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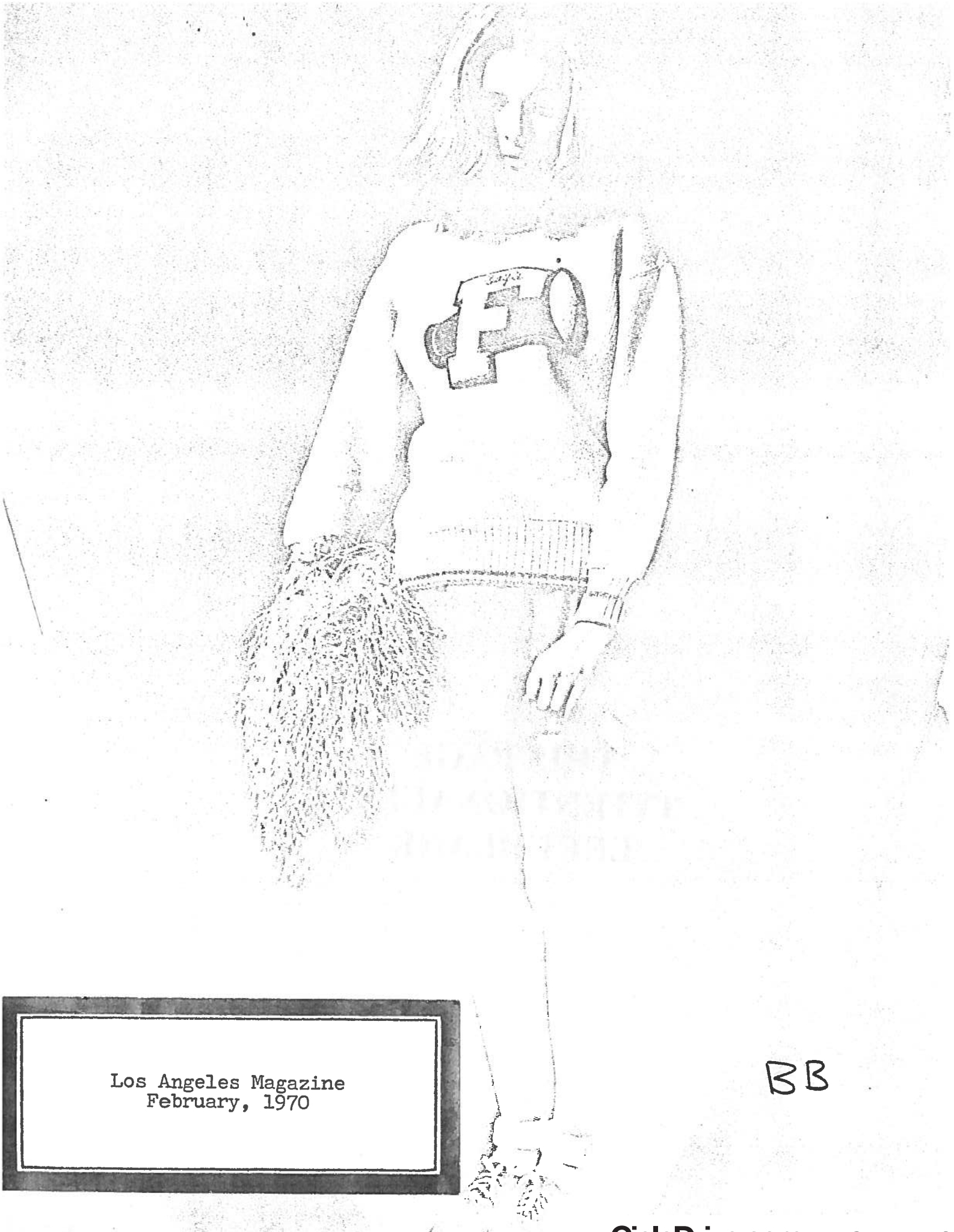

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# COULD YOUR DAUGHTER KILL?

What are the chances of getting five or six young people, most of them girls, to commit impersonal, unmotivated murder? A billion to one? . . . Or can it happen again and again, an unsuspected mutation in an already alienated generation?

By Myron Roberts

If the police are right, and members of "the Manson Family" are ultimately found guilty as charged of the slaughter of *at least* seven persons in the course of their nomadic wanderings through the wilderness of the California youth underground, these acts could affect the mood of America in the '70's just as the murders of the Kennedys and Martin Luther King did in the '60's. There is something definitive about killing. It transcends debate, just as war reduces diplomacy to a kind of babble. Into the delicate balance of the growing debate about whether the youth revolution, college activism, sexual liberation, protest, pot and acid are good or bad, progressive or destructive, seven bodies have been dumped. The talking is about to end. Future historians may determine that the Tate Murders were the Pearl Harbor of the war between the generations.

To say that people, particularly parents of young adolescent females, are frightened is almost comic understatement. For if these young girls, daughters of a stockbroker, scientist, psychologist, real estate man, auctioneer, minister (to list a few of the paternal occupations of the Manson Family members – not all of them implicated in the murders) were capable of choosing *that,* is any California child immune to madness? Has some strange and unsuspected form of mutation taken place which makes their generation not merely unpredictable, but incomprehensible to ours? If indeed they are guilty as charged, these crimes will surely go down among the strangest in history. A solitary lunatic turned wanton killer is a fearsome thing: yet we know such men exist. But what are the odds against getting a group of five or six people, most of them young girls, to commit impersonal, unmotivated mass murder – a billion to one?

The underground press and other vested defenders of the youth culture have hastened to protest, with mounting degrees of hysteria, that the Manson Family, of course, were "not real hippies." But then who and what are the "real hippies?" The Manson tribe looked like hippies. They lived like hippies. They talked the conventional argot that hippies substitute for language.

"[*Katie*] *said she saw* [*a carving fork*] *and she flashed, 'who-eee – that will scare somebody.' And she picked up the fork and went over and left the fork in the man's stomach.*

*" 'Tex,' she said, 'carved "war" on the man's chest' When Katie told me that, I flashed and said: 'Wow. Pretty far out.' "* – Susan Atkins, in a copyrighted interview in the Los Angeles *Times.*

If it is not just and reasonable to blame the entire American army for the "incident" at My Lai – and it isn't – clearly one cannot hold all long-haired rebel youths responsible for the alleged deeds of the Family. But, curiously, the same people who argue that My Lai was the inevitable fruit of an immoral war, will also argue that the Tate and La Bianca massacres were isolated incidents, rather than the harvest of a half-decade of extolling drugs, mindless rebellion, sexual excess and hatred of all civilized standards. People who think "revolution for the hell of it" is cute had best accustom themselves to "murder for the hell of it" – for one is very likely to follow the other. Man is a predator. And if we are to strip off our clothes and run free in the streets in a great transcendental, universal Love-In promising super-sensitivity and Instant Therapy for all in the apocalyptic orgy for all-souls, then the Tate and La Bianca cases will indeed be – literally – child's play. For, as Norman Mailer wrote recently, ". . . mysticism would live next to murder, for murder was love in freak newspeak, and the orgy was the family."

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"You don't hear much about love from these kids anymore," reports Doctor Paul Hyman, a young, bearded psychiatrist whose Century City practice is dominated by disturbed young people. "Even the term flower children seems to have faded. The original hippies' denial of violence was mostly fantasy. The violence is there. It's part of our heritage. And a child who leaves home to start a new life among strangers is likely to take a lot of anger with him."

Two years ago Dr. Hyman and a colleague, Dr. Howard F. Wallach, both at that time completing their residency at UCLA's Neuropsychiatric Clinic, undertook to study the hippie phenomenon. At the time most of the senior eminences around UCLA's psychiatry department "seemed determined to prove that the whole hippie pot-and-acid scene was sick. We weren't that impressed and wanted to find out the truth for ourselves." They spent several months exploring Haight-Ashbury, the Sunset Strip, visiting hippie communes and interviewing hundreds of individuals. Their approach, and perhaps their bias, was clearly sympathetic. They disdained even the word "hippie" – by then a moderate putdown. "We prefer to call them the 'new youth'," they announced in an introduction to a 40-page paper in which they recorded their findings.

Hyman and Wallach discovered, perhaps to their own disappointment, that among the hippies there were indeed, "a lot of sick adolescents seeking comfort." They also found a number of adults, people like Charles Manson in their thirties and forties who, in effect, became parent-substitutes. "These men were frequently brighter and more articulate than the kids," said Hyman.

Asked if he meant by that that the kids were not too bright, were unable to define their own goals and were therefore easily exploited, Hyman would only allow that he preferred to think of them as "very disturbed adolescents who turned to The Movement and to drugs as a way of treating themselves."

Looking back on his report from two additional years of perspective and experience, Hyman still stands by most of what was written, although he acknowledges, "we may have underestimated the extent to which very, very sick people, and adult criminals would be attracted to The Movement."

At the time their report was written, Hyman and Wallach estimated that there were 5,000 full-time and 50,000 part-time (weekend) hippies in Los Angeles, and an even greater number in San Francisco. Although the two West Coast cities led the nation, virtually every major city in the world had its contingent. (Washington, D.C., they estimated, had at least 1,000 full-time and 2,000 part-time hippies.) Thus the sheer size of the movement differentiated it from the Beatnik phenomenon of the mid-fifties, which was always a tiny minority. Perhaps more important even than the substantial numbers of young people who joined up, was the profound impact of the hippie movement upon the tastes, styles, values and attitudes – particularly toward drugs – of the vast majority of American youth in the late '60's. The unwitting ally of the hippie in this was the press – which found the movement endlessly fascinating. Indeed Hyman and Wallach note that some people in the Bay Area believed, Agnew-fashion, that the entire hippie movement was created by the San Francisco *Chronicle*, which first discovered Haight-Ashbury and proclaimed its message to all mankind.

They also discovered that most hippies were not pacifists "in the Ghandi sense." One youth, asked about what should be done with the L.A. police, retorted, "How about killing all of them for a start?" Psychiatrically, they observed, the hippie communes often arose as much out of "a fear of real intimacy as a desire for universal love. If everybody loves everybody, no one has t choose or, more important, be chosei

The hippie, they found, was gene ally a middle class youth who ha solved the basic problem of surviva They were also often youths with "n thing to say." Without drugs there w "nothing to talk about." With thei they could "rap in rapture." They con pared the movement to the Children Crusades of the thirteenth centur when a French peasant boy, the Ti Leary of his time, urged youngsters from ten to sixteen to transcend the sinful parents by marching off to ca ture the Holy Land from the Mohan medans on the assumption that, "G walks with the innocent." Within a fe months most were dead or captured b slave traders, the Mafia of that era. " is not innocent," educator Will Herbe observed recently, "to pretend an inn cence impossible for man."

Is Charlie Manson, asks Paul O'N in *Life* Magazine, "the very encapsul tion of the truth about revolt and vi lence by the young?"

"We can't be dismissed as uned cated or deprived kids, or the produc of tormented childhoods. We're pret typical," insisted Sandra Good, a mer ber of the Family but not involved the murder charges. "There are tho sands of young people just like Charli girls," concludes New York *Times* We Coast correspondent Steve Roberts.

Another young girl, interviewed f this article, seems to agree. She h spent the past few years moving in a around youth communes all over t world and concludes, "The pattern the same everywhere. There are grou like this in England, Switzerland, over Europe. Usually the leader is American man in his thirties or so, li Manson. Most of the members, at le the fairly permanent ones, are girls,

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**"Sooner or later, somebody like Manson is bound to take them in... Girls are useful to the communes, not just for sex, but for money. They can beg more successfully than boys..."**

though there are always a few boys around."

How does an ordinary middle class girl come to drift into so freaky a scene, and what do girls find so attractive about men like Manson?

"That's just it. He isn't particularly attractive. He's short, and not particularly good-looking, and compared to most of the girls, kind of old."

"Ugly is attractive?"

"Ugly is trustworthy. Girls usually don't trust handsome men. Anyway that's not what these girls were looking for. Most of them probably had had a fight with some boy and they were hurt. Maybe they were pregnant or something and then they'd start sulking around the house and get in a big hassle with their parents and decide to leave home. Where else would they go but to Haight-Ashbury or the Strip?

"Sooner or later somebody like Manson was bound to take them in. Girls are useful, the communes depend on them. Not just for sex but for money. Girls can beg more successfully than boys. Also their parents send them money more easily. They can get in and out of places. In one group I know the girls will show up at the local colleges or even high schools at lunchtime and beg quarters off the kids. A boy would have trouble doing that."

But how does one account for the violence?

"It's the drugs. Under LSD [she has taken it] you get very excited and suggestible. If someone you trust suggests something very freaky, you'll try it, just to get rid of the tension.

"After you've been taking drugs for a while, reality begins to fade out and you see everything, even people, as abstractions. People aren't real anymore, they are symbols, like Authority, or The Establishment or The Pigs. So that if someone you trust asks you to steal or injure strangers, you are really striking out at a symbol – not a human being."

Medical authorities at UCLA's clinic, where over half the admissions are drug-related, would neither affirm nor dismiss this girl's observations. There simply isn't sufficient scientific evidence. Yes, a high degree of suggestibility did seem to be associated with drug-taking. But was that because suggestible people take drugs, or because drugs tend to destroy the will? No one can say for sure until a few thousand, or perhaps a few hundred thousand, more kids are destroyed. Then, perhaps, we shall be able to risk a generalization.

One drug-related characteristic mentioned by several psychiatrists and physicians is "the amotivational syndrome." Kids who use psychedelic drugs, including "harmless" pot (which is a psychedelic drug) become, in their words, "strung out." They lack ambition, can't seem to make decisions, don't want to do much of anything. There is no hard evidence connecting this syndrome with drugs, but the pattern is sufficiently commonplace to lead men like Dr. Hyman to suspect a physiological link between drugs and decreased motivation. He is careful not to be too sweeping in his condemnation. "They do help some people get rid of inhibitions. On the other hand there's not much doubt left that in some way they limit the individual's capacity for logical thinking or making a goal choice. The drug culture is based on fantasy – they are not makers or creators. The girls who drift into these movements, whether hippie or Hell's Angels or what have you, are generally angry with their fathers. Attacking your own parents takes something out of you. In a way it's a kind of suicide and it leaves you empty. Often these kids are just empty vessels, and ignorant as well. Ignorant people seek magic, they need dogma and structure. The leader fills the vacuum. He has miraculous powers because they want him to have; and he is ordinarily not averse to the idea."

Confronted by kids who have begun to have serious trouble, Dr. Hyman stressed two kinds of parental behavior that are apt to make the problem worse. At one end there is the parent who cuts off communication, withdraws his love in a fit of moral outrage and thereby often panics the kid into doing something desperate; and at the other extreme, the parent who is excessively liberal and permissive. "Parents have a right, an obligation to make and enforce standards. The way to get a kid off a trip is not to join him. I know of one case where a boy's mother strips nude and turns on with the kids. That's a disaster. In most such cases the parent has missed something in his own life – his or her own desires have been unmet and rather than find and do their own thing they try to get a free ride from kids. Most children want their parents to be parents – not buddies. Parents don't have to accept everything, nor do they have to judge everything their children do. But they do have to be there and to stand for something themselves."

Another young doctor who spends much of his time working with young drug-abusers declined to be quoted directly, but observed, "Look, it took nature millions of years to create this complex brain and central nervous system of ours. What does common sense tell you would happen if you start pouring powerful chemicals into it?

"The fact is that thousands of young people commit suicide every year for a variety of reasons. Drug abuse is simply a slower, more painful way of accomplishing the same end. I sometimes tell these kids: Why don't you try arsenic or strychnine – they tell me that people who swallow it have some groovy hallucinations just before death."

There is some evidence that, for the younger boys who do not get totally

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excellent outside groups, such as the East-West Players and the Teatro El Campesino, to perform on. Fine. But these activities, however worthy, have nothing to do with the production of such plays as *The Glass Menagerie*. If the Inner City intends to involve itself in theatre, then it should at least respect the integrity of the work it chooses to put on. It is perhaps a measure of the standing the ICCC has managed to achieve in its own community that hardly anyone anymore attends its productions. There weren't more than fifty of us at the opening of *Menagerie*. Can't they even *give* the tickets away?

Hopefully, things are going to get a lot better next month. By the time you read this, The National Theatre Company of Great Britain, starring Maggie Smith and Robert Stephens, will have opened at the Ahmanson in Farquhar's *The Beaux Stratagem*, which will be succeeded by Chekhov's *The Three Sisters*, each play to run three weeks.

On February 5, the Forum season will get under way with Conor Cruise O'Brien's *Murderous Angels*, the first in a series of five original plays. *Murderous Angels*, like *The Deputy* and *Oppenheimer*, dramatizes the actions of real people and recent events, in this case Dag Hammarskjold, Patrice Lumumba and Moise Tshombe and the United Nations shenanigans in Katanga in 1961. It is being directed by our own Gordon Davidson, a specialist in the so-called Theatre of Fact.

On February 12, Henry Fonda and the Plumstead Playhouse company will grace the boards of the Hartford with Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. On the same day Le Treteau de Paris will make a return appearance at UCLA's Royce Hall in Anouilh's *Antigone*. So cheer up, fans, the worst may very well be behind us. ■

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enmeshed in drugs, communal living can be an interesting experience, without an inevitable tragic aftermath. The communes have been around for several years now and some young men have put in a year or two at Haight-Ashbury or Venice and returned to the "straight" world not much worse off than their 19th-century predecessors who ran off to join the circus or went to sea for a spell. The younger kids who become hippies for a while, particularly those from fairly stable homes with a reasonably strong set of personal values, often bounce back, Dr. Hyman noted. For the older hippies, he believes, the prognosis is not so good. Few of them will



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ever really leave a drug culture and many finally achieve their cherished goal of personal autonomy by becoming pushers. There are even a few ex-hippie attorneys around now. "I'm sure they do very well for a certain type of client," Hyman observed, "although I'm not sure I'd want an ex-hippie drawing up my will or performing brain surgery on me." Most of them, he believes, simply do not have the kind of self-discipline that the professions normally require.

But if some boys can breeze in and out of the hippie underground as a kind of lark, for the girls the emotional price is apt to come higher. "The girls are more serious," reports the young ex-commune dweller quoted earlier. "I guess they have more to lose. Most of the kids don't just sleep around, even in the communes. They pair off and pretty soon the girl becomes involved and that leads to trouble."

"Middle class morality," George Bernard Shaw once observed, "is simply the trade unionism of the married woman." That's probably true, at least in part, but the surprising thing is that old socialist Shaw seems to be putting down trade unionism. Women are more vulnerable than men in most civilized societies, as much because of their emotional as their biological makeup. They are dependent upon a domestic shell in a way that most men are not.

In this age of unisex, the Pill and female liberation, young girls very often find their roles confused as never before. It is ironic that, in many cases, their "freedom" to live their lives as they please ultimately finds them fleeing into the submissive role afforded them under the dominance of a man like Charlie Manson.

"He gave my faith in myself back to me," Susan Atkins says of Manson in the full interview text just published by Signet Books. "He showed me how to be a woman and not a man-trap. In other words, I can control men if I wish to — but that's not my role, and I realize that now."

And later, describing the supposedly "idyllic" life with the Family at the Barker Ranch in Death Valley: "If I wanted to cook, I'd cook. If I didn't want to cook . . . There were a lot of girls there, and somebody else would do the cooking . . . We shared our clothing. And we all sewed, and we all embroidered . . ."

And thus, apparently, passed the happiest moments in the life of a girl who had run away from home, tripped out on pot and acid and become a topless

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dancer while still in her teens.

What do such hippies *do* all day long? "They talk about drugs and each other," recalls the girl we talked to. "Sometimes they argue if someone is suspected of taking more than his share of the communal drug store. And they tell each other about their problems and hangups. One of the things that attracts kids to these groups is that you can always find somebody who will listen."

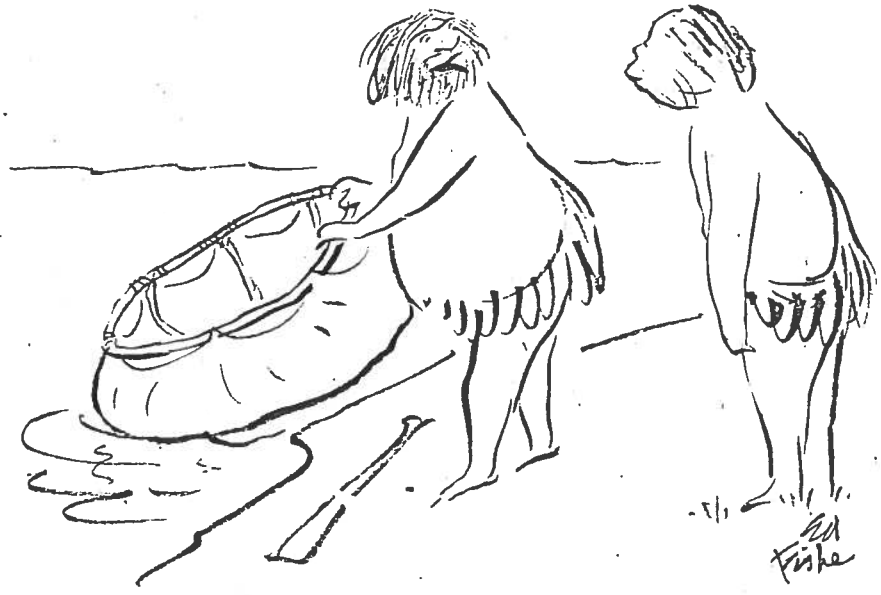
There is nothing inherently wicked or even impractical about communal living. Some of the most successful settlements and businesses in America began as communes in the 18th and 19th centuries. Virtually everyone who has had a chance to visit Israel's *kibbutzim* has been inspired by the experience. But communial living, particularly within an individualistic society, requires immense self discipline, maturity, wise leadership, hard work and, usually, a strong set of religious or spiritual ideals to hold the group together. If the past is any guide to the future, those communes held together by drugs, youth and alienation from parents and/or society will soon be a footnote to history, an anecdote used to point up how curiously some Americans behaved in the '60's.

It serves no purpose, of course, to simply flay the hippies, who have troubles enough, or to imply that they are all somehow to blame for the crimes which have been charged against the Manson family. It does seem time, however, for responsible adults to stop sentimentalizing and idealizing the American young. It is perfectly true that five years ago the present generation of young people seemed to hold out enormous promise: the early freedom riders, the peace demonstrators, the students seeking involvement, even the absurd yet gentle "flower children" – all of it promised a kind of rebirth of sorely needed idealism in this nation. Five years later it is hard to escape the conclusion that they are all too human, and that many have already sold out their brave new world for a mess of pot. The problem now – and it is a grave one – is to keep their self-destructive impulses in check. For, in the final analysis, they will have to live with their mistakes, as other generations have lived with theirs.

Not long ago two young men dropped by for a visit with a friend and former professor of theirs. In the years since the professor had seen them, both young men had gone on to graduate from college and enter graduate schools for professional training. Both had now dropped out of formal education. One – neat, clean-shaven, ruthlessly optimistic about himself and his future – was currently involved in a corporate management program. The other had become a semi-hippie, turning on regularly, gloomy about America, the system and his own future. "I suppose I'll wind up as a pusher," he admitted glumly.

Neither of these two alternatives, of course, is particularly attractive to the young. They should be offered options other than rigid conformity and personal careerism within a society badly in need of change, on the one hand; and mindless self-destruction on the other.

If there is anything to be salvaged from the grisly aftermath of the Tate case, it is the hope that one of those alternatives, at least, has been made to look a little less glamorous. ■

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# Patricia Krenwinkel's Attorney Charges Judge With Prejudice

## Public Defender Alleges Client Cannot Receive Fair and Impartial Trial in Procedural Challenge to Jurist

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

The judge assigned to hear the trial of Charles M. Manson and four others charged with conspiracy and murder in the Tate-La Bianca slayings was challenged for prejudice Friday.

Dep. Public Defender Paul J. Fitzgerald filed an affidavit in which he alleged that his client, Patricia Krenwinkel, cannot receive a fair and impartial trial from Superior Judge William B. Keene.

The filing of the affidavit is procedural and the allegation of prejudice does not have to be proven.

It had been anticipated that one or more of the defendants might avail themselves of the privilege of challenging at least one judge for alleged prejudice. However, there is a question as to whether the affidavit was filed in time.

### Timely Challenge Required

The State Code of Civil Procedure provides that a defendant in a criminal case can without cause challenge any judge. The challenge must be timely and must be filed in the court of jurisdiction.

Fitzgerald filed the affidavit in Judge Keene's court, rather than in the Master Calendar Criminal Court, which has jurisdiction even though the case is not set for trial there.

Superior Judge George M. Dell, who presides over the Master Calendar Court, said the matter was transferred to him by Judge Keene for a decision on whether it was properly filed.

The "Notice of an Affidavit of Prejudice" usually is given at the time a matter is assigned for trial. In the case of Miss Krenwinkel, that was on March 3.

Judge Dell said he will rule later.

Fitzgerald declined to comment on the reason he challenged Judge Keene, but said he did so without consulting the attorneys for any of the other defendants. He said he is notifying them by mail.

Court decisions provide that in cases where there is more than one defendant only a single so-called peremptory challenge can be made if there is a common interest.

Most of the defendants in the Tate-La Bianca case have indicated that they desire a common defense.

In Los Angeles County trials actually are assigned in the Master Calendar Court to departments rather than to specific judges.

At the time the first defendants in the case were assigned for trial, Judge Keene was presiding in the Master Calendar Court. He now is sitting in Department 107, the court to which the case was assigned.

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# Linda Kasabian to Testify Against 5 Other Tate Suspects

BY JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writer

Linda Kasabian has agreed to testify for the prosecution against Charles Manson and four other co-defendants in the Tate-La Bianca murders, it was learned Wednesday.

Negotiations between prosecutors and Mrs. Kasabian's lawyers, Gary B. Fleischman and Ronald Goldman, reportedly began immediately upon her return here after her arrest in December in New Hampshire.

However, Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron Stovitz and Vincent Bugliosi denied a report Wednesday that she has been granted immunity from prosecution.

They declined comment when asked whether she might eventually receive immunity if she cooperated in the prosecution of her co-defendants.

**Promise From Prosecutors**

It is known, however, that Mrs. Kasabian has been told if she truthfully relates in court what she knows about the August murders, prosecutors have promised to intercede in her behalf with the trial judge.

Immunity commonly is granted only after a witness lives up to his or her part of the bargain during a trial. After the trial ends, an immunity order must be signed by the trial judge at the request of the prosecution.

To obtain Mrs. Kasabian's cooperation, prosecutors also would have to agree to sever her case from that of Manson and the other four.

This, it is believed, has been

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agreed to because it has been learned that:

—As early as Feb. 28, Bugliosi was seen entering the Sybil Brand Institute, where she was being held, with one of her lawyers.

—The same day she reportedly was taken to the scene of the Tate slayings, the Benedict Canyon estate where five persons were killed Aug. 9.

—Last Sunday, Bugliosi took her to the site of the La Bianca slayings in the Los Feliz District.

An early hint that Mrs. Kasabian was prepared to cooperate with the prosecution came Jan. 20 when her attorneys indicated that she wanted no part of the "common defense" proposed by Manson.

In an unsuccessful effort to win her release on bail, they argued that she accompanied the others on the August forays only because she feared for the life of her 2-year-old daughter.

Her lawyers said that on the nights of the killings she had no choice but to leave the child, Tanya, at the Spahn Ranch and comply with the orders of Manson and Charles (Tex) Watson.

Since then, Mrs. Kasabian has given birth to a son and her attorneys have steadfastly refused to permit members of the Manson family to visit her in jail or the hospital. She also has been under heavy guard.

Evidence against Mrs. Kasabian — including Susan Atkins' testimony before the grand jury—has been less damning than against any of the others accused, it was learned.

According to Miss Atkins' grand jury testimony, Mrs. Kasabian never entered the Tate mansion and rode away in a car from the La Bianca residence before that couple were murdered.

While negotiations for her to turn prosecution witness reportedly began in November, they were believed stepped up a few weeks ago when Miss Atkins insisted on conferring with Manson.

Acting as his own attorney at the time, he had authority to speak with her in jail as a prospective defense "witness."

After that meeting, Miss Atkins' attorney, Daye Shinn, said she would repudiate her grand jury testimony and would not testify.

The prospect that Miss Atkins would not repeat her grand jury story before a trial jury made Mrs. Kasabian's cooperation vital to the prosecution, it is understood.

### Slated to Appear

She can tell basically the same story, it is believed, as that of Miss Atkins—with one critical exception.

Since she apparently was not present in the Tate residence or on the mansion grounds, during the killings, she cannot describe them as Miss Atkins did before the grand jurors.

Manson himself and Patricia Krenwinkel, another defendant, are scheduled to appear in court today on motions to sever the cases against them and continuances.

Manson's lawy Charles Hollopeter, a will argue a motion fo psychiatric examinati for his client.

Trial of Manson, M Atkins, Miss Kasabian a Leslie Van Houten still scheduled for March but it is likely to delayed—perhaps for se eral weeks. Watson r mains in jail in Texa pending appeal of his e tradition order.

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# Manson Babbles Incoherently During Appearance in Court

## Attorney Says Client's Conduct Is Bizarre and Irrational, Reports He Will Ask for Psychiatric Test of Defendant

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Charles Manson lapsed into incoherence in court Wednesday and his newly appointed attorney said later that he would seek a psychiatric examination of the defendant because of his "bizarre and irrational" conduct.

The defendant, who had been flip and sassy in previous court appearances, babbled erratically as Superior Judge William B. Keene sought his consent for the substitution of an attorney for codefendant Susan Atkins.

Manson finally agreed to the appointment of Dave Shinn in place of Richard Caballero to represent Miss Atkins, but only after being prodded to reply to the court's questions by Judge Keene, Shinn and Manson's own attorney, Charles Hollopeter.

Keene called Manson, Miss Atkins and another defendant, Patricia Krenwinkel, into court to obtain their approval of Shinn because of a possible conflict of interest.

Outside the courtroom, Hollopeter said he thought Manson's bewildering behavior was "put on . . . and an act on his part," but added that he intends to find out.

Hollopeter met with Manson Wednesday night to discuss the hippie leader's courtroom behavior. After the meeting, the lawyer said that as soon as possible he would ask Judge Keene to appoint a psychiatrist to determine Manson's present sanity.

Unlike previous interviews with his client, Hollopeter said, Manson was unwilling to cooperate, his words were not relevant and his behavior was a continuation of his courtroom incoherence.

"I feel I have to do this in his interests," said Hollopeter.

Meanwhile, Miss Atkins had the chance earlier Wednesday, during a hearing in another courtroom, to publicly disclaim her story about the Tate-La Bianca murders, but she let the opportunity pass.

Her new attorney, Shinn, said Tuesday she had repudiated an account of the slayings which implicates her, Manson and four other Manson "family" members.

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# Manson Incoherent in Courtroom Appearanc

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Did she receive a fee for the story published under her name?

"Money has no value to me," she said. "It is only a means of exchange."

Miss Atkins' banter with newsmen occurred in Santa Monica Superior Judge Laurence J. Rittenband's courtroom where her trial in the murder of musician Gary Hinman was postponed until April 23.

The continuance was granted so Shinn could familiarize himself with the Hinman case in which he also plans to represent her.

Caballero, Miss Atkins' lawyer since December, stepped aside in both cases because of what she and he both called a "conflict" over how the defense should be conducted.

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Miss Atkins said her request to be represented by Shinn should not be construed as a reflection on Caballero's abilities. "He's a good lawyer," she said.

The session in Judge Rittenband's court was in the morning, while the matters heard before Keene were handled in the afternoon.

Manson's conduct from the time he was led into the courtroom was unusual, even for him.

As he approached the counsel table, at which both Miss Atkins and Miss Krenwinkel already were seated, he appeared to ignore them and about a dozen other family members in the spectator section of the crowded court.

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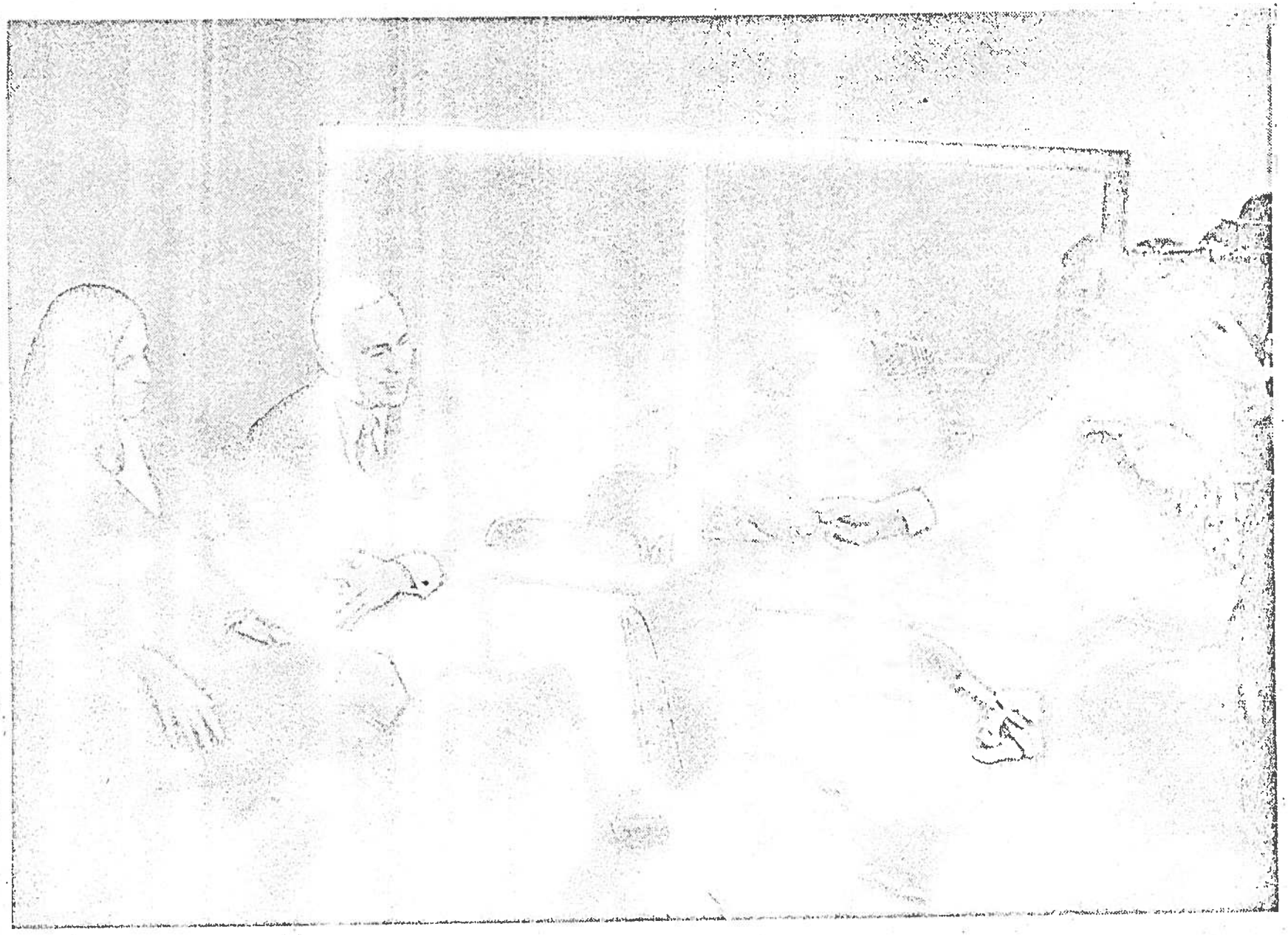

A LITTLE BANTER—Susan Atkins and Richard Caballero, who formally stepped aside Wednesday as her defense lawyer, talk with newsmen during a recess in the Santa Monica courtroom where her trial on charges in slaying of musician Gary Hinman was continued to April 23.
Times photo by George R. Fry

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# Susan Atkins Won't Say if She Plans to Testify

## Refuses to Comment on New Attorney's Statement That She Repudiated Story

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Susan Atkins had the chance Wednesday to publicly disclaim her story about the Tate-La Bianca murders, but she let the opportunity pass.

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### Time for Study

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Richard Caballero, Miss Atkins' lawyer since December, formally stepped aside Wednesday because of what she and he both called a "conflict" over how the defense should be conducted.

Miss Atkins and Manson held an hour-long conference in County Jail last Thursday, the first meeting since their arrests for the Tate-La Bianca killings.

As a result, said Caballero, he visited Miss Atkins, 21, Friday morning and told her he could no longer represent her unless "she proceeded my way and not Charley's

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## SUSAN ATKINS

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"It's not Charley's way—it's my way. I want another lawyer."

However, she said her request to be represented by Shinn should not be construed as a reflection on Caballero's abilities. "He's a good lawyer," she said, and, as if to underline that remark, she displayed a particularly friendly attitude toward him during Wednesday's court session.

Caballero said she had obtained Shinn's services last Friday through Mark Ross, a friend of Manson's, who, like Shinn, frequently has visited Manson in jail.

Later that day, Ross himself was held in contempt of court, along with two female members of the Manson Family, because of an outburst in a courtroom where Manson was stripped of his right to act as his own lawyer.

Judge Rittenband noted that jail records show Shinn, 53, had visited Manson at least 40 times and he asked the lawyer if he felt this would pose a legal conflict in his representation of Miss Atkins. "There is no conflict, there is only love and cooperation," Shinn replied.

The April 23 Hinman trial date for Miss Atkins raises the possibility she might be a convicted murderer by the time she appears before a jury in the Tate-La Bianca cases.

All the Tate-La Bianca suspects, except Charles (Tex) Watson, still fighting extradition from Texas, are scheduled to go to trial March 30.

However, Aaron Stovitz, who identified himself to Judge Rittenband as "chief counsel" in that matter, told the court he anticipates a continuance from that date.

A co-defendant in the Hinman case, Robert K. Beausoleil, another Manson family member, is scheduled to go to trial March 30.

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# Susan Atkins Denies Story, Fires Attorney

## Repudiates Confession to Grand Jury Responsible for Murder Indictments

BY RON EINSTOSS
and JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writers

Susan Atkins has fired her attorney and repudiated the story primarily responsible for the indictment of Charles Manson and five others for the Tate-La Bianca murders, it was learned Tuesday.

Miss Atkins now claims she fabricated her testimony before the County Grand Jury about Manson's masterminding the slayings, according to attorney Daye Shinn.

Shinn, a confidant of Manson since his arrest in the killings, plans to formally take over today as the young woman's lawyer.

Richard Caballero, who has been defending her, filed a notice of substitution of attorneys Tuesday before Superior Judge William B. Keene.

Miss Atkins' about-face came less than a week after her County Jail confrontation with Manson, who has been seeking to arrange a common defense for the accused, all members of his hippie "family."

Shinn said that Miss Atkins not only has characterized her grand jury testimony in December as lies, but she will refuse to testify before a trial jury as well.

### Could Impeach Her

Her grand jury testimony cannot be used as evidence by the prosecution at a joint trial. It could be used to impeach her, however, if she were tried alone.

But prosecutors still can avail themselves of a similar story she told a cell-mate, turned informer, a tale she related prior to her appearance before the grand jury.

Caballero, who was present during Miss Atkins' jail meeting with Manson late last week, noted at the time that he and Manson disagreed sharply over defense strategy.

He said she now wants Shinn to represent her because of differences that have arisen between Caballero and Miss Atkins since her hour-long conference with Manson.

Caballero would not elaborate. Her decision to shed Caballero clearly represents another in a series of victories for Manson in his effort to dictate who should and who should not represent the other accused members of his family.

Veteran criminal lawyer Charles Hollopeter, appointed Friday over Manson's objection to defend the hippie cult leader, said he approves of Miss Atkins' decision.

Hollopeter said he has held two "cordial" conferences with Manson since the latter was barred from acting as his own attorney and they have established a workable rapport.

He said Miss Atkins' alignment with Manson's views would allow him to "put together the most satisfactory defense."

Hollopeter noted that "this is the type of case where all should present a united front. The best way for the others to protect themselves is to protect Charley.

"It's Manson's life and he's entitled to have a say on how he's defended," Hollopeter said. "Anything he suggests or wants —if it's a good trial tactic —I'll go along with."

Hollopeter said, however, he would not allow Manson "to do anything that will legally hurt him, anything I feel is inimical to his interests."

Judge Keene ordered both Miss Atkins and Manson into court this afternoon, to determine whether there is any conflict of interest between them before he approves the substitution.

The conflict presumably might arise from the fact that Shinn, a frequent visitor to Manson in jail, reportedly has advised him on legal matters and prepared some of his motions.

After leaving Judge Keene's court, Shinn said he is confident the change will be accepted.

"There is no conflict between them," he said, "because there will be a [illegible]"

### Watson to Be Blamed?

This possibly could entail blaming the slayings on Charles D. (Tex) Watson, the only one of the defendants who is not yet in custody here.

Watson still is in Texas fighting extradition and there is some indication that he will not be released for return here for some time.

The Tate-La Bianca trial now is scheduled for March 30, but it is anticipated that there will be defense requests for a postponement, at least partly because of the appointment last week of Hollopeter to defend Manson.

"I will keep her off the stand," Shinn said of Miss Atkins.

And, he added, "she will deny all her previous statements," referring to her grand jury testimony.

Just how she will do that if she does not testify, Shinn declined to say.

Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi, after learning that Caballero is leaving the case and that Miss Atkins will not be a prosecution witness, did not appear to be overly concerned.

"Her repudiation will not stand up," Stovitz explained, "because most of what she has said has been corroborated by other witnesses and other evidence."

Bugliosi said he was not surprised by the change of attorneys, noting that "it was only a matter of time after [illegible]"

Meanwhile, presentatio of pretrial motions b attorneys for two othe Tate-La Bianca defe dants, Linda Kasabian an Patricia Krenwinkel, wer postponed Tuesday unt March 24.

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# Linda Kasabian Gives Birth to Son in Hospital

A son was born Monday to 20-year-old Linda Kasabian, one of six co-defendants in the Tate and La Bianca murders.

Her son was born under guard and, authorities said, would almost certainly be made a ward of juvenile court.

Mrs. Kasabian went into labor Friday afternoon at Sybil Brand Institute, the women's county jail, and was taken by sheriff's deputies to County-USC Medical Center.

The baby was born at 1:46 p.m. Monday. He has black hair, weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces, and both mother and child were reported in good condition.

**Social Worker Helps**

A social worker helped Mrs. Kasabian fill out records for the birth certificate — including the name of the child and the father — but the details were not immediately made public.

Mrs. Kasabian's husband is Robert Kasabian, a musician. He was last reported living near Taos, N.M.

Mrs. Kasabian is the mother of a two-year-old daughter. Authorities declined to say where the girl is now.

Prosecutors said Mrs. Kasabian served as a lookout at the home of actress Sharon Tate last August when Miss Tate—herself more than eight months pregnant—was slain along with four other victims. She is also accused of taking part in the deaths of a Los Feliz area couple the next day.

Mrs. Kasabian remained at the hospital, recuperating, still under guard, following the birth of the child.

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# Manson, Judge in Heated Clash During Hearing

## Defendant Loses Right to Defend Self; 3 Followers Get 5 Days for Contempt

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Charles Manson Friday lost the right to defend himself in a stormy courtroom session which led to the arrest and jailing for contempt of three of his followers.

The boisterous outburst erupted after Superior Judge William B. Keene ruled that Manson's recent actions convinced him that the hippie leader is not capable of acting as his own attorney.

Manson shouted back:

"There's no love in this court."

His statement touched off a turbulent scene in which several members of the nomadic tribe Manson calls his family leaped to their feet in the spectator section and hurled insults at Keene, who until Friday always had handled the defendant gingerly.

"You're making a mockery of justice completely," Sandra Good, 26, screamed.

"You're a joke," shouted Catherine (Gypsy) Share, 27, who with Mrs. Good has been among Manson's most loyal followers.

Bearded Mark Ross, 25, echoed their sentiments.

His patience worn thin, Keene, shaking his finger in their direction, angrily held all three in contempt and ordered them jailed for five days for what he termed their "outlandish" behavior.

### One Escapes Citation

Another of Manson's followers, Cathy Gillis, escaped a contempt citation when the judge said he was unable to determine if she joined the others in their remarks about the court.

When Keene challenged Miss Gillis to "say something," she declined, preferring to smile at the judge rather than join her friends behind bars.

The disorders began after Manson first got the hint that Keene intended to appoint an attorney to defend him.

"I never said I was capable of being a lawyer," Manson exploded. "I just didn't want to lose my voice."

It wasn't until the long-haired defendant said he could not understand the court's "mumble jumble" that Keene decided he had had enough.

"That's another indication that you are incapable of being your own attorney," the judge explained.

During a brief shouting match between Manson and Keene, several of the defendant's followers rose to their feet. They groaned and quickly sat down when bailiffs moved in their direction.

The court then made the order that Manson no longer will be representing himself, found him to be indigent and appointed Charles Hollopeter to defend him.

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Hollopeter, Keene said, "is a recognized, highly capable trial lawyer."

"I won't accept him," the obviously shaken, but angry Manson cried out. "You can kill me, but I won't take him."

After telling Manson that if he did not want Hollopeter and desired to hire his own attorney at his expense he could do so, Keene adjourned court.

It was as Manson was being led from the courtroom that he suggested that the court lacked love. His followers jumped to their feet again and hurled their insults at the judge.

After leaving court, Manson, appearing to ramble erratically, told photographers: "There's no justice in the courts . . . there's no justice in your hearts."

### Files Brief

It was Manson's own actions which led to Keene's decision, although the judge admitted that he had been thinking about it for some time.

Earlier in the week Manson filed a 17-page brief in court in which he asked that he be freed from jail so he could prepare his defense. He urged that a commission be appointed to study the administration of justice in the courts.

As Manson impatiently ran his long fingernails up and down a pencil Friday,

# MANSON OUTBURST

Manson, after slowly reading several lines selected by the court, accused Keene and coprosecutors Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi of not protecting his rights and charged that the court, as well as he, are on trial in the case.

Before deciding to appoint a lawyer, Keene said, he reviewed the file and transcripts and all of Manson's appearances in three different courts.

"Your performances in court have been hopelessly inadequate to represent yourself against such serious charges," he added.

Keene told Manson that since December, when he was permitted to be his own attorney, "you've turned into some type of errand boy, where you take into the courtroom motions prepared by others."

Keene explained that he was referring to the fact that whenever Manson appeared in court, he would submit a written motion, without supporting it with oral arguments when given an opportunity to do so.

He told Manson that the court would be depriving him of his due process of law if he went to trial without a lawyer on such serious charges.

Stovitz and Bugliosi both hailed Keene's decision to appoint an attorney for Manson. They long have feared that any conviction would be reversed if Manson continued to defend himself.

### Tough Opponent

They did not, however, wind up with an easy adversary in Hollopeter, a former president of the Criminal Courts Bar Assn. and one of the county's most successful attorneys, despite Manson's protestations about accepting his services.

Hollopeter's most notable court victory came last year when he successfully defended Anthony D. Don-

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A record album featuring Charles Manson and members of the Manson family singing "songs we made up at different recording studios" was released "because it's the only way the world can know the truth about him (Manson) and his philosophy," according to Paul Watkins, a resident of the Spahn Ranch in Chatsworth. The album features Manson in 13 songs. The 14th song, performed only by supporters of the family, is entitled "I'll Never Say Never to Always" and was written by Manson shortly after he was jailed. According to Susan Atkins, a member of the family, it was a grudge with record producer Terry Melcher over Melcher's refusal to help Manson make a recording that led to the Tate murders, which occurred in a home previously occupied by Melcher. 3-8-70.

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PLAN DEFENSE

# Jail Reunion of Miss Atkins and Manson 'Joyous'

BY JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writer

The reunion Thursday in County Jail between Charles Manson and Susan Atkins was "a joyous one," according to her lawyer.

Both exploded in laughter as their eyes met for the first time in five months, attorney Richard Caballero said.

"They were happy to see one another. They just kept laughing," Caballero added after he and his client emerged from an hour-long meeting with Manson in the attorneys' room of the men's jail.

Miss Atkins herself fended off most questions by newsmen with a half-smile that, at times, was closer to a pout.

Did Manson give her any orders? Did he suggest she change attorneys?

**Returned to Jail**

"Charley doesn't give orders . . . Charley doesn't command," she replied, striding briskly through a gathering of newsmen to a waiting black-and-white sheriff's car.

How did Manson look to her after so long a time apart?

"If I told you, you wouldn't believe me," she said, with a crooked grin. Then she stepped into the sheriff's car and was whisked back to Sybil Brand Institute, the women's jail.

The meeting between Manson, the hippie leader accused of masterminding the Tate-La Bianca murders, and Miss Atkins, a devoted follower, was the first since both were arrested in Death Valley last October as suspects in a car theft ring.

**Jury Testimony**

Two months later, both were indicted, along with four other Manson family members for the murders last August—largely on the basis of Miss Atkins' testimony before the County Grand Jury.

Despite the fact that Miss Atkins' version of the murders—first told to a cellmate in November—is chiefly responsible for the indictments, Manson exhibited no "hostility" toward her Thursday, Caballero said.

Quite the contrary, the attorney added, Manson was solicitous about her treatment in jail and "they talked about friends and they talked about people who had visited them in jail."

But all was not sweetness and light once the banter ended and the lawyer and the 35-year-old ex-convict began discussing the murder case, Caballero said.

That conversation established keen "philosophical differences" between him and Manson, who is acting as his own attorney, Caballero said.

Caballero noted that Manson is "interested in a common defense" for himself and his five codefendants. He declined to specify that as the reason for their differing viewpoints, however.

Miss Atkins was permitted to visit Manson only because he is serving as his own lawyer, and, thus, entitled to interview prospective witnesses.

But, the attorney said, "his approach and my approach on how to conduct the case are not the same. We differ on how to treat certain pieces of evidence."

Manson, he added, offered several suggestions during the noon meeting in the jail, and, said Caballero: "I disagreed with most of them."

Caballero claimed Manson did not pressure Miss Atkins, 21, to bow to his proposals. "He told her to do what she thinks is right," Caballero said. "She's going to take a while to think about it."

But, the attorney said, if differences between him and Manson cannot be resolved—and Miss Atkins chooses Manson's way—he, Caballero, will have no choice but to step aside.

"As of now," he added, he still is her attorney; she has not dismissed him.

Meanwhile, an order which would compel Superior Court to dismiss the murder and conspiracy charges against Manson because of delay in prosecution was sought in the State Court of Appeal.

The petition for a writ of mandate wa filed by Daye Shinn, one of several attorneys who have been acting informally in Manson's behalf.

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PLANNING GROUNDWORK FOR DEFENSE

# Manson Due to Meet Susan Atkins Today

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Charles M. Manson, who allegedly gave the orders which led to the killing last August of actress Sharon Tate and six others, is scheduled to meet today with Susan Denise Atkins, the principal witness against him before the County Grand Jury.

Miss Atkins' attorney, Richard Caballero, said he arranged the meeting at the request of both his client and Manson.

Manson, acting as his own attorney, was given permission by the court several weeks ago to interview the other five defendants, including Miss Atkins, to assist him in preparing his defense, provided they and their attorneys consented.

He has not yet met with any of the others, it is understood.

Caballero said Miss Atkins, who is known as "Sadie Glutz" to the Manson family, has been anxious to see Manson.

The lawyer and Manson reportedly had several conversations in the last month to lay the groundwork for the meeting with Miss Atkins, at which Caballero said he will be present.

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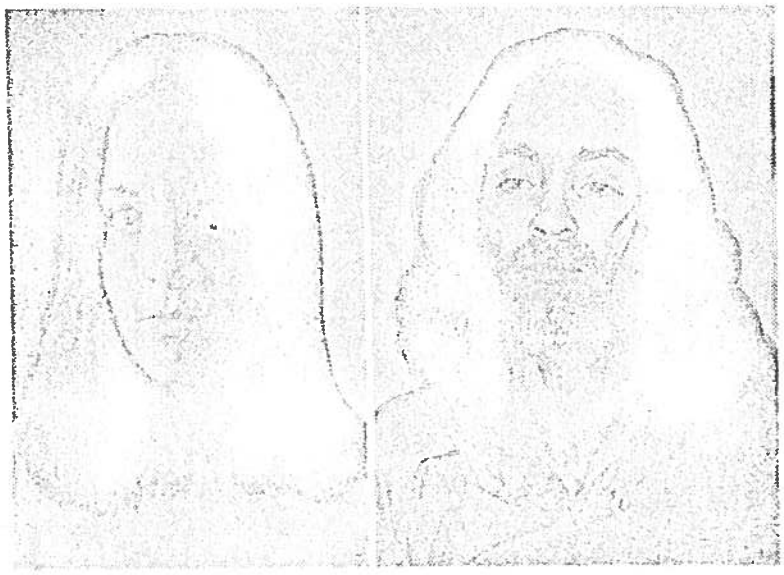

MEETING SET — Susan Denise Atkins and Charles M. Manson, who are scheduled to confer today—reportedly in the men's jail.
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In a personal story published by The Times last Dec. 14, Miss Atkins wrote that Manson instructed her and four others to go to the Tate estate in Benedict Canyon last August and sent three of the other suspects into the Los Feliz area home of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca the following night.

It still is not known whether Miss Atkins will agree to testify at the trial now scheduled for March 30, against Manson and the other co-defendants.

If she does not, her grand jury testimony cannot be used against them, although it can be introduced by co-prosecutors Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi against her, if she is tried separately.

The meeting with Manson presumably will assist her in making the decision whether to testify.

Meanwhile, in a petition which he admittedly described as "revolutionary" and "unorthodox," Manson Wednesday sought restoration of certain jail rights and asked that a commission be appointed to study and recommend procedures to modernize the state's judicial system.

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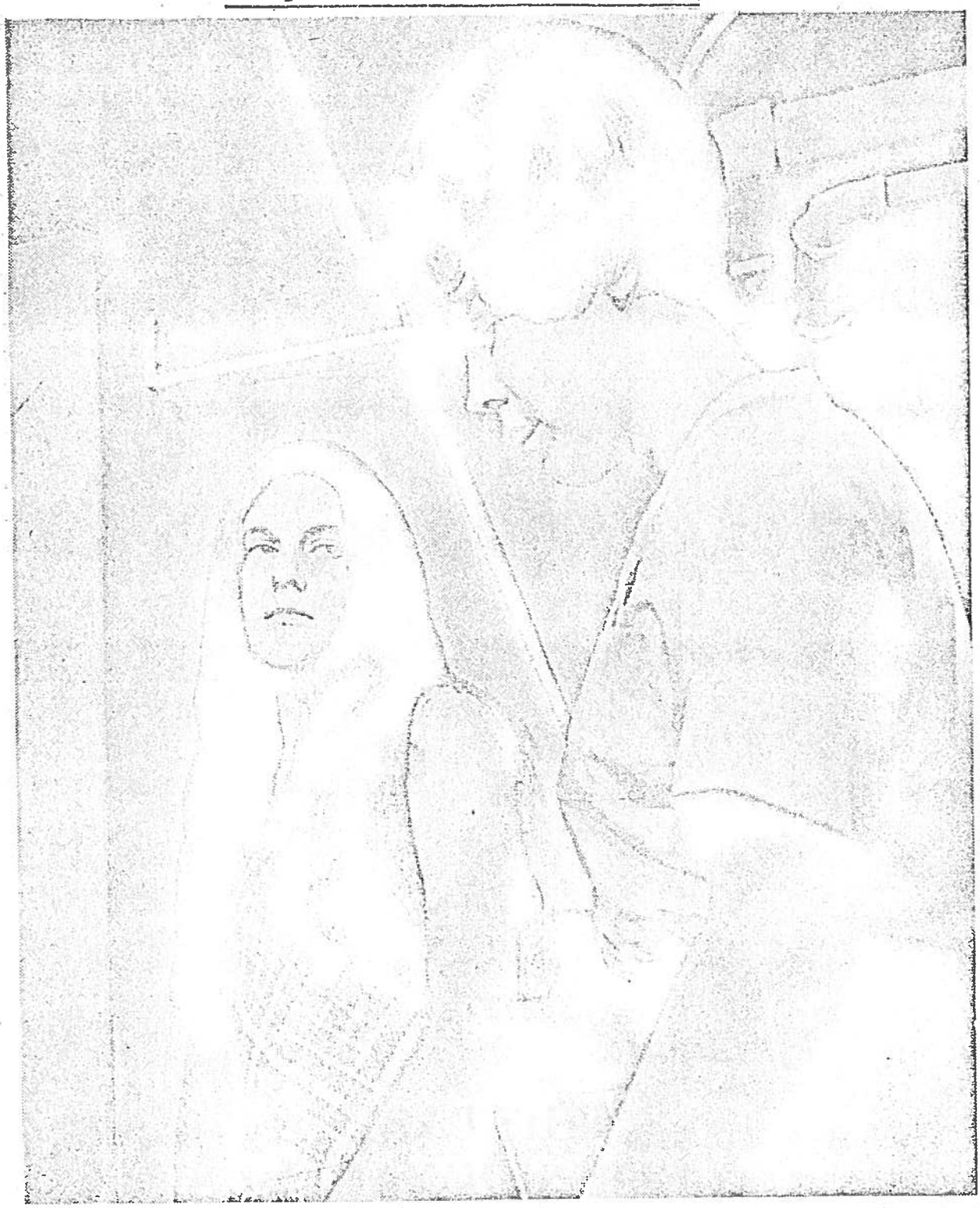

**HER REQUEST DENIED** — Patricia Krenwinkel, left, on way to court where judge rejected her request that she defend herself in murder trial. Accompanying defendant is Dep. Elaine Slagle.
Times photo by Bruce Cox

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# Woman Can't Defend Self in Tate Case

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Robert S. Levy, who described himself as a Hollywood producer and business associate of Manson, asked the high court for a hearing on the State Court of Appeal's denial of his request for access to and the right to confer with Manson.

Levy had filed a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of Manson, claiming that a skit presented at the installation dinner of the Los Angeles Criminal Courts Bar Assn. earlier this month compromised any judges witnessing it who would hear the Manson case.

Levy said the judge scheduled to preside at Manson's murder trial March 30, Superior Judge William B. Keene, was present at the dinner and watched the presentation of "One Manson's Family —the Family That Slays Together Stays Together."

The skit was written by Marvin Part, an attorney who formerly represented Manson's codefendant, Leslie Van Houten. Several judges and attorneys made up the cast for the skit.

In his suit, Levy wrote, "Any trial judge attending and witnessing such a show compromises himself to sit on a fair trial of said case."

Judge Keene's only comment was that most, if not all, of the criminal judges in the county were present at the dinner.

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PATTERN EMERGES

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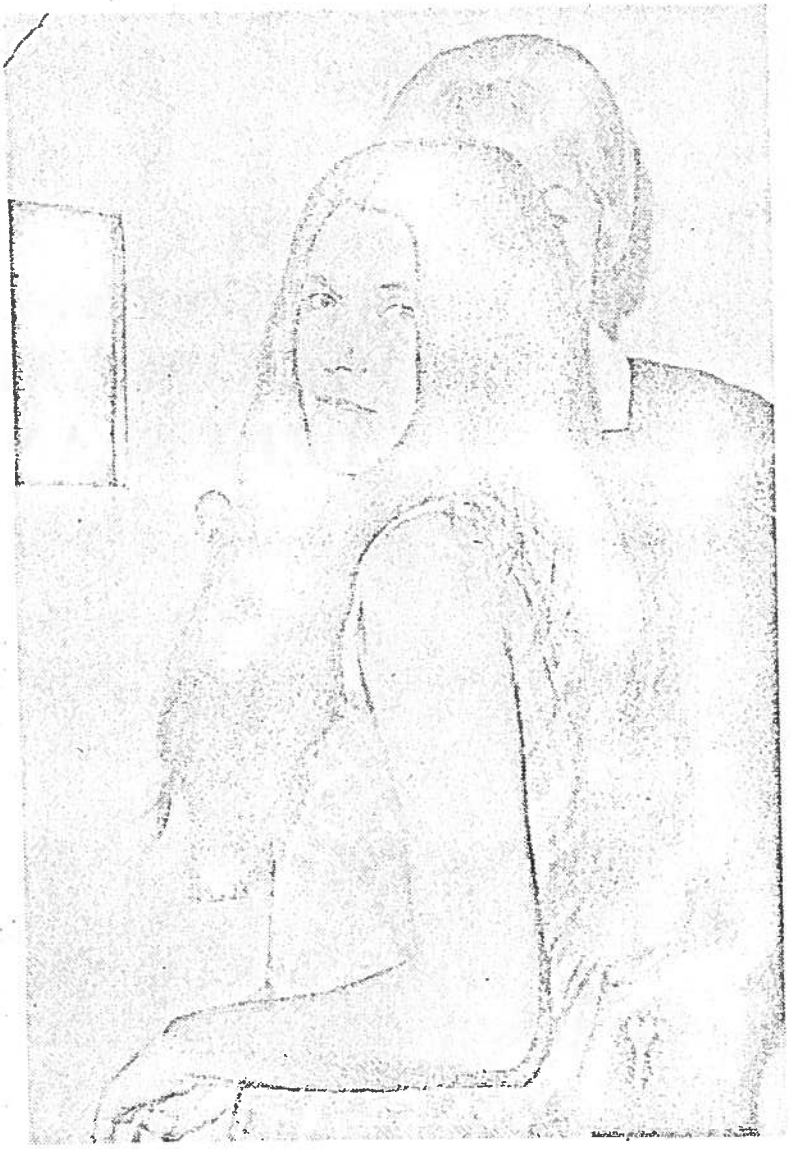

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Miss Krenwinkel arrived in court accompanied by a matron. She wore a knee-length plaid dress and low-heeled shoes, her long hair trailed below her shoulders.

In a low, pleasant voice she responded "Yes" or "No" to a half-dozen questions the judge asked her about awareness of her constitutional rights.

Speculation centered Tuesday on the likelihood that Manson, through intermediaries, now is urging all his co-defendants to accept pro per status, which would strengthen his control over them.

It is believed he also will continue to insist on co-counsel, hoping to obtain a lawyer who will provide legal advice to all six defendants, but with Manson still having final say on courtroom tactics.

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If Miss Krenwinkel's request is approved, she and Manson would have virtually the same access to one another for conferences as do private attorneys, according to prosecutors.

Like Manson, she also would have the right to interview other co-defendants and members of the Manson Family still at liberty as "witnesses" necessary to her defense.

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It was 12 weeks ago that Miss Krenwinkel, daughter of an Inglewood insurance agent, was arrested in Mobile, Ala., on a fugitive murder warrant. She unsuccessfully fought extradition and on Friday was flown from Mobile to Los Angeles.

Inspector Peter Hagan said Miss Krenwinkel was jailed at Sybil Brand Institute.

Five defendants now are in custody here. The sixth, Charles D. Watson, is fighting extradition from Texas, where he is in custody.

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**Times photo by Cal Montney**

# Manson Associate Arrested on Drug Charges, Freed

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An associate of Charles Manson was arrested in a courtroom on suspicion of being under the influence of drugs Thursday when he showed up in what prosecutors suspected was a narcotics-induced stupor. He was not booked after undergoing police tests.

Assistant district attorneys summoned narcotics officers to Superior Judge D. Sterry Fagan's courtroom in Van Nuys when Steven Grogan, 18, was unable to respond to the jurist's questions.

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Judge Fagan was prepared to rule on a motion that Daye Shinn, an attorney who has frequently visited Manson in County Jail, replace Grogan's previous attorney.

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But both matters were left up in the air after Grogan's arrest Thursday, and must be dealt with at some future date.

### Corridor Huddle

After Grogan appeared unable to understand Judge Fagan's questions, Shinn hustled him out into the corridor where they huddled with two female and one male member of Manson's Family.

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"I'll say yes."

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Charles Manson wasn't lampooned in a skit played before judges and lawyers, the skit's author said Tuesday. The real targets of the satire were members of the legal profession, he added.

And, according to others who witnessed the production, it could not interfere with the fairness of Manson's pending trial in connection with the Tate and La Bianca murders.

It was played at the 17th annual Criminal Courts Bar Assn. installation Saturday night. A friend of Manson's claimed the skit—which poked fun at Manson's dealings with attorneys — hurt the defendant's chances of getting a fair trial.

Manson is accused of masterminding seven murders committed by a hippie band called the Manson Family. The bar group skit was called "One Manson's Family."

Although several lawyers and judges who attended the affair denied the skit could hurt Manson's legal chances, some questioned the good taste of one line: "The Family which slays together, stays together."

However, Presiding Superior Judge Joseph A. Wapner pointed out that the skit actually depicted Manson as a hero, and lawyers as the villains.

Judge Wapner said he thought so highly of the skit that he plans to borrow portions of it for a speech dealing with the professional responsibility of lawyers which he is giving Thursday to members of the Federal Bar Assn.

The parody on Manson depicted three attorneys who are willing to defend him for the publicity value, with some hope that they later can sell the accused slayer's story for their fee.

"It shows that some lawyers are willing to do almost anything for publicity," said Judge Wapner, "and I tend to incorporate some lines from the skit in my speech."

The criticism of the show arose in a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed by Robert S. Levy, who described himself as a Hollywood producer, business associate and friend of Manson.

In his petition, which was denied late Tuesday by the Appellate Court's 5th Division, Levy sought an order which would have forced the Superior Court to permit him to visit Manson.

Manson's visitation privileges recently were suspended because of an infraction of county jail regulations.

Levy also alleged that the skit, one of several which comprised the "gridiron" type show written by Marvin L. Part, ridiculed Manson and prejudiced his right to a fair trial.

For several years, Part, a member of the Criminal Courts Bar Assn. and until recently the attorney for one of Manson's co-defendants, Leslie Van Houten, has been the entertainment director for the organization's annual dinner-dance.

His shows usually lampoon members of the legal profession, including judges and public officials. This year's skit was no different.

Manson, however, was not one of his targets, according to Part.

He said he felt he did manage to poke fun at Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger, retired Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker, Superior Judges George M. Dell and Maurice T. Leader and attorney Grant Cooper, among others.

### 'Kids' Profession

On reflection, said Superior Judge Raymond Choate, who was cast as one of the unscrupulous lawyers, it might have been better if the "slays together" line had been deleted. But he added:

"Our intent was to kid members of our own legal profession for their propensity to seek glory by waiving their fees.

"I don't think there was anything wrong with the show, particularly since it was not done for the general public, but for a group of lawyers, their wives and close friends."

All of those queried by The Times noted that the show was meant to be seen only by a select, sophisticated gathering and was not intended for the general public.

Attorney Richard W. Walton said he saw nothing in the skit on Manson which would have prejudiced Manson's right to a fair trial.

The responsibility for any publicity which has been given to the show, said Walton, now must be attached to Levy — "the very person who purports to condemn and criticize it."

Another criminal defense attorney, Robert Courtney, who was a member of the cast but not in the Manson skit, said he was appalled at Levy's accusation.

He said the members of the Criminal Court Bar Assn. are the very ones who "day-in and day-out most zealously protect the rights of those accused of crimes."

Courtney said neither he nor the other lawyers or judges participating in the show would jeopardize the rights of any defendant.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Joseph P. Busch Jr., another member of the cast, said the purpose of the skit was not to comment on the guilt or innocence of anyone, but to "dig" the members of its own profession.

Levy also was critical of the fact that Superior Judge William B. Keene, who is scheduled to hear Manson's trial on March 30, was in the audience and appeared to enjoy the skit.

Judge Keene declined to comment on the matter except to point out that most of the criminal court judges in the county annu

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# Tate-Type Killings Take Three Lives

## Army Doctor's Children, Wife Stabbed to Death

FT. BRAGG, N.C. (AP)—An Army doctor told police a hippie-type band of three men and a blonde girl stabbed him and killed his wife and two small children in their apartment Tuesday.

The girl, wearing a wide-brimmed, sloppy hat and muddy boots, carried a candle and mumbled, "Acid is groovy; kill the pigs; hit 'em again," said the doctor, Capt. Jeffrey MacDonald, 26, of Patchogue, N.Y.

On the headboard of the MacDonalds' bed, scrawled in blood, was the word "pig," eight inches high. An Army officer noted similarities with the Sharon Tate murders in Los Angeles.

An Army spokesman said MacDonald, who was assigned to a Green Beret unit, had treated narcotics users in the course of his duties.

Military policemen found MacDonald unconscious on the floor of his bedroom next to the body of his slain wife, Colette, 26, from Brooklyn, N.Y. The Army said she was about six months pregnant. The police went to the apartment after MacDonald telephoned for help around 4 a.m.

Lying in their beds in separate bedrooms of the six-room apartment were the bodies of the MacDonald children, Kimberly, 6, and Kristen Jean, 2.

Police said MacDonald had been stabbed in the stomach, chest and upper arm and that the others had been stabbed and bludgeoned.

A paring knife with a 4-inch blade, an icepick and an 18-inch piece of wood which police believe were used in the attack were found outside.

MacDonald was reported under sedation and in satisfactory condition at Womack Army Hospital on the post.

### Said He Was Asleep

Col. Robert J. Kriwanek, post provost marshal, said MacDonald told investigators he had gone to sleep on the couch in the living room while reading and was awakened by a sound about 3:30 a.m.

"Capt. MacDonald immediately came under attack, and quickly lost consciousness," the colonel added.

Kriwanek said MacDonald later reached a telephone and gasped to the operator: "I need the military police and an ambulance. I've been stabbed."

Kriwanek said entry to the apartment was made through a back door which apparently was unlocked.

He said the living room and the master bedroom were in disarray as if a struggle had occurred, but that the children's bedrooms were in order.

"Whoever committed this crime was quite knowledgeable about the layout of these quarters," Kriwanek said. "They must have known what the apartment was like inside because it all happened so quickly."

He said the attack apparently lasted only a few minutes.

The MacDonald apartment is in a residential section of the post made up of rows of red brick buildings with similar floor plans. Each apartment has its own front and back entrances.

The children apparently were asleep at the time they were attacked, Kriwanek said. Neighbors told investigators they heard no unusual sounds.

The colonel said several persons had been questioned, including some former patients of MacDonald, but that no significant clues were uncovered.

### Floppy Hat Clue

MacDonald has been in the Army since June and stationed at Ft. Bragg since August as a doctor of preventive medicine with the 6th Special Forces Group.

Kriwanek said the only description MacDonald gave of the assailants was that the girl wore a floppy hat and boots and that one of the men wore an Army field jacket with sergeant's stripes.

Soon after police arrived at the MacDonald apartment, roadblocks were set up in the Ft. Bragg area by military and local police.

One suspect was taken into custody for questioning, then released.

In addition to local and military police, the Fede al Bureau of Investigatic and State Bureau of Inve tigation were called in.

Kriwanek said the i vestigation was proce ing on the assumption th the crime occurred t way MacDonald describ

It. He said MacDonal not a suspect.

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# Manson Loses Plea to Move Trial From L.A.

## Motion to Dismiss Charges Because of Publicity Also Denied

BY RON EINSTOSS
and JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writers

A barefoot Charles Manson pleaded with a judge Monday to dismiss murder charges against him, claiming "I can't get a fair trial anywhere because of the widespread publicity."

"The papers," he said, "have really done a thing on this, more than on anything that's ever come up, even more than on the guy who killed the President of the United States.

"To me it's becoming a joke, but a joke that may cost me my life."

In denying the dismissal motion, Superior Judge Malcolm M. Lucas conceded publicity about the Tate and La Bianca cases had been "extensive and pervasive," but he contended that it would not prejudice Manson's right to an impartial jury.

### Other Motions Rejected

The motion was one of several argued Monday by Manson, 35-year-old leader of a nomadic hippie "family." Judge Lucas rejected the others as well.

Manson, accused of masterminding last August's mass murders, also asked the judge to order that public opinion surveys be taken here and elsewhere in California to determine the effect of pretrial publicity on potential jurors.

He also requested a change of venue for his trial, contending the possibility of finding jurors without preconceptions about his guilt would be greater in some county other than Los Angeles.

In effect, the change of venue and dismissal motions were contradictory, since the former suggested he would be better off being tried outside Los Angeles County while the latter contended he couldn't get a fair trial anywhere.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Aaron Stovitz, who appeared with Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent Bugliosi to oppose the motions, declared:

"We're sure we could find 12 people here who would try the case on facts."

### Security for Trial

Judge Lucas pointed out that only the state's eight largest counties had the "necessary security" for a trial, or trials, involving Manson and his five co-defendants.

The murders and arrests, he added, have received "substantial publicity" in each of the eight which a change of venue would not offset. "The court finds," he added, "that there is not a reasonable likelihood a fair trial cannot be had" in Los Angeles.

Stovitz and Bugliosi opposed Manson's suggested public opinion sampling on the ground that it would be "immaterial and irrelevant." Stovitz said, "The only test is whether we can find a fair and impartial jury—and we believe we can."

The judge said such a survey was "not necessary or appropriate."

Manson then said he wanted to exercise his right to a speedy trial and would not seek a further delay.

His trial date has been set for March 30.

Meanwhile, in McKinney, Tex., a judge ordered that Charles (Tex) Watson, 24, one of Manson's five co-defendants, be turned over to Los Angeles authorities.

However, Judge David Brown gave Watson's attorneys 30 days in which to appeal his ruling.

Watson, too, has claimed he could not get a fair trial here. But Judge Brown in his order, noted:

"The court finds no evidence of irresponsible handling of the matter by California news media. Sensational events involving weird personalities cannot be accurately presented in prosaic terms."

In Mobile, Ala., Dist. Atty. Carl Booth said late Monday that Patricia Krenwinkel — who had fought attempts to extradite her to face Tate case murder charges — now says she is willing to waive further proceedings and return to California to

"This court has studied the record. It is replete with sensational publicity, much of which identifies Charles Watson as the actual killer of Sharon Tate and others.

In still another development, an acquaintance sought Manson's release on a writ of habeas corpus, claiming a skit presented at a bar association party Saturday night violated the suspect's constitutional rights.

The petition charged, among other things, that "a quartet sang from the stage a 'Laugh-in' type ditty entitled "A Family that Slays Together Stays Together."



SLAYING CASE FIGURES—A barefooted Charles Manson court hearing here and Charles Watson, top right, at an e dition hearing in Texas. Below, Watson in photo after a

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# Principal Tate Case Witness Flees State Over Death Threats

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Shirley Nadell, a principal witness in the Tate-La Bianca murder case, has fled California because of threats to her life, her attorney said Friday.

Mrs. Nadell, 31, received the threats while in Sybil Brand Institute from which she was paroled last week, according to Wesley Russell.

One, he added, was contained in a note thrown into her cell and signed by Susan Atkins, 21, a co-defendant with hippie cult leader Charles Manson and four others in the murders.

Mrs. Nadell was the informer who told police late last year that her cellmate, Miss Atkins, had described how the murders were committed, admitted her role in them and implicated Manson and the other four.

Miss Atkins later related a similar story to the grand jury and the indictment of all six persons accused of the slayings followed.

### Women Were Cellmates

Mrs. Nadell and Miss Atkins were cellmates while the former was awaiting trial on charges of forging a narcotics prescription and the latter was awaiting trial in another murder.

Mrs. Nadell was found innocent, but was held in Sybil Brand for several weeks for violation of probation.

Homicide Lt. Robert Helder confirmed that Mrs. Nadell had left the state, but he said she would be available to testify in the Tate-La Bianca case if needed.

He said, however, she never filed complaints with police about threats. Sybil Brand authorities also said they had received no such complaints.

Russell said Mrs. Nadell received a note reportedly from Miss Atkins, saying, "When I first heard you were the informer, I wanted to slit your throat."

She also was the recipient of an anonymous note which said, "Death to squealer pigs," he added.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Manson's telephone privileges had been suspended by County Jail authorities.

Sheriff's Inspector Ralph C. Welch said Manson, who is acting as his own lawyer, had abused his special privileges by calling members of the news media and making lengthy statements which had nothing to do with preparing his case.

Pro per prisoners (those acting as their own attorneys) are permitted three calls a day.

Welch said he suspended the phone privileges after conferring with Superior Judges William B. Keene and George M. Dell when he discovered Manson had given a long interview to a San Francisco radio station. Judge Dell signed the order.

Manson, whose trial is set for March 30, is scheduled to appear in court Monday to argue a motion for a change of venue.

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# Tate Suspect Asks to Sign Extradition Forms

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—Dist. Atty. Carl M. Booth said he received a note Thursday from Patricia Krenwinkel in which she said she wanted to sign extradition papers and return to California immediately.

The prosecutor said he was seeking to contact Miss Krenwinkel's attorney, M. A. Marsal, to expedite the proceedings. She is under murder indictment in Los Angeles in the Sharon Tate mass slayings.

The 22-year-old Los Angeles woman acted one day after the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals ruled unanimously that she is to be returned for trial.

The high court threw out an appeal of a Mobile Circuit Court decision which held that a California extradition request was in order.

Marsal had contended it was not valid because it was signed by the lieutenant governor instead of Gov. Reagan.

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# Manson Objects When March 30 Trial Date Is Set

BY RON EINSTOSS
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Charles Manson's trial date was set Monday for March 30, despite his objections.

He informed Superior Judge William B. Keene that he was ready to be tried immediately on charges of conspiracy and murder in the Tate and La Bianca slayings.

But, ignoring Manson's demand, Judge Keene fixed the same date he previously set for three codefendants—Susan Denice Atkins, Leslie Van Houten and Linda Kasabian.

The judge explained to Manson that he was interpreting the 60-day rule (to insure a speedy trial) as beginning when the defendant's plea was entered for him on Jan. 28 by Superior Judge George M. Dell.

