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ET AL - VICTIMS
MURDER, INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 7:50 AM, 8/13/69, Supervisor REX SHRODER of the Bureau advised that recently there was considerable public pressure for the FBI to enter the Michigan coed slayings and conduct active investigation. This pressure came from citizens, public officials, including Congressman, etc. The Director resisted efforts to involve the FBI in these local murders and convinced the Attorney General that the FBI should not conduct investigation. SHRODER noted that there is considerable publicity at this time regarding the Los Angeles murders occurring over the last several days and the Director has stated "Don't let us get jockied into the Los Angeles murders".

SHRODER was advised there has been no attempts to involve the FBI at this time and that Bureau policy and procedures would be, as in the past, strictly followed by the Los Angeles Division.

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THE DEMON OF DEATH VALLEY

THAT man has wronged me. Society has wronged me. We'll kill whatever pigs are in that house. Go in there and get them." With those raging orders from their Rasputin-like leader, a band of hippies, clad in black, allegedly broke into a secluded Los Angeles home last August. In the orgy of hacking, stabbing and shooting that followed, Starlet Sharon Tate, 26, and four other people were killed. It was one of the grisliest, bloodiest, and apparently most senseless crimes of the century.

Last week Los Angeles police announced that they had solved the five murders and three others as well. If they are correct, the alleged murderers were even stranger and more bizarre than their crimes. The police case was based on the tale of an accused murderer, Susan Denise Atkins, 21. She sketched out a weird story of a mystical, semi-religious hippie drug-and-murder cult led by a bearded, demonic Mahdi able to dispatch his zombie-like followers, mostly girls wearing hunting knives, to commit at least eight murders and, police say, possibly four others.

Murder Sprees. Three members of the gang were arrested last week: Charles Watson, 23, Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, and Linda Kasabian, 20. The police also were seeking murder indictments against two other "family" members. The suspects, as well as the thin, vacuous Miss Atkins, were all members of a hippie-type gang who styled themselves slaves to their guru-type leader. Miss Atkins, a prosecution witness who hopes to save herself from the gas chamber, claimed that she was present but did not participate in the murders committed by the gang. At least eight members took part in one or another of the murders, say police, although the leader, Charles Manson, 35, did not participate in the killings himself, but confined himself to directing them.

Miss Atkins said that Manson had ordered the Tate murders on Aug. 9, the murder of Musician Gary Hinman on July 25, and those of Mr. and Mrs. Leno LaBianca on Aug. 10. Hinman was allegedly murdered because he would not turn over $20,000 that Manson thought he had. Miss Atkins and another Manson follower are charged in that murder. The LaBiancas were picked at random from among the affluent, she said, the night after the Tate murders, just to prove that the killers had not lost their nerve. The Tate victims did not even know Manson. They died, she said, because Manson, an aspiring songwriter, nursed a grudge against Doris Day's son, Terry Melcher, who refused to have one of Manson's songs recorded. Miss Tate had rented the Melcher house, and Manson ordered everyone in it killed, presumably not even knowing who the tenants at the time were—or caring.

According to Miss Atkins, she, Watson, Mrs. Kasabian and Miss Krenwinkel entered Miss Tate's house and stabbed and shot the occupants: Abigail Folger, the coffee heiress; Voityck Frokowski, her boy friend; Hollywood Hair Stylist Jay Sebring and Miss Tate. The starlet, 8½ months pregnant, pleaded: "Please let me have my baby," but was stabbed 16 times. Steven Parent, 18, who was visiting the caretaker's cottage, was also killed.

Manson is presently in custody on car-theft charges in Independence, Calif. Los Angeles police are seeking conspiracy and murder indictments against him. The case began to break several weeks ago when Miss Atkins, a former acid-dropper and topless dancer, began to blurt out pieces of her gruesome tale in jail, and another prisoner informed police. Also, Daniel De Carlo, 25, who heads a motorcycle gang, told police that Manson invited him to join in one of the murder excursions.

Commando Forays. Manson is a drifter with a five-page criminal record stretching back 20 years. Born in 1934, to a teen-age mother, he never saw his father. His prostitute parent was often in jail, and young Manson was shifted around from relatives to foster parents to reformatories. As he grew up, he turned to petty crimes, mainly car theft His education never went beyond the seventh grade. It was during these years that he apparently developed his hatred of the affluent and a loathing for women. In and out of prison, Manson became interested in music and the occult, and when he was last released in 1967, he headed for San Francisco as a "roving minstrel."

Manson began to gather followers in Haight-Ashbury in 1966, and in 1968 he moved his retinue by bus to Los Angeles to further his music-writing ambitions. Last winter, Manson moved his clan to the Spahn Ranch in western Los Angeles County, and it was from there that they made their alleged commando forays against their affluent victims. Manson busied himself converting stolen cars into dune buggies, and after the ranch was raided in August, he led his followers to their own hell in the inhospitable depths of Death Valley.

Among the greasewood and rattlesnakes, they holed up in run-down cabins and led an indolent, almost savage existence, singing Manson's songs, dancing, swimming in a small pool, stealing cars for cash and picking through garbage for food. Miners in the area reported being chased away by amazons wielding knives. Manson reportedly held an almost hypnotic spell over his followers, who called him "God" and "Satan." His women lolled harem-like


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Convinced of the insignificance of individual lives.

around the commune nude or bare-breasted, catering to his every whim. One chagrined ranchhand relates discussing business with Manson while one of Manson's girls performed a sex act upon the "guru." But women in the "family" saw him in a different light. "He gave off a lot of magic," said one, Lynn Fromme. "To me, to us, he was everything," added another, Sandy Good Pugh.

A fellow ex-convict from the McNeil Island penitentiary in Washington State said that Manson was a strangely passive person who would sulk if attacked rather than strike back. He tried with considerable success to get others to do his bidding: "He had a certain smile that would always get to people. He tried to hypnotize them. He always got other people to supply him with the necessities."

A man who knew Manson at the Spahn Ranch said that Manson had lured Mrs. Kasabian away from her husband, got her to steal $5,000 from him and other men at the ranch. When the men caught Manson, "he showed us his big buck knife, with about a twelve-inch blade, and he asked us if we would like to kill him, just to prove he couldn't die." Manson, said the ranchman, read deeply in Oriental theology, and believed in reincarnation and the insignificance of individual lives. Manson, who is white, "felt the Establishment was the white man, and his karma was to catch up with everybody and shoot all the pigs he saw for, like, enslaving the Negro. It wasn't wrong to kill the pigs, to slash them down with a knife, because they were destroying the earth." Manson, according to this acquaintance, hoped that his killings would touch off racial war in the U.S. After the carnage was completed, he and his followers would take over the ruins of the U.S.—or at least of Los Angeles.

Star Student. Bizarre as such notions are, Manson's behavior, given his background, is at least less inconsistent than that of his followers. Charles Watson attended Methodist Sunday school in tiny Copeville, Texas, and grew to be a big, handsome star-student and athlete, voted outstanding member of his junior class. Yet when he went away to college in 1964, his grades fell and he gave up athletics. He dropped out of school, was arrested for stealing typewriters from his old high school. He headed west, enrolled in another college, and dropped out again. When he returned from California a few months ago, he was bearded and emaciated. Says his lawyer and old family friend Bill Boyd: "He's a totally different guy. He acts completely detached and unconcerned. I seriously question his mental state."

Miss Krenwinkel was a shy and chubby adolescent growing up in a respectable section of Los Angeles. A friend recalled her as "a quiet and very sensitive girl who kept all her feelings to herself. She didn't like to see anybody get hurt. I remember once we were talking about one of the guys we know who enjoyed killing cats. She broke into tears." Her parents separated when she was in high school. In 1967, after meeting Manson, she rejected the "straight" world so suddenly that she left her car in a parking lot, quit her job without picking up her paycheck and went away with him. Now she, with others like her, is charged with murder.

Hippies and Violence

PART of the mystique and the attraction of the hippie movement has always been its invitation to freedom. It beckons young people out of the tense, structured workaday world to a life where each can do "his own thing." The movement has flowered and spread across the U.S. and to many parts of the world. It has drawn all sorts of people: the rebellious, the lonely, the poets, the disaffected, and worse. Some two years ago, says Dr. Lewis Yablonsky, a close student of the phenomenon, criminals and psychotics began infiltrating the scene. They were readily accepted, as anyone can be who is willing to let his hair grow and don a few beads; they found, just as do runaway teenagers, that it is a good world in which they can disappear from law and society. "Hippiedom became a magnet for severely emotionally disturbed people," Yablonsky says.

A few of them, like Manson, also found other advantages to being a hippie. The true gentle folk were relatively defenseless. Leaderless, they responded readily to strong leaders. But how could children who had dropped out for the sake of kindness and sharing, love and beauty, be enjoined to kill? Yablonsky thinks that the answer may lie in the fact that so many hippies are actually "lonely, alienated people." He says: "They have had so few love models that even when they act as if they love, they can be totally devoid of true compassion. That is the reason why they can kill so matter-of-factly."

Yablonsky believes that there has been far more violence among the hippies than most people realize. "There has always been a potential for murder," he says. "Many hippies are socially almost dead inside. Some require massive emotions to feel anything at all. They need bizarre, intensive acts to feel alive—sexual acts, acts of violence, nudity, every kind of Dionysian thrill."

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Charles Manson unintentionally put some clues into his particular psychological makeup on a piece of paper last week, as he sat in court for arraignment on car-theft charges. The insights came in the form of doodles on a legal pad—disoriented scribblings that suggest to two experts a psyche torn asunder by powerful thrusts of aggression, guilt and hostility. According to Dr. Emanuel F. Hammer, a psychoanalyst who studied the doodles without knowing who drew them, they point to "an inner tension that is jampacked with jarring elements. The drawings hit you like chaos on the part of the mind that drew them." He notes the phrase "Howmuchcanonegive," and says such stringing together of words "shows a lack of respect for the integrity of things" and people. The starlike figures, covered over or enclosed in circles, represent "guilt or attempts at control over aggression." The drawings of armless beings "are goonish and ludicrous, which may show a demeaning and devalued view of people."

Dr. Harry O. Teltscher, a psychologist and handwriting expert who knew the doodles were Manson's, finds cosmic implications in the sketches. "This whole drawing looks like part of the universe.

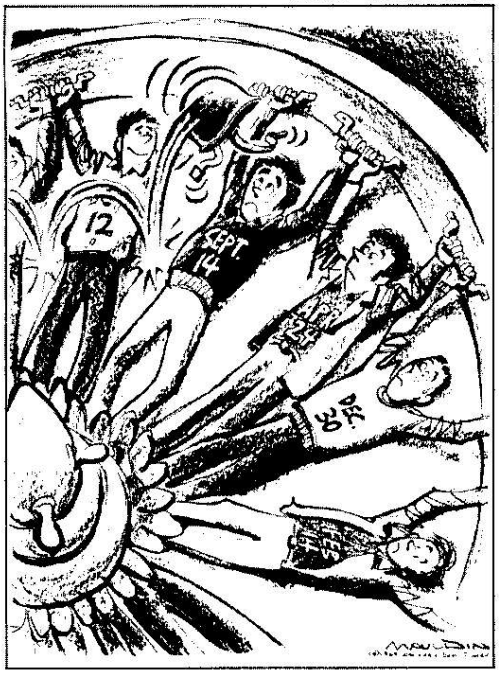


Ofttimes, paranoid-schizophrenics identify themselves with cosmic situations." In the squiggles, Teltscher also sees "a tremendous amount of repressed anger and hostility against all mankind." If Manson is guilty of commanding the Tate murders, as police suspect, then, "telling these girls to act out these killings was his way to express his anger."

THE DRAFT

The Luck of the Draw

Michael Hurd, a 19-year-old sophomore at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, sprang to his feet and hurled his chair through the screen of the television set at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house. His birthday—Sept. 14—had come up No. 1 in the national draft lottery. Harvard Senior Nat Spiller, too nervous to watch the drawing on TV, was playing pingpong in an attempt to calm himself. Returning to his room when the selection was well under way, he looked at a list his roommates had been keeping and slumped into a chair. His birthday had come up fourth. Across the country in California, Stanford University Sophomore Tyler Comann stared



"American Roulette"

at his roommate, Charles Thulin, in disbelief. Against all the odds, his birthday had come up first, Thulin's 366th and last.

With variations, the drama was played in college dormitories and homes throughout the U.S. last week as, one by one, members of the Selective Service System's Youth Advisory Committee walked to the giant fishbowl and drew out small plastic capsules containing 366 dates. That drawing was followed by a second in which the 26 letters of the alphabet were picked to determine by the initial letter of their last names the order in which young men born on the dates already drawn would be drafted. If U.S. military manpower needs remain unchanged, the armed forces will have to draft about 250,000 men next year. Those whose birth dates were among the first third drawn are virtually certain to be called. Those in the middle third have a fifty-fifty chance of receiving induction greetings. Barring a national emergency, those in the last third are home free, though some local draft boards warn that they cannot guarantee even that, so low are their manpower pools.

Search for Alternatives. Like any good drawing, the draft lottery was no respecter of persons or odds. President Nixon's son-in-law, David Eisenhower, whose birthday came up 30th, is almost certain to be drafted. Harvard Senior Joseph Blatt learned on the same day that he was one of 24 members of his class chosen for membership in the Phi Beta Kappa honor society and tenth in the lottery. He is almost sure to be called, as is Seth Grossman, chairman of the Duke University chapter of the conservative Young Americans for Freedom. "I support the war," he said, "but I like it better on TV." His date came up 14th.

Not all were willing to accept the luck of the draw. While a few talked of flight to Canada and some of seeking exemptions on physical or psychological grounds, most searched for alternatives to the draft. A few planned to seek conscientious-objector status; some expected to enlist in a reserve or National Guard unit. Others, including David Eisenhower, are considering going into teaching, which can bring a draft deferment, to postpone their service until the war is over. A few, whose birthdays fall in the uncertain middle third, are even considering playing a numbers game with their futures. They feel that it may be advantageous to write their draft boards and ask to be reclassified 1-A. If they are, and are not called next year when there will be more draftable young men in the pool than in succeeding years, they will be draft-free even after graduation.

Who's Left. At some schools, students whose birth dates fell in the last third to be drawn thought about dropping out of school. "One reason I'm at Stanford is to keep out of the draft," said Thulin. "Now I can take some time off and not worry." Others with high numbers looked for ways of getting out of ROTC programs in which they had originally enrolled in an attempt to beat the draft.

Although most of those spared in last week's drawing felt that the new system was fairer than the old, many found fault. "It's involuntary servitude," said Grossman. Those opposed to war are also worried about the lottery's effect on the protest movement. "People with high priority numbers seem resigned to go in," said Thulin, "and people who are free seem self-satisfied. Who's going to be left to criticize the draft?"

One who has no plans to criticize the draft is Harvard Junior Mitchell Jacobs, whose birthday was the 362nd drawn. He was simply grateful. "Now I feel a lot less guilty about my going to college," he explained. "I can look at guys my age who didn't go to college and say that I had to go through the same drawing that they did."

TIME ESSAY

THE ARMY

WHENEVER a war ends in defeat or a dubious stalemate, the unsuccessful military leaders are apt to grope for some kind of stab-in-the-back explanation. The U.S. is certainly not headed in Viet Nam for any defeat remotely akin to Germany's humiliation in World War I, which the German generals blamed on treacherous politicians and civilian softness. Nor is Viet Nam likely to prove quite as bitter a military experience as the French abandonment of the Algerian war, in which some French officers even threatened to attack Paris in their rage against De Gaulle's pull-out orders. In fact, the U.S. military harbors a new, scarcely admitted optimism about the present battlefield situation in Viet Nam (*see* THE NATION). This, however, only makes more galling the thought of any outcome short of victory. General William Westmoreland, the commander of U.S. forces in Viet Nam during the critical years 1964-68, seemed to reflect this, though in a much muted fashion, when he said in congressional testimony released last week: "If we had continued to bomb [North Viet Nam], the war would be over at this time —or nearly over."

Classic Mistake

The words were wistful and defensive, and they raised an issue that has long stirred controversy in the U.S.: civilian limitations on the use of military power. Most top military officers refrain from public alibis, criticism and rebukes. But many privately agree with Westmoreland's complaint, and there are signs that a stab-in-the-back, or Versailles, complex is developing. Some officers contend that they were not permitted to move quickly, massively and without restrictions—either on bombing targets or in hitting enemy sanctuaries along Viet Nam's borders—once the decision was made in 1965 to commit U.S. combat troops. This complaint is aimed mainly at President Johnson and Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, who, some officers argue, wanted to win the war "on the cheap and without disturbing the country."

The Pentagon was appalled that no full mobilization of U.S. manpower was ordered, and that their suggestions for committing up to 750,000 troops as soon as they could be assembled were ignored. "Gradualism was the classic mistake of the McNamara crowd," sums up one Pentagon officer. Says another: "The American people won't support a long war—but they would have supported a short one if we had got in and got out quickly."

How would unleashing the Air Force have achieved that? While there is heat-

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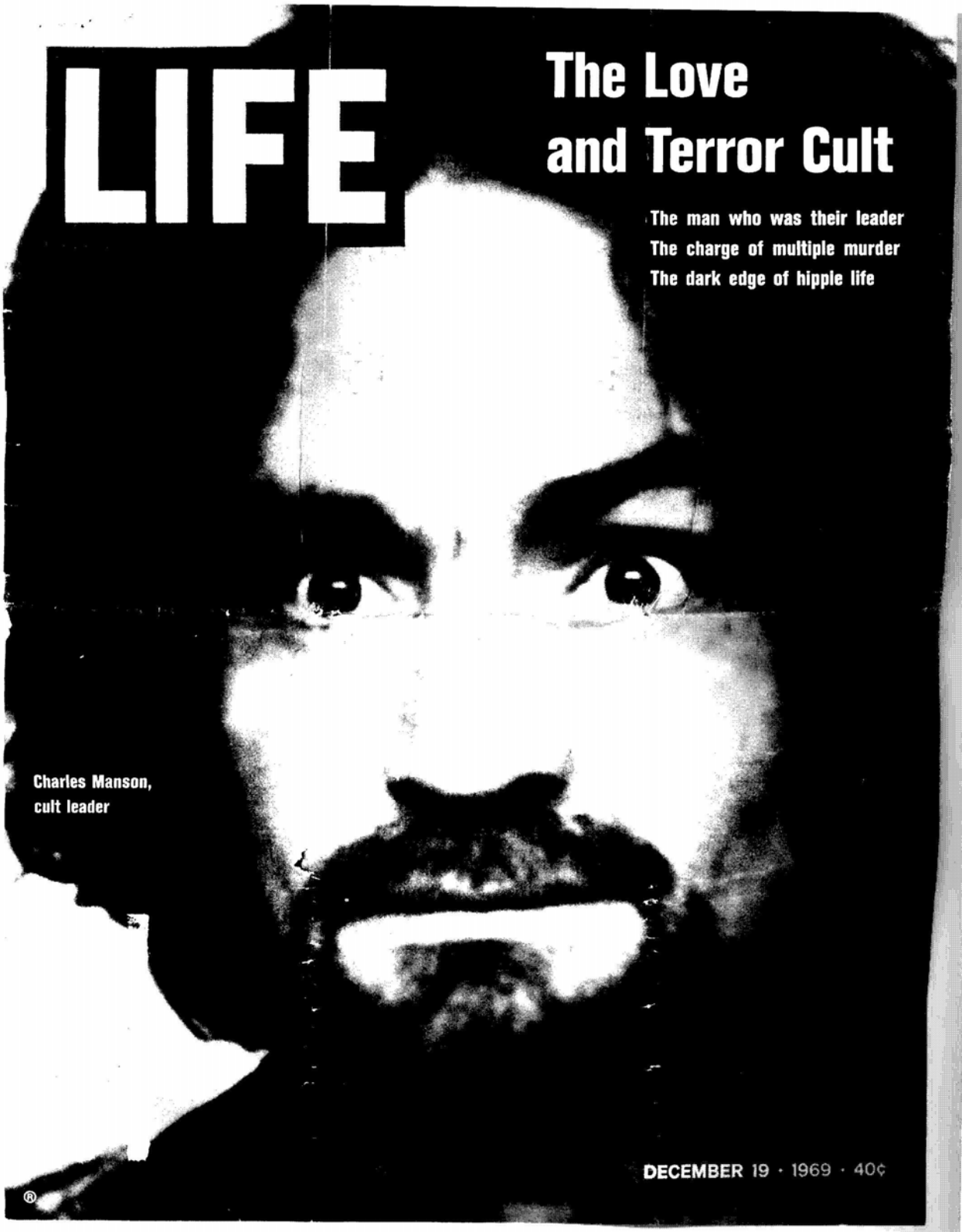

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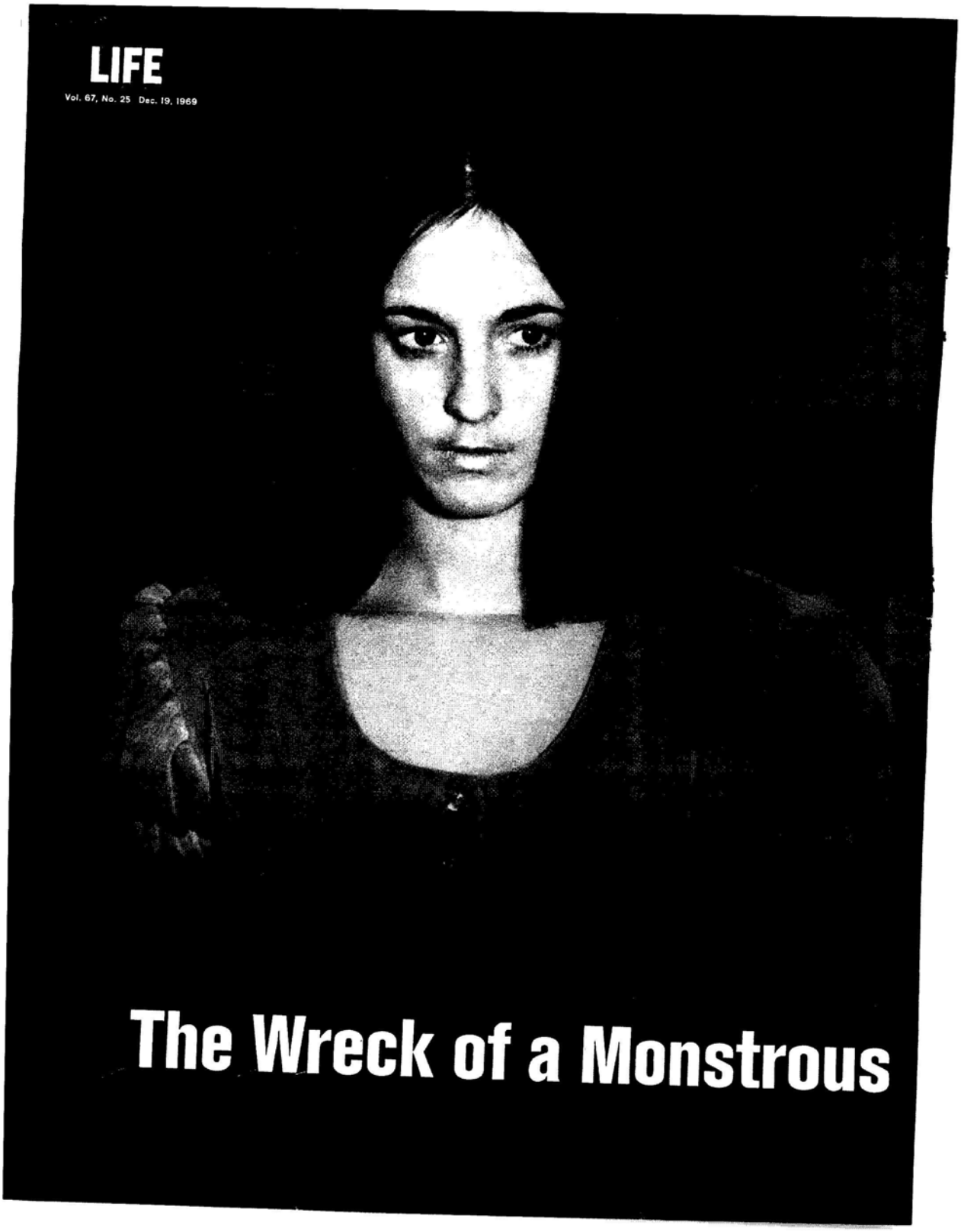

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

THE U.S. MAILS

Sirs:

There is something to be said for your story ("The U.S. Mail Mess," Nov. 28) —particularly since it would not have come to my attention had the magazine been delivered to the addressee instead of me, a nonsubscriber!

ROBERTA A. WARD
Billerica, Mass.

Sirs:

My copy of LIFE arrived one day early this week.

HARRY D. CUTCHALL
Chambersburg, Pa.

Sirs:

Why not be fair and admit that over 99% of the nation's mail is properly and expeditiously delivered?

CHESTER R. DAY
National Association of
Letter Carriers, Branch 24
Los Angeles, Calif.

Sirs:

Whatever flaws the postal service has, the idea of converting it into a private corporation isn't the solution. Trying to deal with a corporation on pay matters and fringe benefits without the right to withhold our services would be like trying to argue with a robber who has a gun at your head.

DALE WAINWRIGHT
Arlington, Va.

Sirs:

What better six-cent bargain is there? First-class mail is the only direct benefit that so many of us tax-paying consumers get from the federal government. Now, in the interest of efficiency and profit, we are told that we must give up this "subsidy" while other segments of our society continue to receive theirs.

JOSEPH J. GITO
Santa Cruz, Calif.

Sirs:

Has anyone stopped to figure the increase in postal rates if the system is turned over to private enterprise? The system runs in the red now, so the rates would have to be increased at this point *just to break even!*

KEITH M. MCELVAIN
Fort Worth, Texas

Sirs:

Even with abolition of bureaucratic "shoe-leather-and-pigeonhole" methods, a *new* postal system may understandably grind to a halt if something is not done to contain the Niagara of "junk" or unsolicited, unwanted mail now choking private mailboxes.

J. DELANEY
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

What the Post Office Department needs most is a good public relations department to inform the public the service is not as bad as most magazine and newspaper editors seem to think it is.

CARL L. KERR
Letter Carrier 231
East Camden P.O.
Camden, N.J.

MORATORIUM

Sirs:

I wish I had such strong faith in mankind that I could join the ranks of the peace demonstrators ("The Moratorium—a View from the Inside," Nov. 28). But that is a luxury item I can't afford. Yes, a large percentage of people the world over are "beautiful, soft 'n' different" (to use their phraseology), but I can't believe that wars are going to disappear from the face of the earth on this basis. There will always be power-hungry demagogues around to take advantage of such naiveté. I am afraid the peace movement is an attempt to buy time for which we will ultimately pay an extraordinary price.

ROSE MARIE WONG
Goleta, Ga.

SPIRO AGNEW

Sirs:

Two pages of Spiro Agnew ("I Did It on My Own," Nov. 28) and eight pages promoting the Moratorium.

Your publication is fast becoming a glaring example of what the Vice President is talking about.

GARY D. COOPER
Ferguson, Mo.

Sirs:

Protests have become so commonplace and "newsy" that the American public has become overly tolerant of their existence. Mr. Agnew's thought-provoking exposition refreshes our minds by reaffirming protesting's basic nonconstructive thrust, its negative implications and the prevalence of hopeful alternatives to such efforts.

KENDRICK B. MELROSE
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sirs:

If Mr. Agnew fears the men on the barricades, I fear the police state; the Weimar Republic was destroyed from the right, not from the left.

LUCYBLETH C. RAMPTON
Salt Lake City, Utah

Sirs:

Liberal tendencies can be excused. Even the absence of any really conservative commentator on the national networks could be forgiven. But the philosophy of despair in which you Eastern intellectuals of the news media are drowning yourselves is too much. Your obsession with filth is too much. Your reporting of the lowering of the human spirit to the animal level is too much. Your outlook on life—more than your political philosophy—is badly in need of repair.

HUGH T. MATTHEWS
Dallas, Texas

MUSIC REVIEW

Sirs:

Tom Prideaux, a writer I generally admire, really blew it in his review "The Rise of the Self-Love Song" (Nov. 28). The songs he refers to, notably, *I've Gotta Be Me*, are not narcissistic ego trips, but, on the contrary, represent a very real contemporary desire for the discovery of a meaningful identity and existence in an often chaotic and contradictory world.

DAVID W. HAMMOND
Costa Mesa, Calif.

Sirs:

I've Gotta Be Me isn't self-praise at all, but a simple and plaintive cry for freedom of expression. "To thine own self be true," said Shakespeare. Would Prideaux damn that as hedonistic?

HOWARD JAY FRIEDMAN
Tallahassee, Fla.

Sirs:

There is a song from my childhood that started out, "I love me, I love me, I'm wild about sweet me." That was 45 years ago, and the disc may have been years older. Old stuff, self-love; mere revival, but amusing article.

J. D. HALE
Tempe, Ariz.

PUTNEY SWOPE

Sirs:

You've done it again! Glorified and glamorized an obscene, vile movie as though every good American loves it ("Robert Downey Makes Vile Movies," Nov. 28).

When Downey gets his Christ film made (you say it will be vile, offensive and blasphemous), all of us know who will give it a nice spread. Sorry, I won't be reading that one.

DONALD VOELKER
Columbus, Ind.

