

Marin Shooting Aftermath

Angela's Flight to East

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The travels of Angela Davis after the Aug. 7, 1970, Marin Civic Center kidnap attempt and shooting that took four lives became part of the record of her murder - kidnap - conspiracy trial in San Jose yesterday.

The testimony of six witnesses, four entered by stipulation, disclosed that while the Federal Bureau of Investigation was seeking Miss Davis as one of its "ten most wanted" fugitives, the black militant was having her eyes refracted in Detroit, discussing the faulty air conditioning of her Toyota in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and checking into a New York City motor lodge.

The stipulations entered into by prosecution and defense yesterday during lengthy chamber conferences with Superior Court Judge Richard E. Arnason made unnecessary the personal appearances of witnesses from Chicago, Detroit, Miami and Fort Lauderdale.

FLIGHT

The defense has never contested the fact that Miss Davis took flight after the Marin county debacle, using assumed names and materially altering her appearance during her two-month he-gira. But, in her opening statement, Miss Davis claimed she fled, not because of her guilt, but because she said she was innocent of having plotted and armed the Marin escape attempt, and she feared for her life.

In a totally expressionless voice, Assistant Attorney General Albert Harris Jr. read the testimony of Robert

Loman of Chicago, whose deposition said that on Feb. 1, 1970, David Poindexter rented an apartment in the building in which Loman lived.

Poindexter, the handsome and wealthy black mystery man of the Davis case, was arrested with Miss Davis in New York on October 15, of 1970 and charged with harboring a fugitive. He was ac-



ANGELA IN 1970
Different hair-style

quitted of the charge in April of 1971.

In his deposition, Loman said Poindexter informed him the afternoon of Aug. 14, 1970, that Angela Davis was coming to Chicago and would be going on to Detroit.

The following evening at 10 o'clock, Loman said, he went to the Poindexter apartment and in the kitchen he was introduced to a woman whose name was Angela Davis.

When interviewed in Chicago, Loman identified three large color photographs of Angela Davis as the woman he had met. They showed the then 26-year-old militant as having sleek straight hair, drawn back from her brow and caught into a small chignon at the nape of her neck.

These pictures were shown the seven-woman, five man jury yesterday, all of whom stared intently first at the photos and then at Miss Davis, who now wears her hair in a soaring "Afro."

Loman said he again saw Miss Davis and Poindexter on August 15, and watched them depart on the 16th. It was on that day, Loman said, that he put Poindexter's El Dorado Cadillac in storage.

This was one day after a warrant for Miss Davis' ar-

rest had been issued in Marin county, charging her with murder and kidnaping.

Through deposition, Donald L. Tracy, a desk clerk at the Howard Johnson Downtown Motel in Detroit testified that on August 17 a couple registered at 2:49 p.m. as Mr. and Mrs. David Poindexter; occupying room 814 until they checked out on August 19. He identified photos of Poindexter.

Again by stipulation and deposition, Dr. Irving E. Berris, a Detroit optometrist, testified that on August 18 a man and woman came into his shop across from the Johnson motel, and the man asked that his wife's eyes be examined.

He gave her name as Mrs. Lorraine Poindexter, and paid in advance for the glasses, which were picked up the following day.

'RESEMBLANCE'

Berris said he could not be certain the black man was David Poindexter, but "could have been," and shown the photographs of Miss Davis, said there was a "resemblance," but he couldn't be positive it was the same woman he knew as Mrs. Poindexter. The glasses, he said, were "similar" to those he had made, and he identified an eyeglass cleaning cloth as having come from his shop.

The fourth witness to testify by deposition was David A. Dennis, a room clerk at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in New York, who said that on October 8 a man he subsequently identified as Poindexter checked into the motel as Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert" and was accompanied by a "tall, black, very goodlooking woman."

The day's two live witnesses were Harry Mursten of Miami and Patrick Rogan of Fort Lauderdale.

Mursten, who operates the Golf Lake Apartments, a 300-unit complex, said that on Sept. 4, 1970, a Mr. and Mrs. David Poindexter of Chicago, accompanied by June Hunsinger, inspected and rented an apartment, to take occupancy on September 9.

(Mrs. Hunsinger is Poindexter's wealthy white mother who then was living in Hollywood, Florida.)

LISTING

Poindexter listed his occupation as an Illinois legislative assistant; gave his salary as \$15,000 a year and his date of birth as 1930, Mursten testified. Poindexter gave the name of his wife as Lorean and her birthdate as Sept. 30, 1944.

Mursten spoke of Mrs. Poindexter as "a woman, on the tall side, a light Negro, very attractive, very intelligent, very friendly, very smartly dressed, with her hair pulled straight back and gathered back in a bun."

He identified a picture of Poindexter, but was not asked to pick out a picture of Miss Davis.

Defense attorney Leo Branton Jr. had only one question of Mursten in cross-examination.

"How many bedrooms were in the apartment Mr. Poindexter rented?" he asked.

"Two," replied Mursten.

REPAIRS

Finally, Patrick Rogan, a Fort Lauderdale auto mechanic, testified that on September 28 Poindexter brought his Toyota in to have the air conditioning unit repaired. He said he and a lady remained on the premises for an hour and a quarter.

Rogan testified the lady was "tall, with skin that was not black-black, hair pulled back and spaces between her teeth."

Rogan said he had a "feeling" he had seen the lady before but wasn't sure.

"Did you connect the woman with any name?" Harris asked.

"No," said Rogan. "I thought possibly they were customers who had been in before."

The afternoon was spent in chamber conferences and the trial will resume this morning.