

Maoists Named in Marin Trial

Rigid security measures have been re-established at the Marin County Civic Center as the name of a Maoist revolutionary group, the Venceremos, was brought into what began as a routine assault trial.

The defendant is ex-convict Tommy Lee Walker, 27, widely known in Marin County radical circles, charged with assault on Sausalito Police Officer Robert Klein and a hitchhiker, John Randolph.

Mrs. Sandra Kahn, 34, wife of Stanford Professor Harold Kahn, appeared as a defense witness, and testified that she saw Klein strike Walker first. She did not know the defendant nor had seen him before, she added.

Letters Offered

Deputy District Attorney Jerry Herman thereupon produced letters purportedly from Mrs. Kahn to Folsom convict Ray Carringer that indicated she knew Walker and considered him a "good dude."

Mrs. Kahn is reportedly associated with the Venceremos revolutionary group with headquarters at Palo Alto, according to trial testimony. San Francisco police officer Alexander Jason, who said he had infiltrated the Maoist group, testified that Mrs. Kahn advocated terrorism and acts of political assassination.

Mrs. Kahn was ordered to be available for further examination, but the court was informed she had disappeared. The prosecution says it will charge her with perjury in relation to her testimony that she did not know Walker.

Husband's Stand

Her husband, a specialist in Chinese history, refused to testify as to the authenticity of her signature on the letters obtained at Folsom prison. His refusal was based on the confidentiality of the husband and wife relationship.

Before Mrs. Kahn's testimony and the establishment of her relationship to Venceremos, security regulations at the trial of Superior Judge Henry Broderick were lax.