

# 6 Hurt in Police Station Blast As Violence Hits Coast Cities

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17—A wave of violence, including the second police station bombing within five days, struck cities around San Francisco Bay last night.

A police sergeant was in "extremely critical" condition, according to his doctor, after a bomb blast sprayed one-inch metal staples into his face. One staple passed through his left eye and his brain and lodged near the back of his skull.

Sergeant Brian V. McDonnell, 44 years old and a San Francisco policeman for 21 years, was standing in the park stationhouse when the bomb exploded at about 11 P.M. The bomb, filled with metal staples and placed on an outside window ledge, was timed to go off at a change of shifts, police sources said. Five other policemen were also hurt, but none so seriously.

## Parking Lot Blast

Last Friday morning, two bombs were exploded in a police parking lot in Berkeley. Two reserve policemen were hurt, one seriously, and three parked cars were destroyed.

The police have not indicated any solid leads for investigation in either bombing.

The park precinct here has police jurisdiction in the Haight-Ashbury section, once a hippie center but now a crime-ridden neighborhood. The station is in the shadows of Kezar Stadium, where the San Francisco '49ers games have been played, and is at one end of Golden Gate Park.

About five hours after the bomb blast, which was heard for several miles through the city, the police announced that Officer Daniel Lynch had broken up an attempt to assassinate Lieut. Frank Fay at the police headquarters in the Hall of Justice downtown.

After the park precinct explosion, all police stations were examined for bombs and Officer Lynch was making an inspection of the Hall of Justice. He was behind some shrubbery, he said, when he saw a man

get out of a white car and level a rifle with a telescopic sight at Lieutenant Fay, who was inside at a desk.

Officer Lynch said he fired his service revolver and believed the bullet struck the car. The rifleman got back in the car and was driven away. Officer Lynch said both men were white and had long hair. The rifleman, he added, had long blond hair.

In his weekly news conference at Sacramento today, Gov. Ronald Reagan called the police station bombings "the most cowardly, despicable things anyone can imagine."

The Governor also compared the attacks to terrorist assaults by the Vietcong, and asserted that "I think there's a certain interconnection and communication" between radical groups. In response to a question, Mr. Reagan said, however, that he had no evidence connecting protest groups with the bombings.

The Governor also was critical of protest marchers who broke hundreds of windows yesterday in stores and banks in Berkeley. He said this violence was "just as despicable" as the bombings.

## Protest Meeting

The Berkeley incidents yesterday occurred after a meeting in a public park to protest the contempt sentences given in the Chicago conspiracy trial.

As the meeting broke up, the demonstrators marched up the hill to the University of California, breaking windows in more than 60 stores as they went. Fifteen persons were arrested and nine hurt.

A similar but smaller demonstration occurred along a street bordering the Stanford University campus in Palo Alto. One man was arrested there.

Mayor Joseph L. Alioto of San Francisco offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of the bomber. He said that "the incredible insanity behind such anarchy must be put down with all the force and vigor a community commands."

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