Sirs:

When one considers the indignities man has heaped upon Christ in the past 2,000 years, it seems likely that He will also survive one of Downey's cinematic onslaughts.

MYRTLE F. TEE
Carbondale, Ill.

Sirs:

We of the A.S.P.C.A. are not only proud of our work but we are proud of our facilities. It makes us cringe a little, therefore, to read of our headquarters building on 92nd Street (not yet 20 years old) being described as "a moldy warehouse." It is just not true.

WILLIAM MAPEL
Administrative Vice President
A.S.P.C.A.
New York, N.Y.

AFRICAN ANTELOPE

Sirs:

Thank you for the article "African Antelope" (Dec. 5). John Dominis' photographs of these beautiful, free creatures were pleasing to the soul as well as the eye.

MRS. R. LEATHERMAN
Carpinteria, Calif.

Sirs:

Absolutely beautiful. The fragile gerenuk has beauty beyond my vocabulary, but they are all so tender and alive. We must save these pictures because in fifty years these animals will probably all be extinct.

LINDA DRUMMOND
Kansas City, Kan.

COLUMN

Sirs:

Joan Didion's "A Problem of Making Connections" (Dec. 5) is a work of rare courage. For, on an individual plane, she has articulated the dull pain of the confusing apathy that afflicts so many of us. Stunned by daily exposure to news of "alleged" war crimes at Mylai, of one third of college students on drugs, of privation and violence in the ghetto, and of violence, we are benumbed; nothing seems to matter.

And yet, small comfort that it might be to Joan Didion, it does seem to matter to her that nothing matters. Maybe that is a beginning.

TANA SIBILIO
Stanford, Conn.

Sirs:

Between Joan Didion and me it is still a missed connection; she comes through pretty murky. One thing is for sure, she is not your average housewife worrying about stubborn stains in the kitchen sink.

JAMES MCGRATH
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Strange fruit for LIFE, the family magazine, that page by Joan Didion, with its dark perception of the "amoral vacuum out there just beyond our eye's range." And when we turn to the Mylai massacre the darkness grows so that we begin to question the very idea of moral man.

FRANKLIN CIST
Phoenix, Ariz.

Sirs:

Mrs. Didion's article keeps you awake nights; it, like her, so barely glued together yet so devastating.

I suggest you give her the TIME-LIFE Building.

RICHARD DUNNE
Cambridge, Mass.

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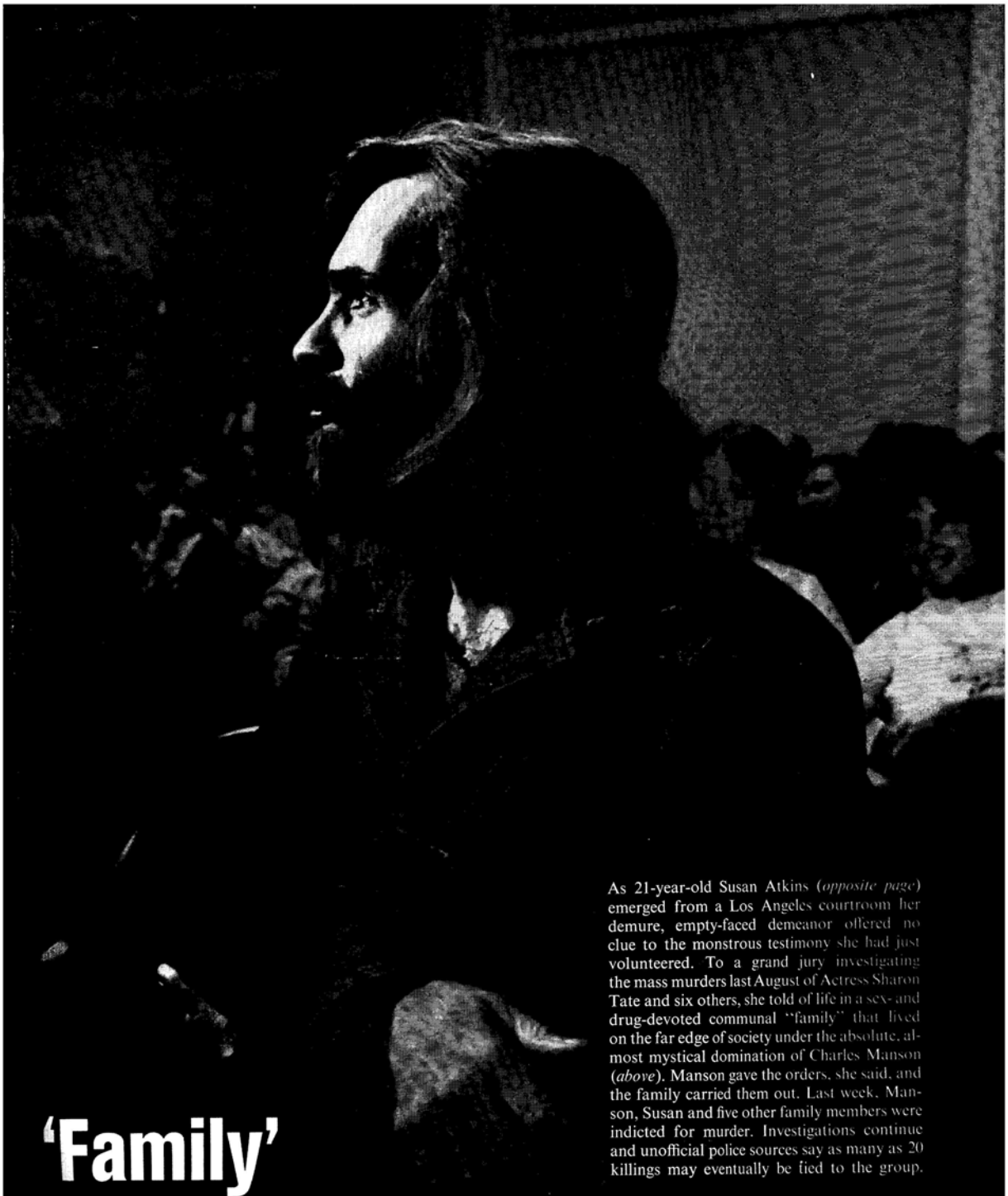

'Family'

As 21-year-old Susan Atkins (*opposite page*) emerged from a Los Angeles courtroom her demure, empty-faced demeanor offered no clue to the monstrous testimony she had just volunteered. To a grand jury investigating the mass murders last August of Actress Sharon Tate and six others, she told of life in a sex- and drug-devoted communal "family" that lived on the far edge of society under the absolute, almost mystical domination of Charles Manson (*above*). Manson gave the orders, she said, and the family carried them out. Last week, Manson, Susan and five other family members were indicted for murder. Investigations continue and unofficial police sources say as many as 20 killings may eventually be tied to the group.

Flattery, fear and sex lured his girls into

The following article is based on reporting done in California by LIFE Correspondents John Frook, John Fried, Judy Favard, Colin Leinster and Jack Fincher, and Dale Wittner in Chicago. LIFE stringers Robin Lloyd in Texas, Matt Heron in Alabama and China Altman in Boston also supplied material.

by PAUL O'NEIL

Long-haired, bearded little Charlie Manson so disturbed the American millions last week—when he was charged with sending four docile girls and a hairy male acolyte off to slaughter strangers in two Los Angeles houses last August—that the victims of his blithe and gory crimes seemed suddenly to have played only secondary roles in the final brutal moments of their own lives. The Los Angeles killings struck innumerable Americans as an inexplicable controversion of everything they wanted to believe about the society and their children—and made Charlie Manson seem to be the very encapsulation of truth about revolt and violence by the young.

What failure of the human condition could produce a Charlie Manson? What possible aspects of such a creature's example could induce sweet-faced young women and a polite Texas college boy to acts of such numbing cruelty—even though they might have abandoned the social and political precepts of their elders like so many other beaded and bell-bottomed mother's children of 1969? Some of the answers seemed simple enough if one weighed Charlie Manson on the ancient scales of human venality. He attracted and controlled his women through flattery, fear and sexual attention and by loftily granting them a sort of sisterhood of exploitation—methods used by every pimp in history. He sensed something old as tribal blood ritual which most of us deny in ourselves—that humans can feel enormous fulfillment and enormous relief in the act of killing other humans if some medicine man applauds and condones the deed. But Charlie was able to attune his time-encrusted concepts of villainy to the childish yearnings of his hippie converts—to their weaknesses, their catchwords, their fragmentary sense of religion and their enchantment with drugs and idleness—and to immerse them in his own ego and in idiotic visions of apocalypse.

It is hard not to wince while considering Charlie Manson's childhood. He was born to a teen-age prostitute in Cincinnati on Nov. 12, 1934 and was raised until he was 11 by an aunt and uncle in Charleston, W. Va. His life thereafter was one of rejection and delinquency. His mother farmed him out to homes and schools until he was taken, as a delinquent of 14, to the last and most permanent of them, the Indiana Boys' School. He "ran"—as juvenile authorities term escape—repeatedly and stole cars and committed burglaries during his periods of freedom. He was released from prison when he was 20 and went back to West Virginia an accomplished car thief. He married a local girl, Rosalie Jean Willis. Rosalie became pregnant and gave birth to a boy. But Manson had already left for Los Angeles in a stolen car and soon found himself behind bars at Terminal Island. He posed as "producer" when he got out again, ingratiated himself with teen-age girls and moonlighted as an occasional procurer. McNeil Island's federal penitentiary took Charlie in after that because he cashed some stolen U.S. Treasury checks. He

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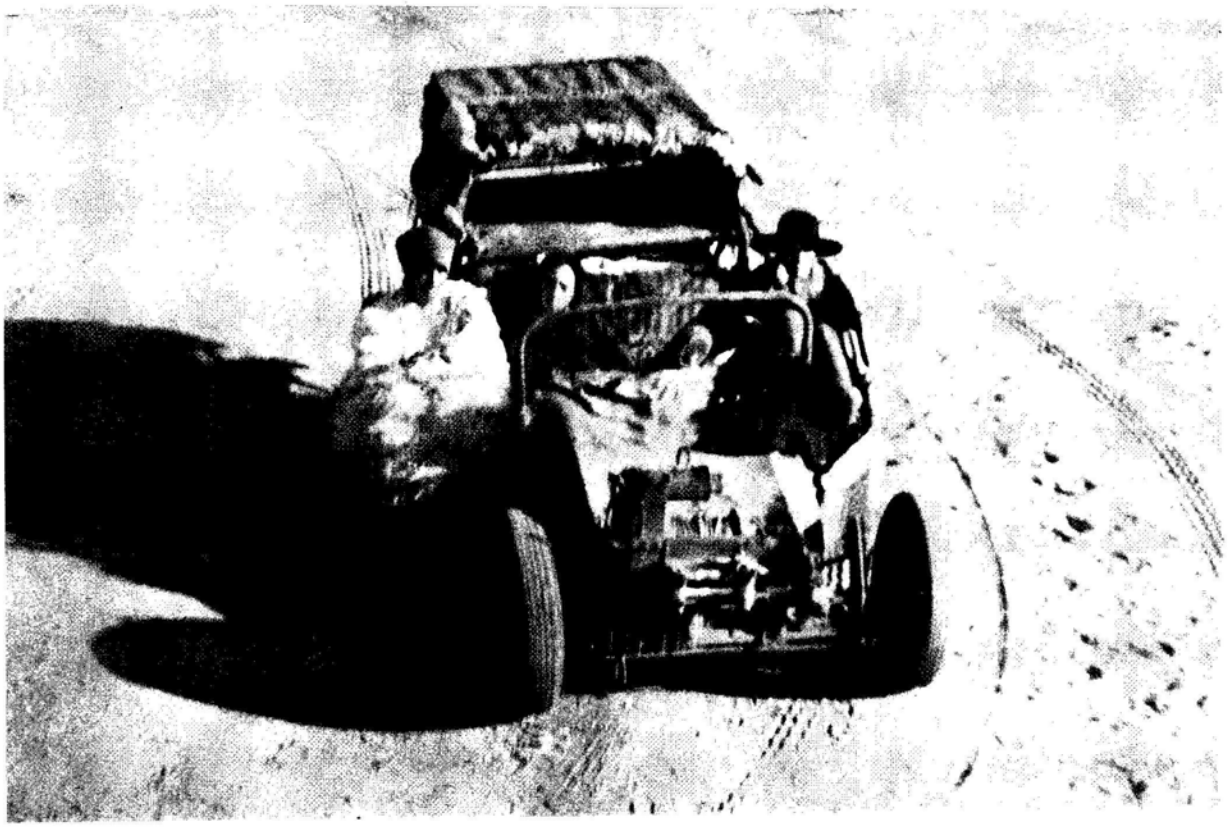
In 1968 Manson photographed three of the girls in his "command vehicle," an armor-plated dune buggy with fur rugs that camouflaged a gun mount



a sisterhood of exploitation



"If you don't get uptight," Pat Krenwinkel, 21, told friends in Mobile, "nobody can ever use you." She was indicted for murder.



An amateur photographer met Susan Atkins briefly in Endocino, Calif. in 1968 and took her picture while his friend played the recorder. Indicted for murder, she testified to the grand jury.



Leslie Van Houghton, 19, of Monrovia, Calif., was indicted with the others for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Leno LaBianca.



Policemen praised the "soft beauty" of Linda Kasabian, 20. She is twice married, a mother, pregnant, and indicted for murder.



One of Charlie's girls, known only as Mary, holds her son, named Pooh Bear. Nancy Pittman (*below*) testified, was not charged.



Family members Lynn "Squeaky" Fromme, 21, and Sandra Pugh, 26, who brought her 2½-month-old baby, Ivan, to court, said they knew nothing of the Tate murders. They were not charged, though Sandra faces trial for possession of a stolen pistol. "Manson was magnetic," she says. "His motions were like magic."



A 'roving minstrel' from reform school

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had never gone farther than the seventh grade; now he read the Bible and tracts on the quasi-religion Scientology, decided that the Book of Revelation had predicted the Beatles, learned to play the guitar and assumed he could compose music. One of his lyrics consisted solely of the words, "You know, you know, you know..." He left prison in March 1967, ready to give new meaning to the old saw: a little learning is a dangerous thing.

Criminals and ex-cons have discovered a new sort of refuge in the last couple of years: they grow hair, assume beads and sandals, and sink—carnivores moving in with the vegetarians—into the life of hippie colonies from the East Village to Big Sur. Charlie Manson went to San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury and, with an exquisite sort of diplomatic skill, adopted the local coloration as a means of controlling, utilizing and dominating the impulse-ridden, alienated, drug-directed "kids" he discovered there. Most of the kids were female—who had come to escape a cynical society or to seek "reality and freedom." Charlie billed himself as a "roving minstrel" come to fulfill their dreams with magic, strike off the chains of male chauvinism and lead them to the promised land—although in fact he regarded them as squaws, treated them like cattle and excommunicated those who complained. "I was hitchhiking to San Francisco once with Charlie," says a girl who used to know him, "and we had these two big packs. He wanted me to carry both of them. I refused. I said I'd share, but I wouldn't carry both. He got more and more angry and finally said I had to carry both bags and walk 10 steps behind him. When I wouldn't do that, he took my guitar from me and smashed it into little pieces against a post."

Most of Charlie's girls, in the opinion of a San Francisco psychiatrist who encountered them, were "hysterics, wishful thinkers, seekers after some absolute" who came to regard Charlie as a high priest, "all-powerful, all-knowing."

Charlie was a fast talker with a glittering eye. He initiated new girls by taking them to bed for day-long sexual marathons. He broke down their "inhibitions" by directing them in erotic group carnivals or ordering them to carnal activity with other men—and commanding them to do so in the same tones in which he sent them into the streets to panhandle. Charlie was no hippie: the very name made him angry. He was an entrepreneur. He gave people things—drugs, his own shirt—to get things back. He gave girls—often a naked, giggling, caressing gaggle of four or five of them—to men from the "straight" world. He shaved and cut his hair—even, at times, after retreating to the desert—to facilitate dealing with "the Establishment." He boasted of 3,000 friends. One gave him a grand piano which he traded for a camper truck which he then traded for a bus with which he transported his harem to southern California and their eventual rendezvous with the fruits and fallacies of his delusions.



In 1949 an Indianapolis newspaper ran this picture of Manson as a bright-eyed 14-year-old along with a story optimistically headlined "Boy leaves 'sinful home' for new life in Boys Town." He stayed there three days. At right Manson, his eyes still bright—this time from drugs—is led to court in Independence, Calif.

The delusions do not seem to have blossomed in his mind before the trip in the spring of 1968—a leisurely trek during which he met, sponged on and grew to resent Los Angeles Musician Gary Hinman, and was rejected, in a plea for help with his own musical aspiration, by Doris Day's son Terry Melcher, then the occupant of the big house in which Sharon Tate and her friends were to die. Charlie preached a confused but vehement philosophy. Everything in the world belonged to all its people—thus there could be redivision of valuables, but no theft; all humans were part of some homogeneous and mystic whole—thus there could be no real death. The varying mob of long-haired girls and ragged young studs who clung around him in southern California were indoctrinated with Charlie's views after they settled at the first of their two outposts, a Western movie location once owned by silent star Bill Hart but now operated as a riding stable called the Spahn Movie Ranch.

But one can wonder how those who were to be indicted for murder got there in the first place:

▶ Photographs of Charles Denton ("Tex") Watson at high school in Farmersville (pop. 2,021), Texas reflect an all-American boy: a big, good-looking kid who starred in football, basketball and track, got only A's and B's and went to the Methodist church near his father's little grocery and gas station. Watson went on to North Texas State University, 55 miles from home, turned away from sports, sank scho-

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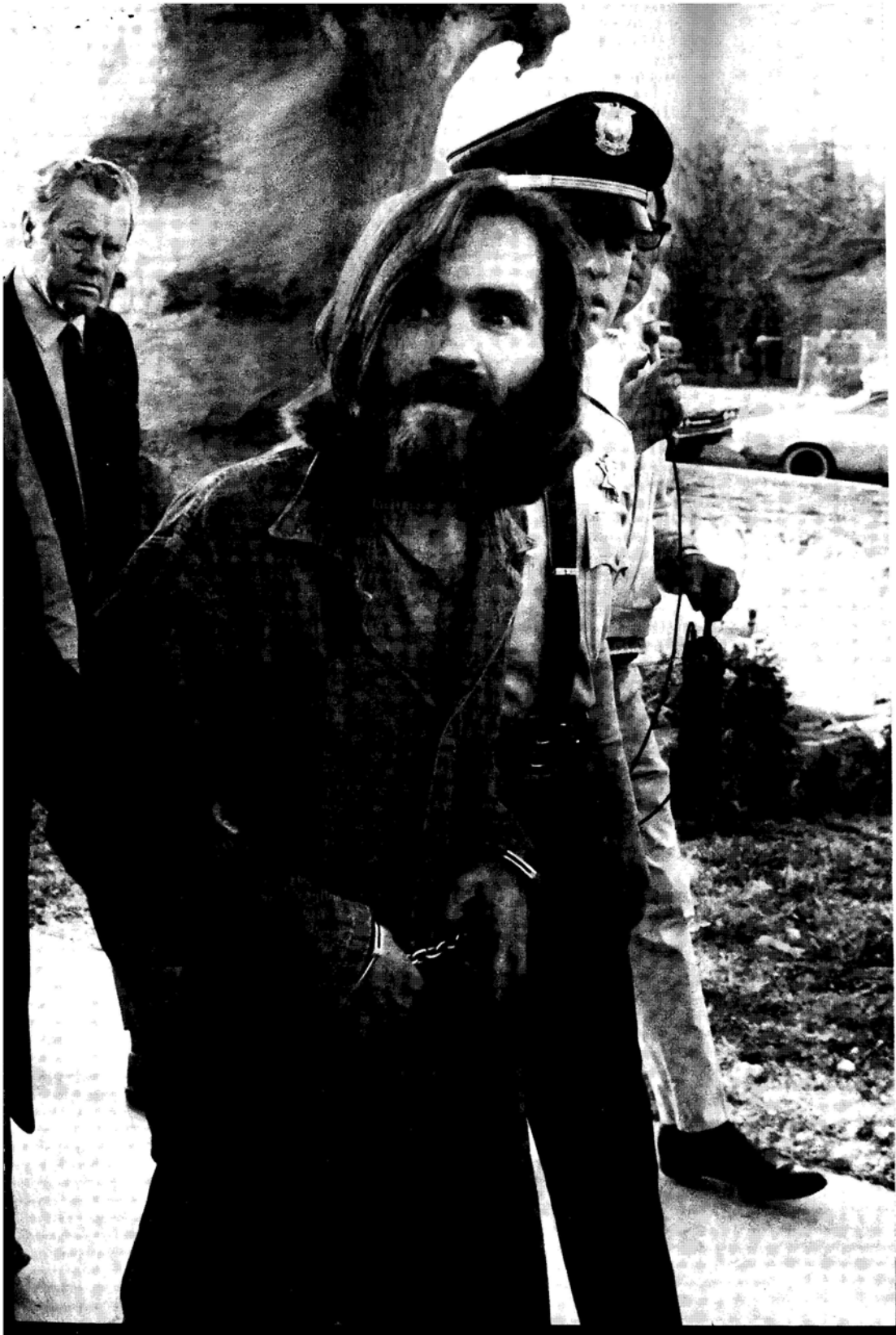

A doctor and a parole officer remember Manson



DR. ROGER SMITH

During the year that Manson and his "family" lived in or near San Francisco, they regularly visited the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic which was founded by Dr. David Smith. Dr. Smith's views are based not on a patient-doctor relationship with Manson, but on his personal observations.

Manson's parole officer, after his release from prison in 1967, was Dr. Roger Smith, a research criminologist who had launched the drug treatment program at the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic. He speaks of Manson here out of his extensive unofficial contact with him.

Charlie's group was unlike any other commune I've known. They called themselves a family, but most family communes are monogamous sexually. The members pair off and don't indiscriminately change partners. A new girl in Charlie's family would bring with her a certain middle-class morality. The first thing that Charlie did was to see that all this was torn down. The major way he broke through was sex. Charlie's girls were expected to have sex with any men around, anytime. If they had hangups about it, then they should feel guilty. That way he was able to eliminate the controls that normally govern our lives. Sex, not drugs, was the common denominator.

The violence was not the kind of sociopathic "escape" violence we see in the Haight but a psychotic, Rasputin-type violence. If you believe God is on your side, anything is justified. The communal thing is very spiritual. Belief in magic, astrology, cosmic consciousness —that explains everything. One of the characteristics is to have a spiritual leader and, violence aside, Charlie Manson as a spiritual leader is probably more typical than we care to believe. Charlie appealed to too many people to say that just a few nuts were attracted to him. He would probably be diagnosed as a schizophrenic, but ambulatory schizophrenics were very much looked up to in Haight-Ashbury because they could hallucinate—without drugs. If we're going to pin a psychiatric label on Charlie's girls, then we'd have to say there are hundreds of thousands of kids in this country who are also mentally disturbed.

DR. DAVID SMITH



Charlie was the most hostile parolee I've ever come across. He was totally up front about it. He told me right off there was no way he could keep the terms of his parole. He was headed back to the joint [prison] and there was no way out of it. In another era, I think Charlie would have been back in prison in short order. But now the patterns have changed. You have a very transient, mobile delinquent population, and many of them end up in scenes like this. They pick up the rhetoric and sort of blend in and exploit and manipulate the scene. I think that's where Charlie fit in.

In a sense I think Charlie was really sort of shaken by it all—by the fact that people were friendly, open and willing to do things with him. The first night he was in the Haight, the chicks were willing to go to bed with him. They didn't care whether he had just gotten out of the joint. That was a real shocker for him.

Drugs give you something but they also take. In the case of Charlie, he redefined what reality was. He began to drift farther and farther away. He certainly wasn't operating on anything vaguely related to reality. He did become more articulate, began to develop a distinctive kind of philosophy. He no longer seemed angry or hostile, only more intense.

They talk about the hypnotic kind of state he was able to produce. Always in the back of my mind I felt he was a con man. Charlie's rap was always a little bit too heavy, a little bit too polished. Tenderness toward girls? Not a damn bit. I never sensed he had any real warmth toward the girls. They were his possessions.

There are a lot of Charlies running around, believe me. He's just one of several hundred thousand people who are released from prison after a shattering, soul-rending experience, not prepared for anything except to go back on the streets and do more of the same—but bigger. You get them back in the community and there's no place for them to stay. I couldn't get Charlie into a halfway house because the only one was too small. I couldn't get him training because somehow he didn't meet the state requirements. The only place he was accepted was Haight-Ashbury, and doesn't that say a hell of a lot about the system.

He collected

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lastically and, after three years, dropped out. But his old college sweetheart, airline stewardess Terry Flynn, reveals far more about the value judgments of Texas girls than about any emotional trauma he may have endured. "He treated me like a queen and he shaved three times a day—there was never a hint of 5 o'clock shadow—but he became too possessive." When she saw him in Los Angeles last December after an unexpected flight to California "I just couldn't believe his long hair. But he still opened car doors for me."

▶ Maine-born Linda Darleen Kasabian, 20, grew to "sweet and pretty" adolescence in her divorced mother's white clapboard house in Milford, N.H. She quit school as a sophomore to marry a local boy but was divorced a year later. Last July she was in Los Angeles with another husband, Bob Kasabian, and her baby daughter Tanya; a young friend who had inherited some money was going to take them on a trip to South America. Gypsy, oldest of the girls in Charlie's family, spotted her in a Topanga Canyon restaurant and took her to the ranch. She came back the next day and then only to steal $5,000 in $100 bills from the friend's camper truck. When the boy followed her to the ranch to protest, Charlie "showed me this big knife and said, 'Maybe I should kill you just to show you there's no such thing as dying,' and I felt fear and split." Linda did a lot of cooking for the family: she is now five months pregnant, and crochets.

▶ Brunette and busty Susan Atkins, 21, had "a very disorganized relationship with her family in San Jose," worked as a topless dancer and fell in with Charlie in San Francisco. Charlie renamed her "Sadie Mae Glutz." Susan is the girl who spilled the story of the Tate murders to a cellmate while being held in the Santa Monica jail on charges of having helped one Bob Beausoleil kill Musician Gary Hinman for Charlie. Susan told the grand jury that Charlie was a "beautiful guy."

▶ Brown-haired Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, is the daughter of a hard-working Los Angeles insurance agent and lived in a cream-colored stucco house near Loyola University. She was chubby and shy but "quite a little daddy's girl" and devoted to stamp collecting. Her father left wife and daughter when she was in her teens, however, and Patty began to go with "guys who hung out at Bob's Big Boy Drive-In at Canoga Park." Patty's mother took her to Fort Lauderdale. She had a half year of college in Mobile, Ala., came back to Los Angeles, got a job in an insurance agency—and then, suddenly, ceased being ordinary. She abandoned her car in a Manhattan Beach parking lot in September 1967, quit her job without picking up her paycheck and went off with Charlie Manson. Charlie changed her name to Katie. Her job at the ranch was the "garbage run," picking through refuse cans behind nearby stores to salvage food for the family. The pickings, one witness recalls, could

knives—'Everybody is afraid of getting cut'

be good: "They got a whole Volks full of apples, plums, lettuce, avocados and candy out of two or three bins of trash."

The family stayed at the movie ranch for 12 months. Charlie gave its blind old owner, George Spahn, $5,000—perhaps the same bills donated by Linda Kasabian. He also terrorized George and got a good deal of it back. One night, Spahn says, Charlie forced him to sit in a chair for three hours, held lighted matches before his eyes and swung punches within an inch of his face to discover whether he lied about his sightlessness. (After it was all over Spahn heard the door open and close and sat there in the dark for an hour. He couldn't hear a breath. Then he reached around—and put his hand right on Manson's head. "That's right, George, I'm still here.")

Ranch hands remember Charlie provided for everybody, sometimes by instructing girls to work their families for money. He passed out marijuana—if he felt like it. He had a plastic Baggie full of LSD tablets; these were for visitors from whom he wanted gifts or favors or recruits he wanted "to capture." There were seldom more than six or seven male members and usually four times as many girls. The boys got girls—as gifts from Charlie. Charlie had any girl he wanted. The family slept on communal mattresses, but Charlie and his choice of the evening slept in a room of their own. Charlie's word was law: he carried and fondled a Bowie knife, his scepter. "He really loved knives," recalls an acquaintance. "He used to say, 'Man, everybody in this world is afraid of getting cut.' "

He also collected guns and ammunition. The family, he prophesied, was one day going into Los Angeles to set off the apocalypse foreordained for them in Revelation, Chapter 9: "They were given the power of scorpions . . . the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots . . . and they have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit." There was no doubt who was king. Charlie Manson talked about it to visitors: "He was going to shoot all the white people he saw, all the established people; then the black people would get enthralled and destroy everybody while he would retreat into the desert." Charlie did not just talk. He took incredible pains, with the aid of the family's males, to prepare for the day.

