

Writer Asks Court Act in Magee Case

The State Supreme Court was asked by a Marin County journalist here today to order a lower appellate court into a speedup in issuing a decision granting her the right to interview convict Ruchel Magee.

Alice Yarish, reporter for the Pacific Sun Publishing Company, accused the State District Court of Appeals of dragging its heels in refusing to hold an early hearing on her turndown by San Quentin Prison officials on requests to interview Magee and other prisoners held in the penitentiary's maximum security Adjustment Center.

Mrs. Yarish said she filed a motion with the court to advance her appeal on April 12 of this year, but, so far, has not seen any indication of action.

She also said she has received Magee's consent to be interviewed plus similar consents from other prisoners but has been prevented "through a series of arbitrary rule changes and administrative denials" on the part of prison officials.

Mrs. Yarish noted that while she has been barred, other reporters have conducted interviews.

Originally, she asked for an order giving her access to Adjustment Center convicts from Marin County Superior Court. That court however, abstained from ruling thus passing the question up to the appellate court.