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Garry Calls
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News Report
'Ludicrous'

Attorney Charles Garry branded as "ludicrous and insulting" yesterday Chronicle reports that member of the Black Panther Party free so-called political prisoners in the early 1970's.

Garry, who represents the Panthers, is currently defending John Larry Spain, one of six men on trial in Marin County for their alleged part in a bloody escape attempt at San Quentin Prison on August 21, 1971.

Convict George Jackson, a field marshal in the Panther Party, was killed on that day, along with three guards and two inmate workers.

Garry demanded that Spain, an avowed Panther, be tried separately from the others because the publicity is "damaging to the integrity of my client."

The Chronicle reported yesterday that Los Angeles Police had compiled intelligence reports warning that Black Panthers were planning a courtroom breakout less than three months after the infamous shootout there on August 7, 1970.

Other attorneys in the Quentin case, asked for a mistrial yesterday. Superior Court Judge Henry Broderick told the attorneys to put their motions in writing and promised to take action on them before testimony begins.