They stole Volkswagens, stripped them and turned them into reinforced dune buggies, some with machine gun mounts. The Spahn Movie Ranch lies only a few miles north and west of Burbank, but beyond it are sere, rugged and unpopulated hills and beyond them, eventually, the Mojave Desert. Charlie cut the padlocks off fire road gates and substituted locks of his own. He and his dune buggy drivers snarled, skidded and ground their way up the roadless draws and gulches and laid out caches of food, gasoline, tires and sleeping bags across an astonishing area. One youth who was almost but not quite "captured" was told —and believes—that Charlie got two Army half-tracks and burned them out establishing a roadless route, 300 miles long, across the Mojave and into hills edging Death Valley. This was the site of the so-called Barker Ranch, a huddle of abandoned shacks, a last, remote hole-up which Charlie had gotten on a sort of loan from a rich Burbank widow.

The apocalypse did not occur last August despite the fact that the newspapers were black with news of the Tate murders. There is no knowing yet just what part Charlie played in trying to set off his Armageddon. Susan Atkins told the grand jury that he planned the attack on the house in which he had been slighted by Terry Melcher, but took no part in murdering Actress Tate and the others who died as a result. Linda Kasabian, on the other hand, told a friend, and may well have told the jury, that he actually led the raid. Either way, however, Charlie and his helpers spent the next 48 hours with a welding machine, "popping bennies" to get on with the job of conditioning the desert buggies. Even though the blacks did not arise to begin the destruction of Los Angeles—and his secret desert route was thus unnecessary—he loaded up trucks, cars and the bus and took the family on a roundabout trip to the mesquite-dotted hideout above Death Valley.

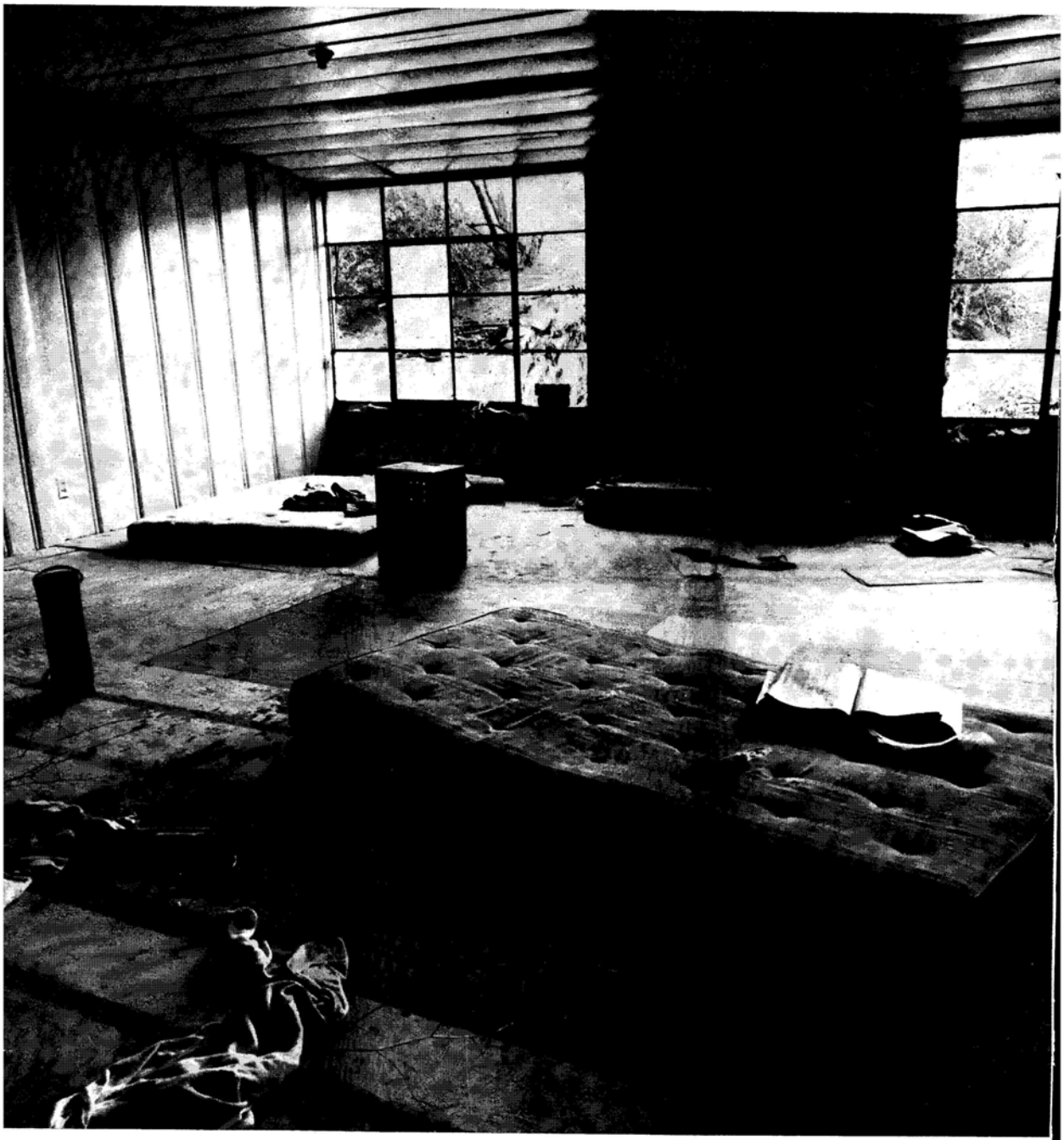
The Barker Ranch is all but inaccessible except for a route in from Nevada, but the family's encampment in its abandoned shacks, the naked girls' sunbaths by its crude swimming pool, lasted hardly more than a month. They camouflaged the buggies, set up a defense perimeter with two field telephones and put lookouts on watch, but two raids by state police and Death Valley National Monument rangers —instigated by complaints of local car thefts —scooped up 26 of them. The police took them to Independence, the seat of Inyo County, and put them all in jail on charges of theft. The girls, many of whom were later released, did not lose faith in Charlie Manson. They demanded that their jailer supply them with peanut butter and honey for a "purification ceremony" and insisted on going naked. Forced to wear dresses, they took to raising them over their heads when exercising outside. Charlie did not forget them, either: he yipped like a coyote in his cell—and they yipped back in chorus. But last week as authorities considered the Los Angeles crimes, and police investigated other deaths—a boy killed last July near the movie ranch, a girl's slashed body found in the Death Valley hills—there seemed to be scant chance that Charlie Manson would ever again put the family beneath his spell.





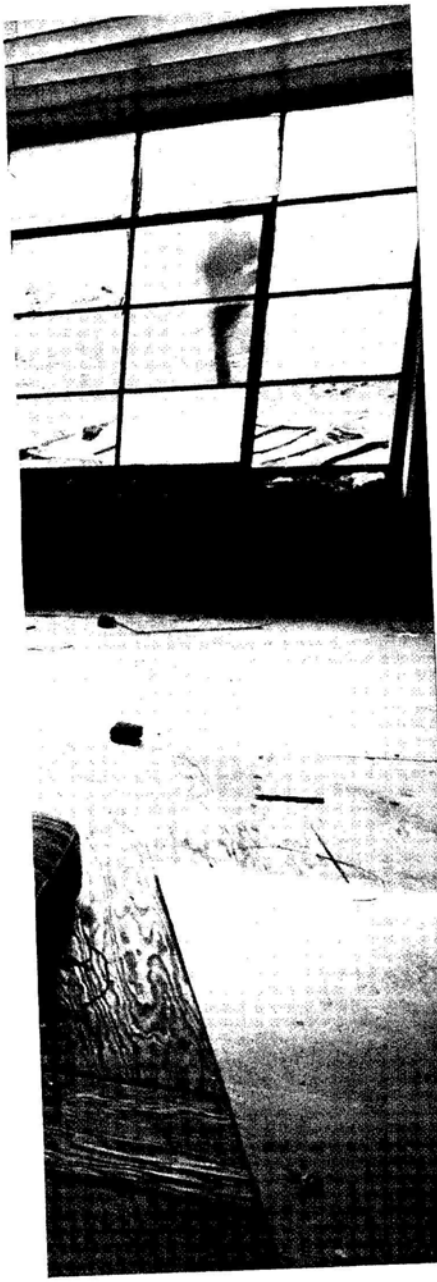
A popular "all-everything" at high school in Farmersville, Texas, Charles Watson (at left in picture at right) ushered at graduation in 1964. Above, Watson after his arrest for murder.

Keeping house



For a year the Manson family, which sometimes grew to 30 or more, lived in this derelict building on a rundown "movie ranch" near Los Angeles. Here in the evening, Manson played his guitar and lead the group in songs he had composed—but couldn't sell. With sex open and partners interchangeable, most of the family slept on mattresses clustered together. But Charlie's bed, one visitor recalls, "was always separate from the others."

on a movie set, on a bus, in Death Valley





"The girls did most of the work," says a neighbor. "Their sole purpose was to serve the men." Above, a girl prepares a meal in the kitchen of the Barker Ranch, the family's Death Valley retreat.

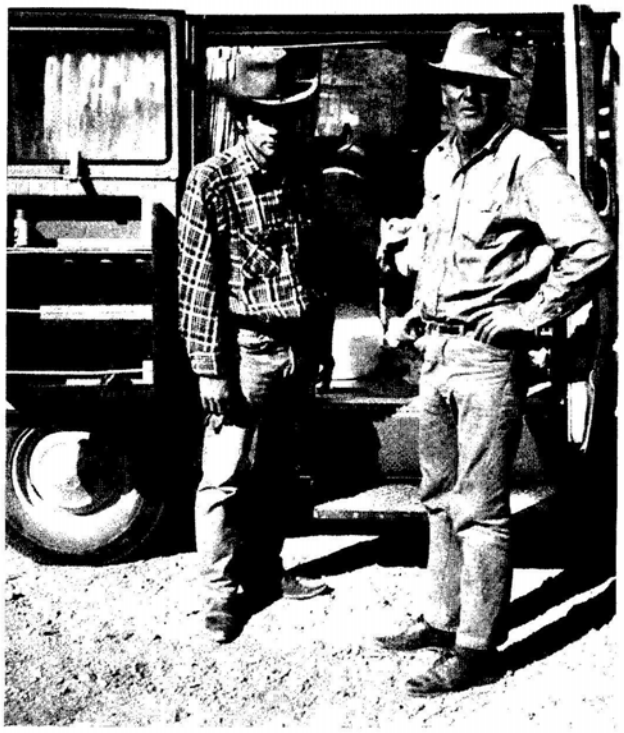
Below, some of the girls celebrate a birthday inside the family's psychedelically decorated bus. "I'm like a tree, a bird," one girl used to say. "I'm here to beautify the countryside, to be loved."



The Last Homestead



When police raided the Barker Ranch on suspicion of auto theft last August, they couldn't find Manson—until they noticed his hair dangling from under the sink at left. He had squeezed himself into the 12x16-inch cupboard but then couldn't quite close the door.

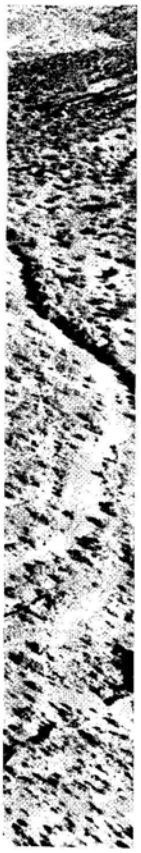


Clean-shaven and outfitted more like a local prospector than a mystic, Manson (in plaid shirt) prepared for an outing with a fellow resident of Death Valley. He had let his hair and beard grow in the last few months.

The family's final home was the deserted Barker Ranch on the desolate edge of Death Valley, 20 miles from the nearest paved road but reachable by dune buggy and by the family bus, which is still parked in the front yard.

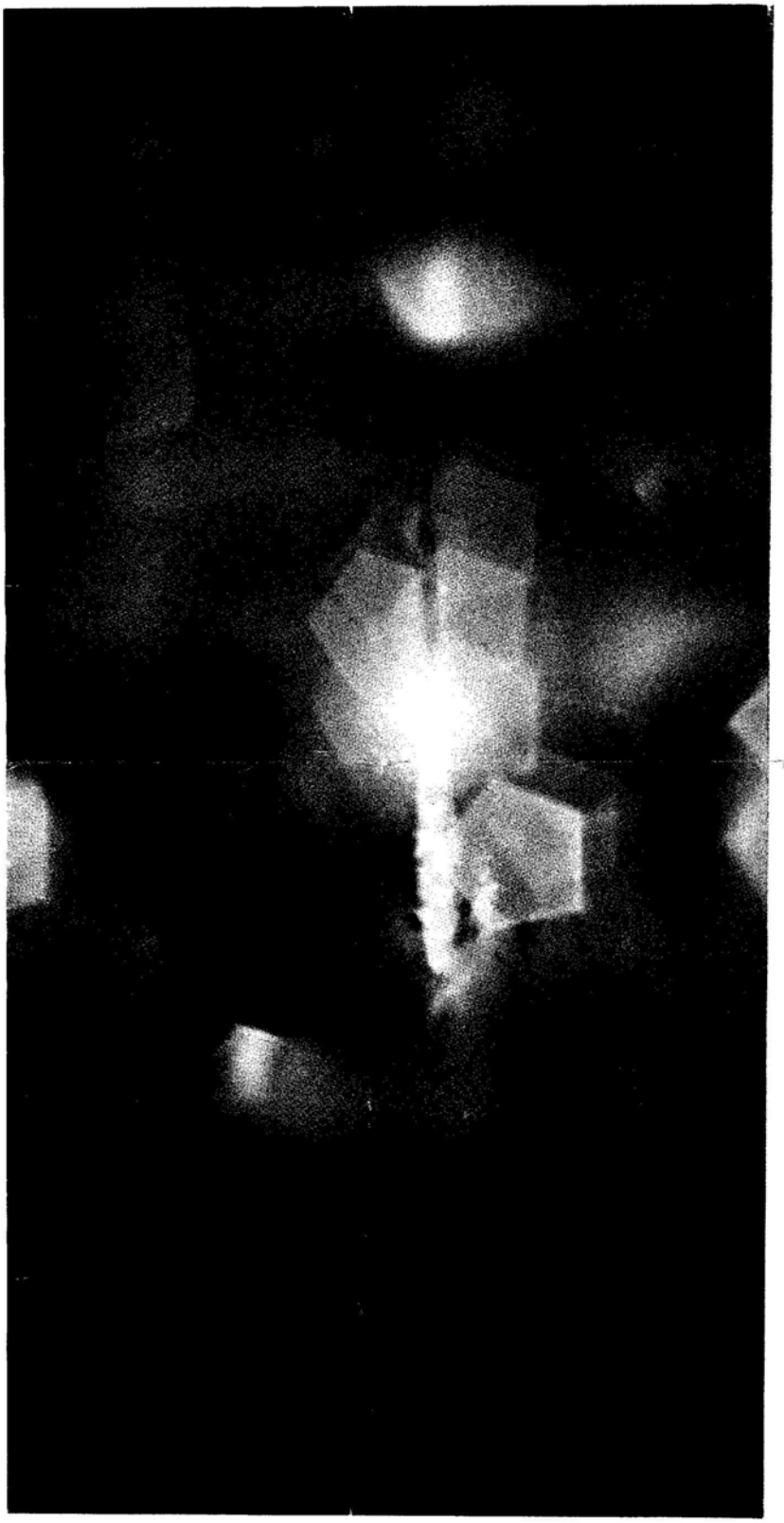






Police found this mock grave of stones piled near the ranch house at Death Valley, apparently as a grisly family joke. The shoes at top are empty. How many real graves lie undiscovered in the Manson family's wake may never be known.





The spritely crew of

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PETE CONRAD: 'I couldn't see our landing area at all from 100 feet on down. It was just one big gray blanket of dust'

We went whistling down to that moon right on the numbers. I usually get pretty excited, but I was as cool as I've ever been. Looking back on it I guess I did laugh and hum and hi-dee-dee a bit, but I wasn't aware of it at the time. Al Bean said he thought I'd lost my mind for a while there, but he knew I was just having a ball.

Every astronaut who makes a flight looks at it as the culmination of a long, long effort, but flying Intrepid that day had a special meaning for me: that funny-looking "bug," the first true space vehicle, is partly my baby. One of my first jobs when I came into the space program seven years ago was working on the displays and control systems for the LM. I was in on a lot of design decisions: to take out the original seats and fly it standing up; to build an overhead window to sight through at docking; to replace a circular hatch with a bigger, rectangular one. We never would have gotten out of that thing on the lunar surface, wearing the backpack, if we had had that original circular door.

Everything went so well before launch that I was beginning to get worried. I'm superstitious; I figured we needed a glitch somewhere just to rattle everybody's cage. Well, two days before the flight Al and I were polishing off a lunar landing practice in the simulator when Deke Slayton poked his head in the door with a long face and told us about a hydrogen leak in the service module. Deke looked worried; Al didn't say a thing, which means *he* was worried. I was the only guy with a smile on my face. Here was our glitch, and I thought it sounded like something

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By L. S. HARBESON
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Nocoitic Dept.
New Orleans Louisiana

12/15/72

To FBI police Dept.
I am From miami Florida
[redacted] I stayed
at YWCA two nights
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Goodman to come For
me because I need a b6 b7C
to have him Bring Bus fair
But I think There is
[redacted]
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goupe that was conected
With Sharah Tate murder.
I was [redacted] For
Sharah Tate in miami
Beach apt House, also
Ran in to The Hippie

leader Ronnie, and Believe

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[redacted] The state-
ment was made the are

[redacted]

to Keep Her mouth shut
She Knows to much. This
statement was made on
9th ave. New York city
Right after Sharah Tate
murder. This was the
Same Name I used when
working for Sharah Tate
and Sueanvanhoson who
is now on death Row. The
other one Linda got out.
But they are [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] Since these
Hippies are following me.
The Losangles police and

New York police and Baltimore police Homocide Dept Was told of this But I feel the need to Report this New Orleans La., Mr. Carlos Goodman knows nothing of this truble I Ran in to. But at this Salvation army I Ran in to some— — thing or some kind of a gouge that I believe to Be the Satan Slaves gouge Conected with the Findo up north Traveler aid Society also maybe Contacts is through this traveler aid Society Because the Frist traveler aid Woman that was murdered

Was murdered in the Sharon Tate House in Los angles Cal. The Farlow Woman was my traveler aid Case Worker that was murdered it is a dope Ring conection with the Satan slaves and a traveler set up where they make contact. So [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

the Salvation and the traveler aid made contac yesterday. I need Mr. Carlos Goodman But I heard that these people Kill Women husband and Boy Friend and young women who will not sell sex or join the dope Ring for Rich pigs. I need Help From traveler aid

But I am afraid of there
ways and dope Ring contack
since Sharon Tate murder
and dope Ring crackdnow.
I do not want [redacted]

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[redacted] So I am asking wha
should Be done By the
Homocide FBI police
and nococitic Dept,
sign [redacted]
I am now at Salvation army
But I am afraid to stay Here
and have no way keep page
YWCA, please Have Carloris
pick me up at once if
He can Be Reached by police
Dept. I have tryed to send
word to Him at Davis Hotel

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (66-1700) DATE: 8/15/69

FROM : SUPV. CHESTER E. ST. VINCENT

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
SHARON TATE,
ET AL - VICTIMS
MURDER - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 8/15/69, GEORGE KRIMSKY, Associated Press, telephone No. 746-1200, and DIAL TORGERSON, Los Angeles Times, 625-2345, ext. 502, telephonically contacted this office to determine whether or not the FBI had entered this investigation.

Both were advised no information had been called to our attention indicating a Federal violation had been committed and, therefore, the investigation was being handled by local authorities. Both agreed that if this were used in the press they would quote SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP.

Both advised that should any information be released by this office concerning the above caption that they be telephonically contacted.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California

August 13, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

MURDER OF SHARON TATE, ET AL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 12, 1969, [redacted] U. S. Army, Fort Baker, California, a resident of [redacted] advised SA ALAN H. HARRIGILL, a social acquaintance, that [redacted] and that the family of Lt. Col. PAUL J. TATE has known [redacted] He said [redacted] and that PATTY TATE, along with Mrs. PAUL TATE, had moved to 6240 Monero Drive, Palos Verdes, California, in July of this year from Fort Cronkhite. He said [redacted] went to Palos Verdes on [redacted] 1969, and returned to San Francisco on the night of [redacted] 1969, some [redacted] before the estimated time of death of SHARON TATE and her guests.

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[redacted] advised SA HARRIGILL as follows:

She went to SHARON TATE's home twice during her visit to the Los Angeles area. The first visit took place on [redacted] 1969, when [redacted] went to the Victim's home, arriving there about 11:30 a.m. She said she recalled that SHARON was talking on the telephone to an unknown individual regarding his making shelves in a room off the kitchen, which was intended to accommodate the TATE child and the clothing of the child. (SHARON TATE was to have this child some time in September.) She said VOITYCK FROKOWSKY went to the room to secure measurements, which were related by SHARON to the unknown person. She said SHARON told this person how to gain entrance through the main gate to the estate and that he should come to the room by the swimming pool with the white shutters and knock on the shutters and that she would allow him to gain entrance into the house. This arrangement included her leaving the gate unlocked, or giving that individual the necessary knowledge to bypass the gate without any problem.

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On this same visit, present in the house were ABIGAIL FOLGER, known to [redacted] as GIBBY, and a friend of FROKOWSKY (described as white male, 28-36 years, dark hair, tan complexion, about FROKOWSKY's height, thought to be a musician or conductor). She said she did not know FROKOWSKY's friend by name, although she thought she could possibly recognize him should she see him again or should she see a picture of him; she recalled this man was talking in Polish with FROKOWSKY. She said [redacted] age [redacted] did not accompany her and PATTY TATE to the SHARON TATE home. She said she observed at this time that FROKOWSKY and FOLGER were occupying the bedroom adjacent to SHARON TATE's bedroom. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] visited the SHARON TATE home again on [redacted] 1969, along with PATTY TATE and Mrs. PAUL TATE. She recalled that the pool had been cleaned since her first visit. She said JAY SEBRING, FROKOWSKY, FOLGER and a man known only to her as [redacted] or [redacted] (a white male, about [redacted] years, dark hair, tan complexion, possibly a foreigner) were present. She said they arrived at the house at approximately 11 a.m., when Mrs. TATE and SHARON went to the doctor for SHARON's appointment. She said she talked at some length with the man named [redacted] who, for some reason, told her [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

She also recalled JAY SEBRING talked at least twice on the telephone with a girl friend named PAM and that she thought PAM was SEBRING's fiancee. She said the entire group stayed for dinner that SHARON's home, with the exception of the man named [redacted] who left by himself. On both visits at SHARON's house, the only unpleasantness recalled was FROKOWSKY's and SHARON's verbal expression of displeasure to JAY SEBRING about his girl friend named PAM. She said she heard FROKOWSKY say the girl was "too wierd for JAY." She said JAY asked FROKOWSKY why he was upset at the dinner table, although no answer was recalled. b6 b7C b7D

Immediately prior to dinner, [redacted] overheard SHARON and Mrs. TATE talking about SHARON's lost dog b6 b7C b7D

called "SAPPERSTEIN" (phonetic), and SHARON's desire to call some man who supposedly had power to communicate with lost or injured animals. This dog, a Yorkshire terrier, had been missing for some time prior to [redacted] visit. She said SHARON told her that she had called the man's office that evening, although he was not in. She also said she fully intended to contact the man some time after the 3rd. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] did not visit SHARON TATE's home after [redacted] and cannot recall any communication with SHARON TATE except on the day she left Mrs. PAUL TATE's home on [redacted] when she was advised that she and PATTY had been invited by SHARON to stay at the SHARON TATE home over the weekend of August 8-11, 1969, the time during which the murders were committed. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] further advised that she did not know [redacted]s named STEVEN PARENT or WILLIAM GARRETSON, nor [redacted]now there was a caretaker on the premises. She [redacted] thought she could identify the man named [redacted] should [redacted] shown a picture. She reiterated that she knew of no [redacted]nts among any of the guests, nor of any expressed dis- [redacted]re, with the exception of the one incident of disap- [redacted]al concerning JAY SEBRING's girl friend. She said she never heard of any disagreement between SHARON TATE and [redacted] husband, with the exception of a fight or quarrel at Christmas party. b6 b7C b7D

She said the only anticipated visit was SHARON TATE's grandmother (possibly maternal), whose visit was to be around August 8 or 9, 1969, although SHARON TATE told her mother, she did not feel the time was proper for the grandmother to come.

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FROM: CBB SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-0

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith are two copies LHM for dissemination to appropriate police agency.

[redacted] U.S. Army, Fort Baker, California, a resident of [redacted] is a social acquaintance of SA ALAN H. HARRIGILL and contacted him to furnish information of possible value in captioned matter for transmittal to the appropriate agency. [redacted] is most anxious to avoid publicity for [redacted] b7D

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U.S. Checking Drug, Gaming Possibilities in Slayings of Five

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 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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Garretson Plans 'Suit in Millions' Against Police

By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

William Garretson, arrested and then released in the mystery murders of actress Sharon Tate and four others today is en route to his home in Lancaster, Ohio.

The slight 19-year-old caretaker at the Benedict Canyon estate where the five killings occurred held a press conference yesterday but shed no new light on the case.

Garretson's attorney, Barry Tarlow, announced at the press conference that a false arrest suit would be filed against the Los Angeles Police Department with damages "up in the millions."

Before departing for Ohio, Garretson and his mother, Mary, met for several hours with Century City attorney Robert M. Choen, who is going to handle the civil action against the police department.

During the press conference, Garretson said he did not believe a party had been held at the Tate home prior to the slayings.

He recalled seeing only the cars of Miss Tate and Abigail Folger, 28-year-old Foger coffee heiress who was one of the victims.

"Maybe the black Porsche was there too, but I don't recall it," Garretson said. The Porsche was owned by Jay Sebring, 35, internationally known men's hair stylist who was found slain inside the house with Miss Tate.

Miss Folger and Polish screenwriter Voityck Frokowski, 37, were found on the lawn between the main house and the guest cottage where Garretson stayed.

The fifth victim was Steven Earle Parent, 18-year-old El Monte youth who was a friend of Garretson's.

"Steve came up about a quarter to twelve to show me a new clock radio he had gotten. He called a friend in Santa Monica and left about 15 minutes after midnight," Garretson said.

He said he just waved to Parent as he said goodbye and didn't even look out the window in the direction of where the slayings took place.

"The first time I knew that something had happened was when I heard Christopher barking and saw a policeman pointing a postol at me," Garretson said.

That was about 9 a.m. on Aug. 9.

Christopher, a weimaraner dog, was one of the three dogs left in Garretson's care by the estate owner, actor's agent Rudy Altabelli. The other two were poodles.

Garretson said he had an inkling that something was awry when he awakened about dawn and tried to check the time via telephone.

"The phones were out and I felt a little scared . . . but I dozed off again." he said. A few hours later he was taken into custody by police.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE: 8/16/69

FROM : SA LAURENCE B. CASEY

SUBJECT: TATE HOMICIDE CASE - LAPD MATTER
POLICE COOPERATION

At 5:00PM on this dated LT. HELDER, LAPD HOMICIDE DETAIL, 624-5211, ex. 2531, tel. advised that he had been instructed by CHEIF ROBERT HOUGHTON to call this office. LT. HELDER stated that CHEIF HOUGHTON wanted to be contacted by SUPER. BILL NOLAN, and that HOUGHTON could be contacted at 714-673-1028. I then contacted SUPER NOLAN'S home and it was ascertained that he was not in. I then called LT. HELDER and advised him (HELDER) that SUPER. NOLAN was not presently available. I then asked LT. HELDER if I could be of any assistance. LT. HELDER that he was assigned to captioned case and wanted to known what type of contacts this Bureau had in Jamaica, West Indies. LT. HELDER indicated that the LAPD needed information as regards date of arrival, date of departure, and location of certain individuals. I advised LT. HELDER that I would check and be in touch with him.

SUPER. ST. VINCENT was then contacted re above and he advised that I should contact LT. HELDER and tell him that Jamaica was probably handled thru Bu sources and that we do not have an Agent in residence in that area.

At 5:28PM I contacted LT. HELDER and advised him re above and he (HELDER) said that he would be in touch with BU SUPER of the LA Office on Monday morning 8/18/69. HELDER indicated that he was now going off duty and would return MONDAY AM.

ADDENDUM WILLIAM J. NOLAN/jae 8/18/69

Deputy Chief HOUGHTON contacted Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN 8/18/69 regarding covering of lead at Jamaica. He advised that LAPD had no specific data on the murders but wanted to check up on an individual who was in Jamaica and who might have been in Los Angeles. He desired to have a surveillance on the person at Jamaica. Chief HOUGHTON was advised that the FBI did not have facilities at Jamaica for this work and that perhaps the US State Department could make appropriate arrangements. 62-6817-7

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TO LOS ANGELES

FROM BUFFALO 62-2140

UNSUBS, SHARON TATE, ETAL, VICTIMS-HOMICIDE. POLICE COOPERATION.

[redacted] ADVISED AS FOLLOWS THIS DATE.

AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE FIFTEEN PM, AUG. FIFTEEN LAST, [redacted] RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL FROM MALE WHO STATED; b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] ASKED CALLER FOR MORE DETAILS WHEREUPON CALLER SAID "THAT'S ALL PAL," AND HUNG UP. CALLER APPEARED TO HAVE AMERICAN ACCENT.

[redacted] UNKNOWN TO [redacted] AND BUFFALO INDICES NEGATIVE.

