

She Hadn't Heard of Angela

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Three more college students were lost to Angela Davis as potential jurors in her murder-kidnap-conspiracy trial in San Jose yesterday as the involved process of preliminary screening of veniremen went into its second day.

But still remaining for traditional questioning were a black woman who isn't "very political"; a retired trucker who hates Communists and things "they should go back where they came from," and a young mother who said she never heard of Angela Davis until she was summoned for jury duty.

These bits of incidental intelligence came to light as attorneys for prosecution and defense queried individual panelists alone in the jury box on two issues: How much inconvenience should they suffer by serving on a four-to-eight month trial,

and how deeply they were influenced by pre-trial publicity, particularly Miss Davis' admitted Communist party membership.

EXCUSED

The three students excused from jury service were 19-year-old Brynne Motisha, a Stanford sophomore in a granny dress; Harold B. Thayer Jr., a freshman at City College of San Jose, and William P. Rudolph, just transferring to San Jose State College to earn his elementary teacher's credentials.

All said that prolonged jury service would create havoc in their educational careers since they would lose not one, but two quarters of study. Additionally, Thayer said he underwent a kidney transplant 18 months ago and was having severe physical problems.

Also excused for cause during the day was Curtis Pare, a young Sears Ro-

buck salesman who said he was getting married in April and would be "very very bitter" if his life and that of his fiancée were disrupted.

Twenty-two year old Nancy Frederick, in abbreviated culottes, likewise was excused because she is prejudiced against Communists.

CAPTAIN

By stipulation of both sides, two more potential jurors were excused without explanation. One was Doris Tell, an enthusiastic bowler, and Rudolf Honezjk, a Sunnysvale waiter's captain.

Likewise excused for cause were John L. Spangberg, who embarks on a new job today and would lose it if he didn't report for work, and Clara Chamberlain, who operates a home for disturbed children.

The day's most diverting prospective juror was Ruth A. Ruth who works in a local insurance office. Mrs. Ruth said she isn't a "very good citizen." She doesn't read

newspapers, listen to radio or watch television.

"I hate to admit it," she said, "but when the Angela Davis case was mentioned I asked: 'Who's Angela Davis?'"

BLACK

Janie Hemphill, the black prospective juror, said she was not much more knowledgeable about the Davis case. She said she had, of course, heard of the 28-year-old black militant but she didn't "keep up much on current events." What she knows of the case, she said, her husband told her last Sunday.

Such was not the case with the retired trucker, William E. Waugh who said he knew a lot about the Davis case, including her having been fired from UCLA for her Communist activities.

"Do you have any prejudice against Communists?" softly inquired defense attorney Leo Branton Jr.

"I don't like 'em," Waugh snorted. "If they want to be

Commies they should go back to where they came from."

Waugh said he "doubted" he could give Miss Davis a fair trial.

ACTION

No such hostility was shown by Alice Evarts, the wide-eyed young wife of a Stanford graduate student in geology. Mrs. Evarts said she knew of Miss Davis' dismissal from UCLA, and said she believed the University of California Regents to have been "hasty and unjust" in their action.

However, Mrs. Evarts, who is the mother of a three-month-old baby boy, said she did not think Miss Davis

was being "railroaded" for her political beliefs noting that the UCLA episode and the Marin county shootings were "two different events."

Anne B. Wade said she had read part of a book of essays about the case.

Asked what the frequently used phrase "black revolutionary" means to her. Mrs. Wade declared: "I assume it means someone seeking to raise the black people, who feel they're on the bottom."

Throughout the long day of questioning, Miss Davis, in Navy blue, was very quiet, conferring in whispers with her attorneys. She evinced her greatest interest in Mrs. Hemphill, said to be the only black called on the first panel of 150 prospective jurors.