

No Angela Prints on

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SAN JOSE—A state fingerprint expert could find no identifiable prints of Angela Davis on the van, guns or ammunition used in the kidnap-escape attempt which took four lives Aug. 7, 1970.

Spiro Vases of the State Department of Justice testified yesterday that Marin authorities waited a week before asking him to examine the rented, yellow getaway van which figured in the shootout at their Hall of Justice that day.

By that time, he said,

there were lots of smudges, smears and partial prints, but only one clearly identifiable fingerprint.

It belonged, he said, to Jonathan Jackson, the 17 year old youth with whom Miss Davis allegedly conspired to kidnap a judge and hold him for the ransom of her lover by mail, George Jackson, the imprisoned older brother of Jonathan.

Prosecutor Albert W. Harris has said he can prove Miss Davis was with young Jackson in that van on Aug. 6, the day before the shootout.

There were no identifiable prints on the guns and ammunition that Harris says Miss Davis gave Jackson for use in the plot, Vases said.

A book of Miss Davis' found in the van—"The Politics of Violence"—had one of her fingerprints on page 24, Vases said.

Document

Two pamphlets found in the van—one on the operation of an M1 carbine and the other titled "Mini Manual for the Urban Guerilla"—bore the fingerprints of Jonathan Jackson, he said.

The key purpose of the fin-

gerprint expert's appearance as a prosecution witness must have been his testimony that he found one of Miss Davis's thumbprints on the second page of an 18-page document found in George Jackson's San Quentin cell after his death last August.

The typewritten document, which bears no signature, is really a series of letters written by Miss Davis and smuggled from her Marin County jail cell to Jackson's prison cell last summer, Harris said.

The defense lawyers called it a diary and Howard

Kidnap Van

Moore Jr. drew from Vases the testimony that, while he found only one of Miss Davis's prints on the pages, he found 52 George Jackson prints and three from another inmate, John Larry Spain.

Awaiting Trial

Spain allegedly joined Jackson in his sprint to freedom from the adjustment center Aug. 21, 1971, but dove into some bushes when guards fired on the pair. Jackson was killed.

Spain and five other San Quentin inmates are awaiting trial on charges of mur-

der, assault and conspiracy in the deaths of three guards and two inmate trustees slain during that escape attempt.

When the trial resumes Monday, Harris is expected to continue calling witnesses aimed at the introduction as evidence of several "love letters" from Miss Davis to George Jackson.

Harris claims her love for the famed "Soledad Brother" was her motive for joining an attempt to free him.

Superior Court Judge Richard E. Arnason yesterday declined to suppress the letters as illegally seized evidence, but did grant a defense motion to suppress a sample taken from Miss Davis' typewriter in the Marin County jail.

The sample, which the judge said was the fruit of an unreasonable search of Miss Davis' work cell, matched the typewriting on the 18 pages of letters found in George Jackson's cell, Harris claimed.