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FROM : SUPERVISOR CHESTER E. ST. VINCENT

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
SHARON TATE, et al - VICTIMS
HOMICIDE; POLICE COOPERATION

On 8/18/69 SA BERNARDO PEREZ, Night Supervisor, Miami Office, telephonically advised as follows:

A call was just received in the Miami Office from an individual identifying himself as [redacted] who stated he was calling from [redacted] He informed the Miami Office he has received information the Los Angeles Police Department is interested in him in connection with the TATE murder. He intends to fly to Los Angeles 8/19/69 and will contact the PD. He requested this information be passed on to the PD. b6 b7C

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6817) DATE: 8/19/69

FROM : SUPERVISOR CHESTER E. ST. VINCENT

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
SHARON TATE, ET AL - VICTIMS
HOMICIDE; POLICE COOPERATION

On 8/18/69 [redacted] telephonically advised he is employed in [redacted] office. b6 b7C

[redacted] was contacted by one [redacted] who claimed he was in this country from England on a visa and he knew SHARON TATE. He has been interviewed by the police. Subsequent to this interview he has received several phone calls advising him to leave town. b6 b7C

[redacted] a close friend of [redacted] advised [redacted] this date that [redacted] just received a letter advising him to leave town. This letter was displayed to [redacted] and [redacted] claimed it contained no threat but just the admonition that [redacted] should leave town. The letter has been turned over to the LAPD. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated he was furnishing this information to us just in the event we were involved in the investigation. b6 b7C

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Subject's name and aliases	Character of case
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	Complainant: Anonymous
	Complaint received: ☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 8-19-69 Time 7:20PM
Address of subject	Complainant's address and telephone number

Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	☐ Male ☐ Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

Complainant declined to give her name but said her husband was a law enforcement officer and that [redacted] was formerly [redacted] mentioned below. b6 b7C

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see below Complainant says that [redacted] b6 b7C

and was acquainted with SHARON TATE. She says that [redacted] who was formerly [redacted] by the name of [redacted]

Complainant thought this information might be of assistance in the above case.

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Action Recommended: Consider furnishing info to LAPD.

Harold R. Bodily
(Agent)

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Tate Murder Figure Freed

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By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Thomas Stephen Harrigan is out of the Sharon Tate murder case limelight today after surrendering to Los Angeles police when he learned that the Royal Canadian Mounties were looking for him.

The 27-year-old unemployed personnel consultant was one of four persons mentioned in a request to Canadian authorities for pickup and questioning in connection with the slaying of Miss Tate and four others Aug. 9 at a Benedict Canyon estate.

However, Harrigan said yesterday he had not headed for Vancouver, B.C., as police believed and that he indicated to investigators his willingness to come to headquarters as soon as he read his name in the newspapers.

The red-haired Harrigan, accompanied by Beverly Hills attorney Paul Caruso, spent three hours with detectives yesterday. There was no reason to hold him, police said.

In an impromptu press conference following his interrogation, Harrigan said he had been at a dinner party in Manhattan Beach for most of the night the slayings took place.

Later in the evening, he was with some friends "just talking and drinking beer" at an apartment. Following this socializing, he spent the rest of the night with a female friend, he said.

Attorney Caruso said Harrigan could "account for every minute of his time" between 9:30 p.m. Aug. 8 until the time the five bodies were found at about 9:10 a.m. Aug. 9.

Eddie Roberts, 26, a Manhattan Beach salesman, went with Harrigan to police headquarters to back up his story.

Caruso said there were 8-12 persons who could further attest to Harrigan's version as to his actions on the night in question.

Harrigan said he did not know the present whereabouts of the three other men mentioned in the Canadian search bulletin.

He said he thought that Harrison Dawson is driving a truck somewhere in New York State and that Charles Tacot and William Doyle probably are in Jamaica.

Harrigan said he had been in the Tate residence on several occasions for social gatherings, the last time on Aug. 7.

He said he was a friend of Voityck Frokowski, 37-year-old Polish screenwriter who was one of the five slain at the 10150 Cielo Drive estate.

It was Frokowsky who introduced him to Miss Tate on the Thursday night before the murders, Harrigan said. She was washing her hair at the time, he said.

"I met Frokowski six or eight months ago," Harrigan stated. He described Frokowsky as a "beautiful human being."

Harrigan told newsmen he knew nothing of drugs being used by persons at the estate.

Caruso interjected that Harrigan "doesn't use drugs" despite the police bulletin description which mentioned narcotics violations.

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THOMAS HARRIGAN, LEFT, ED ROBERTS
Pair claim they were together on night of slayings

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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
Times Staff Writer

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.

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Says Cocaine was Involved

Miss Folger, he cotninued, became the mistress of Frokowski, 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 wtih 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 friend, 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.

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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Anatomy of a Mass Murder in Hollywood

BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

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.

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.

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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

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.

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.

"And so, you know, he left," the slender, long-haired Garretson told newsmen Friday. "I said goodby to him. I didn't walk him out to the car or anything. I stayed in the house and that was it."

Parent's Route

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 and died.

But two informants have 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.

"There couldn't have been any kind of a big party," said Brandt. "Sharon would have wanted to retire early. She was in her last month of pregnancy, and the only thing she was interested in was that baby.

"Her personality had changed after she became pregnant. She was less unsure of herself, more confident. She was unbelieveably 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.

He didn't even recognize the bloodied bodies of the people he had known as he passed them on the lawn. On the door of the home, scrawled in blood, was one word: "pig."

Lt. Robert Helder said he doubted the killings were the work of a madman. Tarlow said it wasn't witchcraft. The word on the door was singular: "pig." Who was it? What did it mean? Who brought death to Cielo Drive?

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CANADIAN POLICE SEEK FOUR MEN IN TATE CASE

By WILLIAM FARR
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Red-haired hippie Thomas Stephen Harrigan and three traveling companions are being sought today by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in connection with the Aug. 9 slayings of actress Sharon Tate and four others.

Los Angeles Police Lt. Robert Helder yesterday stressed, however, that the four men are not suspects in the murder case and are merely wanted for questioning at this point.

Descriptions and photos of the quartet were sent to Canadian authorities when it was learned that Harrigan and the others probably were headed for the Vancouver, B. C. area, according to Lt. Helder.

Police want to question Harrigan about a report that he visited the Tate estate on the night that the five victims were slashed and shot to death at the secluded Benedict Canyon mansion.

Believed to be traveling with the 23-year-old Harrigan are Harrison Dawson, 26; Charles Taycott, and William Doyle. No further description was available.

All four men have been questioned in past narcotics investigations and one of them has a drug record in Canada, a Los Angeles police spokesman said.

Officials at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police facility in Vancouver declined to comment on the request from the Los Angeles Police Department and referred all questions back to authorities here.

Meanwhile, the 19-man detective team headed by Lt. Helder continued investigation of the bizarre murders on an around-the-clock basis.

Homicide detective Sgt. Abel Armas said, "There are several aspects of the case that we are working on completely aside from the Canadian angle."

Friends of the five victims are still being questioned in an effort to develop new clues to the weird murders, he said.

Miss Tate, 26, and Jay Sebring, 35-year-old men's hair stylist; were stabbed to death in the living room, tied together by a white nylon cord which was knotted around their necks and tossed over a beam of the ceiling.

Found dead on the lawn outside the main house were Abigail Folger, 26, San Francisco Bay Area coffee heiress; and Voityck Frokowski, 37, Polish screenwriter and friend of Miss Tate's movie director husband, Roman Polanski.

Steven Earle Parent, 18, of El Monte was found shot in the head and chest at the wheel of his car near the electronically-controlled gate which blocks off the mansion from the rest of the elite Beverly Glen area.

Parent was a friend of 19-year-old caretaker William Garretson, who was arrested the morning the bodies were discovered when police found him asleep in a guest cottage on the estate.

He was released last Monday and has now returned to his home in Lancaster, Ohio.

"There is no evidence to connect Garretson in any way with the crimes," said Police Inspector Harold Yarnell.

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Canadian Police Identify Suspect in Tate Murders

Mounties Spread Dragnet for Four Men at Request of Los Angeles Officers

BY DIAL TORGERSON
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A dragnet spread through Canada Sunday for a red-haired man Los Angeles police say is "wanted for murder" in the slaying of actress Sharon Tate and four other persons Aug. 9 in Benedict Canyon.

Named in a Royal Canadian Mounted Police broadcast as the prime suspect in the multiple murder was Thomas Steven Harrigan, 23.

Also sought were three men reported to be traveling with Harrigan. Los Angeles police asked Canadian authorities to hunt for the quartet. No charges are known to have been filed against them, but the RCMP broadcast said:

"Warrants are available from the Los Angeles Police Department."

Harrigan was identified as a "known narcotics addict"—indicating the police search for the mass murderer was moving into an investigation of narcotics aspects of the case.

Friends Blame Narcotics

At least two close friends of the victims have told police they believed it was narcotics which brought the murderer to the home Miss Tate shared with her husband, director Roman Polanski, at the dead end of Cielo Drive.

One man, who said he gave the police the names of at least three persons he thought could have been suspects, told detectives that underworld types delivered narcotics to the home for the use of Voityck Frokowsky, 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, a Caucasian, 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."

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Could Have Driven

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 authorities said they had no records for the four men listed in the RCMP bulletin. It was considered possible they were Los Angeles 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 in Ohio

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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The following is submitted to the Los Angeles Office for possible dissemination to the Los Angeles Police Department regarding captioned murders:

[redacted] (protect identity) advised today that during [redacted] in the Georgetown section of Washington, D.C., he was acquainted with PIC DAWSON who is currently being sought for questioning by the Los Angeles Police Department regarding his knowledge of captioned matter. [redacted] advised that DAWSON was approximately 25 years old, dressed in a manner now described as "hippie" style and frequented most of the bars in the Georgetown area. He advised that although he had no personal knowledge of DAWSON's drug use, it was generally believed in the Georgetown area as a result of DAWSON's conduct and his many associates who were drug users that he was to some degree an addict. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that it is possible that DAWSON attended Georgetown University for a short period of time during 1964 or 1965, and that during that same period he was employed as a waiter in a bar called Mac's on M Street in Georgetown. He stated that DAWSON never exhibited any violence or violent behavior and was known to involve himself with many women. b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] stated that while in the Georgetown area, DAWSON was a personal friend and companion to MAMMA CASS ELLIOTT and JOHN PHILLIPS who were members of the singing group known as the Mammas and the Pappas. During that period, he travelled to California with CASS ELLIOTT and reportedly lived with her out of wedlock and was the father of her child. [redacted] stated that he last saw DAWSON in late 1966 or early 1967 in the Georgetown area and that at the time DAWSON remarked that he was immediately returning to California. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that he believes DAWSON was born in Virginia and suggested that personnel at Mac's, Clyde's, and the Shadows, all bars on M Street in Georgetown, could possibly provide additional information regarding DAWSON. He also stated that contrary to information released by the press, he did not believe DAWSON had ever been in New York and was confident that he was not a truck driver. He further stated that it was likely that DAWSON had some sort of police record with the Washington, D.C. Police Department. b6 b7C b7D

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Suspect Hunted in Tate Murders Quizzed, Freed

Man Sought in Canada Walks Into L.A. Police Headquarters, Clears Self

BY DIAL TORGERSON
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A man described in an all-points bulletin in Canada as a prime suspect in the Sharon Tate murder walked into Los Angeles police headquarters Monday, was questioned and then released.

Thomas Michael Harrigan, 27, was freed after almost two hours of questioning.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police had put out a broadcast asking for the arrest of Harrigan and three other men in connection with the murder of Miss Tate and four other persons early Aug. 9. The RCMP said it was acting on authority of the LAPD.

But LAPD interest in the quartet faded quickly after Harrigan and his attorney, Paul Caruso, talked to homicide detectives Monday.

Harrigan said he had an alibi for the night of the murders, and the other three—all friends or acquaintances—were out of the state that night.

Was Friend of Frokowsky

Harrigan said he was a friend of Voityck Frokowsky, who was killed with Miss Tate, hair stylist Jay Sebring, Abigail Folger and Steven Parent.

He said the other three men named in the RCMP broadcast—Harris Pickens Dawson, William Doyle and Charles Tacot—were also friends of Frokowsky.

Tacot and Doyle are at Ochos Rios, Jamaica, and Dawson "is working in upper New York State as a truck driver," Harrigan said.

After talking to Harrigan, police said they were no longer seeking Tacot, Doyle and Dawson, although they would question them if they became available.

Harrigan said he had been at the Tate home Thursday, Aug. 7—the day before the party that ended in the multiple murder. He said it was the first time he had met Miss Tate. Present were the actress, Frokowsky and Sebring, he said. He wasn't invited to the Friday party, he said.

Called Narcotics-Hippie Types

The RCMP had described Harrigan as "wanted for murder" and termed the four "narcotics-hippie" types.

The broadcast said "warrants are available" in Los Angeles.

But no charges were filed against Harrigan, and he was not booked. "I don't use narcotics," he told newsmen.

"Call him an old-fashioned beer-drinking Irishman," said Caruso.

Harrigan said he didn't know he was wanted until he heard a television broadcast saying he and his friends were being sought in the Tate case.

He told police, and, later, newsmen, that he had been at a party at the home of Eddie Roberts in Manhattan Beach on Aug. 8. He stayed until about 1 a.m. Aug. 9, he said. Roberts, 26, went to the police station to verify Harrigan's story.

The murders are believed to have occurred at about midnight in

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Benedict Canyon, 20 miles from Roberts' house.

Newsmen asked Harrigan if he thought the nickname of Dawson — "Pick"—might have had something to do with police seeking him. Written on the door of the Tate home in blood was a word police said was "pig". Could it have been written as "Pic," by one of the victims?

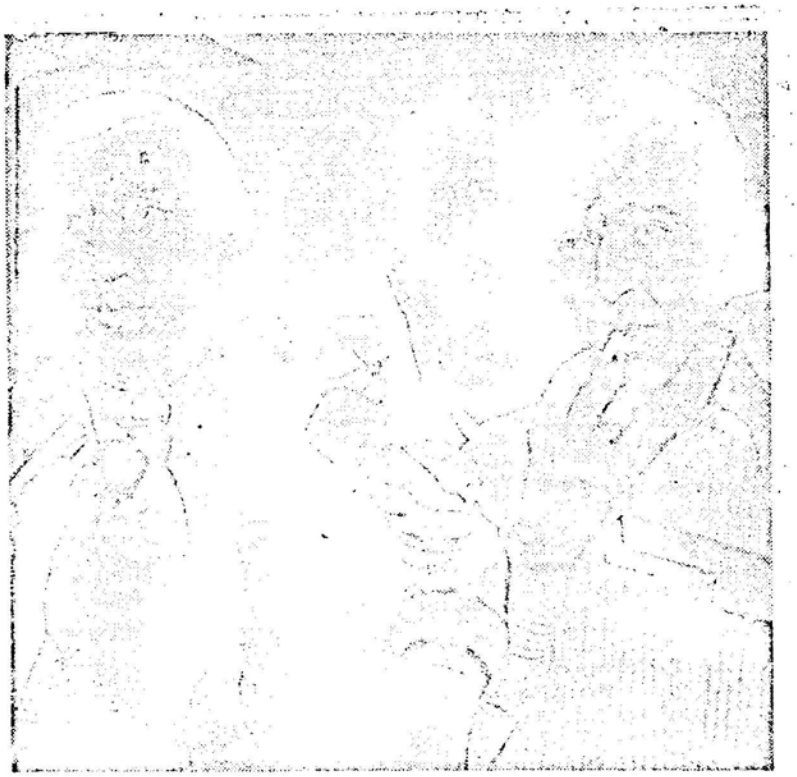
"I never heard that before," said Harrigan.

Native of Canada

Harrigan, a Canadian, attended St. Patrick's College in Ottawa. He is a personnel consultant. He has been in the Los Angeles area since January, and said he met Frokowsky through friends.

Frokowsky, a Polish emigre, was a close friend of Roman Polanski, Miss Tate's husband. Said Harrigan of Frokowsky: "He was a beautiful human being."

At the Tate-Polanski home in Benedict Canyon the word on the door was still visible. To a newsman at the scene it looked more like "Pig" than "Pic."



QUESTIONED IN DEATHS — Thomas Michael Harrigan, right, faces newsmen with his attorney, Paul Caruso, at police headquarters. Harrigan later was released after being questioned about the deaths of actress Sharon Tate and four other persons.

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Murder House Bears Evidence of Massacre

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.

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.

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.

Scattered Magazines Books

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.

Miss Folger's suitcase and expensive camera were on the floor of a bedroom containing a double bed. Letters and postcards addressed to her and Frokowsky were on a dresser.

In the master bedroom, apparently occupied by Miss Tate, there were only striped sheets on the king-size bed. On top of a Spanish-style dresser cabinet were a water pipe and books on childbirth and baby care, including one titled "Name Your Baby."

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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, 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.



FIGHTS BACK TEARS—Film director Roman Polanski at press conference where he denied there was party in Benedict Canyon home the night his wife, Sharon Tate, and four others were slain.

Times photo by Jack Carrick

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Polanski Has No Clues In Wife's Death

By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Movie director Roman Polanski put Los Angeles behind him today, still embittered and mystified by the Aug. 9 murders of his beautiful actress wife, Sharon Tate, and four others.

He is reportedly en route to the Virgin Islands to start work on a new movie.

Polanski apparently has been unable to provide police with clues to the "who" and the "why" of the grisly knife and gun slayings at the secluded Benedict Canyon estate.

During an emotional 19-minute press conference yesterday at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Polanski said he could identify only one of the numerous photos of potential suspects shown him by police.

The picture was of a man who was asked to leave a party at the Polanski home several months ago because he was making himself obnoxious, the movie director said.

Polanski did not mention this person's name.

Highlight of the press conference was his denial that Miss Tate ever used drugs and the recalling of his happiness with her.

Here are his words:

"Sharon not only did not ever use drugs but she did not touch alcohol or even smoke cigarettes.

"Everybody knew she was one of the most beautiful women in the world. But very few of you know how good a person she was . . . so vulnerable.

"Everyone is certainly curious about my relationship with Sharon . . . I can tell you that the last few years with her were the only true happiness in my life."

While denying that his wife used drugs, Polanski conceded that he knew two other victims in the murders smoked marijuana.

He was referring to Jay Sebring, 35, internationally known men's hair stylist; and Voityck Frokowsky, 37, Polish screenwriter and longtime friend of Polanski's.

"Yes, Sebring and Frokowsky smoked pot, but let me say that I never attended a Hollywood party where marijuana wasn't smoked," Polanski said.

He described Sebring as a close friend of both his wife and himself. "Sometimes Jay came by without calling. We'd just sit down and drink a beer."

Sebring was formerly engaged to Miss Tate prior to her marriage to Polanski.

He described Frokowsky as a "man who wanted success but had little talent." With a trace of bitterness, Polanski said he "knew nothing of Frokowsky's connections that police and the newspapers have mentioned."

This apparently was in reference to reports that Frokowsky had deep involvement with dope peddlers.

Polanski told the press conference that Frokowsky was a

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WEEPING ROMAN POLANSKI RECALLS LIFE WITH ACTRESS SHARON TATE

Movie Director tells newsmen wife was 'sensitive and vulnerable woman who made friends with everyone'

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Police Screen Photos in Tate Murder Case

Negatives of Pictures Taken by Victim Give Possible New Leads

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.

Viewed 20 Sheets of Prints

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 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.

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"last minute" choice to watch over the 10150 Cielo Drive estate because another friend had changed plans.

The director told of his final conversation with his wife via telephone between Los Angeles and London—just a few hours before she met her death.

"She asked me if I still wanted a birthday party. I said yes, definitely. About the only other thing was that a little kitten had come down off the mountain and she was feeding it with an eyedropper," Polanski recounted.

He said there was nothing to indicate the impending tragedy or that a party was going on that night.

"There was no party that night," he stated emphatically.

Caustically, Polanski told the gathered reporters that they could now go visit the "orgy place" where he had lived with Sharon.

"You will see lots of blood. And there are books on natural childbirth. In fact, I was hurrying back (from London) because I was supposed to attend some sort of (childbirth) classes with her," he said.

Police in a clarifying statement disclosed Wednesday that more than 200 persons have been interviewed during the investigation "and many remain to be interviewed."

"We have the names of many individuals we would want to interview and some of them are in different jurisdictions. We have made inquiries of the authorities in those jurisdictions requesting assistance in locating those persons . . . At this time we have no warrants for the arrest of anyone."

Detectives declined to amplify the printed statement.

Frokowsky and Miss Folger moved into the Benedict Canyon estate temporarily four months ago when director Roman Polanski and his wife, Miss Tate, left for Europe.

Miss Tate returned home about a month ago ahead of her husband to await the birth of their baby.

While living at the Tate-Polanski home, Miss Folger continued to maintain her own hilltop home. A friend said she and Frokowsky were planning to return to it Aug. 10—the day after the mass murder.

Slain besides Frokowsky, Miss Folger and Miss Tate were wealthy hair stylist Jay Sebring and an 18-year-old El Monte youth, Steven Parent.

The police investigation has focused largely on the narcotics aspects of the case.

Police Clarify Four Points in Tate Case

Police clarified four aspects of the Sharon Tate murder case Wednesday.

1—Presence of drugs at the scene of the crime: "Narcotics were found on the premises."

2—Widely rumored (and printed) reports of sexual mutilation of the five victims: "None of the bodies had wounds involving the sex organs."

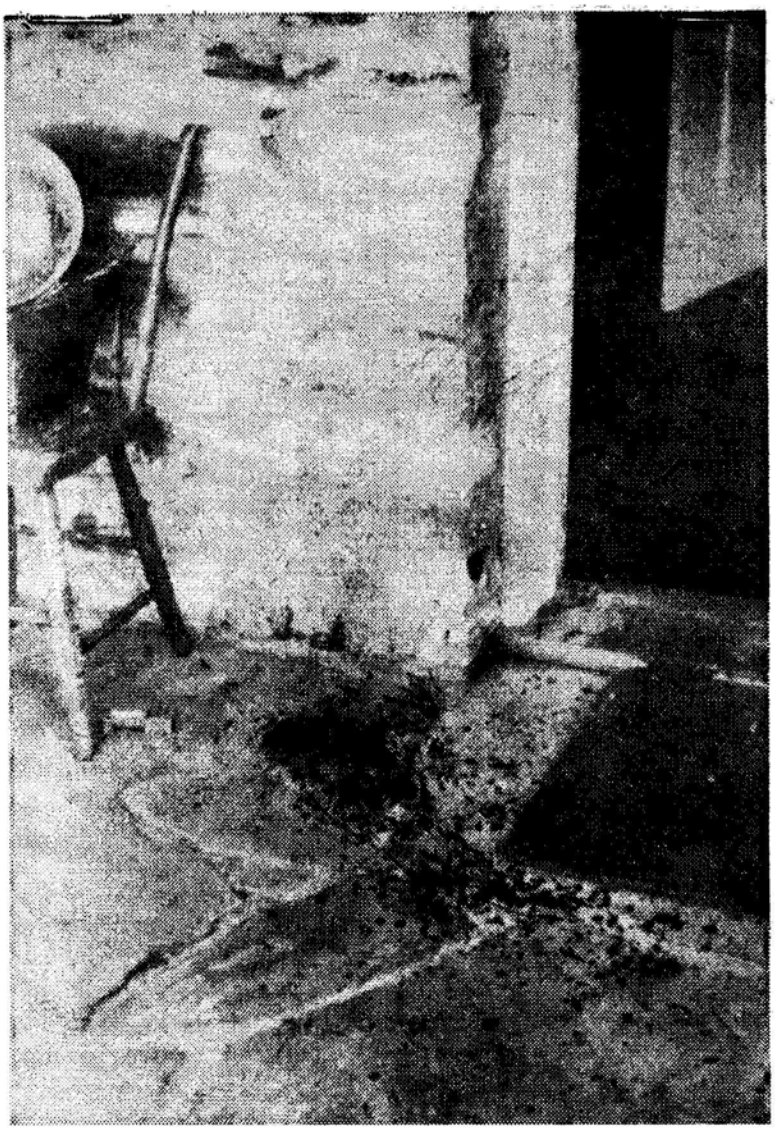
3—Writing in blood on the door of the residence: "The word 'PIG' written in blood was found on the premises. The letters were 'P-I-G' not 'P-I-C.'"

4—Of rumors the Tate murders were linked with deaths of two Los Feliz area people the next day: "At present, there is no evidence to connect these murders with any others."

The details were released by Inspector Harold Yarnell.

The facts that "pig" was written on the door, that narcotics had been found at the scene and that there were no sexual mutilations appeared earlier in The Times, although police at the time declined to verify these facts, saying they might include details known only to the killer.

"Pick" is the nickname of a Canadian at one time sought for questioning in connection with the case. Yarnell's clarification of the spelling on the door apparently dispels any possibility the word linked him to the case.



FRONT ENTRANCE — Bloodstains are still on flagstone porch at front door of the Tate home. Police believe that one of the victims may have staggered out the door after being shot or stabbed.

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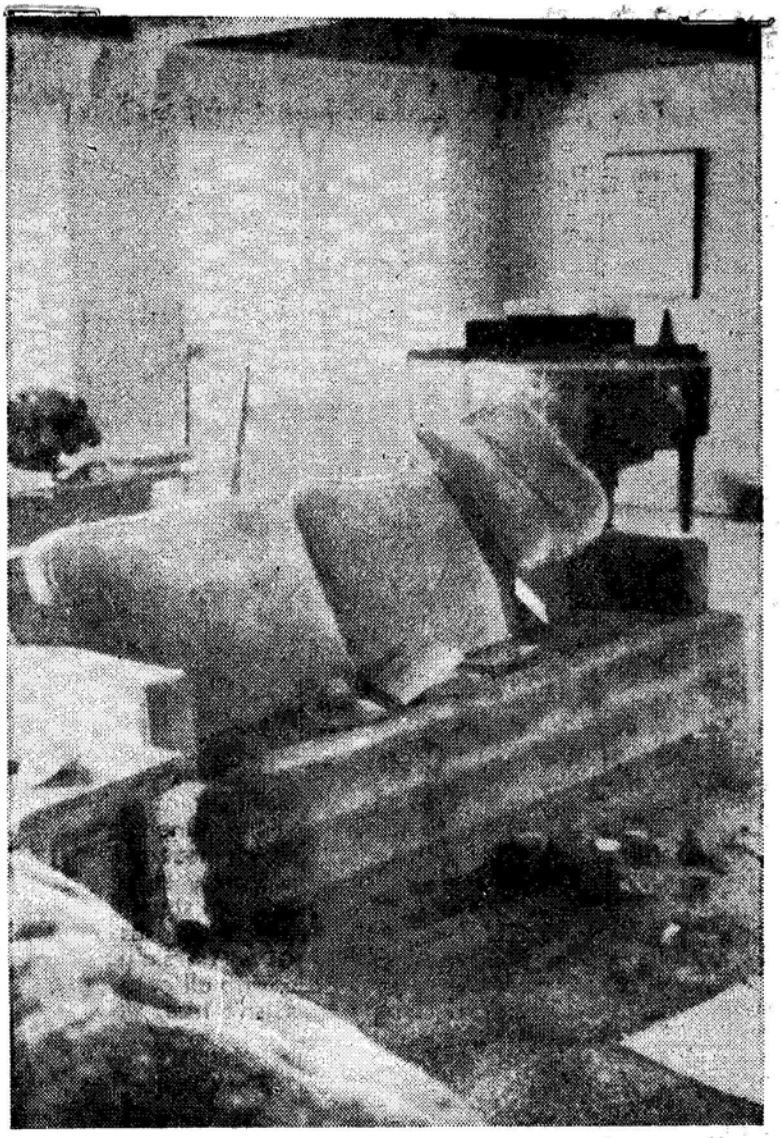

DEATH SCENE—This is the living room of home occupied by actress Sharon Tate where she and four other persons were slain. Her body and that of Jay Sebring were found in front of the couch.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (80-76) [redacted] b3 b7E

MURDER OF SHARON TATE, ET AL, in
Los Angeles, California
COMPLAINANT-HARRIS PICKENS DAWSON III
POLICE CO-OPERATION

At 10:15 a.m., 8/21/69, HARRIS PICKENS DAWSON III, born 1/4/43, contacted WFO by telephone advising he had just arrived from Massachusetts to home of his sister, Mrs. MAURICE CUSAK, [redacted] telephone [redacted] b6 b7C that he had been advised by "someone," not otherwise identified, that the FBI wanted to talk to him about captioned murders; that the "someone" allegedly heard this mentioned over the TV and radio news. DAWSON said he resided in Los Angeles, at the home of VIOTECK FRYKOWSKI, one of the victims, from about 2/1/69 to about 5/25/69; that he visited in the TATE residence, using their swimming pool, on many occasions. He stated he personally knew all victims; that it was his belief this is the reason the FBI wanted to talk to him. DAWSON claimed he has not been in Los Angeles since about 5/25/69, however, he would cooperate with the FBI or the Los Angeles Police Department in furnishing what information he knows about victims. DAWSON emphasized the fact he did not want his name injected into any public statements with respect to his willingness to co-operate.

DAWSON was advised that the Bureau was not investigating instant murders, but that his willingness to co-operate and his present whereabouts would be made available to the Los Angeles Police Department through the Los Angeles

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FBI Office. DAWSON made the statement that he has never been contacted or interviewed by SA's of the Los Angeles Office for any purpose while there. DAWSON stated his purpose of being in Los Angeles was to get a part in the movies, but being unsuccessful, he departed coming directly to the home of Mrs. CUSAK in Annandale where he stayed a short while before going on to various other places in the east.

