

Davis Hate Mail Is Read by Jury

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SAN JOSE, Calif., June 3—The jury in the Angela Davis murder, kidnaping and conspiracy trial, deliberating on its verdict, today read the hate mail she received as a philosophy professor at UCLA.

Santa Clara County Superior Court clerk Arthur Vanek revealed at a briefing this morning that the letters to Miss Davis were among the exhibits requested by the jurors late Friday before they retired for the night.

Also passed in to the jury of five men and seven women, Vanek said, were gate records from San Quentin state prison for dates on which the prosecution contends that Miss Davis accompanied Jonathan Jackson to visit his older brother George, one of the "Soledad Brothers."

In addition, they received

copies of love letters written by Miss Davis to George Jackson, which the state has offered to establish "passion" as her motive for allegedly participating in a plot to kidnap a Marin County judge and others as hostages for the release of the three Soledad Brothers.

The judge, Harold J. Haley, was killed during a shootout in the parking lot of the Marin County courthouse north of San Francisco on Aug. 7, 1970.

She denies any participation in the alleged conspiracy and says she left California only because she feared for her own safety.

The mail received by Miss Davis at UCLA—where she was dismissed from her teaching post—is a major part of the defense case in the trial here.

Her lawyers contend that the letters, filled with anti-

black and anti-Communist obscenities, help establish Miss Davis's "state of mind" at the time of the Marin County events.

They introduced eight scrapbooks of the letters into evidence, but the presiding judge, Richard E. Arnason, narrowed that down to eight of the most venomous individual letters: Those are the ones now in the jury's hands.

California Assistant Attorney General Albert Harris, Jr., chief prosecutor in the case, has repeatedly argued that the hate mail received by Miss Davis is irrelevant to the charges against her.

The San Quentin gate records are from Aug. 4 and 5, 1970, when a woman signed in as "Diane Robinson" visited George Jackson along with his younger brother.

The prosecution claims that

was merely a fictitious name for Miss Davis, but the defense denies that assertion and has presented alibi witnesses who say Miss Davis was in San Francisco and Berkeley on those days.

The jury also asked late Friday to have a copy of the three-count indictment against Miss Davis, but Judge Arnason declined to provide it. He said that the jurors could return to the courtroom and have it read again if they wish, however.

The jurors returned to the courthouse at 9 a.m. today from a nearby motel where they are sequestered.

As they broke for lunch at noon, they requested permission to continue deliberating Sunday. Judge Arnason, cancelling a picnic he had scheduled for the jurors, later granted their request.