

Murder Trial

Angela Session Today Canceled

The Angela Davis murder-kidnap conspiracy trial in San Jose was shifted into low gear yesterday while attorneys for defense and prosecution conferred with Superior Court Judge Richard E. Arnason over final instructions to be given the seven woman-five man jury.

A court session scheduled for today was canceled and jury members were instructed to be back in court at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Monday is the Memorial Day holiday.

The defense case for Miss Davis ended late Wednesday afternoon after only a three-day presentation during which 11 witnesses were called.

None of the attorneys involved in the trial would hazard a guess yesterday when the case might reach the jury. Assistant Attorney General Albert Harris Jr. said he has not yet decided whether he will call rebuttal witnesses to counter testimony of the defense.

Harris and attorneys for Miss Davis said final arguments probably will begin on Wednesday and one estimated they may take three days. Judge Arnason said his instructions to the jury should take about an hour and a half.

It was also uncertain whether Miss Davis, affiliated as a co-counsel, would participate in the final defense arguments. She did deliver an opening statement to the jury last March 29.