For the additional information of Bureau and Los Angeles, files of WFO disclose that DAWSON was the subject of investigation by this Bureau in the case entitled: UNSUB, aka Picton Dawson, Et Al; ESP. -X; OO LA; Bufile 65-71468; LA file 65-7882; WFO file 65-10413. Nothing derogatory developed by WFO investigation, results of final investigation being RUC'd in letter to Bureau and LA dated 8/3/67.

Information copy being directed to the Alexandria Office inasmuch as DAWSON's present address in territory covered by that Office.

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-0)(C)

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 8/21/69 [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] advised that he had been reading about the murder of SHARON TATE and noticed that the Los Angeles Police Department was looking for a PIC DAWSON. He advised the he knew a PIC DAWSON about [redacted] when he, [redacted] was attending Yale University. He advised that he met PIC at a fraternity party and about 1966 he saw PIC DAWSON'S name on the program of a play at the Arena Stage, Washington, D.C. He advised that PIC did not attend Yale University but that he was a good friend of a person whose name he could not remember. He advised that he saw this person's name he could not remember in a booklet put out by Yale showing what all the members of the class of 1964 were doing. He advised that the person's name he could not remember was involved in acting and film making. He advised that if the name of the person he could not remember was of importance, he could find his name in the booklet which Yale put out.

He described PIC DAWSON as: White, male, 6', brown hair, 25-26 years of age.

[redacted] advised that as of September 1, [redacted] he will reside at [redacted] and will have phone number [redacted] b6 b7C

This information is being furnished to the Los Angeles Division to furnish to the Los Angeles Police Department.

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SEX RULED OUT IN TATE KILLINGS

By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Actress Sharon Tate and the four other victims in the bizarre Aug. 9 slayings at her Benedict Canyon estate were not sexually mutiliated.

This was one of the points made clear yesterday as detectives broke their silence in an effort to correct what they termed "distortions" in some of the news media.

"None of the bodies had wounds involving the sex organs," said Chief of Detectives Robert A. Houghton.

The terse statement released by Houghton confirmed that narcotics were found on the premises, but did not elaborate as to the type of drugs or the location where they were discovered.

Until this statement, police had imposed nearly a total news blackout on the case but said yesterday there was need to clarify some of the "rumor and speculation" in some publications (not the Herald-Examiner.)

Although not definitely spelled out in the statement, it is apparent that there is no prime suspect in the case at this time.

"We have only the physical evidence at the scene and the leads furnished by interviews with relatives, friends, neighbors, acquaintances and those persons who have come forward," the statement reads.

"At this time, we have no warrants for the arrest of anyone," Houghton said.

"We have the names of many individuals whom we believe could be of assistance to us. We have made inquiries of the authorities in those jurisdictions requesting assistance in locating those persons."

The statement sought to clarify two other topics:

—"The word 'Pig' written in blood was found on the premises. The letters were 'P-I-G' not "P-I-C'."

—"At present, there is no evidence to connect these murders with any others."

The first excerpt above from the statement seeks to clarify a report that possibly one of the victims scrawled the bloody word on the front door of the estate to identify the killer. Instead, it is thought by the police that the word was written by the killer.

The second clarification refers to the slaying of supermarket chain owner Leno LaBianca and his wife on the night following the Tate murder.

Police apparently feel now that there was no connection between the Tate and LaBianca murders, despite what appear to be superficial similarities.

Victims were stabbed several times in both cases. "Death to Pigs" was written in blood on a wall in the La Bianca home.

The only other comments in the Tate case statements were:

"This is an extremely complicated case involving five victims and no known witnesses . . . we have no further details of the investigation to release at this time."

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

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FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (62-0)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
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MURDER

At 7:50 PM on 8/20/69 [redacted] telephone [redacted] who identified himself as a pilot for Northwest Airlines, called to report the following: b6 b7C

[redacted] has been flying in the Washington, D.C. area, and read in the Washington POST that three "hippies" were being sought in Canada in connection with captioned case. [redacted] said that on 8/10/69 he was driving from Minneapolis to Winnipeg, Canada, and shortly after he entered Canada via the Emerson crossing point, he chanced to pick up three hitchhikers, all hippies. One, a red-haired youth, said he was from Utah and heading for Newfoundland for work. b6 b7C

The other two claimed to be Canadian citizens, and had tried to enter the United States to sell their blood but were refused entry.

[redacted] said that all seemed aimless and he felt they might be the ones mentioned in the newspaper story, and the last time he saw them they were heading for the Winnipeg YMCA.. b6 b7C

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Frokowsky on Drug 'Trip' When He Was Slain, Friends Report

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."

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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 was rich."



ABIGAIL AND VOITYCK—Abigail Folger and Voityck Frakowsky in photograph that was taken by a friend in New York in 1968.

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Dorothy Manners

Polanski Finds Seclusion At Paramount Studio Lot

Now-It-Can-Be-Told Department: Roman Polanski's hideaway since his arrival from London has been the Paramount studio lot. This is where the husband of the murdered Sharon Tate filmed "Rosemary's Baby." Polanski occupied one of the dressing room suites usually assigned to stars. Most of these suites consist of small sitting rooms, dressing rooms and kitchenettes. But Roman took most of his meals during this personal ordeal at the home of production chief Bob Evans.

His residence at the studio gave Polanski the seclusion and protection he desired. Few get past those studio gatemen.

More troubles for the saddened Lennon family. Peggy Lennon's husband, Jack Cathcart, faces court action brought by his former wife Pamela Drake over custody of their two children. At age 14, children can make their own decision as to which parent they want to live with. The youngsters have decided they want to be with their father and Peggy who have four children of their own.

In explaining her action, Pamela said to a friend, "It's natural for children to want to live in surroundings with swimming pool and horses to ride. But I can't let them go without their knowing that their mother loves them enough to fight for them. I'm sorry it has come up at a time of such unhappiness in the Lennon family. But I feel I must do this."

"It was $2500 I forfeited in Majorca to avoid court appearance, dolling," said Zsa Zsa Gabor, "not the $1500 you printed." ZZ had been scheduled to appeal an assault and battery charge due to some extra curricular activities she staged with a hotel clerk in Spain. "They wanted me to come back for all the publicity I always attract. Why should I give it to them?"

This is what the lady said at the summer evening party hosted by Chicago publisher Bailey K. Howard at his vacation home here overlooking the San Fernando Valley. Party was in honor of Clare Boothe Luce and astronaut Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., and his charming wife.

Other astronaut ladies much admired were the widowed Mrs. C. C. Williams and Mrs. Charles Bassett, whose gallant husbands were among the eight victims of the space program.

Kay Gable brought her house guest, a delightful visitor from Florida, Mrs. Winifred Leigh, one of the godmothers of Kay's (and Clark Gable's) son, John Clark.

Maggie (Mrs. Samuel) Mosher drove her new Rolls Royce, the only one of its type yet in the state, down from Santa Barbara for the party. It's her birthday present from Sam.

Others enjoying dinner around the pool were the Milton Berles, Lew Wassermans, the Robert Rapps, Hugh O'Brian, the Tony Acquavivas, Cobina Wright and Bobby Weisel, Ron Postal, the Henry Bergers, the Sterling Sillphants, the Henry Bergers, Jack Barrys, Pamela Mason and Joe Lenzi.

MANNERISMS: Ran into Pat Boone and he told me a shocker about his recent appearance at the Midland State Fair in Billings, Mont. During the midst of Pat's concert, a helicopter crashed in the parking lot behind the stage and pandemonium reigned!

Pat quickly directed that all the flood lights illuminating the stage be turned on the scene. He asked the audience not to hinder rescue work of the police by crowding through the scene of the accident. "Luckily, the two people in the chopper were only slightly injured. The greatest damage was to the helicopter itself and the cars it crashed into."

Mitzi Gaynor's new act at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas will serve as the format of her new TV spectacular in October.

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Tate Slaying Victim Was on Drug 'Trip'

By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Polish emigre Voityck Frokowsky, one of the five victims in the Aug. 9 slaying of actress Sharon Tate's estate, was on a prolonged mescaline "trip" at the time he was stabbed and shot to death.

This was disclosed by Thomas Michael Harrigan, who himself was briefly a central figure earlier this week in the police probe of the grisly slayings.

He said, "Frokowsky was far gone on a trip . . . I think he was on the fifth day of an eight-day trip.

Harrigan made this observation based on seeing Frokowsky Aug. 7 at the secluded Benedict Canyon house, two days before the quintuple killings took place.

"Frokowsky was wobbly and uncoordinated . . . I wanted to invite him to a party at my place on the weekend . . . but he was too far gone. He never would have understood the directions," said Harrigan.

He said another Aug. 9 victim, internationally known men's hairstylist Jay Sebring, 35 also seemed " . . . high on something."

Harrigan said he saw Miss Tate at the home that Thursday night but was relatively certain she was not using drugs.

Frokowsky, a 37-year-old screenwriter-photographer, reportedly told several friends about his "experiment" with mescaline, a hallucinogenic much like LSD in its effect.

The 27-year-old Harrigan, an unemployed personnel consultant, was the "red-haired hippie type" whom Royal Canadian Mounted Police here asked to pick up for questioning in the Tate case.

But instead of being in the Vancouver, B.C. area as police believed, Harrigan was in Los Angeles and turned himself into police.

He was questioned extensively about his association with Frokowsky and other facets of the bizarre mystery and then released.

Paul Caruso, the Beverly Hills attorney who accompained him to the police station, said "Harrigan can account for every minute of his time on the Friday night and Saturday morning that the murders took place."

Harrigan reportedly attended a dinner party at a Manhattan Beach restaurant early in the evening and then spent several hours "having a few beers" with friends.

He said he then spent the remaining hours until after daylight with a girl friend.

In another aspect of the case, the body of Frokowsky was finally claimed. He had lain in the county morgue since the slayings 13 days ago.

His mother, Teofila Frokowsky, arrived from Poland to claim the body, which will be returned to his native country.

Arrangements are being made by Forest Lawn Cemetery. No time was announced for Frokowsky's private services.

Killed along with Miss Tate, Sebring and Frokowsky were San Francisco Bay Area coffee heiress Abigail Folger, 26; and El Monte youth Steven Earl Parent, 18, who came to the estate that night to visit the young caretaker there.

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Death and Drugs

"Sharon Tate, the laughing-eyed actress . . . portrays a young girl in the remote French village of Bellenac who seems possessed of mysterious powers . . ."

Thus, in a canned biography, did Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios describe the woman whose death, along with four other persons', was still under intensive investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

Mysterious powers? Her husband, film director Roman Polanski ("Rosemary's Baby" and other spooky movies), said Miss Tate was as normal as blueberry pie.

"Sharon didn't use drugs," he told reporters after her funeral, "she didn't touch alcohol, she didn't even smoke cigarets."

Nevertheless, police found ample evidence that drugs were a vital element in the Aug. 9 deaths of Miss Tate, 26, coffee fortune heiress Abigail Folger, 26, Polish screen producer Voityck Frokowsky, 37, hair stylist Jay Sebring, 35, and 18-year-old Steven Parent of El Monte.

Only the Parent youth, police investigators indicated, was not involved one way or another with narcotics.

Narcotics were found on the premises of the Benedict Canyon mansion, rented by Polanski and Miss Tate and the scene of the deaths but friends insisted that Miss Tate was not a user.

Said one:

"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 . . ."

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$½ Million Folger Estate:

San Francisco coffee heiress Abigail Folger, slain Aug. 9 along with actress Sharon Tate and three others, left an estate valued at $500,000.

Peter Folger, father of the 26-year-old victim and president of the Folger Coffee Company, filed a petition Friday for the probate of his daughter's estate, it was learned yesterday.

The petiton said Miss Folger owned cash and securities at the time of her death valued at $400,000. In addition. she had real estate holdings estimated at another $130,000.

Folger said a search had failed to uncover a will.

Miss Folger, a social worker, was found slain in a Bel-Air mansion with hair stylist Jay Sebring, Polish emigre Voityck Frokowsky, 18-year-old Steve Parent and Miss Tate.

Los Angeles police meanwhile are continuing their round-the-clock investigation into the murders following receipt of a top-secret report on results of toxicological tests on the victims.

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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

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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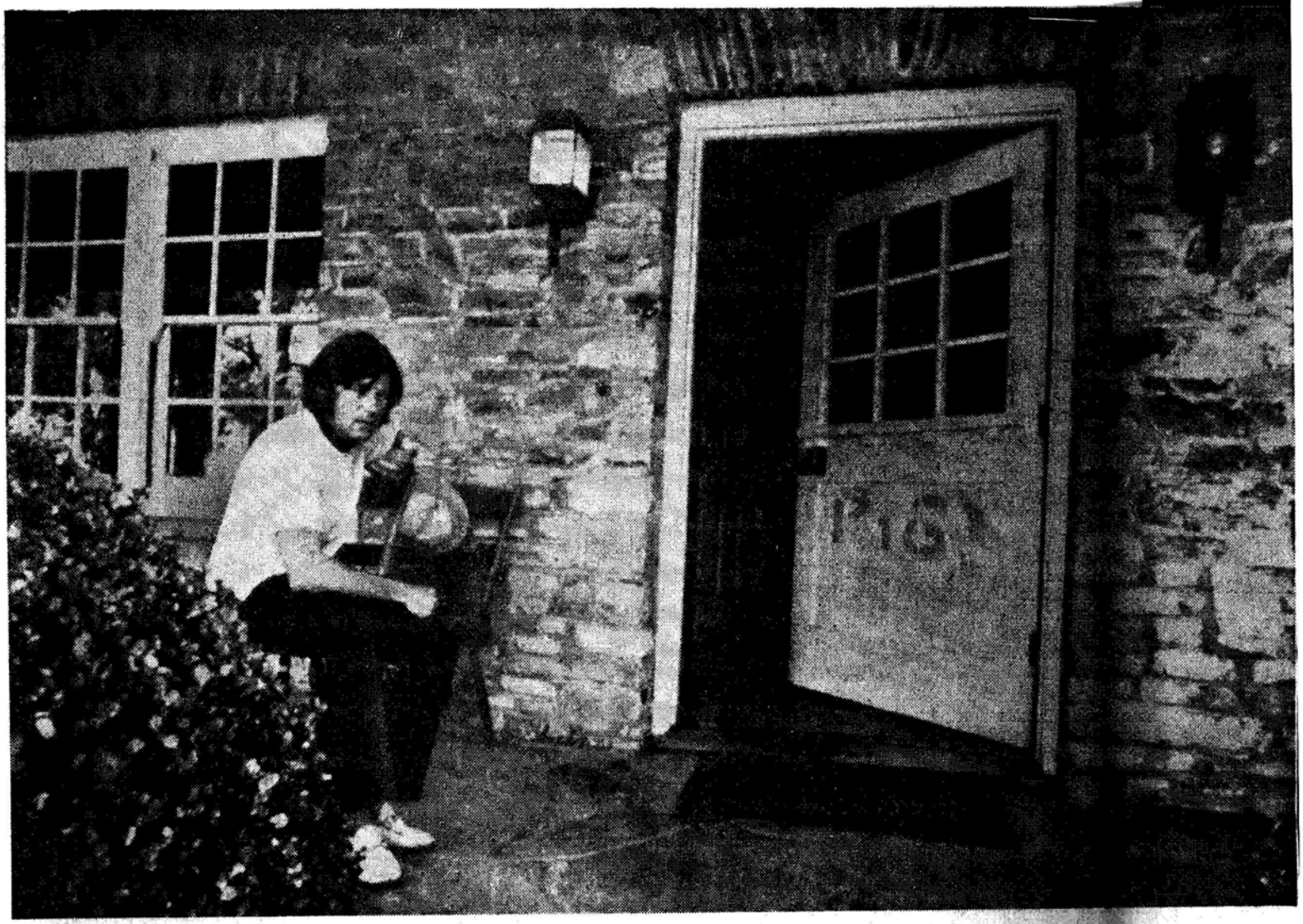

POLANSKI AT MURDER HOUSE—Film director Roman Polanski at Benedict Canyon home where his wife, actress Sharon Tate, and four other persons were found slain. The word pig in blood is on the door. Picture was taken on his first visit to the home after the slayings.
(AP) photo from Life magazine

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Police Remain Mum On Tate Drug Tests

Tight secrecy surrounds the report which the County Coroner's office has given police on results of toxicological tests conducted to determine if drugs were found in the bodies of Sharon Tate and four others slain Aug. 9.

Results of the examinations were released to police investigators yesterday, but police have declined to make the findings public.

The question of whether or not drugs were being used by any, or all, of five prior to the slayings has played an important part in the investigation.

According to Thomas M. Harrigan, who himself was a central figure in the probe into the quintuple murder earlier this week, Polish emigre Voityck Frokowsky, one of the five slain, was in the midst of a prolonged "trip" on the drug mescaline when he was stabbed and shot to death.

Frokowsky's remains were cremated at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale yesterday morning. His mother, Teofila Frokowsky, arrived Thursday from Poland to claim the body. By arrangement with the Polish Consulate here, she will return the ashes to his homeland.

Harrigan said he had seen Frokowsky at the Tate house two days before the killings, and that he appeared "wobbly and uncoordinated." Harrigan said he wanted to invite Frokowsky to a party at his home, but changed his mind because "he never would have understood the directions."

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES DATE: 8/12/69

FROM : RELIEF SUPERVISOR
STANLEY W. MILLER

SUBJECT: EARL PARENT;
R. JACKSON
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
MURDER CASE
POLICE COOPERATION

On 8/12/69, SA FRANK C. O'NEIL of the Baltimore Office advised as follows:

[redacted] Auto Delivery Company, 6018 Harford Road, Baltimore, Maryland, telephone 426-8862, telephonically furnished the following information this date to the Baltimore Office. b6 b7C

She believes on Friday morning, 8/8/69, she received in the mail a manifest from Auto Delivery, 7015 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California, which reflected the following information:

[redacted] and [redacted] picked up at Delroy Covany, 13169 Reedly Street, Van Nuys, California, on 8/6/69, a 1961 (?) station wagon, Maryland license [redacted] owned by a [redacted] The car was to be delivered to Auto Delivery [redacted] in Baltimore. [redacted] gave his destination when picking up the car as [redacted] telephone [redacted] On the morning of Monday, 8/11/69, [redacted] was in receipt of a telephone call from [redacted] from Joplin, Missouri, in which he said he did not have enough money to get the car to Baltimore and wanted wired to him $60.00. Since [redacted] was to receive a $50.00 refund upon arriving in Baltimore, she send to him on 8/11/69, $30.00 in the name of [redacted] in care of Western Union, Joplin, Missouri. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that she and [redacted] had been reading in the Baltimore newspapers about the murders of the five people in Hollywood, California. They noted that one of the victims was an individual named STEPHEN PARENT. In view of the unusual surname they felt b6 b7C

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that they should furnish the above information to the FBI in the event it could be pertinent to the Hollywood murders. They suggested the possibility of [redacted] b6 b7C and they had no idea who the [redacted] traveling with [redacted] would be. [redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] are scheduled to arrive in Baltimore late evening 8/12 or 8/13/69. They are to deliver the car to her at [redacted] at that time.

Suggested Los Angeles, if advisable, disseminate above information to Los Angeles Police Department for any value it may be.

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Hollywood Real Estate Successes: Polanski Home Next Status Symbol?

By JAMES BACON
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

The news that the leased went up $100,000 in price after went up $100,000 in price afer those five bizarre murders—from $200,000 to $300,000—comes as no surprise.

Movieland real estate always has been a mad, mad business.

A man who had never seen it paid $200,000 for Frank Sinatra's hilltop bachelor pad in Coldwater Canyon. And a woman with a fortune in oil once bought Judy Garland's $225,000 mansion and then tore it down.

People who spend that kind of money for a house want one with a history. It's kind of a status symbol.

That's why homes in Beverly Hills or Bel-Air are always referred to by present owners as the former home of celebrities. For instance, it is commonplace to call one's home "the old Garbo place."

Jerry Lewis, without selling his home in Pacific Palisades, paid $415,000 cash for the old Louis B. Mayer place in Bel-Air.

Barbara Hutton, the dime store heiress, caused hardly a stir when she gave a $500,000 home as a wedding gift to her son, Lance Reventlow and his bride, actress Cheryl Holdridge.

No matter how much you pay for a house in the status sections of the movie colony, it's doubtful if it will ever go anywhere but up in value.

A movie star who lives in a house that costs under $150,000 is either a has-been or a penny-pinching oddball.

It's a classic story about Hollywood. An agent calls up a New York actor client and says he has both good news and bad news.

"The good news is that you can get the old Milton Sills house for $300,000." "What's the bad news?" asks the actor. "You'll have to pay $5,000 cash down," says the agent.

I was down in Durango Mexico, once with John Wayne when he decided to sell his Encino estate. He put the price at $600,000. It was sold to Walt Disney's daughter and her husband within days. No questions asked.

Commented Duke: "Maybe I didn't ask enough."

Bing Crosby bought a huge mansion bordering the Los Angeles Country Club because he was a scratch handicap golfer. Then he found that he was barred from the club because he's an actor. Bing moved up north where he's always welcome at more exclusive clubs like Cypress Point and Pebble Beach.

Vic Mature became a golf nut and bought a house near Los Angeles C. C. He was given the same reason as Bing when he applied for membership.

"I'm no actor," said Vic. "And I've got 40 pictures to prove it."

The richest people in town are those who bought homes in the pre-war era and held onto them.

When Bob Hope came here in 1938, he had $100,000 in cash and invested most of it in land. That's why he's the rich-

His home in Toluca Lake cost under $30,000 with six acres of land. Today, it is so valuable that it's doubtful if he can sell it when he and Dolores make their permanent move into their new Palm Springs home.

"I think we'll give it to some religious organization," says Bob.

Hope also bought some land nearby for $18,000 which he operated profitably for years as a golf driving range. When MCA took over Universal Pictures, they paid him $1 million cash for the property.

Bob still has some acreage left. He pays $500,000 annually in property taxes to Los Angeles County, and down in Palm Springs, they call it the Bob Hope Desert Classic because all the touring golf pros were walking over Hope's land during the big tournament.

Mae West is another shrewd real estate woman. She likes to tell this story:

"I had my chauffeur drive me out Van Nuys Boulevard in the '30s. It was mostly bean fields in those days. We passed a beautiful grove of fir trees, conspicuous among the palms.

"I commented to my business manager who was with me: 'That looks like a nice setting for a house. See if it's for sale? We never stopped the car."

Next day the business manager told her it was owned by a Mexican-American family who was about to lose it for $600 back taxes. Mae gave them $6,000 which was mighty generous in those Depression

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But she never built the house because it is now the corner of a bustling Van Nuys business area at Van Nuys and Chandler boulevards.

Some of the cowboy stars, uninterested in Bel-Air status symbols, invested in valley ranches and wound up with millions. Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and Joel McCrea are prime examples.

McCrea, in a way, tops them all. He grew up on Hollywood Boulevard but when he hit it big in the movies, bought a working cattle ranch in Moorepark in Ventura County. He worked the 2,500 acres at a profit and then a major oil company discovered oil on the ranch.

Joel was torn.

"The money was attractive but I hated to see all that beauty destroyed by oil wells. I finally gave in when they offered me $3 million to drill and promised that no wells could be seen from the ranch house."

Not all stars have made fortunes in real estate. Oldtimer Jack Mulhall once owned what is now the plush section of Sherman Oaks.

"I used to think that if I could sell what I owned for $200 an acre, I'd be stealing the money.

"Then came the crash in 1929 and my 500 acres went down the hill like a toboggan. I lost it all.

Pola Negri once had a chance to buy some real estate for $40,000.

"I wanted to buy it but one of my husbands talked me out of it. He said it would never be anything but an orange grove."

Today, it's the four corners of Hollywood and Vine.

Barbara Stanwyck when married to Frank Fay lived in a beautiful estate in Northridge. Then they broke up and she married Robert Taylor but those two decided they would sooner move back over the hill.

They sold the estate for a song to Jack Oakie who still lives there.

"I was so sentimental about buying the place," recalls Oakie, "that I asked Barbara whether I should call it Santa Barbara or Santa Fay."

Oakie is surrounded now by businesses—an oasis among shopping centers. Usually when he invites me over, he tells me:

"Get over here quick because I could be an Akron store by the time you make it."

Oakie has been offered a million for his acreage but so far he has resisted.

"One subdivider even wanted me to keep the house and one acre at the same price but I turned him down. I'd have to put on trunks when I went in the swimming pool."

The showplace home in the movie colony is still in the process of building and won't be ready until next spring.

Eugene V. Klein, head of National General Corporation, bought Beverly Hills' first home — The Burton Green estate on six acres behind the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Green was the founder of Beverly Hills and his Tudor estate was long a showplace. Klein bought it all 18 months ago and workmen have been rebuilding it since into a Regency home. Virtually only the foundation is left from the original home.

Recently workmen up rooted the old swimming pool—first ever built in Beverly Hills. And that's history of a sort. It will be replaced by a new Olympic pool.

Klein isn't saying how much the new home will cost him eventually—but it's going to be a mighty expensive two-bedroom home.

Don Loper's home on Beverly Glen has two swimming pools—one for the master and one for the servants.

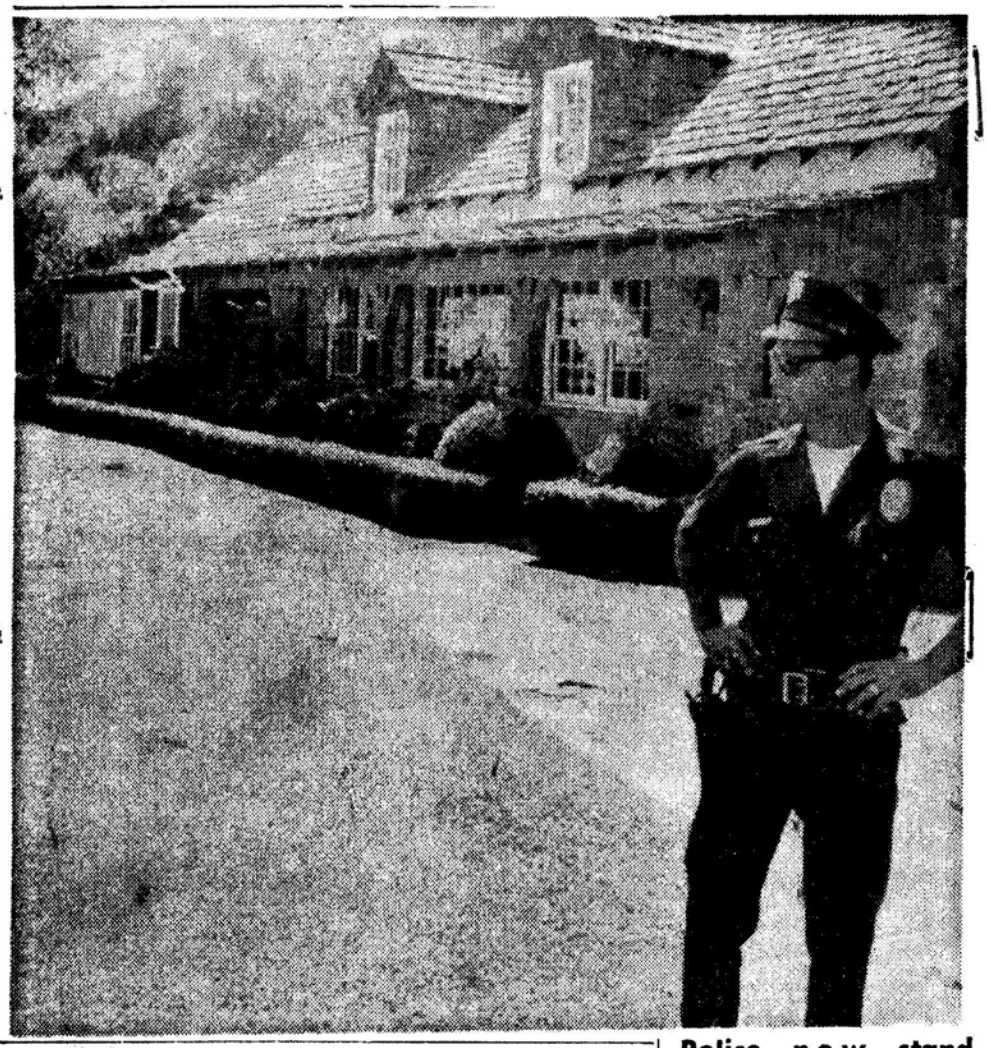
The late Ernie Kovacs built a beautiful wine cellar in his Coldwater Canyon home. Then he stocked it with the choicest wines that only a gourmet like Ernie would drink—Chateau Lafitte Rothschild and the rest.

But something was missing. Ernie called a special effects man over at ABC who promptly coated the bottles with artificial cob webs.

Probably the biggest estate in Beverly Hills is Harold Lloyd's. His place is 18 acres right by the Beverly Hills Hotel. He is the city's biggest property taxpayer but won't say how much. In the low-cost Depression days, it cost him $25,000 a year.

But when taxes get high, Harold practices such economics as shutting off the manmade waterfall—one that would do justice to Yosemite. emite.

