

Defense Protests

Magee-Angela Note

By Stephen Cook

San Quentin convict Russell Magee tried urgently to get in touch with Angela Davis about a "very important" matter a month before the Aug. 7, 1970 shootout at Marin County Civic Center, it was disclosed in court today.

The nature of the "important matter" was not disclosed. But Magee, in a letter to Miss Davis' attorney John McTernan, wrote that he wanted to convince her to "Take care" of some business "which is very important to myself, to her and to the public."

Attorney Howard Moore Jr., counsel for the former UCLA philosophy teacher in the Civic Center shootout murder-kidnap case, disclosed the letter's contents in an argument seeking that it be suppressed as evidence in the case.

This letter, and other writings in which Miss Davis referred to her love for George Jackson, Soledad prison guard slaying defendant recently shot to death in a San Quentin uprising, were seized in an FBI raid on her apartment 10 days after the shootout.

Moore argued that they should not be used as evidence in the case because, for one reason, the search warrant was invalid. For another, he said, the seizure was an invasion of privacy.

Jointly Charged

Magee and Miss Davis are charged jointly in the Civic

'No Red Kopek For Angela in USSR'—Sister

MOSCOW — (AP) — The sister of Communist black militant Angela Davis said today the Soviet government had provided "fantastic solidarity" but not a kopek for the "astronomical costs of having a trial in our country."

Mrs. Fanya Jordan told a news conference certain political and international monetary problems prevented the Russians from donating to her sister's defense fund. She did not elaborate.

But Mrs. Jordan said Soviet pressure on President Nixon and the courts "can be decisive" in deciding her sister's fate.

"Millions of Russians have written to President Nixon and to my sister voicing their support for her," she said.

Mrs. Jordan said she was touring Europe "to save my sister's life" and to inform the world of the "devastating" political problem in the United States.

Center shootout, in which Superior Judge Harold Haley, two convicts and a brother of Jackson were killed. Magee's trial has been separated from hers, however.

In the letter Moore wants

suppressed, the convict said he had tried to write to her directly, but was told by prison officials that he could not, "because of who she was." An avowed Communist, she had been the center of controversy over her UCLA teaching job.

Magee wrote that he had "factual evidence" to bring to her attention — evidence which he said Gov. Reagan and others were conspiring to keep hidden.

Political, Personal

Miss Davis' writings about "George" were described by Moore as a personal memoir which "shows the political and personal feelings of one person toward another."

He said it was a bad state of affairs when "those things that are most precious in life become evidence of a crime," and asked:

"How can the love of Angela Davis for George Jackson and her people be evidence of a crime?"

Superior Judge Richard E. Arnason was expected to rule on a defense petition for a change of venue later today. It was regarded as almost certain that he would agree to shift the trial from Marin to another county.