### Pretrial Motions Sought

Manson also informed the court that he had several additional pretrial motions to make.

His motion for discovery was handled when Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi promised to let him review all statements, recordings and other evidence they have in their possession.

Judge Keene set Monday for arguments on any other motions Manson wants to make, including one that the trial be transferred to another county.

Preceding Manson's appearance were those by Miss Van Houten and Mrs. Kasabian, who also came to court for trial setting.

Ira K. Reiner, who now is defending Miss Van Houten, agreed to the March 30 date as did Mrs. Kasabian's two lawyers, Gary Fleischman and Ronald Goldman.

Their agreement to the date was a conditional one, however, because they noted that the birth of their client's baby is expected during the first week in April.

"If there is a problem with Mrs. Kasabian's physical condition, we'll meet it at that time," said Judge Keene.

Two other defendants, Patricia Kernwinkle and Charles (Tex) Watson are fighting extradition from Alabama and Texas, respectively.

When Manson entered the courtroom he smiled broadly at several members of his "Family" who arrived early enough to obtain seats.

During his appearance last Friday, his hippie clan was forced to remain in the corridor of the Hall of Justice because there was no room for them in court.

### Prosecution Witnesses

Eight of his followers even got on the court record when Stovitz and Bugliosi revealed that they were going to be called as prosecution witnesses, a fact to which Manson objected.

"They are my witnesses," he said.

At the request of the prosecutors, all eight were directed to return to court on the trial date.

After Manson's court appearance, attorney Ronald Hughes, who has been one of the defendant's many legal advisers, distributed copies of a "Can you help me" letter written on Feb. 6 by Manson to Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger.

In it, Manson, who refers to himself as "an individual, one man, standing alone, defending myself," wrote that he does not "think" he is getting a fair trial and listed numerous reasons.

He complained about the physical facilities available to him in jail and what he described as psychological harassments.

Without being specific, Manson also charged that he is promised one thing in court "in front of the press" and is being denied it when he returns to his cell.

He also alleged that his witnesses and friends are being arrested, followed and harassed, all without cause, and that informants have been placed in his cell block.

Manson also complained to Younger about his present confinement for five days in the jail's "adjustment center" — "without access even to the Stone Age facilities that are available"—for his refusal to eat breakfast on Friday.

A jail spokesman denied Manson's charges.

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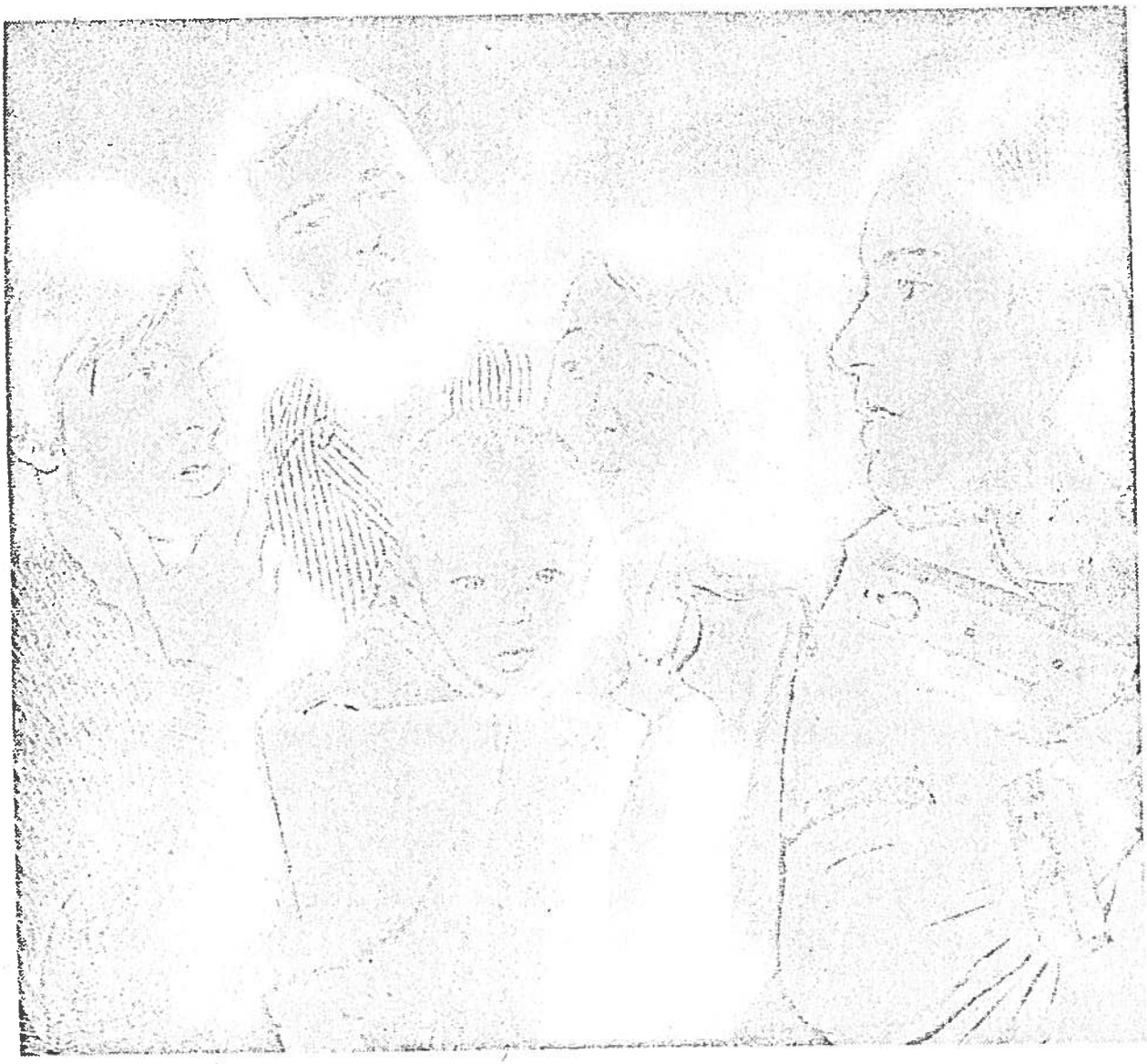

**'FAMILY' GATHERING**—Friends and followers of Charles Manson talk to newsmen in Hall of Justice. From left, as they identified themselves, are Paul; Mark; Squeaky, holding 4½-month-old baby they called "Elf," and Gypsy. They could not get in packed courtroom where Manson appeared.
Times photo by Don Cormier

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# Manson Loses Attempt to Be Released From Jail on Writ

## Judge Denies Appeal and Also Rejects Motion That All Charges Be Dismissed for Lack of Sufficient Evidence

BY JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writer

Charles Manson bounced into Superior Judge Malcolm M. Lucas' courtroom Friday, seeking his release from County Jail on a writ of habeas corpus.

But by the time the brief morning proceeding ended, the spring had gone from his walk.

Judge Lucas denied the writ and ordered him returned to confinement.

And once back in jail, Manson had to resign himself to spending the next five days in solitary confinement for failing to join other prisoners at the breakfast table.

It was a bad morning all around for the little man accused of masterminding the Tate and La Bianca murders:

—Judge Lucas also rejected a Manson motion that murder and conspiracy charges against him be dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence.

### Other Setbacks

—Members of Manson's "Family," faithful spectators at his previous legal proceedings, arrived late and couldn't get into the courtroom because all the seats were taken.

—One of his miniskirted disciples, Susan Bartell, was arrested on traffic warrants outside the courtroom.

—And Judge Lucas refused to abide the show-boating in which Manson had indulged at previous courtroom sessions by forbidding him to make extrajudicial statements.

When Manson complained about the judge's ordering the motion on the writ argued prior to the one requesting dismissal, the jurist replied:

"Mr. Manson. Until the Constitution makes different arrangements, the court will decide the order in which motions will be heard."

When Manson suggested Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron Stovitz and Vincent Bugliosi had filed answers to his motions "prematurely," the judge said firmly:

"Mr. Manson. This is not a 20-question session," referring to the once popular radio-television quiz game.

But the day was not a total loss for the normally garrulous little ex-convict.

During the afternoon, it appeared he won Round 1 in what is believed to be a bid by him to manipulate his codefendants through their lawyers.

Leslie Van Houten, 19, appeared before Superior Judge George M. Dell and asked that her court-appointed attorney, Marvin L. Part, be replaced by a private lawyer, Ira K. Reiner.

### Brief Courtroom Hearing

After a brief courtroom hearing, preceded by lengthy arguments in chambers, Dell acceded, and Reiner —a frequent visitor to Manson in jail—took over her defense.

Reiner assured Dell he had "never discussed the actual facts of the case" with Manson and that his representing Miss Van Houten would not constitute "conflict."

He also told Dell he never had met Denver attorney Francis Salazar.

Salazar had said earlier this week that Manson is trying to maneuver all defendants in the Tate-La Bianca murders under a common legal shelter, and that all presently are "acting on concert." Salazar claimed he himself would be defending "one or more" of the codefendants, possibly including Manson.

> Salazar, by his own admission, has consulted at length with members of the Manson Family still at liberty. And it is known that at least one such member visited Miss Van Houten shortly before she asked Reiner to take her case.

Dell ordered Manson brought into his courtroom to determine if the hippie guru himself had any objection to Reiner defending Miss Van Houten. Manson's face broke into a broad grin, and he replied: "I don't have any

"You may think that's funny. I don't," the judge said. "Unless you state clearly you have no objection, I'm not going to grant Miss Van Houten's request.

"I have no objection," Manson said, his grin broadening even more as he raised his eyebrows in mirth.

Manson's presence in Dell's courtroom marked the first confrontation between Manson and one of his codefendants. It was an electric one, as had been anticipated.

When Miss Van Houten saw him, she smiled expressively at him. Manson responded in kind, and almost throughout the hearing they appeared to alternately moon at one another, then make funny faces.

The tiny Manson was not the dashing figure, sartorially speaking, Friday that he has been in past court appearances.

Instead of flashy mod garb, he wore faded prison dungarees and slippers. His long hair was uncombed, and a four-or five-day growth of beard had reappeared on his chin.

Once seated at the defendant's table and tuned in to Judge Lucas' nonsense approach during his morning hearing Manson—who is acting as his own attorney—argued only lackadaisically in support of his motions, when he bothered to argue at all.

At one point, he told the judge, "I just came from solitary confinement and I'm not in good condition this morning." Later he sa

"My constitution rights have been suspended in the County Jail. have no pencil. I told yo just came from 'solita confinment. I don't ha my books."

Jail authorities sa Manson's disheveled pearance in court and lack of book and pen were of his own choosi Even though he had b placed in an "adjustm center (solitary conf ment) shortly after 5 a. they explained he been given ample ti afterward to change i his own clothing and gather what he needed his courtroom appearar

Sheriff's Inspect Ralph C. Welch said M son's refusal to take place in the breakfast was a violation of jail r regarding pro per pr ners (inmates acting their own lawyers).

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As for Manson's cl that he had lost his " stitutional rights," W said: "He still gets all privileges of pro per mates—the right to ir view witnesses, see a neys and visit the library."

All that Manson actu has lost, said Welch, is right to buy cigarets candy and to receive v from members of his f ly. Also he is confined cell by himself.

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# Manson Tactics --Legal Ploy to Unite Accused

## Hippie 'Family' Rallied for Coup to Complicate Prosecution's Strategy

BY JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writer

From his County Jail lodgings, Charles Manson still directs his loyal hippie "Family" with the verve of old, while plotting a courtroom coup which might have stunning repercussions.

It becomes clear now that, far from scattering in the wake of the butchery it is accused of, the Manson Family is more closely knit than ever.

Headquartered in two dusty residences in a quiet San Fernando Valley residential neighborhood—and the Spahn Ranch near Chatsworth—members bustle about doing the bidding of their jailed leader.

If Manson's legal maneuver succeeds, it will complicate prosecution strategy in the Tate-La Bianca murder cases and will even have an unsettling effect on the community at large.

Until now, Manson has maintained he would act as his own attorney, come brimstone or flood.

### Plans Legal Coup

Thursday, however, this appeared to have been a screen to disguise what he really wanted: an opportunity to rail at the Establishment in pretrial manuevering and, more important, to buy time to gather himself and his five codefendants under a common legal shelter.

By so doing, Manson could actually get out from under murder and conspiracy charges against him.

At least that is the view of Denver attorney Francis Salazar, who disclosed he is the lawyer Manson has chosen to attempt to execute the legal coup.

Salazar, widely known in the Midwest for criminal cases he has handled, said he was first approached around the first of the year by a Los Angeles intermediary for Manson.

Several telephone conversations followed, but Salazar said he waited to visit Manson until mid-January and then saw him on two consecutive days in the County Jail.

### Considered Conflicts

"I wanted to give the matter some thought before I talked with him," Salazar said. "The big question was whether there would be a conflict if I were to represent more than one of the codefendants. And if there would be, which ones I should represent."

After considerable investigation, Salazar said he arrived at a determination that "may surprise some people": That even if he represents all the codefendants, there will be no conflict.

The issue of "conflict" in Manson's strategy is critical.

When it appears one codefendant's testimony, or defense, can damage another's, legal conflict arises and courts will not allow the attorney, or an associate, to represent more than one client in a combined case—usually.

However, there is an exception. If a private lawyer is handling two or more defendants in a case, the judge is required to warn the accused of the possible damage that might be done one's own defense by the testimony of a co-suspect.

If the codefendants say they understand the possibility, and still want the same lawyer, the judge has no choice but to permit this.

On the surface, it seems hard to believe that any of the codefendants in the Tate-La Bianca case would want to risk joining their defenses with any of the others.

This especially would appear true of Susan (Sadie Glutz) Atkins, whose testimony before the grand jury implicated Manson and the others in the seven slayings.

But the codefendants in this case are unique, as are the legal machinations now going on. Manson's strange hold over his nomadic tribe—both those in and out of jail—is one reason.

If he can arrange to have the same attorney — or cooperating attorneys—represent all the co-defendants, there is reason to believe he can block one from testifying against the other.

Should that happen, the case against all—particularly Manson—is sorely weakened; the prosecution needs verbal testimony to support its physical evidence.

Otherwise, the district attorney's office must make its charges stick largely through circumstantial evidence.

It can't use Miss Atkins' story to the grand jury as trial evidence, damning though it was, unless she chooses to repeat it before a trial jury. Manson appears certain she will elect not to repeat it.

The clan leader has told more than one person in recent weeks that Miss Atkins had "changed her story." One account quoted him as saying:

"She sent word to me that if I'd get her a good attorney, she'd shut up."

This is where Salazar appears to fit in.

He claims that all the Tate-La Bianca codefendants legally are "acting in concert," even though he said he has not yet received direct or indirect contact from Patricia Krenwinkel, still fighting extradition in Alabama.

He said that "a person who has the full confidence" of Charles (Tex) Watson had advised him Watson wanted him (Salazar) as counsel. Watson also is resisting extradition from Texas.

Salazar said he probably will not represent Miss Atkins personally, but that "she will be represented by a lawyer I am associated with." Which would indicate that Salazar will be calling the shots on whether she will take the stand.

Salazar said that, at present, he anticipates personally defending "one or more" of the accused, one of whom, he added, may be Manson himself.

He said he has an investigator in Los Angel working on the case, ar that from what he h learned he is convince Manson cannot be convic ed. He supported this b saying: "Nobody knows a much about the case as do. It's extremely compl cated."

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They serve as his le runners and go-betwee with others of the accus persons offering le counsel and potential nancial benefactors. So are wheeling and deali to seek a rich contract recordings that Manson self-styled musician a singer, has made.

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Salazar said he has counseled frequently with Manson's followers on the outside.

The two who appear to be Manson's chief lieutenants are Lynn (Squeaky) Fromme, 21, and Sandra Pugh, 26, both of whom were arrested with him in last October's Death Valley raids on a stolen car ring. Miss Fromme had been with Manson since he began his wanderings from Haight-Ashbury in San Francisco aboard a converted school bus more than two years ago.

Headquarters for the Family today are two rambling homes, set far back from the street, in a respectable neighborhood in Van Nuys. Strangers are not welcome there, but neighbors have not complained to police about the occupants of the dwellings.

The Family appears to have gone Establishment in at least one respect to guard its privacy.

A sign on a gate reads: "No Trespassing." Another: "Beware of Dog."

Authorities say some of the clan also are setting up a fresh encampment at the Spahn Ranch near Chatsworth, which Miss Atkins claims was the staging point for the raids on the Tate and La Bianca residences last August.

The number of persons, all Manson cultists, living at both sites is unknown, but it is believed to be large.

The telephone at one of the Van Nuys homes is listed in the name of Harold True — who between July, 1967, and July, 1968, rented a hippie "pad" next door to the La Bianca home in the Los Feliz District. Manson and some of his minions attended at least one party there, possibly more.

**Strange Personality**

The thrall in which Manson still holds Family members defies the imagination, but sheer force of personality appears to have a great deal to do with it.

To illustrate:

The parents of Robert Beausoleil, 22, awaiting trial for the Topanga Canyon murder of fellow musician Gary Hinman in July, visited Manson in jail on Jan. 8.

Manson, Miss Atkins and other Family members also have been implicated in the Hinman murder. In fact, evidence has been presented that the slaying was carried out at Manson's direction, as Miss Atkins has said the Tate and La Bianca killings were.

Thus, it would appear, the elder Beausoleils, a quiet, hard-working Santa Barbara couple, would hold Manson accountable for the trouble their son is in.

Instead, Mrs. Beausoleil said she had found Manson "kind and sympathetic," and added:

"Those pictures in the newspapers don't show him the way he really is. It's not fair what they've written about him."



PICKED—Francis Salazar, Denver attorney who said he was chosen by Charles Manson to attempt a legal coup.

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MANSON IS MUSIC 'ADDICT'

# Theory Links Beatle Album to Murders

The possibility that a 1968 album recorded by the Beatles supplied the "script" for the Tate and La Bianca murders increasingly intrigues some investigators.

They know that members of Charles Manson's hippie clan were Beatle addicts, even to the extent of papering walls of their various dwellings with Beatle posters.

They have been told by Manson intimates that Manson himself considered the singers "prophets," and believed that lyrics of their songs portended the future and bore guidelines for a "revolution" of which Manson himself often spoke.

The speculation about the Beatle album turns on these curiosities, all of which, perhaps, are mere coincidence:

—One song in the album is called "Piggies," and the lyrics suggest what "they need's a damn good whacking."

### Blood Writing

Variations of pig, a hippie word for the Establishment, were scrawled in blood at the scene of the Tate and La Bianca murders, as well as in the Topanga Canyon residence of slain musician Gary Hinman.

Susan Atkins told grand jurors one object of the Tate and La Bianca murders was to punish the Establishment.

—The lyrics of another song, "Blackbird," repeats the phrase "You were only waiting for this moment to arise."

Susan Atkins said Manson hoped police would believe the murders were committed by Negroes, that a black rebellion would follow which only he and his Family would survive.

The word "Rise" also was written in blood at the La Bianca home.

—Another song is called "Helter Skelter." The third bloody scrawl left in the La Bianca home was "Helter Skelter."

—"Sexy Sadie" is the title of still another song in the album. Miss Atkins was known as "Sadie Glutz" to the Family. Manson, said Miss Atkins, first pinned the name "Sadie" on her, then came up with "Glutz" only as an afterthought.

—One song, "Revolution 9," is musical gibberish, without lyrics, but with what sounds like screaming and gunshots and moans.

Speculation has focused on its being a takeoff on the ninth chapter of the Book of Revelations, from which Manson was fond of quoting, in prophesying an apocalypse of the Family's making.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES - FEBRUARY 4, 1970

# Trial of Susan Atkins Put Off Until March 30

## Date Appears Likely to Be Same for All Defendants if Two Lose Extradition Fight

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Susan Denise Atkins' attorney Tuesday successfully sought a postponement in her trial date from next Monday until March 30.

Making her first court appearance on the Tate and La Bianca slayings since Dec. 16, Miss Atkins appeared cheerful and even smiled at one of the prosecutors, Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi.

Her attorney, Richard Caballero, informed Superior Judge William B. Keene that he was seeking the trial delay to allow him additional time for preparation.

In reply to an inquiry by Judge Keene, Dep. Dist. Atty. Aaron Stovitz informed the court that he and Bugliosi still intend to try all six Tate and La Bianca suspects jointly, which would indicate that March 30 now is the target date for a trial.

Only Charles M. Manson, who allegedly commanded the killings, has an earlier trial date. It now is scheduled for next Monday, but presumably at that time will be continued until March 30.

Manson is scheduled to appear Friday before Superior Judge Malcolm M. Lucas to argue a motion for dismissal of the charges against him.

Two of the alleged slayers, Linda Kasabian and Leslie Van Houten, also are scheduled to appear before Judge Keene on Monday, both for trial setting.

Two others, Charles (Tex) Watson and Patricia Krenwinkel, still are fighting extradition from Texas and Alabama, respectively.

Stovitz, who agreed to the later trial date, noted that Miss Kasabian's lawyers indicated that they want their client tried after the birth of her baby, which is expected in mid-March.

Only Miss Van Houten's attorney, Marvin L. Part, has announced publicly that he will not seek a change of venue to another county. The other attorneys, including Manson, who is defending himself, are expected to make such motions.

During her court appearance, Miss Atkins appeared particularly friendly with Caballero, which would tend to belie reports that she soon may change attorneys at Manson's urging.

### Lawyer Has Heard Talk

Asked later to comment on whether she has told him that she is considering such action, Caballero confirmed that he has heard rumors that Manson is seeking to provide lawyers for all of his codefendants, but added:

"As of now, I am her attorney and I'm busy working in her behalf."

One of the things Caballero said he is doing is to arrange a meeting between Miss Atkins and Manson, who, as his own lawyer, has been given permission to interview other defendants in the case, if they and their attorneys agree.

Miss Atkins, according to Caballero, is willing to see the long-haired leader of the band.

The attorney said he does not object to such a confrontation between the alleged ringleader in the murder plot and Miss Atkins, who has been one of the prosecution's key witnesses against Manson.

Cabellero said he still expects Miss Atkins to testify and that such a meeting will give him an idea as to how she will react at the trial to Manson's cross examination of her.

Miss Atkins appeared in court Tuesday in a purple dress, with angel sleeves and a low neckline. Caballero said he purchased it for her.

When she smiled at Bugliosi, who interviewed her at length before she testified in front of the County Grand Jury, he returned the sign of recognition with a nod.

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# Manson Balks in Court, Objects to Proceedings

## Plea of Not Guilty Entered by Judge; Trial Slated Feb. 9

BY JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writer

Charles M. Manson refused Wednesday to enter a plea to a murder and conspiracy indictment in the Tate and La Bianca slayings, and, assuming a haughty stance, proclaimed:

"I object to further proceedings in this case.

"I object to the grand jury (which returned the indictment). I object to the methods used to get the indictment. And I object to the heinous relationship of the Establishment to the indictment."

Superior Judge George M. Dell, his patience still intact but obviously beginning to fray from Manson's outbursts during an hour-long arraignment, told the slight, disheveled cult leader:

"If a defendant refuses to answer accusatory pleading, a plea of not guilty must be entered by the court. I am directing that a not-guilty plea be entered—and it will be."

### Early Trial Unlikely

The judge then set Manson's trial for Feb. 9, the same date three of Manson's five codefendants are scheduled to be tried. Two other codefendants still are being held out of state, pending extradition.

But Dell acknowledged that it is unlikely any of the cases will go to trial soon, considering anticipated, lengthy legal maneuvers.

For the first time Wednesday, Manson arrived in court clean shaven but with his hair still long and unkempt, which combined to give him a curiously feminine appearance.

Some in the courtroom, packed by a standing-room-only throng, thought he looked remarkably like Tiny Tim.

After the judge entered the plea of innocent for him, Manson snapped: "This is justice? You want to hide your lie."

### Manson Shouts Back

Dell noted that five weeks had passed since Manson, 35, had been served with the indictment and that "further delays" in pleading "would be only for the purpose of delay."

Manson shouted, "Don't cut me off."

The judge replied: "I'm not cutting you off—I'm opening you up, Mr. Manson."

Manson claimed the judge's entering the plea for him "leaves a foundation that is very messy. If the public knew how messy, it would have you (Judge Dell) over here (in the defendant's dock) instead of me."

Manson contended he had been so "mired" in legal procedure that he had not had sufficient time to prepare for Wednesday's arraignment. He added, "I can't be expected to plead to those ridiculous charges."

### Notes Number of Visitors

The judge suggested that if Manson was not prepared it was because "you have been so busy receiving visitors." He noted that between Dec. 11 and Jan. 21, a total of 48 different persons had visited him in County Jail, "some 15 times or more."

Dep. Dist. Atty. Aaron Stovitz remarked that the sheriff's office had recorded Manson's having 237 "separate visits."

"You're so popular, Mr. Manson. You know you don't have to see every attorney interested in your case. Though I guess there still are a few members of the bar who haven't seen you yet," Dell remarked.

Manson filed a series of motions, cast in a legalese almost beyond deciphering and attacking various phases of the case against him.

Nevertheless, Dell painstakingly leafed through them, and set hearings on two for Feb. 6.

One of Manson's motions attacked the "sufficiency" of the evidence against him, claiming the grand jury transcript established only that "I play the guitar, sing and can make people happy."

The jurist set the hearings on the motions for Judge Malcolm M. Lucas' courtroom, the trial before Judge William B. Keene.

Dell again suggested to Manson that he was "making a very serious error in choosing to represent himself," but the defendant remained adamant about acting as his own lawyer.

The judge agreed with Manson that he should be permitted to question Susan Atkins as a prospective witness if both she and her attorney agreed.

Miss Atkins, a codefendant, was the principal witness against Manson during grand jury hearings in December.

Manson told Dell: "I got a message from Sadie (the "Family" name for Miss Atkins) saying that the district attorney made her say what she said."

Charged along with Manson and Miss Atkins in the Tate murders are Miss Linda Kasabian, Patricia Krenwinkel and Charles (Tex) Watson. Miss Leslie Van Houten is charged only in the La Bianca slayings.

Both Miss Krenwinkel and Watson are fighting extradition, she in Alabama, he in Texas.



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LOS ANGELES TIMES - JANUARY 23, 1970

# MRS. LA BIANCA SON, DAUGHTER FILE SUIT

Two children of Mrs. Rosemary La Bianca, one of the seven persons allegedly murdered by Charles Manson and some of his followers, Thursday sued for $2 million.

The Superior Court complaint was brought by Miss Suzan Struthers, 23, as administrator of the estate which she and her brother, Frank L. Struthers Jr., 16, will inherit from their mother.

Named as defendants were Manson, 35, and five others identified as members of his group—Charles Watson, Linda Kasabian, Patricia Krenwinkel, Susan Atkins and Leslie Van Houten.

All were involved, the suit charged, in the fatal stabbing of Mrs. La Bianca, 38, last Aug. 10 in her home, 3301 Waverly Drive. Her second husband, market owner Leno La Bianca, 54, was killed at the same time.

With the exception of Miss Van Houten, the defendants also have been accused in the deaths of actress Sharon Tate and four others Aug. 9.

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# Woman Obeyed Manson in Fear for Her Child's Life, Court Told

## Attorneys Hint Direction of Linda Kasabian's Defense; Unsuccessful Attempt to Win Release on Bail at Hea

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Linda Kasabian accompanied other members of the Charles Manson Family on alleged murderous forays last August only because she feared for the life of her 2-year-old daughter, attorneys claimed in court Tuesday.

In an unsuccessful effort to gain her release on bail, Gary Fleischman and Ronald Goldman hinted that such a defense would be used on behalf of their client.

Mrs. Kasabian, who is seven months pregnant, is charged along with Manson and other members of his so-called family with the five Tate murders on Aug. 9 and with the slayings of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca the following night.

Her attorneys said Mrs. Kasabian, when she went with the other defendants, left her child, Tanya, behind at the Spahn Ranch—a place, they said, which is "isolated" and "not easy to get away from with a baby."

### Disposed of Items

She did not have any choice but to comply with the orders of Manson and another defendant, Charles (Tex) Watson, the attorneys suggested to Superior Judge Malcolm M. Lucas.

They said her fear that harm might come to her child also may have explained why she disposed of bloody clothing and weapons after the Tate killing and of a wallet belonging to one of the La Biancas.

They also argued that because she is pregnant, she would have no place "to run" if she is released on bail and they pointed out that she voluntarily surrendered in New Hampshire and did not oppose extradition.

Their request for bail, opposed by Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi, was denied by Judge Lucas, who said he did not feel she should be released at this time.

Judge Lucas also denied defense motions to dismiss the La Bianca charges against Mrs. Kasabian on the ground there is insufficient evidence against her and because of an allegation that members of the County Grand Jury may have been influenced by the massive publicity given the case.

Referring to the slaying as "being rather ghastly and macabre," Judge Lucas noted that Mrs. Kasabian went with the alleged killers to the Tate home, later disposed of the clothing and weapons and then the following night went out with them again.

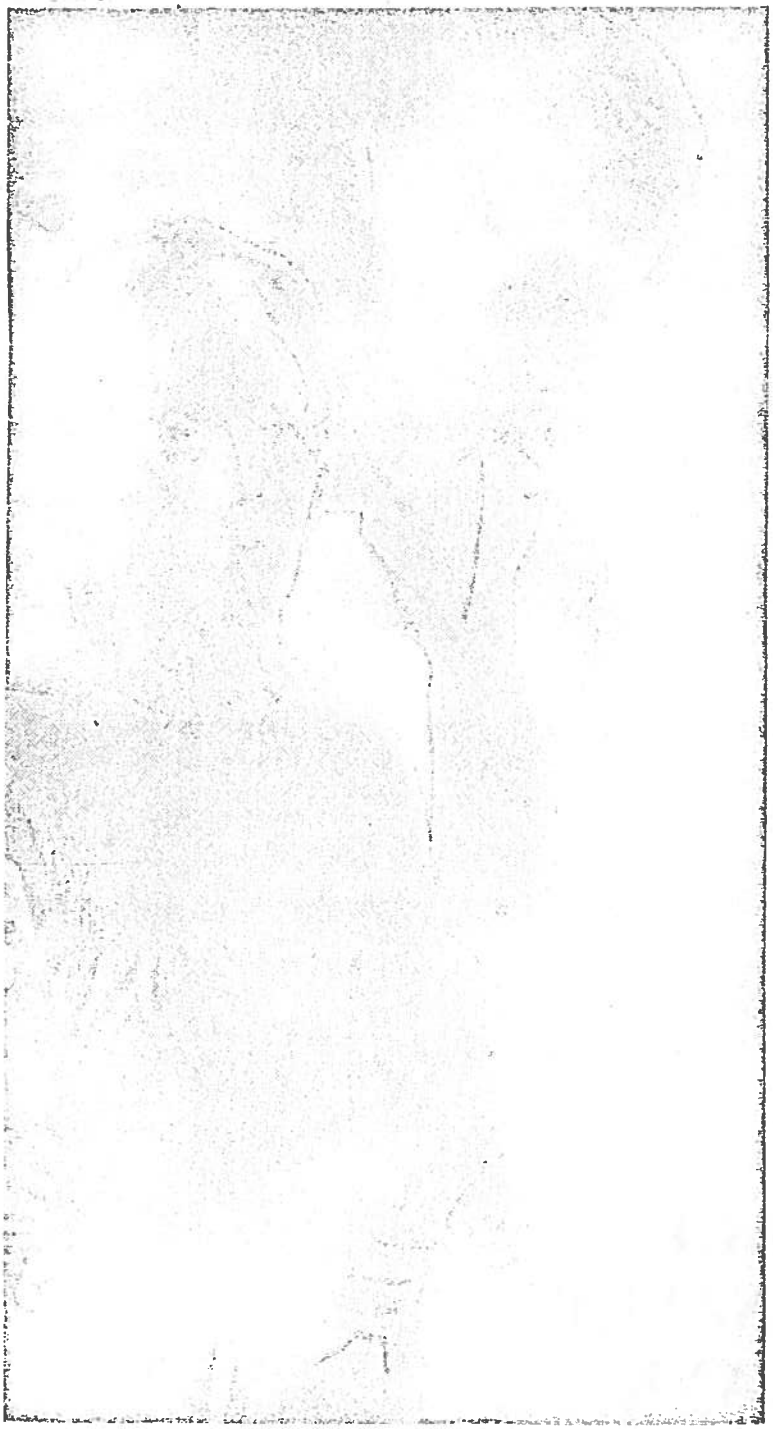
The court conceded, however, that there is no evidence that the woman actually participated in the killings.

The prosecution's theories, advanced in court by Stovitz and Bugliosi, are that she conspired with the others and is responsible for any criminal acts committed by them, and that she aided and abetted them.

They said Mrs. Kasabian, in disposing of the La Bianca wallet the night he and his wife were slain, was attempting to divert suspicion for the crimes away from the Manson clan.

Manson reportedly, according to evidence in the case, had hoped that someone would find the wallet, use the credit cards contained in it and become a suspect.

Mrs. Kasabian's next appearance in court is scheduled for Feb. 9 for trial setting before Superior Judge William B. Keene.



BAIL DENIED—Linda Kasabian being escorted from court by a sheriff's deputy after unsuccessful attempt to gain her release.
Times photo by Bruce Cox

## Manson Song Firm Sued for $5 Million

A corporation formed to market songs of accused slayer Charles Manson was sued Tuesday for $5 million plus $5,000 in funeral expenses by the parents of Jay Sebring, 35, one of the five victims in the Sharon Tate murders.

The suit was filed in Superior Court by Bernard and Peggy Cummer, Detroit, the parents; Sebring's estate and Sebring, Inc., a business headed by the men's hair stylist.

Named as defendants were Manson, The Family Jams, Inc., Manson's corporation, 20 John Does, and four others charged in the Tate murders.

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# Court Reverses Self, Says Manson Must Pay for Investigator

If Charles Manson wants to use a private investigator, he will have to pay the bill.

Manson is charged with conspiracy and murder in the Tate and La Bianca slayings.

Superior Judge George M. Dell, who on Wednesday granted Manson's request that he be allowed to employ an investigator at public expense, reversed his ruling Friday after learning that Manson, in a previous court appearance before another judge, represented that he was not indigent.

**Precludes Order**

Such a statement, according to Dell, would have precluded the making of any order for county payment for investigatory services.

On Dec. 22, while before Superior Judge William B. Keene, Manson made the statement that he has money.

Dell this week allowed Manson $750 for an investigator after the defendant pointed out that Keene had granted a similar privilege to Leslie Van Houten, who is accused in the La Bianca murders.

Miss Van Houten, however, represented that she lacked funds when attorney Marvin L. Part was appointed to defend her.

Dell also informed Manson Friday that he was denying Manson's request for permission to use a tape recorder in the jail.

Manson, who sought the recorder on Wednesday, was told at that time that Dell would rule on his request later.

# Watson Granted Delay in Extradition Hearing

McKINNEY, Tex. (UPI)—District Judge David Brown, saying he was willing to grant a short delay rather than risk a long one, Friday agreed to a 30-day postponement in a hearing on the extradition of Charles Watson, accused in the Sharon Tate murders.

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Watson is charged with murdering the actress and four others at Miss Tate's home.

Friday's hearing was scheduled so Watson's attorney, Bill Boyd, of McKinney, could present his arguments on why he thinks Watson should not be extradited to California. Boyd filed a writ of habeas corpus last Wednesday to set up the hearing.

Boyd said Friday he needs 60 days to prepare his case. Brown granted him a 30-day delay over the objection of Collin County Dist. Atty. Tom Ryan.

Boyd contends Watson cannot get a fair trial in California because of pretrial publicity in the Tate case and therefore should stay in Texas.

Ryan argued that whether Watson can get a fair trial in California is something for the California courts to decide.

"The only issue before this court is whether the extradition order signed by Gov. Preston Smith is valid," said Ryan, "and whether the man arrested is really Charles Watson."

Brown said he agreed with Ryan, but that to prevent Boyd from delaying things by appealing an adverse ruling all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court he would grant a 30-day delay.

"What bothers me is that you and I know that by not granting the continuance the extension through the appellate proceedings could delay it further," Brown told Ryan. "If it was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court and that court thought there should be a continuance, then the delay would be doubled."

Brown then told Boyd: "Be ready Feb. 16, because I cannot give you more time."

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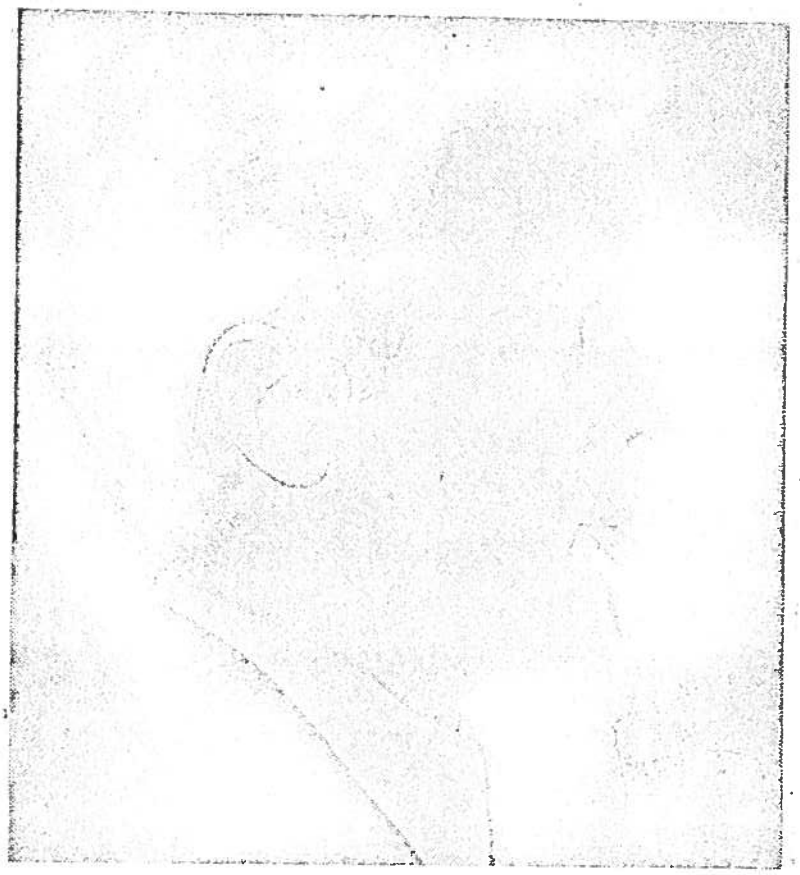

NO DISMISSAL—Robert Beausoleil, 21, who lived with Charles Manson clan, puffs on pipe at Hall of Justice after failing to win dismissal of murder charge against him in stabbing death of musician Gary Hinman. A codefendant is Susan Atkins, 21. Beausoleil based plea on grounds of double jeopardy. He was tried on the charge previously but jury could not reach unanimous verdict.
Times photo by Fitzgerald Whitney

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# Manson Loses Motion to Form Jail 'Family' as Aid in Defense

## Judge Allows Rambling Discourses on Law, Philosophy While Dealing With Series of Unique Legal Maneuvers

BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer



TO COURT AGAIN—Charles Miller Manson, wearing velveteen shirt and embroidered vest, on way to an appearance before Judge George M. Dell, who granted him a continuance to enter a plea.
Times photo by Larry Sharkey

Charles Miller Manson sought unsuccessfully Wednesday to form a corporation with six other County Jail inmates to be known as The Family of Infinite Soul, Inc., to fight for his freedom.

The former leader of a hippie clan is defending himself on charges of murder and conspiracy in the seven Tate and La Bianca murders.

Superior Judge George M. Dell abided Manson's rambling discourses on law and philosophy for almost 40 minutes Wednesday, dealing patiently and politely with legal moves the like of which he admitted he had never seen before.

One was for Manson to organize a corporation headed by Manson and with six fellow inmates as fellow directors, to handle his plea for freedom on a writ of habeas corpus.

### Plea for Co-Counsel

The motion by Manson, typed at County Jail, explained that "the People of California has the defendant outnumbered in legal assistance," and asked that fellow prisoners be allowed to act as co-counsel "in the interests of Just-Us."

Judge Dell, after hearing a half-dozen legal requests by the slight, bearded, loquacious defendant, finally refused most and granted one: a two-week continuance before he enters his plea. He is to appear again Jan. 28.

Manson arrived in Justice Dell's court Wednesday for what should have been a three-minute hearing to enter a plea. Dressed in a red velveteen shirt and a Gypsy-like embroidered vest, he stood at a microphone in the prisoner's box, fondled a half-dozen long, sharp, yellow pencils, and gave Judge Dell some of his impressions of his legal problems:

—His proposed witnesses at his forthcoming trial are being photographed "and harassed" by the sheriff's office when they visit him because they lack proper identification.

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# Manson Loses Motion to Form Jail 'Family'

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"They don't drive. They don't have licenses, or identification. They live at the side of the road. They don't have an address, like you. They (the sheriff's officers) call them 'odd looking people,' but they're my brothers."

—When Judge Dell asked him, gently, if he could read and write, Manson — who never got beyond grade school — said "it depends on your level of understanding . . . I read, yes. Slowly."

—He needs a recording machine "of the kind you speak letters into" to dictate legal motions for a secretary to type because his grammar is poor and "my spelling is atrocious."

Judge Dell and Dep. Dist. Atty. Aaron Stovitz agreed that Manson could use a dictation machine when a court-appointed private investigator is with him at County Jail. "I know the sheriff won't like the idea," Manson said.

"The prosecution is going further in assisting you than the sheriff," Judge Dell said.

Manson smiled broadly. "I was going to ask him if he'd just call the whole thing off," said the defendant, "and save all the taxpayers' money."

Manson blinked repeatedly as he stared at Judge Dell while the latter was speaking. But, when he was speaking himself, Manson frequently made remarks he apparently intended to be humorous.

Laughing when he laughed were four young women who once were members of Manson's hippie group—Diana Bluestein, Nancy Pittman, Lynn Fromme and Sandra Good, who held a small baby boy. They are not charged in connection with the murders.

Judge Dell allowed Manson the use of a book ("How to Cross Examine Witnesses"), said he would not set hearings on Manson's other requests—for habeas corpus and evidence-discovery motions — until after Manson's plea is entered.

Manson's motion seeking incorporation of the Family of Infinite Soul, Inc., referred to needing their aid in seeking freedom on a writ of habeas corpus, although in court he referred to a motion for a "995"—a motion to dismiss charges on the basis of insufficient evidence.

Exactly what his motion referred to was legally unclear, despite the fact that it was liberally sprinkled with Latin phrases. Judge Dell declined to interpret it. He read it quickly and told Manson that he could seek assistance from the other prisoners at the jail but could not bring them to court with him as co-counsel.

Manson identified other prospective directors of his corporation as Earle B. Nash, James Moorehead, Donald George Austin, Earnest Townes, John Louis Collier and Ernest Shepard III. Address of all the "directors" was the same: 441 Bauchet St., site of the County Jail.

In another court, Susan Denise Atkins, a codefendant in the seven murders, appeared to answer a charge of murder in the earlier death of Gary Hinman in Topanga Canyon. Her case was postponed to March 11.

Outside of court, she chatted briefly with newsmen. One asked her the name of her 16-month-old son, who has been placed in a foster home. She said the child's name was "Ze Zo Ze Se C Zadfrack."

"It doesn't mean anything. It just came to me," she added.

Attorney Richard Caballero verified the spelling. The child was born during Miss Atkins' stay with the Manson's so-called family of hippies.

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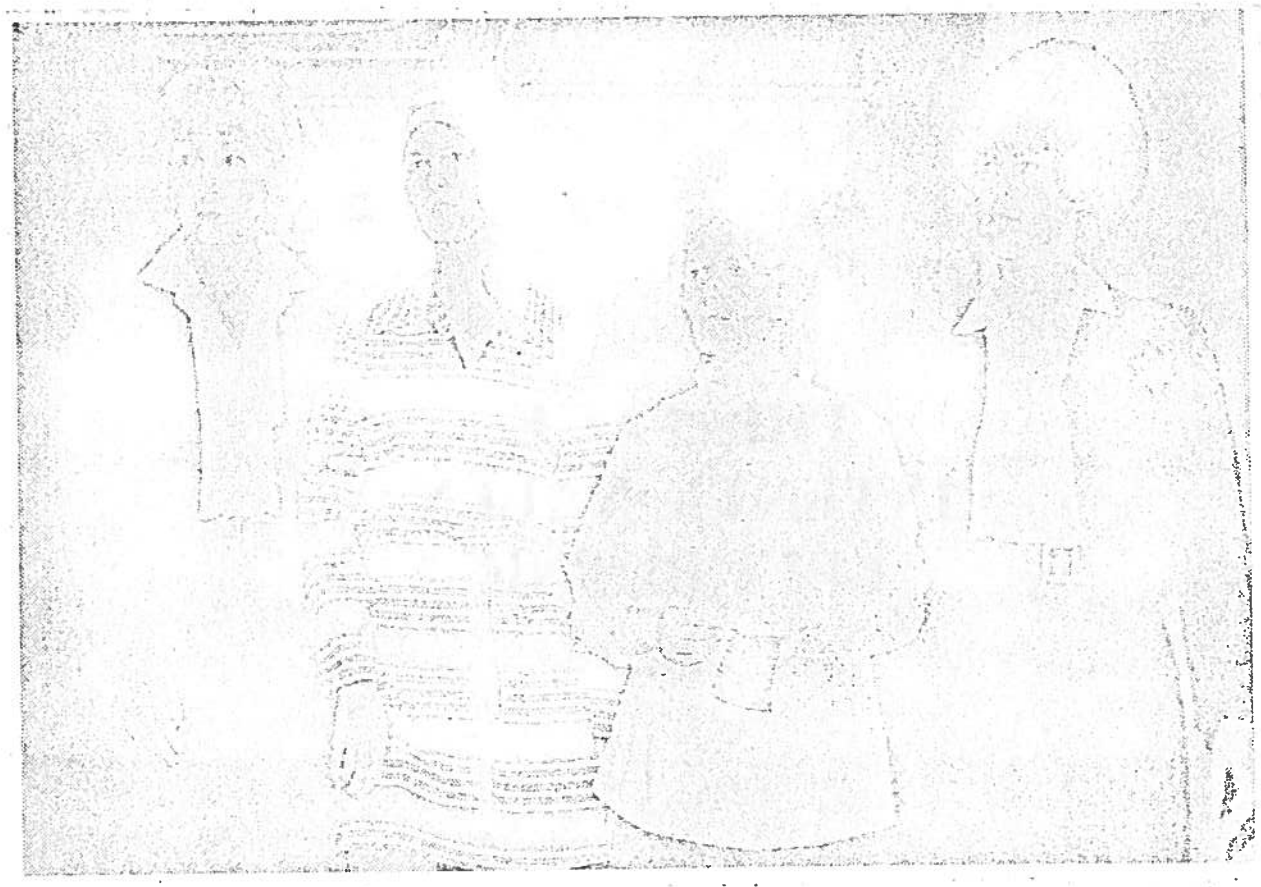

RETURN TO JAIL—Deputies escort Leslie Van Houten, in striped dress, and Linda Louise Kasabian from court after appearances in which Mrs. Kasabian pleaded not guilty in the Tate and La Bianca slayings and judge granted request that Miss Van Houten be examined by a psychiatrist.
Times photo by Larry Sharkey

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LOS ANGELES TIMES - JANUARY 7, 1970

# Linda Kasabian Pleads Innocent in Tate and La Bianca Murders

## Court Grants Request for Psychiatric Examination of Another Woman Defendant Involved in Slaying Charges

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Religion Writer

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In a soft voice and shaking her head, pregnant Linda Kasabian answered "not guilty" Tuesday when asked how she wished to plead to murder and conspiracy charges in the Tate and La Bianca murders.

Her attorneys sought unsuccessfully to win freedom on bail for the 19-year-old former member of the Manson Family hippie clan. She still faces a possible death penalty, prosecutors said.

Mrs. Kasabian, seven months pregnant, was returned to jail to await a hearing Feb. 9 at which her trial date is to be set.

Tuesday was a day for legal preliminaries to the pending trial of six members of the nomadic band who are charged with the murders of five persons at the Sharon Tate home and a Los Feliz couple last August.

### Search for Eighth Victim

It was also a day for further investigation into the complex case: an unsuccessful search at a Chatsworth ranch for a possible additional murder victim.

Other legal developments:

—In Mobile, Ala., M. A. (Bubba) Marsal, attorney for 22-year-old Patricia Krenwinkel, said he would appeal extradition of Miss Krenwinkel to Los Angeles on grounds that papers asking her removal to California were signed by Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke, but without any documents authenticating that Reinecke was empowered to sign them.

—A similar appeal of an extradition order was being planned in Austin, Tex., by an attorney for another defendant, Charles Watson, 24. His attorney claimed Watson couldn't get a fair trial in Los Angeles because of pretrial publicity on the case.

—At the Los Angeles Hall of Justice, court-appointed attorney Marvin L. Part asked for—and was granted—an examination of his client, Leslie Van Houten, 19, by a psychiatrist to determine if she was sane at the time of the crimes and sane now.

—And Superior Judge William B. Keene, before whom the case is expected to be tried, said that a Feb. 9 date set earlier as the beginning of trial for some of the defendants would have to be extended.

Said Judge Keene:

"Feb. 9 is an unrealistic trial date if all defendants are to be tried together."

Two of the defendants are still out of state, and Charles M. Manson, leader of the hippie clan, will not enter his plea until Jan. 14. He is charged with murder and conspiracy in connection with all seven deaths.

Traces of another possible victim of murder—Donald (Shorty) O'Shea—were again being sought Tuesday at the Spahn Ranch near Chatsworth, where the so-called Manson Family lived at the time of the seven other murders.

Sheriff's officers ordered a bulldozer to clear away rocks and debris from what an informant said was the mouth of a cave in which O'Shea's body might have been hidden.

No cave was found—and no body.

In Judge Keene's court, Miss Van Houten's attorney said that he would seek neither a separate trial for his client nor a change of venue. He said later he thought Miss Van Houten would stand a better chance being tried with Manson and Watson as the main characters and his client "painted as a follower."

Moving the trial to another venue would "make it into a road show," he said. He disagreed with other attorneys' charges that publicity in Los Angeles would make it hard to guarantee a fair trial here.

Attorneys Gary Fleischman and Ronald Goldman, for Miss Kasabian, also moved that charges against her be dismissed. Judge Keene set a hearing on their motion for Jan. 20 before Superior Judge Malcolm M. Lucas.

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# Texas Approves Extradition of Watson Despite Publicity Plea

## Suspect in Mass Killings Can't Get Fair Trial in California, Attorney Says

BY NICHOLAS C. CHRISS
Times Staff Writer

AUSTIN — The State of Texas Monday ordered Charles D. (Tex) Watson extradited to California to stand trial in the slayings last August of Sharon Tate and six others.

Watson's attorney, Bill Boyd of McKinney, Tex., argued during the hearing that the Tate case was so sensational and received so much publicity that it would be impossible for the 24-year-old Watson to receive a fair trial in California.

Instead, Boyd suggested, he thinks Watson could receive a fairer trial in Texas, or possibly have his trial moved into a federal court which has a "wider latitude." That would mean, he explained, that the trial could be moved anywhere in the United States.

Watson was not present at the hearing. He is being held without bail in the Collin County Jail at McKinney, 30 miles northeast of Dallas.

### Tremendous Pressure Seen

Boyd told the hearing that "there is bound to be a tremendous amount of pressure on California officials because of the publicity." He said this includes not only Los Angeles, but also the entire state of California and the West Coast.

Officials from the Texas attorney general's office, acting for the state of California, argued however that Boyd's plea of excess publicity was "premature." They said this would have to be decided by a court in California. They took only seven minutes to answer Boyd's argument.

Boyd entered as evidence 15 copies of The Times and one copy of Life magazine. He noted that some copies of The Times carried "2-inch headlines" about the case.

He read two that stated "how they died" and "orgy of murder." He also singled out an alleged confession of Susan Denise Atkins carried on the front page of The Times. The story, among other things, detailed Watson's alleged activities during the murders at the Tate estate Aug. 9.

Boyd told Texas Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr., who presided at the hearings, that he should take notice of the publicity in the case since California had been "inundated" with stories about the Tate murders.

Dec. 9, Boyd had pleaded that the California extradition request be denied on two grounds: Too much publicity and insufficient evidence that Watson was the same person indicted in Los Angeles. But during the hearing, Boyd did not bring up the second ground.

Boyd argued only 15 minutes in presenting his case and about three minutes in rebuttal.

Boyd said before the hearing that Watson has shaved off his beard and shortened his hair.

Watson and five other persons have been indicted by a grand jury in Los Angeles on charges of conspiracy in seven counts of murder in the slayings of actress Sharon Tate and four others at her estate in August. Watson has also been indicted in the slaying of Leno La Bianca and his wife Ros

## WOMAN ORDERED RETURNED TO L.A. IN TATE SLAYINGS

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—A state judge Monday ordered a young woman returned to Los Angeles to stand trial in the Sharon Tate mass killings.

Circuit Judge Joseph M. Hocklander Jr., issued the order about six hours after hearing a defense motion for a writ of habeas corpus seeking the freedom of Patricia Krenwinkel, 22.

Defense attorney M. A. Marsal immediately filed notice of appeal to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. The appeal would stay Hocklander's order pending a review of the case by the higher court.

The court permitted publication of an affidavit by Susan Denise Atkins, 21, saying that Miss Krenwinkel was in California on or about the time that Miss Tate and four others were shot and stabbed to death at the Tate estate Aug. 9.

Hocklander later permitted publication of another affidavit covering causes of death of the various victims. The judge declined to release contents of a third affidavit.

Miss Atkins, Miss Krenwinkel and others are under murder indictments in those slayings and also in the killings of supermarket owner Leno La Bianca and his wife the next day.

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# Evidence Against Patricia Krenwinkel Sent to Alabama

A fingerprint belonging to Patricia Krenwinkel, one of the accused Tate and La Bianca slayers, was found in the home of actress Sharon Tate, it was reported Sunday.

It previously had been reported that one of Charles D. (Tex) Watson's fingerprints was found at the Tate estate. The discovery of one of Miss Krenwinkel's prints was disclosed in documents sent to Mobile, Ala., where she is being held.

Prosecutors here reportedly are relying strongly on the fingerprint evidence to counter defense efforts to block the return to Los Angeles for trial of both suspects.

Extradition hearings are set for this morning in Austin, Tex., for Watson and in Mobile for Miss Krenwinkel.

### Cites Fair Trial Issue

Attorney Bill Boyd, who is defending Watson, and M. A. (Bubba) Marsal, Miss Krenwinkel's lawyer, are contending that there is insufficient evidence linking their clients to the mass murders here last August.

Boyd also claims that because California "has been inundated with publicity" Watson cannot get a fair trial in this state.

The extradition papers sent to Alabama disclosed that a print found on the rear inside door of Miss Tate's Benedict Canyon home matches a print of the left little finger taken from Miss Krenwinkel when she was arrested on the murder charges earlier this month in Mobile.

The existence of the evidence had not been reported up to this time and, because no fingerprint witnesses from Alabama were summoned to testify, it presumably was not used before the County Grand Jury.

Such evidence, however, reportedly was used against Watson, whose right ring finger print is said to match a print taken from six inches above the front doorknob of the Tate home.

Neither of the two local prosecutors—Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi—will attend the hearings in Texas and Alabama.

Texas Asst. Atty. Gen. Gilbert Pena has been assigned to present the case against Watson in the hearing before Texas Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr.

In the Alabama action, scheduled to be heard by Circuit Judge Joseph M. Hocklander Jr., Mobile County Dist. Atty. Carl M. Booth will argue

# 2nd Print Reportedly Found at Tate Home

### Proof Required

Uniform extradition laws require that Pena and Booth produce evidence that Watson and Miss Krenwinkel are the persons sought here, that the crimes (the Tate-La Bianca slayings) did occur and that the two suspects were in California at the time.

Pena will have to show that Watson is the same person who was indicted here because of Boyd's claim that there is insufficient evidence that Watson is the man wanted in California.

To help prove this, officer Jerrome A. Boen, a Los Angeles police fingerprint expert, has been sent to Austin to testify about the finding of Watson's print in the Tate home.

Several affidavits were attached to the extradition papers of both suspects, including one signed by Susan Denise Atkins, who reportedly identified them as the killers from mug shots before the grand jury here. The same photos accompanied the arrest warrants.

Even if Dies and Judge Hocklander reject defense arguments today and order Watson and Miss Krenwinkel returned to California, it could be several weeks before they get here.

Both suspects still would have several other courses of action in appellate courts, all of which could delay their trials.

Two codefendants, Miss Atkins and Leslie Van Houten (charged only with the La Bianca slayings), now are scheduled for trial Feb. 9.

Two others, Charles M. Manson and Linda Kasabian, still have not entered pleas.

### Scheduled in Court Jan. 14

Manson, leader of the hippie cult and alleged mastermind behind the slayings, is scheduled to appear in court Jan. 14. Miss Kasabian's next appearance will be Tuesday.

The extradition papers sent to Texas and Alabama also revealed that the causes of death of six of the seven victims were multiple stab wounds, although hair stylist Jay Sebring and Polish playboy Wojciech (Voityck) Frykowski also were shot.

Only Steven Parent, who was shot outside the Tate home after he visited the estate's caretaker, is



Patricia Krenwinkel
(A) Wirephoto

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# Sharon Tate's Father Given Estate Control

The father of slain actress Sharon Tate was appointed administrator of her estate, estimated at $45,000, in a petition approved in Santa Monica Superior Court Friday.

In the petition, Miss Tate's father, Paul Tate, 47, of Palos Verdes, said his daughter did not leave a will. He listed her assets as $37,200 cash, $5,700 in automobiles, $2,000 estimated annual income and $500 other personal property.

The estate would be shared with the actress' husband, Roman Polanski, Miss Tate's mother, Doris, 46, and the actress' sisters, Deborah Ann, 17, and Patricia Gaye, 12, Tate said.

He did not specify how much each would receive.

Miss Tate, 26, was slain Aug. 9 with four other persons in her Bel Air home. The County Grand Jury has indicted five persons in connection with the deaths.

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FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 12, 1969

## QUESTIONS JUDGE ON HIS RIGHTS

# Talkative Manson Arraigned in Tate, La Bianca Slayings

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

A chatty Charles Manson was arraigned Thursday in the Tate and La Bianca murders.

Despite his previous courtroom experience—he has spent about half his 35 years behind bars on a variety of offenses—the long-haired and bearded leader of a bizarre cult of hippies gave the impression of being a first offender.

He appeared to relish being in the crowded court at the Hall of Justice and did not miss an opportunity to engage in conversation with Superior Judge William B. Keene, who carefully explained Manson's constitutional rights to him.

Manson, some of whose "Family" of alleged killers are behind bars in at least three states, was arraigned shortly after Dist. Atty Evelle J. Younger revealed:

—That he does not intend "in this case" to challenge a court-imposed "gag" order directed at all persons involved in the investigation, prosecution and trial of Manson and five others accused of the slayings.

—That the investigation is not limited to the Tate and La Bianca cases. He would not elaborate.

While Manson was being arraigned, sheriff's deputies concluded their search of the Spahn Ranch in Chatsworth for some sign of a missing stunt man and beerhall bouncer, Donald O'Shea, 40, who disappeared about the time Manson and his cult lived at the ranch.

O'Shea, nicknamed "Shorty" because of his large size, reportedly had several clashes with Manson. About 10 deputies combed the ranch Thursday, concentrating on several wells, but no trace of the missing actor was found.

Manson, clad in buckskin jacket, pants and moccasins and heavily guarded by plainclothes policemen, listened intently to Judge Keene during the arraignment.

Asked if his name is Charles Manson, he brushed his long hair from his eyes and replied:

"Yes sir, it is."

After Keene advised Manson of his constitutional rights, the slight, almost stoop-shouldered defendant, was asked if he understood them.

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## Previous Arrests of Manson and Girl Told

UKIAH (UPI)—Charles Manson, leader of a hippie group suspected of ritual killings, was arrested in Mendocino County in 1967 for interfering with a deputy who was apprehending a 14-year-old runaway girl.

Records show that Manson, 33, received a 30-day suspended sentence on the charge.

Susan Atkins, a member of Manson's following, was also arrested in Mendocino County June 22, 1968. She was one of six persons seized in a narcotics raid on a house near Booneville. 1-25-9

## Time Limit Set on Extradition of Girl

MOBILE, Ala. (UPI)—California authorities were given 14 days Friday to begin extradition proceedings against Patricia Krenwinkel, a suspect in the Sharon Tate murder case.

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# Tate Case Suspect Gets Deadline for Extradition Protest

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MOBILE, Ala. (UPI)—A circuit judge Friday gave the attorney for Patricia Krenwinkel until noon on Dec. 29 either to file a protest to her extradition or allow her to be taken to Los Angeles to stand trial in the Sharon Tate murders.

The 22-year-old woman appeared at the brief arraignment with her attorney, M. A. Marsal. She has been indicted on seven murder counts by a Los Angeles grand jury stemming from slayings last August.

After a circuit court clerk read the governor's warrant ordering her return to California, Judge Joseph Hocklander set the Dec. 29 deadline for filing a challenge to the warrant.

Miss Krenwinkel, wearing the same orange dress she wore at two previous hearings, smiled several times at her former Mobile pastor, the Rev. T. K. Kalili of the Clover Leaf Baptist Church.

She was arrested here Dec. 1 on a fugitive warrant which later was ruled illegal. She then was rearrested on a proper warrant.

She is being held without bond in Mobile County jail where she was transferred earlier in the week after Gov. Albert Brewer signed the warrant calling for her return to California.

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# Attorneys for Two Tate Suspects File to Block Extradition

BY RON LINSTOSS
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Attorneys for two of the six persons indicted here in connection with the Tate and La Bianca slayings in August filed legal notices Monday that they will continue to oppose the return of their clients to Los Angeles for trial.

Charles D. (Tex) Watson is being held in the Collin County Jail at McKinney, Tex., and Patricia Krenwinkel is in custody in the county jail in Mobile, Ala.

Both were indicted here on charges of conspiracy in seven counts of murder. They were named by Susan Denise Atkins, another of the alleged killers, as active participants in the slayings of actress Sharon Tate and four others at her Benedict Canyon estate on Aug. 9 and Leno La Bianca and his wife, Rosemary, in their Los Feliz area home the following night.

### Hearing Dates Scheduled

Extradition hearings have been set on Jan. 5, 1970, for Watson in Austin, Tex., and for Miss Krenwinkel in Mobile, according to Mrs. Elvyn Holt of the district attorney's office here.

In papers filed with Martin Dies Jr., Texas secretary of state, Watson's attorney, Bill Boyd, indicated that he will oppose extradition on two grounds:

1—That Watson cannot get a fair trial in California because this state "has been inundated with publicity."

2—That there is insufficient evidence in the request for extradition that Watson is the same person who was indicted in California.

A copy of the request for Watson's extradition dated Dec. 9 included his mug shot and several affidavits, one of them signed by Miss Atkins in which she said the person depicted in the picture is Watson.

### Watson's Fingerprint Taken

In another affidavit a Los Angeles police fingerprint expert said a print matching Watson's right ring finger was taken from 6 inches above the front doorknob of the Tate home.

In Mobile, Miss Krenwinkle's attorney, M. A. Marsal, filed a writ of habeas corpus in which he is seeking to block her extradition.

Marsal filed the writ barely more than one hour before the noon deadline set last week for such action by Circuit Judge Joseph M. Hocklander Jr.

Meanwhile, Miss Atkins and the three others indicted here in the mass slayings already have been arraigned.

Miss Atkins and Leslie Van Houten, who is charged only with the La Bianca killings, both pleaded innocent and are scheduled for trial on Feb. 9, 1970.

Charles M. Manson, leader of a hippie cult of which all the suspects are said to be members, is to appear in court Jan. 14 to enter a plea. Linda Kasabian's next court appearance, also for plea, is scheduled for Jan. 6.

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# THE STATE

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## Bizarre Murders Shook Hollywood

Actress Sharon Tate and four other persons were found shot, stabbed or bludgeoned to death Aug. 9 in the Benedict Canyon mansion rented by Miss Tate and her husband, movie director Roman Polanski, who was in London. Less than 24 hours later, wealthy grocer Leno La Bianca and his wife were found dead under similar circumstances in their Silver Lake home.

When police arrested a group of suspects four months later, the story they unfolded was more chilling than any that had grown from speculation. Detectives charged that the seven victims—and perhaps many others—had been murdered by a nomadic cult led by Charles M. Manson, who, with the aid of music and drugs, exercised what the women described as a hypnotic hold over them.

One of the suspects, 21-year-old Susan Atkins, told a grand jury that Manson had ordered his followers to commit the murders as revenge against "the establishment."

After hearing the gruesome details of the slaughters, the jury returned indictments against Miss Atkins, Manson and five others.



Sharon Tate . . . Murder victim.
Times photo

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LOS ANGELES TIMES - DECEMBER 25, 1969

# Manson Granted Plea to Serve as His Own Attorney at Trial

BY RON EINSTOSS and DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writers

Charles M. Manson got what he wanted Wednesday when a judge reluctantly granted him permission to represent himself at his trial on multiple murder charges.

The short, slight, bearded leader of a hippie clan smiled happily when Superior Judge William B. Keene told him he could act as his own attorney.

But he was disappointed in his request to have two other lawyers act as his cocounsel. Keene told Manson, in effect, he had to do it alone or with a lawyer acting as his attorney.

Keene spent almost an hour trying to talk Manson out of representing himself. But Manson, accused of masterminding the Tate and La Bianca murders, was adamant about not wanting a lawyer to handle his case.

"All my life I've been taking your advice," said Manson, referring to judges who have presided at hearing for the 37 charges on which he has been arrested in his 35 years of life. "Your faces have changed, but you always put me in one place or another.

"All my life I've been put in little slots. I have no alternative but to fight you back. You're all the same. You're all on the same side. I have to fight you back."

Keene stated:

"As a judge, I'm imploring you not to take this step. I'm doing everything I can to dissuade you."

But Manson insisted.

Keene finally made a finding that Manson had intelligently waived his right to have a lawyer.

"It's a sad and tragic step," the judge said, "but I find you have a full and complete conception of the consequences of acting as your own attorney."

Manson said he had gone only as far as the 5th grade—in reform school—and had received no formal education since.

But attorney Joseph A. Ball, who had been appointed by Keene to discuss the matter with Manson, told the court that he had found Manson to be "an able, intelligent, and quiet-spoken young man . . . he has a fine brain and a ready understanding of the law."

A Supreme Court decision has suggested that a judge appoint a disinterested attorney to discuss the merits of self-representation so that a defendant choosing to defend himself can be adequately apprised of the risks he might be taking.

It is up to such an attorney to also tell the court his estimation of the man's capabilities. Manson smiled broadly as Ball, a distinguished attorney who was formerly head of the State Bar Assn., told the court:

"Mr. Manson is a man with a fine brain, a good intellect."

### Judge's Reason

Keene told Manson that he did not want to order cocounsel because he did not want a group of men trying to decide on the conduct of the case as it unfolds. But he said Manson could have the advice of any attorneys with whom he wished to discuss matters as the case progresses.

Manson had unsuccessfully sought to have attorneys Luke McKissack and Lawrence Steinberg act as cocounsel with him.

"A blatant misstatement of the law" was the way McKissack later described Judge Keene's ruling against the request for cocounsel. "If you're arrested you can have six lawyers," McKissack said. "If you want to be your own attorney, you should be able to have another one."

Having Manson act as his own attorney "will slow up the proceedings considerably," said Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi, one of the two prosecutors assigned the case. "But it will not affect the strategy of the prosecution."

Manson was direct and at times brusque in speaking to Keene. "I respect your advice," he told him at one point, "but I've been saying 'yessir' all my life, and I've spent most of the time in prison.

"I've seen the love and sincerity in your mind but not in the robe that you wear."

He asked Keene if he would be the trial judge. Keene has assigned two of six codefendants in the Tate and La Bianca cases to a courtroom in which he will himself be presiding next year.

The judge said any one of 134 superior court judges in the county could try Manson. "Who does is not relevant, to use your term," he said, "to whether you represent yourself. The only thing important is whether you get a fair trial."

Manson was again bitter about pretrial publicity. When asked if he was aware of the possible penalty he faces—the gas chamber—he said: "Yes, I am, and I'm also aware I'm dead already. The papers have buried me already."

Denise Atkins, is reported to have sold her account of life with Manson's band, and the deaths of which it is accused, for a lucrative sum. Manson explained one of the reasons why he wanted to have attorneys as cocounsel:

"I'm not acquainted with what happens in a courtroom, and how you go about selling your story to newspapers for money."

When he tried to ask Keene about the court's ruling against principals in the case making public statements, he referred to it as a "gag order." Keene gave him a copy of it, but told him:

"There's no reason now to discuss what you refer to as the gag order. Let's take one thing at a time."

### Public Statement

Miss Atkins' story was sold before the judge barred further statements. His order would presumably bar Manson from issuing any public statement on the case.

Manson, asked if he wished to plead, said he would like time to read the transcript of the grand jury inquiry which resulted in his being indicted. Keene ordered him to return to the same court—in which Judge George M. Dell will then be presiding—for a plea on Jan. 14.

The judge granted Manson all rights provided defendants handling their own defense, including use of the jail law library, a typewriter, a telephone, a legal runner to carry messages and suppiles.

Manson explained that he believed he could do better as his own attorney because it would give him a chance to show the jury what sort of a person he really is.

"Mr. Manson feels if a jury hears his own words, it will feel that he didn't do it," Ball said.

Manson is accused of ordering members of his nomadic hippie band to kill five persons at the home of actress Sharon Tate as well as Leno and Rosemary La Bianca in two days of violent crimes in Los Angeles last August.

Twenty-six members of the Manson group were arrested on car theft charges in Inyo County's

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# Jail Visit of Tate Suspect, Husband Told

Robert Kasabian, husband of a young woman charged with murder in the Sharon Tate case, visited his wife in County Jail last week, it was reported Tuesday.

Kasabian, who lives in a small town near Taos, N.M., was reported missing last Saturday by his mother, who said she thought her son was dead.

However, Al Matthews, a Van Nuys attorney, said he spent an hour last week with Kasabian in his offices at 14416 Victory Blvd.

Matthews said that, before the meeting, Kasabian had visited his wife Linda, 20, who is five months pregnant with their child, in County Jail.

**Unable to Help**

Kasabian, described as "a nice, young man," said he was interested in helping his wife but apparently felt unable to do anything for her.

Matthews, who assisted in the preliminary phases of Linda's defense, said Kasabian returned to New Mexico after their visit.

Authorities at County Jail refused to comment on whether the visit had taken place because of court imposed restrictions.

Last Saturday, Mrs. Caroline Kasabian told police in Lawrence, Mass., that she had last heard from her son in May.

**Mother's Belief**

"I think my son is dead . . . I know it's a mother's intuition, but I know he's dead," she reportedly told officers.

Mrs. Kasabian said she attended the wedding of her son and Linda. The couple then moved to New Mexico where Robert worked as a musician, she said. The last time she saw them together was on New Year's Day of 1968.

Matthews said he telephoned Mrs. Kasabian after his visit with her son and told her Robert was all right.

Linda was arrested at her hometown of Milford, N.H., early this month and returned to Los Angeles where she was indicted on seven counts of murder and one count of conspiracy.

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# Manson Accepts Temporary Lawyer

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BY RON EINSTOSS
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Hippie clan leader Charles M. Manson, fighting for permission to defend himself in court, reluctantly agreed Monday to accept what he didn't want: a court-appointed attorney. But only temporarily.

"I have no other chance but to represent myself," said Manson, charged with murder for seven Tate and La Bianca killings. "There is no other person in the world who can represent me."

But Superior Judge William B. Keene, over vociferous protests of three lawyers who want to help Manson defend himself, appointed a leading attorney to serve as his interim counsel.

Attorney Joseph A. Ball, past president of the State Bar Assn. and senior legal counsel to the Warren Commission, will serve only to help Manson evaluate his plan to represent himself.

Throughout Monday's court hearing Manson insisted, again and again, that he wanted to represent himself—with attorneys to advise him if he needed help.

And Judge Keene insisted, again and again, that he could appoint an attorney to discuss the idea with him before he makes his final decision.

Finally Manson agreed to Judge Keene's plan. "I'll accept his offer," he said.

The judge released the public defender as Manson's attorney of record and later appointed Ball, who was to confer with the defendant today.

Manson is to return to Judge Keene's court at 11 a.m. Wednesday for a further hearing on his motion to be permitted to represent himself.

The three attorneys who had hoped to be allowed to assist Manson in his defense were infuriated with Keene's action.

One, George Shibley, told the judge Manson had heard Keene "wants to become district attorney, and he's afraid a person appointed by the trial judge might want to convict him."

Another, Luke McKissack, told newsmen outside the court what he thought of Keene's interim-attorney plan:

"It's illegal, unconstitutional, and damnable! He (Manson) had this run down his throat!"

### Accuses Court

He added: "The court has been playing with this man's mind."

One of the former members of Manson's hippie clan, Susan Denise Atkins, 21, claimed that he maintained an almost hypnotic dominance over her and others in the group. The legal issue now revolves around Manson's mind—and whether he is capable of defending himself.

The law says he can do so if mentally competent. Judge Keene, in deciding whether to grant Manson's wish, has to weigh conflicting legal decisions.

Recent cases have been reversed by higher courts both when judges have permitted defendants to represent themselves — and when they have refused to honor such requests.

Manson adamantly demanded such permission.

"Your honor," said the bearded, longhaired Manson, "I know it's a wise step. It's the only step I have. I realize that my life is at stake, and maybe the lives of four or five others. It's my only chance."

### Forceful Phrasing

Manson, 35, wore a bright purple shirt and bellbottom trousers Monday.

He fingered his well-combed beard as he spoke, sometimes gesturing at the judge with a yellow pencil. His eyes darted from side to side as the attorneys clashed with the bench over his case. His voice was softspoken, but clear, his grammar fair, his phrasing forceful.

The courtroom was crowded with both spectators and newsmen. The spectators crowded to the wicket to listen as Manson spoke:

"Your Honor, I'm in a difficult position . . ." The crowd laughed.

He continued: "The news media has already executed and buried me. If anyone is hypnotized, it is the people who are hypnotized by the lies being given to them."

He was brought into Judge Keene's court shortly after appearances there by two young women who have been identified as members of his nomadic band.

Leslie Van Houten, charged only with the La Bianca slayings, pleaded innocent and her trial was set for Feb. 9. Linda Kasabian, 19, who is pregnant was ordered returned for plea Jan. 6. Miss Atkins trial is also set for Feb. 9.

Judge Keene, now presiding in the master criminal calendar court, will next year be sitting in the Superior Court department to which he is assigning the Tate-La Bianca defendants for trial.

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"I know nothing firsthand about his (Judge Keene's) ambitions," Shibley told newsmen outside the court Monday, "except that I have heard this bruited about by lawyers here, and this was told to Manson, that Judge Keene is very anxious to be district attorney and to run in the next election, and this was the reason he set the case in front of himself instead of another judge . . . Now this is what is said, I don't say it."

When Shibley introduced himself in Keene's court—and then brought up the matter of the judge's possible political ambitions — he said he wished to speak as "a friend of the court." The motion on behalf of Manson named McKissack and Lawrence Steinberg to assist Manson, although Shibley would also serve in an advisory capacity.)

When he finished, the judge said, drily:

"Thank you, Mr. Shibley. I appreciate your comments as a friend of this court."

Judge Keene has never said publicly that he wishes to run for district attorney, but his name has been mentioned as a possible successor to Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger, who is a possible candidate for state attorney general.

Manson told the judge that he hadn't had a chance to talk in his earlier appearance in the court. On Monday, Keene allowed him plenty of opportunity to talk.

The defendant explained his fears about attorneys:

"I've understood for years that lawyers play with people. I don't want to be played with. I want to represent myself."

Attorney Daye Shinn, who prepared an earlier motion for Manson to represent himself without a lawyer's assistance, told a newsman that Manson had told him: "Every other lawyer I ever had got me 'deal time.'" ("Deal time" is a jailhouse term for time served when an attorney makes a deal with the prosecution, usually a guilty plea for a lesser conviction.)

Manson had another fear about lawyers: that he might be represented by a former deputy district attorney.

Judge Keene assured him that many of the best criminal lawyers in practice received experience in the district or city attorneys' offices. McKissack, in fact, was a former city prosecutor. Ball was a deputy district attorney himself—but before Manson was born.

He was appointed by Keene after the judge conferred with officials of the Los Angeles County Bar Assn., and Manson left the court without learning of the choice.

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MONDAY, DEC. 22, 1969

ART SEIDENBAUM

# Murder, Memoirs

An imaginative friend with a sense of the monstrous read Susan Denise Atkins' story this week and suggested a grotesque idea for a horror film:

Suppose a poor but heretofore honest man learned one day that he was suffering from an incurable disease. The combined fears—his own death and future needs of his family—caused a warp in his skull.

The terminal man went out and committed a series of heinous offenses, crimes of gore and bestiality.



When he was caught, he confessed. He also sold his story for several hundred thousand dollars to the media, thereby assuring that his family would have a nest egg for ever after.

Bizarre, sure. But so are the memoirs of Miss Atkins, the worldwide sale of which will partly support her infant daughter. Also bizarre are the forthcoming books about Sirhan Sirhan and James Earl Ray.

