



**JURY THAT WILL HEAR THE ANGELA DAVIS TRIAL, SKETCHED BY A TV ARTIST**  
Eight women and four men constitute panel approved yesterday by both sides

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**Alternates**  
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SAN JOSE — Angela Davis, taking over an attorney's role, personally conducted the preliminary examination today of one of four persons tentatively seated as alternate jurors in her murder - kidnap - conspiracy trial.

Speaking in a low voice, obviously relaxed and occasionally indulging in a touch of humor, the 28 year old Communist probed deeply into the feelings and attitudes of a man who had expressed strong anti-Communist views in earlier questioning.

She stood at one end of the defense table, next to that of the prosecution, and worked more slowly than her four regular attorneys had done in questioning the eight women and four men who were seated as the primary panel yesterday.

**'Racist' Charge**

But she was thorough.  
The prospective juror was

a senior engineer for the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., who had also indicated disapproval of a \$10,000 donation to the Angela Davis defense fund by the Presbyterian Church.

Miss Davis' emphasis, initially, concerned his racial attitudes. Once, asked about his association with blacks, he referred to a "black girl" who had worked with him but recently left the job.

"How old was she?" Miss Davis asked.

The jury prospect, a man

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in his 40s, said she was 25. Miss Davis, 28, nodded, and pointed out that the use of the words "boy" or "girl" in referring to black persons is sometimes derogatory, and an indication of racial bias.

## Difficult Time

The prospect conceded that minority persons have a difficult time in today's society, and when Miss Davis asked him who or what was to fault he replied, "basically hate."

That, he added under prodding, would be racism. He said there were "pressures" that resulted in racial discrimination, and related that his two children had been forced to give up Chicano friends in Monterey county because of such pressures from their white playmates.

Before Miss Davis took

over the interrogator's role, attorney Howard Moore Jr. acted on her behalf in questioning of the first alternative-juror prospect to be seated.

## Young Alternate

She was a 20 year old girl who works as a receptionist in a Santa Clara office — and, if eventually seated, would be the first on the jury to represent the newly enfranchised class of 18- to 20-year-olds.

Miss Davis' new courtroom role cast her, for the first time, as a living, talking, moving personality for the jurors who watched throughout the proceedings — and who will eventually decide her fate. The trial grows out of a Marin Courthouse shootout in which four were killed.

Observers here do not expect the actual trial proceedings to get under way until a week from Monday.

Assuming that the four alternate jurors can be seated late today or tomorrow, they predict that Superior Court Judge Richard Arnason will grant an interim period of about a week to permit prosecution and defense to prepare opening arguments and the prosecution to round up its first witnesses.

The jury panel, chosen yesterday in a surprise agreement between the two sides, consists of survivors of the same kind of questioning that Miss Davis plans to conduct herself.

It involves careful probing to determine individual attitudes and personal histories, and to bring out any prejudices that may exist.

## Jurors Picked

The 12 who were seated are all white, but they do include one man who was born in Mexico City and who now works for International Business Machines.

Among the other male ju-

rors are two who are both Navy veterans working for Memorex in Santa Clara, and one who is a former airline pilot and is now a flight controller for the Federal Aviation Agency.

Most of the women are housewives with one or more children; one is a divorcee with three children, and one, apparently the oldest member of the panel, is a former Veterans Administration librarian who makes a hobby of collecting children's books.