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Angela Case Split Off For Trial

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., July 20 (AP)—The trial of black activist Angela Davis has been ordered separated from that of the San Quentin convict accused with her in the Marin County Courthouse shootout in which four men died.

Lawyer for Miss Davis submitted a severance motion Monday after Ruchell Magee had demanded that they "cut me off from your case."

Overruling objections of special prosecutor Albert W. Harris, Superior Court Judge Richard Aranson granted separate trials for Magee and Miss Davis on charges of kidnap, murder and conspiracy.

Magee, 32, first demanded the separate trial Monday after the judge refused his request for a delay until the U.S. supreme Court acts on his petition for a review.

Magee is asking a review of the U.S. District Court rejection of petitions for removal of the case from Marin County to federal court.

When Aranson directed Miss Davis' attorneys to resume arguing on pretrial motions, Magee jumped up and told Miss Davis' chief lawyer, Howard Moore Jr., "I say if you want to argue, make your first motion for severance. Cut me off from your case."

Moore asked the judge for a recess to give attorneys time for consultation.

When the prosecutor objected, Magee started shouting, and balliffs took him out to an adjoining holding cell.

After two recesses, another attorney for Miss Davis, Sheldon Otis, submitted the severance motion in an afternoon session.

Aranson said he would confer with Magee's court-appointed counsel, Ernest L. Graves, on future proceedings in Magee's case.

Miss Davis, 27, a Communist and former UCLA philosophy instructor, and Magee are charged in the Aug. 7 Marin County Courthouse shootout in which a hostage judge and three abductors died.