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...ness said, the morning after the shootings upon learning from Los Angeles newspaper accounts that a shotgun had been involved.

Friends

Mrs. Broms, who said she was an "acquaintance" of Miss Davis and a long-time friend of Franklin and Kendra Alexander, who also were friends of the defendant, picked up the defense version of the case on the night of Aug. 7.

Miss Davis, who had flown from San Francisco that afternoon, came to her house with Alexander for dinner, arriving between 7:30 and 8 p.m., she related. Her husband, William, who works for a Los Angeles recording studio, also was present, she said.

There was nothing unusual about Miss Davis's behavior during the course of a quiet social evening, Mrs. Broms continued, until about 10:30 p.m. when Alexander received a telephone call from his wife and made "an announcement" to those in the living room.

"What was the reaction of

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Miss Davis," asked defense attorney Leo Branton Jr.

"She became very upset," the witness related. "She said, 'I can't believe it. He's so young.' And then she started to cry."

Under rules of hearsay evidence, Mrs. Broms was not permitted to disclose what Alexander said, but she reported that those present turned on the 11 o'clock television news.

"What Alexander said was verified," she related. "There was a description of a shootout where a judge, a young man (Jonathan Jackson) and two convicts were killed.

So Young

"She (Miss Davis) became even more upset. She couldn't believe Jonathan was dead. She kept saying, 'He was so young.'"

Everyone tried, without success, to comfort Miss Davis, the witness said.

According to the prosecution, Miss Davis aided the shootout plot in the hope that taking hostages would win the freedom of her lover-by-mail, George Jackson, Jonathan's older brother.

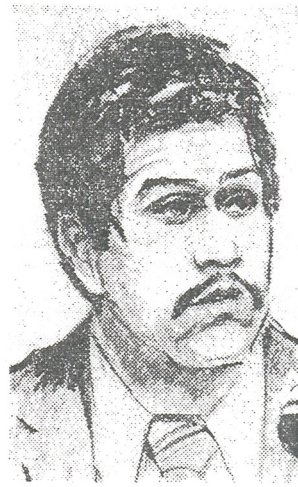
Finally, Miss Davis was given tranquilizers, she said, and she and Alexander stayed at the Broms house overnight. Next morning, either her husband or Alexander went out to get a newspaper, and all read the account of the shootout.

Shotgun

"She (Miss Davis) said, 'My God! there's something about a shotgun in here,'" Mrs. Broms recounted. Still quoting the defendant, she continued:

"I just bought a shotgun a couple of days ago for the defense of the Soledad House, and I gave it to Jonathan. I wonder if it could be that one!"

Miss Davis, according to Mrs. Broms, also said that one of the other guns shown in a picture of Jackson also looked like one of hers. At that, she said, Miss Davis and Alexander left to go to the home of Valerie Mitch-



CARL BLOICE Caught by artist as they testified for defense



VALERIE MITCHELL Sketches by Don Juhlin

ell, a former roommate of Miss Davis.

Stolen

It was Miss Mitchell who suggested yesterday that Miss Davis, her co-worker in the Communist Party's Che - Lumumba Club and the Soledad Brothers Defense Committee, had had the three other guns stolen from her by Jackson.

The Soledad House in San Francisco referred to in Mrs. Broms' testimony was a headquarters for persons working to win freedom for George Jackson and two other convicts accused of murdering a Soledad prison guard.

Miss Mitchell said the weapons — two carbines and an automatic pistol — were kept in a gun rack in a closet of Miss Mitchell's apartment for use by members of the Che-Lumumba Club in target practice.

She remembered last seeing them there in late July, she said.

Forgot Guns

She left Jonathan Jackson in the apartment alone Aug. 1, 1970, she testified. Young Jackson came to the Bay Area the next day, according to prosecution testimony.

She didn't think of the guns or open the closet until Aug. 8, the day after the Marin Civic Center shootout, when Miss Davis and Alex-

ander, president of the Che-Lumumba Club and now co-chairman of the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis came to the apartment.

"They asked if the weapons were still in the gun rack in the closet and looked. The two carbines and the Browning pistol were gone," she said.

What was Miss Davis's reaction?

"She said, 'Oh no!'" Miss Mitchell recalled.

Ammunition Taken

A further search revealed all the ammunition was gone, too, she said.

Under cross examination, she said she left Jackson alone in the apartment to go to San Francisco for the opening of the Soledad House with a co-worker she knew only as Reggie.

Carl Bloice, editor of the Communist-sponsored People's World newspaper in San Francisco and Miss Davis's friend for several years, was the witness at the center of alibi testimony.

She wrote him in the last week of July, saying she would be in San Francisco the week of Aug. 2, he said.

Bloice recalled arranging for her to stay with Juanita Wheeler, a circulation department employe for 21 years at the People's World, in her San Francisco apartment.

He placed Miss Davis in

his office the mornings of Aug. 4, 6 and 7 at 8:30 a.m. She stayed two and a half hours on the first day, an unknown time on the second and until 1 p.m. on Aug. 7, the day of the shootout, he said.

#### Dinner

On Aug. 5, from sometime after 6 p.m. until late night, Miss Davis and Mrs. Wheeler were with him, having dinner at the San Francisco

home of a friend, Laura Holland, he said.

At 1 p.m. Aug. 7, he said, he borrowed Mrs. Wheeler's car and drove Miss Davis to San Francisco International Airport, where he watched as she bought a ticket at 1:45 p.m. at the PSA counter in the main lobby.

The state contends Miss Davis was at the airport the morning of Aug. 7, having driven there in a car borrowed by Jonathan Jackson from a friend, and was awaiting the taking off of an airplane by kidnapers and hostages.

A PSA ticket agent testified that Miss Davis, alone, ran up to the special ticket counter at the boarding gate just before 2 p.m. Aug. 7, scribbled out a check, and rushed aboard at the last

minute, without baggage.

Mrs. Wheeler testified Miss Davis arrived at her house alone at 10:30 p.m. Aug. 3, and stayed there four or five days.

She did not testify about a dinner with Bloice, Miss Davis and another woman on the night of Aug. 5.

Marvin Stender, a San

Francisco lawyer who described himself as the unofficial lawyer for the Soledad Brothers Defense Committee, countered testimony by four prosecution witnesses who placed Miss Davis in Marin County with Jackson Aug. 6.

She called his office at 9:30 a.m. that day and said she was around the corner at the People's World, he recalled.

Stender, whose wife Faye was a lawyer for George Jackson, said he met Miss

Davis at 11:30 a.m. at a parking lot near his office and drove her to an address on Oregon Avenue, in Berkeley. He left her there at noon, he said.

Under cross examination, Stender said there were no witnesses to his meeting with Miss Davis that day, that he didn't believe anyone was in his office when he received her telephone call and that he did not remember the name of his receptionist that day.