

'Angela, Youth Visited Q'

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SAN JOSE — A correctional officer at San Quentin Prison testified today that Angela Davis accompanied Jonathan Jackson when he visited his brother, George, at the prison two days before the Marin County Courthouse shootout.

Lt. Robert H. West, in charge of mail and visitors, said he recognized Jonathan

Jackson, whom he knew, and he identified Miss Davis as Jonathan's companion in the courtroom referring to her as "the lady sitting over there with the purple clothes on."

Miss Davis is charged with murder, kidnap and conspiracy for allegedly supplying guns to Jonathan Jackson, 17, which he used to invade a Marin County courtroom on Aug. 7, 1970.

In the ensuing shootout,

young Jackson died along with Superior Court Judge Harold Haley and two convicts who were in his court for a trial.

The state charges that Miss Davis entered the conspiracy in hope that the would-be escapers could take hostages who could be exchanged for the freedom of George Jackson and two men accused with him of

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murdering a guard at Soledad Prison.

Her motive, according to Prosecutor Albert Harris Jr., was a consuming love for George Jackson.

West, reading from the visitors' log at San Quentin, said Jonathan Jackson signed in at 11:50 a.m. Aug. 5, 1970, accompanied by a woman whom he registered as "Diane Robinson."

Previous witnesses have testified that young Jackson signed both names, but West's identification of Miss Davis in the courtroom today was the first time "Diane Robinson" had been linked to Miss Davis.

The prison official said he saw the two visitors in the waiting room, and that when Jonathan Jackson went to visit his brother, Miss Davis at one point walked up to a doorway and stood in a posi-

tion where she could have been able to see them both.

He told her to sit down, he related, and she did. The pair were at the prison, according to the visitors' log, until 2:15 p.m., West testified.

On the previous day, he said the log showed that Jonathan Jackson and a Diane Robinson checked in at 2:15 p.m. and out at 3:10 p.m.

He saw Jackson, West related, and a fair-skinned black woman wearing an Afro hair-do, but he said on that occasion he saw only the back of her head.

Defense attorney Howard Moore Jr. cross-examined West in considerable detail, probing into his political beliefs and the acuity of his eyesight as well as his identification of Miss Davis as

the visitor at San Quentin.

It developed that until three weeks ago, when he re-registered as a Democrat, West had been a registered member of George Wallace's American Independent Party in Sonoma County.

But when he was asked whether he read the platform and knew what it stood for, he replied:

"I received letters from the Independent Party, but I just don't read junk mail." He threw it away, he said.

West insisted the only political issue he was familiar with or interested in was that "of the working taxpayer, the working poor."

He admitted that he started wearing eyeglasses about a year ago, because a doctor told him he should during the course of a routine physical examination. But he said he himself had never had any complaints about his vision.

Moore quizzed him closely about photographs of Miss Davis that might have been shown to him to aid in his identification of the defendant.

At that, West appeared to strengthen that identification. He said he was watch-

ing the noon news on television on Aug. 14, 1970, when a picture of Miss Davis was flashed on the screen.

"That," he added, "was when I put the name on the face" — meaning it was then that he realized whom he had seen with young Jackson in the visiting room nine days earlier.

In other testimony today, a United Air Lines passenger service superintendent, Richard C. Miller, testified that Miss Davis bought a ticket from Los Angeles to San Francisco on Aug. 3, 1970, leaving L.A. at 8:31 p.m.

Defense attorneys stipulated that it was, indeed, Miss Davis, and that she had paid by check and filled out a passenger form for Miller.

Harris nevertheless pressed the witness as to

how he could definitely identify the woman as Miss Davis.

"The split in her teeth was something that stuck in my mind," he replied, referring to a noticeable separation between two of the defendant's upper front teeth.

Defense attorneys also stipulated that a Washington state woman would have tes-

tified that Miss Davis cashed a check for \$100 at an Oakland bank on Aug. 4, 1970.

The woman, Sherryl Boes, who did not testify, was a teller in the bank at the time.