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# Soledad

## Defense

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## Rests

The defense rested at 11:28 a.m. today in the 11th week of trial for two black convicts charged with beating to death a white guard at Soledad Prison in 1970, three days after another guard shot and killed three blacks.

Later, with the jury absent, Superior Judge S. Lee Vavuris read aloud a letter written by defendant John Clutchette to a woman courtroom spectator in which he spoke of "the revolution" and said he had done nothing more than the "struggle" required of him.

Monterey County Prosecutor William Curtis, who is trying the case here on a change of venue, contended that the letter amounted to an admission of guilt by Clutchette. The judge deferred a decision on whether to allow the letter to be read to the jury.

The trial of Clutchette, 28, and Fleeta Drumgo, 26, for the Jan. 16, 1970 slaying of guard John Mills is expected to go to the jury of nine women and three men next week.