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**Soledad  
Defense  
To Rest**

The defense for two black convicts charged with the 1970 murder of a white guard at Soledad Prison planned to rest its case tomorrow.

The courtroom was empty today while the lawyers met in chambers with Superior Judge S. Lee Vavuris to settle some legal questions.

No further defense witnesses were to be called tomorrow.

What that means boils down to this:

The jury of nine women and three men must decide who to believe — Larry Eskew or Fleeta Drumgo and John Clutchette. All three are convicts.

**Code Broken**

Four Soledad convicts

have broken what is called "the convict code"—"don't snitch on another convict"—by testifying they saw Drumgo, 26, and Clutchette, 28, help kill Guard John Mills.

The defense has struck back hard at three of these four. Black manslaughter felon Thomas A. Yorke admitted, under cross examination, that prison officials had made what he felt were threats to let him be killed unless he testified.

A defense witness said that white burglar William Worzella, another prosecution eyewitness, also asserted he had been threatened.

**Snitch**

A third prosecution informer, black felon Manuel Green, was heavily assailed by defense as a man known throughout the institution for "turning snitch" to get favors.

But the defense has made little attempt to discredit the testimony of a fourth convict eyewitness, white Santa Clara County armed robber Larry Eskew. He has no parole or any promise of one.