# **A Tense Marin Hearing**

## Quentin Escape Case Delay

### By Tim Findley

The arraignment of six San Quentin inmates on murder and conspiracy charges growing out of a bloody alleged escape attempt August 21 was postponed ten days yesterday to allow the defendants to consult with attorneys.

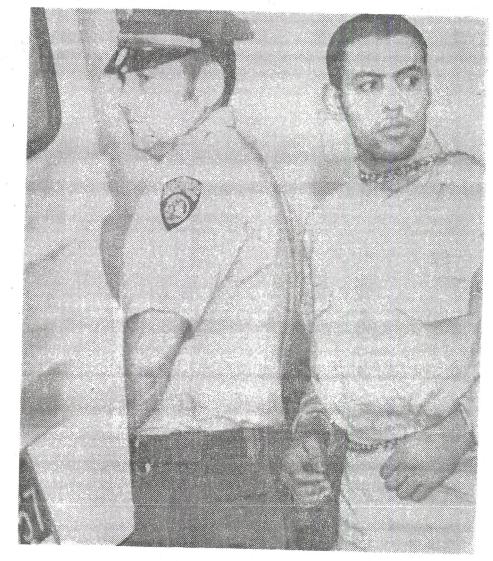
Marin county Superior Court Judge E. Warren McGuire also issued a warrant for the arrest of Stephen Bingham, the 29-year-old fugitive Berkeley attorney accused of smuggling a gun to the late Soledad Brother George Jackson.

Judge McGuire reset the arraignment for 9 a.m. October 15.

#### SECURITY

Yesterday's scheduled arraignment began under a heavy cover of security while only two courtrooms away another hearing was being conducted in the Angela Davis case.

Each of the six inmates formally requested a continut-



By Clem Albers His hands shackled, Hugo Pinell was brought into Marin Superior Court for a hearing yesterday

ance of 30 days in the case. and five of them asked unsuccessfully for a recess to be allowed to consult with their fellow defendants.

at a time. their wrists shac- a motion saying he had been them shysters out of this." kled close to their waists and beaten and brutalized in the their ankles hobbled by San Quentin adjustment cenchains. Each protested that San Quentin authorities had prevented them from gaining thing more to say," free access to their attorneys, and the inmates repeated charges they had fense table, and telling the been beaten and mistreated judge. "you're in a conspirasince three correctional officers and three inmates were killed in the alleged escape attempt August 21.

"This whole indictment is waistillegal." inmate defendant David Johnson said, "I've already been tried for this on would consider the motions the 21st of August." Johnson. 24. provided the 24 to 48 hours.

only moment of disruption in the otherwise peaceful court wanted an attorney appoint- demonstrations." Judge Mchearing when Judge McGuire ed to represent him, and Guire said sharply. "If They were brought in one refused to allow him to read Johnson shot back. "keep ter.

> "Then I don't have any-Johnson snapped. standing up from his seat at the decy right along with these dogs." It was clear he was referring to his guards, one of whom quickly grabbed at the chain around Johnson's

> Judge McGuire calmed the situation, telling Johnson he and rule on them in the next

He asked again if Johnson \ 'T'm not entertaining any

#### INMATES

Although the hearing was peaceful, the inmates came in to the semi-circular courtroom looking sullen. and at times angry.

The 45 spectators and members of the press who were allowed into the courtroom were thoroughly searched and watched closely by bailiffs. Besides the press, most in audience were attorneys and a few members of the defendants' families.

When the first inmate, Willie Tate, 27, was led in, one person in the audience began to clap.

there's any further such outburst I'll clear the court."

#### TEETH

Inmate Hugo Pinell. 27. said three of his teeth had been broken in one of four alleged beatings and that one tooth had been removed.

The most quiet-spoken of the inmates was Soledad Brother Fleeta Drumgo. His attorney. Richard Silver. asked for and was granted permission to consult with Drumgo at San Quentin later yesterday.

In addition to Johnson, Pinell and Drumgo, the inmates accused in the August 21 incident are John Larry Spain. 22. and Louis Talamantes. 28.