## Reasons Behind It

Suddenly the most pathetic products of this society are its literary celebrities.

One of the explanations is public appetite for the supposedly inside story behind murderous behavior. Journalists compete for the right to play an assassin's Boswell.

Another reason has to do with legal fees. The sale of a murderer's story is often the only way an attorney can expect payment for his efforts to defend the accused.

Finally, there is the business of providing for family. A small portion of Sirhan's literary contract goes to his mother, just as some of Miss Atkins' earnings are reserved in trust for her child.

None of the explanations are fully satisfactory in terms of justice. Susan Atkins told her story before her trial, which means that finding an impartial jury has to be a herculean chore.

Although what she wrote is already part of the public record—Susan Atkins told the same things to the grand jury—her prose is going to make a fair trial difficult for her codefendants.

## Experts Questioned

The news staff at KCET called a few legal experts this week with such questions in mind. One civil liberties proponent said, "There's no one in Los Angeles who doesn't already think Manson and his people are guilty." A judge worried about why any defendant would expose herself before a trial.

What Susan Atkins did was legal, said the experts, because she offered the story before the judge prohibited witnesses from discussing the case.

But nobody has yet suggested that her recitation to the media will have a healthy influence on the trial or the general cause of justice.

Maybe there ought to be a ethical agreement, if not a law that lawyers will not becom literary agents for clients accuse of felonies, and another tha journalists will not enter int auctions for exclusive rights to th accused.

I confess to having read ever bloody awkward word of Susa Atkins' account.

I also resent knowing that she i now big business because of bein associated with hideous act against humanity. A colleague c mine describes this as "vulturism. Maybe he's too kind.

It is one thing to swoop o tragedy and claw for scraps. Th search for truth can be vulturism too. But nobody ought to get ric out of it.

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CRIME

# Tate Case Plea

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Susan Denise Atkins had described in a copyrighted interview how it "blew my mind" to hold actress Sharon Tate in a death grip while someone else stabbed her to death.

As the newspapers carrying the story were being circulated, the 21-year-old was taken from her jail cell, apparently to lead an expedition searching for weapons used in the killing of Miss Tate and four other persons last August.

Last week in court, Miss Atkins pleaded not guilty to one count of conspiracy and seven of murder — the five deaths that occurred at the Tate residence in Benedict Canyon and the murder the following night of wealthy grocer Leno La Bianca and his wife. G - S = 6

It was Miss Atkins' testimony before a Los Angeles County Grand Jury that played a key role in the return of indictments against her and six others in the mass murder.

Members of a nomadic band that wandered from San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district to Death Valley, leaving, police say, a trail of murder behind them, all were in custody in Los Angeles except two. These were Charles Watson, fighting extradition in Texas, and Patricia Krenwinkel, against whom extradition papers have been signed in Alabama.

It was Watson, Miss Atkins said, who stabbed Miss Tate "again and again" in the heart while she held her down.

She said that she, Watson and others of the nomad "Family" had been sent to the Tate residence under orders to murder from the clan leader, Charles Manson.

### Asks to Conduct Defense

Manson, whom Miss Atkins and other women of his tribe charged held them under a hypnotic-like spell, appeared in court at midweek and demanded that he be permitted to conduct his own defense.

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Police officials, meanwhile, were studying a list of some 30 unsolved slayings in California, seeking any possible links to Manson's roving band.

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# Husband of Tate Case Girl Reported Missing

LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP)—The mother of Robert Kasabian, who she said was the husband of one of the principals in the Sharon Tate case, reported her son missing Saturday.

Mrs. Caroline Kasabian told police she hadn't heard from him since May.

"I think my son is dead . . . I know it's a mother's intuition, but I know he's dead," she said.

"I last heard from Robert in May of this year when he phoned his sister Robin on her 13th birthday," Mrs. Kasabian said. She said her son was in Taos, N.M., when she heard from him.

Linda Kasabian was apprehended in New Hampshire several weeks ago and was taken to California on charges of murder and conspiracy in the Tate slayings.

The mother said she attended the marriage of her son and Linda. She said they moved to New Mexico, where Robert worked as a musician.

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# Susan Atkins Story Reaction

Your feature story "Susan Atkins' Story of Two Nights of Murder" (Dec. 14) appalls me. Not the crime itself, though this political assassination of a group of total strangers is appalling enough an indication of our social decay.

Rather, that you should print what amounts to a signed confession by this girl, when the previous publicity has already been enough to endanger the already-slim possibility of fair trial for a killing of this kind!

The legality of the story relative to the recent judicial order is beside the point. That is irresponsible journalism, and I am surprised at you. I would have expected better of The Times.

Pretrial media discussion is an inevitable part of our judicial system. In the instance of the My Lai killings, for example, it serves to give information on a factually and morally complex issue the public should know about. But the Tate murders — we are already very aware of them. They have been rehashed to the last detail in the months since it happened.

What purpose you serve in publishing Miss Atkins' account—beyond selling newspapers—is beyond me.

Not that I symphatize with violence of this, or any other, kind. But this disingenuous portrayal of Miss Atkins as a simple-minded dupe of fiendish Hippie Maniac Manson ("I can't tell about it any more . . . vanilla ice cream really blows my mind") is beyond everything.

You call down upon yourself the wrath of the Agnews, who would threaten your rights to write the news your own way.

SALLY CRAYNE
Los Angeles

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As parents of children under 10 years of age we object to the front page story by Susan Atkins. Print it if you must but put it in a less conspicuous place. This is the stuff that nightmares are made of and we do not like to have to censor the front page of our morning paper.

MR. & MRS. BURTON R. PARSONS
Santa Maria

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I read the Atkins account of the Tate and LaBianca murders.

Since all the individuals involved in these outrageous crimes knew exactly what they were doing, it is my belief they have given up their rights to any consideration whatever under the Constitution of the United States.

For once, just once, the courts should act with the greatest speed by quickly and efficiently placing each and everyone of these murderers in the gas chamber.

It's time to protect the innocent, not the criminal.

MINNIE G. BARLOW
Torrance

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The Tate murder coverage by all news media, including The Times astounds me.

What to me is no less than irresponsibility in reporting is passed off with the old excuse of "the public's right to know." I for one, could never sit on a jury in judgment on these people, and I don't see how anyone else could with any honesty.

My "right to know" could have been served fully as well by learning all these facts at the trial — as reported daily by a responsible press, at the same time the judge and jury heard both sides.

A fair trial is nigh impossible now, in my opinion, and justice can't be done to either the defendants, or the victims.

MRS. PATTI L. DRAKE
Reseda

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# Manson Tells Court He Wants to Defend Self in Tate Case

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## Judge Delays Decision Until Competency of Defendant Is Determined

BY JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writer

Charles Manson revealed still another side of his multi-faceted character Wednesday when he told a judge he was capable of acting as his own lawyer when the Sharon Tate murder case comes to trial.

The bearded, long-haired hippie guru stood before Superior Judge William B. Keene and announced:

"I would like to represent myself to start with."

Manson, 35, said he would like two private attorneys to "help" him prepare his case, but added:

"In reading the Constitution, I have a voice, and I want to use that voice."

When Keene said he would rule on Manson's request Monday, after interrogating him to determine his competency, the slight defendant expressed disappointment.

### 'Retain My Voice'

"Your honor, if I have no voice I have nothing. If I can't speak in my own defense, my hands are tied behind my back.

"Your honor, I want to retain my voice. I'm here conversing with you. I have an understanding of the charges. I have some knowledge of the law. I know about the publicity."

Manson, songwriter, musician, poet, ex-convict and leader of a bizarre nomadic clan accused of murdering the actress and six others last August, spoke softly but in a steady voice.

Listening to the judge's replies, he either tugged his beard or brushed a long yellow pencil against his right cheek. He clutched a note pad in his left hand.

Manson had not been scheduled to appear before Keene until next Monday on further legal proceedings in the Tate and La Bianca murder cases.

But at noon, the judge was advised by the public defender's office, which has been representing Manson, that the defendant wanted private counsel substituted for the public one.



CULT LEADER — Charles Manson, tattoos showing on forearms, walks from cell for another courtroom appearance.
Times photo by Joe Kennedy

At an afternoon hearing, Keene asked Manson:

"Is that your desire, Mr. Manson?"

"Similar to that," Manson replied.

When the judge asked him to explain, Manson made the disclosure that he wanted to represent himself.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent Bugliosi, who with Dep. Dist. Atty. Aaron Stovitz, will prosecute Manson and six of his followers for the August murders, appeared startled by the defendant's proposal.

Manson suggested that attorneys Luke McKissack and Lawrence W. Steinberg be substituted for the public defender's office "to help me."

McKissack and Steinberg argued in support of Manson's proposal. McKissack asked the judge to rule on it immediately "so we can get started at once."

### Ruling Delayed

Keene said he was not rejecting Manson's request, in delaying a ruling until Monday, but that he could not determine if Manson were competent to act in his own behalf until "some interrogation by me."

Asked later by newsmen if Manson, whose long criminal record has led him in and out of many courtrooms, possessed such competency, McKissack replied:

"He's capable of making a substantial contribution to the defense team."

That "team," said the lawyer, would be comprised of McKissack, Steinberg, investigator Michel McCowan and two other criminal attorneys, Ronald W. Hughes and George E. Shibley.

### Changes Position

Meanwhile, the district attorney's office said it had changed its position and will not oppose a separate trial for Susan Denise Atkins, 21, if such a motion is made by attorneys for any of the other defendants.

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## SAN JOSE OFFICERS TELL OF LEADS

# Cult May Be Linked to Slaying of 2 Girls

BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

Substantial leads have been discovered which may link the murders of two San Jose girls to the accused slayers of the Tate and La Bianca victims in Los Angeles, police said Wednesday.

San Jose detectives developed a possible connection between the cases after conferring with Los Angeles officers, it was reported.

Six members of a hippie clan led by Charles Manson have been charged with murdering five persons, including actress Sharon Tate, and Leno and Rosemary La Bianca Aug. 8-9.

One of the members of the nomadic band, Susan Denise Atkins, 21, is from San Jose. The Manson "family" has visited Miss Atkins' father there.

Two girls on a picnic—Kathy Snoozy, 15, and Deborah Furlong, 14—were stabbed to death in San Jose Aug. 2.

Their deaths were among 30 on a list of 1968-69 unsolved murders sent to the Los Angeles Police Department by the attorney general's Criminal Identification and Investigation Bureau as having possible tie-ins with the Tate-La Bianca defendants.



SAN JOSE VICTIMS—Deborah Furlong, left, and Kathy Snoozy, found stabbed to death Aug. 2. Police reported a possible connection between their deaths and the Tate and La Bianca killings.
(AP photos)

As in the Tate and La Bianca murders, the girls were repeatedly stabbed and the crime was seemingly motiveless.

Barton L. Collins, San Jose chief of detectives, said there was evidence the Manson group had been in San Jose at the time of the girls' murders.

He said two members of his staff returned from a two-day assignment in Los Angeles with leads indicating "this cult (Manson's) may have been involved" in the Snoozy-Furlong killings. He wouldn't elaborate.

### Other Questions

Officers from Mendocino County were also in Los Angeles, seeking to learn if the Manson group could have been involved in the murders of two women there in October, 1968, and last October. Mendocino authorities said the Manson cult had lived in a commune in the Booneville area.

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

# Susan Atkins Taken From Jail, Believed Aiding Evidence Hunt

## Tate Case Informer Leaves Her Cell on Court Order, Reportedly to Lead Police in Hollywood Hills Search

MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 15, 1969

BY DAVID LARSEN
Times Staff Writer

Susan Denise Atkins, the informer in the Tate killings, was taken from her jail cell Sunday, presumably to guide police and 80 Explorer Scouts as they searched ravines in the Hollywood Hills.

Although authorities maintained strict secrecy about the purpose of the search, it was believed the objects were weapons and the bloody clothing Miss Atkins has said was worn the night of the killings.

Miss Atkins, one of six members of a hippie gang indicted for the slayings, has said that the participants changed their clothes in the car they drove away from the Tate home in Benedict Canyon last August.

"We went for a ride to look for a place to dump the bloody black clothes," she has said. "We drove along a steep embankment. I've got a picture in my mind and all it shows me is the side of a mountain and a road . . ."

"We stopped and Linda (Kasabian) got out of the car, I'm sure of that, and threw all of the clothes, all d r i p p y with b l o o d, and Tex's (Charles Watson's) gun and the knives—as far as she could—over the side of the embankment, down a ravine, I guess you'd call it."

Sunday's search yielded a rusty, unloaded revolver, the caliber unknown, in a gulch along Mulholland Drive, just east of Benedict Canyon Drive and about two miles north of the Tate residence.

Also found was a hypodermic syringe and a locked box, contents undisclosed. As far as is known, no clothing was discovered.

Arrangements for the search were set in motion Friday, when Superior Judge Kathleen Parker signed an order providing for the removal of Miss Atkins from Sybil Brand Institute for Women between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Also on Friday, police reserved the services of Explorer Scouts from the Devonshire, Van Nuys, West Valley and North Hollywood divisions.

### Taken From Institute

At about 8 a.m. Sunday, according to sheriff's deputies, investigators from the LAPD took custody of Miss Atkins at Sybil Brand.

As detectives supervised the searching of at least three ravines by the scouts along Mulholland Drive, reports circulated that Miss Atkins was in the area, but if she was, she was kept out of sight of newsmen at the scene.

The scouts, taken to the area in three police buses, were on the job about six hours. Police officer Roy Van Wicklin said it was a "training" activity, and that the youths were looking for "anything that doesn't grow."

Much of the time Sunday was spent in a steep ravine, filled with brush and about 500 feet deep, just east of Benedict Canyon Drive.

An LAPD helicopter hovered overhead as the youths poked in bushes while they struggled up the side of the gully.

Whenever they found something, somebody shouted: "Freeze!" One of four policemen at the scene then made his way over to see if the object merited being picked up.

The scouts said they had instructions not to discuss their mission with newsmen.

"Is the Atkins girl here?" somebody asked Van Wicklin.



GUN FOUND IN TATE SEARCH—Member of search party way through hillside brush carrying a gun found by Explorer seeking arms and clothing involved in Sharon Tate murder of find, off Mulholland Drive, was two miles from Tate
Times photo by Don C

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# Police Seek Tate Case Tie to Unsolved Killings

## State Furnishes List of Murders Similar to 7 Slayings Here

BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

State officials have provided Los Angeles police with details of 30 unsolved murders since 1968 in which the victims were killed under circumstances similar to those of the Tate and La Bianca cases.

Detectives investigating the seven Los Angeles murders asked the attorney general's office to provide reports from state records on all crimes where the killers' method of operation matched those of the Tate-La Bianca slayings.

The unsolved murders on the attorney general's list were reported to include the Aug. 5 stabbings of two San Jose teen-agers, the Jan. 1 murder of 17-year-old Marina Habe in the Hollywood Hills and the Nov. 23 stabbings of two young Church of Scientology students in Los Angeles.

Detectives from four other jurisdictions were in Los Angeles Monday, seeking to learn whether the persons charged in the Tate-La Bianca cases might have been involved in killings in their areas.

### Zodiac Probers Interested

Among them were officers who had investigated the so-called Zodiac murders in the San Francisco Bay area. A man who signed himself "The Zodiac"—and confessed to other killings—had hinted that he may have been responsible for the San Jose girls' deaths. He is still being hunted.

Susan Denise Atkins, 21, one of six persons charged with murder in the Tate-La Bianca cases, is from San Jose. Miss Atkins, who is to appear in court today to enter a plea, told the County Grand Jury details of the two Los Angeles crimes.

She apparently also provided information which led police to search a hillside area off Mulholland Drive Sunday for a pistol, knives and bloody clothes reportedly thrown away after the five Tate murders. Police would not say what was found.

On Monday, a KABC-TV news crew reported finding three black T-shirts, one white T-shirt and three pairs of black jeans near the Benedict Canyon estate where actress Sharon Tate and four others were killed.

A station spokesman said the clothes, stained with what appeared to be blood and knotted in a bundle, were turned over to police.

Public officials are under a court order not to disclose details of the investigation of the case. Police refused to comment on what they expected to learn from a study of other crimes similar in nature to the Tate and La Bianca killings.

### All Murders Logged by State

The list of unsolved murders was provided Los Angeles homicide officers by the Criminal Identification and Investigation Bureau.

The list of "uncleared cases" was sent to Det. Lt. Robert Helder for his Tate-La Bianca investigation "with the possibility the group of individuals implicated in the cases may possibly be involved" in the unsolved crimes.

The list was transmitted Dec. 5, prior to the court order against release of information by state officials. CII officials in Sacramento would not comment on the list Monday, other than to confirm that it had been sent.

The six persons charged with murder in the Tate-La Bianca cases were members of a hippie band which traveled California in an old school bus.

Extradition of one of them—Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, of Mobile, Ala.—was approved Monday by Alabama Gov. Albert Brewer. Another suspect, Charles Watson, 24, is in jail in McKinney, Tex., fighting extradition.

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EXCLUSIVE DETAILS 12/14/69

# Susan Atkins' Story of 2 Nights of Murder

The following article appears also today in European newspapers and magazines. Its authenticity has been established. It results from an interview conducted before a judicial order was issued restraining those taking any part in the Tate murder case from making disclosures regarding it. The article carries the following copyright: Copyright 1969 by Susan Atkins and Lawrence Schiller.

BY SUSAN ATKINS

One day a little man came in with a guitar and started singing for a group of us in that place where we were living, in Haight-Ashbury in San Francisco. Even before I saw him, while I was still in the kitchen, his voice just hypnotized me—mesmerized me. Then when I saw him, I fell absolutely in love with him. I found out later his name was Charles Manson. But he had other names, too, and so would I.

He gave me nothing but love, complete love, gave me the answers to all the questions I've ever had in my mind. This whole world and everybody and everything in it has been God's game, and that game is just about to come to an end. Judgment Day for every human being on the face of the earth is coming.

But that night I met Charlie in that house on Lime St., I had no idea I would be there when God's game ended for Sharon Tate, with me holding her in my arms.

### Went Back Into House

And when it was all over, I didn't want to go back in that house, but something made me go. I went over to Sharon Tate, and I flashed, wow, there's a living being in there. I wanted to, but I couldn't bring myself to cut her open and take the baby. I knew it was living, I knew it wouldn't live . . .

That night Charlie instructed us to go to Sharon's, we were still living up at the Spahn Ranch in Chatsworth. We hadn't moved out to Death Valley yet.

Charlie instructed me and Tex (Charles Watson), a girl by the name of Linda (Kasabian) and Katie—that's Patricia Krenwinkel.

Well, Charlie instructed us to go to this particular house and gave us a car, a 1958 or '59 black Chevy, and told us to get two changes of clothes, basically black.



Susan Atkins
Times photo

We had been buying black clothes for what we call creepy-crawlies. We'd go around and creepy-crawlie people's houses. We wouldn't take anything. Just for the experience of getting the fear and bringing ourselves out of it.

### Told to Obey Tex

Actually, he instructed us in the details through Tex. He just told me to do everything Tex said to do. Charlie had control over everybody.

I never questioned what Charlie said. I just did it.

And he instructed us to get the clothes and our knives and such and such, and the four of us got in the car and started going to this place.

Then Tex explained the situation to us, but honestly, I had no knowledge of what was happening until we got there.

Tex told me that he and Charlie had been up to that house before—that's why they chose the house. Tex told me the house used to belong to Mr. Melcher. That's Terry Melcher, Doris Day's son. But he said that Mr. Melcher didn't live there any more.

But the reason Charlie picked the house was to instill fear into Terry Melcher because Terry had given his word on a few things and never came through with them.

So Charlie wanted to put some fear into him, let him know that what Charlie said was the way it is.

I had no idea who lived in the house when we were driving up there, not when we got there and not after it was all over. I don't guess anyone else did either. Not Charlie, not Tex. No one. Not 'til the next day when it came over TV. When I saw the faces again—it blew my mind.

As we drove, Tex began explaining the setup of the house for us. We had a set of bolt cutters with us and a rope and Tex had a gun. Each one of us had a knife. I'm not sure whether the gun Tex had was Charlie's or not. All I know is that the gun was used in previous killings and that it was the gun he used to target practice with out on the ranch.

### Tells How It Began

We drove up to the house, turned the car around and parked it between the gate and a neighbor's house. We got out of the car and got the bolt cutter. Tex climbed up the telephone pole and snipped two wires, hoping that they were telephone wires. I guess they were. The lights in the house stayed on.

Then we got back in the car, drove down the hill and parked the car at the base of the hill, but a little ways up, so it wouldn't look too suspicious, so it would look like it belonged there in the neighborhood.

We walked back up the hill to that metal gate which was closed. We didn't touch the gate because we didn't know if it was electrified or not, whether there was an alarm system that we didn't want to set off.

We saw a fence up a slope from the roadway and we decided to try that. Well, we climbed up the hill and there was a place where we could climb over the fence.

So we went over the fence, the four of us. And all of a sudden we saw a light coming out along the driveway inside the grounds.

We knew it was a car. Tex told us to lay down and be still. So we all just did exactly what he said. Just laid down and kept quiet.

And just as the car drove into our

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sight—I couldn't actually see what happened—but I heard Tex say:

"Stop. Halt."

Then Tex had a gun on this young boy (Steven Parent) and I heard the boy say:

"Please, don't hurt me. I won't say anything."

Then the gun went off four times, and Tex came back and said:

"Come on."

And we proceeded to go, but the young boy who was killed in the car—his death, I felt very bad about it when I saw it had happened.

And all of a sudden I found I was at the front door . . . well, there's a window right next to it.

Tex, he lifted up and opened the window, climbed inside and went around and opened the front door.

### A Man on the Couch

We had no idea how many people were in the house. When we got into the living room, there was a man (Wojciech Frykowski) sleeping on the couch. The back of his head was facing me. He had on kind of a "mod" outfit; the pants fitted low.

Tex went up to the couch, and the man woke up, thinking—I guess—that it was a friend of his. He said:

"What time is it?"

And Tex stood in front with the gun and said:

"Don't move or you're dead."

Then Tex motioned for us to come and stand behind the couch. Just Katie and I had gone in. We left Linda outside to listen for sounds. It surprised me that nobody heard the gunshots that killed the young boy. But they weren't that loud. It was a quiet gun.

And, anyway, Tex told me to go down the hall and check the other rooms.

So I went down the hall and found a bedroom.

I went in, and this girl (Abigail Folger) put down the book she was reading, and looked at me. I smiled and waved.

I knew they "turned on," just looking at the house. They hide it from society, but just looking at them, I knew they used narcotics. I guess she thought I was a friend.

So, then I looked in the other bedroom and saw Sharon Tate and the younger man, the shorter man—Jay Sebring. She was in a see-through shortie nightgown, wearing a kind of halter underneath it.

*I heard the boy say: "Please don't hurt me, I won't say anything." Then the gun went off four times.*

But they were just talking and didn't see me.

I came back out to the living room and told Tex:

"There's three more in there."

And so he told me to go look for the bathroom and get a towel and tie up the man on the couch. I couldn't find it at first, but finally did. It was a big house.

I was shaking so bad I couldn't tie his hands. But I got the towel around, even though I couldn't pull it tight.

And he was just—he was just so petrified he just laid down there and didn't say a word. And he kept asking Tex:

"What do you want? What do you want? Who are you?"

And Tex said:

"I'm the devil. I'm here to do the devil's business. We want all your money. Where's your money?"

He said:

"My money's in the wallet on the desk."

### Looked for Money

Tex told me to go over and look at the desk, and I said:

"Tex, it's not there."

And then Tex said:

"Go in and get the other people and bring them out here."

So I took out my knife and I went in and stood by Abigail Folger's bed, and said: "Go out in the living room. Don't ask any questions."

I went into Sharon Tate's room and told her and the man to go out in the living room.

I guess the three of them went along so easily because they were pretty much terrified by what was going on.

After that everything just got wild. I'm not sure of the order in which it all happened. I can only see it in flashes.

But it seems that Tex tied the three of them—Sebring, Sharon and Miss Folger—together. Wound the rope around and around them, then threw it over a beam so I could pull it tight.

And then, the way it flashes now, it was all panic.

"What's going on?" Jay Sebring said, and proceeded to advance on Tex. I don't know how he got loose. And Tex shot him, and he fell on the floor. I think he fell on his side, because I saw him lying on his side.

And then Sharon went through a few "changes," quite a few "changes." I mean, her facial expressions. Wow!

"Oh, my God, no!" she said. Miss Folger didn't say anything. She just stood there, just stood there.

The man on the couch—I hadn't done a very good job of tying him up with that towel I found in the bathroom—he kept working to get it loose.

But Tex said to him again:

"Where's your money?"

Then Sharon or Abigail, I can't get a picture of which now, said:

"My money's in my wallet."

Tex instructed me to go get it out of her wallet, and I untied her and she led me back to the bedroom, and I told her:

"You get it out."

She handed me $72 or $73, and said that's all she had, and asked:

"Do you want my credit cards?"

I said no, then I proceeded to lead her back into the living room and tied her back up and put the rope back over the beam.

One of the ladies cried:

"What are you going to do with us?"

Tex said:

"You're all going to die."

This caused immediate panic. And Tex ordered me to kill the big man on the couch. Well, I went over to him and I raised my knife—and I hesitated.

And, as I hesitated, he reached up and grabbed my hair and started pulling my hair. So I had to fight for my life, as far as I was concerned.

We fell against a chair that was next to the couch. He was fighting and I was kicking him. I was all of a sudden fighting for my life. Wow!

### The Man Was Big

Then I proceeded to stab him five or six times in the leg—but I would say it was in self-defense. I luckily enough had the knife in my hand, because the man was big and with one whack, he could have—wow!

And then while this was going on, Abigail was getting loose and fighting with Katie. And Linda, we found out later, heard some noise and went back down and sat in the car, so we had no watch for the outside.

Well, as this went on, all this confusion, I just don't remember what happened. Except—I remember seeing the man I had stabbed, trying to go outside. He was yelling—he was yelling for his life.

I was hanging onto him, I think, and I yelled:

"Tex, help me. Do something."

Then, in the excitement, Tex must have shot him in the back, as he was running out, then followed him and hit him over the head with the butt of the gun. It broke the gun handle and the gun wouldn't work any more. So he began stabbing the man.

While he was stabbing, the man was still screaming. I'm surprised no

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The man was pretty much half lead on the porch—that's where all the blood was, I imagine—before he ever got to the lawn.

### Standing and Watching

Well, Sharon was starting to get loose from the rope, and the Folger girl already had broken loose and was fighting with Katie. I was just standing there watching. There wasn't much I could do because I couldn't find my knife.

I couldn't find it when we left so I figured that I had lost it in the house, which threw a paranoia into me as we left.

But anyway, I went over and got Sharon and put her in a headlock. She didn't fight me. I just held her. At times it seemed so easy.

Then she began begging me to let her go so she could have her baby, and wow! I realized she was pregnant. A flash in the midst of all that! Katie was calling for me to help her because Abigail was bigger than Katie, and Katie had long hair which she was pulling.

So I called to Tex to do something.

Tex came back into the house and reached up to stab Folger, and she looked at him and said:

"You've got me. I give up."

But he stabbed her anyway, and she fell to the floor. I think he stabbed her in the stomach because I saw her grab down there.

Then Tex went back outside, because the other man was on the lawn, still running and calling for help, and Tex proceeded to continue killing him.

I still must have had the headlock on Sharon when Tex came back. And he told me it looked like she wanted to sit down.

So I took her over and sat her down on the couch. She said: "All I want to do is have my baby."

I knew I had to say something to her before she got hysterical. And while I was talking to her, I knew everything I was saying—I was saying to myself. I wasn't talking to her, but myself.

"Woman, I have no mercy for you," I told her, and that was myself talking only to me.

Then the Folger girl started staggering outside, and Tex and Katie went after her. But I'm not sure that Katie went outside, either.

I just stayed there with Sharon. She was so quiet. And Tex came back in and said:

"Kill her." Just like that, he said "Kill her."

Then Katie, like an echo, said:

"Kill her."

I reached to grab hold of Sharon's arms, but I didn't want to kill her. I held onto her arms, and said:

"Tex, I can't kill her. I've got her arms. You do it."

Katie couldn't kill her, either.

So Tex stabbed her—in the heart. And again, and again.

I threw another towel over Sharon's head. I think it could have fallen over Jay Sebring's head, too. I didn't even look—I just threw it.

But Sharon Tate was lying curled up near the couch and his and her heads probably were close together.

"Get out," Tex yelled. Just like that.

How long were we in there? Time? Who knows time? Five minutes? Twenty minutes? Time has no meaning. (Police estimate the slayers spent about 25 minutes inside the mansion.)

*And then Sharon went through a few "changes," quite a few "changes." I mean her facial expressions. Wow!*



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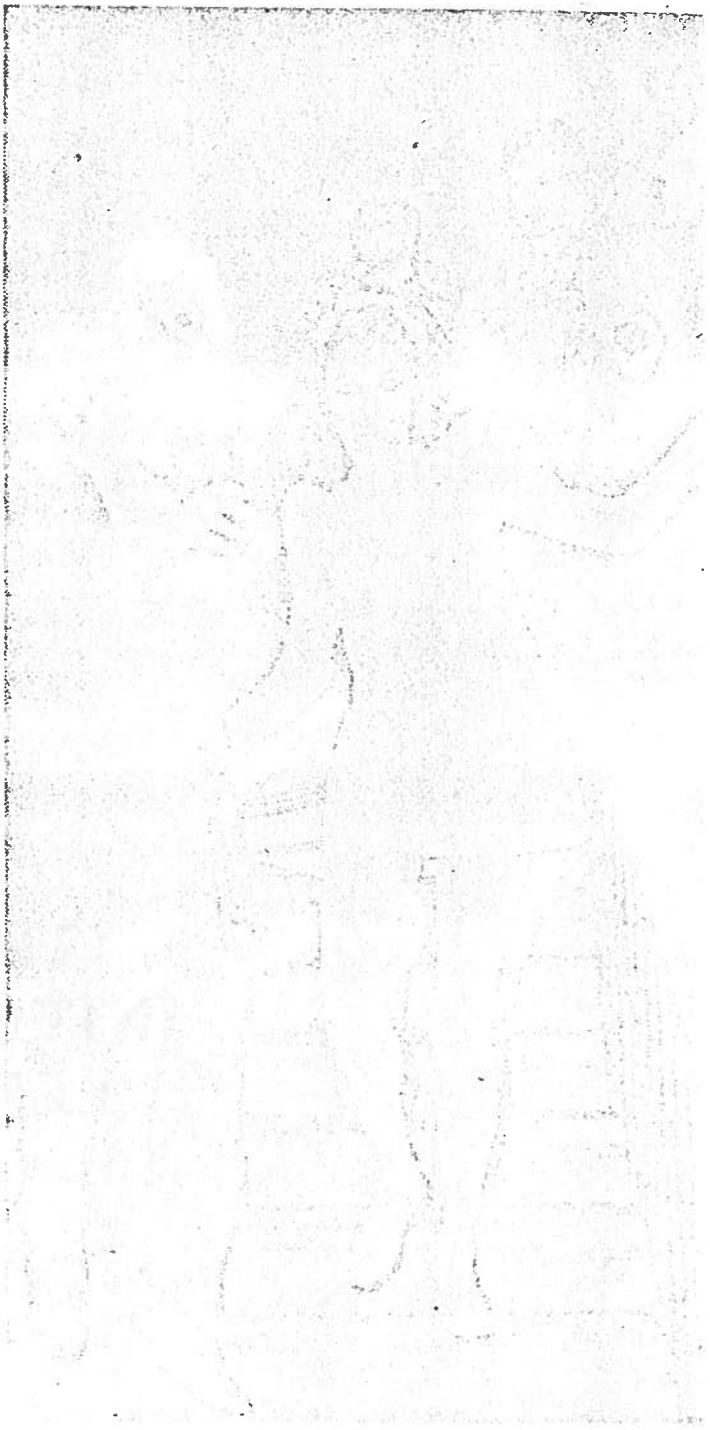

THE MARRIAGE SCENE—Sharon Tate and husband Romanski skip down stairs in London after wedding in January, (A)

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### Look for Linda

After Tex yelled, we, Katie and I, went running outside looking for Linda because we couldn't see her, but we didn't yell too loud for fear of being heard by neighbors.

When Tex came out, I said:

"Tex, do you have my knife?"

He said no. I asked Katie:

"Do you have my knife?"

She said no, and the paranoia got big and I tried to shush it by saying to myself: "Linda must have my knife. I think I gave it to her."

Then Tex ordered me:

"Sadie. (She was sometimes known to members of the group as Sadie Glutz.) Go back and write something on the door."

I didn't want to go back into that house. I didn't want to go back but something made me.

I got the towel that I had tied the man's hands with, and I went over to Sharon Tate.

And I flashed. Wow, there's a living being in there. I wanted to, but I couldn't bring myself to cut her open and take the baby. I knew it was living, I knew it wouldn't live . . .

And I reached down and turned my head away from her. Then I touched her chest with the towel to get some blood and I proceeded to go to the door and the only thing I remember being instructed to write on the door by Tex was "Pig."

So I proceeded to take my hand and write "Pig" with the towel and I threw the towel back into the house and ran outside. I was the last to leave the house.

I ran to the front gate. Tex and Katie already were standing on the other side. Then, the next thing I knew, I was standing there, too.

We walked toward the car, but we couldn't see Linda. We thought she had disappeared. We didn't know where she was. We called for her. But not too loudly.

Charlie—I guess through Tex—had instructed us to go to the neighbors' house and do the same thing, what we had done in the place we had just left.

### Didn't Go Through With it

We went to push the button that opens the neighbors' gate. Tex pushed the button but I don't think he used his fingers. I think he used his arm or something. I just can't tell why we didn't go through with it. I can't see it now, can't flash it into my mind.

But we picked up our clothes which we had stashed by the gate—we knelt down and picked up our second change of clothes. Then we walked down the road to where the car was, walked not too conspicuous.

And when we got to the car there was Linda in it already, with her second clothes. She had begun to start the car, and Tex told her to get was nothing but just . . . exhaustion.

And we all had blood on us. So we changed our clothes in the car as we were driving. I was in the right rear seat, and Tex was driving.

We went for a ride to look for a place to dump the bloody black clothes. We drove along a steep embankment. I've got a picture in my mind and all it shows me is the side of a mountain and a road. I just sat in the back seat, slumped down. I don't remember where we were—and I didn't pay any attention.

Linda had all the weapons—all but my knife—up in the front seat.

We stopped and Linda got out of the car, I'm sure of that, and threw all the clothes, all drippy with blood, and Tex's gun and the knives—as far as she could—over the side of the embankment, down a ravine, I guess you'd call it.

We continued to drive until we got down to a residential area—I know it was close to Sunset Blvd. We flipped down a couple of side streets to look for a dark house and we found one.

### Looking for House

We got out of the car, walked up the street, and we found a big house. We were looking for a place to wash the blood off our hands and faces.

All I remember is that the big house had a lot of shrubbery around it, around the front. We began looking for the water hose, and when we found it, we turned it on, went right out into the street and proceeded to wash ourselves off. How about that? Right there in the street.

All this happened spontaneously. We didn't plan any of it. It was all spontaneous.

Then, all of a sudden, we heard an old man and an old woman coming out, out of the house.

"What are you people doing?" they yelled. And they went on like that—blah, blah, blah.

The old woman began screeching: "My houseman belongs to the sheriff's reserve, and I'm going to have him report this. What are you doing?"

Tex just looked at the old man and old woman. He just looked at them and smiled, and then he said, cool as you please—wow—so cool:

"We're just getting a drink of water. Sorry we disturbed you."

*We watched the newscast, and it really helped me to know that the people were as important as they were. It blew my mind.*

The old man said, "Is that your car down the street there?"

"No. We're walking," Tex told him. Like cool, man.

He said real low to us, "Okay, girls, get in the car," and we double-fast walked to the car.

The old man and woman kept walking behind us, and when we got in, the old woman still was jabbering away.

"Take down their license number."

But the old man said he didn't have anything to write it down with.

Tex got in the car and started it, and the man came up and reached in to take the keys, evidently knowing something suspicious was going on.

Tex flooded the motor, but then got it going, put it in low and took off. Practically broke the old man's hand, from what I could tell.

I just flashed, wow, that was a strange house to pick, out of all the houses—and then we drove down the road and made a couple of turns and stopped at a gas station.

The purpose was—we were almost out of gas.

We bought some gas, and the three of us girls took turns going into the



Charles D. (Tex) Watson

bathroom, checking for blood spots and making sure we were clean. Tex did the same.

But as we drove off, and all the way out to the ranch, I noticed there was blood on the car, and I hoped nobody had seen it.

When we got back to the ranch, I went in the Kitchen of our hangout (an abandoned western movie set), and got a rag and proceeded to wipe down the whole car for blood.

I didn't know where it was, really, but I knew if there was any, like I thought I'd seen, it would be

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Then Charlie came up, and said: "What are you doing home so early?"

We girls went down to what we call the bunkhouse and went in, and there was Brenda (Nancy Pittman). Pretty soon, along came Charlie and Tex, and we all sat back.

I almost passed out. It was like I wasn't there. It was like a seance.

I was sitting there, trying to pay attention to what Charlie was saying, and I just couldn't handle it. I laid back on the floor. And I felt as though I was being killed.

And Charlie and Tex told me that I would be killed if I betrayed their trust. Charlie, he told me many times: "Sadie, you've been with me two years now. For a long time. If you ever decide to leave, I'll take you and hang you upside down, and slit your throat and use you as an example for everybody else."

### All of Us Were One

But it made no difference to me. Charlie was me, and I was Charlie, and all of us were one at the ranch.

And when we got back from Sharon's that night, he just acted as though it never happened. Charlie is the type that lives for each second, and pays no mind to what may happen two seconds later. That's how much he is with it.

So Charlie said nothing about what happened at Sharon's, and I went in and slept for a while, but first I think I made love with Clem (Gary Tufts). I'm not sure who I made love with—or if I even made love that night.

And when I woke up, it just hit me.

I wanted to go and look at the television news reports because I knew it would be in the news. I went into what I call the trailer, an area located next to the Spahn house, and there was this little TV in there.

I turned on the news and that was the first thing that hit.

I went wild, and, quicklike, ran out and got Katie and told her to come watch television with me, it was on the news. I called Linda in and I called Tex in and I called Clem in, because Clem knew about it—he had been in the bunkhouse when we got back.

Charlie wasn't awake.

We watched the newscast, and it kind of—it really helped me to know that the people were as important as they were. It blew my mind.

And all of us watching made a few comments, like — well, the Soul (Charlie) really picked a good one this time.

Just happened to have been Sharon Tate, a movie actress, and it happened to have made nationwide and worldwide news which we had no knowledge that that's what it would do.

There was a comment made by one of us that what had happened had served its purpose.

That was to instill fear in man himself, man, the establishment.

That's what it was done for. To instill fear—to cause paranoia. To also show the black man how to go about taking over white man.

Then I just put what had happened out of my mind, the best I could. But I couldn't. I just had nothing but pictures and flashes. It was so vivid I just accepted it and sat and watched the pictures in my mind.

I tried to appear normal, and did my work on the ranch. But I would look at Katie, and Katie would look at me, and we both knew that was the utmost thing in our minds, that we couldn't put it out of our minds —it was right there.

*"Don't panic the people this time. Let them think it's going to be OK—so they'll at least go in peace."*

And I'd look at Charlie, and he'd wink at me and give me reassurance that everything was OK, was going to be all right. Not that he said it aloud. He didn't have to say it—I just felt it. That's the way Charlie was. He didn't need to speak, he just came on.

Tex seemed his normal self, just as happy-go-lucky as could be. But everybody on the ranch was pretty quiet. Everybody on the ranch—and there might have been 25 or 30 of us, though people came and went—knew by then there had been a killing.

But they didn't know who had done it.

That night we all got together, smoked some grass and sang some songs.

And then it started all over.

I forget—but I believe that night Charlie told me to get two changes of clothes, and a knife, and we were going to do it again.

Only this time, he said, we were going to do it right, without panic and mess, and he was going to show us how.

He told the others. They sighed, and he said:

"Do you have remorse?"

They said no, knowing that all the time inside they did. And he knew it. I felt remorse, too, and he knew it. Because he knows me inside out.

In fact—he knows what I'm doing right now, as I tell this.

We all got our things together, knives, and I think there were two guns, or one gun, and we got in the car and we just drove around. All over. Linda and Katie, Clem and Tex and Leslie. With Charlie driving. Seven of us.

We went out toward the ocean then we drove over to Pasadena.

Charlie was talking the whole time. I forget what he was telling us. He was just talking to keep us so we wouldn't be thinking about what we were doing. To keep our nerve up to chase out the fear.

Somewhere along the way we stopped at two houses. One I don't remember, I was so tired, and off and on I slept.

We stopped at this one house. Charlie got out of the car to look in the window. We went around the block and Charlie came back. We picked up Charlie and he said:

"Man, there were pictures of children in that house. I just couldn't do that."

### Musn't Go Into House

He said there might come a time when he might have to kill some children but we mustn't go in that house in order to save the children.

And so, I accepted that. And we kept driving. I fell asleep. I slept. I was thoroughly exhausted. And when I woke up, we were parked.

I looked around. I recognized the neighborhood as being one where I had taken an acid trip with Charlie and the girls and some people who lived in a house there, a few months before. I didn't mention it to Charlie right at that time. But I did later.

Charlie got out of the car and went into a house (the residence of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca) with a gun, and we all just sat there very quiet, didn't make a sound, lit cigarets and sat there and smoked and didn't say anything.

Then I dozed off and after I dozed off I had a dream. It was so visual, it was actually what was happening in the house.

I could see Charlie tying the man up and talking to him. Tying the woman up.

Then Charlie came back to the car and I woke up.

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when he came back to the car. And later he told me, here's what he related to me, he said he told the man and woman:

"I'm not here to hurt you. Just be calm. It'll be OK. Just sit down and be still."

Then he tied them up with pieces of leather he wore around his neck.

Then when he came back to the car, and I woke up, he told Tex, he said:

"Now the last time you blew it. You panicked the people. Don't panic the people this time. Let them think it's going to be OK—so they'll at least go in peace."

It was Charlie directing the scene right there this time, very coolly. Very coolly. Charlie said the last time Tex had told the people, the people at the Tate house:

"You are going to die."

And this caused the panic.

"This time," he said, "it's going to be OK. Be nice to them. Don't cause them to panic, to put more fear in them than they already have.

"Let them live in peace to infinity. Let them live in peace to infinity."

Charlie was directing me and the others.

So he instructed Katie and Leslie, told Katie and Leslie to go into the house with Tex. I hoped he wouldn't ask me to do it—and he didn't because he picked up on those vibrations.

Katie and Tex and Leslie went into the house. Which left Linda, Clem and me and Charlie.

Charlie instructed the three who went in to hitchhike home when they were through. Charlie said he wasn't going to stay because he was going to take Clem and Linda and me to another house. And we drove off. But we didn't go to another house. I guess he couldn't find one that suited him. But, mmmmn, I fell asleep because I was tired.

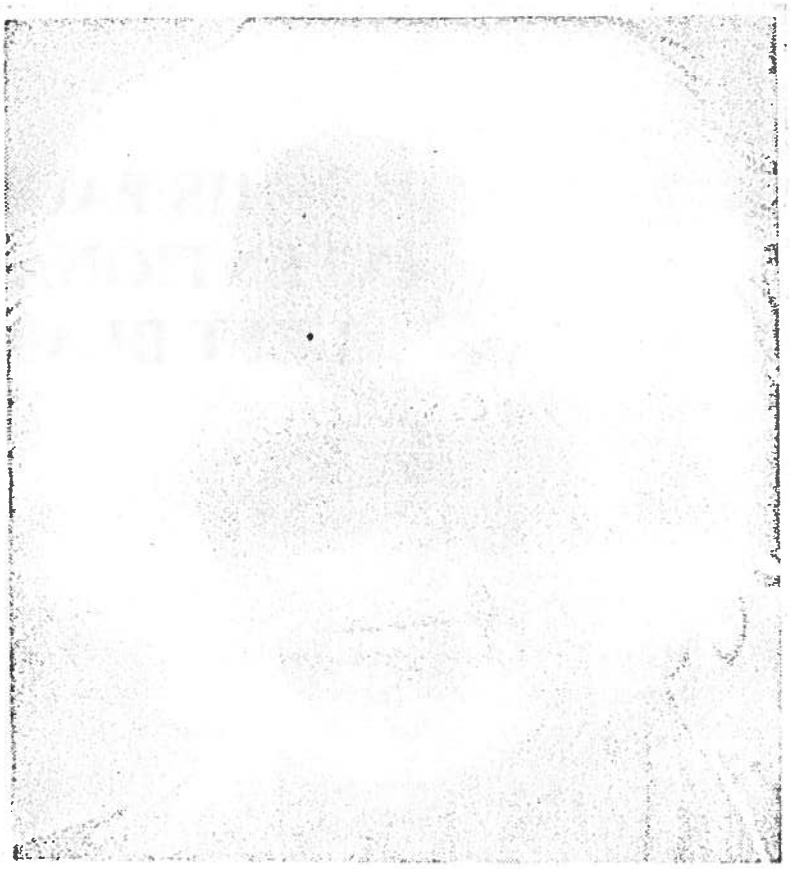
But before I did, I said:

"Charlie, isn't that the house we took the acid trip in?"

And he said, "No, it was the house next door."

We knew the people next door but we didn't know if they still were living there or not. And if they were, Charlie would have picked it to instill a lot of fear in them because they had just totally blanked out on us—they were people who had given us their word, then backed out on it, like Terry Melcher. But I don't have any opinion at all, whether he picked it for that reason or because we just happened to pass it.

*Up to the time she was dead, the woman kept saying: "What are you doing to my husband?"*



'CHARLIE WAS ME'—"Charlie was me," says Susan Atkins in describing her relationship with him, a man who "gave me nothing but love, complete love . . ." He is accused leader of slaying band.

Anyway, when we drove into the gas station, Linda got out and went into the women's restroom and left the wallet there. It was the man's wallet, with credit cards in it, that Charlie had taken from the house after he tied the couple up. We were hoping that a black woman would find it and pick it up and use the credit cards, which would direct the police to black people, so that it would instill more fear into white people. Charlie reacts to black people, digs them, because he spent most of his life in jail, about 20 years.

Then we drove around. Just kept driving around and ended up back at the ranch.

And when the people, the three—Katie, Tex and Leslie—who were left at the La Bianca house got back to the ranch, I got Katie to tell me what had happened. I got Katie to tell me because Katie and I are close. Katie was the only one of the three that said anything to me.

None of the three had a gun, only knives this time. Charlie had had the only gun and he had long gone.

Katie said when they got into the house they found the couple tied up and they took the woman into a bedroom. Katie and Leslie took her into a bedroom and tied her some more and put her on a bed and put a bag or cloth or something over her head.

Then they proceeded to tell her everything was going to be OK, that she wasn't going to be hurt, it was all going to be all right.

### Was Talking to Herself

Katie told me she knew she was talking to herself not to the woman—just like me with Sharon Tate. She was talking to herself through the woman just to reassure herself that everything was going to be OK. That all was going to be perfect, was

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Tex was in the living room with the man.

She said the woman heard her man, her husband, being killed.

And she said the woman panicked, starting fighting and knocked over a lamp. Fought—and screamed:

"What are you doing to my husband? What are you doing to my husband?"

All the time Katie was stabbing her and Leslie was trying to hold her and Katie just kept stabbing. I forget how many times Katie said she stabbed her. I don't even think she knows.

Up to the time she was dead, the woman kept saying:

"What are you doing to my husband?"

And Katie told me that's what the woman was going to live with, the thought she's going to carry through infinity. And I said:

"Yes, you're right there."

Katie said after they were through they went in and wiped off all the fingerprints—at least that's what she said they did.

Then they wrote helter-skelter in the people's blood on the refrigerator: "Death to All Pigs"—or something to that effect.

They went in and took showers in the people's bathroom, changed their clothes, went into the refrigerator and had something to eat. Katie said she saw a fork. I can't remember whether she said it was a kitchen fork or one of those long forks—a carving fork.

She said she saw it and she flashed, who-eee—that will scare somebody. And she picked up the fork and went over and left the fork in the man's stomach.

Tex, she said, carved "war" on the man's chest. When Katie told me that, I flashed and said:

"Wow. Pretty far out."

I thought it was pretty far out.

She didn't say with what. She just said "carved."

Then she said it was almost dawn and they changed from their black creepy-crawl clothes and creepy-crawled in their change of clothes out of the house and away from it.

They took their creepy-crawl clothes with them and threw them away in somebody's garbage can. Not near there but quite far away.

I think Katie said they walked quite a few blocks, maybe a mile, and then they hitchhiked a ride.

I remember something else now. It's a flash, a new picture in my head.

Katie said there was a dog there in the house. She said the dog just sat and watched the whole thing.

*Katie said she saw a long fork and she flashed, who-eee —that will scare somebody.*

It couldn't have been much of a watchdog. The dog came up to them and wagged its tail and Katie reached down and patted its head before they left.

Katie said she had gotten the impression from the woman before they killed her that she and the man had children who would be coming over to the house the next day. She said they would find their bodies and that would blow their minds.

I never did know the names of the people they killed until a long time later.

I didn't read about it in the paper. Or watch it on TV the next day, like I had before.

I was tired of listening to the news. All I heard on the news was Tate, Tate, Tate. I just shut it off.

Now, I'm exhausted again. The flashes and the pictures have stopped coming.

I can't tell about it any more.

Anyway, I haven't time. My lawyer is coming soon, and he's bringing me a dish of vanilla ice cream. Vanilla ice cream really blows my mind.

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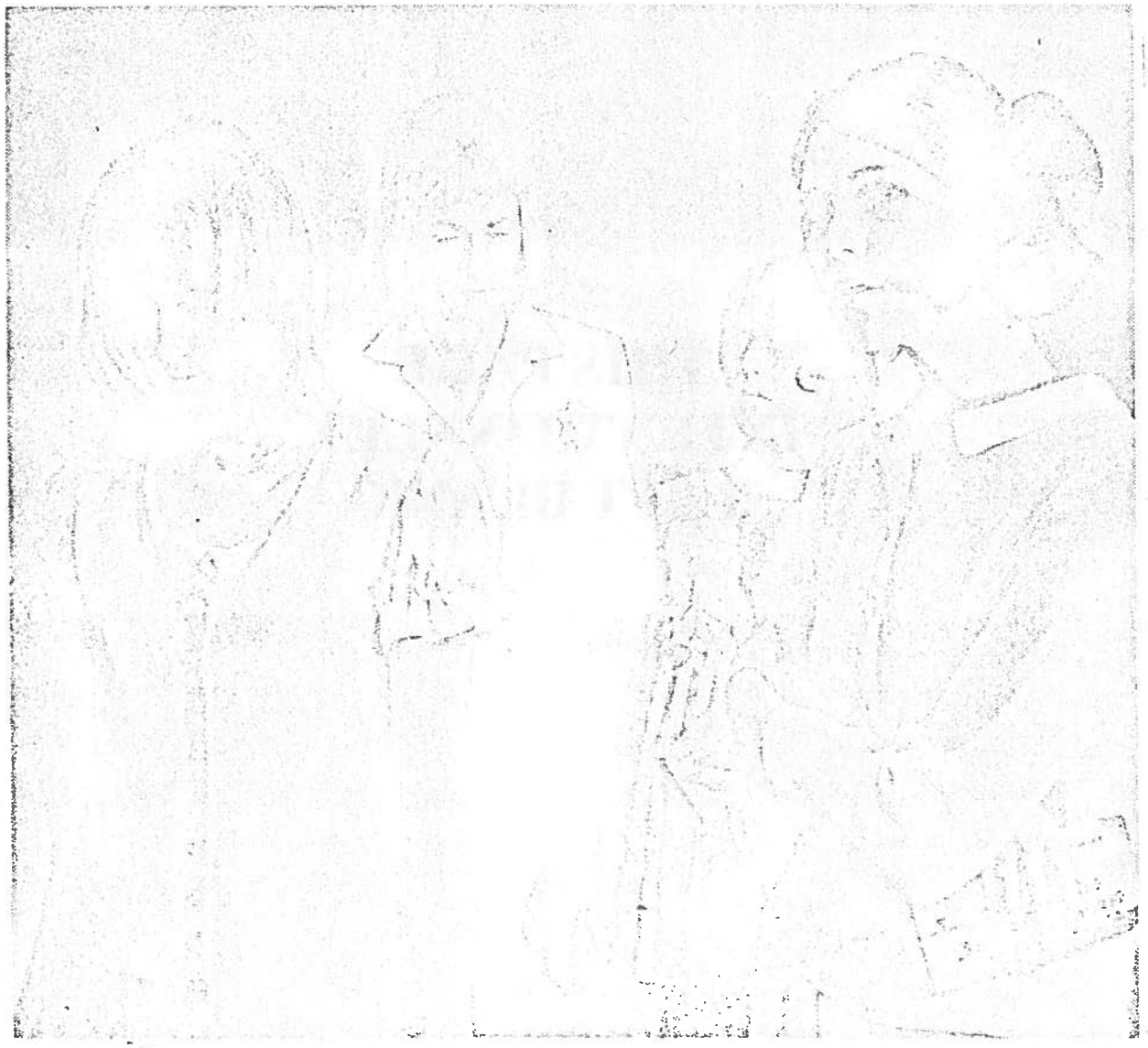

AT ARRAIGNMENT—Woman deputy sheriff escorts women accused in Tate, La Bianca killings to court for arraignment. They are, from left, Susan Atkins, Linda Kasabian, Leslie Van Houten.
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# Manson Contact With Religious Cult Hinted

## Scientology Leaders Say Group Called 'The Process' Is Not Linked With Church

Leaders of the Church of Scientology said Friday that Charles Manson may have been in contact with members of a religious cult called "The Process" in 1968 in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco.

But Scientology officials denied in a news conference that their religious group has any connection with "The Process," said to be a cult of worshippers of satan.

Scientology spokesmen charged that their group has been the victim of a "vicious, well organized rumor campaign."

The Rev. Gordon Mustain, spokesman for the Scientology group, said that "The Process" has never been associated with Scientology, "and is not an offshoot in any sense of the word."

### Used Drugs

"The Process" first became known to Scientologists in London in 1967, when a member of the cult enrolled in a Scientology course, he said.

When Scientology teachers discovered the person was using drugs—a practice, they said, that is forbidden to Scientologists—he was expelled.

But "The Process," according to Scientology spokesmen here, continued to grow. In 1968, a group reportedly was active in California posing as Scientologists, and, it was suggested, Manson could have come in contact with the group then.

Manson, 35, and five of his followers have been charged with the murders of actress Sharon Tate and six other persons.

At the same news conference, a reward fund of $30,000 was announced—but not for the conviction of persons responsible for the recent slaying of two young members of the Church of Scientology. Police are investigating possible links between the murders and the Tate case.

The fund was divided into three $10,000 categories. The money was to go to persons providing information leading to the prosecution and conviction of persons who might be:

—"Impeding the police investigation" into the murders of Doreen Gaul, 19, and James Sharp, 15, members of the group who were found stabbed to death in an alley Nov. 5.

—Keeping information about the slayings from police.

—Circulating false information that the church "includes notorious individuals."

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QUESTIONS JUDGE ON HIS RIGHTS

# Talkative Manson Arraigned in Tate, La Bianca Slayings

BY RON EINSTOSS
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A chatty Charles Manson was arraigned Thursday in the Tate and La Bianca murders.

Despite his previous courtroom experience—he has spent about half his 35 years behind bars on a variety of offenses—the long-haired and bearded leader of a bizarre cult of hippies gave the impression of being a first offender.

He appeared to relish being in the crowded court at the Hall of Justice and did not miss an opportunity to engage in conversation with Superior Judge William B. Keene, who carefully explained Manson's constitutional rights to him.

Manson, some of whose "Family" of alleged killers are behind bars in at least three states, was arraigned shortly after Dist. Atty Evelle J. Younger revealed:

—That he does not intend "in this case" to challenge a court-imposed "gag" order directed at all persons involved in the investigation, prosecution and trial of Manson and five others accused of the slayings.

—That the investigation is not limited to the Tate and La Bianca cases. He would not elaborate.

While Manson was being arraigned, sheriff's deputies concluded their search of the Spahn Ranch in Chatsworth for some sign of a missing stunt man and beerhall bouncer, Donald O'Shea, 40, who disappeared about the time Manson and his cult lived at the ranch.

O'Shea, nicknamed "Shorty" because of his large size, reportedly had several clashes with Manson. About 10 deputies combed the ranch Thursday, concentrating on several

district home are fighting extradition.

Charles D. (Tex) Watson and Patricia Krenwinkel, who allegedly wielded the death weapons, are being held in jails in Texas and Alabama.

Younger said he believed that both should be back in Los Angeles within three weeks, explaining that authorities in those states normally are cooperative in such matters.

Flanked by Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi, whom he said he selected to prosecute Manson and the others because of their experience, Younger was questioned closely about Keene's so called "gag" order.

He said the order is similar to the one in the Sirhan case, which he noted that his office attempted to fight all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Younger said he doesn't like the order, doesn't think it is legal and even resents it.

But he said he will abide by it "in this case" because of the numerous defendants and the possibility that any comments made about one of them might harm the chances for a fair trial for the others.

He promised that in the future, in a case involving one suspect and one victim, he will challenge such an order by violating it, thus forcing a ruling on its constitutionality by the U.S. Supreme court, which refused to hear his office in the Sirhan case.

Younger said Stovitz and Bugliosi will be prepared to go to trial within the 60-day statutory period and that if there are any delays they will stem from defense actions.

He said his office will attempt to try all six defendants at the same time.

Meanwhile, in San Jose, chief of detectives Barton Collins said he was sending detectives to Los Angeles to question members of Manso

possible connections with the slaying of two teen-age girls there Aug. 2.

Collins said there are "similarities" between deaths linked to the Manson Family and the fatal stabbing of Kathy Snoozy, 15, and Deborah Furlong, 14, on a hillside south of San Jose, six days before the Tate killings.

Doctors said the two girls were each stabbed more than 300 times. They were not sexually abused.

Miss Atkins, the member of Manson's band who told the grand jury about the Tate and La Bianca slayings is from San Jose



BACK TO JAIL—Charles Manson is returned t his cell after he was arraigned on murder charges
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BOTH TOLD TO LEAVE TEXAS

# Judge Rebukes 2 Attorneys Over Claims in Tate Case

BY WILLIAM ENDICOTT
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Two Los Angeles attorneys were ordered to jail for 72 hours and fined $100 each by a Texas judge Friday for "making a circus" out of the case of Charles D. Watson, charged in the Sharon Tate and La Bianca murders.

But Judge David H. Brown gave the attorneys, Perry Walshin and David DeLoach, an alternative: "Take the next plane back to California and shut your mouths about this case."

Walshin and DeLoach agreed to leave.

The 24-year-old Watson is being held in the McKinney, Tex., jail on a California murder warrant. He is a member of the nomad cult accused of killing Miss Tate and four others at her Benedict Canyon estate Aug. 9 and grocery store owner Leno La Bianca and his wife, Rosemary, the following night.

Walshin and DeLoach claimed to represent Watson and told a press conference in Dallas last week he was being held incommunicado and that they had been refused a chance to talk to him.

Brown called Friday's hearing in McKinney solely for the purpose of denying that charge and to admonish the two attorneys.

He charged Walshin and DeLoach with holding a "press spectacular" for no other purpose "than to enhance your own future by cheap publicity."

He continued: "You have more brazen effrontery than any two so-called lawyers I have seen in my life. Your conduct is not only in contempt of this court but it is in contempt of the entire judicial system of which you are supposed to be a part."

DeLoach, reached later at a Dallas hotel, said he did not understand the contempt charge and maintained that "we understood he (Watson) wanted to see us."

He said he had represented Watson in a civil case in Los Angeles and that "he's been in the office 30 or 40 times."

DeLoach was a Republican candidate for the State Assembly in 1964 and is a former county chairman of the California Young Republicans. He and Walshin are associates in a law firm on Santa Monica Blvd.

Watson, dressed in green work clothes, made his first public appearance since he gave himself up Nov. 30 when he was taken into Brown's courtroom Friday to be asked by the judge:

"Do you want to talk to these men (Walshin and DeLoach) or be represented by them?"

Watson replied, "No, sir, I do not."

The judge then asked, "Do you want to see them?"

Watson again replied, "No, I do not."

De Loach said he did not know "if Watson even saw us in the courtroom."

"We weren't allowed to cross-examine him. We weren't allowed to discuss anything with him," he said.

At least 20 Texas highway patrolmen and sheriff's deputies were on hand to guard the suspect.

Susan Denise Atkins, another member of the band, told the Los Angeles County Grand Jury last week that Watson was the one who killed Miss Tate.

Watson, Miss Atkins, 21, and four others were indicted by the grand jury in the Tate and La Bianca slayings.



GETTING OUT OF TOWN—Attorneys David DeLoach, left, and Perry Walshin leave courthouse in McKinney, Tex., after agreeing to return to California rather than serve contempt sentences.
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# Tate Case Stories Hit

As a lawyer, I was appalled at the content of the front page of The Times of Dec. 3.

It is my opinion that the articles concerning the Tate murder and the individuals alleged to have been involved therein are not consistent with either the public interest or the rights of the accused or suspected. I am particularly concerned about the lengthy article setting forth in detail, with heavy emphasis upon prior arrest and penal records, the background of the principal suspect, Charles Manson.

In my mind, there is grave doubt whether this individual can have a fair trial anywhere within the area covered by The Times; he may be convicted by the trial court, but the language of the United States Supreme Court in the matter of Dr. Sam Shepard does not bode well for maintenance of such a conviction.

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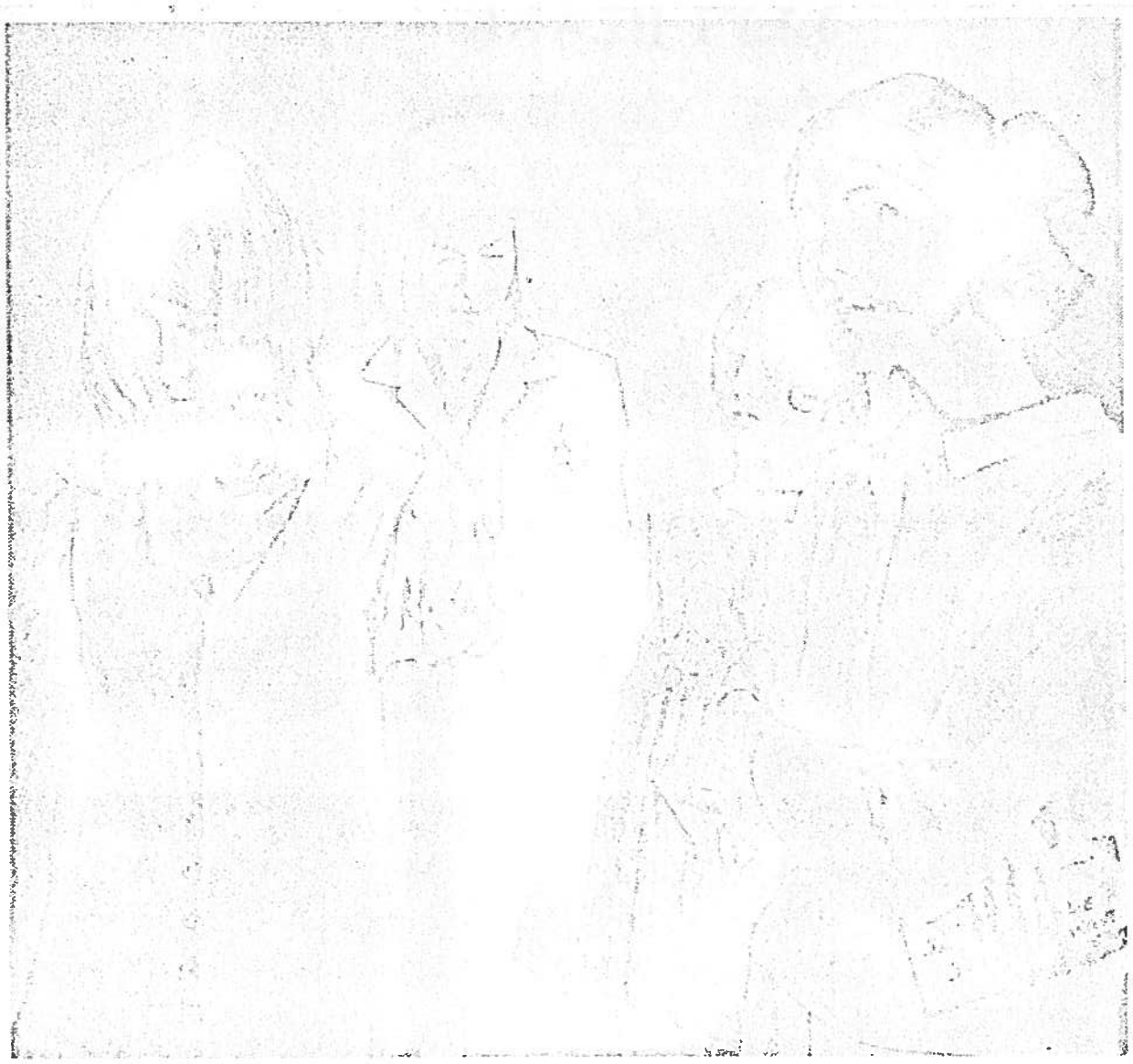

FACE 16 MURDER COUNTS—Three young women on way from jail to Superior Court for arraignment on total of 16 murder counts in the Tate and La Bianca killings. From the left are Susan Denise Atkins, Linda Kasabian and Leslie Louise Van Houten, who earlier gave name as Leslie Sankston.
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# Ranch Searched for Possible Victim of Manson's Family

## Movie Stunt Man Had Argued With Cult Leader Then Vanished in August, Owner of Property Tells Officers

BY DIAL TORGERSON and RON EINSTOSS
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Sheriff's deputies searched a movie ranch near Chatsworth Wednesday for a missing stunt man authorities believe may be a victim of the band of hippies accused of the Tate and La Bianca murders.

As three young women charged with murder were arraigned at the Civic Center, deputies began a hunt for a tall, powerful horse wrangler and beerhall bouncer named Donald O'Shea, 40, missing since August.

The three women who appeared in court Wednesday were accused of taking part in seven murders, and one of them was charged earlier with killing an eighth man whose death has been attributed to the same band.

O'Shea could be the ninth victim of the group, police said. Detectives are known to be investigating the possibility the cult may have been linked to as many as 12 deaths.

Officers searched the Spahn Ranch at Chatsworth until dark without success. Two sheriff's deputies were injured when a rock wall collapsed as they probed a well for some sign of the missing man.

In other ramifications to the Tate-La Bianca slayings:

—Charles Manson, 35, bearded, longhaired leader of the hippie group known as the Manson Family, was to be arraigned today on charges of conspiracy and murder.

—Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger said he may comment today on a strict no-publicity rule imposed by the judge who arraigned three former members of Manson's group Wednesday.

—Sheriff's officers said they would resume a search of the Spahn Ranch today—apparently acting on information given by one of the witnesses at the County Grand Jury inquiry which indicted the three young women, Manson, and a man and woman now in custody in other states.

Members of Manson's group claimed that he wielded an almost hypnotic power over them, ordering them to kill Sharon Tate and four others at her estate Aug. 9, then Leno and Rosemary La Bianca in the Los Feliz district the next night.

George C. Spahn, 80, owner of the ranch at Chatsworth, said Wednesday that Manson and his group were living at the ranch against his will at the time of the murders.

Last summer, before he disappeared, Shorty disappeared. But, he said, he wasn't reported as missing because he had a way of coming and going. Spahn said Manson and his group had been staying at the ranch over his protests, claiming their traveling bus was broken down, until, in August, "they all of a sudden cleared out."

"Shorty—we called him Shorty because he was so big—was a likable kinda cuss, always laughing and cutting up," Spahn said. "He worked in pictures, driving teams and handling saddle horses, but he leaned more to beer joints. He was a bouncer.

"He married a Negro woman. Charlie (Manson) hated colored people. Shorty was walking along, minding his own business, and Charlie said to him, 'Nigger lover.' They got into a tiny argument. It didn't last a minute."

Later, the ranch owner added, Shorty disappeared. But, he said, he wasn't reported as missing because he had a way of coming and going. Spahn said Manson and his group had been staying at the ranch over his protests, claiming their traveling bus was broken down, until, in August, "they all of a sudden cleared out."

### Calls Spahn

Manson was brought to Los Angeles from Independence, Calif., Tuesday to await arraignment. Police allowed him to use the phone. He called Spahn.

"Sounded cheerful and friendly," Spahn said later. "He said, 'Merry Christmas,' but someone cut him off in the middle of 'Christmas.'"

Police began to clamp down on release of information about the Tate-La Bianca cases Wednesday after a Superior Court judge imposed a strict no-publicity rule on all officials and witnesses in the case.

Superior Judge William B. Keene's sweeping order was similar to that ordered last year in the case of Sirhan B. Sirhan.

Judge Keene issued his order after arraigning the young women on a total of 16 counts of murder.

cases to refrain from making public comments on the case to preserve what he called the rights of the defendants to a fair trial.

Said Judge Keene:

"It is apparent that this case has received extensive news media coverage that is not limited to Los Angeles and California but to the nation as well.

"This court is of the conviction that the impossible task of choosing between freedom of the press and a fair trial need not be made."

His order restricted attorneys, public officials, law enforcement officers, members of the grand jury which indicted the defendants, witnesses before that jury, prospective witnesses and others connected with the case from making "extra-judicial statements . . . related to this case."

Younger opposed the gag rule in the Sirhan case. He took the Sirhan ruling to the Supreme Court, which declined to give his action a hearing. The no-publicity rule remained in effect throughout the celebrated trial of Sirhan, who was subsequently convicted of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

### Ordered Transcript

Judge Keene also ordered the transcript of the grand jury inquiry withheld from publication until 10 days after the last of the defendants it indicted is arraigned.

Because of delays in returning those resisting extradition, this could mean weeks.

Judge Keene ordered all three young women returned to court later for plea. Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi represented the prosecution at Wednesday's

The defendants—identified as members of the Manson band of hippies—stood impassively during the brief proceedings. They are Susan Denise Atkins, 21, Linda Kasabian, 20, and Leslie Louise Van Houten, 19, who had previously given her name as Leslie Sankston.

The judge said he was ordering public officials, attorneys and witnesses in the Tate and La Bianca

Mrs. Kasabian, who is five months pregnant, was ordered to return to court Dec. 22. She was represented by attorney Gary B. Fleischman. She is charged with conspiracy and seven counts of murder.

Miss Atkins, represented by Richard Caballero, is to appear next Tuesday on similar charges.

Miss Van Houten, represented by attorney Donald Barnett, is to enter a plea Dec. 22. She is charged with conspiracy and with two counts of murder, in the La Bianca case only.

Manson or members of his group have been accused of slaying the five Tate victims, the La Biancas and Gary Hinman, a musician with whom the band once lived in Topanga Canyon.

In addition to O'Shea, authorities are investigating the group's possible complicity in the deaths of two members of the Church of Scientology, a dope peddler, a motorcyclist killed in Bishop and a member of the group shot to death in Venice after Manson was in custody.

In the Bishop and Venice cases, the deaths were originally listed as sui

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## FORMALLY CHARGED IN SEVEN MURDERS

# Susan Atkins—From Choir Girl to Hippie

BY DIAL TORGERSON
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She called herself Sadie Glutz.

It was a name Charles Manson gave her, an outsider's little joke on the establishment world. "Tell them your name is Sadie Glutz," he told her. And she did.

But, Wednesday, she was formally charged with seven murders under the name her parents gave her when she was born in San Jose on May 7, 1948: Susan Denise Atkins.

What happened to change Susan into Sadie?

"I loved her," her father, Edward John Atkins, 49, told a newsman. "I still do. She once did some very beautiful things. But that was a long time ago.

"I don't know what went wrong. I guess I never will."

Criminal records show Miss Atkins' first arrest was in South Salem, Ore., in 1966, when she was 18, long before she had heard of Charles Manson and his so-called family of wandering hippies.

There were eight other arrests between that one and the charge on which she was arraigned Wednesday—that she and others of Manson's group killed five persons at the home of Sharon Tate and two others in the Los Feliz area the next day.

But in San Jose, there are people who remember when she sang in a church choir.

Her life was apparently fairly stable until she reached adolescence.

Then, when she was 15, her mother—to whom she was very close—died of cancer.

Two weeks before her mother entered the hospital, with what had been diagnosed as terminal cancer, Miss Atkins brought her church choir to sing Christmas carols beneath her mother's window.

After her mother died her grandparents came to help run the family, which consisted of Susan, her father, an older brother, and a younger brother.

The family was deeply in debt because of her mother's illness.

The family home was sold. There were many moves. Bill collectors were insistent. Atkins left, looking for work. Once he was gone six months.

An old friend remembers that Miss Atkins worked during her junior year in high school to help support herself and her younger brother. At one time they were in a foster home.

She was an average student in school, with no record of disciplinary trouble.

"Susan was a good kid," one San Jose school source remembers. "But she was left alone, and there was no place to turn for help.

### Never Troublesome

"She was active in a singing group and took part in church and school activities. We certainly never had any trouble with her, although she was extremely upset emotionally."

In 1965 she enrolled in Los Banos High School, when her father was working as a construction worker at San Luis Dam near Los Banos. Friends recall that she and her father argued frequently and heatedly.

It was the next year that Miss Atkins broke her ties with home. Her father, who remarried, told newsmen that he had pleaded with courts to keep his daughter "off the streets.

"She needed help. She should have been put away somewhere where help could be given, not turned back on the streets to go through it all again," Atkins said.

She drifted to Washington and Oregon. She went to San Francisco, where she tried to become a dancer. (She is 5 foot 5 inches, weighs 120 pounds, and has a good figure.) She appeared in amateur go-go dance halls.

It didn't work. She ended up in the drug-oriented society of Haight-Ashbury. It was there, in 1967, that she met Charles Manson.

She had been arrested in Salem and Portland, Ore., on charges of car theft and concealing stolen property, always as Susan Denise Atkins. She was released on probation, and it was as Atkins she registered in San Francisco under terms of her probation.

In 1968, after Manson's school bus-living quarters showed up in Ventura County, she was fined $13 for a driver's license irregularity. When sheriff's officers took Manson's "Family" into custody, they asked her name. She said it was Sadie Glutz.

Manson, she later said, held an almost hypnotic power over his band, most of whom were women—and his mistresses. In September, 1968, they stayed at her father's San Jose home.

"I thought they were a slaphappy bunch of kooks, dumb hippies," Atkins said.

### Put in Foster Home

Miss Atkins became pregnant — with Manson's child, her father believes. The baby was born at the Spahn Ranch near Chatsworth earlier this year, when the Family was living there. The child, a son, was placed in a foster home.

It was from the ranch, she later told authorities, that Manson ordered the forays which ended in the deaths of Miss Tate, four persons at her home, and Leno and Rosemary La Bianca the next day.

When she was arrested at Independence, as a suspected member of a car theft ring believed headed by Manson, the murders were nearing solution. Police heard rumors the Family was involved, an investigation followed, and Miss Atkins verified suspicions in conversations with a jail cellmate.

### Admits True Name

When Los Angeles officers picked her up—at first as a suspect in a prior murder now attributed to Manson's band—she told them her name was Sadie Mae Glutz, her Family name.

But, in court Wednesday, with Manson in jail several blocks away, Superior Judge William B. Keene asked her:

"Susan Denise Atkins, is that your true name?"

And she replied: "Yes."

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# New Bizarre Cult Turns Up in Tate, La Bianca Investigations

BY JERRY COHEN
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Another bizarre cult is being investigated by detectives checking for possible links between the recent slaying of two young members of the Church of Scientology and the Tate and LaBianca murders, it was learned Tuesday.

Parallels between the three savage crimes are philosophical as well as physical.

As a result, investigators are dipping into the lore of cults which practice black magic and glorify sexual excess.

Under particular scrutiny is a religious cult which is fiercely anti-establishment and whose beliefs include Satan worship. It is an offshoot of Scientology, but is disavowed by practitioners of that mystical, quasi-scientific order.

The cult is known both as "The Process" and the Final Church of Judgment. Its members are nicknamed "mind benders," and they claim to be in direct contact with both Lucifer and Christ.

Detectives have been struck by the similarities between its philosophies and the occultism of Charles Manson and his brand of hippies.

The cult is based in London, where English authorities, despite great critical pressure, have recognized it as a legitimate church.

But it has staged major recruiting drives in America, which suggests the possibility of cross fertilization between it and the Manson "family."

Manson and five members of his clan were indicted Monday in the Tate and La Bianca murders, all of which had overtones of dark ritualism and anti-affluence.

Manson is known to have dabbled in Scientology, then to have gone on to more eccentric cultism which apparently included the power to order the execution of those he considered unworthy to live.

The slayings of the two young Scientologists appear as lacking in motive as did the Tate and La Bianca slaughters when first discovered.

The bodies of Doreen Gaul, 19, and James Sharp, 15, were found Nov. 5 in an alley between Arapahoe St. and Magnolia Ave., south of 11th St. They had been murdered elsewhere and dumped in the alley, only a few blocks from the separate residences they occupied in the Westlake district.

The investigation into their deaths fell to a team of Rampart Division detectives headed by Lt. Earl Deemer. The officers were immediately intrigued by the selection of the Scientologists as victims.