Final inflationary note. In the '30s, songwriter Ira Gershwin bought a nice home a Beverly Hills street for $27,000. A few years ago, he remodeled the house on the inside. Cost—$250,000 for the re-do.



Police now stand guard at the Roman Polanski home in West Los Angeles; but someday will the $200,000 palatial hilltop home be a status symbol for future owners?

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Fears Spread in Tate Aftermath

Many Benedict Canyon residents have turned to hiring private security guards since the Aug. 9 slaying of actress Sharon Tate and four others at her secluded Cielo Drive estate.

Lynn A. White, who heads Argus Investigation and Security Agency, said yesterday his firm has received more than 100 calls a day for the past week from residents of the private homes in the area of the murders.

The 55-man Argus staff has been working 12-hour shifts as a result of the canyon resident's requests for private protection.

An official of the Santa Monica Bay Area Patrol in nearby Pacific Palisades, said his agency has supplied about 15 guards for private homes in the area since the murders. He noted that normally his agency only handled about three calls a week in that area.

The owners of the Briercrest Kennels in Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wackerman, said their calls for specially-trained guard dogs have increased from one a week to five a week. They said all 30 of their trained German shepherd guard dogs which were for sale have been sold at prices ranging from $1,200 to $1,500 each.

Harvey Kossack, operations manager for Gibraltar Security Patrol in nearby Beverly Hills, said that the Tate home, which he toured to make sure nothink was missing, was "kind of spooky."

Whoever cut the telephone wires leading to the Tate house, Kossack said, "knew what he was doing."

He said whoever cut the wires climbed a steep hill, which slopes sharply behind the house, then severed the telephone wires without cutting the electrical wires.

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A claim for $1,250,000 general and punitive damages for false imprisonment and invasion of civil rights was filed against the city of Los Angeles on behalf of William Garretson Jr., 19-year-old caretaker at the Sharon Tate-Roman Polanski estate, who was arrested, interrogated and later released after Miss Tate and four others were murdered there. The claim was filed in the city clerk's office by attorneys for Garretson's mother, Mrs. Mary Garretson of Lancaster, Ohio. It will be sent to the city attorney for consideration and forwarding to the City Council.

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Security Tightened Over Informant in Tate Murder Case

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.

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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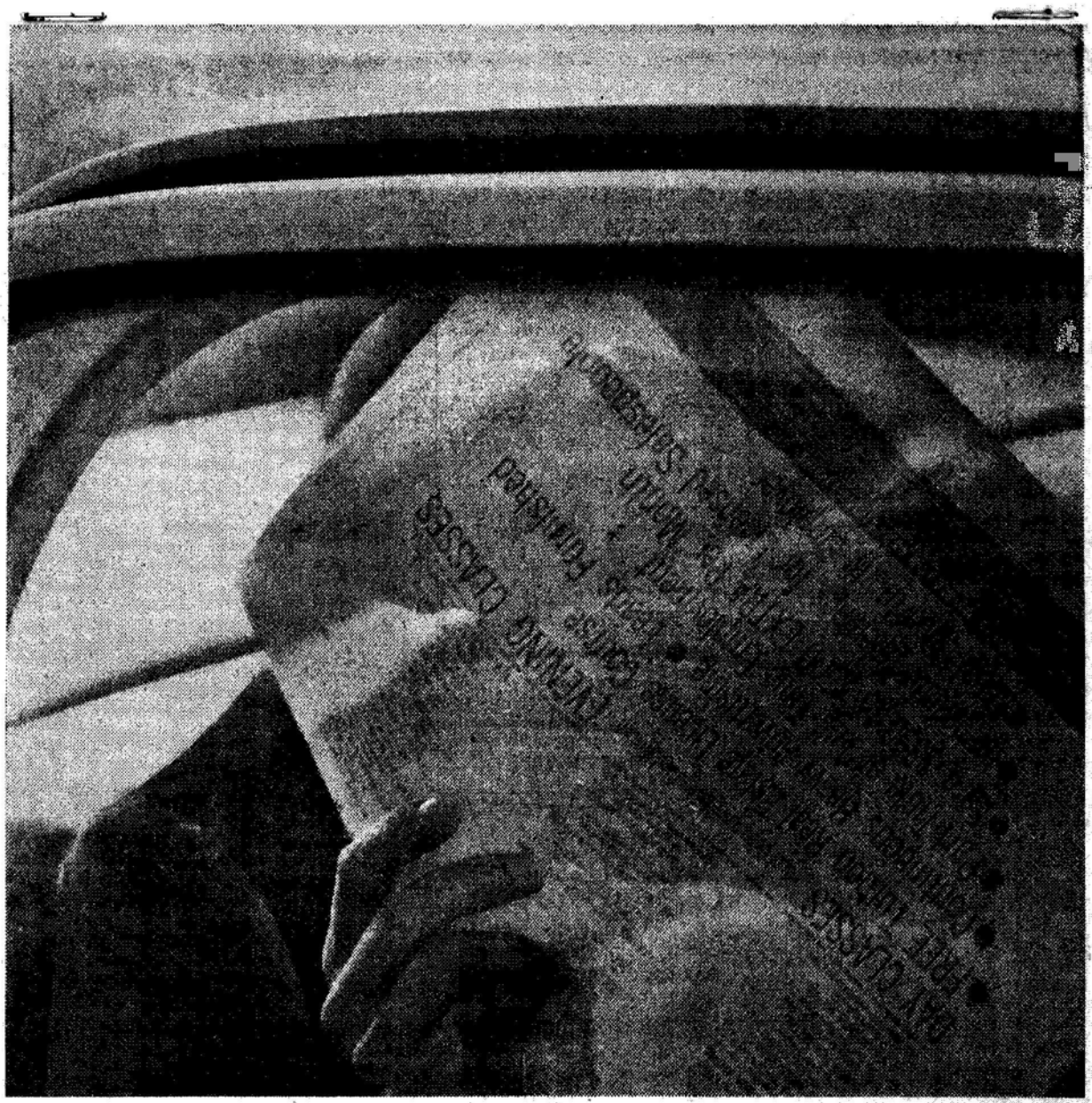

COVERING UP—Polish artist Witold K. hides behind a newspaper as police drive him from his studio.
Times photo

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DATE: 8/28/69

FROM : SA C. KENNETH ARNOLD, JR.

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
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ET AL - VICTIMS
POLICE COOPERATION

At 3:50 P.M., this date, [redacted] telephonically contacted SA ARNOLD and advised that he wanted to make a request for [redacted] on an extremely confidential basis. [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED CASE RECEIVES MAXIMUM PUBLICITY IN THE LA AREA. THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT. HAS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED WE ENTER THE CASE TO LOCATE SUSPECTS IN THIS CASE WHICH REQUEST HAS BEEN REFUSED.

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Singer Cass Elliot's Ex-Fiance Quizzed, Released in Tate Case

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. Dawson, 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.

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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."

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 8/29/69

FROM : SA C. KENNETH ARNOLD, JR.

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
SHARON TATE;
ET AL - VICTIMS
POLICE COOPERATION

At 2:15 P.M., SA ROBERT ~~HANNEY,~~ Hanni Minneapolis Division, telephonically advised that a check of the Gopher Shooter Supply Company, Faribault, Minnesota, disclosed the following information:

Purchase Order 30-36 dated 8/22/69 was forwarded by Gopher Shooter Supply to the High Standard Arms Company for an order of two sets of pistol grips for a Sentinel Longhorn pistol. This order was made in response to a request from the Retzloff Hardware Store, New[redacted], ULM, Minnesota, to the Gopher Shooter Supply Company.

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The above purchase order was mailed to High Standard Company on 8/23/69. As of this date there is no indication in the records of the Gopher Shooter Supply Company that this purchase order has been received at High Standard Company or that the requested pistol grips have been shipped.

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62-6817 Minneapolis Office telephone calls.

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☐ from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:
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Number of items disseminated: 2

Remarks:

At 3:42 pm, [redacted] was advised $$ that Purchase Order 30-36 dated 8/22/69 was forwarded by Gopher Shooter Supply to the High Standard Arms Company for an order of two sets of pistol grips for a Sentinel Longhorn pistol. This order was dade in response to a request from the Retzloff Hardware Store, New Ulm, Minnesota, to the Gopher Shooter Supply Company. The above purchase order was mailed to High Standard Company on 8/23/69. As of this dated there is no indication in the records of Gopher that this purchase order has been received at High Standard Co. or that the requested pistol grips have been shipped. b6 b7C b7D

At 4:55 pm, [redacted] was advised that a farmer, ELSWORTH DOBBERSTEIN, [redacted] had ordered the grips through the Retzloff Hardware Store, New Ulm, Minn., and the grips had not been received, but the pistol had been observed without grips.

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SA L. STANLEY HARBESON
Special Agent

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RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

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Information concerning:
SHARON TATE MURDER CASE

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At 11:45am [redacted] was advised that the following information had been received:

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[redacted] advised that he desired to have information relating to the TATE case furnished directly to him. He stated that in the event he is not in the office, the information should be furnished to [redacted] In the event both he and [redacted] are unavailable, the information should be furnished to [redacted]

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TO LOS ANGELES (62-6817)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (62-3624) 4P

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KEITH PURDY, CO-OWNER, GOPHER SHOOTER SUPPLY, FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA, ADVISED THAT ON AUGUST TWENTYTWO LAST, AT THE REQUEST OF RETZLAFF HARDWARE, NEW ULM, MINNESOTA, GOPHER COMPANY SUBMITTED AN ORDER, # THREE ZERO DASH THREE SIX, TO HIGH STANDARD COMPANY, HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT, FOR TWO SETS OF PISTOL GRIPS, ONE BEING FOR THE HIGH STANDARD SENTINEL LONGHORN. ACCORDING TO PURDY, THIS PARTICULAR WEAPON WAS MADE UNTIL ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE UNDER MODEL NUMBERS NINE ONE SEVEN EIGHT (FOUR AND ONE HALF INCH BARREL), NINE ONE SEVEN NINE (FIVE AND ONE HALF INCH BARREL), AND NINE ONE EIGHT ZERO (NINE AND ONE HALF INCH BARREL). THIS PARTICULAR PISTOL TODAY IS MANUFACTURED UNDER MODEL NUMBER NINE THREE

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THE ORDER WAS PORBABLY NOT MAILED FROM GOPHER UNTIL AUGUST TWENTY-THREE LAST. GOPHER HAS RECEIVED NO ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM HIGH STANDARD COMPANY THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED THE ORDER. IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR HIGH STANDARD TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ORDERS FROM THEIR DISTRIBUTORS. THE GRIPS IN QUESTION HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY GOPHER TO DATE.

CHIEF OF POLICE ALFRED GAREIS, NEW ULM, MINNESOTA, ADVISED THAT MARK RETZLAFF, OWNER OF RETZLAFF HARDWARE, NEW ULM, CHECKED HIS RECORDS AND LEARNED THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED AN ORDER TO GOPHER STANDARD SUPPLY FOR THESE PISTOL GRIPS AUGUST EIGHTEEN LAST, AT THE REQUEST OF A LOCAL CITIZEN, ONE ELSWORTH DOBBERSTEIN, [redacted] b6 b7C

THE GUN IN QUESTION FOR WHICH THESE GRIPS WERE OREDERED IS STILL AT RETZLAFF'S STORE. THE GRIPS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY RETZLAFF. RETZLAFF IS A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN OF NEW ULM AND THERE IS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING DOBBERSTEIN KNOWN TO RETZLAFF OR CHIEF GAREIS.

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KEITH PURDY OF GOPHER SUPPLY POINTED OUT THAT HIGH STANDARD COMPANY HAS IN RECENT WEEKS MADE SOME CHANGES IN ITS ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP SOME ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES IN CALIFORNIA, EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN.

PURDY ADVISED THAT THIS ORDER FOR HIGH STANDARD GRIPS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT FOR EVERY SET OF GRIPS FOR HIGH STANDARD PISTOLS ORDERED, THEY PROBABLY ORDERED TWO THOUSAND GRIPS FOR THESE GUNS MANUFACTURED BY OTHER COMPANIES. HE SUGGESTED THAT CONTACT WITH HIGH STANDARD BE MADE TO DETERMINE WHAT DISTRIBUTORS ORDERED GRIPS OF THIS TYPE IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES WITHIN THE LAST TWO MONTHS AND INDICATED POSSIBLY LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED SETS OF SUCH GRIPS ACTUALLY ORDERED.

PURDY ADVISED THAT THE ONLY PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE AWARE OF GOPHER SHOOTER SUPPLY ORDER WOULD BE HIS EMPLOYEES OR THE CLERK WHO ACTUALLY MADE OUT THE ORDER AND HIGH STANDARD COMPANY, WHO RECEIVED THE ORDER, IF IN FACT THEY DID RECEIVE IT .

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY MINNEAPOLIS AT THIS TIME.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6817) DATE: 9/2/69

FROM : SA L. STANLEY HARBESON

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Murder of Sharon Tate, Et Al
Information Concerning

On August 30, 1969, at 11:15 am, Lt. HELDER, Homicide Squad (Tate Case), LAPD, Los Angeles, California, called the writer at his home (through the Office) and advised that he was calling on behalf of Deputy Chief Houghton. He stated that in connection with the information furnished regarding the pistol grips ordered by ELSWORTH DOBBERSTEIN, [redacted] b6 b7C Chief Houghton and others thought that it was unasual, or odd, that a pistol would be purchased without pistol grips. He stated that the question arose was "When, and from whom, did DOBBERSTEIN purchase the pistol?"

Lt. Helder was informed that the Los Angeles Office did not receive any information from Minnesota pertaining to that specific question. The only information received pertained to his Departments lead as to "who" ordered the grips.

Lt. HELDER then asked if the Los Angeles Office would receive any further communication from Minnesota. I informed him that in instances of this type, when time could be essential, it is customary to first furnish information by the most expeditious means, telephonically in this instance. I related that it is also customary to later receive a written communication confirming the information which was previously received by telephone.

Lt. HELDER then asked if the written communication might elaborate more fully on the investigation conducted and purhaps answer the question of "When and from whom the pistol was pruchased?" I informed him that the written communication would in all probibility contain more detailed information, but I was unable to speculate on whether it would contain any information relative to his questions.

Lt. HELDER then thanked the Los Angeles Office for our assistance and stated that he would contact me on 9/2/69 to see if any additional information had been received from Minnesota.

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UNSUBS; SHARON TATE; ET AL DASH VICTIMS, POLICE COOPERATION.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWO INSTANT.

MARK RETZLAFF, OWNER, RETZLAFF HARDWARE, NEW ULM, MINNESOTA, ADVISED THAT ELSWORTH DOBBERSTEIN HAS NOT PICKED UP THE PISTOL IN QUESTION THAT HE ORDERED. THE GUN IS ONE OF FOUR, ALL THE SAME TYPE, STILL IN RETZLAFF'S HARDWARE STORE, NEW ULM. DOBBERSTEIN WANTED THE GRIPS THAT WERE ORDERED BY RETZLAFF PLACED ON THE GUN BEFORE HE PICKED IT UP. DOBBERSTEIN HAS NOT HAD THE WEAPON IN HIS POSSESSION AT ANY TIME.

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2 25 PM Lt. Seivers advised Stan H.

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RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES AUGUST THIRTY LAST.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION FURNISHED TO LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. THEY REQUEST DOBBERSTEIN'S PISTOL BE ELIMINATED AS MURDER WEAPON KEEPING IN MIND MURDERS OCCURRED ON NIGHT OF AUGUST EIGHT DASH NINE LAST. IN ADDITION, ASCERTAIN SERIAL NUMBER AND MODEL NUMBER OF PISTOL AND WHEN, FROM WHOM, AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES DOBBERSTEIN PURCHASED PISTOL.

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UNSUB, MURDER OF ACTRESS SHARON TATE AND OTHERS, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST EIGHT LAST. FPC.

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Police Have No Tate Murder Suspect After Questioning 300

Inspector Declares Killers Escaped With Death Weapons, and No Real Motive for Crimes Has Been Discovered

BY DIAL TORGERSON

After having interviewed more than 300 persons, detectives are still without a prime suspect in the Tate murder case, top police officials said Tuesday.

The murderer—or murderers—escaped unhurt, taking the death weapons from the scene of the crime, the officials reported at a news conference.

No real motive has been established in the multiple slayings, Inspector Robert A. Houghton told newsmen Tuesday. And, he admitted, the longer the investigation continues the harder it may be to solve the crime.

"We have no idea where the killers are located at present," Houghton said, adding it was possible—but not probable—one person could have slain five persons at the Sharon Tate estate Aug. 9.

Could the killers strike again?

"Personally, I suspect not," he said. "Professionally, I couldn't rule it out."

First Public Appearance

Police Chief Edward M. Davis, in his first public appearance since formally taking office Friday, called the conference to tell news media of progress of his department's probe of the murders.

Houghton, Davis' chief of detectives, answered "no comment" to most questions—because, he said, details known only to the killer must be kept secret "to test veracity on the lie detector."

Houghton said he believes personally that the case will be solved and that the police have made "tremendous progress" since the murder.

Few new details emerged from the news conference: that the weapons ("a cutting weapon and a firearm") have not been found, that there was no evidence the killer (or killers) were wounded, and that narcotics were found in more than one part of the estate.

The killings occurred at the Benedict Canyon home of actress Sharon Tate and her husband, director Roman Polanski, who was in London at the time of the crime. Miss Tate and coffee heiress Abigail Folger were stabbed, Voityck Frokowsky and Jay Sebring stabbed and shot, and Steven Parent, a friend of the caretaker, William E. Garretson, was shot to death.

"There are several possibilities, from the physical evidence, in sequence and in the method of doing it," said Houghton, reviewing police attempts to reconstruct the crime.

"Would it be possible for one man? Possible. P r o b a b l e? I personaly doubt it. Although I must tell you in all fairness we do not have conclusive evidence that one man could not have done it."

A Number of Theories

There are an inspector, a captain, two lieutenants and 17 sergeants still investigating a number of theories in the crime, Houghton said.

Houghton can have any additional manpower he needs, Davis said although he pointed out that the chief of detectives' responsibility includes investigating murders in all 17 police divisions, one of which (77th Street) has already had 56 murders this year.

A newsman asked Houghton if chances of solving the case are diminishing as time passes without an arrest.

"It's fair to say in any homicide," said Houghton, "that with a time distance between the occurrence and the arrest—the chances of apprehension decrease."

Houghton was asked if he thought that the alibis of four persons originally listed in a Royal Canadian Mounted Police bulletin as "suspects" had been cleared by alibis. Police here later said the men were wanted only for questioning.

"I can't answer that," he said. "At this time I'm simply unable to do so. Let me say that we have interviewed the men whose names appeared in the press, we've talked

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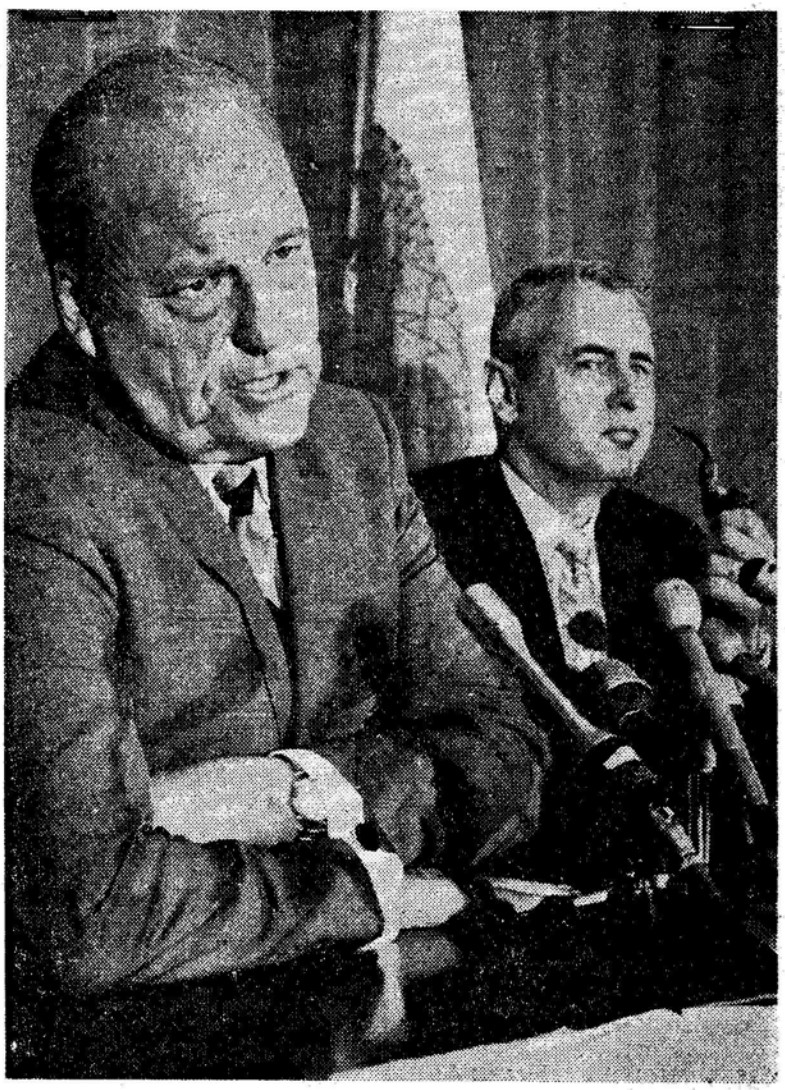
to them and they are extremely cooperative."

One of the four, Thomas Harrigan, told police last month that he had been at a party 20 miles from the scene of the murders and that the others had been out of state: William Doyle and Charles Tacot in Jamaica and Harris Pickens Dawson in New York.

Later in the news conference, Houghton said that Jamaica authorities had assisted in the case because two persons sought for questioning were there at the time of the murders. Police disclosed later these men were Doyle and Tacot.

Davis told newsmen who gathered for the press conference at Parker Center—the police administration building in the Civic Center — that Houghton's men had been doing "as good a job as can humanly be done."

"Unfortunately," he said, "the murderer, or murderers, did not leave calling cards, and in this kind of a case you start with 200 million suspects."



DISCUSS TATE MURDER CASE—Inspector Robert A. Houghton, on left, and Police Chief Edward M. Davis at a news conference.
Times photo by Don Cormier

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Former Tate Case Suspect Quizzed on East Coast, Cleared

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

Doyle, Dawson, Thomas Harrigan and Charles Tacot were listed earlier this month as murder suspects in an all-points bulletin the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said it put out at the request of the LAPD.

Los Angeles police later said they were wanted only for questioning.

One of the four, Harrigan, heard of the Canadian broadcast and walked into the police administration building here while the Mounted Police were still seeking him in Canada.

He offered alibis for all four. He said he had been at a party 20 miles from the scene at the time of the killings, that Doyle and Tacot were in Jamaica and that Dawson was in New York.

Actress Sharon Tate, Abigail Folger, Voityck Frokowsky, Jay Sebring and Steven Parent were stabbed or shot to death early Aug. 9 at the home of Miss Tate and director Roman Polanski in Benedict Canyon.

Acquaintances of Frokowski

The four men sought in Canada were all acquaintances of Frokowsky—a Polish emigre who, with Miss Folger, had been staying at the Polanski-Tate home while the Polanskis were in Europe. They stayed on after Miss Tate returned from Europe in July.

Polanski was in London at the time of the murders. He returned here for the funeral of his wife, then went to Bermuda to view locations for a forthcoming film.

He is now in New York City, where he remains in seclusion. He has been seen in public rarely—dining with old friends such as actor Warren Beatty in out-of-the-way restaurants.

Dawson's father, a State Department career man, was most recently assigned as supervisory commercial officer in the U.S. Embassy in Bonn.

All four men listed in the original Canadian broadcast have now been questioned and released, leaving police without a listed suspect in the complex case.

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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Friends of Slain Sharon Tate Offer Reward of $25,000

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.

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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Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 28, 1969, with the enclosure of a letter and envelope received from one George Gati, Post Office Box 387, La Crescenta, California.

I do appreciate the fact that you made the enclosure available to this office, and I am forwarding your enclosure to our Los Angeles Division, who will make it available to the Los Angeles Police Department.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. MALONE
Assistant Director
in Charge

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Enclosed is letter with envelope concerning recent multiple murders, one of the victims being SHARON TATE. You may desire to make this available to the proper police agency investigating the multiple murders.
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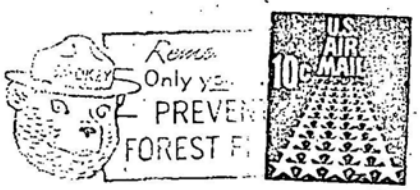

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$25,000 Tate Case Reward Offered

Actor Peter Sellers has offered a $25,000 reward for information which will lead to the solution of the murder of actress Sharon Tate and four other Aug. 9.

Sellers, in London to work on a motion picture with Beatle Ringo Starr, said he and several friends have made the offer, in an effort to lead police to the identity of those responsible in the bizarre Benedict Canyon slayings.

"Someone must have seen the blood-soaked clothing, the knife, the gun, the getaway car.

"Someone must be able to help," the actor said in a press statement.

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2 Arrested in N.Y.; Tate Tie Doubted

After checking out the arrest of two California men in Brooklyn, N.Y., Friday, Los Angeles police said, "We do not believe the men are suspects in the Tate murder case."

David Wayne Weatherl, 24, of Chico, and Dennis Duane Harford, 24, of Oroville, were charged by New York police with possession of 100 pounds of marijuana and three loaded guns found in their rented car.

The evidence led New York authorities to notify Los Angeles police that the pair may have been linked to the Aug. 8 murder of actress Sharon Tate and four others, in which narcotics were involved.

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HANK GRANT **Rambling Reporter**

LOOK FOR ESP PHENOMENON PETER HURKOS to lend active assistance o the continuing investigation into the Benedict Canyon murders of Sharon ate, Jay Sebring and three other victims. . . . Hurkos told us he already has in interesting theory, which he'll discuss only with the LA Police. . . . Whether or not you believe Hurkos' power of divination, it is he who was credited with nailing the Boston Strangler, also he who broke open the recent Michigan oed murder mystery. . . . If you're still in a scoffing mood, don't tell it to is, tell it to the Dutch, who erected a statue of Hurkos in Amsterdam, honoring im for his work with the underground during World War II, accurately predicting where the enemy Nazi would be and wouldn't be.

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2 or 3 Assailants Involved in Tate Slayings, Noguchi Says

BY JOHN KENDALL
Times Staff Writer

Actress Sharon Tate and four others were shot and stabbed to death in 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.

"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 Benedict Canyon 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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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.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535
September 23, 1969

MURDER OF SHARON TATE, ET AL.,
IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted] b6 b7C
ALSO KNOWN AS [redacted]
OF VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION

On September 23, 1969, Mr. James L. Dixon, President of the Dixon Real Estate Agency, 1144 18th Street, Northwest, advised that on September 22, 1969, at approximately 2 a.m. in the morning he received a call from the local telephone operator who told him that someone was trying to get Mrs. Dixon on the telephone and stated that it was an emergency. Due to the fact that his wife, Jeanne Dixon, has received considerable publicity from the publication of her book and from her predictions of future things to come, she has received many "crank calls" and Mr. Dixon has had to obtain an unlisted telephone.

He stated, however, that since the call was described as an emergency, he took the call but after finding out the nature of the call, he instructed the caller to call back around 10 a.m. in the morning. At approximately 10 a.m., Mr. Dixon received a call from this same individual who gave his name as [redacted] and stated he was also known as [redacted] b6 b7C

The following information is as Mr. Dixon provided it relative to the conversation that he had with [redacted] The letter O is being used to designate [redacted] conversation and the letter D is opposite Mr. Dixon's conversation: b6 b7C

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O: "In three days, this will be my official name.

D: "What do you mean - - official?

O: [redacted] is my official name now, but in three days it will be [redacted] Do you understand that? b6 b7C

D: "Yes, I understand that.

O: "Can I talk to Mrs. Dixon?

D: "She is out of the city. Are you on a button or something -- I can hardly hear you. Can you hear me?

O: "Yes. I am going to talk for about two minutes. When will Mrs. Dixon be back? Will you give her my message about this? I phoned Baltimore to see if I could get Ruth Montgomery's. Would Mrs. Dixon be able to give me her whereabouts in Detroit?

D: "Tell me what you want to talk to her about, and we will arrange for Mrs. Dixon to call you if she can.

O: "Now, about what I have here. As I said, I got information from Peter Burkos of Boston, who identified the Boston Strangler. Getting back to the Tate murder again.

D: "You told me last night that Peter Burkos told you who the murderers were.

O: "Yes, I was thinking about no progress by the police, and then I contacted Peter Burkos, on anything he found out about the Killer.

D: "And do you know about the killer?

O: "Burkos was in the house a day or two after the killings.

D: "Peter Burkos was at the house? Incidentally, while we are on the phone, what is your telephone number?

O: [redacted] I have already related that Sharon Tate was 8 months pregnant. Burkos mentioned that the fireplace in the house, then to the grand piano, then to the chair. There were four people killed -- Abigal Folger, Jay Sebring, the Polish man and Sharon Tate. The killers moved to the fireplace, then to the grand piano, then to the chair in the hallway. Burkos walked through another bedroom, and said 'There was evil here,' and I don't mean just the killings, but they had been engaged in a Black Arts ritual. The cord was tied to the neck of Sebring and Tate. It was a mumbo-jumbo ceremony they had been carrying on. The killers were well known to the victims. The killers had been waiting outside biding their time, waiting to strike. A man known to the Polish man was evicted from the premises . . . b6 b7C

D: "How old are you?

