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# Angela selecting lawyers for trial

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (UPI) — Black revolutionary Angela Davis spent three hours Monday selecting a legal staff to defend her against murder, kidnapping and conspiracy charges.

John J. Abt of New York, one of five lawyers with whom she conferred, said only "We're making progress."

Other attorneys with whom Miss Davis talked are Margaret Burnham, Allan Brotsky, Dennis J. Roberts and Michael Tigar. Brotsky is associated with Charles Garry, who has defended a number of Black Panther Party members.

Miss Davis, 26, is accused of supplying guns that were smuggled into Marin County Superior Court in August and used in an unsuccessful escape

attempt in which a judge, two convicts and a weapon-smuggling accomplice were killed.

HER PENDING trial drew attention Monday in San Francisco from the president of the American Jewish Congress' Northern California division and in Monterey at the AFL-CIO California Federation of Teachers convention.

Richard M. Kaplan, the division chairman, said the Jewish congress disclaimed any connection with a suggestion that the United States "trade" Miss Davis for 11 Soviet Jews convicted of plotting to hijack an airplane to Israel.

"My feeling is that this offer is most inappropriate and demeans the tragic proportions of these sham Soviet trials," Kaplan said. The Davis case is not related to the "tragic events" in Russia, he added.

The suggestion had been made by the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry.

AT THE TEACHERS' conference, a committee voted to have delegates vote on resolutions describing Miss Davis as a political prisoner and demanding her release.

Union president Raoul Teitel predicted the resolutions would be rejected in favor of a demand that "Angela Davis receive due process and all her constitutional rights."