### Link Suspected

Deemer, who had worked on the Tate case, noted these circumstances that later gave rise to speculation their deaths might be related to the Tate and La Bianca killings:

—Like all but one victim of the two-day murder orgy in August, the young man and young woman had been stabbed repeatedly. Each bore between 50 and 60 wounds.

—The November victims lived in a neighborhood with a large hippie population, much of it mystically inclined. Miss Gaul herself resided in a Scientology commune whose residents dressed hippie style.

—Many of the neighborhood's inhabitants use "soft" drugs — marijuana and LSD—and are promiscuous and nomadic, like the Manson clan.

—The young Scientologists lived in the general area of the La Bianca residence in Los Feliz, about two miles distant.

Officials of the Church of Scientology here called his attention to the perversion-prone offshoot, "The Process," Deemer said.

### Kind of Vendetta

It was merely a suggestion that some kind of vendetta against Scientology might have claimed the lives of young Sharp and Miss Gaul.

The Final Church of Judgment is headquartered in an elegant mansion in London's Mayfair district. It is run by Shanghai-born, bearded, long-haired Robert de-Grimston, 34, who attended Cambridge and later took up Scientology.

After completing a course in the mystical philosophy, he decided to start his own cult, which took a sharp turn away from Scientology.

The "church" proclaimed its "dedication to the elimination of the Gray Forces" the affluent establishment.

Issues of its journal, "The Process," advocated black masks, described marriage as "an abomination" and offered ideas to stimulate sexual perversion, even rape.

De Grimston is known as "the Christ of Carnaby Street." Manson's followers call him "Jesus," "God" and "Satan."

Members of "The Process" wear black apparel. The slayers who stole onto Sharon Tate's Benedict Canyon estate and killed the actress and four others Aug. 9 wore black, according to Susan Atkins, a participant in the raid.

Lt. Deemer declines to go beyond describing a connection between the Scientology murders and the Tate and La Bianca killings as anything more than a possibility at this stage.

But he wants to question at least two young male members of the Manson cult.

### Not in Custody

Neither was in custody at the time of the Gaul-Sharp slayings, as were Manson and many of this tribe, then being held in the Inyo County Jail on auto theft charges.

At least one of them was present at the time of the strange death of another Manson cultist in Venice

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Christopher Jesus, 20, also known as "Zero," was found dead on a bed at 28 Club House Drive, a gun beside him and a bullet wound in his head.

A young woman said he had been playing "Russian roulette," and the death was formally listed as a suicide.

**Not Satisfied**

"But I've never been satisfied with that whole thing," said Venice Det. Sgt. Art Hansbrough. The death still is under investigation, he added.

Not a single fingerprint was found on the gun and other cultists who had been living at the residence scattered shortly afterward.

One who did, a slight young man who held Christopher Jesus' head as he lay dying, said he is convinced the death was not a suicide.

He said when he heard the gunshot, he entered the bedroom and found a young woman, another Manson follower, holding the gun lightly by the trigger guard.

"She told me: 'Jesus shot himself,'", the young man said. "But she had this strange faraway smile on her face, as if she were saying to me: 'His time had come, time for me to shoot him.'

"You have to understand what those people believe —'That you are me, and I am you'—to realize how their minds interlock, how she could have killed him and then said he did it."

It is believed the young woman and other Manson cultists present that night fled to Death Valley, site of the clan's last commune.

The young man fears for his life because of his belief that Christopher Jesus' death was not a suicide.

He said that two nights after Jesus' death the young woman stared glassily at him for several hours, while running her thumb across the blade of a long knife.

"That's when I decided I had to get out," he said.

## Manson Brought to L.A. to Face Charges

Charles M. Manson was returned to Los Angeles Tuesday night from the Inyo County Jail in Independence, Calif., to face charges here for the murder of Sharon Tate and six other persons.

He arrived at downtown police headquarters in the custody of Los Angeles homicide officers, Sgts. Phil Sartuche and Manuel Gutierrez, shortly after 8:00 p.m.

Manson, 35, was clad in fringed buckskin shirt and matching pants. His hands were manacled behind him.

His arraignment in Superior Court is set for Thursday morning before Judge William B. Keene.

Manson was indicted Monday by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury along with Susan Denise Atkins, 21; Charles D. Watson, 24; Patricia Krenwinkel, 22; and Linda Kasabian, 20, on charges of murder and conspiracy in the slaying last August of Miss Tate and four others at her Benedict Canyon home.

The same suspects and Miss Leslie Sankston, 19, were indicted in the deaths of Leno LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, killed the night after the Tate murders.

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# Head of Cycle Gang Testifies at Tate Hearing

## Chief Witness Once Lived With Manson Hippie Cult at Ranch in Chatsworth

The leader of a motorcycle gang, who fumed and swore at newsmen as he arrived to testify, was the chief witness Monday as the grand jury resumed its inquiry into the Tate-La Bianca murders.

Once inside the jury room, however, Daniel de Carlo, slight and dark-eyed, proved a cooperative witness, according to Dept. Dist. Attys. Aaron Stovitz and Vincent Bugliosi.

De Carlo lived for a time with Charles Manson's bizarre hippie cult at the Spahn ranch in Chatsworth from whence it is believed Manson's followers staged murderous forays.

One of the Manson tribe's raids, it is believed, claimed the lives of actress Sharon Tate and four others at her Benedict Canyon estate Aug. 9, while another a day later led to the deaths of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca in their Los Feliz home.

### No Part in Slayings

Stovitz said De Carlo "had no part" in the Tate and La Bianca murders.

But it is understood De Carlo supplied detectives with information about both slaughters plus a third related murder, the July killing in Topanga Canyon of musician Gary Hinman.

Other witnesses called Monday, the second day of the grand jury inquiry which began Friday, were principally police officers.

Among them were fingerprint experts. It is understood that a fingerprint found near the front door of the Tate mansion has been identified as that of Charles Watson, 24, now in a Texas jail.

Manson and Watson, another man and four young women are the suspects against whom Stoviz and Bugliosi are seeking murder indictments.

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# Manson Indicted With 5 Others in Tate Murders

## Grand Jury Also Names Suspects in Connection With La Bianca Slayings

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Charles Manson, 35, and five members of his hippie clan were indicted Monday for the August slaughter of actress Sharon Tate and six other persons.

After two days of listening to evidence presented by Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi, the County Grand Jury returned the indictments before Superior Judge William B. Keene late Monday afternoon.

Indicted along with Manson, who refers to himself variously as "Jesus," "God" and "Satan," were:

—Susan Atkins, 21, formerly of San Jose and known to the Manson "Family" as Sadie Glutz. Her story to a jail cellmate late last month reportedly clinched police suspicions about the hippie cult. She provided the grand jury with incriminating evidence against all six suspects, including herself.

—Charles (Tex) Watson, 24, former high school honor student and star athlete, now in jail in McKinney, Tex., his hometown. He has said he will fight extradition.

### Woman Fighting Extradition

—Patricia Krenwinkel, 21, seized last week in Alabama where her divorced mother lives. Her father, an insurance agent, resides in Inglewood. She is fighting extradition.

—Linda Kasabian, 20, seized in her hometown of Milford, N.H., last week. Five months pregnant, she returned to Los Angeles voluntarily.

—Leslie Sankston, 19, arrested in October when officers raided the cult's Death Valley commune during the roundup of an auto theft ring. She was brought to Los Angeles Nov. 25, along with four other young female clan members, as a material witness.



Charles Manson
Times photo

Manson, Watson, Miss Atkins, Miss Krenwinkel and Mrs. Kasabian were indicted on seven counts of murder and one of conspiracy.

Each of the murder counts represents a separate victim—Miss Tate and the four slain along with her at the actress' Benedict Canyon estate Aug. 9, and Leno La Bianca, 44, and his wife, Rosemary, 38, killed a day later in their Los Feliz residence.

Miss Sankston also was indicted on a conspiracy charge, but only two murder counts were lodged against her. They involve the slaying of La Bianca, wealthy supermarket owner, and his wife.

The 21-member jury heard 22 witnesses before adjourning Monday afternoon. Sixteen witnesses testified Monday, but the most telling evidence emerged from the story Miss Atkins reportedly repeated at Friday's opening session.

The overt acts listed in the conspiracy count indicate jurors put high credence in the story which her attorney, Richard Caballero, had said she would tell the panel.

It listed four such acts. They were:

—That Watson, Miss Atkins, Mrs. Kasabian and Miss Krenwinkel traveled from the clan's earlier encampment at a Chatsworth movie ranch to the Tate estate the night of Aug. 8.

—That Watson, Miss Atkins and Miss Krenwinkel entered the Tate home.

—That on Aug. 10, all the suspects traveled from the ranch to the La Bianca home.

—That Manson, Watson, Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Sankston entered the La Bianca home.

Miss Atkins reportedly testified that Manson tied up the La Biancas but left before they were murdered and that Mrs. Kasabian remained outside both the Tate and La Bianca homes. Miss Atkins claims she remained outside the La Bianca home, but admits entering the Tate mansion.

Asked if Miss Atkins' testimony was the cornerstone of the prosecution's case, Bugliosi replied:

"I wouldn't say it was the cornerstone, but I would say it constitutes quite a few bricks."

### No Immunity

He said, however, that no offers of immunity have been tendered any of the suspects.

But it is believed that such an offer might be made to Mrs. Kasabian if she were to agree to testify for the prosecution, since she presumably is the least culpable. This is because, according to Miss Atkins, she was in neither murder house.

It also is thought Miss Atkins may have saved her own life by testifying before the grand jury. Conceivably, authorities could permit her to plead guilty to a lesser degree of murder.

### Arraignment Set

Miss Atkins, Mrs. Kasabian and Miss Sankston, the three in custody here, will be arraigned Wednesday in Judge Keene's court.

The district attorney's office already has begun extradition proceedings against Miss Krenwinkel and Watson, both of whom are suspected of taking the most active roles in both sets of murders.

Bugliosi said Manson would be brought here "as soon as possible, likely three or four days," from Inyo County. He is being held there on the auto theft charges.

He said the district attorney's office would "resist" any defense attempt to sever the La Bianca and Tate cases, "since a common thread runs through both." He said his office

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also would seek to try all suspects in a single trial.

Police believe that Manson, and possibly others indicted Monday, are involved in at least three other murders—all masterminded by the long-haired cult leader.

Testimony last week during the trial of a man accused of murdering musician Gary Hinman, 24, last July indicated Manson had given the orders for the victim's execution. Miss Atkins was awaiting trial for the Hinman murder when she admitted her role and that of the others in the Tate crime to a cellmate.

The district attorney decided Monday morning not to seek an indictment against Steve Grogan, 24, alias Garth or Gary Tufts, who had been implicated by Miss Atkins in the La Bianca killings. Prosecutors concluded he had left the scene with Manson and the others before the murders and possibly had no knowledge of them. He now is in jail in Inyo County on the auto theft charges.

Bugliosi said he doubted if the suspects would be brought to trial "before next spring," his estimate being based on the assumption that most would use legal delays available to them.

The leader of a motorcyle gang, who fumed and swore at newsmen as he arrived to testify, was the chief witness at Monday's jury session.

Once inside the jury room, however, Daniel de Carlo, slight and dark-eyed, proved a cooperative witness, according to Stovitz and Bugliosi.

De Carlo lived for a time with Manson's cult at the movie ranch in Chatsworth.

### No Part in Slayings

Stovitz said de Carlo "had no part" in the murders.

But it is understood de Carlo supplied detectives with information about both slaughters.

Three of the so-called material witnesses brought here with Miss Sankston from Inyo County Nov. 25 also testified Monday.

Nancy Pittman, 20, Rachel Morse, 18, and Diane Bluestein, 16, reportedly told jurors they had no knowledge of the murders. They will be returned to Independence for trial on the auto theft charges.

## Sharon Tate Estate Placed at $45,000

Actress Sharon Tate left an estate of $45,000 and an undisclosed sum in personal property, documents filed in Santa Monica Superior Court disclosed Monday.

The father of the slain film star, retired Army Lt. Col. Paul Tate, petitioned the court for letters of administration. Miss Tate is believed to have died without a will.

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# Grand Jury Expected to Indict 7 Suspects in Tate Case Today

## Leader of Nomadic 'Family' and Some of His Followers May Be Charged in Slayings of Actress and Six Others

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

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Seven members of Charles Manson's nomadic Family are expected to be indicted today when the County Grand Jury concludes its two-day hearing into the savage Tate and La Bianca murders last August.

Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi reportedly will seek an eight-count indictment charging Manson, 35, who refers to himself alternately as "God," "Jesus" and "Satan," and the six others with conspiracy and murder.

Although the prosecutors still have about a dozen witnesses to call, most of the evidence against the suspects is believed to have been supplied already by an angelic-looking member of the band of hippies.

Susan Denise Atkins, 21, known to the "family" as Sadie Glutz, testified Friday.

It was reported that her testimony substantially matched the sordid story told earlier by various sources linking five of the gang to the Aug. 9 slayings of actress Sharon Tate, hair stylist Jay Sebring, Polish playboy Wojciech (Voityck) Frykowski, coffee heiress Abigail Folger and Steven Parent. They were killed at Miss Tate's Benedict Canyon estate.

Miss Atkins is reported to have linked the same five—Manson, Charles D. Watson, 24, Patricia Krenwinkle, 21, Linda Kasabian, 20, and herself—to the Aug. 10 "copycat" killings of wealthy grocer Leno La Bianca and his wife Rosemary.

The couple were slain in their Los Feliz area home.

In addition, she reportedly has named Steve Grogan, 23, and Leslie Sankston, 19, as participants in the La Bianca murders.

There is believed to be little evidence other than that supplied by Miss Atkins, particularly against the other women and Grogan.

Stovitz and Bugliosi reportedly have some other evidence relating to the roles of Manson and Watson in the slayings.

Manson is said to have known the location of the estate through his acquaintance with Terry Melcher, son of actress Doris Day.

Melcher once lived in the house before it was occupied by Miss Tate and her director-husband Roman Polanski.

Manson has been identified as the leader of the band which assertedly engaged in murderous night forays at his command.

Watson, alleged as the actual slayer of most of the seven victims, reportedly left a fingerprint at the Tate house.

Three of the witnesses scheduled to be called by Stovitz and Bugliosi today are said to be fingerprint experts.

The unorthodox strategy of Miss Atkins testifying against herself — and in turn the others—was devised by her attorney, Richard Caballero, a one-time highly successful prosecutor.

He reasoned that the evidence against her—primarily her admissions to two cellmates—was so damaging that cooperation with prosecutors was her only chance to escape the death penalty.

Caballero also claims his client acted under the spell of Manson and therefore was not responsible for her actions.

That, and possibly their fear of Manson, presumably will be the same defense of the others.

Mrs. Kasabian's lawyers already have declared that she fears not only Manson, but all the other members of his "family."

The bizarre story of the murder orgies reportedly told by Miss Atkins starts with Manson commanding that everyone in the Tate home be killed.

According to the reports, she said:

—She, Watson, Miss Krenwinkel and Mrs. Kasabian were sent to the Tate estate armed with a .22-caliber revolver and knives.

—All but Mrs. Kasabian, who waited outside, entered the home and participated in the killings.

—The following night Manson ordered another death mission because of the sloppy manner in which he felt those at the Tate home were slaughtered — presumably the fact that both Frykowski and Miss Folger managed to get out of the house before they died. Their bodies were found on the lawn.

—Manson went with them to La Bianca's, entered the home, tied them up at gunpoint and directed Watson, Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Sankston to kill them.

Investigators believed Miss Atkins' story because she reportedly knew certain information about the murders which had not been made public.

Another of today's witnesses is Daniel de Carlo, former leader of a motorcycle gang, who recently testified in a trial in Santa Monica that Manson also directed the slaying last July of musician Gary Hinman.

De Carlo reportedly lived for a short time with Manson and his "family."

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# Arrests Made in Tate Case

## The State

For nearly five months, the bizarre Los Angeles murders had been top news in newspapers, supplements and magazines throughout the world.

But the case, when it broke, seemed even more chilling than anyone had portrayed. The district attorney charged that Sharon Tate and four others, and grocer Leno La Bianca and his wife Rosemary, and at least four other persons were slain by a roving band of hippies which originated in San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district.

After months of investigation, detectives got their break when 21-year-old Susan Denise Atkins, in jail on charges of yet another murder, talked to a cellmate—and the cellmate promptly talked to police in hopes of winning her own freedom.

Miss Atkins, detectives said, was part of the hippie gang which emigrated south at behest of its leader, 34-year-old Charles Miles Manson, now in custody in Inyo County on charges of receiving stolen property.

The band settled on the old Spahn Movie Ranch, one mile west of the estate that had been rented by Miss Tate and her husband, movie director Roman Polanski.

From there, detectives said, four of them—a man and three women—invaded the Tate home to shoot, club and stab its occupants to death last Aug. 9.

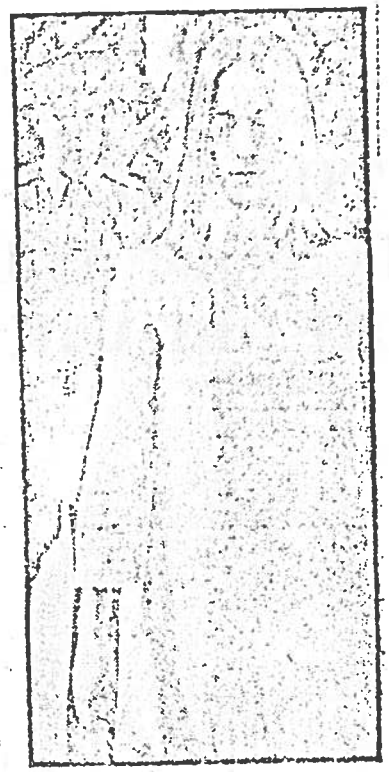
The motive in these murders, police said, was revenge against the "establishment" on Manson's part. They said he had visited the house as an aquaintance of its former occupant, television producer Terry Melcher, knew its layout and, according to others in the band, did not care who lived there at the time.

### Another Murder 'Needed'

After scrawling the word "pig" on the front door in blood, police said, the gang returned to the Spahn ranch—and decided the next day that another murder was needed before they "lost their nerve."

This, detectives said, was the only motive in the La Bianca slayings, and the grocer and his wife were picked at random to satisfy Manson's alleged need to strike at affluent victims.

Shortly after the Tate murders, the ranch "home" of the nomad hippie tribe was the scene of a daybreak raid in which deputy sheriffs arrested 26 persons as suspects in an auto theft ring and confiscated rifles, pistols and a machine gun.



Miss Atkins . . . Chilling story
Times photo

The Manson band moved shortly afterwards to the Barker ranch, near Death Valley, and there another raid involving stolen autos resulted in the arrest of Manson.

At week's end, the district attorney was seeking grand jury indictments against seven persons. Iin addition to Miss Atkins and Manson, they were:

—Charles D. Watson, 24, held in McKinney, Tex., on a fugitive warrant from Los Angeles.

—Patricia Krenwinkel, 21, under arrest in Mobile, Ala., and fighting extradition to Los Angeles.

—Linda Kasabian, 20, five months pregnant, who returned here voluntarily from New Hampshire and is under indictment on murder charges.

—Leslie Sankston, about 20, one of the many young women supposedly under Manson's spell.

—Steve Grogan, 23, also known as either Clem, Garth or Gary Tufts, who was arrested last October in the Death Valley raid.

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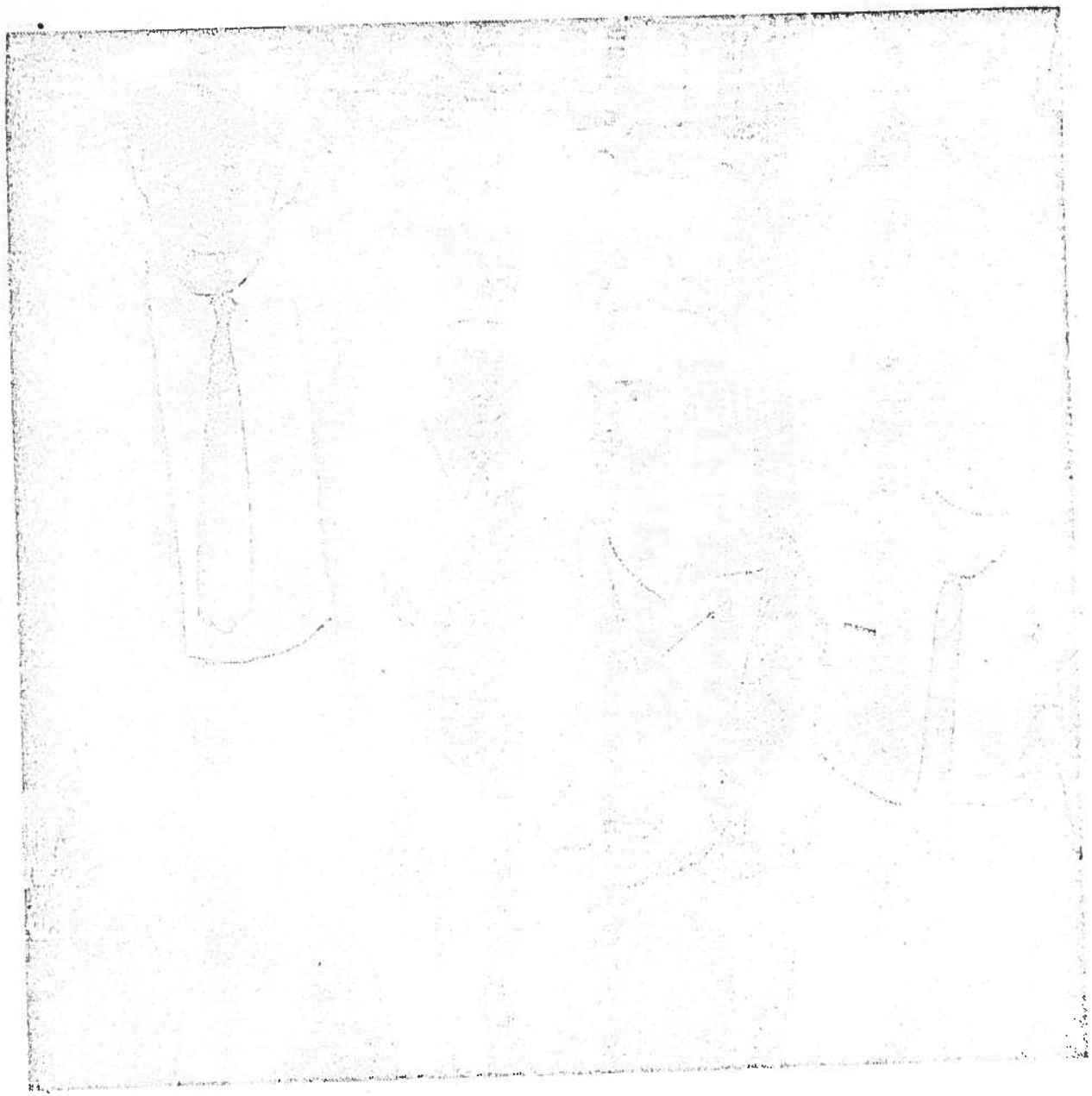

GOING TO COURT—Bearded cult leader Charles Miller Manson, 35, is escorted to court in Independence for preliminary hearing on charges of possessing stolen property. Escorting Manson are Inyo County Sheriff's Sgt. James Randolph and Fred Schaefer, on left, Inyo County public defender. Times photo by John Malmin

ROOM JAMMED

# Cult Leader Goes to Court With Hands in Chains

BY CHARLES T. POWERS
Times Staff Writer

INDEPENDENCE, Calif. — Charles Miller Manson, the 35-year-old leader of a band of youthful nomads accused in the Sharon Tate and other murder cases, emerged from jail Wednesday to make his first public appearance since a break in the Tate case was announced early this week.

Manson, hands cuffed to a chain around his waist, was led from the Inyo County Jail here across a wide lawn to the County Courthouse for a preliminary hearing on relatively minor charges of possessing stolen dune buggies.

The session began at 9:30 a.m. in a courtroom crowded with reporters and schoolchildren dismissed for the day to watch the proceedings.

When it ended at 4:30 p.m., Justice Court Judge Theodore Gardener announced that Manson would be bound over for Superior Court trial and set his bond at $25,000.

Inyo County Dist. Atty. Fred Fowles called a long succession of witnesses to show that Manson had been in possession of at least three stolen cars and that he repainted one of them in an apparent attempt to camouflage it.

Residents of this small Owens Valley town turned out in the morning to watch the procession from the jail, knowing that Manson had been named by police as leader of murderous forays—expeditions that may have resulted in as many as 11 deaths.

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Manson was led across the courtyard by his court-appointed attorney, Fred Schaefer, and Inyo County sheriff's officers.

Earlier, Sheriff Merrill Curtis warned the dozens of newsmen present against asking Manson questions.

The suspect, moving slowly against the crush of photographers and reporters, smiled once at the newsmen as he entered the building but said nothing.

He is a short, small-boned man whose dark hair brushes against his shoulders. His beard is full but well-trimmed. He wore the standard blue denim coveralls supplied prisoners.

On entering the courtroom he smiled, faintly, once again. That was when he recognized two of his "followers," one of whom, Mrs. Sandra Good Pugh, 26, had an infant in her arms. The girl returned his smile.

But after that he looked away, seeming almost to divorce himself from the proceedings. He sat down and began doodling on a piece of yellow paper.

During the day, Manson spoke aloud only once, when he asked Judge Gardner:

"Your honor, may I question this man?"

"No," Judge Gardener replied quickly. "Not as long as you are represented by an attorney."

Manson was referring to the testimony of Boyd Taylor, U.S. commissioner of the eastern district of California, one of the day's witnesses called by Fowles to establish that Manson had been seen driving stolen cars in the barren desert region around Death Valley.

Taylor, as others, testified that he encountered Manson at 2 a.m. on a moonlit night in mid-September near a desert camp in the Saline Valley, about 60 miles from the permanent headquarters of Manson's "Family" at the Barker Ranch in the Panamint Valley.

Under questioning by Fowles and Schaefer, Taylor said that Manson, or "a man who looked very much like him," was driving a dusty blue dune buggy. The dune buggy, Fowles was attempting to establish, was stolen from the La Paz Buggy Builders in Los Angeles Sept. 11.

Taylor testified that a group traveling with Manson that night was driving a red four-wheel-drive Toyota. Other witnesses testified that the Toyota was stolen in late September from Dennis Dale Kemp, 7020 Loyal Trail, Hollywood.

Kemp, called as a witness, said his wallet was in the car when it was stolen. "The wallet was found," Fowles said, "on the Barker Ranch," when officers raided it, Oct. 10 and 12.

Larry Gill, 24, a long-haired, bearded Inyo County resident, said Manson told him he was interested in exploring the area and asked to be shown several caves and springs nearby.

"What was Mr. Manson's relationship with the people at the ranch?" Fowles asked.

"Very good," Gill replied.

"Did there seem to be anyone in charge?"

"No. Not specifically."

He said he saw Manson again, and agreed to meet him to show him the country. Gill and Manson then came to his cabin with three women, "one older, two younger," and went with them to Panamint Valley. He said they were joined by two other couples, but he left the group after one day's outing.

"Why?" Fowles asked again.

"There wasn't any type of ill feeling," Gill insisted. "But I just felt I should leave."

Mrs. Pugh, however, denied reports that the Barker Ranch group lived in "squalor."

"It wasn't that way at all," she testified. "I lived in a clean room. We all helped with the decoration and we worked hard on the ranch, feeding and taking care of animals and tending the property.

"We are desert lovers, that's all," she added.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Manson returned to the jail—again flanked by his attorney and two sheriff's deputies.

Again, he did not speak. He disappeared through the jail doorway without looking back.

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MEMBERS OF THE 'CLAN'—Mrs. Sandra Good Pugh, 26, with son Ivan, 2½ months, and Lynn Fromme, 21, talk with newsmen at their Independence motel. Mrs. Pugh is awaiting trial Dec. 15 on a charge of possessing a stolen pistol. The two, who deserted middle class homes to follow clan leader Charles Manson, said they knew nothing of car thievery or murder in clan's activities.
Times photo by John Malmin

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# Step-by-Step: The Five Tate Murders

## Chronology of Slayings by Four Black-Clad Invaders Described

BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

From many sources, this is the first detailed account of the Tate and La Bianca murders:

Steven Parent died first at the home of Sharon Tate. He was shot to death as he tried to leave the estate when a band of black-clad murderers swept in.

The other four died more slowly, some of them pleading to be spared, under the shots, blows and stabs of what police say were members of a wandering hippie band.

The next day, fearing they had lost their nerve and seeking to restore their evil bravado, the band struck again, claiming two more victims in the Los Feliz district.

It all began at least six months before the August murders.

Witnesses have said they were "under orders" from Charles Miller Manson, 35.

A professional criminal since the early 1950s, he had become the leader of a car-stealing commune of wanderers who called him "God," "Jesus," or, sometimes, "Satan." Many of his followers were women who satisfied his sexual fancies. His domination over the band was termed "hypnotic."

### Refused to Aid Manson

Manson hoped to become a professional musician. But, Terry Melcher, 27, son of Doris Day and a television producer with good show business connections, had refused to help further Manson's career.

As revenge for Melcher's rejection, according to one of the accused, Manson told his followers to kill "the pigs" at the Benedict Canyon estate.

By then Melcher had moved out of the $200,000 residence. Director Roman Polanski and his wife, Miss Tate, moved in in February. Manson didn't know who lived there when he allegedly ordered the raid.

But he had been there with Melcher. He knew it was a secluded spot. A private road off Cielo Drive ends in a cul de sac at the front gate. An electric button opened the gate. Manson knew where it was.

On Aug. 8 at 11:30 p.m. a man and three women went there.

The man had a .22-caliber pistol. The girls carried bayonets.

The man climbed a telephone pole and cut the telephone line and a power line leading into the home and the outbuildings.

One of them pressed the button. The gate swung open. One of the women waited outside. The other three entered.

There were six people inside:

Miss Tate was in her bedroom. Abigail Folger, 26, who had been staying there, was in another bedroom. Her boyfriend, Wojciech (Voityck) Frykowsky, 37, was lying on a living room couch. Somewhere in the house was Jay Sebring, 35, a men's hair stylist.

Just leaving was the Parent youth, an 18-year-old friend of the estate's caretaker, William E. Garretson, 19. The latter was in a guest house at the far end of the sprawling estate.

Parent was getting into his father's Rambler sedan to leave when the three, dressed in black clothes, walked in.

Before the youth could get the car started, the man thrust the pistol in the window and fired repeatedly. Parent died behind the wheel.

Then the killer crept into the house through a window. There had been a small party earlier, but all was quiet as midnight neared. Frykowsky was asleep. The man in black went to the front door and opened it to admit the gir

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They awakened Frykowsky and bound him. He cried:

"What do you want, money? I'll give you money!"

**Shot and Stabbed**

The others ran in. Sebring, a karate student, came into the living room, and was shot, then stabbed. He died beside the living room couch.

Miss Folger ran in. She was stabbed, but not killed. Miss Tate either came in or was dragged in from the bedroom.

Frykowsky broke loose from his badly knotted bonds and ran toward the door. He was clubbed in the face with the pistol. He kept running. The killer shot him in the back. He fell on the lawn near the front door.

Miss Folger tried to run. She headed toward the south end of the property, possibly remembering that Garretson and five dogs, one of them a big Weimaraner, were there.

The man caught her on the lawn and stabbed her. She fell, the victim of repeated blows, on the grass beneath a tree. It was there she was found dead the next morning.

Then it was Miss Tate's turn. She was 8½ months pregnant.

**Pleads for Baby**

Other members of Manson's "family" had spoken of how they loved children, and everywhere the band moved, children were part of the entourage. Miss Tate pleaded with the black-clad trio:

"Please let me have my baby!"

She was stabbed, time and again. But the blows were directed toward her upper torso. Her abdomen wasn't touched. Her body was found on the living room carpet.

It was found later that a perfectly formed baby boy died with her.

Although one of the accused later said that she and one of the other girls did some of the stabbing, most of it was believed to be the work of the man. The girls held the victims.

Garretson said he heard neighbors later told of hearing the dogs, screams, and what could have been shots. Garretson stayed in his room and didn't leave it. None of the neighbors called police.

The killings were all over by 12:30 a.m. that Saturday.

There were some final touches:

The raiders wiped their hands on a towel. One of the women used the bloody towel to write the word "Pig" on the front door. The towel was placed over Sebring's head, like a hood. A nylon cord looped around Miss Tate's and Sebring's necks was thrown over a rafter in the open-beam ceiling.

The four assailants then returned to the Chatsworth movie ranch where Manson led a group accused of stealing Volkswagens and turning them into dune buggies for resale.

The intruders took with them $73 from the victims. There was more there that they hadn't bothered to take. Robbery was not their motive.

At the ranch they reported to fellow hippies: "We got five piggies."

The next day there was some talk among the group as to whether they had lost their nerve.

Manson had apparently once been to a party in the Los Feliz area where wealthy grocery chain owner Leno La Bianca lived with his wife, Rosemary, on Waverly Drive.

At random, the La Bianca home was picked as the scene of the next killing. The nomad band hated affluent, middle-class people. The La Bianca home, a $50,000 residence at the top of a rise, had an expensive car and a speedboat on a trailer parked in

**Orgy of Murder**

The La Biancas, who were surprised where they were found—he in the living room, she in a bedroom—were tied up. Two men and a woman member of the group left, and a man and two women launched another orgy of murder.

La Bianca's head was covered with a white hood. He was stabbed to death, his chest was pierced with a meat carving fork, and the word "War" and the letters XXX were cut into his flesh.

Mrs. La Bianca was stabbed so repeatedly her back was almost cut to shreds.

After the killing, the trio calmly took showers at the home and then helped themselves to food from the refrigerator. When they left there was a message there, too, written in blood on the refrigerator.

It said: "Death to pigs."

Law enforcement agencies said these two murder cases may have account-

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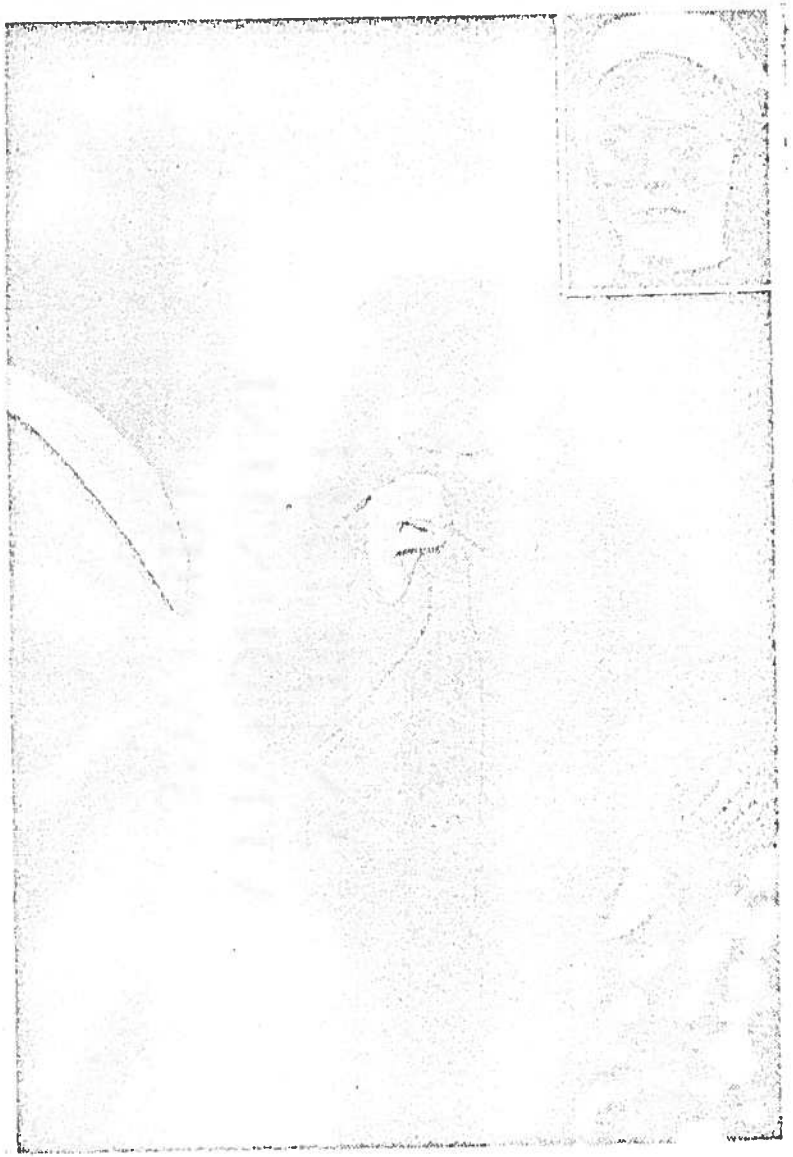

RETURNS TO LOS ANGELES—Linda Darlene Kasabian, 20, also shown in inset, attempts to cover her face as she arrives at Los Angeles International Airport from New Hampshire where she was arrested as a suspect in the slaying of Sharon Tate and four others.
**Times photo by Cal Montney**

## WED AT 16, DIVORCED AT 17

# Girl Member of Weird Cult Returned to Face 5 Counts

BY JOHN KENDALL
Times Staff Writer

Linda Darlene Kasabian, 20, a member of the Charles Miller Manson "Family" of hippies, was returned here Wednesday night to face five counts of murder in the slaying of actress Sharon Tate and four others Aug. 9.

She arrived at International Airport at 8:22 p.m., ducking her face into the collar of a camel's hair coat as she was ushered to a police car waiting to take her to Sybil Brand Institute for Women to await arraignment on the murder charges.

The small, blue-eyed blonde—mother of an 18-month-old daughter and five months pregnant—was charged, along with Charles D. Watson and Patricia Krenwinkel in a complaint issued Monday.

At first it was thought the young woman might have sought sanctuary in a New Mexico convent, but friends arranged for her surrender to New Hampshire state police Tuesday.

She waived extradition proceedings on a fugitive warrant the same day and was taken into custody in Concord, N.H., Wednesday by Los Angeles Police Department Sgts. Joan Simpson and Sidney Nuckles.

She had spent the previous week before her arrest in Milford, a small manufacturing town 20 miles south of Concord where her mother and stepfather live.

"I don't care if the whole world comes down—I'm not talking," she told newsmen before leaving Milford.

Whatever the future might hold for the young woman, her mother, Mrs. Jake Byrd, is convinced her daughter did not kill anyone.

"I know my daughter," she said. "She was never violent. She loved children. There was no hate in her at all. She was searching, searching for love."

Love led to early unhappiness for Linda as a high school student in Milford. She wed a Robert Peasley and quit school at 16. They lived together three months and were divorced when she was 17.

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# Girl Member of Cult Returned From East

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"Something went wrong with that marriage," said Arlene Sullivan, 16, a neighbor who has known Linda, born Linda Darlene Drouin, for 13 years.

Miss Sullivan described Linda as "withdrawn but likable." Another neighbor, Mrs. Robert Pelchat, said the young woman was "shy, bashful," who "just grew up too fast."

After her divorce, Linda moved to Boston where her mother said she married Bob Kasabian, a "hippie-type," and moved to California.

In three brief letters, Mrs. Byrd said, her daughter tried to "build it up that she was leading a normal life." But, she said, Kasabian and Linda lived for a time in a hippie pad at Lake Tahoe.

"He did not want her anymore," Mrs. Byrd said, and Linda left.

What happened next in her life is a mystery to relatives.

How did she meet Charles Manson, the man who ruled a roving band of hippies?

Her father, Rosaire Drouin, a bartender in a Miami, Fla., Skid Row bar, said Linda showed up there about Nov. 1 and left shortly after Thanksgiving.

"What can I say," he told a Miami Herald reporter. "She was not a bad girl and she was not a good girl.

"She was pretty happy. No, I wouldn't say she was depressed or unhappy or anything like that. She was happy as hell. In fact, I kept looking through her luggage to see if she had any drugs. I wondered if she was high."

Drouin said Linda "was always talking about the good life out in California. About living in the woods and all that."

But, he said, both Linda and her daughter had sores on their arms. "I guess they got those living in the woods," he added. "She never said."

Drouin said he had only seen Linda twice in the 15 years since he separated from her mother,

"I remember the first time she came to Miami," he said. "She stole a lot of things from my apartment. She was buying dope with the money she got.

"The only time she ever wrote to me is when she was in California and only when she needed money. I sent her some."

Drouin said he took his daughter to Miami International Airport shortly after Thanksgiving and put her on a flight for Boston.

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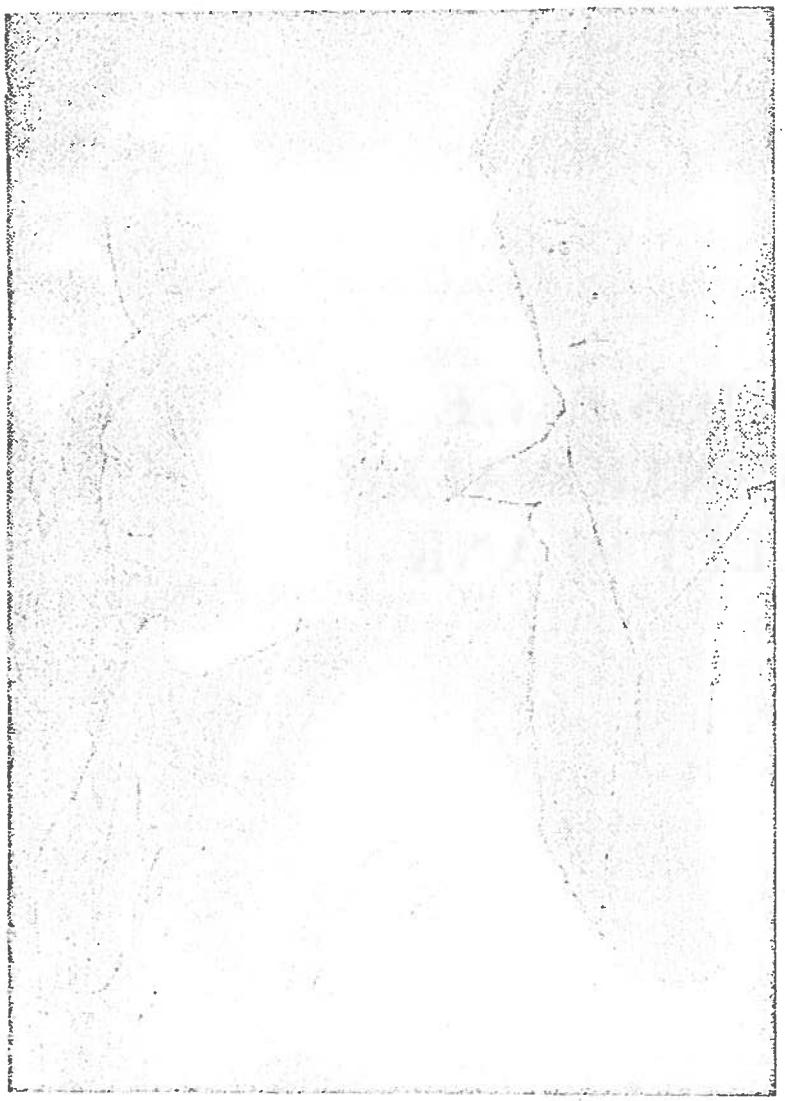
# Girl Who Broke Tate Case to Go Before Jurors Today



CHARGED WITH MURDER—Linda Kasabian, 20, who was returned here from New Hampshire, is escorted from court after she was arraigned on murder charges in the Sharon Tate slayings.
Times photo by Bruce Cox

## Will Tell Role in 7 Slayings, Attorney Says

BY DIAL TORGERSON
and RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writers

The tall, soft-spoken girl who gave police a major break in the Tate case is expected to testify voluntarily today before the County Grand Jury, which may indict her for multiple murder.

It was statements made to a jail cellmate by Susan Denise Atkins, 21, that confirmed a detective's suspicions that the five Tate murders were done by the same persons who slew a Los Feliz couple a day later.

A full-scale investigation, then arrests and today's grand jury inquiry followed.

Miss Atkins' attorney said she would waive rights against self-incrimination to tell the grand jury how she took part in the two crimes.

He said he is gambling that her voluntary testimony might save her from the gas chamber.

### Hypnotic Spell

The attorney, Richard Caballero, said Miss Atkins was temporarily insane at the time of the killings because she was acting under the hypnotic spell of Charles Manson, leader of a band of hate-oriented hippies.

"She will tell the grand jury exactly what happened in both the Tate and La Bianca houses," the attorney added.

Members of Manson's band are believed to have shot and stabbed Miss Tate and four others last Aug. 9 and stabbed Leno and Rosemary La Bianca the next night.

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# Girl Who Broke Tate Case to Testify Today

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Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi are expected to seek indictments against:

—Manson, 35, now in jail in Independence, Calif., on auto theft charges.

—Miss Atkins, now under indictment for a prior murder.

—Charles D. Watson, 24, now held at McKinney, Tex., on a fugitive warrant from Los Angeles.

—Patricia Krenwinkel, 21, under arrest in Mobile, Ala., and resisting extradition to Los Angeles.

### Girl, 20, Arraigned

—Linda Kasabian, 20, five months pregnant, who returned voluntarily from New Hampshire and was arraigned on murder charges Thursday in a Los Angeles court.

—Steve Grogan, 18, also known as Clem Tufts.

—Miss Leslie Sankston, about 20.

Warrants for the arrest of Miss Atkins, Watson and Miss Krenwinkel were issued to hold them pending the grand jury inquiry. Grogan and Miss Sankston have been identified as members of Manson's "Family" of wanderers.

Miss Atkins' testimony will be a key part of the case against all seven, including herself.

What if she balks at the last minute?

The prosecution still has this evidence, it was learned:

The testimony of a motorcycle gang leader named Daniel Thomas de Carlo, whose group once lived near where Manson's hippies had a commune; the testimony of other members of the Family now held as material witnesses; the fact Manson had knowledge of the Tate home; at least one fingerprint found at the Tate home and the fact that Miss Atkins told a cellmate facts known only to someone who had been at the scene.

### Car Theft Ring

Miss Atkins was picked up in Death Valley in early October when local officers arrested 26 members of the Manson Family as suspects in a dunebuggy car theft ring.

She had been implicated by a former member of the Family in the July murder of Gary Hinman in Topanga Canyon. It is now believed that Hinman was also killed at Manson's orders. She was brought here from Independence.

Police, meanwhile, had been investigating the Tate and La Bianca cases as separate crimes, despite startling similarities: hooded victims, messages written in blood, lack of motive, excessive brutality. Officers thought the La Bianca murders were the work of a "copy cat" after the Tate crime.

But Lt. Paul LePage, leader of the detectives on the La Bianca team, discovered evidence pointing to a link—and to Manson. The LAPD was investigating the Manson Family in early November.

In mid-November, at Sybil Brand Institute, Miss Atkins boasted of taking part in the Tate and La Bianca crimes to Shelly Joyce Nadell, 31, of North Hollywood, who was awaiting trial on a charge of having forged a drug prescription.

Miss Nadell told police what she had been told.

### Inquiry Ordered

A full-scale investigation was ordered. By then, only one lieutenant and five men were still working on the Tate murders. Two lieutenants and 16 men were immediately assigned to the case. On Nov. 25, Los Angeles officers took a half dozen prisoners from Independence into custody on subpoenas from the grand jury.

Several will testify today as the jury takes up the complex, interlocking crimes in which seven persons died.

Stovitz and Bugliosi are expected to seek an eight-count indictment—one of conspiracy and seven of murder.

Evidence will be presented that all seven conspired to commit murder.

In addition, it is understood, seven counts of murder each will be sought against Manson, Miss Atkins, Watson, Miss Krenwinkel and Mrs. Kasabian.

Only two counts of murder—for the deaths of the La Bianca couple—will be asked against both Grogan and Miss Sankston.

### Ex-DA Aide

Until 3½ years ago, Miss Atkins' attorney was a prosecutor who had obtained a total of five death penalties from juries during eight years in the district attorney's office.

Caballero, 39, was appointed by a court to defend Miss Atkins. It was his experience in death-penalty cases which prompted him to suggest that she testify before the grand jury. He said he wanted to put her role in the slayings in its proper perspective:

"I feel that by taking this approach and having her present her story now, it will help show her state of mind to the grand jury—and especially to the prosecution in its later determination of whether to seek the death penalty."

He said if she told the story of Manson's sway over her at a trial, later, it might be open to the suggestion that it was fabricated.

Seeking the indictments will be two of Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger's toughest prosecutors.

Stovitz, 45, a deputy district attorney for 18 years, has vast trial experience and is known for his cross-examination techniques.

### Students' Trial

Bugliosi, 35, just finished obtaining the conviction of a number of San Fernando Valley State College students for last year of two campus buildings.

Among those expected to be called before the grand jury will be Terry Melcher, son of actress Doris Day.

He is expected to testify that Manson knew the location of the secluded Tate estate in Benedict Canyon at 10050 Cielo Drive because he was acquainted with Melcher when the latter rented the house.

That was before Miss Tate and producer Roman Polanski rented the $200,000 home last February.

Polanski was in Europe at the time of the murders. Victims of the killings were Miss Tate; hairstylist Jay Sebring; Polish playboy Wojciech (Voityck) Frykowski; coffee heiress Abigail Folger and Steven Parent.

Much of the testimony is expected to dwell on Manson's part in the cases.

He was reportedly not present when any of the murders took place. But, the investigation revealed, he ordered the bloody executions, and:

—In the case of the Tate murders, supplied the .22-caliber revolver and bayonets used in the killing.

—Was actually the first to enter the La Bianca home and personally bound the victims at gunpoint—and then left while others stayed behind to kill the couple with their own kitchen utensils.

Miss Atkins reportedly told Mrs. Nadell that the victims were marked for death by Manson, who believed the killings would release the souls of the victims, who would become his slaves. His hatred was particularly directed at the affluent, she said.

The grand jury is expected to continue its investigation on Monday, and at that time will presumably return indictments.

Special security measures in the Hall of Justice were ordered by Superior Judge William B. Keene. Neither the prosecutors nor Caballero said they had requested them.

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DEATH VALLEY HANGOUT

# Ex-Followers of Manson Tell Bizarre Tale of 'Black Magic'

BY CHARLES T. POWERS
Times Staff Writer

SHOSHONE, Calif.—The three men formed an odd partnership.

First there was Paul Crockett, a weathered, 50-year-old itinerant handyman-miner.

Then there was a young guitar player, Paul Watkins, 19, short, dark-haired and easygoing; and his friend, Brooks Poston, 21, a tall blond youth, whose blue eyes betray a certain tenseness.

They met in the desert near this town at the south end of Death Valley, at a place called the Barker Ranch in the company of a man called Charlie—Charles Miller Manson, later to become known as the strange power behind the Sharon Tate murders.

And before foreign journalists began bidding against each other for the men's story—thus alerting them to the fact that it might have cash value—the trio sketched a bizarre tale of sex, black magic and rumors of murder.

Watkins and Poston said they first met Manson about two years ago—"right after Charlie got out of prison"—in the Haight-Ashbury section of San Francisco, when the hippie movement was in full flower.

Both followed Manson to the Los Angeles area, where they settled at the old Spahn Movie Ranch near Chatsworth.

Later, the hippie band—still led by Manson—migrated to the Death Valley area.

There, Paul Crockett entered the picture.

He and the younger men told a story of a twisted life with Charles Manson.

They spoke often with amazement, as if the experiences still remained unreal.

"The whole thing," Watkins said, "was held together by black magic. You don't believe it? Well, it really exists, and it is powerful. We could show you."

And the high priest of the cult was Charles Manson.

"He believes," Poston said, "that he—and all human beings—are God and the devil at the same time. He believes all human beings are all part of each other."

"You see what that means," Crockett interrupted. "It means that human life has no value. If you kill a human being, you are just killing a part of yourself. So it's all right."

The others nodded agreement.

### No Killing of Snakes

"But you couldn't kill an animal," Crockett continued. "Not a bug, not a snake, nothing. There were snakes all over the desert. They got in the cabin and everywhere. But you could never kill one. They picked up snakes in the house and carried them outside and turned them loose."

"That's right," Poston said. "I saw them carry a footlong sidewinder out of the cabin one day."

"And you couldn't eat meat," Watkins said, "because you were killing an animal. It was crazy."



THEY MET MANSON—Paul Watkins, 19, left, and Brooks Poston, 21, telling newsmen in Shoshone of life with Charles Miller Manson, some of whose clan members are held in the Tate case.

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To this day, two girls who were members of the Manson "family" will not eat meat.

The three men indicated that Manson, over a period of time, developed virtual hypnotic power over his tribe, particularly the women. In fact, the two girls, when asked to describe Manson, invariably mention Manson's "motions," describing them as slow, deliberate and moody.

Crockett said that as a long-time "student of human nature," he carefully watched Manson while he lived with the group in the desert.

"This sort of power takes a long time to work an effect," he said. "Motions are tied to emotions. Certain motions create certain responses if you know how to use them."

Manson's talent as a musician and a songwriter magnified his hypnotic hold on the group, the men said.

Manson claims to be the author of a song, "Cease to Resist," which was recorded by a rock group, The Beach Boys.

"No one knows," Poston said, "that the words and the title of the song were changed. The way Charlie wrote it, the song was called 'Cease to Exist.'"

Poston also quoted a fragment of another Manson song:

"There is no good, there is no bad/ There is no crime, there is no sin."

That lyric, the three men suggested, embodies the philosophy Manson tried to instill in his followers.

### Women the Key to All

Manson, according to Poston and Watkins, developed a prodigious reputation as a lover.

"The women around the place were always his property," Watkins said.

"You were always welcome to share them," Poston said. "But then you became his property, too."

"Yeah," Watkins said. "He needed to have some men around.There was a limit to what any man can do. But then, you see, the women held power over the other men."

"That way," Crockett said, "the women were the key to everything."

Although the commune's vegetarian diet required little money, funds were needed for such necessities as gasoline for the cars.

When those needs arose, Manson sent the girls in the group out to panhandle.

"They could beg more in two hours," Crockett said, "than you and I could earn working in a week."

Manson never used the girls as prostitutes, Watkins said. "They were so good at panhandling, they didn't have to hustle," he explained.

Watkins and Poston said that months passed before they fully understood what Manson was doing to their lives and the others around and then it was only because Crockett warned them that the state of affairs in the desert commune pointed to disaster.

Watkins finally left the group in May. Poston left in mid-October, shortly before the police raid that resulted in Manson's arrest.

### They Remained Silent

Only Watkins would say without hesitation that he knew Manson was involved in stealing cars.

When asked if they had knowledge of more serious crimes, they became reluctant to talk.

"We can't comment on that right now," Poston said. "It is still dangerous, and police still want this stuff. We could get in a lot of trouble if we don't watch what we say."

Each of the men still recalls with affection a lanky, fortyish man called "Shorty," a sometime movie stuntman, who lived with them for a while on the desert.

It is rumored that while there he met a violent, bloody death. Did they know anything about it?

As one they replied:

"No comment."

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FROM ATHLETE TO MURDER SUSPECT

# Friends Ask--What Changed Charles Watson?

BY DAVID LARSEN
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When Charles Denton Watson returned home to Texas in October, people commented on how different he was.

His hair was so long. His mouth hung open. He seemed so detached.

What had happened to the crew-cut boy they all remembered as a star on the Farmersville football team, the cheerful lad who had been voted most versatile student at the school six years ago?

And why, they ask now, is the 24-year-old Watson accused of being involved in the Sharon Tate murders?

Charles Watson was the last of three children born to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Watson, who operate a service station and general store in Copeville, a town of about 150 residents 25 miles northeast of Dallas.

The Watsons, a devout couple, were proud of their youngest son. The neighbors talked about what a good boy he was. At high school he never made a grade below "B".

The 6-foot-2 youth excelled in athletics. He was a halfback on the football team, and was named all-district during his junior and senior years. He played on the baseball team. In track, he set a record in high hurdles that still stands at Class A high schools in Texas.

He participated in school activities. One of his functions was sports editor of the yearbook.

Upon graduation he enrolled at North Texas State University in Denton, where he majored in business management. He was a "C" student there.

During that period, he had one mild brush with the law. He was picked up on suspicion of stealing typewriters from his former high school, but the grand jury dropped the matter.

After three years at the university, Watson became restless. When school let out in the spring of 1967, he moved to California.

Watson enrolled at Cal State L.A. as a major in business administration, and moved into an apartment at 2365 Glendale Blvd.

Jay Scott remembers the first time he met Watson in Los Angeles. Scott was accompanied at the time by a girl of Watson's age. "Charles stood up when he met her and called her 'ma'am.'"

Watson's years in Los Angeles were recalled by Scott during an interview on the Baxter Ward News on KHJ-TV.

"Charles had a warm and very outgoing personality," said his friend. "When he came here he had a good job. He was making good money. He had at least a thousand dollars worth of new clothes."

Watson lasted only one quarter at Cal State L.A. His life was changing.

"He met people who were involved in the drug scene," Scott recalled.

Scott lost track of his friend for about five months. The next time he met him, something had happened, he said.

"He had hair down to here, and there had been a definite change," Scott continued.

"This nice guy who came out here became someone else, a completely different personality. He was almost incoherent at times. He had very little communication with anyone he previously knew or anyone, I guess, in the so-called straight world."

Friends said Watson spent a lot of time with some type of guru. He talked about him constantly. He also began associating with a rock singing group.

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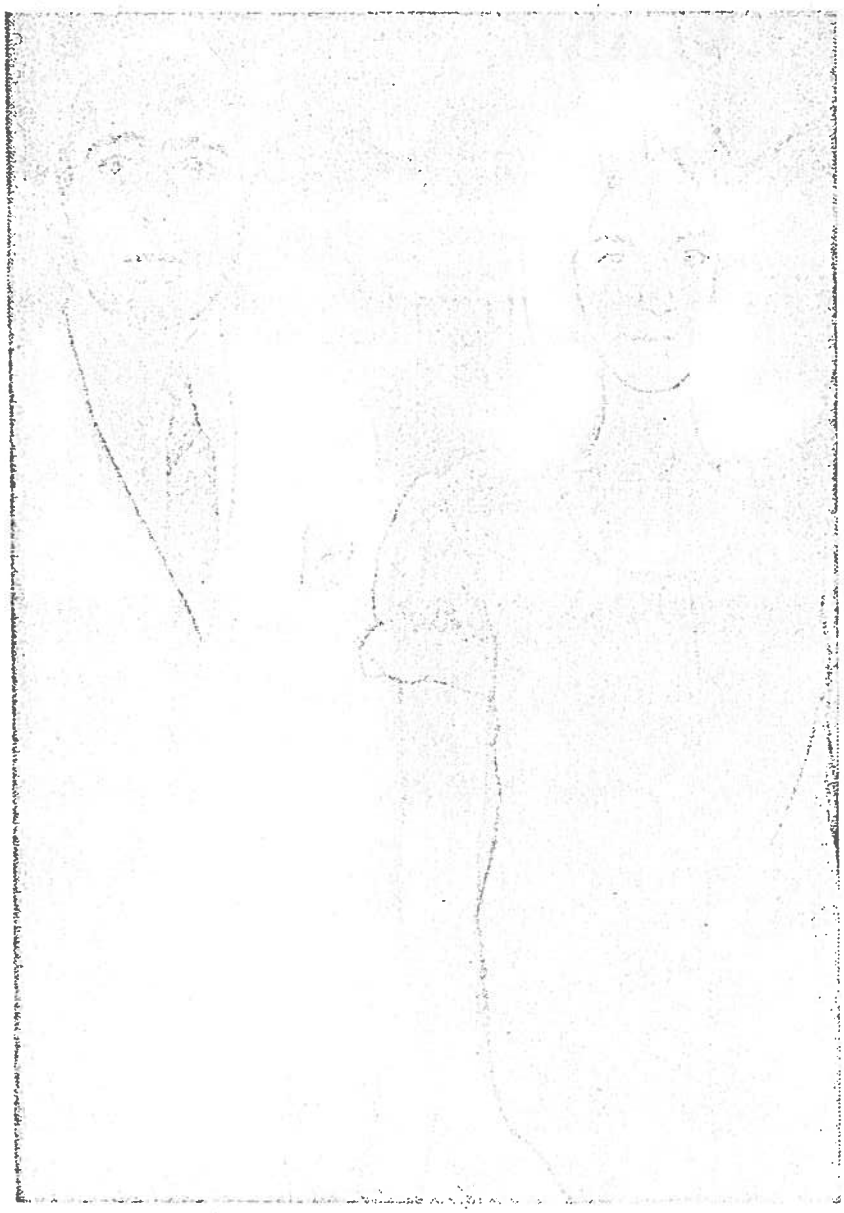
LOS ANGELES TIMES - DECEMBER 6, 1969

# Two-Night Orgy of Murder Told to Jury by Tate Suspect

## Girl Describes Roles Played by Cult Members



STAR WITNESS—Susan Denise Atkins, who told grand jury her story of the five murders at Tate-Polanski estate, walks down corridor in Hall of Justice with her attorney, Richard Caballero.
Times photo by R. L. Oliver

BY JERRY COHEN
and RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writers

A composed young woman Friday reportedly described the roles she said were played by each suspect during the two-night murder orgy last August that claimed the lives of actress Sharon Tate and six others.

Susan Atkins, 21, demure in a rose-colored velveteen dress with puff sleeves and short skirt, was questioned for two-and-a-half hours before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury by Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi.

Miss Atkins reportedly told substantially the same story she related previously through a variety of sources, a story that up to now has been kept secret because, it is understood, she was unaware that hers was the key evidence against some of the other suspects.

Among other things, she has said that the leader of a hippie band believed responsible for the slayings, Charles Manson, reproved his followers for the "messiness" of the Tate slaughter, at which he was not present.

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### Accompanies Six Others

Manson accompanied six other suspects in the killings to the Los Feliz home of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca the next night to show them "how to do a clean job," Miss Atkins has said.

Her reconstruction of the Aug. 9 and 10 killings has been along these lines:

She, Charles Watson, 24, Patricia Krenwinkel, 21, and Linda Kasabian, 20, went to the Tate estate late the night of Aug. 8, upon Manson's instructions. She said Manson ordered them to kill everyone in the house and steal what money they could find.

The four, all clad in black, climbed an iron-stake fence at the estate entrance after Watson cut telephone and electric lines leading to the mansion rented by Miss Tate and her director-husband Roman Polanski, Miss Atkins said.

The intruders encountered Steven Parent, 18, of El Monte, as he entered his car after visiting the estate's young caretaker.

### Armed With Single Gun

Miss Atkins said Watson shot and killed Parent with the only gun with which the foursome was armed, a .22-caliber pistol. The young women carried knives or bayonets.

Her story went on:

Watson climbed through a window and unlocked the front door, and Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Atkins entered the mansion. Mrs. Kasabian remained outside, and never did enter the residence.

Wojciech (Voityck) Frykowski, 37, asleep on a couch, awakened. "Who are you?" he asked.

"I'm the devil. I'm here to kill," Watson replied. Frykowski was overpowered and bound.

Watson ordered the bedrooms examined. In one, Miss Tate was in bed and hair stylist Jay Sebring, 35, the actress' former boyfriend, was sitting on the bed.

In another bedroom, coffee heiress Abigail Folger, 26, was reading in bed.

At knifepoint, Miss Atkins said, the three were forced from the bedrooms into the living room.

Sebring, Miss Tate and Miss Folger were tied together with a rope later found draped over a beam and around the actress' and hair stylist's heads when the murders were discovered.

Watson told all four victims they were going to die, Miss Atkins said, and, when Sebring screamed, Wilson shot him. Sebring later was stabbed

### Found on Lawn

Upon Watson's orders, Miss Atkins said, she slashed with a knife at Frykowski, who was loosening his bonds. Frykowski ran toward the front door, where Watson hit him on the head with the gun, then shot and stabbed him, Miss Atkins said. Frykowski's body was found on the front lawn later.

Miss Folger also loosened her bonds, struggled with Miss Krenwinkel and was stabbed, according to Miss Atkins.

Watson told Miss Atkins to kill Miss Tate, but Miss Atkins refused, she said. She did, however, hold the actress while Watson stabbed her, Miss Atkins admitted.

Watson, Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Atkins ran out the front door.

Watson stabbed Miss Folger, who had staggered onto the lawn, and then he kicked Frykowski already dead or dying, in the head, Miss Atkins said.

Watson ordered her, she added, to write an insulting message in blood on the front door with a towel on which the raiders had wiped their hands.

### Chooses 'Pig'

She chose "Pig"—a variation of a legend left behind at the scene of an earlier Topanga Canyon murder also attributed to the Manson "Family."

The three rejoined Mrs. Kasabian and returned to the hippie cult's encampment at the time, the Spahn Ranch in Chatsworth, taking with them a small amount of cash from the mansion.

Manson, Miss Atkins said, admonished them for their sloppiness, and agreed to accompany them the next night on a murderous foray designed to prevent the band from losing its "nerve."

Seven left the Spahn Ranch in a single car for Los Angeles: Manson, who refers to himself variously as "Jesus," "God" and "Satan"; Watson, Miss Atkins, Miss Krenwinkel, Mrs. Kasabian, Miss Leslie Sankston, about 20, and Steve Grogan, 23.

### Third Choice

Grogan, also known as Clem, Garth or Gary Tufts, was arrested in October, sleeping alongside a sawed-off shotgun, when Manson and his clan were seized on auto theft charges at their Death Valley commune.

Miss Sankston, one of the many other young women under Manson's spell, was also arrested in October and returned here from Inyo County last week as a material witness in the Tate and La Bianca murders.

The La Bianca residence was a third choice of the raiders on Aug. 10.

The raiders' car stopped outside a home in another neighborhood, Manson looked in the window and saw pictures of children on a table. He did not want to take victims in a residence occupied by children, Miss Atkins said.

She said she was sleeping when the car stopped at a second house and claimed she did not know why Manson avoided it.

### Enters Alone

Her story went on:

Outside the La Bianca home, Miss Atkins, Mrs. Kasabian, Grogan, Watson, Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Sankston remained in the car, while Manson entered alone and at gunpoint confronted and then tied the couple.

Manson then emerged from the home and sent Watson, Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Sankston in to kill and rob them, she said.

Because only the three Miss Atkins places in the La Bianca home can say, it is not known what roles each played in the murders there.

However, Miss Atkins said she was told that Miss Krenwinkel stabbed La Bianca with a carving fork and left it in his stomach.

### Credit Cards

Watson returned to the car with a wallet containing credit cards and handed it to Manson, Miss Atkins said; then the car drove away, leaving behind Watson, Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Sankston.

Ranch, according to Miss Atkins.

Miss Atkins currently is awaiting trial for the Topanga Canyon murder last July of musician Gary Hinman, 34, with whom Manson and members of his occult clan once resided.

A witness in the trial last week of a codefendant, Robert Beausoleil, which resulted in a hung jury, testified then that Manson not only had directed that murder but, before it was committed, slashed the victim's ear with a sword, then left before Hinman was stabbed to death.

The witness said Manson had sent Beausoleil and others of his clan to the Hinman home to force the musician to turn over $20,000 he was thought to have.

According to the testimony of the witness, Daniel deCarlo, Beausoleil "tortured" Hinman for six or seven hours, then telephoned Manson, who had left by that time, and said: "Gary isn't cooperating."

"You know what to do," deCarlo said Manson replied. Then, deCarlo said, Beausoliel killed Hinman.

Although an informant claims Miss Atkins originally identified Manson as one of the Tate killers, investigators tend to believe a later version of the Benedict Canyon slaughter that indicates Manson merely directed the murder orgy.

They reportedly reason that since the young woman, who uses the alias Sadie Glutz, placed Manson at the scene of both the Hinman and La Bianca killings, she would have no reason to shield him in the Tate murders.

### Eight Counts

Prosecutors Stovitz and Bugliosi said they are seeking an eight-count indictment, one of conspiracy and seven of murder.

It is believed that Manson, Miss Atkins, Watson, Miss Krenwinkel and Mrs. Kasabian are their targets on all eight counts, and Grogan and Miss Sankston only on conspiracy and two murder counts relating to the La Biancas.

The first witness at Friday's 4½-hour closed-door grand jury session

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reportedly delivered by Manson.

Caballero reportedly testified that he had simply advised her that by telling her story to jurors she was waiving immunity to indictment herself.

When she emerged from the grand jury hearing room, Miss Atkins was asked by a reporter, "How do you feel now that you have gotten it all off your chest?"

"Dead," she replied tersely.

Another newsman asked how she had been treated by authorities, and she answered: "The same as other inmates have been treated."

Then Caballero reminded reporters that the grand jury had enjoined her and all other participants in the secret session from talking about the cases.

He said his client had cooperated fully with jurors, telling them "whatever they asked her about."

Bugliosi said that during Miss Atkins' appearance before jurors she was "somewhat nervous but no more than the average witness," composed but dry-eyed.

### Knew Layout

Beside Miss Atkins, six other witnesses testified at Friday's secret jury session, including Terrence Melcher, son of actress Doris Day.

Melcher had been a previous tenant at the Benedict Canyon estate. It was believed he testified that he was acquainted with Manson, and, thus, the cult leader had become familiar with the layout of the grounds and knew persons of affluence lived there.

Miss Winifred Chapman, the maid who found the bodies at the estate, was another witness, as was Wilfred Parent, father of the slain 18-year-old El Monte youth.

Both presumably were called by Stovitz and Bugliosi to establish the identity of the victims.

The grand jury session will resume Monday, with 15 of 22 persons whose names appear on a witness list scheduled to testify. However, it is believed some will be dismissed and some members of the Manson Family substituted.

Miss Atkins, a shapely brownette with shoulder-length hair, was returned to Sybil Brand Institute for Women after her testimony.

Caballero disclosed his wife had picked out the dress his client had worn at the hearing, that he had purchased it and that Miss Atkins had expressed her pleasure over it when he gave it to her Thursday night.

## Previous Arrests of Manson and Girl Told

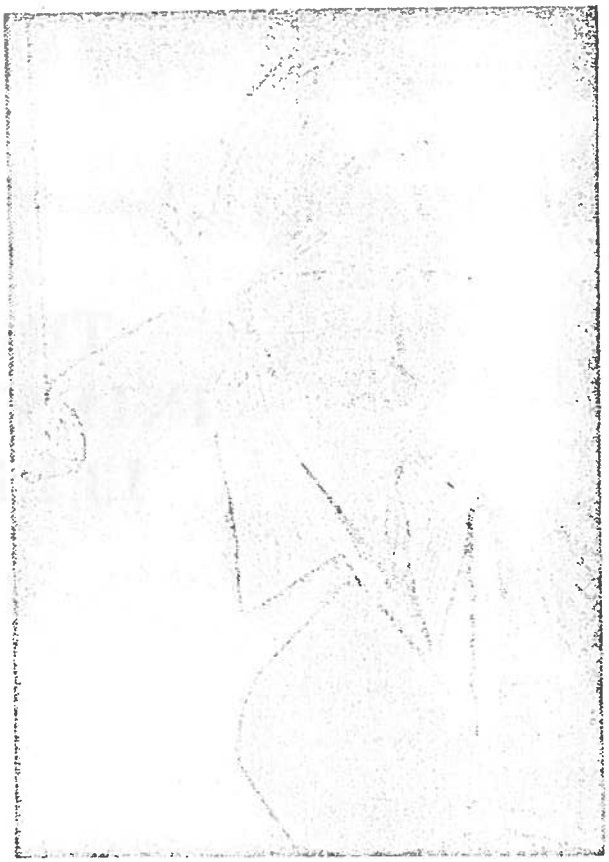
UKIAH (UPI)—Charles Manson, leader of a hippie group suspected of ritual killings, was arrested in Mendocino County in 1967 for interfering with a deputy who was apprehending a 14-year-old runaway girl.

Records show that Manson, 35, received a 30-day suspended sentence on the charge.

Susan Atkins, a member of Manson's following, was also arrested in Mendocino County June 22, 1968. She was one of six persons seized in a narcotics raid on a house near Booneville.

## Time Limit Set on Extradition of Girl

MOBILE, Ala. (UPI)—California authorities were given 14 days Friday to begin extradition proceedings against Patricia Krenwinkel, a suspect in the Sharon Tate murder case.



**ENTERS CASE** — Terry Melcher, identified as an acquaintance of alleged leader of murderous band, arrives at grand jury hearing room. Melcher, son of actress Doris Day, once lived at Tate estate.
**Times photo by Bruce Cox**

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KILL WHITES, PUT BLAME ON BLACKS

# Manson Wanted a Racial War, Friends Say

BY ERIC MALNIC
Times Staff Writer

Charles Manson talked of triggering a war between blacks and whites by killing whites—including white police—and making it appear that blacks were responsible.

Friends recalled:

"He said he was building a bunch of dune buggies. He said he was going to mount machine guns on them."

"He said he'd take his army of dune buggies and kill every white mother—every white pig—between here and the desert."

"Then he was going to make an exodus—take his people to a big hole up in Death Valley and hide there. From there he could just sit back and watch the revolution."

"You see, he hated the establishment. It wasn't that he felt it owed him anything. He just didn't belong."

"He had strong antiblack feelings, too. They came from those years he spent in the penitentiary, I think. But he didn't talk about it much. It was just one of those feelings you get."

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The people who quoted Manson are hippies—members of a Topanga Canyon community frequented by Manson before he led his group into the desert.

These hippies pride themselves on their reputation for mutual love and peacefulness and they curse Manson for the notoriety he has brought the "long-haired people." But they also respect him.

"He simply overpowered you," said a slight, nervous teen-age youth who frequents a dilapidated restaurant that is a social center for Topanga Canyon hippies.

"It was the way he looked at you. His eyes did strange things. When Charlie talked, people listened. Some people listened too close, I guess."

One of those who listened closely was Susan Denise Atkins, 21, a member of Manson's band. She reportedly has told the County Grand Jury she took part in the Tate and La Bianca murders while under a hypnotic spell cast by Manson.

The youth said Miss Atkins—who then used the name, Sadie Glutz—praised Manson constantly to anyone who would listen and spent much of her time attempting to recruit new members into the cult.

"Sadie said the only way to join was to agree to give up your life for all the members of the group," the youth said.

"She handed me an ax and put her head down.

" 'Go ahead and kill me,' she said. That kind of shook me up."

Noting that Manson was most successful in attracting girls to his flock, the youth said:

"Word had it he was one hell of a good lover, and that was part of it, I guess. But it was those eyes, too, and that heavy line he put on them. He was a real powerful man."

Michael Crow, 24, another restaurant habitue, said he and Manson never got along well because Crow "wouldn't go on Manson's trip."

"But he was real heavy," Crow said. "He could do just about anything he wanted to.

"He said only the most down, the most wasted come to him and he makes them what they are. He changed a lot of people. And he did it without drugs, too. He did it with his head."

Manson changed too, depending on the situation and what he was seeking, according to a 30-year-old author who lives in the hippie community:

"I first met him about three years ago when he came down here in his bus," the author said. "He was the only cat I'd ever seen with a harem. He had total control over them. They did what he told them."

At that time, the hippies said Manson affected rather long hair and hippie garb.

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His musical talents led to his acquaintance with some of the more successful members of the teen-oriented music world. The Beach Boys group reportedly befriended him, inviting him into their homes. So did Gary Hinman, a musician who was later found stabbed to death in circumstances much like those in the Tate and La Bianca murders.

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"First it was guns, then he took to carrying a knife. For the first time he seemed interested in violence.

"Once he pulled a knife real fast on me, then handed it to me with a smile. Just to shake me up.

"He picked up the revolution thing about eight months ago. He hoped to cause some all-out confrontation between the police and blacks. Blacks and whites."

Manson never discussed his entire plan for fomenting a black-white war with any one person at the restaurant. But each had heard part of the plan, and together they pieced it together.

"I think his talk about the machine guns and dune buggies and starting a revolution was dead serious," said one young man. "If what they say he did was true, maybe that was all part of it."

Others agreed.

A few months after the talk of revolution began—and a few weeks after the lethal raids blamed on his cult—Manson changed his style again. The group moved out to the desert, and back came the hair, longer than ever. When he was arrested, Manson looked like a typical hippie.

"But he was never really one of us," the author said.

"We're against guns, against killing.

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The father agreed to talk to newsmen only when promised anonymity for himself and other members of his family.

"I don't want the publicity. I just want to tell somebody how it is," he said.

"I should have been more firm, demanded more. I loved her and still do.

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The man said he had tried repeatedly for three years to have various courts keep his daughter "off the streets."

Susan's father has been a resident of this area for 17 years and said his daughter first became involved with drugs here.

"She should have been put away somewhere where help could be given, not turned back out on the streets to go through it all again," he said.

"My gripe is not with the police but with the way they have been restricted by the courts and the way they always want to give these kids a second chance.

