

Jackson's Friend At Angela Trial

By Carolyn Anspacher

A pale and obviously troubled woman testified yesterday at Angela Davis' murder-kidnap-conspiracy trial in San Jose that she loaned her beige Volkswagen to Jonathan Jackson, the 17-year-old youth who died in the Marin Civic Center escape attempt and gun battle.

It was this auto, the state contends, that Miss Davis drove to San Francisco International Airport. There, according to the state, she hoped to exchange the hostages seized in the escape attempt for San Quentin inmate George Jackson, Jonathan's brother, and the man

See Back Page



AP Wirephoto

MABEL MAGERS
She loaned car

From Page 1

with whom she was wildly in love.

Mabel (Mickey) Magers, 33, here from her home in Kansas City, Kansas, with her attorney, Sidney L. Wilens, testified that during the summer of 1970 she lived in San Jose at the home of Joan Hammer.

(Mrs. Hammer, member of an affluent and prominent San Jose family, is a heavy contributor to liberal causes. Her daughter Betsy is the widow of James Carr, the ex-convict and intimate friend of George Jackson, who was gunned down in front of the Hammer home less than a month ago.)

Mrs. Magers testified she first met young Jonathan in mid-July at the Hammer home. Present, she said, were Jonathan's mother, Georgia, and a "person who

seemed to be Angela Davis."

They had come, she said, to pick up some paintings to be sold at a Los Angeles benefit for the "Soledad Brothers," George Jackson and two others accused of slaying a Soledad prison guard.

After that first meeting with Jonathan, Mrs. Magers said, she saw him frequently at the Hammer home. She said she drove him to San Jose Airport on August 2, 1970 and two days later, at the Hammer home, gave him the keys to her car and he drove off in it.

She did not again see the auto, she testified, until the end of August or early September, when, after paying \$42, she recovered it at the airport garage.

She said she found "trash" on the floor of her Volkswagen — newspapers, a cola cup and an empty box that had contained small cigars. (Several witnesses have testified during the trial that in the summer of 1970 Angela Davis smoked small cigars.)

Mrs. Magers' cross examination at the hands of defense attorney Howard Moore, Jr. was not nearly so careful or circumscribed.

"Have you ever used the name Mickey Jackson?" he asked.

"Not verbally," she replied. "I have written it."

"Was it because of your close relationship with Jonathan Jackson?" Moore asked.

"Yes," she said, "it had something to do with my relationship with Jonathan Jackson. I was returning a compliment to someone."

"I don't want to embarrass you or your family," Moore went on, "but was it because of your warm and affectionate relationship

that you spent the evening of August 6, 1970 at the Holland Motel in San Francisco with Jonathan Jackson?"

BENCH

There was a hurried conference at the bench of opposing counsel with Superior Court Judge Richard E. Arnason and after a recess, the question was asked again, and Mrs. Magers replied with a firm "No."

The hot afternoon was considerably enlivened by the appearance of two clerks from the Eagle Loan Company, a San Francisco pawn shop at 123 Third Street.

Frank Blumenthal, 25, son of the owner, testified that on August 5, 1970 he sold Angela Davis a 12 gauge Spanish shotgun for \$35, and a box of shells. This is the weapon that was sawed down and used two days later to kill Marin Superior Judge Harold Haley.

He said he didn't recognize Miss Davis until she gave her name and then he chatted with her about her "trouble" at UCLA. With her, he said, was a "young Negro gentleman."

Longtime clerk at the pawn shop, David B. Lifson, was in on the sale because he tested the weapon to determine if it were a 12 or 16 gauge shotgun. But more to the point, he was admittedly overcome at having such a celebrity as Angela Davis in the shop.

"I felt like I knew her," he bubbled. "She was plastered

all over the papers and I had seen her on TV.

Asked to identify a picture of Jackson, Lifson said: "That's the kid (who was with Angela Davis), if he has golden hair and beautiful dimples. This kid on the picture don't have no dimples. But he's a hell of a damned good looking kid."

WITNESSES

The day's last witnesses were Madeline Lucas of Vacaville, and Frank R. De Losa a Hertz rental clerk. Mrs. Lucas said she was at San Quentin on August 4, 1970, visiting her stepson, and saw Miss Davis entering the prison around 2:10 p.m. as she was leaving with her husband and mother.

She identified Miss Davis in court, and when pressed by defense attorney Leo Branton she snapped: "There is no doubt in my mind that it was her — there was no doubt then and there isn't any now."

De Losa testified he rented a yellow van to young Jackson at 8:04 a.m. on August 6, 1970 — the vehicle in which four were killed and three wounded in the Marin debacle of August 7.

The Hertz employees said Jackson put up a \$40 deposit on the vehicle that was rented for one day. Young Jackson, he said, was alone in the office when the transaction was made, and he said he recognized him when he saw his picture in the paper the next day, after the shoot-out.