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Verdict Anti-Climax to Judge Haley's Widow

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"After the death of my husband anything else seems anti-climactic," said Mrs. Gertrude Haley.

"My husband believed firmly in the jury system and his entire life was devoted to the courts and justice."

Those were the words of the widow of slain Marin Superior Judge Harold J. Haley after learning of the acquittal of Angela Davis.

Mrs. Haley declined any further comment.

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Earlier, Marin District Attorney Bruce B. Bales expressed shock and bitterness.

Bales, who withdrew from the case because of his long-

time close friendship with Judge Haley, said:

"I'm shocked beyond belief by the not guilty verdicts," he said. "Apparently the jury fell for the purely emotional pitch offered by the defense."

He noted that Miss Davis had not taken the stand to deny her guilt of complicity in the Marin Civic Center shootout that left Judge Haley and three others dead, including 17 year old Jonathan Jackson who smuggled the firearms into the court, and Assistant District Attorney Gary Thomas wounded and crippled for life.

"Despite what happened," continued Bales, "I'm still firmly convinced Angela Davis is as responsible for the killing of Judge Harold J. Haley and crippling of my

assistant, Gary Thomas, as Jonathan Jackson — and undoubtedly more so because of her age, experience and intelligence."

Mrs. Haley's attorney, John Buresh said the judge's widow would comment, no further than her brief statement.

Buresh said she was constantly reminded of the tragedy every time she picked up a newspaper or turned on the television.

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"I can definitely say her reaction to the decision is one of considerable relief. I want to make it clear Mrs. Haley has no feeling one way or the other about the decision.