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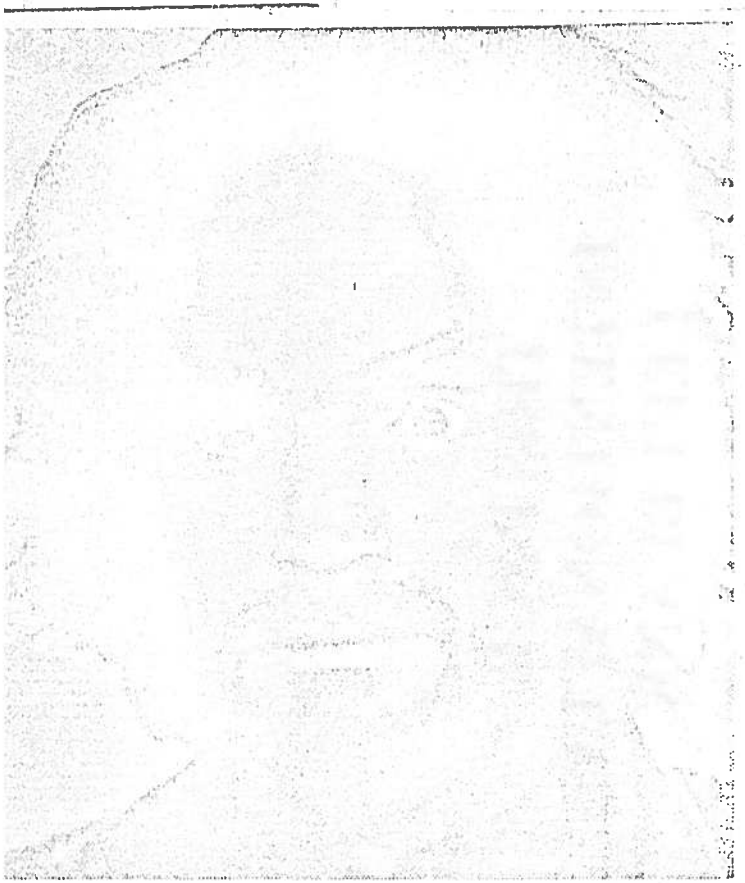

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At McNeil Island Prison in Washington, Manson—who had obtained the equivalent of only a seventh grade education in his reformatory days—began to experiment with the occult, exploring offbeat religions.

He developed an interest in Scientology, a mystical pseudo-scientific philosophy.

He also found he had a natural bent for musicianship. He took prison courses in music, learned to play the guitar, discovered he had a pleasant voice and even began to write songs.

Mysticism and music became his dominant interests, and he would use them to influence others when he was free once more.

That was in late March, 1967, when he was conditionally paroled from Terminal Island, where he last served time.

When he came out of prison, said an acquaintance, "a whole new world opened up to him"—that of the hippie.

### Lived in Berkeley

He headed for the Bay Area, at that time still the hippie's promised land.

He took up with a young woman from Wisconsin, and lived for a time in Berkeley. He described himself variously as "a roving minstrel" and "a walking musician."

He and the young woman moved into a hillside hippie pad in Haight-Ashbury, and he began to collect followers—mostly other young women.

The Wisconsin girl described their aerie as "a luxurious hobo castle" with "Arabian tapestries on the walls" and "goatskin rugs" on the floor. The yard, she said, was "full of dancing trees and smiling clover."

There, in "our elevated and elegant flophouse," she said, occupants whiled away hours "playing our plays, singing and beating our drums."

### '3,000 Friends'

She and the others marveled at Manson's musicianship, the "spontaneity" of it.

How they paid their rent or obtained their food only they could have told. But Manson boasted that he was not interested in money because he had "3,000 friends who will help me."

One gave him a piano, which he traded for a camper which he in turned used to obtain a converted school bus. In this, he and the clan of young women who had become subservient to him headed south in May, 1968. He planned to seek fame as a musician and songwriter here.

The young Wisconsin woman gave birth to a baby during the 10-day trip to Los Angeles. It was presumed to be Manson's child.

In Oxnard, the nomads camped and ran afoul of the law when some of the young women were discovered sleeping in the nude. They were detained only briefly, however, and continued their journey to Los Angeles.

Here, Manson struck up a friendship with a musician, Gary Hinman, 34. He was slain a year later, victimized, it is believed, by some of the Manson cultists.

Manson and several of his followers moved into Hinman's Topanga Canyon home. Manson described it as a "pig farm," meaning a refuge for hippies.

Not long after, Manson met Dennis Wilson, leader of the Beach Boys, a popular musical group, and ingratiated himself.

Wilson thought he sensed a talent in Manson, and wanted to help him.

He permitted Manson to move into his opulent home at 14400 Sunset Blvd. in the Pacific Palisades, along with Manson's bewitched followers.

Wilson reportedly took Manson along with him to cocktail parties in celebrities' homes, and Manson confided to a friend: "Imagine me, hobnobbing with movie stars."

had contracted with the Beach Boys to buy two of his songs, one for $5,000 and with a record company for a $20,000 commitment.

He planned to accompany the Beach Boys to Texas in the spring of 1968 for two engagements there, but because of parole restrictions was unable to keep the date.

Instead, he contented himself with gathering his girls about him in the garden of the Wilson residence. They sat rapt, while he entertained them with his poetry and songs he wrote.

### Part of Guru

Brown-haired, brown-eyed and slight of build, he reveled in the adulation of the circle of young women around him.

He played the part of a guru, too, and made them believe he possessed a gift of prophecy.

But he also played on the fears of his compliant followers.

Sometimes he resorted to threats to bring stragglers into line when they developed doubts about his omnipotence.

Sometimes it was only the reminder that he was "Jesus" or "God" or "Satan."

On occasion, he found it necessary to threaten bodily harm.

"Follow my orders or meet a horrible death," he might say.

"His looks were deceiving," said an acquaintance. "When he talks, he comes on so friendly you never would perceive bitterness in him."

But by last winter, the bitterness, born so long ago in southern Ohio and nurtured in loneliness and confinement, were nearing explosion.

He gathered his growing number of followers around him and left the Wilson home, eventually to settle on the Spahn Ranch, a movie location site, in Chatsworth.

It was from that ranch that, police believe, the clan began launching its murderous raids sometime this year, possibly beginning with the slaying of Manson's benefactor Hinman in July.

What happened subsequently — the slaughters, the eerie motives and the

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# Grudge Against Doris Day's Son Linked to Tate Slayings

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Sharon Tate and four others died because of a hippie cult leader's grievance against Terry Melcher, Doris Day's son, according to a member of the occultist band.

Melcher, 27, was a former tenant at the Benedict Canyon home where five persons were murdered early Aug. 9, but he had moved from the home six months before.

Nevertheless, said Susan Denise Atkins, 21, the leader of the hippie "Family," Charles Miller Manson, ordered the slaughter of all in the home anyway, as a "symbol of protest."

Miss Atkins said of Manson:

"We belong to him, not to ourselves."

Her attorney said Miss Atkins, who is charged with murder, acted under Manson's hypnotic spell.

### Linked to Other Slayings

The Manson Family has been linked to the murders at the Tate home, the killing a day later of a grocery chain owner and his wife, and the slaying of a Topanga Canyon musician in July. Authorities say they may have been involved in three other deaths.

Richard Caballero, attorney for Miss Atkins, said that Manson sent Miss Atkins and others to the Tate home but may not have gone himself. Caballero told newsmen:

"Manson knew that Melcher no longer lived in the house, but he sent his people there because the home represented a symbol of rejection to him."

He said Manson, a musician and songwriter, had held a grudge because Melcher had refused to help him make a recording. It was learned that Manson learned of the location of the secluded estate when he went there with Melcher and

### Grand Jury May Indict Others

Manson is now in custody in Inyo County. Two women and a man wanted by the district attorney's office are in custody in eastern states. A grand jury may indict others after an inquiry which begins Friday.

Among the latest developments in the complex investigation:

—A preliminary hearing is to be held today at Inyo County Courthouse for Manson. He is 35, slight, short, bearded, with shoulder length hair and dark, piercing eyes. He is charged with vehicle theft and receiving stolen property.

—At Concord, N.H., Linda Louise Kasabian, 20, was arrested Tuesday by state police, arraigned as a fugitive from justice, and said that she would waive extradition procedures to return to Los Angeles. Miss Kasabian, who is pregnant, arranged to meet officers who arrested her. She is charged with murder in the Tate case.

—At McKinney, Tex., Charles D. Watson, also under indictment for murder, celebrated his 24th birthday in a jail cell. His attorney said it might be "days, even weeks" before a decision is made on whether Watson will return to California voluntarily.

—In Mobile, Ala., where Patricia Krenwinkel, 21, was held on a similar charge, her attorneys described her as a "nervous, frightened and confused young woman," and said they would fight extradition. She was arrested by local officers at the nearby home of an aunt.

At the Hall of Justice in the Civic Center the district attorney's office began extradition procedures against the trio. The Criminal Complaints Committee of the County Grand Jury announced, meanwhile, that the Tate case would go to the jury on Friday.

At Santa Monica Superior Court, Miss Atkins held the wicket rail, looked down, acknowledged her name, and pleaded innocent to murder in another case.

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Caballero said that she probably ould testify voluntarily before the :and jury. He said police have :idence placing her at the scene of ıe Tate murders. But, he said, she ıld him she went there under an ısane, almost hypnotic influence 'om Manson.

"I was told to go," Caballero said ıe told him, "and I went."

She is now a well-groomed young 'oman with long, dark brown hair, ıd an air almost of serenity. She 'ent to court wearing a miniskirted 'hite polka dot dress. She was asked ot to talk of the case but, asked bout Manson, she said:

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Miss Atkins was ordered held for :rial Jan. 14 on charges she murdered Hinman.

She was one of 26 persons arrested with Manson in raids Oct. 10 and 12 on the Manson camp at a ranch in Death Valley, where National Park Service rangers said Manson's group cut stolen Volkswagens and jeeps down into dune buggies for resale.

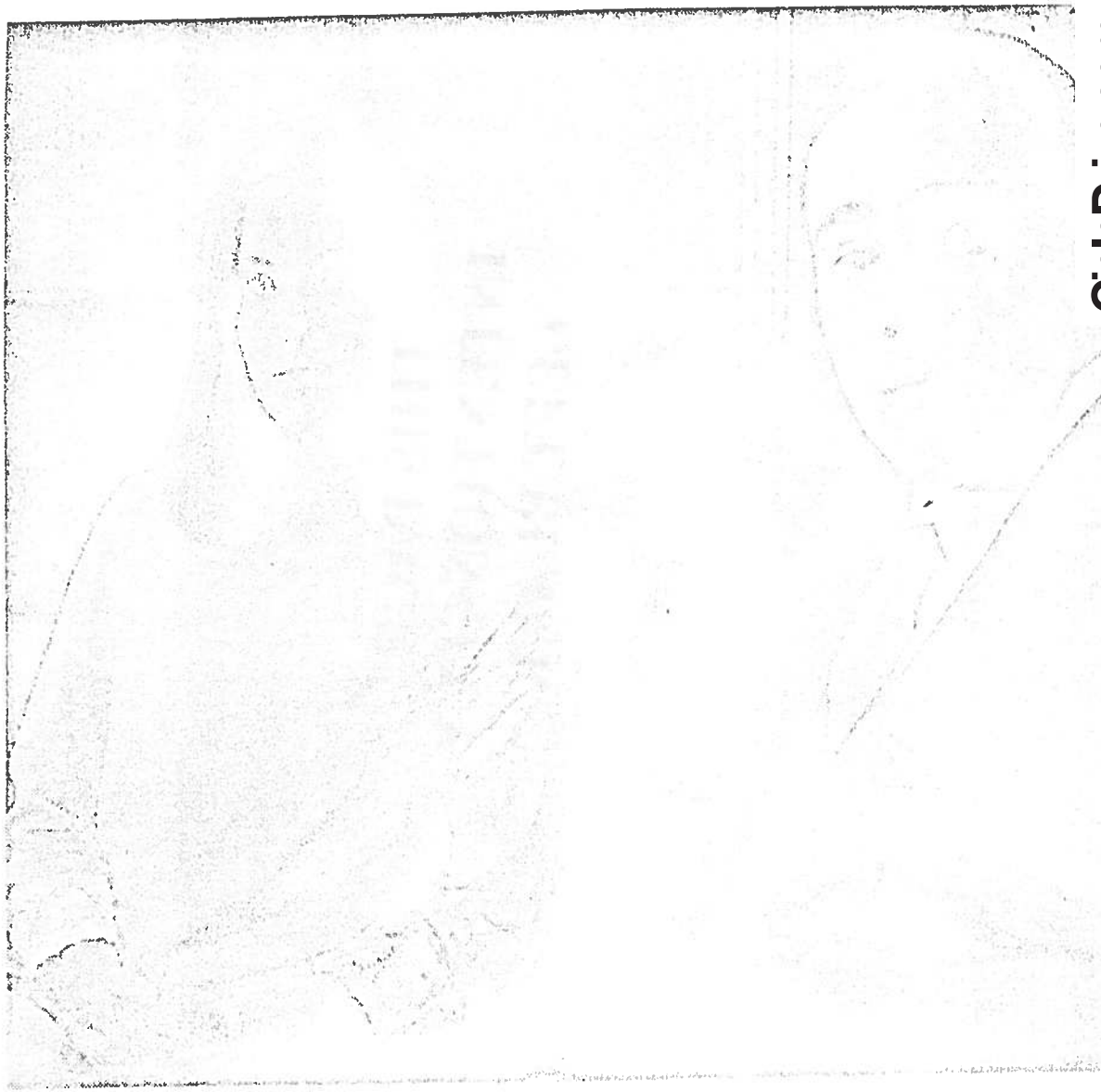
All the members of the group were originally booked in connection with the car theft ring. Then Miss Atkins was picked up as a suspect in the Hinman case and nine others were picked up as witnesses or for questioning in the Tate and La Bianca cases.

One of those arrested and later released was Christopher Jesus, 20, who, it was disclosed Tuesday, died Nov. 5, the victim of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Police denied a report that Miss Tate had visited a Chatsworth ranch where Manson's group lived before moving to Death Valley. Neither the Tate nor La Bianca victims had known the suspects prior to the murders, police said.

However, it was learned through Manson's extensive police and probation records that he had lived with Hinman in the spring of 1968 at the home in Topanga Canyon where Hinman was later found slain.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Aaron Stovitz said Tuesday that Miss Atkins will be asked to testify at Friday's grand jury session.



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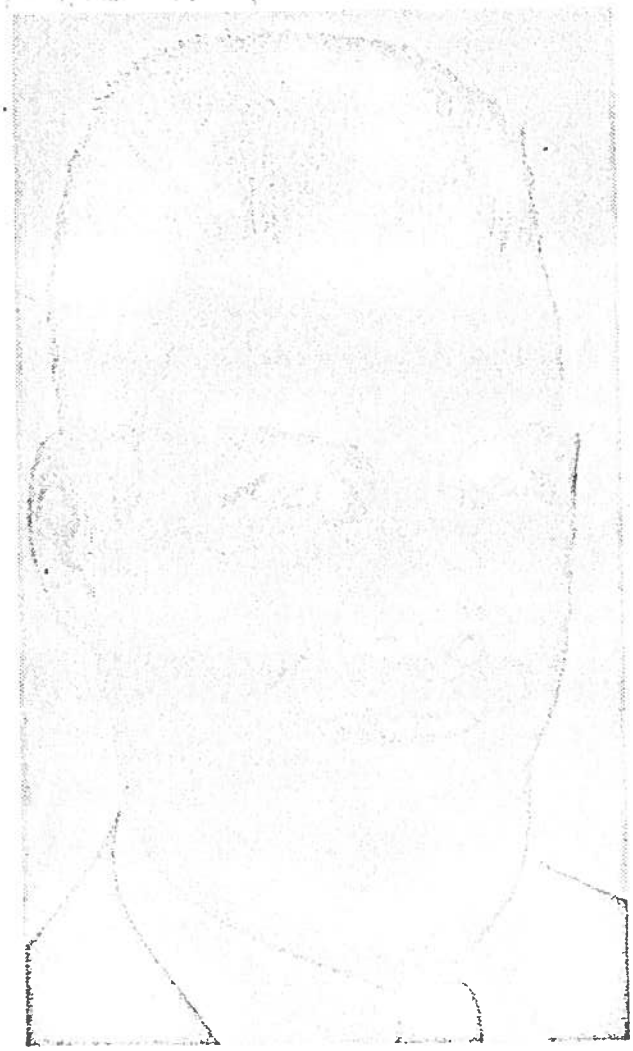

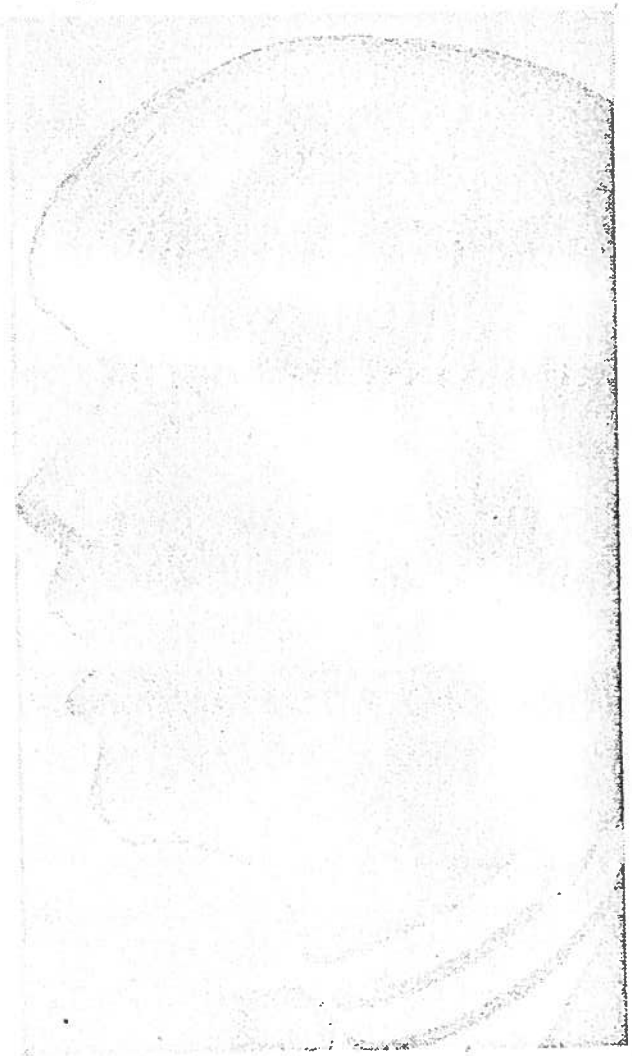

TWO VIEWS—Charles D. Watson in photo from Farmersville, Tex., high school yearbook of 1964 and in a police photo, right, released here Monday. He is one of those accused in the Tate case.
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He developed an interest in Scientology, a mystical pseudo-scientific philosophy.

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Mysticism and music became his dominant interests, and he would use them to influence others when he was free once more.

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The Wisconsin girl described their aerie as "a luxurious hobo castle" with "Arabian tapestries on the walls" and "goatskin rugs" on the floor. The yard, she said, was "full of dancing trees and smiling clover."

There, in "our elevated and elegant flophouse," she said, occupants whiled away hours "playing our plays, singing and beating our drums."

She and the others marveled at Manson's musicianship, the "spontaneity" of it.

How they paid their rent or obtained their food only they could have told. But Manson boasted that he was not interested in money because he had "3,000 friends who will help me."

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Manson and several of his followers moved into Hinman's Topanga Canyon home. Manson described it as a "pig farm," meaning a refuge for hippies.

Not long after, Manson met Dennis Wilson, leader of the Beach Boys, a popular musical group, and ingratiated himself.

Wilson thought he sensed a talent in Manson, and wanted to help him. move into his opulent home at 14400 Sunset Blvd. in the Pacific Palisades, along with Manson's bewitched followers.

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Instead, he contented himself with gathering his girls about him in the garden of the Wilson residence.

### Part of Guru

Brown-haired, brown-eyed and slight of build, he reveled in the adulation of the circle of young women around him.

He played the part of a guru, too, and made them believe he possessed a gift of prophecy.

But he also played on the fears of his compliant followers.

Sometimes he resorted to threats to bring stragglers into line when they developed doubts about his omnipotence.

Sometimes it was only the reminder that he was "Jesus" or "God" or "Satan."

On occasion, he found it necessary to threaten bodily harm.

"Follow my orders or meet a horrible death," he might say.

"His looks were deceiving," said an acquaintance. "When he talks, he comes on so friendly you never would perceive bitterness in him."

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## At Least Nine Held in Case; Band Also Linked to La Bianca Slayings

BY JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writer

Police believe they have solved the Sharon Tate murder case and that an occult band of hippies, directed by a leader who calls himself "Jesus," committed the five killings.

Members of the band—a mystical, hate oriented tribe of 20th century nomads—also are suspected of the La Bianca — or "copycat" — killings and at least four other comparably grotesque butcheries.

The suspects slew their victims, police believe, both to "punish" them for their affluent life style and to "liberate" them from it.

The killers invaded the Tate and La Bianca households, it is suspected, because they learned about the victims' affluence through friends or relatives of those slain.

Police have found no evidence of association between the suspects and the victims prior to the murders, it was reported Monday.

The cult leader, Charles Manson, 34, who also refers to himself as "God" and "Satan," is in custody, along with a man and two young women. A third young woman is being sought out-of-state, but her whereabouts is believed known.

At least five other women are being held in Sybil Brand Institute here as material witnesses.

### Consider Selves 'Slaves'

All are members of Manson's "family," as the tribe calls itself. They reportedly consider themselves his "slaves," willing to do his bidding without question.

Police got their break about two weeks ago when a young woman member of the outlaw hippie clan poured out to an informer an eerie story of mass murder and sadistic sexual gratification.

The young woman reportedly confided that the Tate and La Bianca killers were members of the cult which considered itself divinely guided and above the law.

She recounted details of the Tate murder scene which, in the judgment of police, only the killers could have known.

She supplied nicknames, aliases, first names and a few entire names which the informant passed along to detectives. These led officers to the last known stronghold of the nomadic tribe in Death Valley.

### 'Let Me Have My Baby'

Before Miss Tate was killed, the informant told police, she pleaded to be spared, saying: "Let me have my baby." She was 8½ months pregnant at the time.

At a press conference Monday, Police Chief Edward M. Davis released fragmentary details about what possibly has become the most celebrated murder investigation in California history.

He revealed that murder complaints had been issued for three of the suspects, none of them Manson, and said:

"It is anticipated that an additional four or five persons will be named in indictments which will be sought from the Los Angeles County Grand Jury."

However, it is known that police believe only five persons—two men and three young women—actively participated in the slaughter of Miss

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Charles D. Watson



Patricia Krenwinkel

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# Cult Blamed for Five Tate Murders

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Tate and four others at the actress' Benedict Canyon estate Aug. 9.

The second man, Charles D. Watson, alias Charles Montgomery, 24, is being held in McKinney, Tex., on an unrelated charge. But he was accused in the complaint filed here Monday by Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent Bugliosi with the slaying of 18-year-old Steven Parent.

The El Monte youth, who had been visiting the estate's caretaker, was shot to death in his car parked in the driveway of the secluded estate rented by Miss Tate and her director-husband Roman Polanski.

He is not believed to have been acquainted with Miss Tate or the other three victims—hairstylist Jay Sebring, Polish playboy Wojciech (Voityek) Frykowski and coffee heiress Abigail Folger.

The two young women charged with five counts of murder in complaints filed Monday by Bugliosi are Linda Kasabian, 19, and Patricia Krenwinkel, 21, both Los Angeles area residents.

Watson, a native of Texas, goes by the nickname of "Tex," and his cousin, Tom Montgomery, is sheriff of Collin County where he is being held.

The suspect, son of a grocer in nearby Copeville, Tex., was described by sheriff Montgomery as clean-shaven and wearing his hair short when arrested.

Miss Krenwinkel, also known as Mary Scott, Marnie Reeves and "Katie," and charged under the name Kernwinkel, was arrested in Mobile, Ala.

Miss Kasabian, still at liberty, is believed to have sought sanctuary in a convent in New Mexico.

No charges were filed in connection with the slayings of wealthy grocery executive Leno La Bianca and his wife Rosemary in their Silver Lake home the day after the Benedict Canyon massacre.

Formal charges in either case have yet to be filed against Manson, who is an ex-convict with a record dating back 18 years, or the third female suspect, Susan Denise Atkins, 21.

However, Manson is in custody, charged with arson and receiving stolen property, in the town of Independence, county seat of Inyo County, site of the "family's" most recent encampment.

Miss Atkins, also known as Sadie Glutz, is in custody here, accused of a murder related to both the Tate carnage and the La Bianca murders.

### Very Strange Cult

Police believe that, at the outside, the family numbers no more than 35, but investigators suspect that knowledge of the murders was widespread among members, all held in the thrall of their leader by a strange "spell."

The cult to which the suspects belong is an anomaly even in the off-beat hippie world, and beyond its members' proclivity for violence.

The men wear long hair, but the women crop theirs short, and they identify with no one but their own close group.

Those who have observed them, especially the young women, say their mien is almost ethereal, as if they were listening to voices they alone can hear.

When Miss Krenwinkel, an attractive brunette dressed in hippie garb —floppy hat, blue denims and a man's checked shirt two sizes too big—was arrested in Mobile she was riding in a car with a teen-age boy. He was not held.

When she saw police, officers said, she pulled the hat over her face.

Miss Krenwinkle had lived in and around Mobile most of her early life, according to police. Her mother lives in nearby Theodore, Ala., said Mobile officers, but her daughter was not living with her.

It is believed police have some, but not all, of the physical evidence to support circumstantial evidence obtained from informants.

In search of it, six homicide detectives and Dep. Dist. Atty. Bugliosi—armed with the young woman informant's tips—sped to the abandoned encampment near Death Valley the night of Nov. 19 with a search warrant.

Their objective was a converted school bus which the clan used as a mobile headquarters during their meanderings.

The searchers reportedly found no weapons, but confiscated clothing and other articles which they hope may yield evidence.

Most of the tribe, officers discovered, had been seized in mid-October at their encampment in barren Goler Wash, 20 miles northeast of Trona, in the Death Valley area, and booked as suspects in a ring specializing in the theft of dune buggies and expensive automobiles.

Many of the same hippies had been arrested two months earlier, or just a week after the Tate killings, for similar thefts during a raid on an isolated Chatsworth ranch, known as the Spahn Ranch, where they were living in an abandoned movie set.

It was from the Chatsworth ranch that police believe the suspects made murderous sorties into populated areas when the deities to which they paid homage so ordained.

### Connection With Religion

Asked if the clan was "any kind of religious organization," Chief Davis replied Monday: "It perhaps could have some religious connotation connected with it, depending on your frame of references."

Those familiar with the nomads say they practiced "a kind of witchcraft," and that part of their rites was associated with drug usage —marijuana and LSD, but not the "hard stuff," heroin and cocaine, used by some of the Tate-Polanski intimates.

After the Chatsworth raid, remnants of the tribe drifted to the Death Valley commune and were soon joined by others who had been freed on bail or had their charges dismissed.

At the time of the October raid on the Death Valley commune in the Panamint Range, officers found about 20 persons—men, young women and even a few small children —living in two primitive miners' cabins.

Deputies also found fortified observation posts, equipped with telescopes and walkie talkies.

Manson reportedly was manning one of the lookout stations when officers arrived.

The area, about 125 miles southeast of Independence, is virtually inaccessible except by four wheel drive vehicles.

Most of the young women arrested in October were nude or clad only in bikini bottoms at the time of the raid. Some of them, and the men, wore sheaths holding knives.

Officers confiscated guns there, as well as at the Chatsworth ranch.

### Complaints From Miners

Deputies said Death Valley miners had complained of being driven away from the encampment earlier by young people armed with knives.

Manson, slight and fierce-eyed, with shoulder length hair, was in jail as a result of the Death Valley raid at the time he came under suspicion in the Tate case.

Miss Atkins also was arrested in the Death Valley raid, then brought to Los Angeles County when evidence linked her to a Malibu area torture murder.

Gary Hinman, 34, a musician, was slain last July in his Topanga Canyon home. He had been stabbed numerous times. "Political Piggy"

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"Pig" was found written in blood at the Tate home when the murders were discovered there.

"Death to Pigs" was smeared in blood on the door of the refrigerator in the La Bianca home.

There has been speculation that the gruesome legends were an attempt to throw investigators off scent, to make it appear the slayings may have been the work of black militants, whom the Manson family is known to despise.

Death Valley residents said they had heard the Manson clan had retreated to the remote communes because they feared a black take-over in Los Angeles.

A codefendant with Miss Atkins in the Hinman case, Robert K. Beausoleil, 21, was tried last week, but an 8-4 vote for his conviction resulted in a hung jury and a mistrial. He was arrested in August, two days before the Tate murders, and his connection with Manson's hippie tribe is not known.

However, a second informant in the Tate case testified at Beausoleil's trial that the defendant had boasted in late July about killing the musician.

The second informant is Daniel Thomas deCarlo, 25, of Inglewood, now under heavy guard.

DeCarlo reported he knew of the hippie tribe's murderous excursions because he was the head of a motorcycle gang formerly headquartered in Death Valley near the Manson commune.

The motorcyclists reportedly were invited to join in the Tate murders, but deCarlo rejected the overture.

Miss Atkins was charged with the Hinman murder, as was Beausoleil, but she was not apprehended until long after the Tate slayings. Their cases were severed. She was arraigned only last Wednesday.

Police believe the killers entered the Tate residence just before midnight Aug. 8 and the murders occurred some time before 12:30 a.m. Aug. 9.

Parent was slain first, with a .22-caliber revolver, police said.

All four other victims died of stab wounds but Sebring and Frykowski also were shot with the same caliber revolver. Frykowski also was clubbed over the head with a heavy instrument.

It is understood police believe only one gun was used in the killings.

Davis credited "tenacious investigation carried on by robbery-homicide detectives" with forcing the break in the case.

The chief said the investigators "developed a suspicion which caused them to do a vigorous amount of work in this Spahn ranch area and the people connected with the Spahn ranch which led us to where we are today."

The ranch is one mile west of Topanga Canyon Road on Santa Susana Pass Road.

Davis said evidence in the Tate case obtained thus far will be presented to the County Grand Jury's criminal complaints committee this morning to support a request for a formal inquiry on Dec. 9.

The district attorney's office has assigned three deputies to assist detectives "to make certain all legal requirements are complied with," Davis added. He said the three, J. Miller Leavy, Aaron Stovitz and Bugliosi, "will carry the case to its conclusion."

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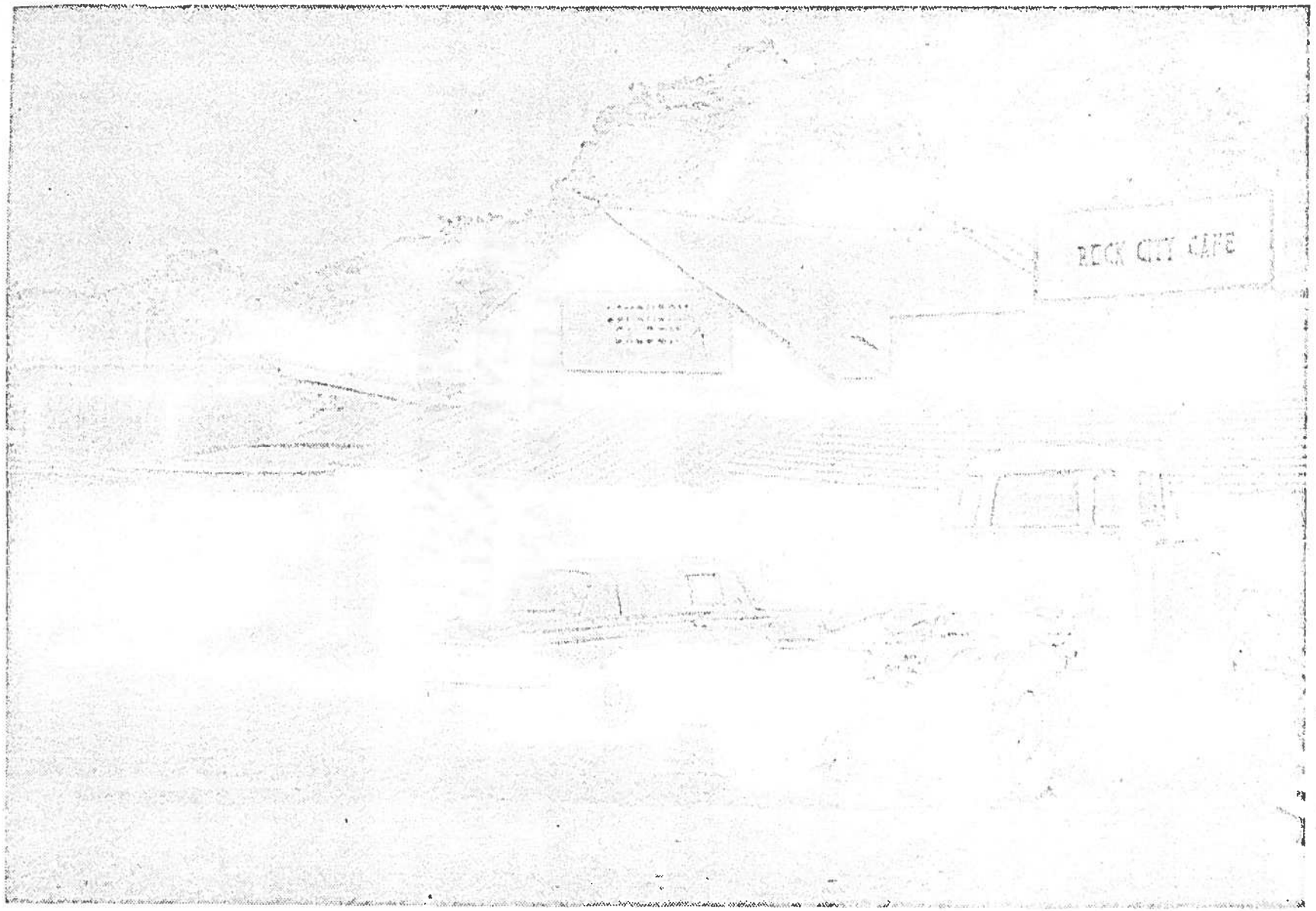


**WHERE MURDER SUSPECTS LIVED**—According to police the Spahn movie ranch was where three suspects in the murders of Sharon Tate and four others lived at the time of the crimes. It is near suburban Chatsworth. The group later moved to a canyon near Death Valley. (AP) photo

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TENACIOUS PROBE

# Chief Tells How Murder Case Was Unraveled

BY DIAL TORGERSON
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Police Chief Edward M. Davis ended the Tate mystery at 2 p.m. Monday.

Under bright, hot lights, behind 15 microphones, the chief announced an official end to 8,750 hours of police work—the "tenacious investigation by detectives" which, he said, solved Hollywood's most savage murder case.

"I am Edward Davis, chief of police of the city of Los Angeles," the chief told a crowded news conference. The big room grew silent as he continued:

"Today warrants have been issued for the arrest of three individuals in connection with the murders of Sharon Tate Polanski, Abigail Anne Folger, Wojciech Frykowski, Steven Earl Parent and Thomas John Sebring."

### Linked to Other Deaths

The same people, he explained, also were involved in the murders of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca. The chief's statement solved two mysteries with a total of seven victims.

Many of the more than a score of detectives who had worked on the two murders sat behind newsmen in the big auditorium as Davis described the cases. Men from the district attorney's office and the sheriff's office, who had heard about the 2 p.m. press conference, sat down to listen.

"The development of information from the two separate investigations, the Tate and La Bianca cases, led detectives to the conclusion that the crimes in both cases were committed by the same group of people," Chief Davis said.

At one time two lieutenants and 17 men were working on only the Tate case. The Tate investigators interviewed 625 people, some of them four and five times each.

Despite similarities — hooded victims, repeated stabbing wounds, bloody writing by the murderers —detectives investigated the two as separate cases, believing the La Bianca killings were a copy of the highly publicized Tate slayings.

Then, two weeks ago, a break in the case began to develop. Police suspected that the same band of murderous nomads had slain all seven victims.

Some time after detectives from the Tate team had gone to Inyo County to return arrested members of a car theft ring as murder suspects, reporters began to probe possible links between the car ring and the Benedict Canyon murders.

A Topanga Canyon murder case involved at least one of the same names as those arrested in Inyo County. An informant in the Topanga Canyon case, it was learned, had also given authorities informa-



COMMENTS ON TATE CASE—Police Chief Edward M. Davis r ognizes a questioner during the chief's crowded news conferer

ney's aides at first asked news media representatives including The Times, which learned of the break in the case almost immediately, not to print what they knew. The media agreed, but police were besieged with inquires as hints spread the solution was near.

With the arrest of one suspect and the impending arrest of two others, Davis called his press conference.

Privately, some members of the district attorney's staff objected to the disclosures made by Davis, since the investigation is still continuing. Davis declined to answer many questions asked by newsmen for this reason—and because of the pending prosecution.

The chief had answered his last question when Mayor Sam Yorty walked onto the auditorium stage.

"Sorry, I got here so late," said the mayor, advancing on the podium.

"There were serious reservations as to what I could say, because of the district attorney's office," the chief said.

"I just want to say a few words," the mayo

and the Police Department are very grateful to the news media for the cooperation we have had . . . many people could have damaged our case if they hadn't been so cooperative . . ."

He said he had had no doubts, since the day of the murders, that the Los Angeles Police Depart-

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## TOOK UP WITH STRANGE MAN

# Father Recalls Odd Behavior of Girl Suspect in Tate Crime

BY DAVID LARSEN
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Joseph Krenwinkel remembers Sept. 12, 1967, very well.

That was the day Patricia Krenwinkel, until then a stable and conservative girl, abandoned her car in a Manhattan Beach parking lot, quit her job without picking up a paycheck and abruptly left town with an individual named Charles Manson.

Both are now in custody, involved with others in the Sharon Tate and La Bianca murder cases.

"I am convinced he was some kind of hypnotist," the girl's father said of Manson. "It was all so spontaneous."

Krenwinkel took time from his duties as an insurance agent in Inglewood to reflect on the events of the last three years, which culminated with the arrest of his 21-year-old daughter Monday in Mobile, Ala.

Miss Krenwinkel, an attractive brunette, was graduated from University High School, where she was an average student. Shortly afterward, she left with her mother to live in Alabama. The Krenwinkels are divorced.

The girl attended a semester at a Jesuit college, then returned to California in 1967. She moved into a Manhattan Beach apartment with her half-sister.

During the summer in the beach community she met Manson. One day she left her job as a file clerk, got into a Volkswagen bus with Manson and some others, and vanished.

Krenwinkel met with the half-sister that night. Until then, he had known nothing of the man Miss Krenwinkel had been seeing.

"I soon learned he wasn't the most savory character in the world," the father recalled.

Two weeks later he received a letter from her, postmarked Seattle. "I am going to find myself," she wrote.

A few weeks after that, Krenwinkel got a phone call from his former wife. Patricia had called and wanted $100. The mother gave Krenwinkel their daughter's address in Sacramento.

Through the address the father obtained a phone number. When he finally talked with his daughter, he told her he would send a ticket to get back to Alabama.

"She said no, she wanted the money," he recalled. "I said I wouldn't send any."

### Daughter Jailed

That October day in 1967 was the last time Krenwinkel spoke with his daughter until about six weeks ago. This time it was a face to face chat—in the jail in Lancaster.

"The sheriff called me and said they were holding her on suspicion of murder," the father said. "I left for Lancaster right away."

Krenwinkel apparently was not briefed very thoroughly on the nature of the crime for which his daughter was being questioned. Indications are it had something to do with the stabbing death of a man who had befriended some hippies.

At any rate, sheriff's deputies chose not to keep their prisoner in custody. They released her to her father.

"During our drive back to Inglewood, I was concerned," he said. "Her reaction was so unemotional. I don't think we spoke 20 words by the time we had hit the San Diego Freeway."

They stopped to eat and the young woman started talking a little more. Nothing significant, the father said, but just enough of a gesture so that it appeared to him that all was well again.

The two of them went home. In the days that followed, she spent part of the time in the house, some of the time visiting friends.

### 'No Preaching'

The father refrained from asking questions. "I'm not the kind to use the third-degree," he said. "I didn't want to preach 'you did wrong.' I didn't think I could win her back that way."

A week passed. The father got a phone call at his office. "I'd like to go home and see mother," his daughter said. He bought her a plane ticket and she left for Alabama.

When the phone rang Monday, it was Krenwinkel's former wife. She said the authorities had come and taken their daughter away.

She is charged with five

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# Anatomy of a Rumor

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If nothing else, the Sharon Tate murders show what can happen to information when fear takes over.

By C. Robert Jennings

We are all rumor's children. But new leisure, old caprice and the nakedness of Freudian insight have conspired to change even Webster's latest definition of rumor: "an unconfirmed piece of information or explanation disseminated among the public by other than formal news agencies or sources."

Some recent horrors in American life suggest that informal sources no longer have a corner on the rumor market. Moreover, even the most royal of sources tend recklessly to feed on the fiction of the commonalty and eternalize it as fact. But ours is the age of the voyeur, and disclosure must be total (and totalitarian), even if it is tasteless, even if it is totally false. And often it is both.

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Nowhere in recent memory has rumor been more rampant than in the grisly Tate murders, which snuffed out six lives including that of the perfectly-formed foetus of Sharon Tate's son. And in no other recent case have Webster's "formal news agencies or sources" woven such a particolored tapestry of hypothesis, innuendo, evasion, equivocation, insinuation, mini-truth and maxi-lie. The root cause is almost as ambiguous as the crime itself, but *en fin* the fault appears to devolve less from any individual or organization than from the collective curiosity, on overactive imagination, on the whole obstinate mystery that is the paradigmatic human person.

In Warsaw, Mrs. Walter Stoessel, wife of the American ambassador to Poland, walks into a beauty salon and is deluged with inquiries of the mass murder, which commanded exactly five lines in the city's two Communist-run dailies. The Tate tragedy, reports Ambassador Stoessel, displaced even the Ted Kennedy debacle as "the main topic of conversation" at embassy affairs, despite the absence of tabloid-titilation behind the Iron Curtain. The Sunday paper, he adds, linked the killings to drugs and, true to form, played them up as "part of the general picture" of life in these United States.

In Bangkok, a realtor who is familiar with the infamous house back on Benedict Canyon's Cielo Drive regales executives of the Thai Silk Company with "all the gory inside details" of the murder. The tab on the two-bedroom, $150,000 house, he adds, has skyrocketed out of all proportion to its actual value.

In Manhattan, gossip's mainliner Truman Capote fondles his big blue-tinted glasses, boasts of having interviewed more than 200 murderers ("I really got on with them very very well") and conjectures: "Oh, golly, it's sort of a fantasy. Of the five, I happen to have known four of them. My feeling is it *was* committed by one person. I think there were five people in the house, the victims *and* another person, and this person left an hour before the murders were

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hatred in him. He goes home and comes back with a knife and a gun. The girls have gone to bed. Frokowski and the hair boy (Sebring) are having a drink, sitting in this room. He rings the bell and he walks inside and he's got a gun. They wake up the two girls. He ties Sharon and Jay Sebring together so that if they moved either way they'd strangle themselves. You could have made them do it themselves if you've got a gun. At this point Frokowski and Abigail Folger decide to run for it. He kills them. He thinks the boy in the car is the caretaker, because he knows that much about the house. He shoots him. And he proceeds to kill Sharon and Sebring in a paranoic rage. Same as the Clutter case. I don't think the murderer in any way intentionally *tortured* them — that kind of rage stimulates that kind of furious attack. As if after an intense sexual experience, you feel drowsy afterward, and I think he went someplace and slept soundly for two days. Most criminals are very sexually undefined and murder is an outlet for their own weakness."

In Hollywood, not to be outdone by Capote, barrister F. Lee Bailey, who has an equally keen facility for self-promotion, goes on national television to posit essentially the same theory: he is "inclined" to believe the murders were committed by one man whose dignity was affronted, igniting "an explosion in his brain."

In Los Angeles, after having interrogated more than 400 persons, Robert A. Houghton, then chief of detectives, breaks a long silence to add: "I must tell you in all fairness we do not have conclusive evidence that one man could not have done it. Unfortunately, the murderer, or murderers, did not leave calling cards, and in this kind of a case you have 200 million suspects."

On the Sunset Strip, a reputable movie producer sits in a fashionable cafe and categorically details the most gruesome and intimate "facts" about the condition of the bodies of Miss Tate, her unborn child, and her onetime fiance, Sebring; not only how they were stripped and sexually mutilated, but where each of their parts was located. The producer's host, the editor of an influential, mass-circulation magazine, listens intently until facial smirks seem to ask—what else did you expect?

difficult to digest, and I inquire after the source: it is Gino, Jay Sebring's friend of twenty years who, I am told, "identified the bodies" at the house of horrors. Gino is understandably wary but helpful: "I saw only Jay's face, but I'm sure that he was dressed and not mutilated." He isn't sure about Sharon, but he is sure about one thing: the movie producer had been in New York at the time of the murders and was merely parroting what gossips, syndicated and non-, informed and un-, friendly and antagonistic had spread around the world with the alacrity of a wild prairie fire. Why?

A mass murder of famous people has surpassing novelty, and novelty is a psychic aphrodisiac. The case quickly became a ghoulishly beguiling whodunit or, as one police sergeant put it, "a helluva homicide." It is as sad as it is true, moreover, that there is a dark and stubborn side of the human nature that secretly enjoys seeing emissions of wealth, success and vanity turn to tragic gestures, even to dust. It is akin to our darkling archeological explorations for clay feet in Camelot. Patently, most of the victims were golden fribbles of the front ranks, mythic and impalpable to the common herd. But death reduces the distance between the gods and mortals. Unreal exotica becomes real, even banal, the Beautiful People touchable at last. And, in death, vulnerable to total social and journalistic exposure and exploitation.

Tabloids around the world screamed SEX-DRUG-WITCHCRAFT ORGY, and worse. The *East Village Other* singlehandedly solved the crime and named both killer and motive. *Close-Up* saw it as "a re-enactment of Nat Turner." Even the best journals were bemused, bewitched and frequently wrong. "Nearly as enchanting (enchanting?) as the mystery was the glimpse the murders yielded into the swinging Hollywood subculture in which the cast of characters played," said *Newsweek*. "The Hollywood gossip about the case was of drugs, mysticism and offbeat sex—and, for once, there may be more truth than fantasy in the flashy talk of the town."

But never had truth seemed harder to come by. About the only items that both major newsmagazines, the scandal sheets and general scuttlebutt were

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that Frokowski was on a trip the day of the crime, and that four of the victims liked to trip together on pot and/or mescaline and cocaine and shared a taste for "odd" sexual fun and games. But then one is left to wrestle with the definition of "odd." (I tend to side with the late George Kaufman who punned, awfully but all too mortally, "What is one man's Mede is another man's Persian.")

At any rate, all similarities ended there, e.g., *Time* indicated that the bloody handle of a paring knife was found next to Miss Tate's leg; *Newsweek* reported that there was no trace of the knife or knives used to slash the victims and identified the same object as the handle of a broken revolver. Police said: "No weapon or parts of weapons were found." The coroner was silent as a churchmouse, except for warning his staff and friends to keep mum. *Newsweek* said the protagonist in the melodrama was Frokowski who, "friends said," was a dealer as well as user of drugs. *Time* reported, with no equivocations whatever, that Sharon and Sebring were "the prime objects of the mayhem." The police said the Los Angeles *Times* showed commendable restraint (without being a bore) in its news reporting, but its various columnists wallowed in a luxury of contradiction. One defensively hoped that the public wouldn't get "the wrong idea" about Hollywood, because this sort of thing could happen in any affluent area anywhere. Another, same paper, claimed more realistically that "the world could rightly conclude that the ghastly events of Cielo Drive were somehow uniquely a Hollywood tragedy—not simply by the accident of geography but by the whole mixture of glamour and violence, beauty and mystery, and by the intimation that these events took place within an enclave which danced to a wild and different music from the rest of society."

The victims' friends publicly held that everyone involved was as normal as blueberry pie, but some privately mentioned drugs, whips, inverted sex and black magic. The public relations firm of Rogers, Cowan & Brenner circulated a remarkable four-page document "on behalf of Roman Polanski," gratuitously denying any rift between his wife and himself "as some thoroughly irresponsible journalists have suggested even before the tragedy"; explaining why Sharon went to California from Europe ahead of Roman—"to avoid a long air journey in her eighth month of pregnancy . . . Roman had to stay behind to accept in person the Donatello Award in Taormina . . ."; denying "any romantic involvement between Sharon and Jay at this time"; proclaiming that there was "no party or ritual of some sort" because these were all "rational people with no interest in mysticism or anything else occult . . . genuinely nice people — not hippies or cultists or anything else peculiar as some media have tried to make it seem"; and concluding, incredibly, that "what happened to them could have happened to anybody as it did to the Clutters in Kansas." (Them again.)

The hottest, most bizarre rumors —played as fact by some of the world's most responsible journals— involved sexual mutilation of at least two of the bodies. With its usual Olympian authority, *Time* stated outright that Sharon's body was found nude with an X cut on her stomach and one of her breasts cut off; that Frokowski's trousers were down around his ankles; that Sebring was wearing only the torn remnants of a pair of shorts and had been sexually mutilated. *Newsweek* claims it "was privy to the same information but chose not to run it because we considered it terribly

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that sort of lipsmacking."

That was a wise decision, for in its own argot, *Time* erred. Even after the LAPD announced that "None of the bodies had wounds involving the sex organs," *Time* declined to print any retractions or corrections (but it did wrestle with some burgeoning inter-office flaps); and *Newsweek* privately allowed that "the police are covering up." Though there was some justification for thinking so (considering their yo-yo response to the question of drugs), they weren't.

The facts, confirmed and re-confirmed by both documentary evidence and highest officialdom for this dimestore-detective: None of the decedents was sexually mutilated, and all the males were fully clothed. There wasn't so much as a cut in the genital area of any of the victims. Sharon was found in bikini pants and bra; one of her fifteen stab wounds penetrated one breast but did not sever it; there were no marks of any kind on her stomach, the closest wound being a superficial one near the liver. "I would say the killer made a deliberate, conscious effort to avoid stabbing her in the belly," says one official who saw the bodies on the scene, in the morgue and during all autopsies. "This murder was not committed in crazed excitement. It was a very methodical, cold-blooded killing. The killer knew *exactly* what he was doing, and the multiple wounds were window dressing."

Though this, too, was rumor, the signal question remained: How could so many earnest reporters and hard-checking researchers go so wildly agley? No matter how weighty or widespread the rumors, the newsmagazines do not normally run with them without saying so ("gossip had it," "so the stories go," "some suspect," etc.). But this was no normal case, and reaction was nothing short of hysterical. A strange blend of fear, shock, curiosity and even contempt

lanced psyches, activated some impassive egos.

"The basic reason for any kind of rumor," says the director of the Los Angeles Rumor Control Center, "is an emotional, psychotic desire on the part of all people to have their own omniscient, infallible pipeline to reality, and to let everyone else know they have it. It's an ego-building thing. There are essentially three kinds of rumor: fear, hope and hate. In the Tate murders, they mostly revolved around fear. And the more famous the people, the bigger your rumor."

They began, naturally enough, on the murder scene itself. Answering the call of a 15-year-old Boy Scout, a half-dozen squad cars raced up to the property which officers entered with guns drawn. The electric gate was operated by a silver button next to the mailbox outside, and was thus accessible to anyone. There were so many bodies with so many wounds that the first newsmen on the scene heard the words "ritualistic" and "mutilation" from the mouths of both ordinary policemen and beleaguered detectives. (Though the latter were furious at the former for giving reporters such information as what murder weapons were involved.) So bloody were the bodies that the young caretaker thought Miss Folger was the maid and Frokowski was Polanski's brother, whom he had met before. Then came the avalanche of coroners, lawyers, agents, animal regulators, friends, more press and more tumbling rumors.

One police officer told a local newsman that "one male appears to have his pants down," thus sex was conjoined with mutilation. Those pants, it turned out, were simply low-cut bell-bottoms. A police sergeant casually remarked, "Looks like one of those fag jobs to me," which precipitated a rush for the phones and reports of "a homosexual orgy."

"dressed in hippie type clothes," with which the victims became "rich hippies." A private investigator noticed a Tom Bradley sticker on Miss Folger's Firebird and brayed: "It's typical of the modus operandi of black militants." A wire service reporter put out the line that "A psychotic killer was after wealthy residents of isolated homes in the Hollywood Hills." Another speculated, in print, that "the killer belonged to a national political group"—after learning there was an American flag in the house.

As usual, the first ended up with the most errors, e.g., enterprising Reuters reported that bikinied Miss Tate, a smashing blonde if there ever was one, was "red-haired" and wore "a white robe"; that she and Sebring were found "dangling from a beam" when in fact the cord that loosely connected them was looped over a beam but they were not hanging from it; that the property was owned by Terry Melcher, son of Doris Day. It wasn't, but the reporter was close—Melcher had rented it in happier days, as had Cary Grant, Michele Morgan and Henry Fonda, though presumably at different times.

Even those summoned to identify the bodies could not believe what they saw, or chose not to. Asked by a female TV gossip if it was "really Sharon," a sobbing agent snapped: "Oh, don't be an ass." Sexual mutilation tales were fed to *Newsweek* by a detective, two close friends of Polanski and a friend and colleague of the coroner - medical examiner. Happy to be of help, the latter also had told *Time* that Sharon and Jay had been cut up sexually; then, when it was too late, reversed the story, saying: "I defy anyone to show me more than a bruise." Explained a *Time* reporter: "I felt the police had really jumped on (the source)," which may be the only understatement of the

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black belt in karate—a common error that cropped up everywhere; that he charged $11.50 per haircut when in fact, at the time he had stopped routine trims a year and a half ago and was charging $50 per; that he was wearing torn boxer shorts; that he slept in a purple and black bedroom (it is white and amethyst). His friends and attorneys took particular exception to *Time's* "inaccurate and defamatory" remark that he was "anti-Negro," pointing out that he employed Negroes both privately and professionally, had had many black friends, and the blanket of roses covering his coffin came from Sammy Davis Jr.

There was even intramural squabbling within the LAPD: homicide investigators scored some members of the force for handing out "poly keys," i.e., evidence known only to the murderer and thus necessary to test veracity on the lie detector. They specially reordered "Roll Call Training" on police-press relations, assigned two men to fulltime "no comment" duty and 21 men to work exclusively on the case. Having been partly responsible for printed distortions, particularly in the matter of narcotics, they ultimately announced tersely: "Narcotics were found in more than one part of the estate," but not in commercial quantities.

Six weeks after a coroner's colleague assured me that "the murder was not ritualistic and there was no ingestion of drugs," the county coroner-medical examiner broke his own long silence to compound the confusion: autopsies had disclosed drugs in the bloodstream of "some victims," he wasn't telling who; and behavioral scientists—one psychologist and two eminent psychiatrists—felt that the murders may have resulted from "a death ritual" which got out of hand and forced one or more persons into a drug-induced paranoia. "One or more persons were suffering either racteristics and showed what we call overkill syndrome, more than enough to cause the deaths," he explained, adding that the multiple stab wounds did *not* appear to be "window-dressing" at all but expressions of "anger, revenge and frustration . . . a stage of high agitation or possible frenzy." Yet someone, he conceded, had to be thinking clearly to cut the phone lines and invade the property well-armed. Take your choice, or all. Parenthetically, the police disavowed any connection with what officers dismissed as "the coroner's own little show."

Equally baffling were the behavior patterns of those close to the victims. Several flew off to the Bahamas; others packed guns even for the funerals; one Beverly Hills store sold 200 guns in two days. Yet others invited members of the press to their homes to "rap" with movie stars. The rich and famous hired private guards and bought police dogs. Parties in Benedict Canyon were peremptorily cancelled. A famous writer friend of Miss Tate, identifying himself as an actor to protect his family, wrote a gaudy sex and drug exposé for a national magazine. A former girl friend of Jay Sebring's did the same in a movie magazine and a close friend of the Polanskis attempted suicide. In posher bars and beaneries one still cannot avoid hearing joke upon sick joke, humor on outrageous humor.

The Los Angeles *Times* asked Polanski's agent to ascertain if his client had anything to say. The agent "screamed and hollered that that was the last thing Polanski would ever do—'how can you even suggest such a thing?'" Next day, Polanski called his own press conference and obviously had plenty to say. Next week, via the pages of *Life*, he gave numberless millions a guided tour of what he called, with heavy sarcasm, "the world-famous orgy house." If it

Polanski took along a famed clairvoyant and asked the *Life* photographer to take Polaroids for the former to study. The clairvoyant promptly gave or sold the pictures to The Hollywood *Citizen-News* which copyrighted them and fired them around the world before *Life* could get its own pictures into print. *Life* said Sharon "smoked a little pot because the others did." Polanski told reporters that she never used drugs. *Pageant* magazine reported she boasted of taking 67 LSD trips and never made a salad without sprinkling it with grass.

The mother and brother of Voityck Frokowski went to Los Angeles to claim the body and criticized Polanski for having seemingly "turned against his old friend in death." Roman had told *Life*: "I should have thrown him out when he ran over Sharon's dog." And Jerzy Frokowski added dolefully: "Voityck loved that dog and all dogs. He never would have hurt any animal intentionally. Why does Roman all of a sudden blacken the name of my only brother?"

Meanwhile, famous people got into the columns by recalling the charms of Frokowski and Sebring, the sweet vulnerability of Sharon Tate, the social-consciousness of Miss Folger. With characteristic cupidity and a monumental lapse of taste, MGM re-released the Tate-Polanski horror film, *Fearless Vampire Killers;* Twentieth Century-Fox re-issued *Valley of the Dolls,* and National General exhibited a little cheapjack documentary called *Mondo Hollywood,* whose ads parroted the epitaph handed down by a neighbor of the dead, "Live Freaky, Die Freaky," adding: "Is this the curse of Hollywood? Seven in this picture have met violent deaths, including: Jay Sebring—murdered . . . unsolved . . . Who Will Be Next?"

Rumor has it—oh, never mind.

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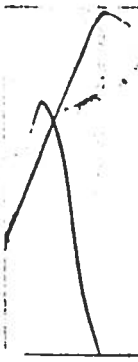

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# Maid Who Found Five Tate Victims Lives in Seclusion

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The maid who discovered the bodies of victims in the Sharon Tate murder case has been living in virtual seclusion in the Los Angeles area for nearly four weeks, police revealed Wednesday.

Earlier, Mrs. Winifred Chapman, 55, had been the object of a widespread search after detectives discovered that she had not been seen since Oct. 10.

"Our only interest in finding her," a police spokesman said after she was located, "was to assure ourselves of her well-being and security. Her disappearance had caused considerable concern."

Apprehension over Mrs. Chapman's safety was considerably supported by the fact that all of her personal belongings had been left in her South-Central Los Angeles apartment when she departed.

Her landlady, Mamie White, reported her missing Oct. 13, saying Mrs. Chapman had been gone for three days.

**Seemed 'Terribly Upset'**

She told police the woman seemed "terribly upset" during the weeks before she disappeared.

Officers who talked to Mrs. Chapman Wednesday said she told them she left because she wanted to avoid further publicity in connection with the bizarre murders.

They said she told them that various representatives of news media had been "pestering" her and she wanted to "shut the whole thing out" of her mind.

A sister in Denver had expressed concern about her, saying Mrs. Chapman "feared for her life." But Mrs. Chapman said this was probably because she had failed to contact her as had been her regular habit.

Mrs. Chapman's involvement in the murder case began Aug. 9 when she went to work at the estate of Roman Polanski and Sharon Tate in Benedict Canyon.

It was she who ran screaming to the home of a neighbor, saying there were "bodies and blood all over the place." Police found Miss Tate, another woman and three men stabbed and shot to death.

Mrs. Chapman was treated for shock at UCLA Medical Center.

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# Eyeglasses Key Clue in Search for Tate Murderer, Police Say

## Detective Thinks Spectacles Belonging to Nearsighted, Small-Headed Person Were Knocked Off During Struggle

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Police are seeking a nearsighted person with an unusually small, "volleyball-shaped" head as a suspect in the Tate murder case, it was learned Thursday.

Detectives said they don't know his name or anything else about him—except that his horn-rim eyeglasses were left at the scene of the Aug. 9 mass slaying, presumably as he fled.

Homicide Lt. Robert Helder displayed the glasses at a press conference Thursday, and said it was his opinion that they probably were knocked off during a struggle with one of the five victims.

A process of elimination established that the glasses belonged neither to Sharon Tate nor to any other of the four slain with her at the actress' rented Benedict Canyon estate, he added.

Helder said the glasses were inside the residence where the bodies of two of the victims, Miss Tate and hair stylist Jay Sebring, were discovered.

### Doesn't Name Spot

But he declined to say exactly where, or if they lay near either Miss Tate or Sebring.

Helder characterized the glasses as a key clue and said they constituted the physical evidence which he had said late last week could "point us in the direction of the killers."

He repeated that no definite evidence exists to show that more than one person committed the crime, but from the physical facts, detectives deduce two or more persons were involved.

The glasses have amber rims, are of a common American make and have prescription lenses for a person "who would have difficulty getting along without them," Helder said. The lenses are made of plastic, which is relatively uncommon.

Indecipherable hand or fingerprint smudges were found on the spectacles, but no blood stains.

During the press conference, Helder said the owner was "a person" with "a small or moderate" sized head. He also said he did not know whether the owner was a man or woman.

But Dr. Wayne Hoeft, who analyzed the glasses for police about six weeks ago, said the glasses belonged to a male. "They were the type

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woman would not choose," he said.

The frames were shaped to adapt to an unusually small and remarkably round head, or "volleyball-shaped," as Dr. Hoeft, president of the Los Angeles County Optometric Society, described it.

The optometrist pointed out that most persons' heads are irregular, from front to back and from temple to temple, unlike that of the owner of the glasses found at the slaying scene.

The bows of the glasses also indicated, he added, that the owner's left ear apparently is about 1/4 to 1/2 inch higher than his right.

However, both Dr. Hoeft and Lt. Helder said the glasses could have been jarred out of alignment by a blow or by striking the floor.

The spectacles were manufactured by the American Optical Corp., which has more than 200 branches across the nation. A spokesman said the likelihood of tracing them to a single outlet is remote.

While the lenses accommodate an unusually nearsighted person, they are relatively common, he added.

It may be helpful to police, however, that only about 10% of the lenses made by his firm are of plastic, he said. Parents frequently buy them for young children or active young adults. Athletes often wear them because they are shatter-resistant.

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It would be "too astronomical" a task, he said, to check individual records of all manufacturers, laboratories and doctors in the nation.

In response to questions, he said he still could not "frankly" speculate on a motive.

"If we had a motive," he said, "we'd be halfway there."

The lenses' prescription, according to the flyer prepared by police, is as follows:

Right eye: -300 -25 x 160

Left eye: -375 Sphere

PD (peripheral vision) 67.

The American Optical-made frame is described as a "Manhattan," and is numerically characterized as 46/21 5½.

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# New Clue Found in Tate Murder Case, Police Report

New evidence in the Sharon Tate murder case, which may lead to the killers of five persons in the actress' home last Aug. 9, was reported Friday.

"If this particular piece of evidence can be traced, it will point us in the direction of the killers," Lt. Robert J. Helder, chief investigator on the case, said, but he would not identify the "physical evidence."

The police have concluded that the five murders could not have been committed by one person.

Helder, accompanied by Asst. Chief of Police Robert A. Houghton, made the comments at the end of what they called the first phase of the investigation.

Killed with Miss Tate were coffee heiress Abigail Folger, hair stylist Jay Sebring, Polish writer Voyteck Frykowski and 18-year-old Steven Parent, a friend of the caretaker at the Benedict Canyon estate.

"We are in the process of backtracking everything we've done, everyone we've interviewed, trying to pick up something we might have missed," Houghton said.

Apparently the new evidence, or at least its importance, was uncovered as the detectives reevaluated the information on hand, which includes a five-drawer file cabinet full of information gathered from more than 400 interviews.

Helder also said he does not believe the killings were done by professionals.

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The only other person to whom the term suspect was ever applied in the Tate case was a teen-age caretaker at the home who was taken into custody after the bodies were found, but was subsequently freed.

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# 2 or 3 Assailants Involved in Tate Slayings, Noguchi Says

SAT SEP 20 1969

BY JOHN KENDALL
Times Staff Writer

Actress Sharon Tate and four others were shot and stabbed to death at her Benedict Canyon home by more than one person, possibly two or three, County Coroner Thomas T. Noguchi said Friday.

Noguchi based his conclusion on a preliminary report from a team of behavioral scientists he appointed to study the mass murder.

"It is very difficult to understand how one would be able to accomplish a mass killing," the coroner told a news conference in his Hall of Justice office. 2 - / - /

"Two, possibly . . . three. But the more the number it becomes there would be a certain group inhibition. It is rather difficult for them (a larger group) to accomplish the type of injury patterns found on the bodies."

The coroner also said:

—Bizarre features of the crime suggest possible severe psychopathy of at least one of the killers.

—But, on the other hand, other details indicate someone was thinking clearly.

—Drugs may have been involved.

—Sex was not involved in the killings.

"One or more persons were suffering either paranoic tendencies or suffering from psychopathic characteristics and showed what we call overkill syndrome, more than enough to cause the deaths," Noguchi said.

At the same time, he pointed out that Miss Tate's palatial residence was invaded intentionally by someone who cut the telephone lines.

Noguchi considered it possible that the killers might have joined the group on the night of Aug. 8-9 without first intending to commit murder.

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# TATE SLAYINGS

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The coroner said autopsies disclosed drugs in the bloodstreams of some victims but declined to identify who had taken drugs, nor would he identify the drug or drugs.

The medical examiner said multiple stab wounds to some of the victims were symptomatic of an expression of "anger, revenge and frustration."

But he said there were no signs of mutilation in the sense that pathologists define mutilation. He declined to say "at this time" whether any of the stab wounds were inflicted after death.

Noguchi said some of the theories considered by the medical panel, composed of Drs. Frederick J. Hacker, Robert Litman and Norman L. Farberow, were that:

—One of the killers was a woman.

—It was a death ritual.

Noguchi would not completely rule out the possibility that a woman was involved but he said he now considers it "unlikely."

He agreed that a "possibility still exists" that the murders may have resulted from a death ritual which went too far and forced one or more persons into a drug-induced paranoia.

Robert Houghton, newly named assistant chief of police whose duties encompass the Detective Bureau, said later he agreed more than one person was involved in the murders.

"As far as whether they were male or female, I will make no statement on that," he said when asked about Noguchi's remarks. "I have no information on what they base their conclusion."

Houghton agreed that drugs were involved in the murders but declined to discuss the implications of that conclusion.

He also said physical evidence indicates that there was a "state of high agitation or possible frenzy" at the scene.

Houghton said there is nothing new to report in the case other than that "hard, grinding police work" is continuing.

"It is a difficult case," he said. "There are five victims and any police investigation must include a complete investigation of the backgrounds of all the victims."

Besides Miss Tate, 26-year-old wife of film director Roman Polanski, police found the bodies of coffee heiress Abigail Folger, 26; Polish screen producer Voyteck Frykowski, 37; wealthy hair stylist Jay Sebring, 35, and Steven Parent, 18, of El Monte.

### Bodies Connected

The five were shot, stabbed or throttled. "Pig" had been written in blood on the front door of the home. A bloodied nylon cord ran over a ceiling beam in the living room, connecting the bodies of Miss Tate and Sebring, whose head was covered with a black hood.

Polanski was in London at the time of the murders. A young caretaker, William F. Garretson, 19, was in a cottage on the grounds but told police he heard nothing. He was released after questioning. Garretson was a friend of young Parent.

Noguchi described the three-member medical report as an interim working document not yet ready for general publication.

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# REWARD

# $25,000.00

Roman Polanski and friends of the Polanski family offer to pay a $25,000.00 reward to the person or persons who furnish information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of Sharon Tate, her unborn child, and the other four victims.

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Information should be sent to
POST OFFICE BOX 60048,
TERMINAL ANNEX,
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90069.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous should provide sufficient means for later identification, one method of which is to tear this newspaper page in half, transmit one half with the information submitted, and save the remaining half for matching-up later. In the event more than one person is entitled to the reward, the reward will be divided equally between them.

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# Friends of Slain Sharon Tate Offer Reward of $25,000

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Friends of murdered actress Sharon Tate offered a $25,000 reward Wednesday for information about the crime in which she died.

Posting of the reward was announced in London by actor Peter Sellers. He said he and several friends would contribute to the reward.

Sellers discussed such a project with friends of Miss Tate and her husband, director Roman Polanski, when he was in Los Angeles last month. Sellers was among those who attended Miss Tate's funeral.

### 'Knowledge or Suspicions'

"Someone must have knowledge or suspicions they are withholding, or may be afraid to reveal," Sellers said in a press statement.

"Someone must have seen the blood-soaked clothing, the knife, the gun, the getaway car. Someone must be able to help."

Polanski's attorney, Wallace P. Wolf of Beverly Hills, said that any information is to be submitted in writing to a Los Angeles post office box. Any information obtained will be turned over to the Los Angeles Police Department, Wolf said.

Payment of the reward will be made on arrest and conviction of the killer or killers, Wolf said. The information is to be sent to Post Office Box 60048, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles 90060, he said.

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Actors Warren Beatty and Yul Brynner were identified as two of the friends who joined Sellers in contributing toward the sum offered. Wolf said he believed Polanski himself also contributed.

Detectives have interviewed more than 300 persons since the murders early Aug. 9 of Miss Tate and four companions at the Polanski-Tate estate in Benedict Canyon. The only person arrested in the case was William F. Garretson, 19, caretaker at the home, who was later freed.

Another reward in the case was offered earlier by a Woodland Hills woman who describes herself as an amateur detective.

In a classified advertisement printed in The Times, she offered $200 "to anyone who can prove that they picked up a hitchhiker on or about Aug. 9 in vicinity of 10050 Cielo Drive."

The woman, who asked her identity not be disclosed, said she is interested in the case and hopes to clarify young Garretson's account of having hitchhiked from the Polanski-Tate home at 10050 Cielo Drive to Sunset Blvd. and back the night of the murders.

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# Former Tate Case Suspect Quizzed on East Coast, Cleared

MON SEP 1 1969

BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

A fourth man once listed in a Canadian all-points bulletin as a suspect in the Tate murder case has been questioned and cleared, it was learned Sunday.

Quizzed by a Los Angeles officer in Washington, D.C., was Harris Pickens Dawson, 24, son of a U.S. diplomatic aide.

Los Angeles police headquarters was still describing Dawson as wanted for questioning Friday—when, it was learned, an LAPD detective already had interviewed him.

Dawson, once identified in Hollywood gossip columns as the fiance of singer Mama Cass Elliot, voluntarily told the LAPD what he knew of the Tate case, it was learned. No hold of any kind was placed on him with authorities in Washington.

A Los Angeles officer questioned and cleared William (Billy) Doyle—also a onetime fiance of Miss Elliot—in Toronto Friday.

### Once Listed as Suspects

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# Singer Cass Elliot's Ex-Fiance Quizzed, Released in Tate Case

FRI AUG 29 1969

BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

A former fiance of singer Mama Cass Elliot has been questioned about the Tate murder case in Canada and released, Canadian authorities reported Thursday.

But another man, also identified as a former fiance of the singer, is still wanted for questioning, Los Angeles police said.

Miss Elliot was a friend of actress Sharon Tate and director Roman Polanski. Miss Tate and four other persons were slain early Aug. 9 at the Tate-Polanski home in Benedict Canyon.

Canadian authorities later put out an all-points bulletin listing four men as suspects in the Tate case, two of them Canadians who had at one time been identified as fiances of the plump singer.

Los Angeles police talked to one of the four men, then said he was being released and that the others were being sought only for questioning.

On Thursday, a Los Angeles detective interviewed William (Billy) Doyle, 28, in Toronto, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police reported. The RCMP said the LAPD officer told them he was going home. No hold was placed on Doyle.

At police headquarters in Los Angeles, officers said they were still seeking to question Harris P. Daw-

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## THE WEATHER

Light smog today.

U.S. Weather Bureau forecast: Night and morning low clouds with hazy sunshine in afternoons today and Saturday. High today, 78. High Thursday, 80; low, 65.

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# Cass Elliot's Former Fiance Quizzed, Freed

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son, 26, who had been described in Hollywood gossip columns as Miss Elliot's finance before she announced that she and Doyle were engaged.

At a party in May she introduced Doyle as her fiance. Also present at the party were three of the five victims of the Aug. 9 killing: Miss Tate, Voityck Frokowsky and Abigail Folger.

Miss Elliot, formerly a member of the Mamas and the Papas singing group, was divorced earlier this year and has not remarried.

"Billy Doyle and I were engaged once," Miss Elliot told a reporter Thursday night. "I've known him a long time, and he's a fine person."

The other two men named in the RCMP broadcast are Thomas Michael Harrigan and Charles Tacot. It was Harrigan who came to Los Angeles police, while he was being sought in Canada, and offered alibis for all four men.

He said that he had been at a party 20 miles from the Tate home the night of the slayings, that Doyle and Tacot were in Jamaica and that Dawson was working as a truck driver in New York State.

C. R. Doey, superintendent of the RCMP's criminal investigation branch in Toronto said that his officers—acting on a Los Angeles request—had first interrogated Doyle on his return to Toronto from Jamaica.

Dawson was described by Harrigan as the son of an American diplomat. The State Department in Washington said that Harris P. Dawson, whose son, Harris, was born in 1943, is now supervisory commercial officer in Bonn, West Germany.

Police said that there were no charges against Dawson and that he was only being sought for questioning. They would give no reasons why he was wanted and added that they no longer wished to talk to Tacot.

Friends of Frokowsky informed police that he had told them he had to meet two Canadians arriving at International Airport Aug. 6, and the four were apparently sought as police began questioning all known Canadian contacts of Frokowsky.

Detectives have been known to be delving into Frokowsky's contacts in the narcotics underworld and there were reports that he received some drugs from Canada. Friends said he used marijuana, mescaline and cocaine, and that he had said just before he died that he was on an 8-to-13-day "trip" with mescaline.

"I was in a Hollywood after-hours place five days before the murders," said Hollywood writer Steve Brandt, "and Frokowsky and Gibby Folger joined me.

"Frokowsky's eyes were unfocusing, staring. He looked like something from the movie, 'The Village of the Damned.' I said, 'Voityck, are you on something?'

"He said, 'Yes, it's the greatest mescaline. Want to buy some?' And he spoke of some new drug he was getting — something he called 'fairy dust.' I told him, 'I pass, Voityck.' I never did find out what 'fairy dust' was."

## False Boat Alarm

CHICAGO (UPI) — Police and fire boats raced to the rescue Wednesday night on receiving a report that a boat was afire in Lake Michigan and survivors were clinging to its sides. They found a lifeguard with a lantern chasing a swimmer.

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# Security Tightened Over Informant in Tate Murder Case

THU AUG 28 1969

BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

Police tightened the guard over an informant in the Sharon Tate murder case Wednesday.

Polish emigre artist Witold K. has been guarded by officers since he spoke to police after the Aug. 9 murders of actress Sharon Tate and four others in the Benedict Canyon home of Miss Tate and her husband, Roman Polanski.

The Times, which helped the artist arrange his first meeting with police, kept his identity a secret because of his fear for his life. His name and picture were published elsewhere Wednesday.

Los Angeles Police Department detectives at Witold's Beverly Hills shop Wednesday ordered newsmen from the studio and one told a photographer that his LAPD police press card would be revoked if he took a picture of the informer as he left the building. 1-3-4

**Gained Repute as Painter**

Witold K.—who left his real name, Wintact Kazerowski, behind in Poland—gained considerable repute as a painter and lithographer in Paris before coming here.

He is a friend of film director Polanski and knew Miss Tate, Voityck Frokowsky and Abigail Folger, who were murdered at Polanski's home. Frokowsky, whose real name was Wojciech Frykowski, was also from Poland.

Four policemen were in Witold's studio Wednesday afternoon. Two officers have been on duty at all times to protect him since he first gave them the names of persons he said he thought might have been involved in the mass murder.

An officer ordered Witold to cover his face with a newspaper as he led him to an unmarked police car for a trip to Paramount Studios to confer with Polanski's attorney. Witold, asked the reason for the trip, was told by his police guard not to reply.

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RTY . . . THAT EVENING'

# Tearful Polanski Tells of His 'Truly Happy' Life With Wife

BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

Roman Polanski fought back tears Tuesday to tell newsmen of his "truly happy" 20 months of marriage with Sharon Tate—and of some of the things he has told police about circumstances surrounding her death:

—That she had no premonition of death. When he spoke to her by telephone from London "a few hours before the tragedy occurred" she talked of trivialities: a birthday party, feeding a homeless kitten.

—That there was no party at their Benedict Canyon estate the night Miss Tate and four others were slain, although "there wasn't an evening without friends" visiting the home.

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—That although Voityck Frokowsky and Jay Sebring, two of the five victims, smoked marijuana, "Sharon didn't use drugs, she didn't touch alcohol, she didn't even smoke cigarets."

—And that he knew few of the people who were guests in his home while he was in Europe, but that one was a man thrown out of his house earlier for making a disturbance during a housewarming party.

### Believed to Be Suspect

He would not name the man thrown out of his home, nor would another Polanski associate who is a closely guarded police informer on the case. The man was believed to be a suspect in the still mysterious multiple murder.

Polanski called the press conference, canceled it, then called it again. He finally appeared before newsmen against the advice of his agents and attorney, because, he said:

"In this case it is not my reputation, it is the reputation of the one person who loved me—and whose name has been all over the papers.

"They (the writers) are curious about my relationship with Sharon within the last few months as well as within the last few years I spent with her."

He paused, swallowed, then continued: "They were the only time of true happiness in my life."

Polanski, who is 5 foot 4, stood for the 15-minute talk. He wore a double-breasted blue-gray charcoal suit, his long hair lapping over its collar.

He spoke English slowly, choosing his words carefully in a foreign language—he is French-born, reared in Poland—and pausing often to brush tears from his eyes.

