jan Kott, "After Grotowski: The End of the Impossible Theater", translated by Krystyna Bittenek, Theatre Quarterly, 10 (TQ 38), Summer 1980: 27-37
6. Jonestown massacre 18/11/78

Actors and audience

Linked to Performance and Identity formation

1.1 Patty Hearst

The kidnap of Patty Hearst in 1974 highlighted the narrow conduit through which identity might be offered up. Hearst, grand-daughter of William Randolph Heart, the inspiration for Citizen Kane, was 19 when taken by the Symbionese Liberation Army. Two months after her kidnap the SLA released a tape of the young heiress, denouncing her previous life and values. Shortly afterwards, Hearst was captured on surveillance camera participating in a bank raid



Her involvement led to her being placed on the FBI wanted list and the issuing of the following poster. The disparity between the gun-toting criminal and the beaming young heiress shown on the poster fuelled public interest akin to that more recently seen with the OJ Simpson trial. Central to the discussion was the notion of who this woman was – Patty Hearst, brainwashed and exhibiting what

had been diagnosed the previous year as Stockholm Syndrome or Tania, a committed member of the SLA prepared to break the law in pursuit of its aims. Evidence supporting both propositions emerged before Hearst's arrest in 1975 and during and after the trial, with the notoriety of the case continually reasserting itself with repeated requests for pardons from Hearst to successive US Presidents. Claim and counter-claim were aired in a flurry of books by Hearst and others involved in a battle for attention that seemed to regard the legal process as a distraction, with Hearst's defence lawyer taking the case on the condition that he get the book rights and that Hearst could not issue her memoirs for 18 months following his publication. The lawyer, F. Lee Bailey was later to represent OJ Simpson, the basketball star and latterly film actor (as Hearst was to become, albeit with limited success) in an attempted murder case that in its courting of the media had many parallels with the Hearst case. In both instances

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NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT; BANK ROBBERY

WANTED BY FBI

PATRICIA CAMPBELL HEARST

ALIASES: Patricia Hearst, Tania

FBI No. 325.805 L10

			
ONLY FINGERPRINT AVAILABLE			

Date photographs taken unknown





DESCRIPTION
 AGE: 20, born February 20, 1954, San Francisco, California
 HEIGHT: 5'11"
 WEIGHT: 110 pounds
 BUILD: small
 HAIR: light brown
 SCARS AND MARKS: mole on lower right corner of mouth, scar near right ankle
 EYES: brown
 COMPLEXION: fair
 RACE: white
 NATIONALITY: American
 REMARKS: hair naturally light brown, straight and worn about three inches below shoulders in length, however, may wear wigs, including Afro style, dark brown of medium length; was last seen wearing black sweater, plaid slacks, brown hiking boots and carrying a knife in her belt

CAUTION
 PATRICIA HEARST, A SELF-PROCLAIMED MEMBER OF THE SYMBIONESE LIBERATION ARMY, REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN IN POSSESSION OF NUMEROUS FIREARMS, INCLUDING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. SHE MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY WILLIAM HARRIS IDENTIFICATION ORDER 4610 AND EMILY HARRIS IDENTIFICATION ORDER 4632, WHO ARE ALSO SUBJECTS OF FEDERAL WARRANTS. PATRICIA HEARST AND WILLIAM HARRIS ALLEGEDLY HAVE USED GUNS TO AVOID ARREST. ALL THREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND VERY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on May 20, 1974, at Los Angeles, California, charging Patricia Hearst with violation of the National Firearms Act (Title 26, U. S. Code, Section 5861(d)). On June 6, 1974, after an indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury, San Francisco, California, a Federal warrant was issued charging her with bank robbery and use of a weapon during commission of a felony (Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 2113(a), (f) and 924).

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

Identification Order 4633
September 24, 1974

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