

Miss Fromme May Try to Act as Her Own Lawyer

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept. 7 (AP) — Lynette (Squeaky) Fromme will probably follow the lead of Charles Manson by attempting to serve as her own lawyer on a charge of trying to assassinate President Ford, her best friend says.

"Squeaky will probably try to defend herself," Sandra Good said this weekend. The court-appointed public defender would be used, Miss Good predicted, only "if he'll do what she tells him to do—then she'll keep him."

Mr. Manson, convicted with three women followers in the 1969 Sharon Tate-Leno LaBianca murders, has appealed on grounds that he was denied his right to represent himself. A recent United States Supreme Court decision strengthened the constitutional guarantee of a defendant's right to represent himself.

'How Many Whales?'

Miss Fromme, a Manson follower, is being kept in a maximum security cell at Sacramento County Jail.

Miss Good, 31 years old, who shared an apartment with the 26-year-old Miss Fromme, said she would try to visit her in jail—a visit in which she might learn what motivated the woman to point a loaded gun at President Ford Friday.

"You'd have to ask Squeaky why she selected Ford," she said. "But these things have been building up." She suggested that frustrations including worries about ecology and Mr. Manson's imprisonment had caused Miss Fromme to act.

"She is a very very gentle girl," Miss Good said. "That's why all this monstrousness out

here hurts her . . . Every day we wake up and think, 'How many whales did they kill today?'"

. . . And Charlie being locked up, sitting in a cell for five years. You know, sometimes it's hard to get through the day with all that we see."

Miss Good said Miss Fromme, who in 1971 was sentenced to 90 days in jail for trying to intimidate a Manson trial witness by giving her a hamburger containing LSD, had returned to Sacramento Thursday night from the San Francisco area.

Miss Fromme is charged with attempted murder, accused of pointing a .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol at the President in a park here. She has not yet entered a plea. A public defender, E. Richard Walker, was appointed to represent her, with arraignment Thursday.

Miss Good said agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had visited her twice since Friday, questioning her at the fourth-floor walkup apartment in a Victorian house. "They asked the usual police questions," she says. "They broke the window of Squeaky's car. I don't know why. The keys were sitting right here."

'Friends Who Help Us'

Another roommate is Susan Murphy, described by Miss Good as a former nurse who befriended the two Manson women and began paying their rent. Miss Good and Miss Fromme have not held jobs, and said they have "friends who help us."

The two, who were among the earliest members of Mr. Manson's clan, have lived as self-avowed "nuns."

"We don't drink and we don't smoke or use narcotics," Miss Good said. "We smoke weed [marijuana] maybe once every four months. But we're too busy even for that . . . We used to take acid [LSD] very

infrequently. But that's the past. I don't know why people mention it."

Miss Fromme is known as "Squeaky" because of her voice.

Meanwhile, in an interview with The San Diego Union, Miss Good's mother recalled the time Sandra was alleged to have said she had "finally reached the point where I can kill my parents." The mother, who is still afraid of her daughter after that remark and consented to the interview only if her name and address were not used, said that she and her husband were divorced when the child was four years old. Twice, she said, Sandra nearly died of respiratory ailments.

"Those times the doctors told me she was dead," the woman recalled. "Once I even left the hospital after they told me she died. They called me back. Why did she have to pull through?" She said she has not seen her daughter for five years.

'Treat You Like a Child'

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept.

7 (UPI)—Lynette Fromme was described today by a jailer as eating a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and explaining that she "had" to confront President Ford because nobody was paying any attention to what she was saying.

Miss Fromme was said to be in "good spirits."

A jailer told of a conversation with Miss Fromme, quoting her as saying, "Well, you know, when people around you treat you like a child and pay no attention to the things you say, you have to do something."

It was also reported that Miss Fromme and other associates have been trying for months to recruit new members for their cult in the Sacramento and San Francisco areas.

She and Miss Good were said to have visited executives at several industrial plants recently, identifying themselves as representatives of a so-called "international people's court," and saying "some serious problems will arise" if smog emissions from their factories were not reduced.