Fifty newsmen gathered at the Beverly Wilshire for the first public statement made by the film director since the murder of his wife.

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# Polanski Believes Wife Was Asleep When Slayings Began

## Condition of Bed and Fact Blood Was Found in Bedroom Cited as Reasons in Interview Given by Miss Tate's Mate

MON AUG 25 1969

Film director Roman Polanski thinks that his wife, actress Sharon Tate, was asleep when the killing started at their Benedict Canyon home, it was reported Sunday.

Polanski was quoted as saying in this week's Life magazine that when he inspected the home Aug. 17 the condition of her bed—slept in on one side, pillows piled alongside—suggested she had retired Aug. 8 when something awakened her.

"She must've been awakened by a sound and got up," Polanski was quoted as saying. He based his opinion on the fact that there were blood stains in the doorway leading from the bedroom to the living room —"they hit her here," he said—and others leading back through the bedroom toward a door leading outside.

"She tried to get out of the door, they dragged her into the living room, and killed her there," Polanski said.

Miss Tate and Jay Sebring were killed in the living room of the home. Voityck Frokowsky and Abigail Folger were found dead on a lawn outside, and a young friend of the estate's caretaker was found dead in his car in the driveway. Police believe the slayings took place early Aug. 9.

The Life magazine article quoted Polanski as saying of Frokowski: "I should've thrown him out when he ran over Sharon's dog." Frokowsky, a known drug-user whom some feel attracted the killer to the Tate home, ran over Miss Tate's Yorkshire terrier in the driveway of the home a few weeks before the murders.

Polanski made a 15-minute statement to newsmen before he left Los Angeles—reportedly for Florida and the Bahamas—but he did not speak of his theories of the murders. He said a Life magazine writer, Thomas Thompson, accompanied him to his home because he was a personal friend. Thompson wrote the Life piece, which was accompanied by photographs of Polanski and the scene of the crime.

Polanski was in Europe at the time of the murders. Frokowsky and Miss Folger had been staying at the home while Polanski and Miss Tate were away. They remained there after Miss Tate returned home to await the birth of a child.

Miss Folger, a 26-year-old Radcliffe graduate, left an estate of $530,000, it was disclosed in a petition for probate filed in San Francisco. She was the heiress to the Folger coffee fortune. She left no will.

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# Frokowsky on Drug 'Trip' When He Was Slain, Friends Report

FRI AUG 22 1969

BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

Voityck Frokowsky was in the midst of an experiment with mescaline when he and four other persons were slain early Aug. 9 at the home of Sharon Tate, it was learned Thursday.

Friends said he planned to take the hallucinogenic drug for eight or 10 days. One said Jay Sebring, who was murdered with Frokowsky, may also have been taking mescaline or a similar drug.

"I saw them Thursday, Aug. 7," said Thomas Michael Harrigan, who has been questioned extensively by the police. "I went to Sharon's place. Frokowsky seemed wobbly and uncoordinated.

"Sebring was sitting in a chair, his head tilted to one side, as though he were watching a movie only he could see," he said in an interview.

"Sharon was in the bedroom. I could see her through an open door, combing her hair. She was wearing a housecoat. I thought at first she was Abigail Folger. Then she came out and I met her.

### Didn't Give Him Address

"She wasn't high. She didn't use drugs. She was perfectly straight. She seemed like a warm, sweet person. She seemed oblivious to what was going on around her, as though there was nothing out of the ordinary.

"I wanted to invite Frokowsky to a party at my place Saturday, but I didn't give him the address. He was too far gone on the trip. He'd never have been able to understand the directions."

Harrigan thought Frokowsky was in the fifth day of an eight-day mescaline experiment when he last saw him Aug. 7. Another friend, who saw him Aug. 8, believes it was a 10-day trip.

Mescaline synthetically duplicates the effects of the LSD-like mushrooms used by some American and Mexican Indians in trance-like religious rites.

One longtime friend of the Polish emigre believes Frokowsky's use of mescaline had changed his personality in recent weeks.

"His personality changed. Even his face, his features changed," the friend said. "I had a feeling something terrible was going to happen."

So, apparently, had Voityck Frokowsky.

"He told me a few months ago, 'I'm going to die young, and violently," Harrigan said.

Frokowsky was 37 when he was beaten, stabbed and shot to death.

The police investigation of the murder of Frokowsky, Miss Tate, Miss Folger, Sebring and Steven Parent has to a large extent centered around the handsome, impetuous, charming Pole.

Friends told how his life rushed swiftly to its sudden end.

A defector from Poland, he mingled with the Parisian underworld then came here and, some said, dabbled in the illicit narcotics trade. He drank chilled vodka by the water tumbler, drove too fast, smoked marijuana and took mescaline.

"He had to live dangerously," said a beautiful Polish girl who knew him.

"He said he wanted to write about these things. But it wasn't that. He would drive 65 miles an hour on Mulholland Drive. He was that way. He was always putting himself in danger."

"He was a beautiful person," said Harrigan, who first met him at a Hollywood party in January. "He would get up in the morning, and walk outside, and be happy, really happy, just being alive. He'd feel so good he'd make everyone around him feel good.

"He was high just living and breathing. I don't know why he had to take anything else. But he also had that Polish, melancholy outlook, that he would die young, that he had to live every moment and have every experience, while he could."

Another Polish emigre said he tried to warn Frokowsky about drugs.

"I wanted him to leave Sharon's place," he said. (Frokowsky and "Gibby" Folger stayed at the Benedict Canyon home of Miss Tate and her husband, director Roman Polanski, while they were in Europe, and remained there when Miss Tate returned to await birth of her first baby.)

"I told him 'You and Gibby can go anyplace. You can go to the islands. You can go to Europe. Don't bring something terrible to this house.' But they stayed there, went inside, closed the doors, and took drugs."

Polanski, in his only public comment on the case, referred to Frokowsky as "a very kind human being, who wanted success—but who had little talent."

Some think Polanski shares the opinion of other friends that Frokowsky was the chief target of the mass murder.

Police have sought and questioned Frokowsky's known contacts. Harrigan's attorney, Paul Caruso, believes police asked Canadian authorities to find Harrigan in their hunt for two Canadians Frokowsky was supposed to meet at International Airport Aug. 6.

### Went to Police

Harrigan, 27, who is from Ottawa, went to police on learning of an all-points bulletin naming him and three other Canadian friends of Frokowsky. Harrigan wasn't one of the two men sought and he was questioned and released, Caruso said.

"If I'd given Frokowsky my address" said Harrigan "the police would've found it and come to see me earlier. I wish now I had."

He said that he thinks the killer would've had to kill Frokowsky first. "He worshipped Roman Polanski" Harrigan said. "There was no way in the world he'd've let anyone hurt Sharon Tate."

Private funeral services for Frokowsky were to be held today at Forest Lawn Memorial-Park, Glendale. His mother, Mrs. Tola Frokowsky, and brother, Jerzy, came here from Poland for the rites. Cremation will follow. His ashes will be taken back to Poland, where he has a 10-year-old son by a former marriage.

His mother said her son had written her of Miss Folger, heiress to the Folger coffee family of San Francisco. "He said he loved her, and wanted to marry her," she said, "but wouldn't do it because she

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# No Party on Murder Night, Polanski Says

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Polanski, who made "Rosemary's Baby," said he was leaving Los Angeles soon. But first, he said, "I had to tell you what was on my mind."

He sketched brief word pictures of his wife, Frokowsky and Sebring, who died with Abigail Folger and 18-year-old Steven Parent, a friend of the caretaker of the Tate-Polanski estate, early Aug. 9.

Of his wife, one of the stars of "Valley of the Dolls," he said:

"All of you know how beautiful she was. She was one of the most beautiful women—if not the most beautiful woman—in the world. But few of you know how good she was. She was vulnerable. She couldn't refuse any friendship."

Of Frokowsky, a Polish emigre, he said:

"He was a man I knew from Poland for a very long time. A very kind human being, who wanted success — but who had little talent.

"I saw him in Paris after he defected from Poland, and he was struggling along. The only help I could give him was money and encouragement. He and Abigail Folger came to Los Angeles a year ago."

### Talks of Sebring

Of Sebring, the Hollywood hair stylist who had once been his wife's fiance:

"Jay Sebring was our close friend. Sometimes he came without calling before. He'd just sit down and drink a beer."

Polanski said there were six glasses in the home after the murder, indicating that there may have been a few friends who came by the house—but not a party.

(A coroner's report said that the analysis of the victims' blood indicated a moderate amount of alcohol had been imbibed; tests to determine if drugs had been used are still under way.)

"There was a lot of talk about parties in our home," Polanski said. "They are true. There was a constant party. There wasn't an evening without friends. Even when I was working hard, if she was working hard, there was always someone coming in the evening.

"There was always Sharon waiting . . . I'm sorry, I must stop a moment."

He turned away, wiped his eyes with a white handkerchief, then resumed:

"There was always Sharon, and dogs, and friends waiting for me when I was coming back from the studio."

He told of his last talk with his wife:

### Agreed to Party

"The last time I talked to her was a few hours before the tragedy occurred. She wanted to know if I wanted a birthday party. I said, 'Yes, let's hold one.'

"She said a little kitten had come in from the hills and she was trying to feed it with an eye dropper. There was no indication of a party that evening. There wasn't any party that evening."

Polanski said he and his wife made a last-minute decision to let Frokowsky stay at their house when they left for Europe four months ago. Frokowsky, joined there by Miss Folger, remained after Miss Tate returned from Europe a month ago.

Friends have speculated that Frokowsky, a known user of narcotics, might have attracted the killer to the estate. Polanski mentioned only that Frokowsky used marijuana, as, he said, did Sebring.

"I saw them do it," he said. "In my house there were parties where people smoked pot. I was not at a Hollywood party where someone did not smoke pot."

Polanski, who said he had been planning to hurry home soon to join his eight-months-pregnant wife in lessons in natural childbirth, marked his 36th birthday Monday.

### Returns to Home

He said he had been back to the home at the end of Cielo Drive, and told what newsmen would find there:

"You can go see this 'orgy place,'" he said, apparently referring to accounts he said the foreign press had written of the home. "You can see books on natural childbirth. You'll see the room she was painting . . . the samples of wallpaper she complained you had to wait so hard to get . . ."

He paused, fought for control, then continued:

"You'll see a lot of blood. All over the place. And baby clothes. That's all."

Polanski's attorney had warned newsmen Polanski would not answer any questions. After he finished his statement, he was ushered to a waiting Cadillac limousine. He sat in the back, shuddering, his hands to his face, until the car drove away.

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# Police Screen Photos in Tate Murder Case

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## Negatives of Pictures Taken by Victim Give Possible New Leads

SHARON TATE

BY JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writer

Police are exploring the possibility that one victim of the Benedict Canyon mass murder may have photographed the killer or killers at some interval before the crime, it was learned Wednesday.

Polish playboy Voityck Frokowsky, 37, a gifted amateur photographer, frequently took pictures of friends, acquaintances and even strangers during parties and informal gatherings.

Police have confiscated Frokowsky's negatives. Contact prints made from them figure prominently in the present investigation.

Some of Frokowsky's photos, it is known, were snapped in the hilltop home above Laurel Canyon where he lived with coffee heiress Abigail (Gibby) Folger, another of the five victims.

### Some Photos Taken at Estate

Others were taken at the rented Tate-Polanski estate in Benedict Canyon, scene of the slaughter early Aug. 9, say witnesses who have viewed the pictures.

Friends of the victims have identified faces in the photos and supplied police with names and information about the subjects.

Numerous persons recognizable in the contact prints have been questioned. All have been released as far as is known.

What the questioning produced is not precisely known.

However, an actor pictured in one group photo told The Times he had supplied investigators with information about others photographed which he thought had been "very helpful to the police."

He declined to say what it was or what names he provided detectives.

Another actor photographed by Frokowsky said the faces of movie celebrities appear among the pictures.

He said he had viewed about 20 proof sheets of contact prints, each of which bore numerous pictures.

The second actor said he was a friend of Frokowsky but that the latter had photographed him at the suggestion of Roman Polanski, husband of slain actress Sharon Tate.

"I knew Roman in Europe, and when he learned I was coming to this country, he suggested that Voityck take still photos of me," the actor said.

He explained that, until recently, he had been living abroad, but is now seeking movie roles here and needed quality photographs of himself for promotion purposes.

The actor said he was questioned at great length and that officers had

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# Photos Taken by Tate Case Victim Studied by Police

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expressed "great interest" in him.

He left the implication that he thought police once may have considered him a suspect because his face appeared among Frokowsky's negatives.

It is believed that a substantial number of the pictures appearing on the proof sheets being shown by police were taken by Frokowsky.

The second actor said he got the impression, while being questioned, that detectives were cross-checking names obtained from a "phone book" found in the Tate-Polanski residence against photos.

Police in a clarifying statement disclosed Wednesday that more than 200 persons have been interviewed during the investigation "and many remain to be interviewed."

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# Murder House Bears Evidence of Massacre

SHARON TATE

BY PAUL HOUSTON
Times Staff Writer

At his press conference Tuesday, Roman Polanski suggested that newsmen "go see this 'orgy place.' You'll see how innocent it is."

When newsmen sought to do so, a uniformed guard hired by the film director turned them away at the gate to Polanski's rented estate at the end of Cielo Drive in Benedict Canyon.

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A reporter for The Times, however, had been allowed to take a close look at the murder scene earlier.

Still lying on the front lawn were pieces of blue cloth which apparently had been used to cover the bodies of Abigail Folger and Voityck Frokowsky.

On the concrete front porch of the rustic and rambling ranch-style house was a large patch of dried blood, perhaps marking the point where a struggle took place.

The word "Pig" was faintly visible at the base of the glass-topped, wood-bottomed front door. The guard on duty said investigators told him it was believed the word was smeared in blood on the door with a towel used by the killers to wipe blood off themselves.

The front door opens into a long, narrow living room which was in some disorder. At the center was a puffy brown sofa with its three cushions upended.

Two large, dark patches on the buff carpet in front of the sofa at each end marked the spots where the bodies of actress Sharon Tate and hair stylist Jay Sebring were found.

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Wood Plank Loft

Eight feet overhead, extending from the wall in front of the sofa to just in front of it, is an airy wood plank loft with a ladder leading up to it. The killers had looped a piece of rope over a beam at the front of the loft and tied the ends around the necks of the two victims.

A number of magazines and paperback and hardback books lay scattered on a table behind the sofa. There were several issues of Playboy, a couple of books on the antiballistic missile controversy, several science fiction novels and two identical books, each priced at $26, entitled "Erotic Art."

There is a small bar with a small amount of liquor on the shelves at one end of the living room. A colorful poster from the Monterey Pop Festival, the only wall ornament in the room, hangs on the bar wall. A porcelain mug in the bar was inscribed with the word "opium."

In one corner is a brown, baby grand piano that was dusty from white fingerprint powder sprinkled by police.

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# Canadian Police Name Tate Murder Suspect

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kowsky, 37, and Abigail Folger, 26, two of the victims.

The Frokowsky friend who told police of possible suspects — one of them a Hollywood actor — is not known to have mentioned the names of Harrigan or his purported traveling companions. Police would not say how their names came into the case.

The men sought in Canada were described in the police broadcast as "hippie-narcotics type." Named as traveling with Harrigan were:

1—Charles Tacot, age unknown. No further description is available.

2—Harris (or Harrison) Dawson, 26, 5-foot-10, 160 pounds, Caucasian, with light-brown hair and green eyes.

3—William Doyle, 26 to 28, 5-foot-8, 165 pounds, with brown hair and eyes.

The "want" broadcast on Harrigan said he was 5-foot-7, with red, curly hair, freckles, and large, prominent teeth.

Canadian authorities said a search was under way for him in the vicinity of Edmonton, Alta., the Canadian province adjoining British Columbia on the east. There was no indication what made police believe he was headed in that direction.

### L.A. Police Silent

Los Angeles police continued their refusal to release information about the case. They asked Canadian authorities to hunt for Harrigan and his three companions without putting out an all-points bulletin either in the Southland or the United States.

The RCMP also declined to give further details of the manhunt in Canada. What is known of the pursuit came from the RCMP bulletin.

The bulletin informed Canadian law officers: "If located, advise immediately Royal Canadian Mounted Police Vancouver subdivision."

There was no indication how the men entered Canada, but the bulletin was dated Aug. 14 — long enough after the murders for them to have driven there from the Los Angeles area. Police in Edmonton said they had had inquiries about the suspect from the LAPD.

Vancouver has been described as the major illicit narcotics marketplace in Canada, with large numbers of young people gathered on the beaches and in the skid row section providing a profitable clientele. Rich young Canadians mingle there with vagabond U.S. hippie-types who left San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury when the crime rate there soared.

"There are 3,200 known addicts in Canada," a Vancouver authority reported, "and 2,000 are in the Vancouver area."

However, Canadian au- said they had no for the four men n the RCMP bulle- was considered pos- hey were Los An- area men with links in the Vancouver narcotics underworld.

Harrigan is the first person listed by police as a suspect in the case since the release last Monday of William E. Garretson, the 19-year-old caretaker at the Tate-Polanski home. Police said the youth was arrested because he was the only survivor of the murders at the secluded estate of the actress and her director husband.

Garretson, who has returned to his home at Lancaster, Ohio, told The Times by telephone Sunday that he did not know any of the four men mentioned in the RCMP bulletin.

Killed with Miss Tate, Frokowsky and Miss Folger were Hollywood hair stylist Jay Sebring, 35, and 18-year-old Steven Parent, an acquaintance of Garretson.

The 26-year-old actress had been in Europe until a month ago, when she returned to the home to await the birth of her first child. Polanski, who had asked Frokowsky to care for the home while they were away, remained in Europe, and was in London when he learned of the crime.






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# Bizarre Slayings

Two of the murder scenes and the cast of characters might have been taken from a book by Agatha Christie. The third, involving the slaying of a golf pro, read more like a Raymond Chandler story.

But there was nothing fictional or imaginary in the bizarre crimes that shocked Los Angeles and the nation: The lives of eight real people had ended violently. They included actress Sharon Tate and William Lennon, father of television's singing Lennon Sisters.

Lennon was the last victim in the trio of tragedies; Miss Tate and four other persons were the first when they were found brutally slain at the $200,000 Benedict Canyon mansion that she and her husband, Polish film director Roman Polanski, had rented.

Killed with her was 18-year-old Steven Parent, of El Monte, and three members of the Hollywood jet set: coffee heiress Abigail Folger, 26, Polish screen producer Voityck Frokowsky, 37, and wealthy hair stylist Jay Sebring, 35. C-5-4

All had been shot, stabbed or both. Miss Tate and Sebring were bound loosely with a rope that had been looped over a ceiling beam. A hood had been placed over his head. The other three were found outside the house and the word "Pig" had been scrawled on the mansion's front door, apparently in the blood of one of the victims.

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The bodies were found by a maid reporting for work. She called police and they, after prowling across the rambling, heavily wooded estate with drawn guns, took into custody a 19-year-old caretaker found in a cottage at a far end of the property. The only person left alive at the scene, he said he had slept through the massacre.

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Lennon, 54, was shot to death by a man who accosted him in the parking lot of a golf course at Marina del Rey where he worked as an instructor. Witnesses said he apparently was on his way to lunch when the man stopped him, pulled a rifle from a gunnysack and fired as Lennon sought to flee.

Investigators said that after Lennon dropped from two bullets, the slayer shot him again at close range before escaping in an auto.

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# Informant Links 3 to Tate Murders

## Close Friend of One Victim Says Dope Involvement Is Key to Case

BY JERRY COHEN
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Police kept close guard for a sixth straight night Friday on a man who says he believes he knows the killer or killers responsible for last weekend's Benedict Canyon massacre.

The informant, who said he fears for his life, claims Polish playboy Voityck Frokowsky, 37, was the principal target of the mass murder which left five dead, including actress Sharon Tate.

The motive behind the slayings was Frokowsky's deep involvement with narcotics distributors, the man has told police.

If he is correct, the four other victims presumably died as a byproduct of Frokowsky's execution.

The informant, like Frokowsky, is a Polish emigre. He was a close friend of the dead man.

### 'Names of 3 Given'

He has given detectives the names of at least three persons, one of whom he believes was actively involved in the blood-letting late last Friay night or early last Saturday at the rented estate of Miss Tate, 26, and her husband, Polish director Roman Polanski. Polanski was in London at the time.

Other names supplied to police are presumably thought by the informant to have had a role in the killings or at least some knowledge of the crime.

One person named by him is an aspiring Hollywood actor, known chiefly to industry figures but unfamiliar to the movie-going public.

The informant was invited to the fateful party at the Tate-Polanski estate, but said he worked late into the night and thus escaped the fate of the slain five.

But the informant has indicated he is certain the killer or killers know that he can identify them.

Originally, he was afraid to talk to police, but was persuaded to do so during the day Sunday by out-of-town confidants.

Two detectives have remained by his side ever since he first spoke with investigators Sunday night.

It is known that detectives have acted on his information, but they decline to say what has been developed from it.

However, there are persuasive indications that the focus of their investigation is concentrated on his story which, essentially, follows this line:

Not long after Frokowsky, a close friend of director Polanski in Poland, came to this country two years ago, he met coffee heiress Abigail (Gibby) Folger, 26, in New York City. She was another victim of the slaughter.

"What has happened really is a love tragedy," said the informant.

### Says Cocaine was Involved

Miss Folger, he continued, became the mistress of Frokowsky, and she introduced him to the use of cocaine, the informant said.

Frokowsky became interested in another woman, but Miss Folger, who was deeply in love with him, established her claim to him by supplying him with funds for his drug habit, the informant said.

She and Frokowsky moved to California several months ago, and set up housekeeping at 2774 Woodstock Road, in Laurel Canyon.

According to Frokowsky's fri-

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NIGHT OF HORROR

# Anatomy of a Mass Murder in Hollywood

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Cielo Drive ends in a cul de sac. A wire gate blocks the road. Beyond it lies the home Sharon Tate shared with her husband, Roman Polanski.

At the side of the road, on a waist-high pipe, is a silver button.

On the night of Aug. 8-9, someone pressed that silver button. The gate swung open electrically. The home at 10050 Cielo Drive, secluded and vulnerable, was open—ready to become a killing ground.

By dawn, five persons lay dead—stabbed and shot in a mass murder of frightening barbarity.

In the latest development, it was learned Saturday that Los Angeles police have requested the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Vancouver to watch for four suspected narcotics violators. It is believed that these four persons are wanted for questioning in the murders.

"We have been asked to locate four persons who may be traveling in Canada," an RCMP spokesman told The Times. "But we will not give out information that might jeopardize the Los Angeles investigation."

Police believe that whoever committed the crime knew the street, the silver button, the home, the people in it. There was something at the rustic, red-and-yellow home which attracted a killer.

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### Motive a Mystery

Was it something in the home—or was it the people who died there? What motive, police are seeking to learn, would a killer (or killers) have in murdering these five people?

1—Sharon Tate.

—She was 26, a few weeks from the birth of her first child. She was strikingly beautiful, yet insecure, unsure, often lonely. She and her husband, film director Polanski, were called members of the jet set, the "beautiful people"; neighbors called them "rich hippies" and said of the scene of the crime: "Live freaky, die freaky."

2—Jay Sebring.

Handsome, slight, 35, he was a men's hairdresser who proved his masculinity by becoming one of Hollywood's best karate experts. Once engaged to Miss Tate, he had become a friend of Polanski's, too. In his car were marijuana and pills.

3—Voityck Frokowsky.

A Polish emigre, he was 37, tall, handsome, a powerful man. Once an assistant on Polanski's films, he had apparently squandered his inherited wealth, and had become a hanger-on in the Tate-Polanski circle. Like others in it, he smoked marijuana; some said he also used cocaine.

4—Abigail Folger.

Heiress to the Folger coffee family, she was 26 and pretty, less attractive than the starlets spinning in and out of the Tate-Polanski orbit. "Gibby" Folger, an honor graduate from Radcliffe College, came to Los Angeles to do social work. But, according to an informant being guarded by the police, she became the mistress of Frokowsky, financed his drug habit, and became increasingly fascinated with the study of black magic.

5—Steven Parent.

Two weeks before the murders, 18-year-old Steven Parent of El Monte gave a ride William E. Garretson, caretaker of the Tate-Polanski home, and Garretson had asked him to come by. Parent later did—and died in the seat of his car before he could leave.

Police have said the murders were committed by someone who planned the crime, cutting the telephone lines beside the gate-opening button before entering the property.

One theory is that the killer was after one of the victims because of a dispute over narcotics. A man who suggested this and says he thinks he knows the killer or killers—and provided names—has been under police guard for a week.

And, at least two informants—one now under police protection—have told police the target of the killer must have been Frokowsky and possibly Miss Folger. The reason: narcotics.

But there were reports that others may have lured a homicidal visitor to the home at the end of Cielo Drive. Among the reports:

—Sebring, it was said, was also mixed up in narcotics; there were the drugs in his car, there was a report that he and Frokowsky had recently beaten up a dope pusher. One source said he had large gambling debts. Authorities investigated the reports; friends denied them. Detectives weren't saying what they learned.

—Members of the Tate-Polanski crowd had picked up tough strangers and brought them to the home for the fun and games homosexuals sometimes call "rough trade"—the kind of thing which has ended often in brutal murders when the games get out of hand.

—Garretson, 19, hired as caretaker by the absentee owner, often hitchhiked himself. He invited strangers to the home, too, to his quarters in a guest house behind the swimming pool. Several had police records. Could someone he brought there have returned with robbery in mind?

### Number of Possibilities Grows

The number of possibilities in the case spiraled as police learned more and more about the people involved. Garretson entertained an ex-serviceman, recently discharged for a nervous condition, who had a fixation for knives; rough-looking strangers had been seen at the home; narcotics were reportedly delivered there by underworld types.

Police said they were sifting through the mountain of material gathered by 19 detectives, trying to assess which leads to follow, which to discard. A psychologist and a psychiatrist were studying pictures of the scene of the crime to try and make a diagnosis of the psychology of the murderer.

Officers aren't ready yet to disclose many details of the crime itself. But, from many sources, this is the best available account of what happened:

Miss Tate returned in mid-July to

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the $1,000-a-month rental unit to await the arrival of her child. She asked Frokowsky and Miss Folger to remain; she didn't wish to be alone. Garretson's guest house quarters were far removed from the main house, and she wanted someone near her.

The home is spread out along a ridge overlooking Benedict Canyon. Once the home of Cary Grant, once of Terry Melcher, Doris Day's son, it had been rented often on a short-term basis to members of the film colony.

Although its value has been estimated at $200,000, it needs paint, the wooden fence along the driveway has been backed into and cracked, and a red buckboard parked near the gate in lieu of other decorations has been splintered and shattered, probably by motorists maneuvering out of the blacktop parking area.

There are only two bedrooms in the main house. Its most notable feature is a huge living room, with a big fireplace. At one end is a loft, accessible by a ladder, from which guests at parties could look down at merrymaking below.

### Party Planned

To this home several people were invited to a small party Friday, Aug. 8. Several couldn't come How many did is known only to the police—or, perhaps, the slayer. Polanski wasn't there. He was in London.

The members of the social set orbiting around the Polanskis—as do many of the younger Hollywood set—smoked pot. At least two friends told of Polanski warning friends he disapproved of hard drugs at his home.

It was known that some liquor was consumed at the party. Only a small quantity of drugs was found in Sebring's car. Police said none was found in the house. Toxocological tests to determine whether the victims had used drugs are under way, but many drugs in popular illicit use are almost impossible to detect in the bloodstream.

Parent had to walk from one end of the property to the other to get to his father's 1966 Rambler Ambassador, parked near the front gate. He got to it—and in it. But no farther.

He was found shot in the body and head, slumped behind the wheel, the car in drive, the brake off, the ignition off. He could have passed the main house as the murders were going on and been pursued and slain trying to escape. Or he could have been the first one slain as the killer came in the front gate.

A neighbor remembers hearing shot-like sounds—"a sort of clap-clap-clap" — about midnight. Garretson told police he was listening to his stereo in the guest house and didn't hear a thing.

Mass murder must have been erupting nearby. Miss Tate, in a bra and panties, was found stabbed to death—the victim of 12 to 15 stab wounds — in the living room. A nylon cord was looped around her neck, thrown over a beam in the high-ceilinged living room and the other end knotted around Sebring's neck.

He was on his back, fully clothed, shot and stabbed, a hood — possibly made from a towel — over his head.

A vast splattering of blood was found at the front door, with Frokowsky's body, stabbed, shot and beaten, lying on a lawn nearby, and Miss Folger's 100 feet away, stabbed to death. He was fully clothed; she was in a nightgown.

### Beaten With Pistol

They could have died attempting to escape. Authorities not connected with the case have offered theories: that Sebring, the karate expert, was hooded to prevent his defending himself; that Frokowsky and Miss Folger, perhaps sitting by the pool on a warm night, might have come back to the scene, where he was beaten with a pistol and she was stabbed. Running, he was shot and fell nearby, they theorize, while she ran on — perhaps trying to reach Garretson for help—when she fell

told police they believe Frokowsky and Miss Folger were the targets, because of their involvement with narcotics and the people who use or sell it.

An emigre Pole who knew Frokowsky told of "bandits" delivering narcotics to the home for their use. (Miss Folger's parents, socially prominent San Francisco Bay Area residents, said they had no knowledge that their daughter had ever used narcotics.)

But Steve Brandt, a Hollywood writer who was a friend of the Polanskis, believes someone who was brought to the house by Frokowsky and Miss Folger went beserk under hallucinogenic drugs and perpetrated the crimes.

How many did is known only to the police—or, perhaps, the slayer. Polanski wasn't there. He was in London.

The members of the social set orbiting around the Polanskis—as do many of the younger Hollywood set—smoked pot. At least two friends told of Polanski warning friends he disapproved of hard drugs at his home.

It was known that some liquor was consumed at the party. Only a small quantity of drugs was found in Sebring's car. Police said none was found in the house. Toxocological tests to determine whether the victims had used drugs are under way, but many drugs in popular illicit use are almost impossible to detect in the bloodstream.

About 9 p.m., young Garretson hitch-hiked down the hill from the home to the Sunset Strip where, he said, he bought a few groceries. When he returned he saw Miss Tate's Camaro in the garage and Miss Folger's Pontiac Firebird in the driveway. He didn't see any other cars. He went to his quarters.

At 11:30 or 11:45, Parent came to see Garretson, anxious to show him a new clock radio. After a short visit he called a friend and said he was going to visit the friend. About 12:15 a.m. Parent departed.

changed after she became pregnant. She was less unsure of herself, more confident. She was unbelievably happy. There has been talk of an orgy—ridiculous! Nothing would've been farther from her mind. She wasn't that sort of a person.

"But Frokowsky and Miss Folger were involved with strange people. She was interested in witchcraft, Black Masses, that sort of thing, and she and Frokowsky would go to weird, kinky places.

"I think it was someone they brought in who turned homicidal under something like LSD. A person who is suicidal tries to commit suicide under LSD; a person who is homicidal may turn homicidal. I believe that's what happened."

Barry Tarlow, attorney for Garretson, said he hired an expert in the occult to determine if the circumstances of death appeared linked to a black magic rite. There was no such indication, the man told Tarlow.

### Telephone Dead

Throughout the night, young Garretson remained in the yellow guest house, listening to rock music on his stereo, writing letters. As the sun was rising, he wanted to find out what time it was. He picked up his telephone.

The line was dead. So, he found by punching the buttons on his phone, were other lines into the property.

"I didn't know what to think," he said. "I was a little bit frightened." Trying to decide what to do, he lay down. Finally he dozed off.

It was after 9 a.m. when he heard Christopher, a Weimaraner penned nearby, barking. Then the door burst in and police arrested him at shotgun point. He was taken to jail, where he remained until cleared and released Monday.

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# Multiple Killers and Category Haters Have 'Them' as Target

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BY MAX LERNER 2-7-3

How does it feel, my friends asked me, to find that you have been marked for killing — along with more than 150 others—by some madman? The answer is that it give you a sudden momentary twinge.

What made it worse in this cas was that the New York Daily News, in running the story about the trial of the far-out extremist who is accused of having a number of people marked for death, put the wrong picture over my name. That was the ultimate indignity. I wonder how the poor fellow feels whose face got into the gallery by mistake.

Anyone who gets some public exposure, either in politics or the media, knows that there are bound to be people who wish him dead. But there is all the difference in the world between wishing it and willing it. In this case there seems to have been a wretched young man, living in a basement apartment in Brooklyn, with a smoldering hatred of a whole array of people, who is accused of having willed their deaths. A couple of detectives found ammunition, explosives and a seven-page typed list of names which were brought into the coroner's evidence.

From the few names that have been published I have tried to puzzle out the nature of that list. Evidently there were three categories—"leftists," "active leftists," and "enemies." It is hard to envisage James Farmer, who is working now under President Nixon and Robert Finch in HEW, and John Doar who was head of the Board of Education under John Lindsay, as falling into the first two categories. I assume that they—and perhaps myself with them—must have been bunched under the "enemies" caption.

The poor fellow and his hare-brained "plot," guilty or innocent, are of no great importance amidst the swirling events of our world. But the increasing violence of our time, some of it brutally sadistic like the Sharon Tate murders, is of importance.



"I am the face of violence . . ."

None of us knows much about the Tate case, and there may well have been some special relationship in the ingrown Beverly Hills group that will furnish a clue in the case. But we do know something about the multiple killers—or shall we call them category killers?—in the highly-publicized cases of this decade.

When the ordinary murderer kills, whether it is a planned or a sudden act, he has the image of someone in his mind, and his feeling about that image gets strong enough to blot out other things. But a multiple killer can't be explained that way.

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He may be like that boy in Austin who got up on a high tower and shot down into the square at random, or the one who invaded a beautician school and shot the girls there, or the one who broke into a nurses dormitory in Chicago and claimed his victims. There is a sickness in him that wreaks itself, perhaps at an accidental moment, against whoever is in the range of his fire and his rage.

Those with a category as target are somewhat different. They have a little list, even if the little list gets big, and even if it contains absurdly irrelevant names. There are far-out white-haters and far-out black-haters, and extremists of the left and the right, who wish—and some of whom might even will—the death of

It is a time of danger exactly because the unconscious, which has to be held under control if man is not to murder man, has been released. What the random multiple-killers and the category haters have in common is that their released unconscious fixes more or less vaguely on "them."

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The "enemy" is "they," either a group with some ethnic or ideological description or just the world outside and all around. And at a given moment the fluid hatred and rage get fixated on "them," with the curious but surely exhilarating sense that if only one can strike at "them" history will be changed, the world will be saved, or at least the killer revenged or vindicated.

A formula? One can't concoct a formula, like a recipe. But if I were to put loose ingredients together in some rough fashion I should say to look out for someone who carries in him not the single image of a person, but the image of a category or of "them." Someone who, along with this rage, feels deeply injured by life, who is obsessively convinced that he is beset by the "enemy," and who therefore feels a compulsion to strike at him, not a single target but sadistically again and again and again.

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# U.S. Checking Drug, Gaming Possibilities in Slayings of Five

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BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

Federal officials admitted Thursday that they had been investigating two aspects of the murder of Sharon Tate and four companions: drugs and gambling debts.

Among reports federal agents were checking were those that:

—One of those slain was deeply in debt, possibly to gamblers.

—Large quantities of narcotics were found at the Tate home after the murders.

Investigators said, however, that the gambling aspects were being checked in a routine matter and that the reports of "commercial quantities" of narcotics being found at the home had proved untrue.

**Following Every Clue**

But both city and federal authorities are known to be following every possible clue in an attempt to unravel the mystery of the multiple murders at the rented estate on Cielo Drive in Benedict Canyon.

It was learned that narcotics were found at the home—in the car of hair stylist Jay Sebring—as police began their investigation of the crime.

Federal narcotics officers made inquiries of state and city officials to determine if narcotics in sufficient quantity to be of commercial value had been involved.

Because of the complexity of the case and the apparent lack of motive, law officers were following rumors as closely as Hollywood colony writers for European scandal magazines.

One story checked by narcotics agents was that a trunk full of hashish was found at the house.

Hashish is refined marijuana, a powder usually found in the Middle East and widely sold on the international drug market. Federal agents said the hashish story proved unfounded. They wouldn't elaborate on reports of other drugs having been found at the estate.

The Internal Revenue Service said

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# SLAYING OF FIVE

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routine inquiries were being made into possible gambling aspects of the murder victims.

Slain with the actress and Sebring were Voityck Frokowsky, 37, Abigail Folger, 26, and Steven Parent, 18.

Frokowsky and Miss Folger were among friends of Miss Tate and her husband, director Roman Polanski. Young Parent was a friend who had visited the caretaker of the estate and was apparently slain as he was trying to leave.

Although authorities refuted rumors that the victims had been mutilated, the crime was still the scene of ghastly carnage.

Sebring and Frokowsky were both stabbed and shot, Miss Folger and Miss Tate died under a rain of knife blows, and Parent was shot several times.

"This crime was so weird and bizarre," said Coroner Thomas T. Noguchi, "that we are showing photos of the bodies to a psychologist and a psychiatrist who are consultants to our staff in an effort to determine from them a behavior evaluation of the killer."

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BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

At Holy Cross Cemetery, Roman Polanski stared a long moment at the silver casket, then leaned over and kissed it in a farewell to his wife, Sharon Tate.

Across the city, at an El Monte church, six teen-age youths carried the body of their friend, 18-year-old Steven Parent, to a waiting hearse.

In the affluent San Francisco Bay Area suburb of Portola Valley, a Requiem Mass was offered for coffee heiress Abigail Folger.

At the Wee Kirk o' the Heather at Forest Lawn Memorial-Park, film stars gathered for nonsectarian services for wealthy hair stylist Jay Sebring.

Wednesday was a day of farewell to the victims of a killer who, five days before left a trail of dead scattered about the Benedict Canyon estate of actress Sharon Tate and her film director husband.

### No Progress Report

Police reported no developments in the search for the killer of Miss Tate, Parent, Miss Folger, Sebring and Voityck Frokowsky, 37, for whom funeral arrangements were still pending.

There were no police bulletins out for arrest of any suspects. No progress report was given on the results of the work of a 19-man team of detectives.

Rumors spread through Hollywood circles that the victims of the multiple murders were horribly mutilated by the killer. Police declined comment. But it was learned that:

—The women were stabbed only. There were many stab wounds — more than a dozen in the body of Miss Tate—but no mutilation.

### Stars in Attendance

—Sebring and Frokowsky were both stabbed and shot. They were not mutilated. Sebring's cause of death was stabbing, but he was also shot, a fact not earlier released. In addition Frokowsky was beaten in the face, possibly with a pistol. Broken pieces of pistol grip were found in the home.

Investigators denied other rumors that evidence of weird sex rites were found in Miss Tate's home.

Many members of the Hollywood colony attended the funeral for Miss Tate at the chapel atop the flower-dotted slopes at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City.

Kirk Douglas, Stuart Whitman, Warren Beatty, James Coburn, Yul Brynner and Peter Sellers were among those who paid last respects.

In the front, at the right of the chapel sat the actress' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tate, Polanski and the Tate's two daughters, Patricia and Deborah.

The family sat in quiet composure as the Rev. Peter O'Reilly of Good Shepherd Church in Beverly Hills began a brief service. Tate, an Army colonel who has been stationed in San Francisco, looked straight ahead. Mrs. Tate stared across the church toward the ceiling.

"She was a fine person," said Father O'Reilly, whose church Miss Tate sometimes attended, "and we were in no small measure devoted to her . . ."

Polanski, a small man with long, tangled brown hair, gave a slight shudder. Mrs. Tate put her arm around him, then patted his hair with a black-gloved hand.

She retained her poise until Father O'Reilly, the service completed, stepped to the casket and said:

"Goodby, Sharon, and may the angels welcome you to heaven, and the martyrs guide your way . . ."

The mother broke into sobs. As the family stood up to say a last farewell before the closed casket, it was Polanski who comforted Mrs. Tate and helped her to her feet.

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RITES HELD FOR 3 OTHERS
Stars Attend Services for Slain Actress Sharon Tate

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# Rites Held for 4 Victims of Mass Murder

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He stood facing the casket a long moment, blinking, but seemingly composed. Then he kissed the casket. Funeral director Richard Cunningham handed Mrs. Tate five pink roses from the large spray of roses and and carnations atop the casket, and the family left the church.

The 150 persons in the church stood, then began to file out. Brynner, who had been seated in a front row, stepped toward the casket, paused, looked at it, then turned and followed the rest of the throng from the church and into the bright sun beyond.

There was no Mass. "The family wanted only a brief ceremony," said Father O'Reilly. Flowers sent by friends were piled on the lawn in front of the chapel.

### Flower Request

"Mr. James Coburn asked us to put these at either end of the casket," a deliveryman from a Sunset Strip florist told Charles L. Mercer, a funeral attendant, before the service began. The deliveryman and an aide held two tall, pedestal-mounted bouquets of marguerites.

"The church, not the mourners, make the arrangements," Mercer said. "There are to be no flowers in the chapel."

"I'll try anyway," the deliveryman said.

"You'll be stopped," said Mercer.

He wasn't. There was no one at the door as the deliveryman entered. The only flowers for Sharon Tate in the chapel—except those the family placed upon the casket itself—were Coburn's two bouquets to the left and right of the casket.

Barely two hours after Miss Tate's funeral, an obviously grief-stricken Polanski appeared at services for the 35-year-old Sebring. Polanski was supported at either arm by a friend.

### Overflow Crowd

Sebring's funeral drew an overflow crowd of fellow hair stylists and a number of Sebring's customers who had become his close friends. Among them were Steve McQueen, who delivered a brief eulogy, Henry Fonda, Peter Fonda, Paul Newman, Alex Cord, George Hamilton and singer Keely Smith.

A friend, Alvin Greenwald, also eulogized Sebring as "an individual human person who earned and deserved the trust and respect of us all."

Many mourners — men and women—wept openly as they were ushered from the flower-banked chapel. In a black limousine in the funeral procession, three beautiful young women sat sobbing, their miniskirted legs stretched before them, crossed and barefooted, on the lowered jump seat.

In El Monte, earlier, there was a similar rite in a smaller chapel.

The funeral for Steven Parent was held at the Church of the Nativity, the El Monte Catholic church which young Parent had attended.

### Met 2 Weeks Ago

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"Steve was a credit to his family, to his parish and to his school," the Rev. Paul L. Peterson told the mourners.

Parent's mother, Mrs. Wilfred Parent, wept inconsolably as she followed the casket from the church toward a waiting

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# Drugs Found Near Tate Murder Site

## Pills, Marijuana Located in Slain Hair Stylist's Car Outside Estate

BY DIAL TORGERSON
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Narcotics were found in an expensive sports car parked outside the Benedict Canyon estate where actress Sharon Tate and four companions were slain, it was learned Tuesday.

Police declined to confirm or deny the report. The detective heading a 19-man team working on the multiple murders would say only:

"Narcotics aspects are under investigation."

The drugs were found in the 1966 black Porsche owned by wealthy Hollywood hair stylist Jay Sebring.

Among the drugs were a small quantity of marijuana, pills resembling methedrine (or "speed") and possibly LSD.

Earlier Lt. Robert Helder, head of the Tate case team, had been asked if narcotics had been found at the scene. "Not in the house," he said.

### Backgrounds Being Probed

Police said the backgrounds of the victims of the murder were being investigated to see if narcotics records were involved. They did not disclose the results of the investigation.

But friends of one of the victims—Polish emigre film maker Voityck Frokowsky, 37—said that he was known to have been a user of narcotics.

Tests to determine if the victims had been using narcotics are under way at the Los Angeles County coroner's office. Results are not expected to be available for several more days.

Lt. Helder said that there was no evidence of a drinking party in progress at the estate the night of the killings. But it was known that:

1—There had been a party at the home Friday night. The deaths are believed to have occurred early Saturday.

2—Frokowsky and at least some of the others who died in the outburst of stabbing and shooting were members of a "pot-oriented" Hollywood group, among whom use of marijuana was commonplace.

Killed with Miss Tate, Sebring and Frokowsky were Abigail Folger, 26, year-old coffee family heiress, and Steven Parent, 18, a friend of the estate caretaker, William E. Garretson, 19, who was arrested after the killings but released Monday.

Garretson's mother, Mrs. Mary Garretson, said in Lancaster, Ohio, she expects her son to return home as soon as he is rested.

### Son 'Tired and Incoherent'

She said she had talked to him by phone since his release and he was "tired and incoherent."

"He will stay here," she said. "Everyone loves him here and knows he couldn't have done anything wrong."

The probe of the narcotics aspects of the case necessarily led police into two lines of investigation:

—That the killer or killers might have been "freaked out" on drugs and murdered in a paranoid frenzy.

—That they might have been linked to the narcotics trade and involved in either the sale or theft of drugs.

Lt. Helder told newsmen earlier that he felt that the killings were premeditated, because the telephone lines leading into the actress' home at the end of Cielo Drive had been cut.

The lines are 18 feet above the ground. They were slashed not far from where Parent was shot to death

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# Drugs Found Near Site of Tate Murders

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as he sat in his car on the driveway of the secluded home.

Lt. Helder's supposition that the crimes were premeditated would presumably make a "freak-out" type of killing unlikely. But police were not concentrating on any one theory. Two lieutenants and 17 detectives are following up every possibility.

Chemical tests were believed being made of the drugs found in the black Porsche.

It was found parked next to Miss Folger's new Pontiac Firebird on the blacktop entryway to the Cielo Drive estate. The Parent youth's car was 100 feet away, angled toward the entry gate where Cielo Drive ends and the sprawling estate begins.

Film director Roman Polanski, husband of Miss Tate, rented the home from the owner. Polanski was in London at the time of the murders. He flew home Sunday. He is now in seclusion at an undisclosed location.

Funeral arrangements had been made Tuesday for all of the victims except Frokowsky. Miss Tate's funeral, which will be private, is expected to be conducted today.

Frokowsky's mother and brother reportedly have been granted permission by the Polish government to come to America for a funeral service tentatively planned for Thursday in New York City. Friends there are arranging the service.

About 100 persons attended Rosary services for young Parent Tuesday night at the Church of the Nativity in El Monte. Requiem mass will be at 9

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# Lawyer Tells Youth's Action During Time

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BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

A slim youth who was the sole survivor of a rampage of homicide at a Benedict Canyon estate was released by police Monday.

Officers said there was no evidence to implicate 19-year-old William E. Garretson in the murders of actress Sharon Tate and four companions.

The young caretaker was arrested at the estate early Friday at shotgun point, questioned repeatedly, given a lie detector test, and finally released at 2 p.m. Monday.

He appeared near tears as he made his way through the lobby of the police administration building downtown, surrounded by newsmen. An attorney said he wouldn't talk and he didn't. He was led away, silently, as his lawyer told newsmen that:

1—Garretson was in his room in a guest house, listening to his stereo, when the multiple killings occurred.

2—He had said goodnight to an acquaintance, Steven Parent, 18, at about 11:30 p.m. Friday, then retired to his quarters. Parent was one of the five found shot and stabbed to death the next morning.

3—He didn't know there had been any crimes committed until police kicked in the door of his room shortly after 9 a.m. the next day.

**Police Terse About Case**

Police spoke tersely, when at all, about the case.

After their only suspect in the case walked out the door of the police building, Inspector Harold Yarnell said:

"There is not sufficient evidence to hold Garretson. There is no reason to suspect him."

Officers added only a few additional details:

1—The double murder Sunday of a Los Feliz market chain owner and his wife, although similar to the West Los Angeles case in many details, was apparently not connected with it.

2—There are no all-points bulletins out for any suspects in the Tate case, although detectives were questioning, or seeking for questioning, friends of both Miss Tate and young Garretson.

**Hard-Core Police Work**

A team of detectives was getting down Monday to the hard-core police work in a complex, apparently motiveless mass murder. In doing so, they probed into the relationships of members of two separate circles of friends who gathered at the sprawling, secluded estate at the cul-de-sac of Cielo Drive.

In the main house the "beautiful people" — the striking, blonde Miss Tate, her intense, brilliantly talented husband, director Roman Polanski, and the jet and sportscar set that attended them—often gathered.

In the little yellow guest house at the far end of the property was a different crowd — the Hollywood Blvd. drifters, hitchhikers, drug store cowboys and aimless youths who were invited to his quarters by

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# Youth Freed in Canyon Killing of 5

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short, slight, tousle-haired young Garretson.

What police are seeking to learn is basically this: was the killer a young drifter—or one of the "beautiful people"?

Barry Tarlow, the criminal attorney who led Garretson from custody, one arm around his shoulder, said his investigators found out that there was a party at the Tate-Polanski estate Friday night. He believes the killer was personally implicated with the jet set crowd.

Newsmen asked Tarlow if his client had given police the name of suspects.

"He gave no names to police of people he thought to be suspects," said Tarlow. "He did give them names of acquaintances. And these acquaintances are persons the police are talking to."

A Hollywood man who picked Garretson up once when he was hitchhiking said the youth invited him to his quarters at the estate, and said he told him that he frequently invited strangers to visit there. 1-26-1

Garretson's mother has told newsmen of her son describing visits to the guest house by friends from his home town of Lancaster, Ohio — including at least two youths who had had trouble with juvenile and military authorities.

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# Police See 'Copycat Killer' in Slaying of Los Feliz Couple

## Similarities Noted With Benedict Canyon Murders: Weird, Ritualistic Overtones, Words Written in Blood

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BY LEE DYE
Times Staff Writer

Police leaned Monday toward the theory that the knife murder of a Los Feliz couple was the work of a "copycat killer."

Market owner Leno La Bianca, 44, and his wife, Rosemary, 38, were stabbed to death Sunday in their home at 3301 Waverly Drive. The killing was in many ways similar to the slaying of actress Sharon Tate and four companions late Friday or early Saturday at Miss Tate's rented estate in Benedict Canyon.

Detectives investigating both cases found startling similarities—savage, senseless killings carried out with weird, almost ritualistic overtones.

But while the gruesome scenes were similar, police said there was little evidence the slayings were committed by the same persons.

### Killed in Boyhood Home

La Bianca was killed in the home into which he had moved as a boy 30 years ago. The house is in a district some 15 miles from the scene of the earlier crime. It is in an upper-middle class neighborhood far removed both by distance and way of life from the secluded estate where four Hollywood socialites and an 18-year-old youth died in a similar manner.

"There is a similarity in the slayings," said Police Sgt. Bryce Houchin. "But whether it's the same suspect or a copycat, we just don't know."

Other officers investigating the crimes indicated they were inclined to believe the second slayings were the work of a "copycat," possibly someone who mimicked the Benedict Canyon killings in hope of misleading detectives.

Although police tended to discount a common killer, one aspect of the two cases remained particularly disturbing Monday:

The word "death" was written in blood on the refrigerator door in the La Bianca residence, apparently with the heel of the killer's hand, police said. The word "pig" was left on the door of Miss Tate's home, also written in blood, apparently with the heel of a hand.

One police officer involved in the investigation of both cases said the writing was very similar.

It was not widely known prior to the La Bianca killing that the writing on Miss Tate's door was done with such an unusual technique.

Police remained baffled Monday over the motivation of the killer or killers. There was no evidence anything had been removed from the La Bianca home.

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# Police Look for a 'Copycat' in New Slayings

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La Bianca was owner of Gateway Markets, a chain of four profitable markets in the Los Angeles area.

La Bianca, his wife, Susan Struthers, 21, returned about midnight Saturday from a water skiing outing to Lake Isabella.

They dropped Miss Struthers off at her nearby apartment, drove to the home on Waverly Drive, and parked their green, four-door Thunderbird, its trailered 15-foot inboard still hooked behind, next to the curving driveway leading up to the home.

At 8:30 p.m. Sunday Mrs. La Bianca's son, Frank Struthers, 14, who had been water skiing with friends, came to the house, saw lights burning, but couldn't get into the house. No one answered his knocks.

He went to a neighbor's house and phoned his sister. He told her things looked peculiar at the home. A door usually left open was locked. No one would come to the door.

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# Ritual Hollow Kill

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## New Murders in Silverlake; Fresh Tate Clue

BY DIAL TORGERSON and TED THACKREY JR.
Times Staff Writers

A Silverlake couple were found slain Sunday night under bizarre circumstances that police said may connect the crime with the murder of actress Sharon Tate and four others in Benedict Canyon.

Detectives said the man's head was covered with a white hood, his chest pierced by a meat carving fork which had evidently been used to cut the word "war" and "XXX" into the flesh. His body was found on the living room floor.

The woman's body, clad in pajamas, was found in the bedroom of the isolated single-story house at 3306 Waverly Drive, her back ripped to pieces by what police said may have been a knife or a whip.

They were not immediately identified.

### 'Death to Pigs'

The words "Death to Pigs" had been smeared on the door of the refrigerator, apparently by the heel of the slayer's hand, dipped in his victims' blood.

The couple's teen-age children, returning home shortly after the crime was discovered at 10:30 p.m. immediately became hysterical and could give police no clear account of events earlier in the evening.

The hood, the bloody inscription —written in the same manner as the word "Pig" on the front door of Miss Tate's rented home in Benedict Canyon—and the nature of the wounds all indicated a connection with the earlier crime, police said.

Miss Tate and her four companions were slain late Friday night or Saturday morning.

A second suspect in that case is still believed at large.

The second suspect is a man whose name was mentioned by William E. Garretson, a 19-year-old caretaker at the estate who was taken into custody shortly after the murders were discovered.

### Takes Lie Detector Test

Garretson underwent an hour long lie detector test at central police headquarters Sunday afternoon. He was then returned to his cell, and Sgt. Jesse Buckles explained that homicide detectives were "not entirely satisfied" with his answers to their questions.

Earlier, officers had indicated Garretson might be released after testing on the polygraph. Buckles said Garretson may still be released —but not until further investigation is completed, probably sometime today.

Lt. Det. Robert Helder told a news conference that efforts to trace the killer — or killers — were centered on acquaintances of the short, slim caretaker.

But Garretson's attorney, Barry Tarlow, asserted that [illegible]

SAD JOURNEY—Roman Polanski, husband of slain actress Sharon Tate, is escorted to plane in London. He avoided newsmen on his arrival here.
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the night of the killings," Tarlow said. "From the investigation made by my office, our best guess is that whoever did it was involved in a personal way with these people who were killed."

What police had originally considered their best clue in the case evaporated late Sunday when Miss Tate's red Ferrari was found in a Hollywood service garage, where it had been taken for repairs last week. The car had been reported missing, and was the subject of an all-points bulletin.

Coroner Thomas T. Noguchi told newsmen the results of autopsies which determined these causes of death for the five victims:

—Miss Tate, 26, who was found in the living room linked by a rope to the body of hair stylist Jay Sebring, was killed by multiple stab wounds of the chest and back.

—Sebring, 35, died from stab wounds in the body. The rope linking his neck with that of Miss Tate did not contribute to the cause of death.

—Abigail Folger, 26, heiress of the Folger coffee family, died from stab wounds in the chest.

—Voityek Frokowski, 37, a Polish screen producer and writer, died of stab wounds "of the body and extremities" and [illegible]

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# Jet Set Slaying of Son, 18, Makes No Sense to Father

BY ROBERT KISTLER
Times Staff Writer

SHARON TATE

Wilfred Elmer Parent sat in his living room in El Monte Sunday trying to figure out why his eldest son—a seemingly quiet, 18-year-old—had turned up dead at the scene of a jet set mass murder.

Things, as Parent had come to know them, just didn't make sense.

All Parent knew was that his boy, Steven, was dead—murdered on the premises of a fancy Benedict Canyon estate, 25 miles west of El Monte. And, in the world of Parent, a 44-year-old construction superintendent, that estate was at least another continent away.

"I just don't understand," Parent kept saying. "It—the whole thing—don't make any damned sense."

From a nearby bedroom, recurring moans reached the living room. Parent said his wife, Juanita, and their other childen—Janet, 15; Dale, 10, and Greg, 13—had gone into that room to "kinda be together."

In a heavy sigh, Parent seemed to apologize for the moans from the bedroom:

"We didn't get to bed until 5 a.m. Janet took it horrible hard.

"The wife and I finally put the kids in bed with us and the five of us just held onto each other and cried until we went to sleep."

The body of Steven Earl Parent was found Saturday on the estate of movie producer Roman Polanski.

Steven—one of the five slaying victims—didn't fit the jet set backgrounds of the others.

The youth, a sturdy teen-ager with medium-length, carrot-red hair, was found slumped behind the steering wheel of his white Ambassador, just inside the gate to the

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# Cannot Fathom Set Slaying of Son

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estate. He had been shot in the head and body, the coroner's office said.

Apparently, there was no indication that any driver's license or other papers were found on the youth.

The other victims, all among the city's wealthy jet set society, were:

Sharon Tate, 26-year-old star of "Valley of the Dolls"; Abigail Folger, 26-year-old coffee company heiress; Jay Sebring, 35-year-old Hollywood hair stylist, and Voityck Frokowski, 37-year-old Polish movie producer.

"I just can't understand what he was doing up there in the first place," the father said. "Hell, Steve wasn't a poshy kind of kid. I didn't even know he knew any of those people."

The young Parent, a recent graduate of Arroyo High School in El Monte, had left home at 7:50 a.m. Friday, apparently bound for his job at Valley Cities Supply Co., a plumbing firm in San Gabriel, his father said.

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**'Working Two Jobs'**

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Steven Parent

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the cocaine deliveries were made to Miss Folger, who then turned the drug supplies over to him.

But, somehow, Frokowsky reportedly became personally involved with drug distributors himself, the informant said.

This involvement—the precise nature of which is unknown—led to the mass murder, the informant claims. 1-9-3

Whether Frokowsky was involved in some kind of double-cross or was considered a threat to the prosperity of dope peddlers is a matter of speculation, regardless of the informant's story.

As early as last Tuesday, it was learned that drugs were found in the expensive sports car of Jay Sebring, 35, the wealthy hair-stylist who was another of the victims.

Frokowsky's friend and an associate said they were offered cocaine a month ago by Miss Folger, after a delivery of the drug to the Tate-Polanski estate. Both said they declined it.

### Tells of Invitation

The informant said Frokowsky and Miss Folger moved into the residence on the estate four months ago when Polanski and his wife went to Europe and wanted someone to keep watch on their belongings. Frokowsky's father financed Polanski's early film ventures in Poland.

While it is known that the social set which revolved around Polanski was marijuana-oriented, the informant said the famed director was fiercely opposed to the use of "hard stuff."

The friend said Frokowsky had extended him an invitation to the party while visiting his place of business about 6 p.m. last Friday.

The friend presently has in his possession a note written on Miss Folger's stationery in which she professed her love for Frokowsky. The note reads:

"It is beautiful.

"I love you."

He said cocaine deliveries were made to Miss Folger's home, and later to the Tate-Polanski residence after the director and his actress-wife left for Europe. The deliveries were made by what he described, in halting English, as:

"Bandits."

"You mean drug peddlers," he was asked.

"Yes," he replied.

Miss Folger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Folger of Woodside, confirmed Friday that their daughter had met Frokowsky in New York City, that they had been dating and that they had been staying at the Tate-Polanski residence.

Both said they had no indication that Miss Folger was using "hard" drugs, but the father said she "may have" smoked marijuana.

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# Second Suspect Hunted in Five Murders in Benedict Canyon

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youth who was a friend of Garretson, was killed by multiple gunshot wounds of the chest.

Helder and Noguchi declined to release many details of the crime known to authorities—things Helder said would be known only to the killer or killers.

They wouldn't say how many times the victims were stabbed, with what type of weapon they were shot, or elaborate on physical details of the scene of the murders.

The five were killed at the $200,000 estate rented by Miss Tate and her husband, film director Roman Polanski, at the end of Cielo Drive in the hills of Benedict Canyon.

The detective and the coroner did, however, provide some previously unreleased details of the crime:

Miss Tate was eight months pregnant with a baby boy.

The telephone lines into the home were cut between 10 p.m., when the phone into the estate was last used, and 5:30 a.m., when Garretson attempted to place a call out and found the lines dead. The murders presumably occurred within that period, Helder said. 8-3

The word "Pig" was written in blood, with letters about a foot tall, on the front door. Police said the letters were made with the side of a fist that had been smeared with the victims' blood.

"There's no solid information that will limit us to a single suspect," said Helder. "It could've been one man, it could've been two, it could've been three."

"We have to assume there was an attempt to escape, when we find the bodies the way we did," said Helder.

Miss Tate and Sebring were killed in the house. But the other three victims were found dead in what could have been positions of flight: Frokowski shot in the back on the lawn, Miss Folger falling 100 feet farther away on the grass, Parent shot as he sat at the wheel of his car in the estate driveway.

Garretson's attorney said that Parent was alive at 11:45 p.m. Friday — but wouldn't comment further on that fact. He said Garretson was asleep in the guest house at the rear of the property and slept through the murders.

Helder said that none of the victims of the murder was sexually molested. There was no evidence of alcoholic beverages having been consumed, and chemical tests to determine if drugs had been used by any of the victims are still under way, he said.

The fact that the telephone wires were cut indicated that the murders were apparently premeditated, Helder said. He said the victims were "caught unawares" by the killer.

"It was a weird homicide," he said, ". . . but I don't think we have a maniac running around."

"I can't agree with that," said attorney Tarlow later. "I think there is a maniac running around. And if I were living in that area, I'd be concerned."

Friends said Frokowski, a friend of Miss Folger, had also been staying at the Tate home, situated at the end of a winding, hilly street.

Garretson can be held for 48 hours, starting Monday morning, before charges have to be filed—or he has to be released. The 48-hour limit does not apply over a weekend.

Lt. Helder said attempts to talk to Polanski would be arranged through the director's attorney. "I doubt if he'll be able to talk to us right away," Helder said.

The policeman's prediction was confirmed when Polanski arrived Sunday afternoon at International Airport aboard a jetliner from London, and was immediately taken to an unknown location.

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**Parent's Murder**

Young Parent was a casual acquaintance of Garretson who had been at the guest house Friday night. He was shot to death as he sat at the wheel of his car in the driveway of the property. His murder posed another question:

If the killer was a drifter from Garretson's circle of friends, why had Parent been killed, but Garretson spared?

Tarlow said that Garretson lay awake all night, watching television, listening to his stereo, writing letters, then went to bed about 6 a.m.

"Then he heard police pounding on the door," said Tarlow. "He said, 'Wait a minute.' Then the door came flying down. The police said, 'Get your . . . hands in the air and don't move!' And there were shotguns in his face."

Tarlow said the youth would rest in seclusion at a ranch outside of the city for a few days to recuper-

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T. Noguchi said her wounds would not have been instantly fatal, indicating she might have died while in flight.

The direction she was taking was toward the guest house where young Garretson was later arrested. Miss Folger and Frokowsky had been staying at the estate, and she would have presumably been aware that the caretaker was there.

But, said Tarlow, Garretson was unaware anything was wrong. At 5:30 a.m. he picked up his phone in the guest house, and found it was dead. (The killer, police say, had cut the phone lines.) But, without investigating, Garretson then went to bed, his lawyer said.

Private funeral services for Miss Tate are being arranged through Cunningham & O'Connor. No arrangements have been made for Frokowsky.

Memorial services for Sebring are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Forest Lawn Memorial-Park, Glendale.

Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. today at the Church of the Nativity in El Monte for Parent. Mass will be Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the church, followed by burial at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Miss Folger at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church in Portola Valley near Redwood City. Arrangements

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# Sharon Tate, Four Others Found Slain

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hood. "It seemed ritualistic," said one investigating officer. Said another: "It looked like a battlefield up there."

Mrs. Chapman ran to a neighbor's home. Jim Asim, 15, was getting ready to leave the house.

"There's bodies and blood all over the place!" she cried to Asim.

The youth, who is a member of Law Enforcement Troop 800 of the Boy Scouts, called West Los Angeles police.

A half-dozen police cars raced up Cielo Drive, overlooking Benedict Canyon, to the cul de sac where it ends—at the wire gate of the home at 10050 Cielo Drive rented by Polanski and Miss Tate.

The police entered the property with guns drawn. A dog bayed behind a guest house facing the driveway. Officers heard a man's voice yell to the dog to be quiet.

They entered the guest house and at gunpoint arrested William Etson Garretson, who will be 20 on Aug. 24. He was wearing only pin-striped bell-bottom trousers.

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MAID AT STATION — Winifred Chapman, the maid who discovered the five bodies at a Benedict Canyon estate, is escorted into the police station in West Los Angeles by policeman Richard Gingras.
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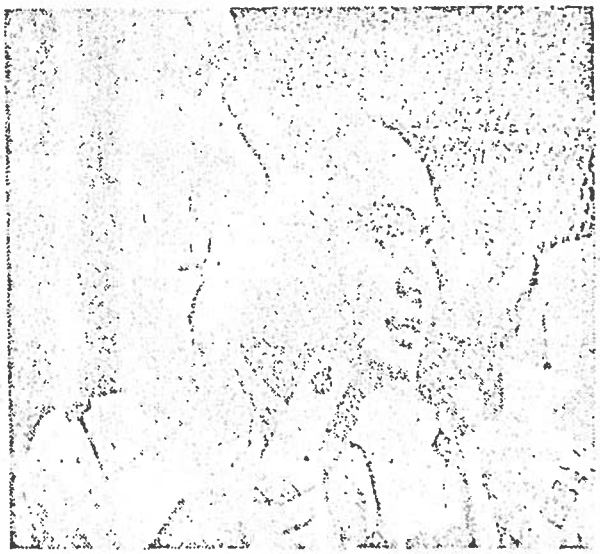

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"This is an extraordinary case, a difficult case," he said, explaining why he came to the scene. "If my presence is demanded by the people of Los Angeles County, I'll be there."

**Identifies Four Bodies**

William Tenant, Miss Tate's agent, came to the home at noon — still wearing tennis clothes — and identified the bodies of Miss Tate, Miss Folger, Sebring and Frokowski.

He left, sobbing, without speaking to reporters waiting at the gate. Later he phoned Polanski at his apartment in London to inform him of Miss Tate's death.

"He broke down and cried," said a friend in London. "He made arrangements to catch the first available flight to Los Angeles."

Hollywood associates said Miss Tate had recently visited Polanski in London, where he was working on plans for a projected film.

Friends said that Miss Folger had been staying at the Tate-Polanski home, where Frokowski was also a guest.

"Gibby" Folger was the daughter of Peter Folger of Woodside, Calif., pres-

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THE WORLD OF HOLLYWOOD

# Tragedy Strikes Those Who Beat Odds Against Success

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BY CHARLES CHAMPLIN
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SHARON TATE

Saturday's swift and macabre tragedy swept up three people who in their own ways had defeated the odds against success in the ruthless and unyielding world of Hollywood.

Roman Polanski, who survives to contemplate horrors undreamt of even in his own often-bizarre films, is a short and impish young man, born in Paris in 1933 but raised in Poland.

An actor as well as a director, he first came to wide attention with short films he made while still attending the Polish State Film School.

A meticulous and imaginative craftsman, he has made his reputation with studies of neurotic moderns sometimes trapped in bizarre circumstances and with tales of Gothic horror.

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**Regarded as Classic**

His first work, "Knife in the Water," is generally regarded as a classic of current cinema. "Repulsion" and "Cul-de-Sac" were less successful but still notable in their creation of moods of eeriness and suppressed emotions. By all odds his most successful work is "Rosemary's Baby," one of the top money makers last year.

His "The Vampire Killers," a spoof of the whole vampire genre in which he also took a starring role, was released here in a truncated version he has renounced as unfaithful to his intentions.

Polanski has recently been in Europe putting the final touches on a script and doing preproduction planning on his next movie, "The Day of the Dolphin" for United Artists.

His murdered wife, Sharon Tate, was an astonishingly beautiful woman with a statuesque figure and a face of great delicacy. She had been cast as a beauty, and it is hard to say what she might ultimately have done with a role which made demands of her as an actress.

The best-known movie that Miss Tate made, "Valley of the Dolls," ended with a death of a lovely young woman—played by Miss Tate.

Her career began with "13," a movie with David Niven and Deborah Kerr in which she played a French country girl with the powers of a witch.

She mostly wore bikinis in the Martin Ransohoff film, "Don't Make Waves" and was mostly a visual adornment with Polanski himself in "The Vampire Killers."

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William Etson Garretson



# HOLLYWOOD ODDS

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Jay Sebring's story was almost a Hollywood novel in itself. From modest beginnings in Detroit, he had settled in Hollywood after serving in the Navy.

He began cutting hair for friends, broke as he was. He found he had a genuine flair for it and opened a small shop on Fairfax Ave. as a hair-stylist for men.

He soon numbered most of Hollywood's top male stars among his clientele—Frank Sinatra, Paul Newman, Henry Fonda, Sammy Davis Jr., Steve McQueen, George Peppard and many others.

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Many of them flew him to distant locations to keep their hair in trim. Vic Damone was best man at his marriage, later dissolved, to actress Cami Sebring. Subsequent and in her pre-Polan days, Miss Tate had da Sebring. Sebring remair friends with both his f mer wife and Miss Tate.

Sebring, a slight, goo looking, dark-haired, so voiced man, had also do brief roles in movies a television, generally pla ing a barber. He h recently opened a seco shop in San Francisco a was planning to open third in New York lat this fall.

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But all of that, for a three and their thre friends, was before t tormented hours of Satu day morning.

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# Pole Slain in Mass Murder Was Playboy in Native Land

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BY JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writer

The name Voityck Frokowsky meant little here until he died last weekend, a victim of the mass murders in Benedict Canyon.

But in his native Poland he was, at the age of 37, something of a legend among sophisticates who chafe at the Communist establishment.

"In Poland, where it's not easy to be a playboy, he had style," said a close friend. "In Warsaw's artistic society, he was as well-known as Roman Polanski (the movie director whose wife, Sharon Tate, was another of the mass-murder victims).

He was the Polish version of a Hemingway hero.

"He drove sports race cars. He was bright, witty and attractive. A real he-man. He wasn't an intellectual, but he was the kind of guy intellectuals like to have around. He was good company. Women loved him."

Frokowsky married twice in Poland before coming to the United States two years ago. A former wife was Agneski Osiecka, one of that country's most popular writers.

As a youth, Frokowsky met Polanski and became one of the future film-maker's close friends. Together they gravitated to the small set of artists, writers and actors that survived—and with flair—"the barrenness and bankruptcy of contemporary Polish society," said a mutual friend.

"Voityck's father had a fair amount of money, more than most in Poland, and he was able to help finance some of Polanski's earlier films," the friend added.

"But the heavy hand of censors and, of course, that bankrupt society drove out an enormous number of talented men in their late 20s and early 30s.

Polanski and Frokowsky were among them.

After arriving in the United States, Frokowsky spent the first eight months in New York City, where he became a fixture in a swinging circle of talented but hedonistic Polish emigres. That circle later moved westward.

"This world tended to orbit around him," said the friend. "It was made up of a lot of bright, attractive young people. It was a sensual, not an intellectual world, and it was pot (marijuana)-oriented," the friend said.

Frokowsky's "girl," the friend added, was heiress Abigail (Gibby) Folger, another victim of last weekend's massacre. They had been going together a year and a half.



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'RITUALISTIC SLAYINGS'

# Sharon Tate, Four Others Murdered

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BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

Film star Sharon Tate, another woman and three men were found slain Saturday, their bodies scattered around a Benedict Canyon estate in what police said resembled a ritualistic mass murder.

The victims were shot, stabbed or throttled. On the front door of the home, written in blood, was one word: "Pig."

Police arrested the only one left alive on the property—a 19-year-old houseboy. He was booked on suspicion of murder.

Killed were: A-1-5

—Miss Tate, 26, a star of "Valley of the Dolls" and wife of Roman Polanski, director of "Rosemary's Baby." She was eight months pregnant. He is in England.

Related story, pictures on Page B.



Sharon Tate
Times photo

—Abigail Folger, 26, heiress to the Folger's Coffee family.

—Jay Sebring, 35, once Miss Tate's fiance, a Hollywood hair stylist credited wih launching the trend to hair styling for men.

— Voityck Frokowski, 37, who worked with Polanski in Polish films before they came to Hollywood.

—Steven Parent, 18, of El Monte, who left his home Friday morning after telling his family he was going to "go to Beverly Hills."

A maid, Mrs. Winifred Chapman, went to the sprawling home at the end of Cielo Drive at 8:30 a.m. to begin her day's work. What she found sent her running to a neighbor's home in a state of shock:

In a white two-door sedan in the driveway was the body of the young man, slumped back in the driver's seat, shot to death.

On the lawn in front of the ranch-style home was the body of Frokowski.

Twenty yards away, under a fir tree on the well-trimmed lawn, was the body of Miss Folger, clad in a nightgown.

In the living room, dressed in underwear—bikini panties and a brassiere—was Miss Tate. A bloodied nylon cord was around her neck. It ran over a beam in the open-beam ceiling and was tied around the neck of Sebring, whose body lay nearby.

Over Sebring's head was a black

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Monte, told him his son was missing.

Father Byrne began crying as Dep. Coroner Don Strickland showed him Parent's body. "Oh, my God," he said, putting his head in his hand. "Steve. Steve. Steve."

The boy's father called the coroner's office about the same time and was told that his son was dead.

Police wouldn't speculate on what an El Monte teen-ager was doing at the home of the jet-setting film crowd — but a coroner's aide said there were reports young Garretson had a guest at his caretaker's quarters Friday night, and that the guest may have been Parent.

The home is secluded from others in the neighborhood. Mrs. Seymour Kott, who lives at 10170 Cielo Drive, told a reporter:

"I thought I heard some shots about midnight. About three or four. They weren't too loud. More a clap! clap! sort of thing."

Miss Tate and Polanski were married at a London registry office in January, 1968. They had been separated frequently because of film commitments in various parts of the world and there had been rumors in Hollywood recently that the couple were having marital trouble.

The time of the killings wasn't immediately determined. Police told a neighbor that Miss Tate had been dead too long when the bodies were discovered for anything to be done about saving the life of her unborn child.

Barry Tarlow, young Garretson's attorney, said the youth told him that he was completely innocent and knew absolutely nothing of the crime. He said he had been asleep when police burst in his door with shotguns and arrested him.

Police in Garretson's hometown of Lancaster, Ohio, said he was given a two-year suspended jail sentence in 1967 for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. His mother, Mary Garretson, 42, a divorcee, said her son had left home last October "without saying goodbye but had written saying he hoped to return home soon.

She said he told of entertaining young friends in his caretaker's quarters — including a young "nervous" veteran back from Vietnam whom he ordered out of the place for stealing neighbors' champagne, and an AWOL Marine late caught and sent to the brig.

"He's a quiet, gentle boy," the mother told The Times by phone. "I could hit him and he'd never do a thing. I could holler at that kid and he'd just go lie on his bed and never talk back to me. Just lie there, quiet."

"He wrote me and phoned me often. He said he was watching this house for this man and he wanted to quit the job as soon as he could so he could come home. He was homesick. He left home just after he got out of school last year and he wanted to come home.....

"He said he wanted to come home, get a car, and then maybe go back to California and go to school, to learn to be an actor."

Garretson worked for Rudy Altabelli, who rented the home to the Polanskis. Altabelli is in Europe and had asked Garretson to continue his $35-a-week job as a caretaker at the property until he came home.

"He never mentioned the people who lived there," the boy's mother told The Times by telephone. "He did send me a picture of that Mr. Polanski walking a dog. Bill loves dogs. He never mentioned the lady. But he did say that Mr. Cary Grant's cook gave him a ride up the hill once in a Rolls-Royce."

Still at the home after Garretson was taken away were the pets he had been helping care for: a Dalmatian, two poodles, a Weimaraner, a Yorkshire terrier and a kitten.

The Animal Regulation Department took them away as the coroner's office was removing the bodies of the slain.

