

Jackson Lawyer's Story

Quentin 'Plot' Report

Attorney John Thorne, who represented slain Soledad Brother George Jackson, yesterday produced a deposition he said was given to him by inmate Allen Mancino in which Mancino is quoted as saying prison authorities wanted him to kill George Jackson.

Mancino was in the adjustment center during the bloody August 21 incident at San Quentin and was wounded in the leg during the incident in which three correctional officers and three inmates, including Jackson were killed.

CUSTODY

Within a week, Mancino was suddenly taken out of San Quentin. First reports put him under protective custody at the state prison medical facility at Vacaville and then later at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City.

Prison authorities indicat-

ed he had agreed to testify for the state about the San Quentin incident and that he was taken away to protect him from being murdered by other inmates.

Thorne produced a typed deposition yesterday, however, which he said he took from Mancino last March 19 -- before the fight at Quentin -- at California Men's Colony-East in San Luis Obispo.

QUOTE

In the document, which Thorne said he had planned to use in defense of his client, Mancino is quoted as saying that Soledad prison Captain Charles Moody "asked me directly if I would kill George Jackson. He said that he did not want another Eldridge Cleaver."

Prison officials said they would make "no comment" on the document.

Thorne indicated that he has plans to file the deposition and a lengthy new affi-

davit from 24 San Quentin adjustment center inmates with the State Supreme Court.

In the deposition, Mancino is quoted as saying he was being held in the "O" wing adjustment center at Soledad in late January, 1970, when two correctional officers came to his cell, ordered him to strip, then handcuffed and blindfolded him and led him into the utility space.

According to the deposition, Mancino recognized one of the voices talking to him as that of Captain Moody -- the tough commander of guards at Soledad who has since 1970 served as a DA's investigator in the Soledad Brothers murder case.

"Moody began to address me and asked how I liked being among the 'niggers on the second tier.'" Mancino is quoted as saying. "... He asked if I would care if anything might happen to

George Jackson to which I answered that I didn't care one way or another."

Nevertheless, Mancino "refused to join in this plot," the deposition said, and was subsequently transferred to another state prison.

AFFIDAVIT

Thorne, in a brief news conference yesterday, also produced a hand written affidavit signed by 24 inmates in the San Quentin adjustment center who called themselves the "George Jackson Brigade."

The affidavit repeated allegations by the prisoners, all of whom were in the adjustment center August 21, that they have been subjected to continual brutality and abuse since the incident.

The affidavit specifically asked that the inmates be transferred to a Federal prison, and alleged again that prison authorities conspired to murder George Jackson.