

# How the Angela Davis

By Jim Brewer

Angela Davis will make her 34th appearance in a Marin county courtroom tomorrow in a continuation of the seemingly endless march toward her murder - kidnap - conspiracy trial.

Jury selection is now scheduled to begin on November 1, 312 days after Miss Davis arrived under stiff security at the Marin county jail last December 22.

To date, the case has cost Marin taxpayers nearly \$750,000, according to the county's auditor-controller, Michael Mitchell.

No fewer than seven judges have presided over the Davis case already. And indications are that the former UCLA philosophy instructor, who is accused of supplying the guns used in the Marin courthouse shootout last year, will face at least one more judge and be granted even more time before her trial begins.

## DELAYS

Attorneys for both sides blame each other for the delays. Howard Moore, chief attorney for Miss Davis, claims the state has refused to turn over evidence vital to his client's case and thus has slowed things down considerably.

Albert W. Harris Jr., the assistant state attorney general who is prosecuting the case, blames the delays on Miss Davis "and her concurrence with the conduct of Ruchell Magee," the San Quentin inmate accused of firing the shot that killed Judge Harold Haley.

"The responsibility rests squarely on her shoulders," Harris told The Chronicle. "The state has been urging a

along "relatively quickly" according to Harris.

## SYNOPSIS

Here is a day-by-day court synopsis of the Davis case since she and Magee were indicted by the Marin County Grand Jury last November 19:

**November 17** — Magee challenged Marin Superior Court Judge Joseph G. Wilson for cause. Hearing scheduled for December 1.

**December 1** — Hearing continued to December 22 to be heard by out-of-county judge.

**December 22** — Justice Winslow Christian of the State Court of Appeal denied challenge to Judge Wilson. Sausalito attorney A. Leonard Bjorklund appointed to defend Magee.

**December 23** — Miss Davis appeared in Marin Superior Court. Arraignment scheduled for January 5.

**January 5** — Miss Davis and Magee appeared together in court for the first time. Attorneys for Miss Davis introduced.

**January 29** — Parts of Grand Jury transcript ordered sealed. Next hearing

speedy trial for months."

Magee, an accomplished writ writer who has been in no hurry to go to trial, indeed did dominate the proceedings for nearly seven months. Since July 19, when the cases were severed — after Miss Davis finally consented — by Judge Richard E. Arnason, the pretrial phase has moved

set for March 16 before Superior Judge John P. McMurray of Inyo county.

**March 16** — Marin attorneys Robert Carrow and Robert Bell named to replace Bjorklund. Not guilty plea entered by Magee. Case continued to March 17 for arguments on pre-trial motions by Miss Davis.

**March 17** — Judge McMurray accepts Magee challenge for prejudice. Case continued to April 1.

**April 1** — Newly-appointed Superior Court Judge Alan A. Lindsay of Alameda county challenged for cause by Miss Davis. Hearing set for April 21.

**April 21** — Judge Christian ruled Judge Lindsay not prejudiced. Pre-trial motions set to begin April 27.

**April 27** — Petition for removal to federal court filed by Magee. Case continued to April 29.

**April 29** — Removal petition still in effect. Case continued to May 5.

**May 5** — Attorneys Carrow and Bell allowed to withdraw. Attorney Ernest L. Graves, of Los Angeles, appointed to defend Magee. Magee lodged peremptory challenge against Judge Lindsay. Case continued to May 10.

**May 10** — Judge Lindsay accepted challenge from Magee. Case continued until new judge could be appointed.

**May 24** — Magee filed challenge for cause against newly-appointed Superior Court Judge Richard E. Arnason of Contra Costa county.

**May 25** — Judge Christian ruled from his San Francisco chambers that Judge Arnason was not prejudiced.

**May 27** — Case continued to June 2. Judge Arnason ordered the autopsy reports be made available to defense attorneys.

**June 2** — Magee removal petition filed again. Case adjourned indefinitely. Judge Arnason granted a bail hearing for Miss Davis on a habeas corpus motion separate from the main case.

**June 15** — Bail for Miss

Davis denied.

**June 28** — Arguments on pre-trial motions stalled for one day by Magee, who charged that attorneys for Miss Davis were damaging his case by presenting any argument to the state court in Marin county.

**June 29** — Hearing contin-

ued request of Miss Davis' attorneys who asked to confer privately with Magee.

**July 2** — Miss Davis filed petition for removal of her case to federal court, in compliance with Magee tactics.

**July 9** — Federal court in San Francisco denied removal petition. Case remanded to

Marin county. Arguments on pre-trial motions set for July 19.

**July 19** — Separate trials ordered for Miss Davis and Magee after Magee continued to disrupt proceedings. Pre-trial motions set for July 20.

indictment of Miss Davis. Also denied motion to dismiss indictment because of prejudicial pre-trial publicity, but granted permission for her to act as a co-counsel in the case. Hearings on plea to Grand Jury set for August 2. Plea of not guilty entered by Miss Davis. Trial date set for September 27.

**July 20** — Arguments began on pre-trial motions.

**July 21** — Further arguments on pre-trial motions.

**July 22** — Pre-trial motions taken under submission. Case continued to July 27.

**July 27** — Judge Arnason denied motion to dismiss the

**August 2, 3, 4** — Challenge to Grand Jury argued. Further arguments set for August 10.

**August 10** — Arguments continued.

**August 11** — Arguments concluded, motion denied.

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