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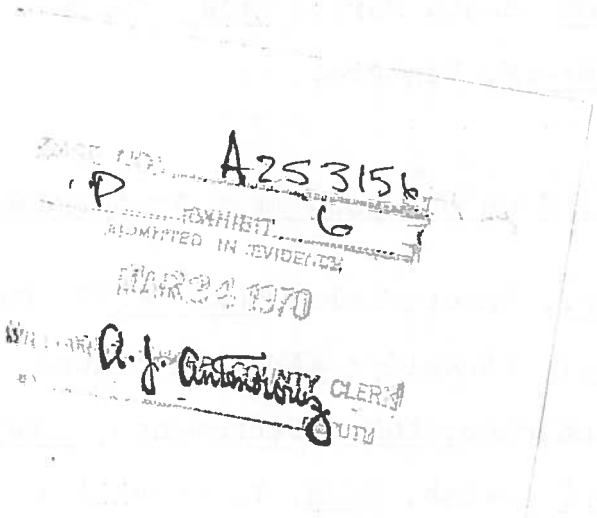


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600 Hall of Justice
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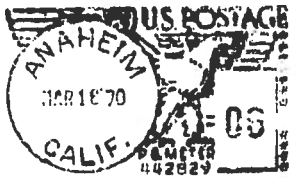


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Los Angeles,California

March 19,1970

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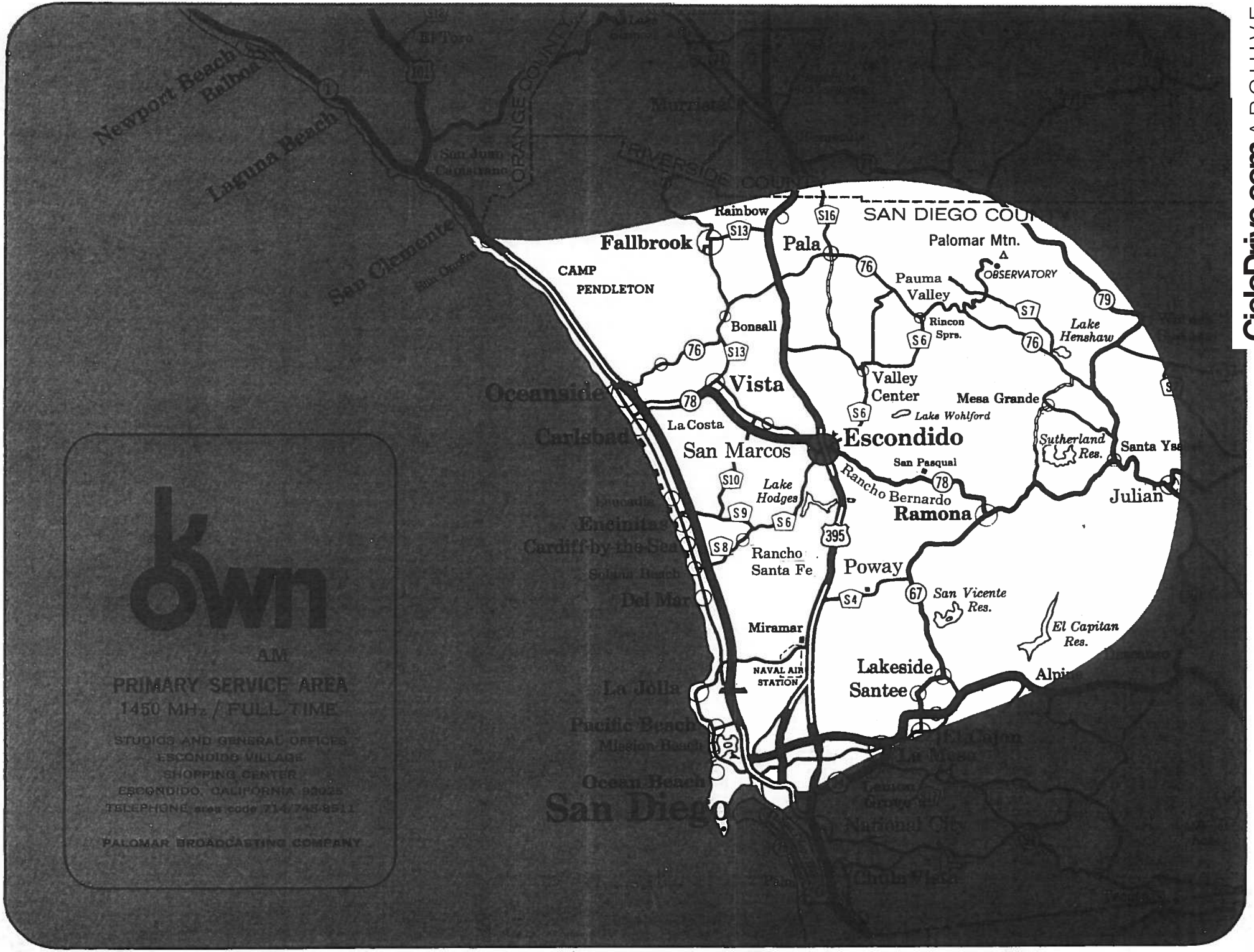


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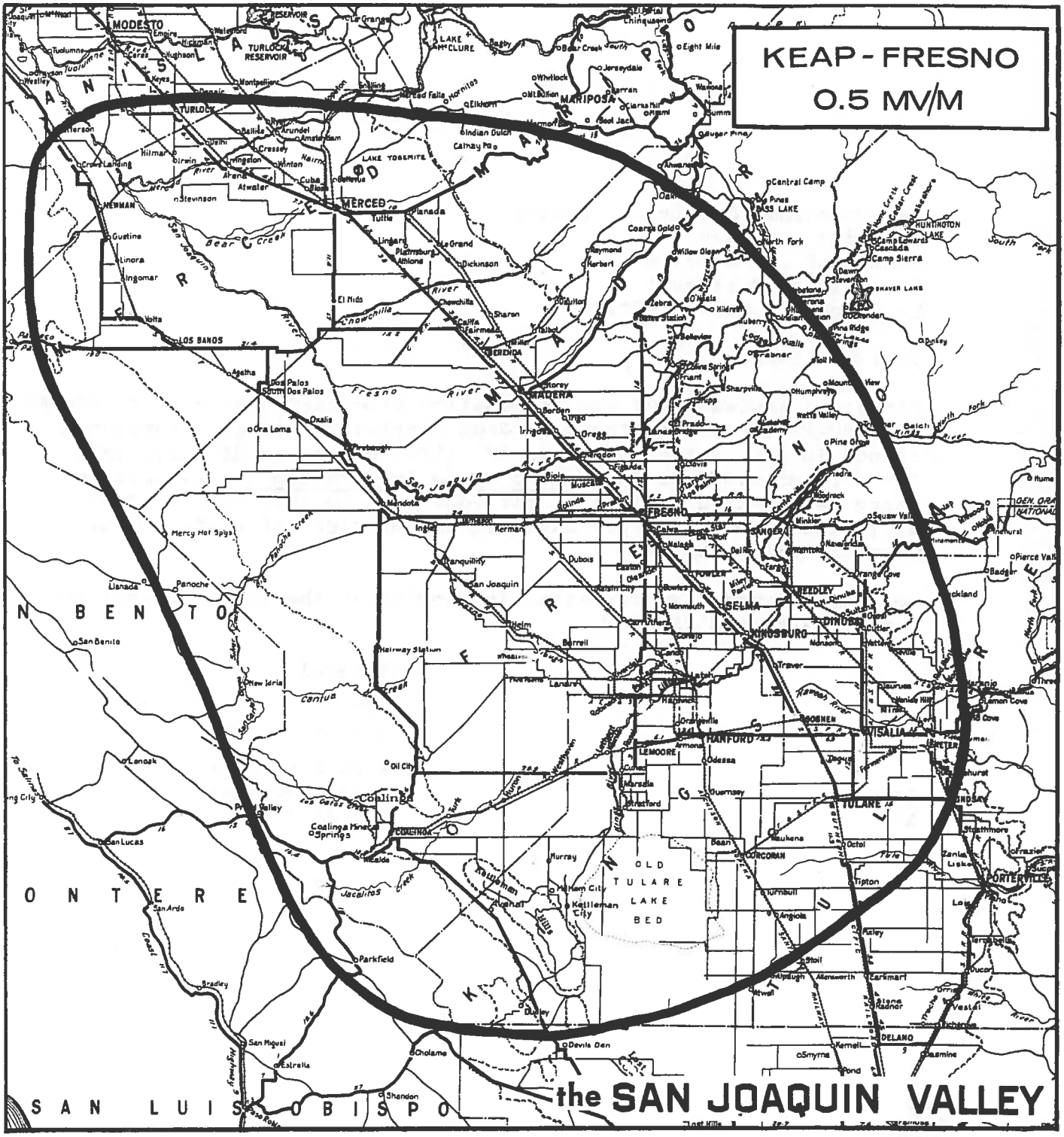


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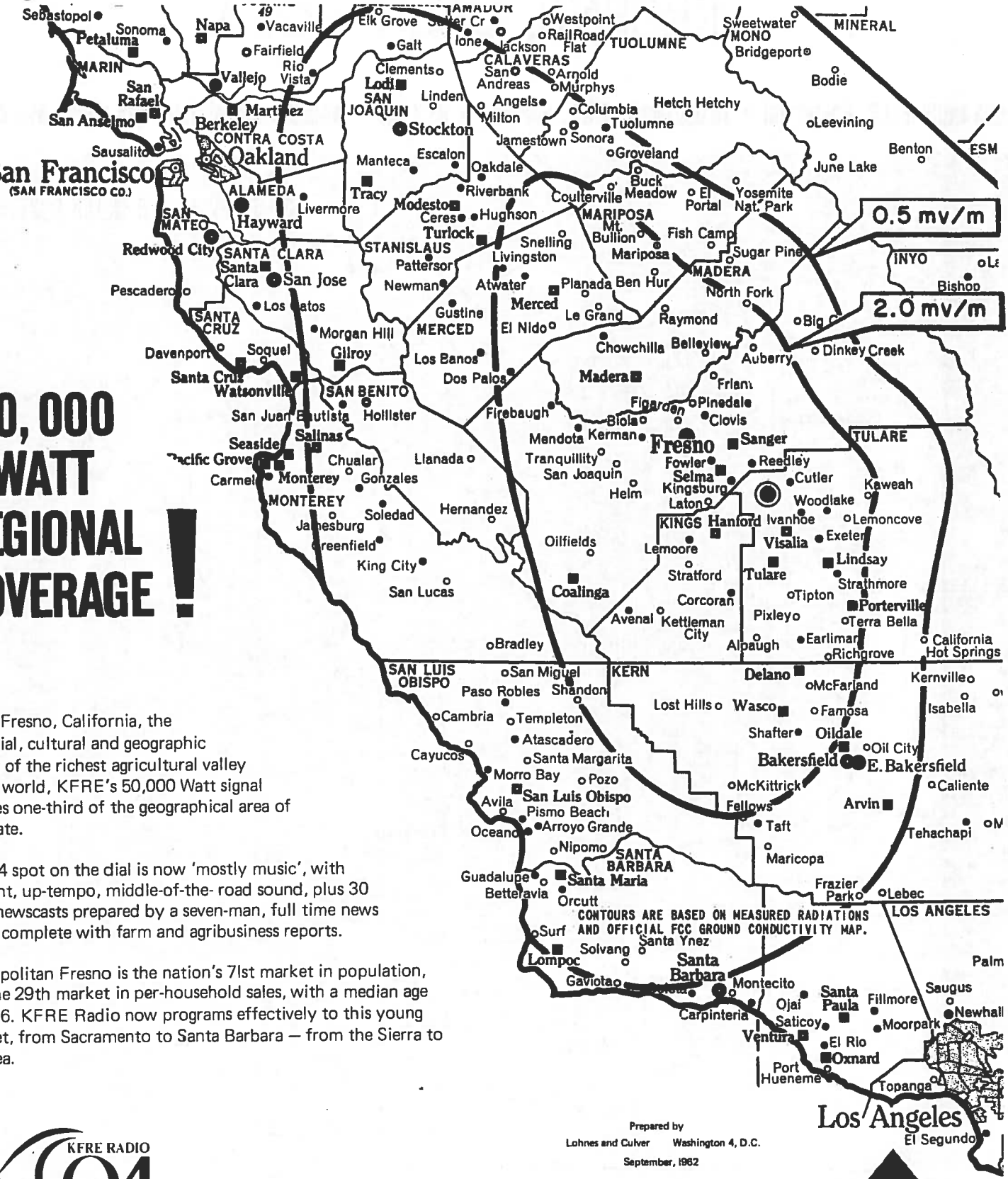


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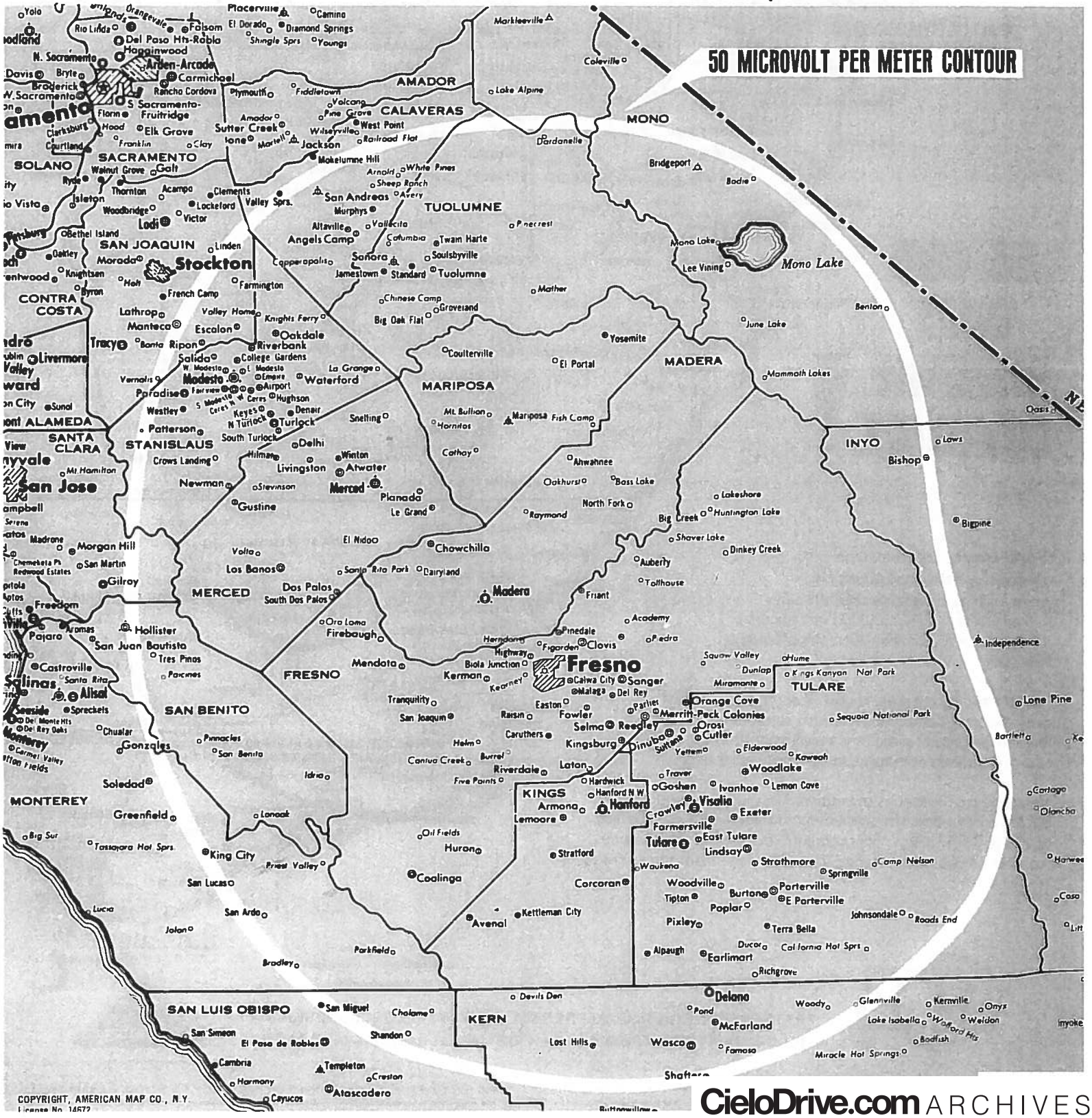


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March 19, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

K G S T radio is serviced by United Press International for all of our news coverage. We gave the information to our public as the new information was given to us by U.P.I. and at no time have we had any interviews or commentaries on our news casts in regards to the Sharon Tate murders etc.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our coverage map.

Sincerely,

Ben Gutierrez
Operations Manager

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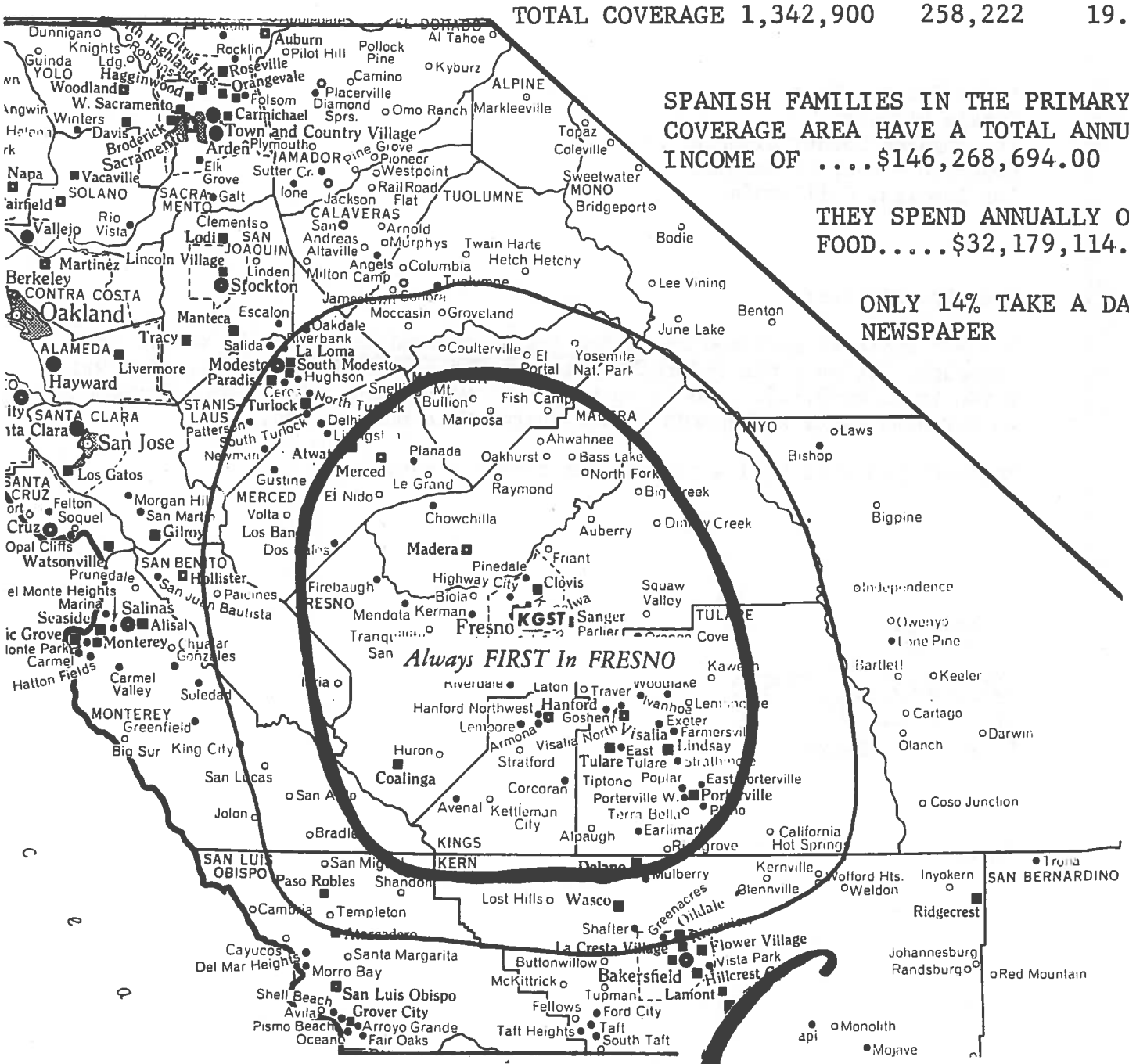


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March 19, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

In reference to your letter of March 17 and the release of news items involving the trial of Patricia Krenwinkel, our news is limited to 10 five-minute reports; and information regarding this has been taken entire from the wires of United Press International. Therefore, because of the brevity of the casts, our coverage has been quite limited.

We do not have on record the dates and air time of the news items. However, it was covered in brief from United Press International.

Enclosed for your information is our coverage map.

Cordially,

George L. Sampson
General Manager

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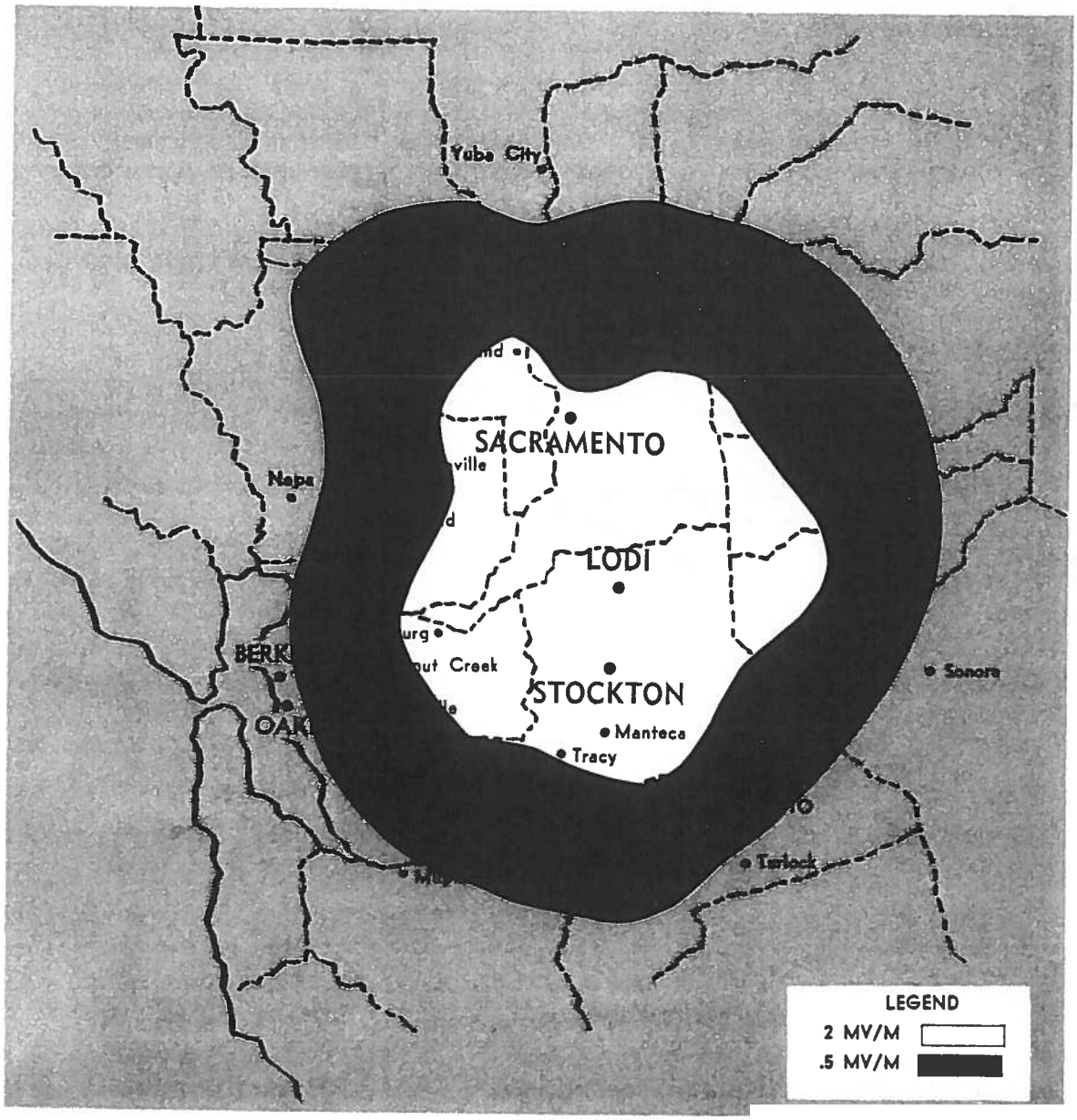


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| 4 | 63.50 | 42.00 | 28.00 | 14.00 |
| 5 | 60.50 | 40.50 | 27.00 | 13.50 |
| 6 | 57.50 | 38.50 | 26.00 | 13.00 |

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Total Retail Sales — $3,000,000,000.

**News Service:** United Press International and 24-hour local news coverage.

**Membership:** National Association of Broadcasters.
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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94608

March 20, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

We do not keep on file the information you requested regarding defendants in the Sharon Tate murder case.

Our coverage of the defendants consisted entirely of written stories from United Press. We did not carry any audio or beeper reports on the case. No interviews or commentary ran regarding the case.

Our newscasts are five minutes per hour, 6 A.M. to 5 A.M. Policy is that no story be over sixty seconds long. Stories may be carried four to five times a day unless new details during the day suggest the need for greater use.

KDIA is directed to the Bay Area Black Community and places its greatest emphasis on black news.

The effective coverage area of KDIA is an arc from Santa Rosa through Walnut Creek to San Jose. All area encompassed by this arc to the coast is covered by KDIA.

Very truly yours,

KDIA

John W. Doubleday

John W. Doubleday
Vice President/General Manager

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
600 HALL OF JUSTICE
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EVELLE J. YOUNGER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
LYNN D. COMPTON, CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JOSEPH P. BUSCH, JR., ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Los Angeles, California 90012

Would you please include a description of your geographic area of coverage.

Sincerely,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER
District Attorney

By Aaron Stovitz
AARON STOVITZ, Head
Trials Division

We ran stories on the case from the wires of UPI and only brief stories. We also carried the news cast of the American Information Network.

Sincerely yours,

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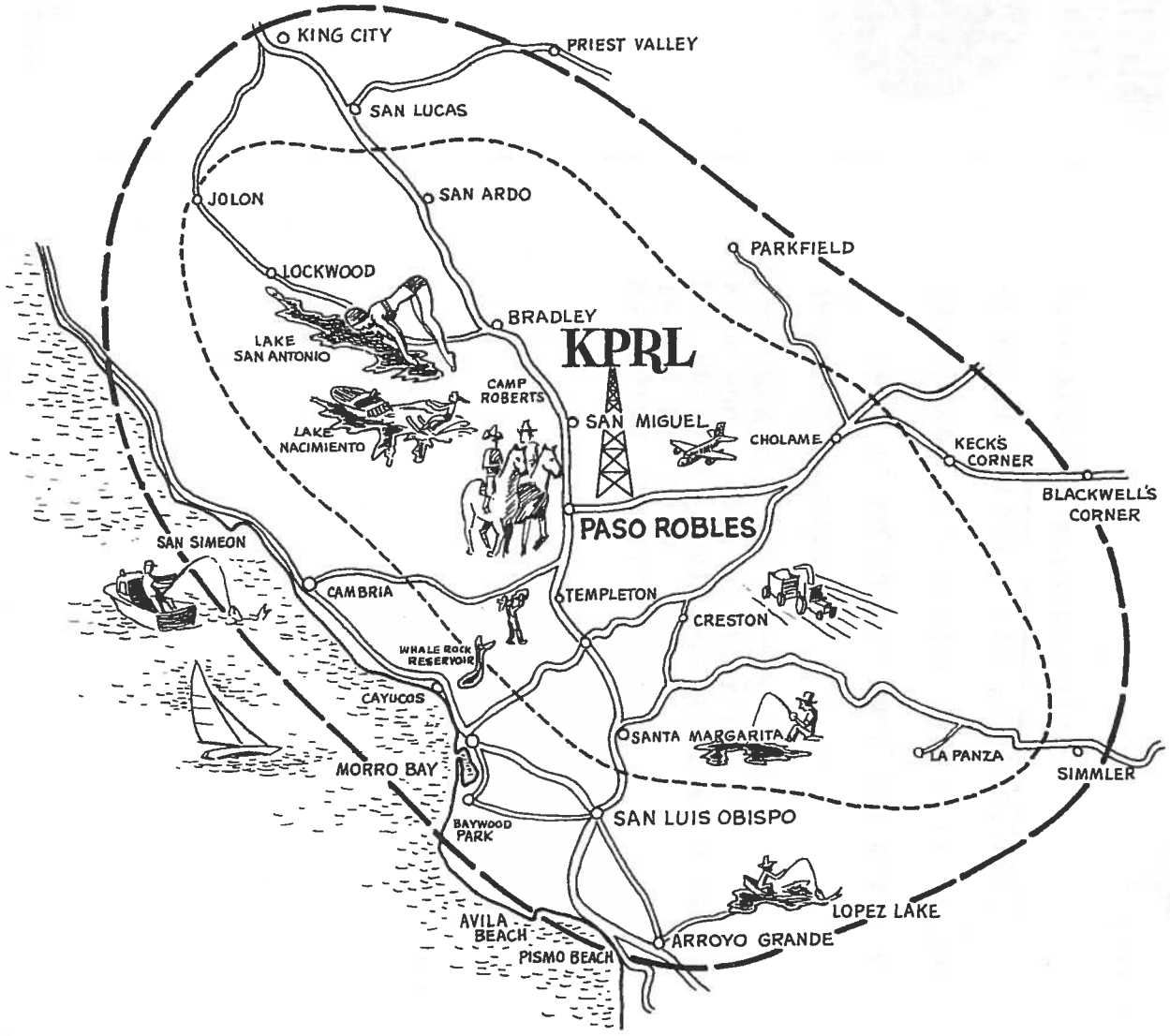


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March 20, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, CA. 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

This is to advise that all material relating to the Sharon Tate murder case used on KRAK is from the wires of United Press International. Please mark your records accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

Manning Slater

Manning Slater

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EVELLE J. YOUNGER
District Attorney

By [signature]
AARON STOVITZ, Head
Trials Division

For KFXM:

In answer to the above: We have been running an approximate number of news stories that would amount to about three or four stories per day.....since Dec. 2nd, 1969. I cannot furnish any transcripts of the news stories as they all moved over the wires of UPI...(I'm sure they can furnish you with copies of what they have run!).....Understand that this is just an approximate figure....somedays it would be more and some days maybe only one or two stories. The news programs are 4 minutes 30 seconds in length. We have featured no interviews with any of the defendants in the Manson case.

For KDUO-FM

We have been running about the same number of new stories per day as KFXM (our sister sta tion)...with the exdeption that the newscasts on KDUO-FM are shorter in length and thus the stories are only in headline form. We have featured no actualities with any of the Manson defendants.

Signed,
Sherman Mason
~~News~~ Director
SAN BERNARDINO

Signed,
Bob Bunnell

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March 19, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

Your request as to coverage of the so-called Tate murder case is an almost impossible request to fullfill. However, I just finished a conversation with the United Press News Bureau in San Francisco that provides KTIM with such coverage.

I was told that United Press has had a reporter assigned to the case and that coverage has been complete including every hearing, and it would be safe to say that one story a day since December 2nd has moved on the wires. If this is true, it would be safe to say that KTIM has carried all of those stories.

I hope this is of value to you.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh Turner

Hugh Turner
President-General Manager

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# KZON RADIO

306 South Broadway - Suite 5
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA 93454

March 19, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your letter concerning broadcast coverage of the Tate Murder Case. The only coverage KZON Radio has broadcast is what we have received over the UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL wire service. We have had no special coverage, interviews, or commentaries with anyone connected with the case.

KZON Radio covers the area from Buellton to San Luis Obispo and eastward almost to the Cuyama Valley.

If there is anything else please let us know.

Very Truly,

Stan Saueressig
News Director

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Sincerely,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER
District Attorney

By
AARON STOVITZ, Head
Trials Division

Dear Sir:

We have carried numberous stories concerning the Sharon Tate murders. These were received from our UPI service. We have no actual record of the number carried but a good average would be 4 or 5 times per week since the murders.

Copy used was directly from U.P.I.

Joseph L Herold, Manager

Joseph L Herold

We are the only Radio Station serving this community. our radius of coverage averages 35 miles. This is in the foothills of the Sierras. Population is sparse.

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P.O. BOX 906
, CALIFORNIA 95370

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MAR 23 1970
INFORMATION DESK

Aaron Stovitz
Trail Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600, Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

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3267 SONOMA BOULEVARD, VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA
644-8944

March 19, 1970

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Office of the District Attorney
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to your letter dated March 17, 1970 concerning news coverage here on the defendants of the Sharon Tate case.

This is to inform you that the only source of information to us on the case is United Press International. We have periodically run related releases from U.P.I. without editing or changing the copy.

Since the case originated, we have had no interviews or commentaries, recorded or live, during a newscast.

Do to the fact that all news on southern California is covered by U.P.I. for KNBA, scripts are not kept.

Regards,

R. Allan Strader

R. Allan Strader
News Director

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March 20, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Sir:

All news coverage in regards to the Tate La Bianca murder was furnished by United Press International.

Sincerely,

Bob Adams
Program Director

BA/lmr

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KAFY

550 ON THE DIAL

March 19, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Sir:

In answer to your request for information.

We have no procedure here to determine dates and airtimes of every news item concerning any of the defendants or victims in the Tate case.

Basically we used various reports as sent to us on the United Press International broadcast wire.

In two instances KAFY used Voice Reports from reporter J. Paul Huddleston of Radio Station KHJ, Los Angeles.

I am sorry we cannot give you the exact details you request. However, I can assure you the placement and use of any story on the Tate case depended solely on its' importance in relation to the news of the day.

Since Los Angeles news is of secondary importance to our audience you can use this as a frame of reference.

Very truly yours,

GARY R. FULLER
Vice President

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Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles Co. District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of March 17, we enclose our coverage map. As for the coverage we carried on the Tate case, we only used items fed to us by Associated Press teletype. The times and dates for any such information would be available from their offices.

Sincerely,

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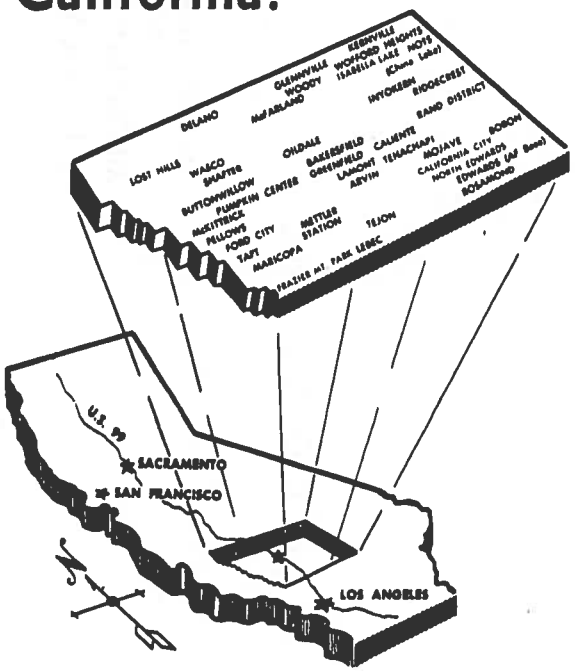


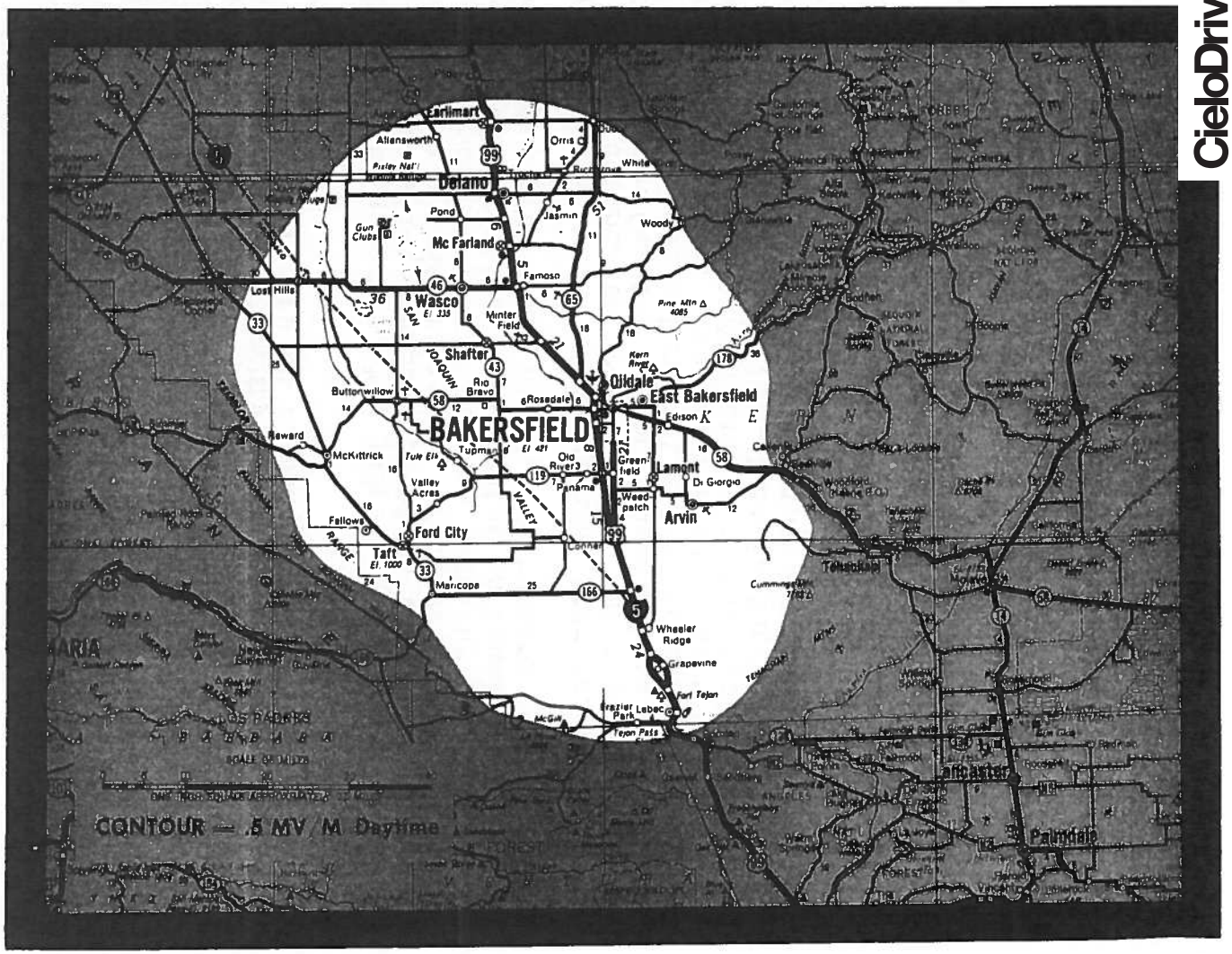


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EVELLE J. YOUNGER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
LYNN D. COMPTON, CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
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March 20, 1970

Aaron Stovich, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600-Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Sir:

KPAT Radio has given this case a bare minimum of coverage since it is not of local interest. Whatever coverage was given on our newscast was on the A.P. wire and consisted of short factual details as to the arrests of those involved,

There were no commentaries or interviews about any of the defendents as far as this station is concerned. I do not feel our coverage of the case would jeopardise the defendents receiving a fair trial.

Sincerely,

Walt Jamond

Walt Jamond
Program Director

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Would you please include a description of your geographic area of coverage.

Sincerely,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER
District Attorney

By Aaron Stovitz
AARON STOVITZ, Head
Trials Division

News items concerning this case were taken from the wires of the Associated Press, and used as part of our regular 5-Minute Newscasts. We have no way of telling the time of the ones pertaining to this case, that is, whether it would be one-minute, 2 minutes, etc.

No interviews or commentaries.

No scripts or transcripts of broadcasts are available.

KWTC, RADIO,
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Barstow, California 92311

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(SAN FRANCISCO)--THE FEDERAL APPEALS COURT IN SAN FRANCISCO HAS AGREED TO HEAR AN APPEAL BY PARENTS SEEKING TO UPSET THE COURT-ORDERED INTEGRATION OF PASADENA SCHOOLS.

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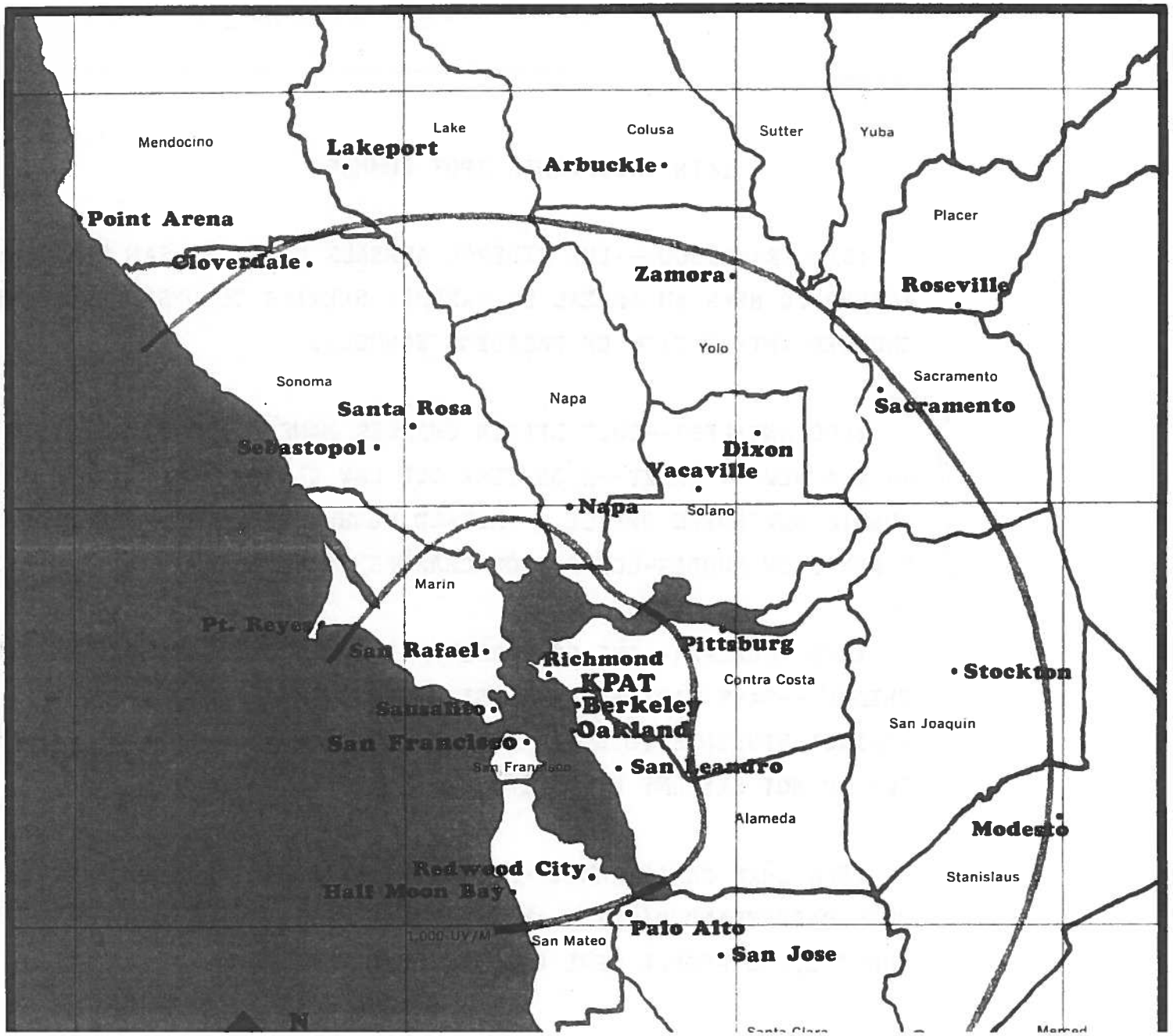


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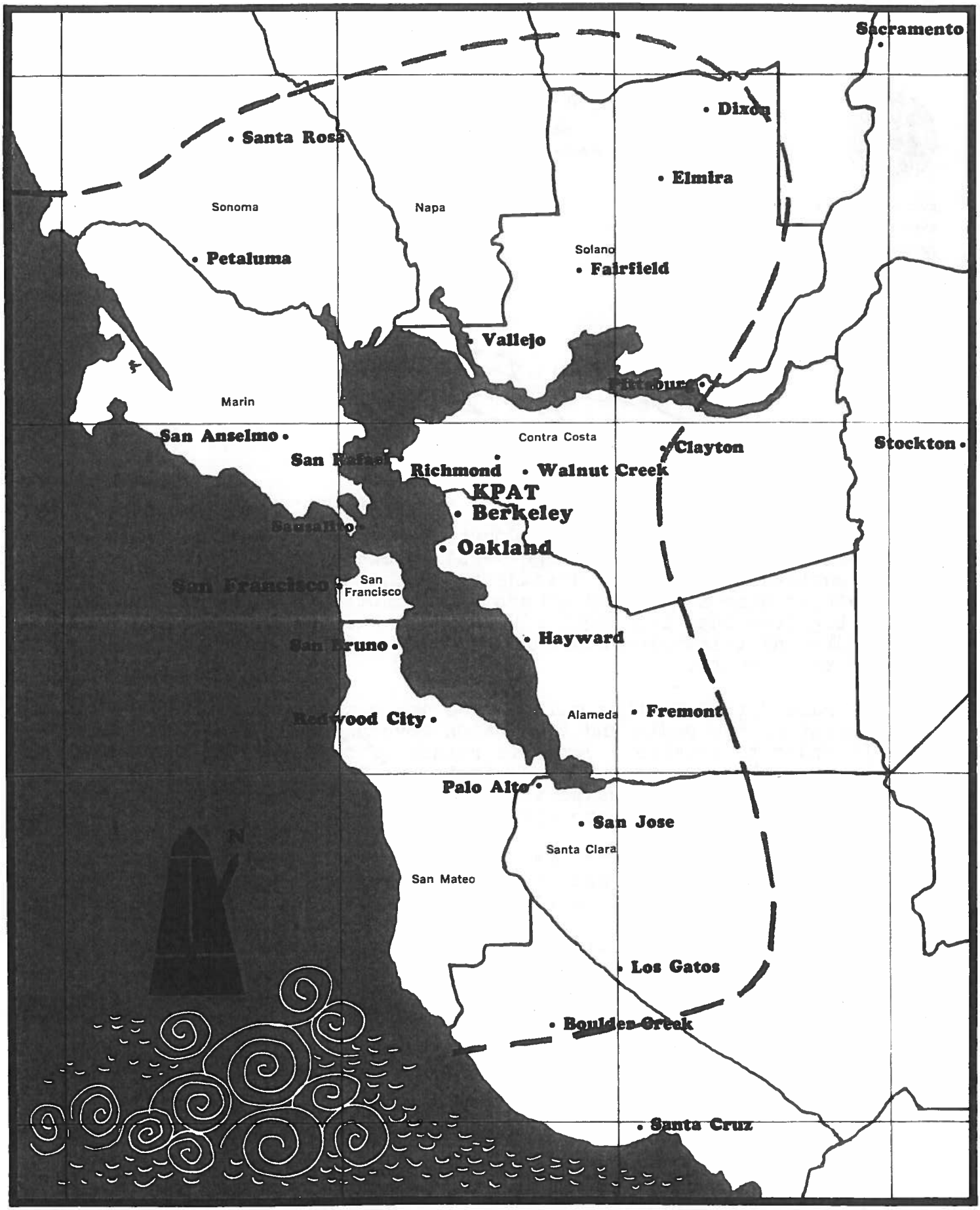


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District Attorney

By [signature]
AARON STOVITZ, Head
Trials Division

NOTE:

OTHER THAN NORMAL AP WIRE COVERAGE ,WE HAD NO OTHER COVERAGE..

We make no special note or take no interest in the case other than as ~~xxxxxx~~ stated above.

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GENRAL MGR.

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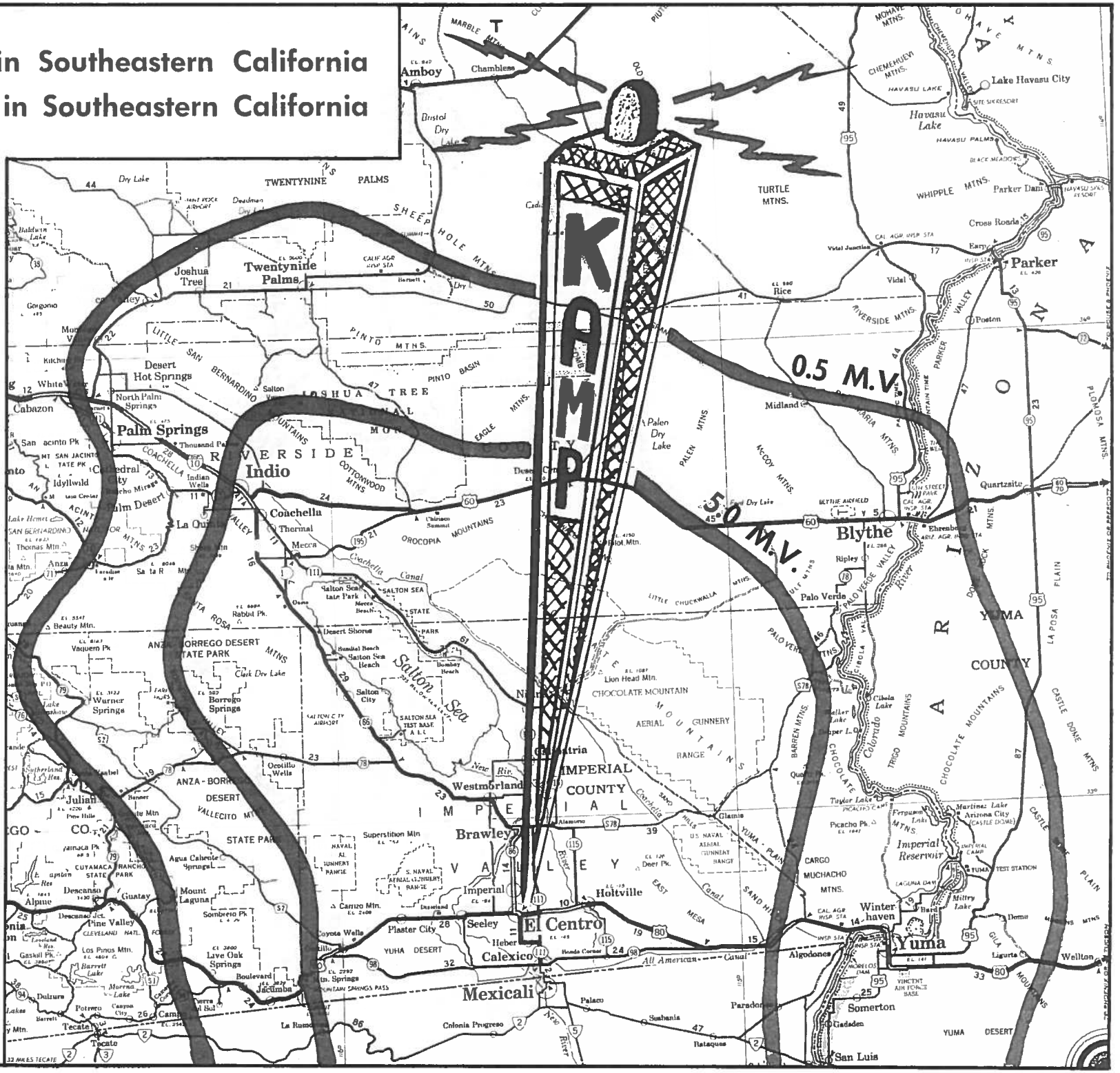


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March 20, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600-Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter dayed March 17, 1970 requesting information concerning this station's coverage of the Sharon Tate murder trial proceedings.

We would be happy to co-operate with your requests but please be advised that niether this station, or any other that I know of, keeps files on all news items aired. The paper work would be staggering. All coverage aired was through the facilities of the Associated Press. We read thier releases verbatum without additional commentary.

We aired no iterviews or commentaries of any kind concerning the trial or any of the defendants.

We air newscasts every hour of the day, 7:00am - 6:00pm. It is reasonable to assume that some mention of the trial and/or its progress was made during those news periods and since the Dec. 2, 1969, date you mention. However, no exact scripts are available. We suggest that you contact the Associated Press for such material.

Sincerely,

B.L. Moran

B.L. Moran
owner-mgr
KHOT

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BIG RADIO ON THE COAST
KMFB
1520 -- 1300
AM/FM
BOX 666 MENDOCINO, CALIF. 95460
PH. (707) 964-5306

March 20, 1970

County of Los Angeles
Office of the District Attorney
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Very truly yours,

Mathew V. Huber

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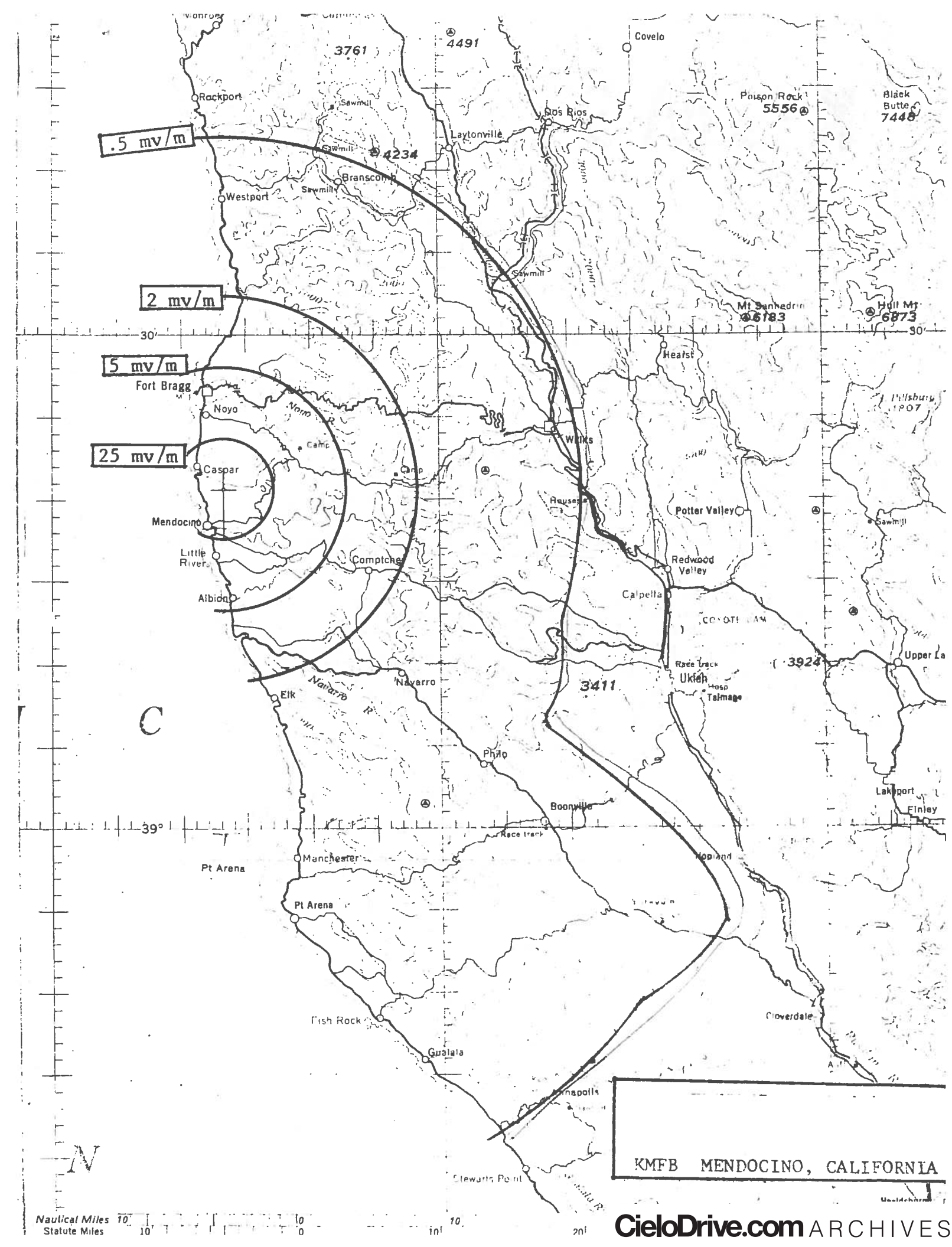
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March 20, 1970

Evelle J. Younger
District Attorney
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Regarding your letter requesting information on use of news in connection with the trial of the "Charles Manson family" and the murders of Sharon Tate and others, we are using, have used, and relied in the case on the coverage of Associated Press broadcast wire teletype.

Therefore, we have no particular record of our own of the case, but you can assume that the A.P. coverage has been and will be used on this station, and quote it as basically the same as the record you have from them.

Very truly yours,

Bert Hardcastle
News Director

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RADIO 1460

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March 19, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

K-DON news coverage of the Sharon Tate Leno LaBianca case has been totally Associated Press wire copy since December 2, 1969.

K-DON covers the Monterey Bay Area.

Sincerely,

K-DON Radio 1460

Rick Wiseman

Rick Wiseman
News Director

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March 19, 1970

Evelle J. Younger
District Attorney
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Younger:

In reference to your inquiry regarding the trial of Patricia Krenwinkel KUKI's coverage of the Sharon Tate murders has been limited to Associated Press stories as they have appeared on the AP wire service. There is one exception to this, however. At the time Charles Manson and the other defendants were arrested, KUKI carried a local story for several days making reference to the fact that Charles Manson was arrested in Mendocino County in 1967 for interfering with an officer and contributing to the delinquecy of a minor. He plead guilty and received a fine. Also that Susan Atkins and Patricia Krenwinkel had been arrested in Mendocino County in 1968 on narcotics charges.

KUKI's signal covers all of Mendocino county and the northwest (about 2/3) of Lake county and a small part of the north end of Sonoma county.

Sincerely,

Rod Pacini

Rod Pacini
News Director

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March 20, 1970

Evelle J. Younger
District Attorney
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Gentlemen:

Refering to your letter of March 17, 1970 regarding information on the news coverage KSUE gave the Sharon Tate murder case ---

Our coverage was entirely from news items received via teletype on the AP news wire. We have no way of knowing the number of newscasts which included articles on these defendants. We do not keep transcripts of our broadcasts of AP news. We try in our newscasting to fully cover state news, but are conservative in our news reporting, and do not over report sensational news items.

No interviews or commentaries were aired at any time.

Yours truly,

James E. McKahan

James E. McKahan
Owner - Manager

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County of Los Angeles District Attorney 2/19/70
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

I'm sorry to say that we have no records relating to date and/or air time of the news items concerning the Sharon Tate Case. However, all of our news came directly from the wires of the Associated Press, and script or transcript may be available from them. We had no outside interviews or commentaries concerning the case.

Area covered by KCIN includes an area approximately 20 miles in radius from our transmitter(located in Victorville). Potential listeners number 40,000. We're about 40 miles north of San Bernardino, on Route 66.

If I may be of further service, don't hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,

Ron Parker,
General Manager



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EVELLE J. YOUNGER
District Attorney

By [signature]
AARON STOVITZ, Head
Trials Division

Dear Mr. Stovitz,

We are affiliated with the ABC Radio Network as a bonus station, taking our network news (by arrangement and agreement with KGO in San Francisco) off the air from KGO. We do not keep a news file on every newscast heard over this station. We rely solely on our off-the-air pick-up from KGO in San Francisco for our national news coverage. We are not affiliated with any of the news wire services, either.

We are located on the Coast near the Oregon border in Crescent City, California.

Sincerely,

Mason C. Deaver

Mason C. Deaver
KPLY
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CRESCENT CITY, CAL.

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# K-NGS of the Western Country

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Aaron Stovits
Room 600, Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear sir,

In answer to your letter of inquiery dated March 17 1970 on the Sharon Tate murder trial. Our coverage was from our A.B.C. network in Los Angeles. I would suggest that you contact them for this information as we have no record of brodcast on this matter.

Yours truly,

Roy Sneed P.D.




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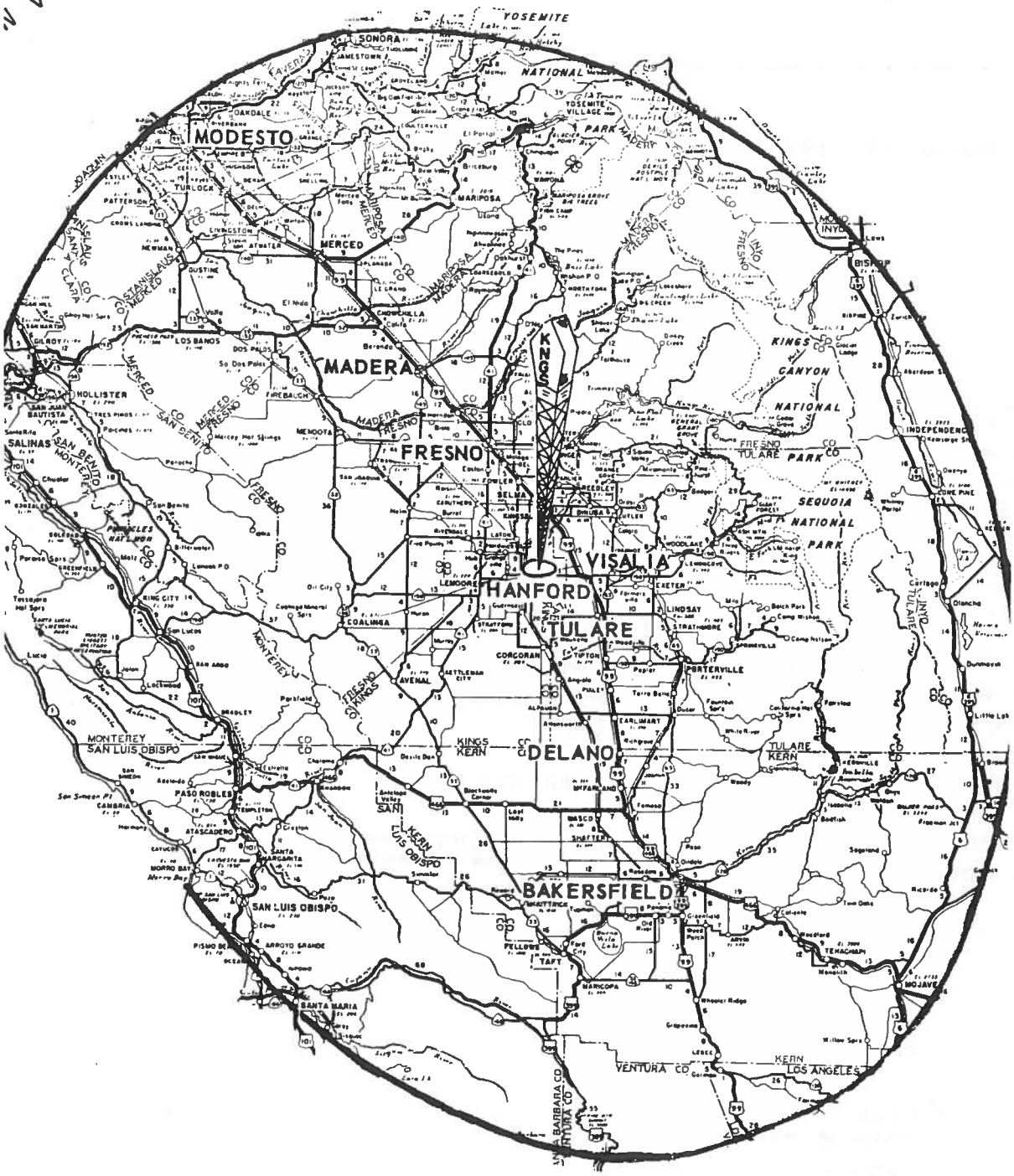


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March 19, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Sir:

In regards to your letter dated March 17, 1970, concerning information on any newscast or other program that we carried on our radio station which mentioned any of the defendants or victims of the Charles Manson case.

The Manson case was not considered local news and was not handled in any way. Any news pertaining to this case would have been through broadcasts from the ABC Contemporary Network with whom we are affiliated.

Enclosed is coverage map you requested.

Sincerely,

Howard Martineau

Howard Martineau
Manager

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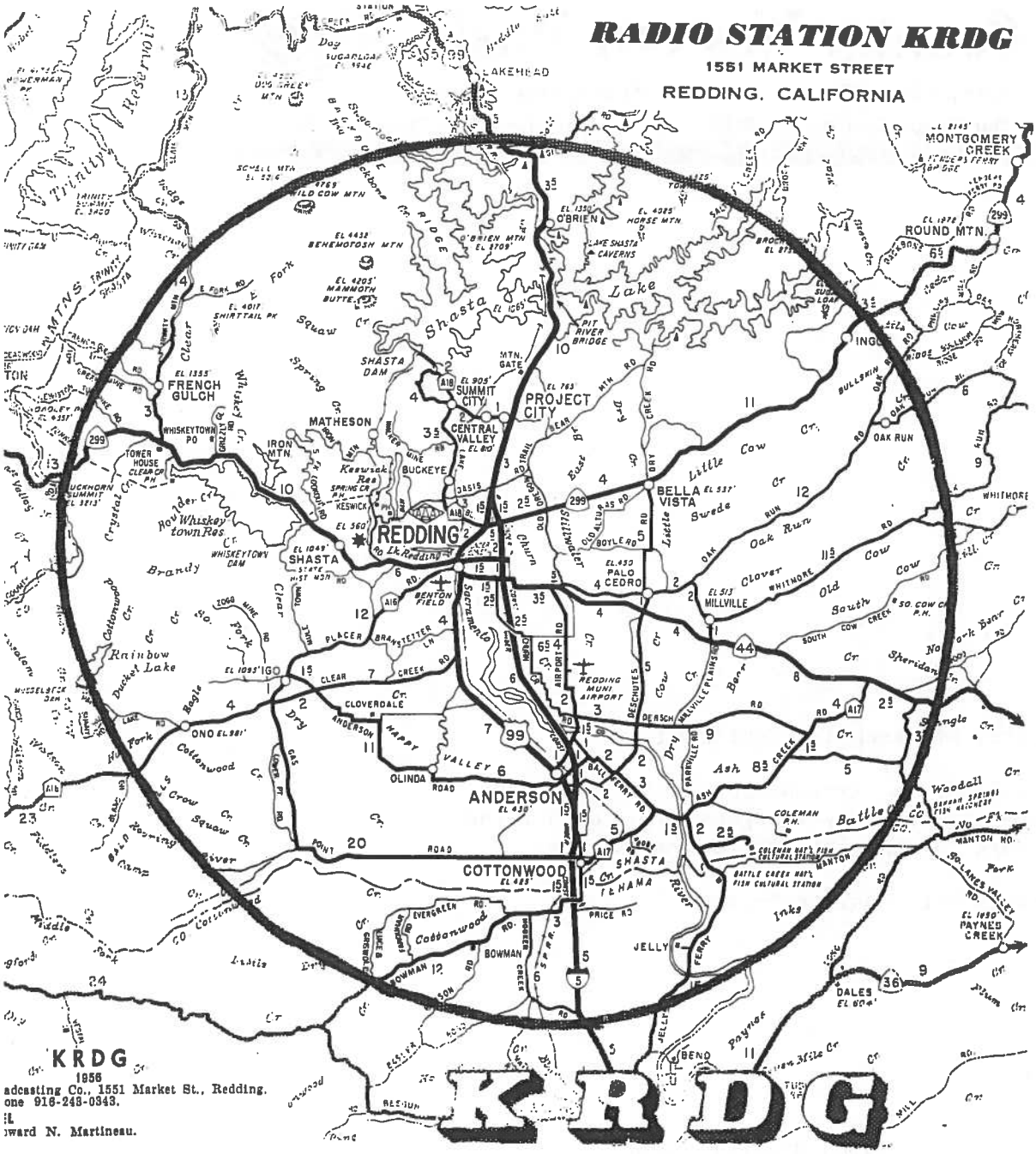


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In reply to your letter of March 17, Gentlemen . . . . . .

. . . . please be advised, we carry no local stories, only those supplied by the network. May I suggest you contact the ABC Information Network for the information you desire.

We operate on 250 watts with basic coverage.

Sincerely,

Jack Rabell

Jack Rabell
News Coordinator

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trial Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
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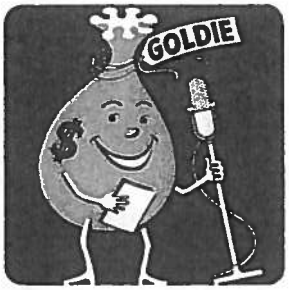


KVCV
AFFILIATE OF CBS NETWORK

March 19, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
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Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz,

Regarding your letter dated March 17, 1970 concerning the trial of Patricia Krenwinkel and news coverage on or about defendants and/or victims in the case:

KVCV Radio, Redding, California is classed as a small market station (see enclosed coverage map) and as such we do not have a large news staff. The majority of National/International news and news concerni other areas of California is read from our United Press Wire or is broadcast by the CBS radio network of which we are an affiliate.

Any National coverage and/or commentaries concerning the above case came from the CBS network and we broadcast their news programs for ten minutes each hour and five minutes each half hour starting at 8:00AM and ending at 7:35PM each day. As to content, length, etc. of stories concerning the above case you will have to have a report from CBS radio as we keep no record of this type of coverage.

As to local coverage - KVCV has California news reports at the following times during the day: 5:00AM, 5:30AM, 7:25AM, 8:10AM, 11:30AM, 12:25PM, 4:30PM, 5:30PM, and 10:55PM. Whatever reporting we did locally concerning the case we read from UP. As to length of reports they varied from 15 seconds to 60 seconds - never any longer.

KVCV does no editorializing, interviews, commentaries on anything having to do with crimes committed outside of this immediate area, therefore we did not report anything like this concerning the above case.

I hope this information will suffice and if there is anything else we can do for you please let us know.

Sincerely,

Leon Little, Manager
KVCV Radio
Redding, California 96001



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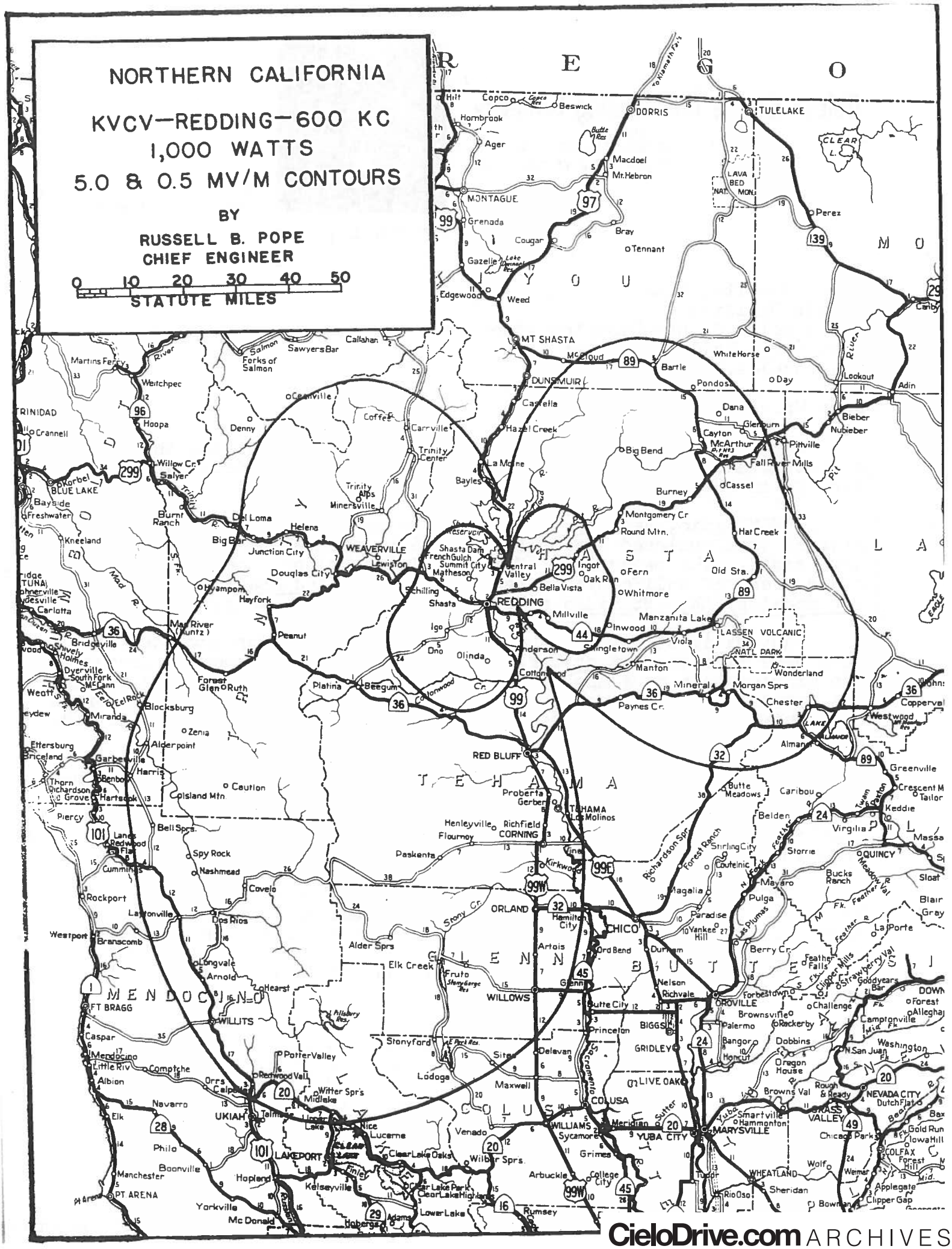


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KFBK SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

March 19, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz
Office of the District Attorney
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

In reply to your letter of March 14, I can report that KFBK has not provided any direct coverage of the case referred to. Our coverage has been limited to material provided by Associated Press and United Press radio news wires plus CBS Network originated broadcasts.

KFBK's geographic area of effective coverage is limited to Northern California, and the enclosed coverage map reveals that the southernmost extreme of our .5 millevolt signal runs through the northern tip of Monterey County.

Very truly yours,

A. C. Williams

ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS
Manager

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March 19, 1970

Dear Mr. Younger;

In regards to your letter of March 17th may I offer the following information.

K Y O S is not network and does not pick up any audio feed, so we have broadcast no interviews or commentaries concerning the defendants or victims in the case.

The only information we have broadcasted concerning the "Sharon Tate" case has been directly off of the news wire. Up until January 1, 1970 we were serviced by Associated Press. On January first of this year we began service with United Press International. I would suggest contacting the two wire services. We aired what came across on the wire, and that is all.

Concerning our stations coverage, K Y O S covers approximately a fifty mile radius from the city of Merced.

I trust I have been helpful in providing the information you asked for. If I can be of any other further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely;

Bob Edwards

Bob Edwards
Program Director

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66 JACK LONDON SQUARE, OAKLAND, CALIF. 94607/ TEL 415-836-0910/397-2891

ROBERT F. KLEIN/ VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

March 20, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz
Head of Trial Division
Office of the District Attorney
County of Los Angeles
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

In response to your request of March 17th for a statement of the extent to which KNEW News covered the Sharon Tate murders and the accused defendants, I can state that we have given the matter very extensive coverage.

KNEW News broadcasts a five-minute newscast every hour on the hour, twenty-four hours a day. Plus a five-minute newscast at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30AM. Our sources of news regarding the Tate murders have been the Associated Press, United Press International and Metromedia Radio News. Radio KLAC, Los Angeles, has provided considerable coverage of this matter for us.

A case of this nature is of extraordinary interest vertually everywhere and our coverage of it can be described as very extensive.

I hope this meets your needs.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Klein
Vice President and
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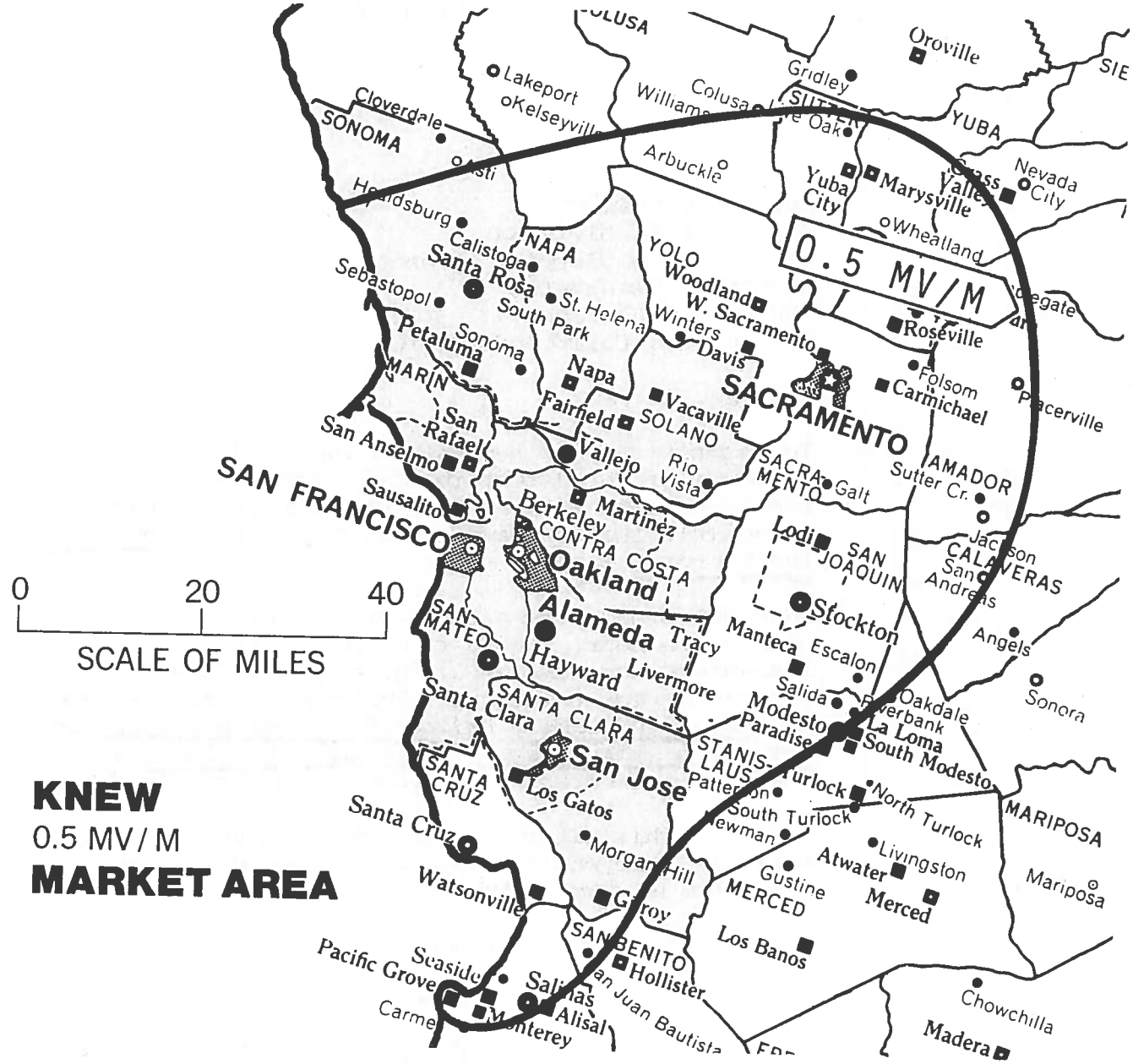
# KNEW / 91

Metromedia Radio in the San Francisco Bay Area




## SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA 9 COUNTY MARKET INFORMATION*
## AMERICA'S FIFTH MARKET

| POPULATION | HOMES | RETAIL SALES | FOOD SALES | DRUG SALES | AUTOMOTIVE SALES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4,415,600 | 1,428,360 | $7,412,285,000 | $1,821,510,000 | $258,996,000 | $1,397,004,000 |

*SRDS, April, 1968

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MARCH 19th 1970

AARON STOVITZ, HEAD
TRIALS DIVISION
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
ROOM 600...HALL OF JUSTICE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

DEAR MISTER STOVITZ:

IN REPLY TO YOURS OF MARCH 17th INQUIRING ABOUT COVERAGE OF THE "SHARON TATE MURDERS" AND NEWS CARRIED BY THIS STATION ANENT THE ARREST AND CHARGING OF PATRICIA KRENWINKEL:

1) ACTUAL SCRIPTS OR TRANSCRIPTS OF BROADCASTS OF SUCH COVERAGE BETWEEN DECEMBER 2nd 1969 AND PRESENT ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

2) MONDAY-THROUGH-FRIDAY EACH WEEK DURING THE PERIOD, WE HAVE TWO "CALIFORNIA REPORTS": AT 7:30 A.M. AND 5:10 P.M. DEPENDING ON EVENTS OF THE DAY, WE SURELY WOULD HAVE CARRIED ONE STORY IN EACH 'CAST (GUESSING AT AN AVERAGE, 150 WORDS) ON THOSE DAYS WHEN UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICE WAS COVERING THE STORY. THOSE STORIES WOULD HAVE BEEN USED VERBATIM FROM THE WIRE SERVICE.