D: "You can say this: I will be [redacted] in three months. I have not finished with the narration yet.

D: "What is your interest in this case?

O: "I am trying to raise $10,000 to go to Italy on an archaeological search, looking into the old caves, etc., for different things.

D: "What is your interest in this murder?

D: "I am waiting, waiting, waiting for the police to do something about it.

D: "Why do you take an interest in it?

O: "You know, when . . . there was six weeks about gone and they have nothing yet. I waited quite a while.

D: "Where were you when the murders took place?

O: "I was in New Brunswick -- I have witnesses.

D: "What is your address, in case we want to send you a telegram or letter?

O: [redacted] b6 b7C

D: "What are you going to do with the money?

O: "It will be used when I discover the tomb in Italy.

D: "Why are you changing your name?

O: "I like [redacted] better than [redacted] [redacted] b6 b7C

D: "Are you married?

O: "No. . . . I have not found any trace of the killers yet. After Markos, the police brought in three dogs to find the killers. No one went through a rear guest house where the young man was . . . so they never got anywhere. There were symbols all over, and "Pigs" was painted on the door. The reasonable suspicion is that the killers were drug addicts. They placed the hood over Sebring's head to imprision the soul, because otherwise the sould can excape by the eyes, by the nose, by the ears, and by mouth.

"I am hunting the killers and I will continue to hunt them. You can rest assured that I will find them.

"The victims had different marks on them. Sharon Tate has one breast cut off. She wouldn't be able to ring . . . Then the black magic. . . . The murders

O: "knew that Sebring and Tate were sleeping together, and decided they must be murdered because they would pollute the earth.

"I believe it is beyond the realm of the police -- it is in the realm of ESP.

"There are three things to ask Mrs. Dixon:

1. Name of the killers,

2. Description of killers,

3. Location of killers.

"Contact me and I will relay this information and her name will be left out of it. I shall be eternally grateful, the government will be happy - the proper people.

D: "Who are the proper people?

O: "And they were told after it happened, but I got nowhere.

D: "Did you get it from Hurkos over the phone?

O: "It is all up to Mrs. Dixon now. What time will she call?

D: "Sometime in the morning. What time is it there now?

O: "7:00 a.m.

D: "It's 10:00 here."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: Liaison Section

FROM: SAC, WFO [redacted] (RUC)

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MURDER OF SHARON TATE, ET AL., IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted]
aka [redacted] of [redacted]
FPC

* 62-2469-1161 plus many other Nfs.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 6 copies of an LHM concerning information provided by Mr. JAMES L. DIXON, President of the Dixon Real Estate Company, 1144 18th Street, N. W., to SA WILLIAM A. URIE on 9/23/69.

Mr. DIXON is aware that the Bureau is not investigating instant case, but stated that he felt his information may possibly be of some value to the police, inasmuch as it appears that there are no suspects in the case at the present time and since the caller, although seemingly a "crank", appeared to know quite a few details concerning the case.

The Bureau Liaison Section is requested to consider providing the enclosed LHM to the appropriate sources in Canada.

Copies of the LHM are also being provided to the Los Angeles and Boston Offices for information.

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Date September 24, 1969

RE:
GIUGLIO BERTOLOSI
ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

Remarks:

Attached are two copies of self-explanatory communication from captioned individual. Have the substance of his letter made available to the local law enforcement authorities.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6817) DATE: 10/2/69

FROM : SA JOHN F. MORRISON

SUBJECT:
UNSUB (S);
SHARON TATE,
ET AL
MURDER

At about 3:45 p.m., 10/1/69, a female who reluctantly identified herself by the last name of [redacted] with telephone number [redacted] telephonically furnished the following information: b6 b7C b7D

She resides in West Hollywood and has a lady friend whom she identified as about [redacted] years of age and one who associates with the Hollywood element. She advised that this lady was at her residence recently. She apparently had previously been drinking at a local West Hollywood bar, one that is frequented by members of the Hollywood element. The people who frequent this location take drugs and pills. While at her residence, this lady talked to someone on the telephone and said words to the effect that SHARON TATE was killed because she owed someone $50,000 for heroin. The murder was a revenge murder as she had not paid the $50,000 for the heroin. b6 b7C b7D

After this lady friend got off the telephone she said that the caretaker was not killed because he was stoned (under the influence of drugs) and was sleeping in the closet in his quarters. The lady friend also said, "I just know three people were involved.". She reiterated the statements she made over the telephone.

[redacted] said she has known her lady friend for some time and at the time she made the above comments she was under the influence of alcoholic beverages. [redacted] felt there was enough truth to what she said so that it should be reported. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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said she did not want to get involved; however, her conscience bothered her and she felt obliged to furnish the above information to the FBI. It was explained to her that the Los Angeles Police Department had the primary investigative jurisdiction regarding captioned murder and information regarding the murder should be furnished to that agency. [redacted] said she only wanted to talk to the FBI but agreed to speak with investigating officers of the Los Angeles Police Department if her name would be kept in strict confidence. She said she could be contacted at the above listed telephone number and she would be willing to furnish the above information. b6 b7C b7D

It is recommended that information concerning this matter be disseminated to the Los Angeles Police Department so subsequent telephonic contact can be made to determine if the above information is of value regarding captioned murder.

Telephone # [redacted] is subscribed to by [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

TRANSLATION FROM GERMAN

The airmail envelope is addressed to the FBI, New York.

It is postmarked Zurich, Switzerland, September 13, 1969.

The signer is Giuglio (sic) Bertolosi

[redacted] b6 b7C

Zurich [redacted]
Switzerland

Effretikon, September 10, 1969

To the FBI
New York

To the motion picture company, London

(No salutation)

In the independent daily advertiser "Blick," published in Switzerland, I read the following advertisement which appeared in the Saturday, September 6, 1969 issue:

"Stars Look for Tate Murderer
London, Reward Set for Arrest of Sharon Tate's Murderers and Others
Secrecy is Essential.

Please send me your precise address and I will write you to let you know how you should go about it.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Giuglio Bertolosi

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Orally 10/3/69 (date) By Telephone _____ (date) Written Communication _____ (date)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6817) DATE: 10/7/69

FROM : SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; SHARON TATE, ETAL
MURDER

At 2:40 P.M., 10/7/69, Deputy Chief ROGER MURDOCK, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), contacted the writer telephonically and advised that in connection with the LAPD's investigation of the TATE murder case, they had developed a source [redacted] This source's name is [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Chief MURDOCK advised that [redacted] is acquainted with [redacted] and that [redacted] feels that [redacted] has a lot of valuable information concerning [redacted] had expressed the desire to Chief MURDOCK that FBI personnel sit in on an interview of [redacted] so that much valuable information concerning this aspect, that is, [redacted] could be ascertained. Chief MURDOCK advised that he was contacting the FBI at the specific request of [redacted] and that he would be most appreciative if a representative of this office could sit in at a meeting with [redacted] at [redacted] The Chief clearly stated that this would in no way commit the FBI to involvement in the TATE murder case but was solely for the purpose of learning from [redacted] any information that might be of benefit to the FBI in connection with matters under the FBI's current jurisdiction, such as [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Chief MURDOCK was advised that the writer would recontact him as to whether or not a representative of this office would be present at the [redacted] meeting on [redacted]

Recommendation:

A representative of this office familiar with [redacted] abroad and who would not undertake any action to commit the FBI should attend. b7D

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6817) DATE: 10/13/69

FROM : SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR.

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
SHARON POLANSKI, aka
Sharon Tate - VICTIM;
VOIJECHET FRYKOWSKI - VICTIM;
JAY SEBRING - VICTIM;
ABIGAIL FOLGER - VICTIM;
STEVEN PARENT - VICTIM;
MURDER

Re memo of Supervisor WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN to SAC dated 10/7/69, in captioned matter.

In conformance with recommended action set forth in referenced memo Supervisor NOLAN and SA LA JEUNESSE met with Deputy Chief ROGER MURDOCK of the Los Angeles Police Department in his office on [redacted] Present at that meeting, in addition to Chief MURDOCK, were the following individuals:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 10/9/69

FROM: LEGAT, MEXICO CITY [redacted] P

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RE: UNSUB; SHARON TATE - VICTIM
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On October 8, 1969, [redacted]

[redacted] advised [redacted]

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It is recommended that Bureau authority be granted for the Los Angeles Office to discuss this matter with the Los Angeles Police. It is suggested that such a discussion be on an informal level and that the police be advised that this is merely relaying a request and we are not pressing for any specific details which might prejudice their investigation.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 10/15/69

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (80-1497)

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SUBJECT: MURDER OF SHARON TATE; ET AL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
POLICE COOPERATION

On 10/11/69, [redacted] telephonically advised NYO that he was a high school student staying at the Hotel Commodore, NYC on a senior trip. While at the hotel, he was approached by an individual who identified himself as [redacted] approximately [redacted] years of age, [redacted] pounds, [redacted] blue eyes, blond curly hair, occupation salesman employed [redacted]. This individual requested money since he was broke and had no place to stay. [redacted] gave [redacted] fifty cents, but [redacted] kept after him telling him about the murder of SHARON TATE in Hollywood. [redacted] alleged that the murder had been committed by a "green beret" and that another murder similar to that of TATE had been committed a few days later by the same individual. b6 b7C

[redacted] being frightened, eluded [redacted] and called the NYO.

Indices, NYO, negative re [redacted] Reliability of [redacted] not known; however, it would appear as a high school student and tourist, he would be susceptible to a panhandler.

Above being furnished for information of Los Angeles.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: 10-16-69

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: UNSUB; SHARON TATE - Victim
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION
BUDED 10-24-69
OO: BUREAU

The enclosed request for assistance from a foreign agency must be complied with promptly, and the Bureau advised of all action taken.

Instructions for handling this inquiry are found in Section 103 of the Manual of Instructions. Refer to and follow them carefully.

Submit the results of your inquiry in a letterhead memorandum, observing the following points in its preparation:

1. Sources and techniques must be fully protected.

2. The names of Special Agents are to be omitted. They must be deleted also from any signed statements submitted.

3. Provide a protective security classification, if warranted, but omit a group classification.

4. Omit the property statement, unless special reasons exist for its inclusion. Explain any such reasons in the cover communication.

5. Secure authority to disseminate to the interested foreign government any information which was obtained from other agencies. Your cover communication must state this was done.

The established reputation of the Bureau within foreign agencies is a valuable asset. The manner in which this type of case is handled will largely determine the cooperation which we receive in turn from them. It is imperative, therefore, that these investigations and the reporting thereof meet the highest standards of the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6817) DATE: 10/17/69

FROM : SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR.

SUBJECT: SHARON POLANSKI, aka
Sharon Tate - VICTIM;
ET AL
MURDER

Captioned matter is currently under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department and involves the murdered SHARON POLANSKI, nee TATE and four others in August of 1969.

On 10/16/69, [redacted] telephonically contacted the writer to furnish the following information on a confidential basis: b6 b7C b7D

An individual by the name of [redacted] who resides at [redacted] is an individual who [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted] requested that the foregoing information not be disseminated outside of the Bureau; that he not be identified as the source of this information.

A review of the Los Angeles Office's indices reflect the following references to one [redacted]

[redacted] b6 b7C b7D

It is not known whether the above listed indices references are identical to the [redacted] about whom [redacted] furnished information.

This is being made the subject of a memorandum in the event it is of possible future significance.

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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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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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Memorandum

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6817) DATE: 10/22/69

FROM: SUPERVISOR WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
SHARON TATE, ETAL
MURDER

On 10/22/69 [redacted] telephone [redacted] accompanied by [redacted] appeared at the Los Angeles Office and was interviewed by the writer. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

This memorandum is being submitted to record the visit of [redacted] to this office. b6 b7C b7D

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
October 23, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SHARON TATE - VICTIM

On the morning of August 9, 1969, a brutal mass murder was discovered at 10050 Cielo Drive, Los Angeles, California. The murder victims were described as follows:

Sharon Tate, a motion picture actress, who was 26 years of age. She was married to Roman Polanski, a motion picture director, who was in London, England at the time of the murders. She was approximately eight months pregnant at the time of her death.

Jay Sebring, a men's hairdresser, who was 35 years of age, and who was once engaged to Sharon Tate.

Voityct Frokowsky, a one time assistant of Polanski in film work, who was 37 years of age.

Abigail Folger, heiress to the Folger coffee fortune, who was 26 years of age.

Steven Parent, a friend of the caretaker of the residence, who was 18 years of age.

Investigation by Officers of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) revealed that the above victims were beaten, stabbed, and shot to death. The telephone lines leading to the house were cut and scrawled in blood on the front door of the house was the word "PIG". Narcotics were also discovered in Sebring's car and on the premises.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
SHARON TATE - VICTIM

Officials of the LAPD have advised that hundreds of individuals have been interviewed in connection with this extremely complicated case. Officials have also indicated that although the investigation has focused largely on the narcotics aspect of the case, no prime suspect or suspects for the crime have been developed, and further, officials are unable to speculate on the nationality of the murderer or murderers.

It is noted that a $25,000 reward has been offered by friends of Sharon Tate for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer or killers. Such information should be sent to Post Office Box 60048, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, California, 90060.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/23/69

ATTN: LIAISON SECTION

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6817) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
SHARON TATE - VICTIM
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Buded 10/24/69
OO: Bureau

Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 10/16/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) which was prepared by SA L. STANLEY HARBESON.

This LHM contains only facts obtained from public sources.

It is to be noted that this crime has received, and continues to receive, maximum publicity in the Los Angeles area. From the inception of this case, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officials placed a "secrecy lid" on their investigation and they have only furnished the press media with the very minimum of information. For example, no details have been furnished to the press regarding the mutilation of the victims nor have the results of toxocological tests of the victims been made public.

Although the Los Angeles Office has been in contact with the LAPD in connection with this case in a liaison capacity, and in one instance the [redacted] covered a lead for the LAPD with Bureau approval, the minute details of this case have never been solicited or discussed with the Los Angeles Police Department. The LAPD strongly feels that their refusal to make public the small details of the crime will increase the possibility of an early solution. In the past,

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the LAPD has requested the Los Angeles Office not to disseminate outside of the Bureau certain facts of the crime and facets of investigation conducted by them. Should this office now obtain these facts, and then the Bureau furnish them to [redacted] and should the information become public, the FBI would be in an embarrassing position. It is therefore recommended it be suggested to [redacted] he communicate directly with LAPD for details he desires. b7D

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Tate Clue Recalls Leopold-Loeb Case Solved by Glasses

It was a pair of horn-rimmed glasses of "peculiar construction" that led Chicago authorities to Nathan Leopold, then 19, and Richard Loeb, then 18, slayers of 14-year-old Bobby Franks on May 21, 1924.

This similarity to the Sharon Tate murder case here was recalled as police revealed they found a pair of horn-rimmed eyeglasses inside the mansion where Miss Tate and four others were brutally slain.

Police said the glases found at the Tate home "probably fell off during a struggle" and were for a near-sighted person whose left ear was higher than his right.

In the Leopold-Loeb case, thrill-killers had bludgeoned the boy to death with a taped chisel, stuffed acid-soaked rags in his mouth and dumped his body in a drainage ditch.

The tell-tale glasses were dropped at the scene when Loeb picked up Leopold's coat, bottom-up, and lost them from the breast pocket.

Authorities had been baffled by the seemingly "perfect crime" of Franks' murder. All the clues, with the single exception of the spectacles found near the body, had been exhausted.

By tracing thousands of prescriptions for spectacles, the state's attorney's force finaly eliminated all but four which called for spectacles the same as those found alongside the body.

Of the quartet, officers seized upon Leopold who nearly convinced authorities he had lost them on a bird-study trip.

The "perfect alibi" was broken when Sven Englund, the Leopold chauffeur, asserted the red Willys Knight auto which the boys said they were riding, had not been out of the Leopold garage the night of the murder.

Each was sentenced to life plus 99 years in prison after a defense by attorney Clarence Darrow. Loeb died in a men's room razor fight in prison in 1936.

Leopold today is a free man, married, serving as a medical missionary in Puerto Rico. He was paroled in 1958.

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POLICE COOPERATION

On 10/23/69, [redacted] Optometrist, [redacted] advised today he heard on the radio that a pair of glasses had been found in connection with the SHARON TATE murder case. The radio report advised all optometrists to be on the alert for any unusual requests to fill a prescription for glasses. b6 b7C b7D

Coincidentally, [redacted] received a letter today from JOHN L. HEALY, c/o [redacted] thanking [redacted] for his letter reminding HEALY to get his eyes examined and requesting [redacted] to send him glasses. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said he never sent HEALY a letter. Furthermore, the only HEALY he has on file lived at [redacted] as of 1960. [redacted] does not know if this person and the HEALY in San Francisco are one and the same. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] desired that this information be made available to proper police authorities. He requested, however, that his name be kept confidential. b6 b7C b7D

Los Angeles requested to disseminate this to proper police authority investigating the SHARON TATE murder.

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Copies sent San Francisco in view of HEALY's residence in San Francisco.

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Five Tate Victims Lives in Seclusion

BY TOM NEWTON
Times Staff Writer

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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'Missing' Tate Maid Is Found

Reports the maid who discovered bodies of actress Sharon Tate and four other mass murder victims, is missing have proven wrong and she is alive and well somewhere in Southern California according to police.

Because the maid, 55-year-old Winifred Chapman, had not been seen since Oct. 10 fears had been expressed she might be missing. Mamie White, manager of the 1163 E. 46th St. apartment house where the maid lived said Mrs. Chapman's clothes and personal belongings are still in her apartment.

Mrs. Chapman had been reported "nervous and upset" since Aug.. 9 when she discovered the five bodies at Miss Tate's secluded estate in Benedict Canyon.

Police said Mrs. Chapman has been located but declined to say where or how. They said the maid only wanted to be left alone and did not want any more publicity about her part in discovering the bodies.

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In Hollywood, the dead keep right on dying

by Barry Farrell

"You wouldn't believe how weird these people were," the detective said, not for the first time. We were talking about the most dreadful murder in Los Angeles memory, but the detective's fascination for the lives the victims had led kept intruding on his interest in the case. Our lunch grew cold as we talked, staring out the windows of the police cafeteria.

The murder was still etched across every conversation three months after the event, with the killers still at large to make nightmares for the city. Yet the police seemed to take a strangely philosophic tone, as though the feeling that the victims were not like the people next door had put a few nicks in their keen edge of indignation. The detective, in fact, could almost find a parable for law and order in the killings: "If you live like that, what do you expect?" Sharon Tate, Jay Sebring, Abigail Folger, Voityck Frokowski—these were not *people*, these were *weird people*.

They were weird because they used drugs and "messed around with sex," weird in all the fashionable ways, weird as in the new movies. Their circle may have been friendly enough to protect them in their lifetimes, but now, in their posthumous notoriety, rumor had revealed them to all as connoisseurs of depravity, figures torn from a life that was pure De Sade, with Videotape machines in the bedrooms.

In respect for the dead, and for Roman Polanski, Sharon's husband, it should be said that the truth is disappointing—that their wild dope parties usually ran to endless evenings spent boring each other into such a reach of mindlessness that it would finally seem a brilliant idea to watch the test pattern on color TV. By the standards of modern Hollywood, they were only a step or two faster than the horde, predictably loose, predictably stoned, too afflicted with money and success to be dedicated degenerates, let alone retrospective heroes in the suicidal-romantic tradition.

But the truth in such affairs is only so many entries in a detective's notebook. What counts is the folklore, the expanded, popular version that everyone believes. The victims could have been any kind of moral vagabonds, but in fractured, menaced Hollywood, people can think of any number of good reasons for killing whatever they were.

Everyone sees the murders in his own light. Every story casts an interchangeable demon into the same blank scenario. Speed freaks or fags or Mafia contract men or black terrorists or witchcraft nuts or vigilante rednecks enter the house, do the job, slip away. The same abject details are cited again and again, always proving something different, until one collects an impression of the victims murdered again and again by relays of fresh marauders.

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The most persistent theory describes the crime as an act of revenge for a sexual humiliation, a homosexual misunderstanding driven to the extreme erotic conclusion. Since all rumors have the same validity as projections of one's own fears or hates, there is no good reason to believe this account over any other. Yet something about it appeals to the popular imagination, and it still holds sway, even now that the coroner has revealed that the bodies showed no signs of torture or sexual mutilation, as was widely reported at first.

The rumors read like a graph of community paranoia. Every story promotes the murders into assassinations, crimes of logical consequence in which some vision of the victims' way of living makes them accomplices in their own deaths. It is as if no one is satisfied with the crime until it can be perceived as a political act—the murder of a life style.

One soon learns to recognize an entire social attitude from speculations on the murders. Those with positive knowledge that the blacks did it are those who feel most threatened by the blacks. Those who identify most closely with the victims' way of life tend to see the hand of fascist America, snuffing out its young. Each new rumor works within its own vortex of fear, swirling around in uncollected fragments until it finally winds up proving, one way or another, that the jig is up for us all.



SHARON TATE

The sense of the apocalypse has always flourished in Hollywood, but these killings and their reverberations have made it more palpable than ever. So many anxieties have emerged from so many different directions that one feels the chill of alien cliques shutting in upon themselves. Nightfall on that random, smoking landscape can bring on a vivid impression of guarded bonfires burning against the hostile dark. The price of an attack dog has reached $1,500; in the chit-chat columns, celebrities brag about their bodyguards.

Absorbing all this talk stills the visitor's emotions, creating an all-horrors composure that leaves him standing there politely with a drink in his hand, talking to bodies blessed with the gift of speech, while death rattles and agonies float through the ears unwinged.

The police are still on the case, of course. Their task force of 19 detectives is the biggest one assembled since Bobby Kennedy was shot. Occasionally, there will be some new word from headquarters, such as the recent announcement that a careful analysis of a pair of eyeglasses found at the scene suggests that one of the killers had a volley-ball-shaped head. But the folklore has so outstripped the few little items the police have been able to add that one is left only to hope that the story will somehow find a merciful conclusion on its own.

That frail hope perhaps explains why I couldn't help but detect monstrous notes of reassurance here and there—as one night at the Factory, last year's discothèque, when I saw that the face hanging in the smoke across the table was moving its lips my way. I cupped my hand against the music and leaned close to hear. "Let's hope Roman has enough sense to sell the rights to somebody good," the face was shouting. I searched the face for some sign that it was joking. But no. The face was serious, sincere.

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Detective Sergeant ROBERT HAWKINS, LAPD, Central Hqtrs.

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Det. HAWKINS recalled that leeeter had been received by his Department containing the same information. He did not know if the letter was sent by ARDEL GIST.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6817) DATE: 12/2/69

FROM : SA STANLEY W. MILLER

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
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POLICE COOPERATION

Supervisor JIM SCHAEFFER, New Orleans Office, telephonically advised he received a telephone call today from ARDEL GIST, [redacted] telephone [redacted] who claimed to be a cousin of SA TROY GIST of New Orleans. b6 b7C

ARDEL GIST told a story of being in a hospital (name not given) and overhearing several doctors talking about the SHARON TATE murder case. One of the doctors, a JOSEPH GUSTOF (phonetic), supposedly stated that someone else was going to be killed and he would benefit by it. ARDEL GIST wanted to tell her cousin about this.

SA GIST in on annual leave in Springfield, Missouri, although ARDEL was not told this. SA GIST was contacted and he advised that ARDEL is the wife of his first cousin, NOLAN, who he has not seen in 15 years. He has met ARDEL only once and does not communicate with her or his cousin in any way.

It is suggested that ARDEL be contacted today regarding the TATE murder to determine the validity of her story.

It is noted that SA GIST has no intentions of contacting ARDEL and if she insists on talking to him, he can be reached at (417) 866-2607 for the next two days and after that through the New Orleans Office. SA GIST stated that ARDEL should not be treated in any other manner than an ordinary person furnishing information.

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SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN TATE CASE

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First Real Break in Slayings

Los Angeles police today called a press conference for later this afternoon, reportedly to announce the arrest of the first suspects in the Aug. 9 slayings of actress Sharon Tate and four other persons.

It was learned by the Herald-Examiner that Los Angeles police detectives plan to announce the first "real break" in the case since the five bodies were found at Miss Tate's secluded home in Benedict Canyon.

A reliable source said that at least one of the suspects was being held outside of California.

Murdered along with Miss Tate were Jay Sebring, 35, the actress' former fiance and an internationally known men's hair stylist; Polish movie cameraman Voyteck Frokowski, 32; San Francisco Bay Area coffee heiress Abigail Folger, 26, and Stephen Parent, an 18-year-old El Monte youth who was visiting the caretaker.

All but Parent were stabbed. He was shot.

Police have questioned more than 400 persons in connection with the case, but the persons now in custody are the first "real suspects" definitely tied to the slayings, it was reported.

It also has been learned that police expect to make additional arrests.

The investigation to date has led detectives to trace the activities of persons as far away as the Bahamas.

Police have suspected almost from the start of their probe that the gruesome slayings in Benedict Canyon here were connected with persons involved in narcotics peddling.

Friends of Frokowski have said that he was in the midst of a prolonged "mescaline" trip when the killings took place. Other persons who visited the 10051 Cielo Drive house said that Sebring also was "very high on something" when they

saw him several hours before the fatal attack.

A small portion of marijuana and another drug called DMA was found in Sebring's sports car parked at the murder scene. DMA is a hallucinogen similar to LSD.

Steven Brandt, Hollywood gossip columnist who commited suicide in New York last Friday, said that he thought Sebring and Frokowski were both using a drug that he described as "stardust."

Miss Tate's husband, movie director Roman Polanski, told a press conference a week after the death that he knew all of the victims but his wife were frequent users of marijuana.

Investigators working the case have said that the sultry actress and her friends travelled in a crowd that was an odd combination of "sophisticated swingers and weirdos."

It is not known whether the pair of glasses found at the murder scene have been tied to any of the suspects. Police announced several weeks ago that they hoped to track down one of the suspects by tracing the special prescription lenses.

The macabre manner in which the bodies were placed has led to speculation that some sort of "ritual" may have preceded the murders.

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Father Recalls Odd Behavior of Girl Suspect in Tate Crime

BY DAVID LARSEN
Times Staff Writer

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.

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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 counts of murder.

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Chief Tells How Murder Case Was Unraveled

BY DIAL TORGERSON
Times Staff Writer

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.

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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 information on the Tate murder.

Police and district attorney'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 mayor said. He told newsmen:

"The city government 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 Department would solve the crime.



COMMENTS ON TATE CASE—Police Chief Edward M. Davis recognizes a questioner during the chief's crowded news conference. wr photo

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WILD CULT BLAMED IN TATE SLAYINGS

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Nine Held in Case; Band Also Linked to La Bianca Murders

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.

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.

Details Recounted

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.

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 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 (Voityck) 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" was scrawled in blood on one wall of his home.

"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 takeover 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.

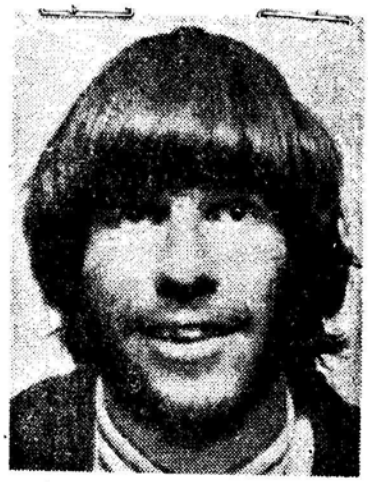
Davis credited "tenacious investigation carried on by robbery-homicide detectives" with forcing the break in the case.

