

Davis Jurors Are Told To Forget New Slaying

SAN JOSE, Calif. April 10 (AP)—The judge in the Angela Davis trial questioned jurors today on whether they had read about the slaying of a Black Panther here last week, then instructed them to forget about it if they had.

The questioning came after half a day of sessions in chambers in which defense attorneys apparently complained that news media coverage of the ambush slaying of James Carr had mentioned Miss Davis.

Superior Court Judge Richard Arnason asked several questions to determine whether jurors had been affected by the stories.

Five jurors and three alternates raised their hands to indicate that they had read the stories, but all indicated they could still be fair.

"You are instructed," the judge said, "there has been no evidence offered in this case of any relationship between James Carr and the defendant in this case." He added that neither was there evidence of any link between the killing and Miss Davis.

The controversy over whether jurors had heard of the slaying delayed start of the sixth week of Miss Davis' trial for nearly five hours. The judge apologized, telling ju-

rors: "I imagine you people had the feeling you were invited to court and nobody came."

He added that there was much behind-the-scenes activity and "the trial of a lawsuit is not always what it appears to be."

Carr, 29, was killed by gunfire as he left his home in San Jose on Thursday morning to go to work. Two persons have been booked for investigation of his murder.

During the weekend recess, local news media reported details of the ambush slaying, some noting that Carr was an admirer and once a prison cellmate of the late George Jackson.

The state claims that Miss Davis plotted the kidnaping of hostages at the Marin County courthouse Aug. 7, 1970, hoping to exchange them for Jackson, one of the then-imprisoned "Soledad Brothers." During Monday's conference of attorneys, a member of the Angela Davis Defense Committee delivered to a bailiff a stack of San Jose newspapers with stories on the Carr shooting.

The state had planned to call San Quentin prison guards to testify about their role in the Marin County courthouse shootout two years ago. The state is expected to

elicit testimony that kidnapers holding hostages inside a van fired first in a gunfire exchange with guards outside.

Miss Davis, 28, a black militant and former UCLA philosophy teacher, is charged with murder, kidnap and conspiracy in the shootout, which claimed four lives. The state says she supplied guns and helped plan the violence.

When court recessed last Thursday, the prosecution had made its first move to link Miss Davis to the crime, with testimony by gun salesmen who said they sold her weapons allegedly used in the shootout.

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