3) NO INTERVIEWS WERE AIRED BY THIS STATION REGARDING MISS KRENWINKEL OR ANY PRINCIPALS MENTIONED IN THE CASE; NO EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN MADE REGARDING THE CASE IN ANY RESPECT.

4) HOURLY REPORTS FROM AMERICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION'S "INFORMATION NETWORK" ARE CARRIED BY K.V.E.C. DURING THIS PERIOD THE NATIONAL NEWS SERVICE CARRIED SUCH NEWS, AND K.V.E.C. WOULD HAVE BROADCAST IT AS SENT.

I SINCERELY HOPE THIS INFORMATION IS OF VALUE IN ARRIVING AT A VERDICT JUST TO ALL THE PERSONS INVOLVED IN ANY WAY.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

L. Jay Cooke

L. JAY COOKE, P.D.

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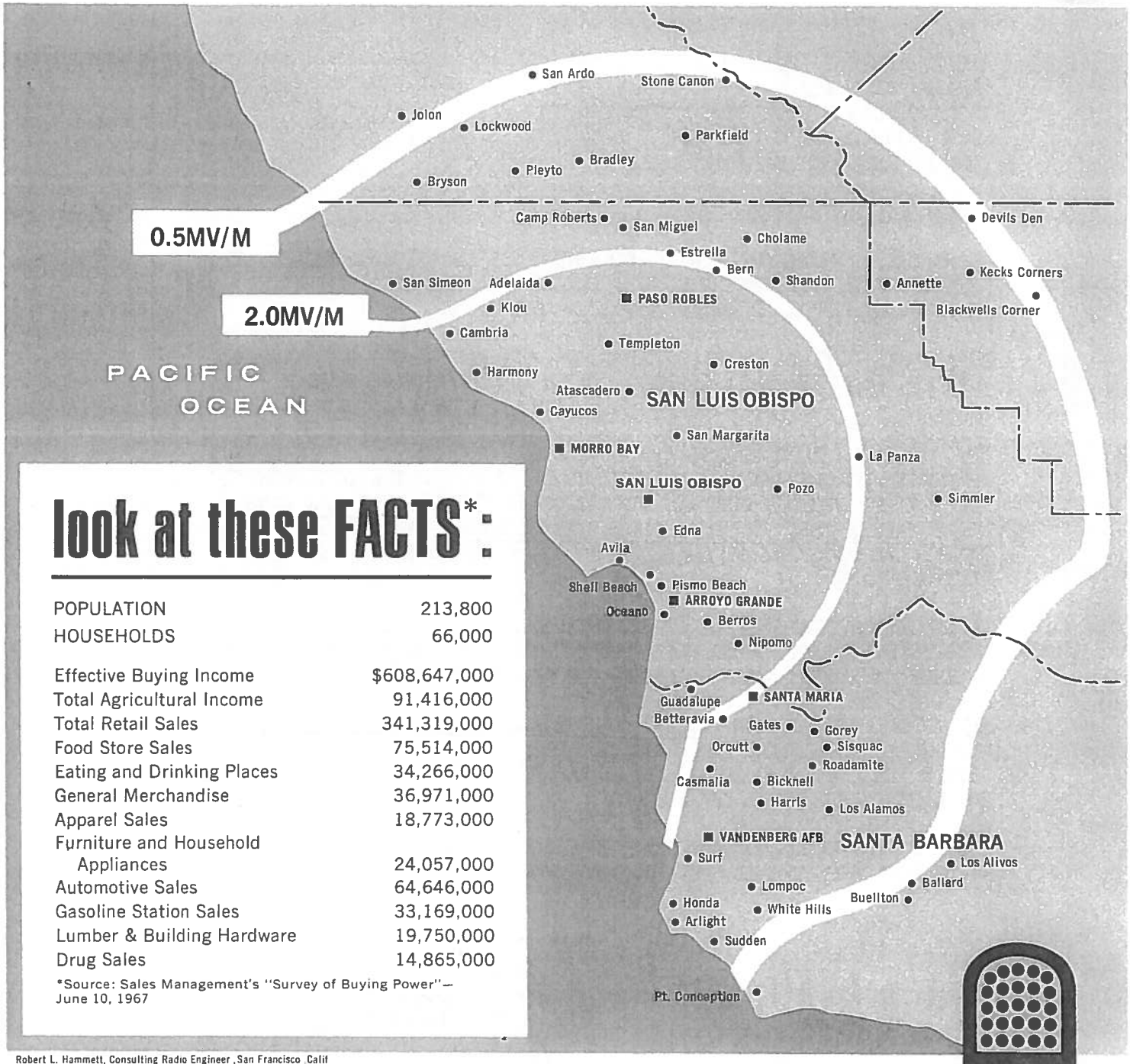


## look at these FACTS*:

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|---|---|
| POPULATION | 213,800 |
| HOUSEHOLDS | 66,000 |
| Effective Buying Income | $608,647,000 |
| Total Agricultural Income | 91,416,000 |
| Total Retail Sales | 341,319,000 |
| Food Store Sales | 75,514,000 |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 34,266,000 |
| General Merchandise | 36,971,000 |
| Apparel Sales | 18,773,000 |
| Furniture and Household Appliances | 24,057,000 |
| Automotive Sales | 64,646,000 |
| Gasoline Station Sales | 33,169,000 |
| Lumber & Building Hardware | 19,750,000 |
| Drug Sales | 14,865,000 |

*Source: Sales Management's "Survey of Buying Power"— June 10, 1967

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March 19th, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California

Mr. Stovitz:

In reply to your letter of March 17th---since "The Manson Story" originated outside the local area (San Bernardino and Riverside Counties), KPRO-Radio carried little or no coverage in addition to the material supplied by the ABC Information Radio [redacted] Network and United Press International. We keep no records of stories supplied by these two services.

We estimate KPRO-Radio carried 100% of the stories aired by the ABC Information Radio Network, and not more than [redacted] 70% of the material supplied by United Press International since December 2, 1969.

Cordially,

Jim Ness - News Director

JN/am

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KWIP 1580

P. O. BOX 1109
MERCED, CALIFORNIA 95340

March 19, 1970

Aaron Stovitz
Head Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

We are sorry, but we are unable to provide you with the information you requested in regard to news coverage on the Sharon Tate murder case.

Our news comes 100% from the Mutual Network, so we suggest you contact them directly in this matter.

Sincerely,

Keith L. Stine
Vice President - General Mgr.

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RADIO KIDD
MIGHTY 63

March 20, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear sir:

In reply to your request of March 17th, KIDD has carried news story releases by Associated Press Radio Wire concerning the Tate-LaBianca murders, and stories involved in the cases.

KIDD broadcasts "California News" in detail six times daily plus the coverage offered by the Mutual Broadcasting System reports originating from Los Angeles and New York.

It would be safe to say that there has been something on these cases or the people involved nearly every week-day since the arrests.

KIDD is a 1,000 Watt full-time operation covering Santa Cruz, Monterey and most of San Benito Counties from studios in Monterey, with heavy emphasis on news.

I hope this answers the questions you have posed.

Sincerely,

Mark Rogers

MARK ROGERS
NEWS DIRECTOR - KIDD


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RADIO KCOK
MUTUAL NETWORK
TULARE, CALIFORNIA 93274
1270
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March 20, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz
Head Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600, Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, Calif 90012

Mr. Stovitz:

The only news concerning the Sharon Tate case carried by Radio KCOK was supplied by either the Associated Press or the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Our reporting of the incident has been most light.

You will note, by the enclosed coverage map, that our prime signal falls a considerable distance short of Los Angeles.

Yours very truly,

RADIO STATION KCOK, INC.

Keith Munger, President

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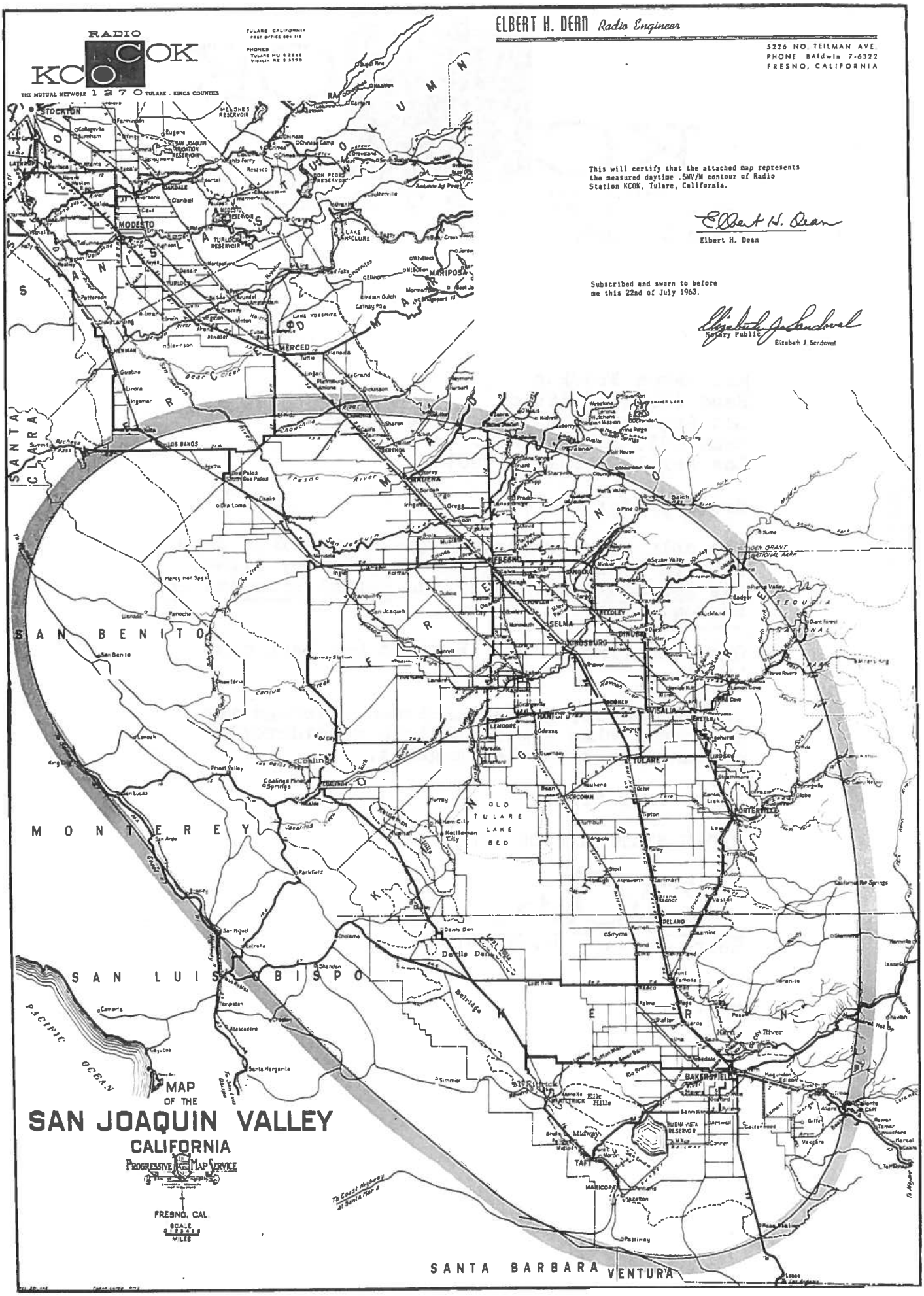


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CBS
Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.
Television City
7800 Beverly Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90036
(213) OLive 1-2345

Law Department

Re: People vs. Krenwinkel

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

This is in response to your recent letter to Radio Station KCBS, San Francisco, received by the Station on March 19, 1970, in which you request that the Station provide you with the following information covering the period December 2, 1969 to date: (a) date and time of every news item broadcast concerning any of the named defendants or victims in the Tate-LaBianca homicides; (b) length of specific coverage and length of the news program of which the news item was a part; (c) description of any interviews or commentaries with or about any of the named defendants or victims; (d) actual scripts or transcripts where available. You indicate that the above material is needed in connection with a motion for change of venue to be heard on March 24, 1970 in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Radio Station KCBS broadcasts news 23½ hours per day. We estimate that it would take one person two weeks to retrieve written scripts requested by you and two persons ten days to locate and make sound recordings of material previously broadcast for which no scripts exist. The Station operates with a relatively small staff and the operation of the Station would suffer materially if staff personnel were assigned to retrieving and assembling the material you have requested. The time involved in attempting to comply with your request would be increased were the Station to employ additional temporary help, since such persons would require special training. It is obvious that the Station cannot comply with your request in the time allotted; assuming your request had been made at an earlier date, complying with it would be unduly burdensome and work a great hardship on the Station and its personnel.

Very truly yours,

William Whitsett
Assistant General Attorney

Aaron Stovitz, Esq.
Head, Trials Division
Office of the District Attorney
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

March 20, 1970

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Would you please include a description of your geographic area of coverage.

Sincerely,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER
District Attorney

By
AARON STOVITZ, Head
Trials Division

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

All of our national and regional news comes to us from the ABC Information Network, So if you'll check with them in Los Angeles, You can probably get the full story.

Our Coverage area generally is From Paso Robles to the North down to the Gaviota Pass to the South. There's not much to the East to cover except mountains, and of course the Pacific Ocean to the West.

Jim Ranger

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District Attorney

By [signature]
AARON STOVITZ, Head
Trials Division

Impossible to pinpoint Exact Times & dates - stories always accompanied by Actualities - ~~[illegible]~~ by Atty's - both defense & Prosecution - these are Available from Radio News West in Los Angeles. Coverage Lately Limited To Susan Atkin - Native of San Jose. Area Coverage Santa Clara County - and Parts of Upper Bay and Central Coast To Monterey

Jack Smith
News Director
KLIV Radio
San Jose, California
286-5548

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THORNWALL 8-6767

March 19, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

Regarding your query of March 17, 1970 on coverage by this station of the "Manson case":

KPFA is a listener-supported non-commercial station and our news coverage traditionally does not include this type of item.

Our bulletins have made no mention of this case.

Sincerely yours,

Elsa Knight Thompson
Program Director

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Mutual
Broadcasting
System

March 18, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

Having just assumed the management of KOLI, I was not in the area during the time of the Tate murders.

However, I think I can safely assure you that not one word was aired concerning any of the incidents. The station had no news wire service and aired only local news.

If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

James E. Poeske

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PHONE 442-4414

March 19, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

In reply to your letter of March 17, we did not make any news announcements concerning the case discussed. At that time KECR did not broadcast News.

Sincerely,

Bob Carlson
Production Director

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KICO RADIO STATION
ABC NETWORK
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EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

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March 17, 1970

Dear Sir; - There is no way we can comply with your requests. The news on the subjects was on our network - it was straight news reporting and could not influence any one enough to preclude their receiving a fair trial sincerely

K I C
W J Gleeson

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March 17, 1970

IN ANSWER TO YOUR REQUEST.....WE CARRIED NO NEWS OF ANY KIND REGARDING THIS TRIAL OUR NEWS IS DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO "NON-DATED" MATERIAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ONLY. RESPECTFULLY, WILLIAM G. MORS GEN'L MANAGER - KEWB-FM REDDING, CALIFORNIA

William G. Mors

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By
AARON STOVITZ, Head
Trials Division

MARCH 18, 1970

DEAR MR. STOVITZ:

TO THIS DATE WE HAVE NOT AIRED ANY NEWS RELATED TO THE ABOVE.

SINCERELY,

KBBL PROGRAM DIRECTOR

RIVERSIDE

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Mr. Aaron Stovitz
Head, Trials Division
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Los Angeles, California 90012

March 20, 1970

Dear Mr. Stovitz,

In response to your request for information regarding coverage of the trial of Patricia Krenwinkel, we ourselves have broadcast no coverage whatsoever on this matter. During our daily "Street Radio" conversations the subject of the trial has been occasionally brought up by members of the general public, but without comment from ourselves.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Mayes
Director of Radio

BM:ddd

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Time is of the essence. Please send your immediate reply to:

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Would you please include a description of your geographic area of coverage.

Sincerely,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER
District Attorney

By
AARON STOVITZ, Head
Trials Division

Radio station KFAX, in San Francisco, is a religious station covering northern California. As such, we do not carry news items of this nature.

Judd Sturtevant, Gen. Mgr. KFAX.

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KBAK-TV
A CBS AFFILIATE
29
2210 Chester Ave., Bakersfield, Calif. 93301 • Phone (805) 327-7955 • A HarriScope Station

GENE DENARI
*Vice President & General Manager*

March 20, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

In reply to your letter of March 17, 1970 requesting the exposure of the Sharon Tate trial over the facilities of KBAK-TV in Bakersfield, enclosed please find document listing dates, sources, length and times of items asked.

I hope this is the information you requested.

Cordially,

Gene Denari

Gene Denari

GD/pm
encl.

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| DATE | SOURCE | LENGTH | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12/2/69 | CBS | 1:45 | 5:3ø |
| 12/3/69 | CBS | 1:55 | 5:3ø |
| 12/5/69 | AP | :22 | 5:3ø |
| 12/7/69 | AP | :1ø | 11:øø |
| 12/11/69 | AP & CBS | :3ø | 5:3ø |
| 12/11/69 | CBS | L:26 | 11:øø |
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ALL ITEMS RUN WERE INCLUDED IN A NEWSCAST TEN MINUTES IN LENGTH.
ALL ITEMS WERE RUN AS RECEIVED FROM CBS OR AP
WE HAVE HAD NO INTERVIEWS WITH ANY OF THE PRINCIPLES, AND HAVE NOT RUN ANY COMMENTARIES RELATING TO THE CASE.

C/Gene Dewane
V.P. General Mgr.
KBAK-T.V.
BAKERSFIELD,
CALIF.

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McCLATCHY BROADCASTING

21ST & Q, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95813
916 442-5011

Evelle J. Younger
District Attorney
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Attention: Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division

Dear Mr. Younger:

Receipt of your letter dated March 17, 1970, relating to the motion for change of venue in the Sharon Tate murder case, and requesting information as to film coverage of the defendants, beginning December 2, 1969, on KOVR (TV), Stockton-Sacramento, California, is acknowledged.

Be advised that all broadcasts made by KOVR relating to such defendants consisted of news films and material received from the American Broadcasting Company network, originating with KABC, Los Angeles, and in addition, some wire reports received from the wire news services. There were no films or other material received from other sources, relating to this case, to our knowledge.

In order to obtain and send to you the material requested, it would be necessary to go over all our past news reports since December 2, 1969, and this cannot be done within the limited time afforded. We assume the material would have to be received by you not later than Monday, March 23, 1970.

We regret we are unable to comply with your request, but if there is anything we can do in lieu thereof, please advise us as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Kilgore
Associate Counsel
McCLATCHY BROADCASTING

March 20, 1970
WLK:wf

RADIO
KFBK, KFBK-FM • SACRAMENTO
KBEE, KBEE-FM • MODESTO
KMJ, KMJ-FM • FRESNO
KOH • RENO

TELEVISION
KOVR 13 • STOCKTON/SACRAMENTO
KMJ-TV 24 • FRESNO

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JOSEPH E. LAKE
VICE PRESIDENT
AND GENERAL MANAGER

KXTV 10

GREAT WESTERN
BROADCASTING
CORP.
P. O. BOX 10
SACRAMENTO, CALIF. 95803
A CORINTHIAN STATION

March 19, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz
Head, Trials Division
County of Los Angeles
Office of the District Attorney
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 17, 1970, regarding the Patricia Krenwinkel trial.

We have reviewed the letter carefully and were readily able to conclude that your letter as outlined would pose an administrative and paperwork problem of monumental proportions, and since we do not have a "pool" arrangement within our office, would require us to go outside for an additional person to do this work or divert someone from their regular duties for a substantial period of time.

Our station has given coverage to the matters to which you refer on a more or less normal basis, that is, when justified by the news involved, as issued by the standard Associated Press, United Press and other sources. We have done no direct coverage of our own. Based on our discussion, I am quite certain that any exhaustive investigation such as the one suggested by your office would produce the same picture which I have just outlined and it would show that there has been no sensational devotion to the situation other than those inherent in the bizarre aspects of the matter itself.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Lake

Joseph E. Lake
Vice President and
General Manager

JEL:drc

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42 KPLM TV

abc

(714) 327-1431
TWX NO. 910-332-1296

Smoke Tree Village / 1775 East Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, California 92262

JOHN W. NELSON
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER

March 19, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

We received your letter dated March 17, regarding radio and television coverage of the Sharon Tate murders.

We will be happy to comply with your request if you wish us to do so, but we feel that you should be made aware of the fact that we do not cover any part of Los Angeles County and could not, therefore, have any influence on any prospective jurors picked from that area.

Please let me hear from you again if you still feel the information you requested would serve any purpose.

Sincerely yours,

John Nelson

JN:ph

DIVISION OF PACIFIC MEDIA CORPORATION

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SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

DIVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

KVCR — TV
KVCR — FM

March 20, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

In reply to your letter of March 17, the only coverage given the trial in question by KVCR-FM and TV has been that provided by the UPI Radio Wire Service. Newscast scripts are not kept by either station beyond a thirty-day period, so it is impossible to give exact dates and times of news items concerning the case. A fair approximation would be 20 percent of UPI's total coverage used by KVCR-FM and less than 5 percent by KVCR-TV.

KVCR-FM has an approximate coverage area of twenty miles in any direction from its transmitter in San Bernardino.

KVCR-TV broadcasts to the San Bernardino area with four translator stations providing service to Barstow, Big Bear City, Crestline, Victorville, and Ontario.

Sincerely,

Joseph Mc Cusker
Operations Manager, KVCR-TV

Thomas Schrader
Operations Manager, KVCR-FM

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KEBS
TELEVISION 15 / FM RADIO 89.5

March 20, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
County of Los Angeles
Office of the District Attorney
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

In response to your letter of March 17, 1970, requesting information regarding television coverage of the defendents in the Sharon Tate murder trial, there has been no such coverage on KEBS-TV, Channel 15, in San Diego.

Sincerely,

Bradford B. Warner
Program Director
KEBS-TV

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*Bay City Television*

XETV • CHANNEL SIX
SEVENTH AND ASH • TELEVISION HEIGHTS
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101
(714) 234-8431

March 19, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovita:

In answer to your query about whether XETV has aired any coverage relating to the Sharon Tate murders, this is to advise that XETV has aired no such coverage whatsoever other than that which from time to time might have been incorporated into the ABC-TV Network news programs the "ABC Evening News with Frank Reynolds and Howard K. Smith" which XETV airs Monday thru Friday at 5:00 pm; and the "ABC Weekend News" which XETV airs on Sunday and Monday mornings at 1:00 am.

In accordance with standard industry practice, we maintain no transcripts or records of the contents of any of these network programs. The network, of course, does maintain such records.

Enclosed is a map of our coverage area, as requested.

Sincerely,

Russ Tilford
Program Manager

RT/cr
Encl.

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ABC Television Network
100 Kw Video
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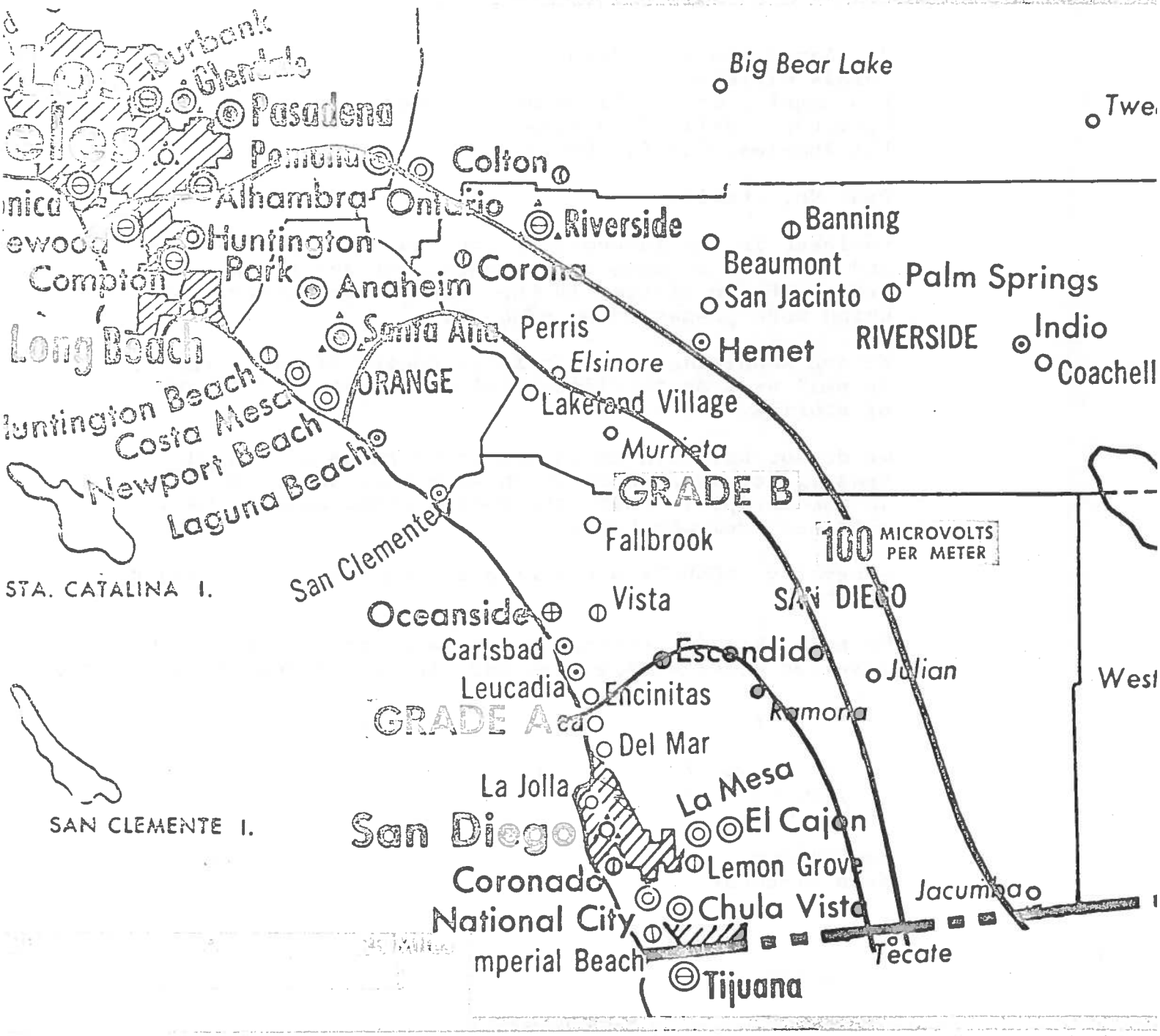
# XETV

## SAN DIEGO CHANNEL 6

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KFMB/TV/8 1405 FIFTH AVENUE / SAN DIEGO, CALIF. 92112 Phone 232-2114

March 20, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

Enclosed is the information you requested on the date and air time of news items concerning any of the defendants or victims in the Sharon Tate murder case which were presented by KFMB-TV.

We are supplying you with Xerox copies of our scripts, as well as a master list showing the date and length of stories.

We do not have available the transcripts of the CBS News videotape reports which were used where indicated in the scripts. That information would have to be obtained from CBS News.

Generally, KFMB-TV's coverage is confined to San Diego County.

We hope this information is of value to you, since it involved considerable time and expense to compile it.

Sincerely,

Ray Wilson

Ray Wilson
News Director

RW/ja

Enclosure



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KRON-TV 4

CHRONICLE BROADCASTING CO

March 20, 1970

The Hon. Evelle J. Younger
District Attorney, Los Angeles
County
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Younger:

I have your form letter of March 17, signed by Mr. Aaron Stovitz.

I am quite certain that you are unaware of what a laborious task you have asked us to perform.

By and large, 90 per cent of the stories broadcast by KRON-TV which concern the individuals named in your letter of March 17, were identical to those stories broadcast on the network news programs of the NBC-owned television station, KNBC-Los Angeles. Those network programs would be: The Today Show from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M., Monday - Friday; the five-minute network news programs at 9:25 A.M. and 11:55 A.M., Monday - Friday; the Huntley/Brinkley Report 6:30 - 7:00 P.M., Monday - Saturday; the Frank Magee Report 6:00 P.M., Sunday; plus other network news programs as may be scheduled from time to time by NBC. I assume that you already have access to information concerning stories broadcast on the network news programs listed above through the cooperation of KNBC-Los Angeles.

In addition to the above, KRON-TV has on occasion between December 2, 1969 and the present, excerpted by videotape recording certain segments of NBC news programming for reproduction on our 11:00 P.M. news, Monday - Sunday; our 6:30 A.M. news, Monday - Friday; and our noon report Monday - Friday. Therefore, it is a fair assumption that the KNBC information available to you would be a fair representation of the amount of broadcast material available to and broadcast by KRON-TV.

For us to examine minute-by-minute, day-by-day each and every individual news script used by this station for the dates requested would be virtually an impossible task. It would require the full time of several people for an unknown number of days or weeks. A great number of our employees are at the moment involved in work in connection with a litigation this company is faced with. This work is superimposed on our normal broadcasting activities.



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I hope that the information contained in this letter is sufficient for your needs. We could undertake to employ outside statistical personnel at considerable expense to us if you feel that we have not been responsive to your request and you must have more detailed information.

Sincerely,

Pack Philips
Station Manager

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COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO

March 19, 1970

COLLEGE OF THE AIR

Mr. Aaron Stovitz
Head, Trials Division
Office of the District Attorney
County of Los Angeles
600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

I have your letter of March 17 relative to a motion for change of venue in the trial of Patricia Krenwinkel.

KCSM-TV and KCSM-FM are educational stations and we do not normally carry news broadcasts. There has been no coverage of the Sharon Tate murder case on either of our stations.

I am enclosing our coverage map as per your request.

Very truly yours,

Jacob H. Wiens

Jacob H. Wiens
General Manager, KCSM-TV, KCSM-FM

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Enclosure

1700 W. HILLSDALE BOULEVARD, SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA 94402, TELEPHONE (415) 341-6161

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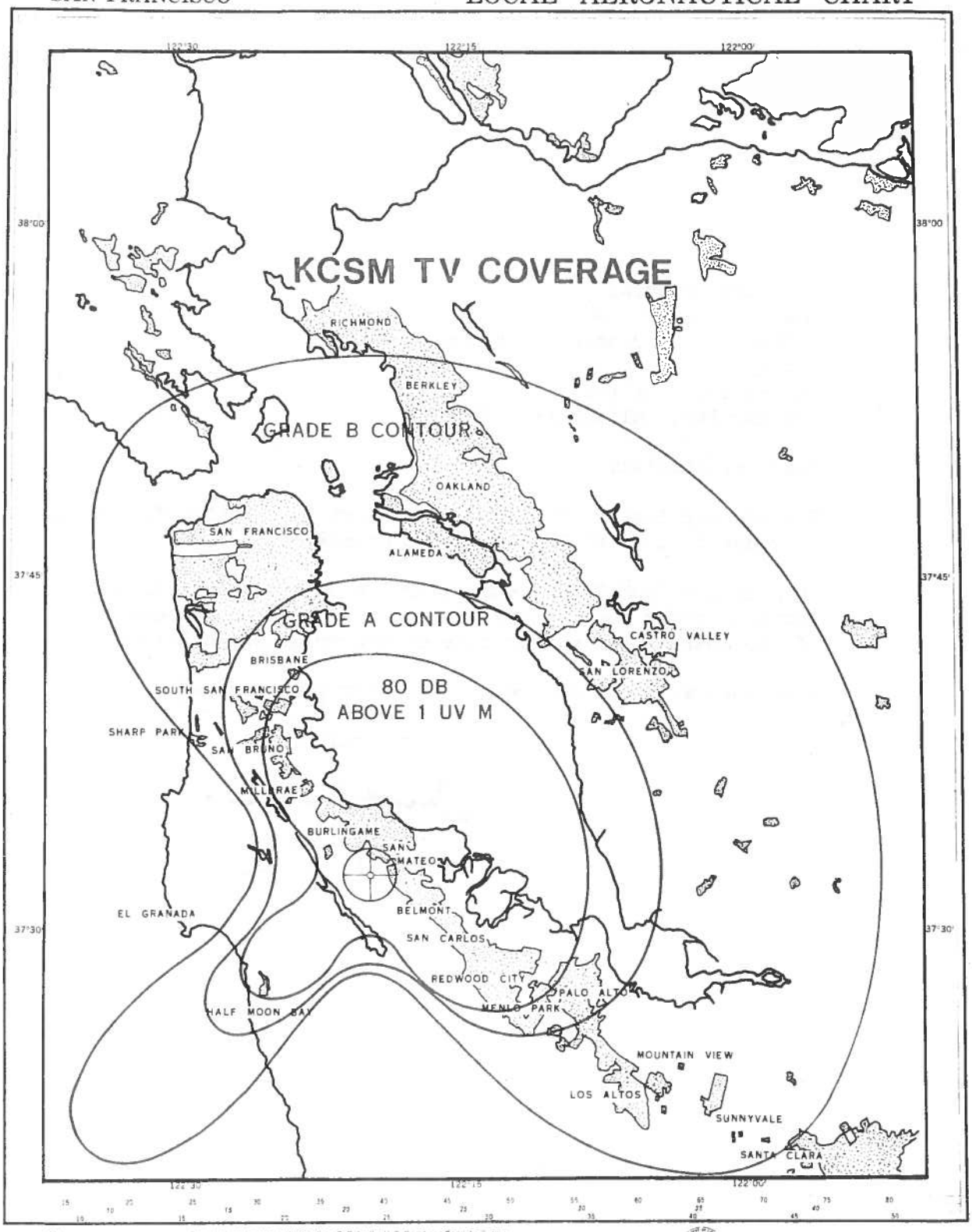
# LOCAL AERONAUTICAL CHART

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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
## OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

600 HALL OF JUSTICE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

EVELLE J. YOUNGER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
LYNN D. COMPTON, CHIEF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JOSEPH P. BUSCH, JR., ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

March 17, 1970

Dear Sir:

On March 24, 1970, Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles will hear a motion to change venue in the trial of Patricia Krenwinkel, one of the defendants in the murders of movie actress Sharon Tate and others. This motion is based on the allegation that Los Angeles County has been so inundated by radio and television coverage as to make a fair trial impossible in this county.

To rule fairly on this motion, the judge must be aware of the extent of the radio and television coverage throughout the state. In order to provide a complete resume of coverage for the judge, we urgently request that you provide us with the following information as soon as possible beginning on December 2, 1969 when the defendants were first named, and running to the present:

The date and air time of every news item concerning any of the defendants or victims in the case. Defendants are Charles Manson, Susan Atkins, Charles "Tex" Watson, Leslie Van Houten, Patricia Krenwinkel, and Linda Kasabian. Victims include Sharon Tate, Jay Sebring, Abigail Foulger, Voitichik Froykowski, Stephen Parent, Mr. and Mrs. Leno LaBianca. Please include length of specific coverage and length of news program of which it is a part;

No Records kept on this Just daily News Broadcast Record

Description of any interviews or commentaries with or about any of the above; No - Interviews

Actual scripts or transcripts of broadcasts where available.

From A.P. News Wire - but this would vary as to How often we would have used any

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Would you please include a description of your geographic area of coverage.

Sincerely,

EVELLE J. YOUNGER
District Attorney

BY [signature]
AARON STOVITZ, Head
Trials Division

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Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
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Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

MAR 24 1970




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590 AM
103.1 FM

# KTHO

SERVING "AMERICA'S ALL YEAR PLAYGROUND"

Lake Tahoe

March 21, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

This is with reference to the letter from your office dated March 17, 1970, requesting information about our coverage of the Sharon Tate - LaBianca murders.

Our coverage of the Sharon Tate case has been limited to the material received from our United Press International news wire (teletype) and any coverage given of the case given by the American Entertainment Radio Network Division of ABC News, of which we have been an affiliate since November 1, 1969.

Unfortunately, we have no record of the dates or air times which could specify our coverage of the case from the sources named above.

The geographic coverage area of KTHO (AM, 590 kc.) is approximately a 75-mile radius around South Lake Tahoe, California; the coverage of KTHO-FM is restricted to the Lake Tahoe basin area alone. Our newscasts are broadcast simultaneously on both AM and FM. For easy reference, we enclose a copy of the KTHO (AM) coverage map.

Sincerely,

William A. Kingman

William A. Kingman
Program Director KTHO-AM-FM

EMERALD BROADCASTING CO. P. O. BOX A M SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA 95705 (916) 544-6471

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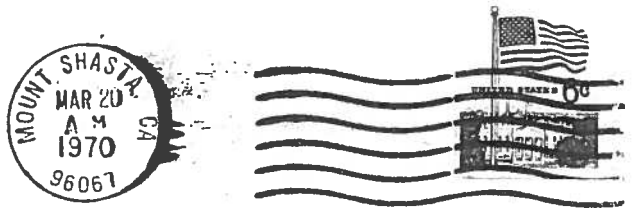
RADIO STATION **KWSD** MOUNT SHASTA

"The Heart of the
Shasta-Cascade Wonderland"
MOUNT SHASTA, CALIF. 96067

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MAR 24 1970
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Aaron Stovitz
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

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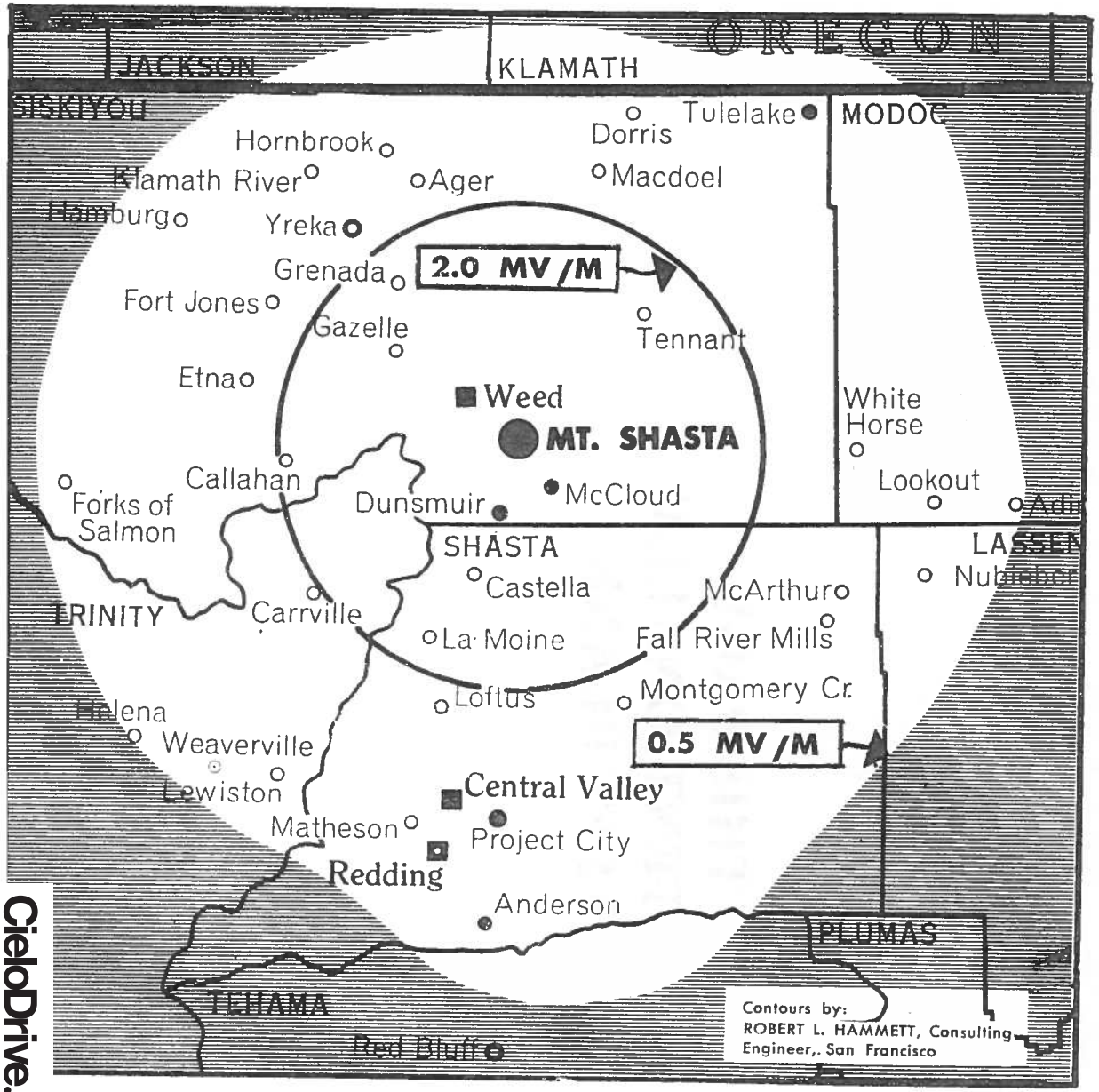


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**MT. SHASTA, CALIFORNIA**

**National Representative:**

**McGavren - Quinn Corporation**

| **MARKET DATA:** | Within 2.0 MV Coverage | Within 0.5 MV Coverage |
|---|---|---|
| Total Population | 39,300 | 93,000 |
| Total Households | 13,110 | 30,370 |
| Total Radio Homes | 12,586 | 29,126 |
| Total Passenger Cars | $ 67,682,000 | 170,045,000 |
| Spendable Income | | |
| **RETAIL DATA:** | | |
| Food Sales | $ 12,545,000 | 35,947,000 |
| Drug Sales | $ 1,120,000 | 3,468,000 |
| Eat-Drink Places | $ 3,154,000 | 10,219,000 |
| Genl. Merchandise Sales | $ 3,584,000 | 11,612,000 |
| Apparel Sales | $ 1,041,000 | 3,647,000 |
| Home Furnishings Sales | $ 1,265,000 | 5,709,000 |
| Automotive Sales | $ 8,065,000 | 23,174,000 |
| Filling Station Sales | $ 5,002,000 | 17,420,000 |
| Building Materials | $ 6,253,000 | 21,775,000 |
| TOTAL RETAIL SALES | $ 42,544,000 | 130,589,000 |
| TOTAL WHOLESALE SALES | $ 24,676,000 | 75,742,000 |
| TOTAL SERVICE RECEIPTS | $ 8,508,000 | 26,118,000 |
| **FARM DATA:** | | |
| Total Farm Population | 5,100 | 12,200 |
| Farm Households | 1,275 | 3,050 |
| Farm AM Radio Homes | 1,250 | 2,989 |
| Farm Passenger Cars | 1,148 | 2,745 |
| Total Farm Income | $ 11,788,000 | $30,219,000 |

SOURCE: SRDS Consumer Data; Sales Management Survey of Buying Power; U.S. Department of Commerce; RETMA.

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HARRY P. WARNER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1900 AVENUE OF THE STARS
SUITE 2440-CENTURY CITY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90067

AREA CODE 213
277-3528 - 879-1502

March 17, 1970

Paul Fitzgerald, Esq.
402 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California, 90012

Re: People v. Patricia Krenwinkel -
LASC Case No. A-253156

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of March 13th pertaining to the Subpena Duces Tecum served on the News Director of KTLA.

Pursuant to the agreement reached between us, the News Director of KTLA advises me that the scripts and other documentation furnished the Court in the Beausoleil case are fairly representative of the scripts, etc., called for in the Subpena Duces Tecum in the above-referenced case.

Pursuant to our agreement, this letter constitutes compliance with all of the terms and provisions of the Subpena Duces Tecum.

Your courtesy in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

HARRY P. WARNER

cc: Mr. O. Douglas Finley
Mr Stan Chambers
Aaron Stovitz, Esq.

HPW:nmt

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ATTORNEY AT LAW
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March 17, 1970

Paul Fitzgerald, Esq.
402 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California, 90012

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HARRY P. WARNER

cc: Mr. Stanley Spero
Mr. Hugh Brundage
Aaron Stovitz, Esq.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Special Delivery

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trial Division
Office of the District Attorney
6000 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

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Los Angeles County District Attorney
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MAR 24 1970




Hill Radio Inc.
580 Oro Dam Boulevard
Oroville, California 95965
(916) 533-9161

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1340 KC
K A O R
1000 WATTS
(916) 533-9161

580 Oro Dam Boulevard
Oroville, California 95965

March 19, 1970

Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

The only radio coverage extended our station in reference to your "case", would be that of the American Broadcasting Company, New York. Our "local" news is purely, and solely attributed to and for our own area - Butte County. And, since my coming here, there has never been mention, let alone story, concerning the Tate trial, or murder.

Whatever A B C carried, we carried.

Enclosed you will find our coverage map, per your request.

I hope this information is sufficient.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Cole
News Director

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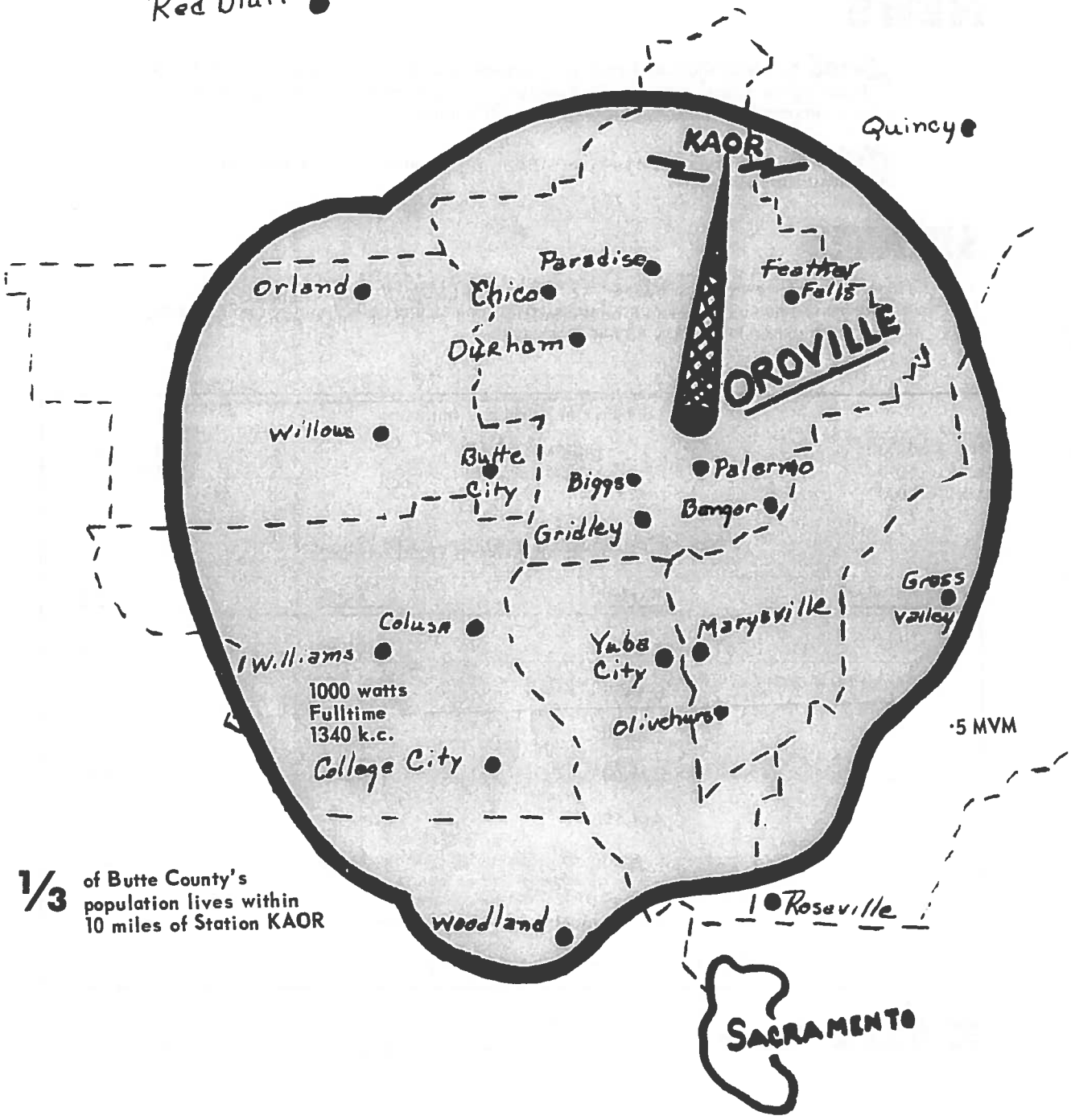
# KAOR




## Oroville

*County seat of Butte County, California*
*150 miles Northeast of San Francisco*




**1/3** of Butte County's population lives within 10 miles of Station KAOR

## MARKET DATA

(Single Station Dominance)

**POPULATION**

| | |
|---|---|
| Oroville Township | 32,000 |
| Butte County | 101,239 |

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## MUSIC

***Middle - of - the - Road*** During the daytime, from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., KAOR is programmed with "The Bright Sound". It's bright, up–tempo middle–of–the–road music for adults.

***Rock*** At 6 p.m., KAOR goes rock, until midnight. According to a recent survey conducted by Oroville High School, KAOR is the favorite station of 78% of the students.

## NEWS

***Local*** News of the local area is stressed. During the day, we have 5 minutes of local news every hour at 30 minutes past the hour. There are extended 15 minute reports at 7:30 a.m. and again at 12:30 noon.

***Network*** National news is from ABC...a 5 minute report once an hour, on the hour, during the day.

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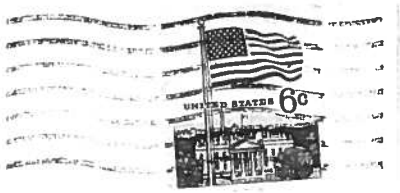


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March 20, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz
Head - Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

Your letter of March 17, 1970 has been brought to my attention.

I regret to advise you that the material requested in your letter is neither filed nor indexed at KPIX so that it can be made available before your specified deadline.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Mires

Ronald E. Mires
News Director

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PHONE: 922-5231


March 19, 1970

Aaron Stovitz
Head of Trials Division
Los Angeles County Attorney
Room 600, Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

KYOR Radio is located some 230 miles East of Los Angeles on the border of Arizona and California. KYOR broadcasts to an area approximately fifty miles to the West in California, fifty miles to the East in Arizona, fifty miles to the South in both states, and approximately seventy miles to the North following state lines. Enclosed is KYOR coverage map showing towns and area covered by our broadcasting signal.

KYOR has not at any time broadcast interviews or commentaries relating to murders of movie actress, Sharon Tate and others.

KYOR has only broadcast news items furnished by the Associated Press news wire.

I trust that this will be sufficient in answer to your letter of March 17, 1970.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Roddy

Robert B. Roddy
Gen'l. Mgr.

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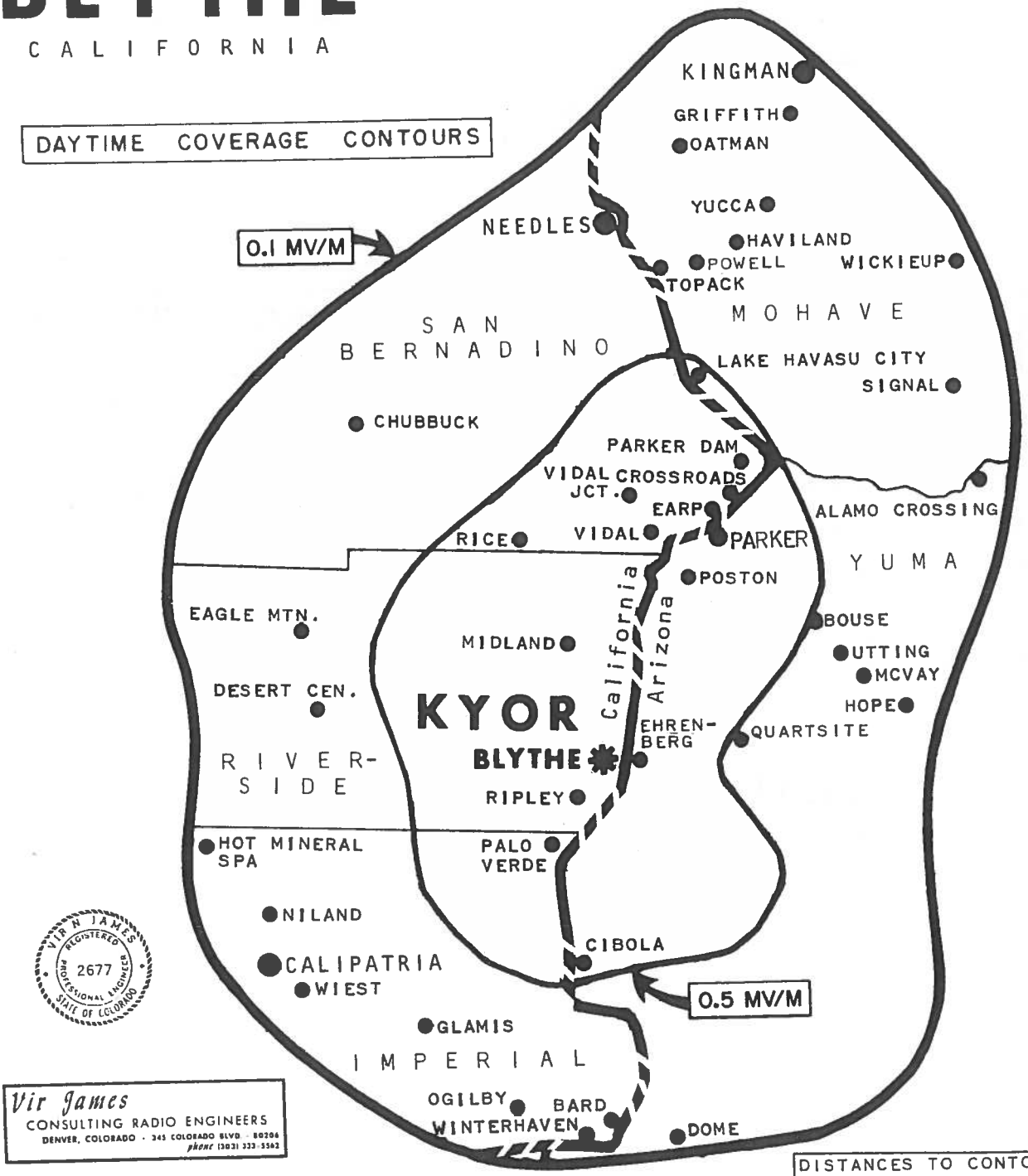


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March 20, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trials Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney
Room 600 - Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

This will acknowledge your correspondence of March 17th, regarding the news coverage of KSRO Radio on the so-called Tate murder trial.

The material used on KSRO is solely provided by United Press International wire, and United Press International Audio.

There was no local editing or re-writing of the UPI material.

KSRO newscasts are scheduled at five minutes before the hour, and a ten minute newscast at 7:45 A.M. and a fifteen minute newscast at 12:15 and 6:30 P.M. daily.

I am sure you have the scripts on hand already from UPI as well as the Audio material they provided to their clients.

KSRO's coverage is basically Sonoma, Marin, Napa, and portions of Lake and Mendocino County.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frank W. McLaurin
General Manager

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| 12-3-69 | 1:52 | 5:30 PM |
| 12-4-69 | :16 sec | 8:00 AM |
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| 12-5-69 | :56 sec | 5:30 PM |
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| 12-22-69 | 1:50 | 11:00 PM |
| 12-23-69 | :10 sec | 8:00 AM |
| 12-24-69 | :15 sec | 8:00 AM |
| 12-24-69 | :20 sec | 5:30 PM |
| 12-27-69 | :30 sec | 5:30 PM |
| 1-5-70 | :25 sec | 5:30 PM |
| 1-6-70 | :10 sec | 8:00 AM |
| 1-6-70 | :12 sec | 5:30 PM |
| 1-7-70 | :15 sec | 8:00 AM |
| 1-14-70 | :30 sec | 5:30 PM |
| 1-16-70 | :18 sec | 5:30 PM |
| 1-22-70 | :35 sec | 5:30 PM |
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| 2-24-70 | :15 sec | 5:30 PM |
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| 3-5-70 | :12 sec | 8:00 AM |
| 3-6-70 | :30 sec | 5:30 PM |
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March 23, 1970

Mr. Aaron Stovitz, Head
Trial Division
Office of the District Attorney
6000 Hall of Justice
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

Dear Mr. Stovitz:

Enclosed is a list of the dates from Dec. 2, 1969, through March 20, 1970, on which KSBW-TV carried news stories referring to the defendants in the Tate-La Bianca murders.

Our local news programming consists of two half-hour segments, one broadcast from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and the other from 11 to 11:30 p.m. Until Jan. 3, 1970, this was on a Monday through Friday schedule. On Saturday, Jan. 3, a 6 p.m. local news broadcast was initiated, thus putting the six o'clock news on a Monday through Saturday basis.

On the list, the abbreviation VTR refers to video taped stories fed to us from KNBC-Burbank. The symbol UPI refers to United Press International wire service stories, without visuals. KSBW-TV carried no locally originated news about the case. The times indicated on the list are as accurate as possible.

A map of our coverage area has also been enclosed.

Yours very truly,

Stan Redmond jpm

Stan Redmond
News Director

SR/jpm

Enclosures (2)


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| DATE | 6 O'CLOCK NEWS | 11 O'CLOCK NEWS |
|---|---|---|
| 1969 | | |
| Dec. 2 | VTR - 4:17 | VTR - 3:09<br>UPI - :29 |
| Dec. 3 | VTR - 1:43 | UPI - 1:03 |
| Dec. 4 | | VTR - 2:08 |
| Dec. 5 | UPI - :50 | UPI - :48<br>UPI - :42 |
| Dec. 8 | | UPI - :27 |
| Dec. 9 | UPI - 1:00 | VTR - 3:14 |
| Dec. 10 | VTR - 1:09 | VTR - 3:11 |
| Dec. 11 | VTR - 2:00 | VTR - 1:22 |
| Dec. 15 | UPI - :50 | |
| Dec. 16 | VTR - 2:19<br>UPI - :48 | UPI - :25 |
| Dec. 17 | VTR - 3:02 | |
| Dec. 19 | VTR - 2:02 | |
| Dec. 22 | | VTR - 1:28 |
| Dec. 24 | | VTR - 1:38 |
| Dec. 25 | UPI - :25 | |
| Dec. 29 | UPI - :43 | |
| Dec. 30 | UPI - :30 | |
| 1970 | | |
| Jan. 1 | | VTR - 2:16 |
| Jan. 2 | | VTR - 2:10 |
| Jan. 5 | UPI - 1:00 | VTR - 3:55 |
| Jan. 14 | VTR - 2:15 | |
| Jan. 20 | VTR - 1:51 | |

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| DATE | 6 O'CLOCK NEWS | 11 O'CLOCK NEWS |
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| Feb. 6 | | VTR - :50 |
| Feb. 9 | VTR - 1:15 | VTR - 2:19 |
| Feb. 16 | | VTR - 2:01 |
| Feb. 18 | | VTR - 1:27 |
| Feb. 24 | | VTR - (time not known) |
| Mar. 3 | UPI - :48 | VTR - 1:43 |
| Mar. 5 | | VTR - 2:30 |
| Mar. 6 | VTR - 1:40 | UPI - :55 |
| Mar. 9 | UPI - :35 | |
| Mar. 10 | UPI - :35 | VTR - 2:24 |
| Mar. 11 | UPI - :48 | VTR - 2:07 |
| Mar. 16 | | VTR - 1:30 |
| Mar. 19 | | VTR - 4:11 |

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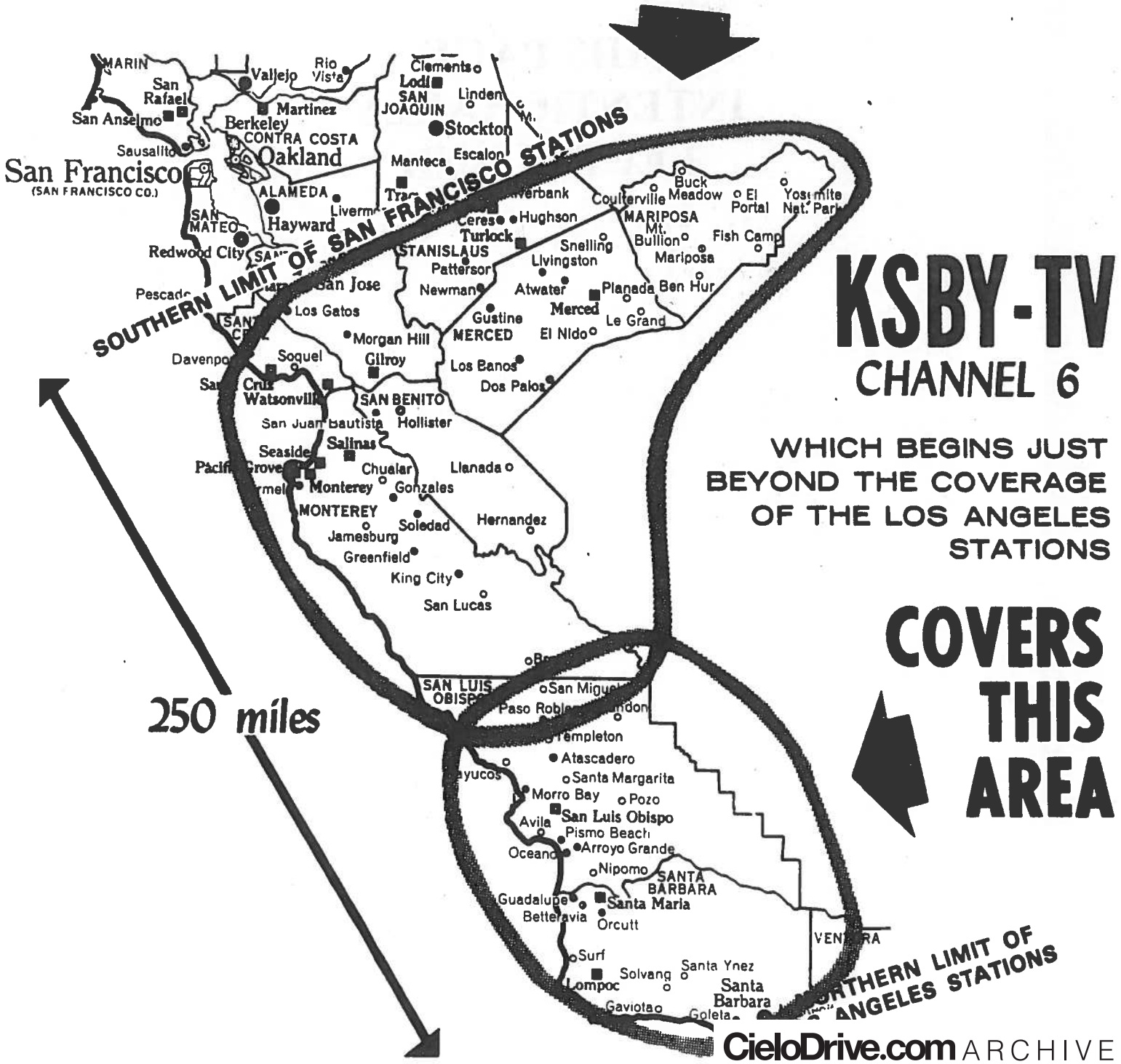


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# THE KILLING OF SHARON TATE

## EXCLUSIVE STORY BY SUSAN ATKINS

**Confessed participant in the murder**

BY LAWRENCE SCHILLER

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## Had No Idea I Would Be There When God's Game Ended For Sharon Tate."

## "His Voice Just Hypnotized Me, Mesmerized Me."

## Didn't Want To Go Back To That House, But Something Made Me Go."

usan Atkins, 21-year-old confessed participant in the murder of Sharon Tate

bizarre slaying of actress Sharon Tate and four others stunned the on. Even more shocking, however, is the slowly unfolding story be- d the murders—a true horror tale of cold-blooded killers—of a hippie mmune that preached love and practiced murder—of the satanic der who ruled his subjects like a god and sent them out to commit speakable crimes...

re, for the first time, is the complete, exclusive story behind the te killings—told in the words of the pretty 21-year-old who calmly nfessed to the most hideous crime of the decade.



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The latest development in the nightmarish Benedict Canyon murders last weekend of actress Sharon Tate and 4 companions involves narcotics. The Los Angeles Times said tonight that various drugs had been found in the sports car of wealthy hairstylist Jay Sebring...one of the victims. Police...althouth they are saying little...are believed to be following 2 lines of investigation.... that the killer might have freaked out on drugs and killed in a paranoid frenzy.

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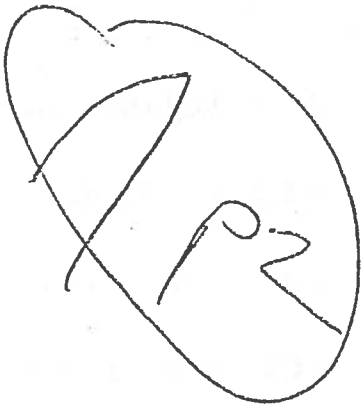

The second theory is that the killer or killers might have been linked to the narcotics trade. But the fact that the telephone lines to the home were cut would presumably make a freak-out type of killing unlikely. There were many similarities in the Benedict Canyon murders and the La Bianca murders in Gilverlake.

(:09 ESTAB SHOT OF INTERVIEW) (SIL) W VO

At Parker Center today... Channel 7's Al Wiman asked the police department's public information officer if he could release any new information:

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CUTCUE: "Of this nature."

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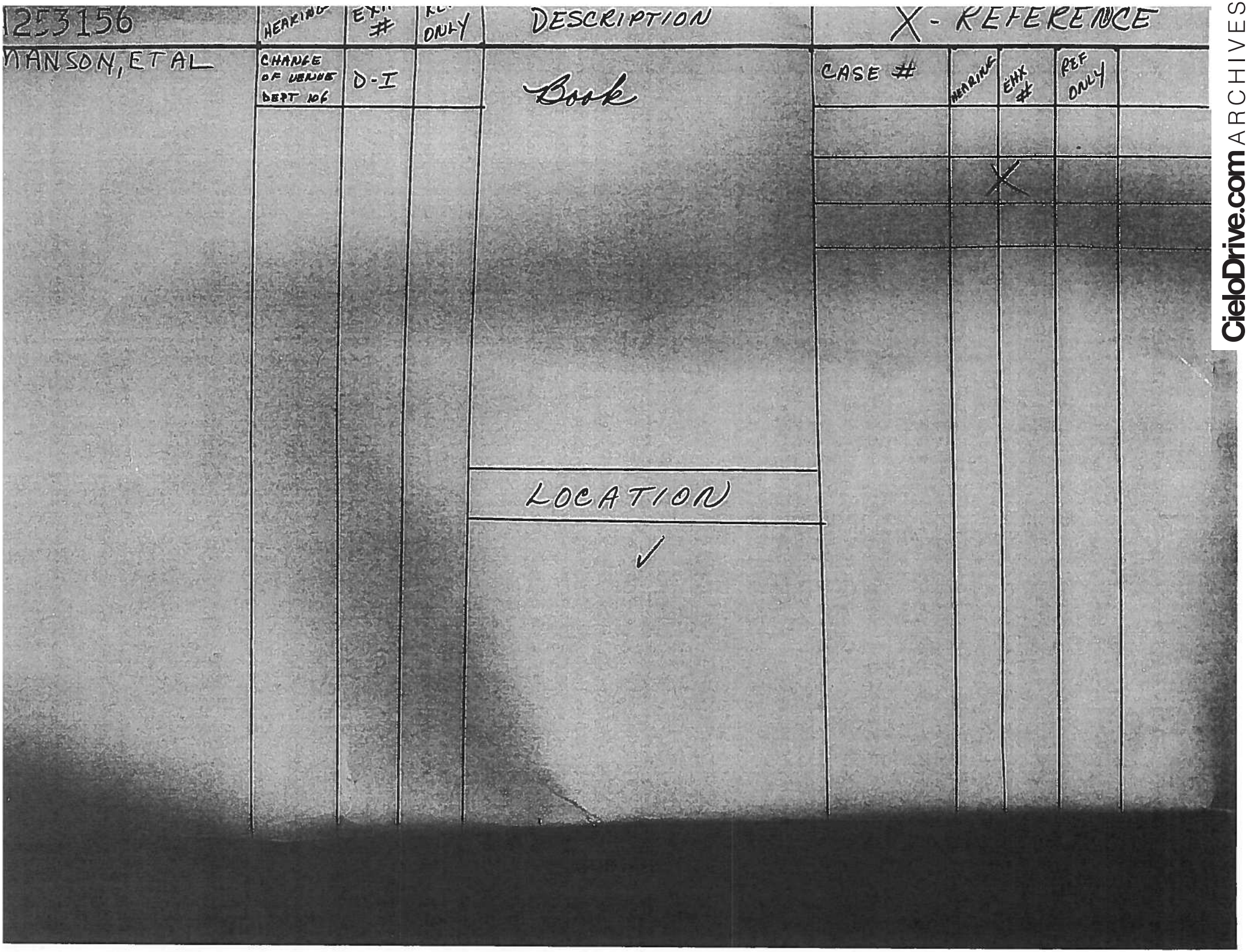


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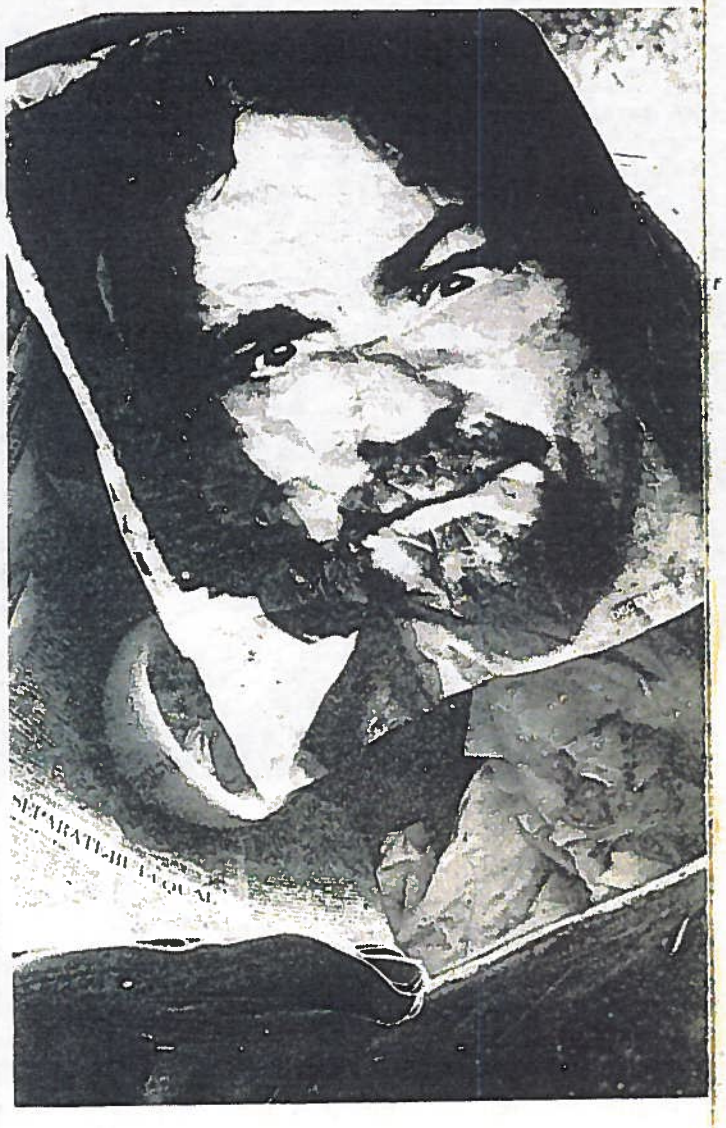

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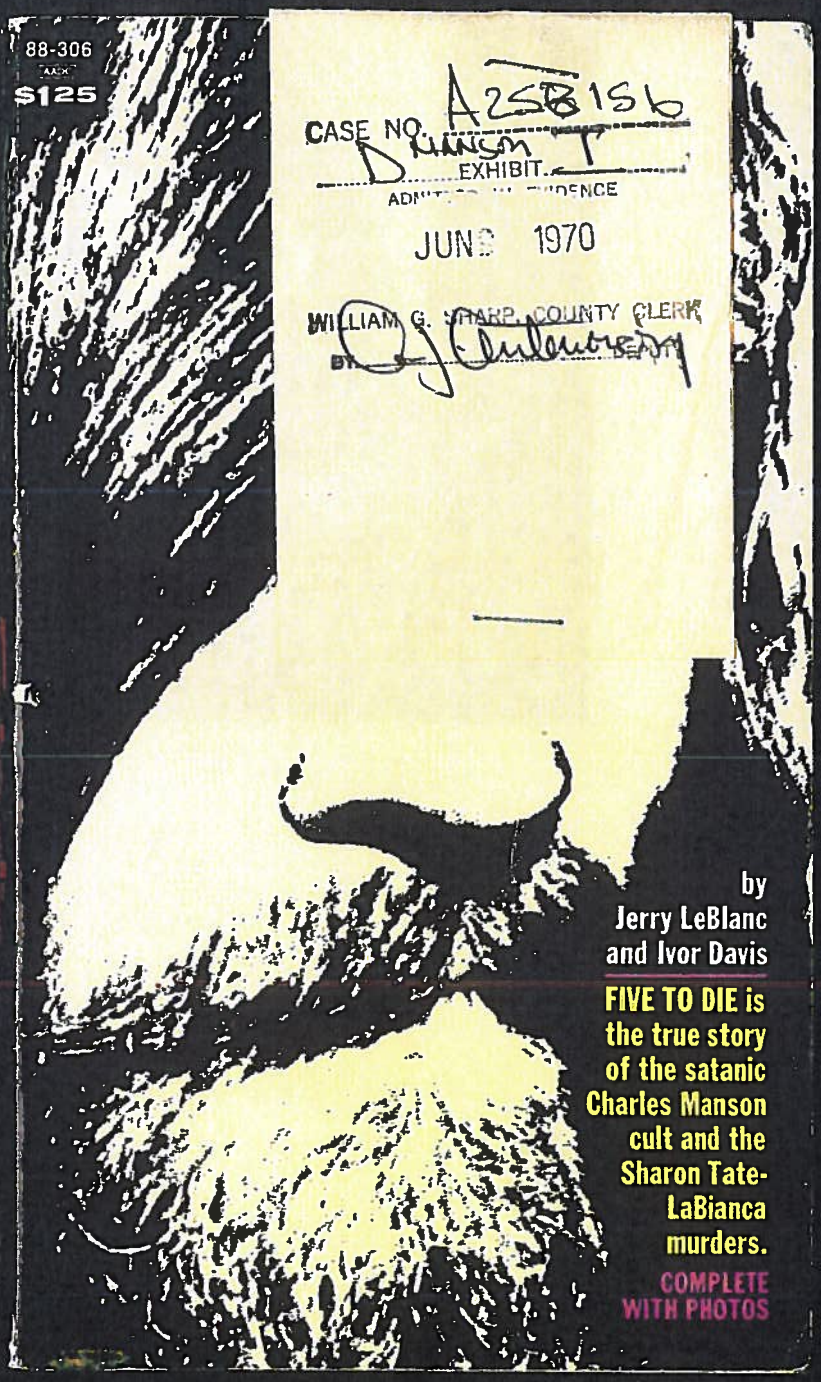


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