

Prosecutor Sums Up In Angela Davis Case

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SAN JOSE, Calif., May 31—The state of California pleaded with a jury of seven women and five men today to convict Angela Davis of murder, kidnaping and criminal conspiracy in connection with the shooting of a judge at the Marin County Courthouse north of San Francisco on Aug. 7, 1970.

Assistant Attorney General Albert Harris Jr. argued that the death of Superior Court Judge Harold J. Haley that day was the "natural and probable consequence" of a plan by Miss Davis and others to kidnap hostages for the release of the so-called Soledad Brothers.

Miss Davis, 28, a former philosophy professor at UCLA and a member of the American Communist Party, sat restlessly on a courtroom bench, a purple knitted shawl drawn tightly around her shoulders, as the state summarized its case after 12 weeks of testimony.

Displaying guns purchased by Miss Davis and used to kill Judge Haley, Harris insisted that the state had shown "beyond any conceivable doubt" the purpose of the conspiracy and Miss Davis's involvement in it.

He said for example, that Jonathan Jackson, younger brother of Soledad Brother George Jackson, had entered Judge Haley's courtroom that morning carrying a briefcase that contained "Angela Davis's books, Angela Davis's guns and Angela Davis's ammunition."

Harris also reviewed the testimony of four witnesses who said they had seen Miss Davis visit George Jackson at San

Quentin state prison with his brother on Aug. 4 and 5, 1970.

During these visits, the state contends, Miss Davis was signed in at San Quentin under the name Diane Robinson.

The defense in the Davis trial has presented an alibi witness, Susan Castro, who testified that she and Miss Davis were eating lunch in San Francisco on Aug. 5, when the state claims she was visiting San Quentin.

Miss Davis's lawyers do not deny that she purchased the guns, but they stress that she did so legally and only out of concern that her life was threatened by the controversy involving her at UCLA.

That same controversy has been a major factor cited by prosecution witnesses as a reason they were able to identify Miss Davis and remember seeing her in the company of Jonathan Jackson.

Several state witnesses, for example, have said they recognized the "gap in her teeth" from seeing photographs of Miss Davis in newspapers and magazines and on television.

Miss Davis admits corresponding with George Jackson while he was in prison awaiting trial on charges that he and the other two Soledad Brothers, John Cluchette and Fleeta Drumgo, had killed a prison guard at Soledad state prison. But she says she was not part of any plot to free the three men through the kidnaping of Judge Haley.

The defense is scheduled to present its final argument to the jury Thursday, and the jury could begin deliberating on its verdict Friday morning.