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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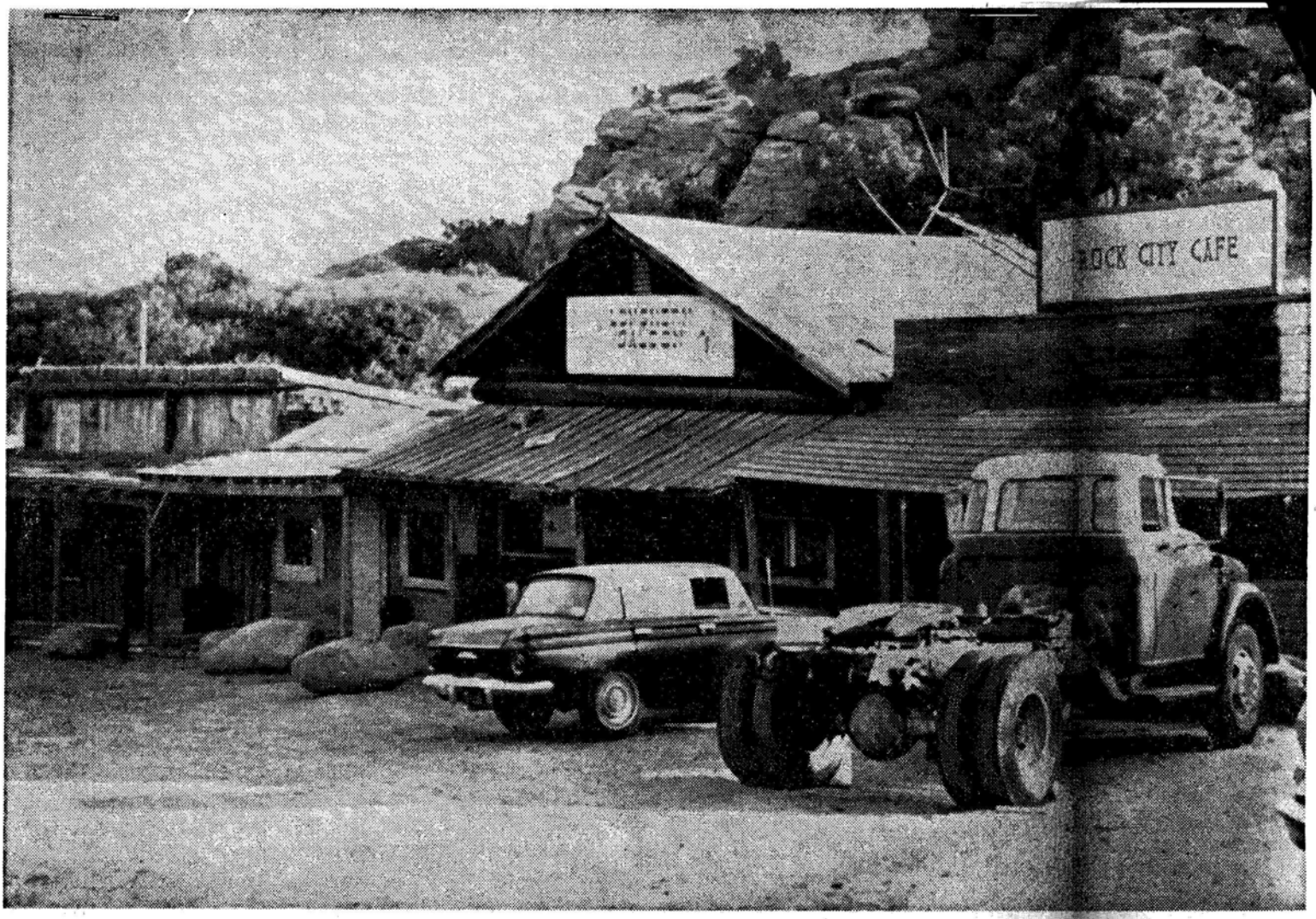

WHERE MURDER SUSPECTS LIVED—According to police the Spahn movie ranch was where three suspects in the murders of Sharon Tate and four others lived at the time of the crimes. It is near suburban Chatsworth. The group later moved to a canyon near Death Valley. (AP) photo

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Crippled Hippy Bus in Desert Led to Arrests

BY CHARLES POWERS
Times Staff Writer

INDEPENDENCE, Calif. — The trip began in a bus. It ended in a bus. On the way eight people—and possibly 11—were murdered.

In the Death Valley sands 125 miles southeast of here, a green-and-white former school bus marks where the nomadic hippie clan led by Charles Manson finally ended its journey.

From there, 26 members of the Manson "family" were brought under arrest to Independence, a small town in the shadow of the Sierra Nevada.

Sheriff's officers here thought the hippie band was guilty of car theft. And, noting that even the women among them wore sheath knives, possibly worse, they put out the names of the 26 on intercity teletypes.

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When detectives from Los Angeles arrived to question members of the family, and took nine of them away, local officers found out why they were wanted.

The officers heard the name "Tate." They saw the Penal Code section for which they were wanted: 187. Murder.

Manson, 34, who has a five-page criminal record, including assault with a deadly weapon, theft, arson and car theft, is in the Inyo County jail here. No charges have been filed against him in the Tate case.

But authorities say he was the ringleader of the band of wanderers whose members included at least a half-dozen who specialized in the senseless murder of people they hated because they were wealthy. Investigators said followers sometimes spoke of him as "Jesus."

In a dimly lit Independence motel

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room, where paint peeled off the ceiling over the bed where an infant sucked a pacifier, two of the young women who deserted comfortable, middle-class homes to follow Manson described him Monday night:

"He was magnetic," said Sandra Good Pugh, 26, "His motions were like magic, it seemed like. The first time I saw him he was petting a cat. I don't know why that struck me, but he seemed so kind."

"He gave off a lot of magic," said Lynn Fromme, 21. "Everyone was always so happy around him. But he was a sort of changeling. He seemed to change every time I saw him. He seemed ageless . . ."

Manson is a short man, with brown hair and eyes, who is a musician, the women said.

"The first time I heard him sing," said Mrs. Pugh, "it was like an angel. He wrote songs. Made them up as he went along. Some were beautiful, happy songs. Others would be sad and moving."

The Manson family started from the Haight-Ashbury district in San Francisco on April 12, 1968, in an old school bus converted into living quarters for 14 young men and women.

Mrs. Pugh and Miss Fromme weren't with him, then. The family's membership shifted slightly almost daily, as some left, others joined. On the way south from San Francisco the newest member arrived: a baby born in the bus "somewhere along the line."

In a weedpatch south of Oxnard, Ventura County sheriff's officers found the bus stalled in a ditch, with the passengers, several of them nude, sprawled nearby. The bus was listed on sheriff's records as stolen, so they arrested Manson.

The young mother was charged with endangering the life of a child, the others with disorderly conduct. Among the passengers were Patricia Krenwinkel, Susan Denise Atkins, also known as Sadie Glutz, and Diana Bluestien.

But it turned out that the bus had been recovered and resold, and Manson was cleared. The young mother, Mary Bruner, 23, was given two years' probation—and her baby was returned to her. Everyone else was released after one-day jail sentences and an admonition to keep on moving out of Ventura County.

At the time, they were financing their trip on a credit card brought with her by Miss Krenwinkel when she defected from the middle class one day in September, 1967. She had apparently met Manson and had left town with him immediately.

It was at Chatsworth, where the hippies had established a commune last August, that Mrs. Pugh and Miss Fromme joined the family at an abandoned movie ranch. There, police say, they converted stolen Volkswagens into dune buggies.

"It was all very peaceful at the ranch," said Mrs. Pugh, who was pregnant when she arrived. "Everyone in San Francisco—where I'd been—had been having abortions. At the ranch they loved children.

"I had a shack of my own. We took care of each other. We sunbathed, cooked, and kept the place clean."

After the arrests, those who weren't charged returned to the Chatsworth ranch. Mrs. Pugh's child, Ivan, was born 2½ months ago in a Canoga Park hospital.

Then Manson moved again. It was a different bus, but a similar exodus; everyone climbed aboard. They moved quickly.

This time it was to Death Valley.

Investigators said the men again opened a Volkswagen theft ring. It was for this—and chasing miners off with knives—that National Park Service rangers, California highway patrolmen and sheriff's officers arrested the 26 members of the family.

The two young women said that they noticed the men leaving on "four-day hikes on the desert." But, they said, they knew of no car thievery or murder. The women sunbathed nude, awaiting the men's return.

After the mass arrest, they were taken into custody by Los Angeles detectives, questioned and released. Mrs. Pugh was charged by authorities here with possession of a stolen pistol, and the girls are waiting at Independence for her court date there Dec. 15. Mrs. Pugh collects welfare. Her baby is with her.

The two women say they will stay in Independence awhile. The bus is idled now. Miss Fromme said:

"So many places. We've been so many places . . ."

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At 9:05 AM, this date, SA JOHN DOYLE, Boston Office, telephonically advised as follows:

Based on news releases out of Los Angeles, one LINDA KASABIAN is being sought by Los Angeles Police Department in connection with captioned murder. A source of the Boston Office has advised that one LINDA KASABIAN, born 6/24/49 in Maine, husband ROBERT F. KASABIAN, is currently drawing welfare in Milford, New Hampshire. Welfare files disclose LINDA told the welfare people that she last saw her husband 7/16/69 in Los Angeles at which time he told her he was going to South America or Mexico.

DOYLE requested this information be disseminated to Los Angeles Police Department and that the Boston Office be telephonically contacted if this is the LINDA KASABIAN Los Angeles Police Department is looking for.

Detective Sergeant MICHAEL MC GANN, Los Angeles Police Department, advised SA JOHN F. MORRISON that the LINDA KASABIAN they had been looking for had been arrested this morning in New Hampshire. He did not have at his disposal a description of her.

The Boston Office was immediately furnished this information telephonically.

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Slayings of Two Cultists May Be Linked to Third

Police Charge Leaders of Scientology Church Try to Block Investigation

BY JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writer

The slayings of two young Scientologists may be linked to a third murder, but leaders of the religious cult have blocked detectives' efforts to establish a connection, police said Tuesday.

Det. Lt. Earl A. Deemer said close parallels exist between the Friday night killings of James Sharp, 15, and Doreen Gaul, 19, and the murder of a young woman found stabbed to death Nov. 16.

The latter still is unidentified, but Deemer said he would like to find out whether the earlier victim, too, was a member of the Church of Scientology. Church leaders originally had cooperated in the investigation into the deaths of Sharp and Miss Gaul.

But Deemer said when he asked to see church membership lists, in an attempt to establish the identity of the Nov. 16 victim, the cult leaders balked.

Deemer said he would seek a court order requiring that membership rolls be made available to investigators.

However, in a statement issued several hours later, a Scientologist spokesman said:

"Within a matter of hours after we were asked for a list of membership, the police had the first part of that list in their possession and the rest had been promised within 12 hours. We will continue to cooperate to the fullest of our capabilities."

Deemer said he also would like to question L. Ron Hubbard, founder of the mystical, quasi-scientific organization, about its membership.

All Slain Elsewhere

However, he said he had learned that Hubbard is cruising in his yacht off England and may be reluctant to return to this country because of income tax difficulties.

Deemer said he had been struck by these parallels between the Friday night murders and that of the still unidentified young woman whose body was found on the south side of Mulholland Drive between Laurel and Coldwater canyons:

—All three victims had been stabbed repeatedly, and their wounds appeared to be the work of a "fanatic."

—None of the three was slain where the bodies were found.

—The "Jane Doe" of the previous killing wore hippie-like attire which resembled that in which Miss Gaul had been seen and which is favored by many young females in the organization.

—Both Miss Gaul and "Jane Doe" had recently arrived here. The former had been here about six months. Absence of traces of smog in the unidentified victim's lungs established that she was a recent arrival, the coroner's office said.

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The unidentified woman, tall and slender, was clad in a blue jacket, blue denims and riding boots, all well worn. Her throat had been cut and she had been stabbed numerous times in the upper torso. She had not been sexually molested.

Miss Gaul, nude except for a string of Indian beads when her body was found near Sharp's in an alley between Arapahoe St. and Magnolia Ave., south of 11th St., had been raped, an autopsy established Tuesday.

The autopsy also showed that both she and the youth had been stabbed between 50 and 60 times, and, in her case, 17 of the wounds had been inflicted directly over the heart. Both their right eyes had been cut out.

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TATE SUSPECT 'JUST BOY IN TROUBLE'

McKINNEY, Tex. (AP) — Charles D. Watson, 24, charged in a murder warrant in the sensational slayings of five persons in the Los Angeles, Calif., area, was just a boy in trouble Monday to his lawyer.

Bill Boyd, former district attorney here, said, "When I walked in on the case, I thought maybe he had too many traffic tickets."

Boyd said he would talk to the youth's parents—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Watson of nearby Copeville—Tuesday and then decide whether or not to fight extradition.

The Watsons, highly respected members of the community according to Boyd, run a grocery store in the little town of 150 people and eight businesses.

Sheriff Tom Montgomery of Collin County, who arrested young Watson by telephone, is a cousin of the accused man.

Sgt. Michael Nielsen and Sgt. Phillip Sartuchi of Los Angeles arrived at the Collin County Jail here just a step ahead of newsmen and photographers.

Boyd said he would wait until he talks further with the parents before he would decide whether to allow interviews and pictures of the accused. He added that he had talked to the accused man "only briefly."

Obviouslyu nnerved by the accusations against his son, the elder Watson said, "I don't think he done it."

The grocer said his son had been "going to school in California" for years and had only been home once in that time—to attend the funeral of a friend. He said he couldn't remember the name of the school his son attended. "I though it was somewhere in the mountains," he added.

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HIPPIE 'FAMILY' LEADER RECALLED AS 'HYPNOTIC'

Soul singer Charles Manson, 34, leader of a nomadic hippie "family" linked to the Sharon Tate and Leno LaBianca murder inquiries, was recalled here as a self-styled "redeemer" with almost hypnotic powers over women.

Religious overtones of the group, however, were mixed with elements of sex, sadism and dope, according to some who knew him at the Spahn Movie Ranch on Santa Susana Pass Road, near Chatsworth.

Manson is now held in Inyo County Jail near Death Valley. Three of his "family," Charles D. Watson, Patricia Kernwinkel, and Linda Kasabian, have been charged in district attorney's complaints with participating in the murders of Miss Tate and four of her friends.

"Charlie was the kind of guy you couldn't forget. He had this idea that he was superior to everybody and you had to do everything his way. He really ruled the roost over what he called The Family," said Mike Armstrong, 24, foreman at the ranch.

Armstrong described "Charlie's family" as a group of hippie types that camped at Spahn's in numbers up to 60 for a period of almost a year prior to leaving in mid-August.

"Most of them, Charlie included, bugged out for the desert," said Armstrong, "just before the police raided this place Aug. 16."

The slaying of five persons at Miss Tate's estate occurred Aug. 9. Wealthy market chain owner Leno LaBianca and his wife were killed Aug. 10.

Armstrong said that within a few days after these killings, Manson ordered the communal group to move from the Spahn Ranch, a location that is frequently used as a setting for western films.

"They pulled up a semi truck-trailer and filled it with dune buggies and motorcycles they had acquired. They even dug up their marijuana plants to take with them," the foreman said.

The pullout was not quick enough for all of "The Family" to escape the Aug. 16 raid by Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies. Thirty-three were taken into custody on charges ranging from prostitution to drug use.

George Spahn, the 80-year-old blind cowboy who has owned the ranch for 21 years, remembered that "Charlie and his friends came to spend the night during a rainstorm and never seemed to leave."

Spahn said footing the food bill for the group got to be quite a burden as it grew in numbers. But when it came to money, Charlie could be generous, he said.

"Charlie came in and gave me $5000 several months before he took off. He said it was for my use. But he came in from time to time and got some of it back," Spahn said.

The elderly ranch operator said that Manson took a $2000 "chunk" back so that he could help a nearby religious cult called The Fountain of the World.

The Fountain is located a few miles from the ranch at a tranquil site in Box Canyon, Cardi-

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nal Nikona, the woman who heads the sect, refused to talk to reporters, but members remembered both Watson and his money gift.

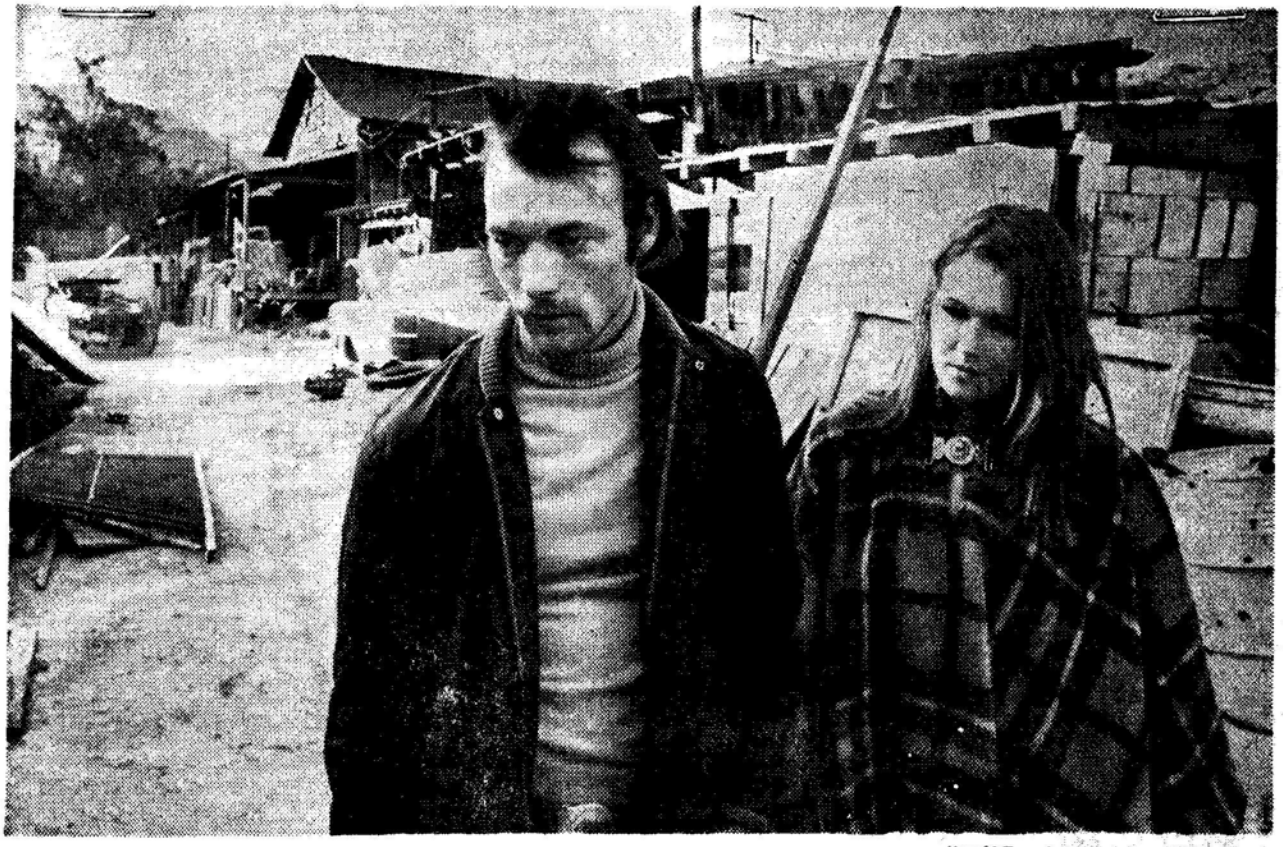
"Unfortunately, Charlie and some of his female followers tried to take over our operation here. Finally, we had to get police help to kick them out," said 17-year-old Glea Todd, daughter of the cult's cook.

Where did Maneon get such a large amount of money? Some of the ranch hands thought he might have come by it through theft but Spahn said he knows differently.

"There was a girl from a wealthy family up here who just gave it to him and he handed it over to me," he said.

Why did Spahn and the others allow Manson's group to move in and stay even after repeated visits in mid-1969 from law enforcement authorities?

"Well, to tell you the truth, Charlie was a very personable fellow when he wanted to be. The other half of the reason is that I was half-way scared of that bunch," answered Spahn.



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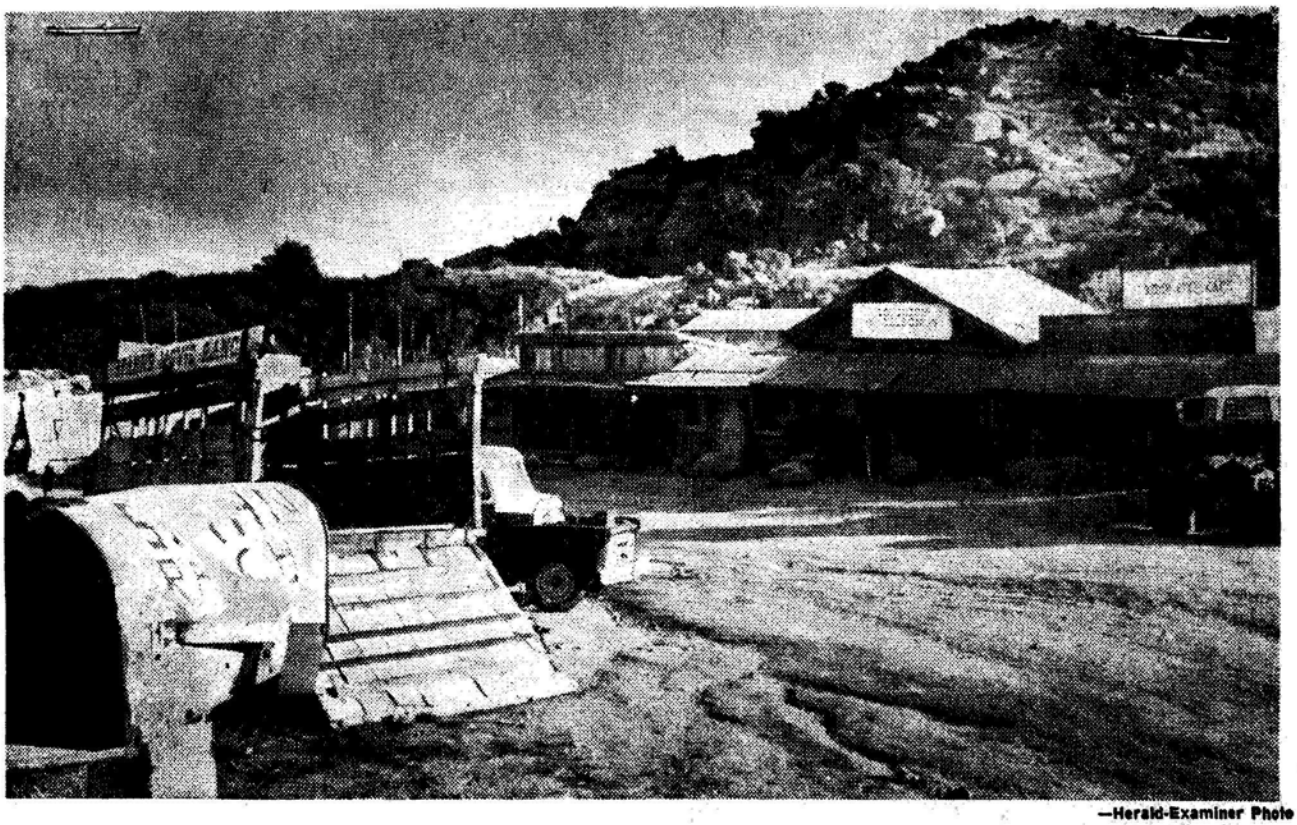
MIKE ARMSTRONG AND WIFE DENISE AT SPAHN'S TOPANGA CANYON RANCH
Foreman described 'Charlie's family' as hippie types numbering up to 60 who camped here for almost a year



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VIEW OF MOVIE RANCH OWNED BY GEORGE SPAHN, 80-YEAR-OLD BLIND COWBOY
Frequently used as a setting for western films, this is the place where Tate murder suspects lived

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SHARON TATE KNEW KILLERS, POLICE

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Seen With Cult Leader At Ranch

By WILLIAM FARR

Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Disclosure by hippie camp follower Susan Denise Atkins that she was present when filmland beauty Sharon Tate and four others were slain spurred police today to check information that the actress knew her murderers.

Richard Caballero, attorney for the 21-year-old Miss Atkins, said she will give the County Grand Jury an eye-witness account of the gruesome Aug. 9 killings at the secluded Benedict Canyon estate.

She also told the lawyer, he said, that the Tate murderers also killed Leon La Bianca, wealthy market chain owner, and his wife, Rosemary, in their Los Feliz district home 24 hours later.

These victims, she declared, were picked at random by bewhiskered Charles M. Manson, 34, self-styled "redeemer", singer, and leader of a hippie "family" of which she was a member.

In the latest sensational development, Mike Armstrong, 24, foreman of the Spahn Movie Ranch in Santa Susana Pass, where the Manson "family" headquartered, told The Herald-Examiner that Miss Tate visited the hippie community several times.

The ranch, which features a western atmosphere, is often visited by Hollywood personalities. It is on the main road into Ventura County out of Chatsworth.

Two Los Angeles police detectives questioned Armstrong yesterday and he told them he recalled seeing Miss Tate at the ranch, where she talked to Manson. He said he did not know whether the meeting was casual or whether they had prior acquaintanceship.

Miss Atkins, through her attorney, said she went to the murder site at the behest of Manson, following his orders in "almost a hypnotic trance."

Asked why she was at the Tate killing scene, Miss Atkins reportedly told Caballero: "I was told to go and I went."

She described Manson as a "beautiful person," and added,

"We belong to him, not ourselves."

"Susan is a quiet girl who seems very nice. She has had a very disorganized relationship with her family in San Jose," Caballero said.

When asked if the attractive girl directly participated in the stabbings of Miss Tate and her friends, Caballero replied:

"That is something I do not want to comment about."

He said he recommended that Miss Atkins voluntarily appear before Friday's grand jury hearing because "I feel it may save her life."

She appeared yesterday in Santa Monica Superior Court and pleaded innocent to the July 25 murder of Gary Hinman, 34, slain in his Topanga Canyon home. Trial date was set for Jan. 14.

The words "political piggy" had been printed on one of the walls in Hinman's bedroom.

Miss Atkins and Robert K. Beausoleil, 21, both are charged with the Hinman murder. He was tried last week but the case ended up with a hung jury voting 8-4 for conviction. A new trial date will be set Dec. 12.

Caballero said the attractive girl, who showed up for the court session neatly attired in a white polka dot mini-skirt, told him that the Tate residence was selected for the murder rampage by Manson because "it represented a symbol of rejection to him."

She indicated to Caballero that the group went to the 10050 Cielo Drive estate because Manson thought it was the home of Terry Melcher, son of actress Doris Day.

According to Caballero, Miss Atkins said Manson was embittered at Melcher for his alleged failure to keep a promise to help the cult leader get a recording contract. Manson had aspirations as a "soul singer," according to acquaintances.

Miss Atkins, her attorney stated, declared Manson knew Melcher no longer lived at the home occupied by Miss Tate, but ordered the death of the occupants because the house represented a "symbol" of his failure to get the contract.

She pictured Manson as the mastermind of a band of orgiastic killers, mostly women, who obeyed his every command. She was devoted to him, almost hypnotized by him, she said.

Manson, she declared, had a grudge against affluent people because of a troubled childhood that saw him in difficulty with the law from his juvenile days. He has a record of many arrests and imprisonments.

The other murder victims at the Tate estate were Jay Sebring, 35, her former fiance and an internationally-known men's hair stylist; Voityck Frykowski, 32, Polish cameraman; Abigail Folger, 26, San Francisco socialite; and Stephen Parent, 18, an El Monte youth.

Other developments yesterday in what has become one of the most celebrated homicide investigations in California, included:

● Linda Louis Kasabian, 20, one of the first three persons to be charged with the Tate estate killings, was arrested in Concord, N.H., at the home of friends. She told authorities she was pregnant.

Mrs. Kasabian this morning told a Concord, N.H., District Court judge she was "guilty" of being a fugitive from California justice in the Tate case.

She waived extradition and was immediately driven to Boston after which she will be flown here, under Los Angeles police guard.

The 20-year-old woman is the mother of one child and is five months pregnant with a second.

A native of Biddeford, Maine, she was born Linda Darlene Drouin, June 21, 1949.

● Attorneys representing another suspect, Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, said she "knows absolutely nothing about the murders" and will fight extradition from Mobile, Ala.

● Charles D. Watson, 24, the first suspect taken into custody, said from a McKinney, Tex., jail that he was "waiting for detectives from California." His attorney said Watson has not decided whether he will fight extradition.

● The Los Angeles County Grand Jury announced that it will hear testimony Friday relating to the Tate murders, with Miss Atkins scheduled as the star witness.

Manson, meanwhile, today was taken to the Inyo County Courthouse at Independence, 200 miles northeast of Los Angeles, for a preliminary hearing on a charge of receiving stolen property. He has been jailed since a roundup of 20 hippies in Death Valley in October.

The bearded cult chieftan seemed unconcerned at his preliminary hearing in Municipal Court this morning as four witnesses testified about three stolen cars he is charged with receiving.

Manson, whom cult members claim held them in bondage through mesmerism, alternately stared at the witnesses and stroked his long brown beard during the early part of the court proceedings.

He did not speak to Dep. Public Defender Fred Schaffer, who represented him.

In the hearing, Inyo Dist. Atty Frank Fowles called four Los Angeles County witnesses to the stand.

Each was asked to identify a stolen vehicle for Municipal Court Theodore Gardner.

● Hollywood professional archer Dennis Kempf, 25, who said his four-wheel drive Toyota "Landcruiser" was stolen while he played poker in Van Nuys.

● Petite brunette Glendora LaBrousse, who, with John Bolstad, owns the Lapaz Buggy Builders in Santa Ana — a dune buggy agency. They both testified that a "hippie type" came into their agency Sept. 11 a nd took a Blue, silver star-dusted buggy out for a test run. The vehicle was never returned, they said.

● Raymond Harrison, an official of Hertz Rent-a-Car, said that a Ford sedan had been rented with a credit card stolen from a Beverly Hills woman—and also never returned.

The state charges all of these vehicles were found in Manson's possession on the Barker Ranch in Death Valley.

Using a posse and helicopters, Inyo County deputies and U.S. Park Service rangers raided Manson's commune on the Barker Ranch near the edge of Death Valley National Monument.

Deputies said that some of the female cult members were clad only in bikini bottoms and others were entirely nude. Two young children also were picked up, reportedly suffering from malnutrition.

Manson and 32 other hippie types had been arrested on similar charges Aug. 16 in a raid at the Spahn Movie Ranch. The group then moved to the desert.



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SUSAN ATKINS, 21, WITH ATTORNEY RICHARD CABALLERO
Lawyer says suspect was at murder scene but was under a "hypnotic spell"

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Tate Case Suspect: Quiet, Sweet Girl

MOBILE, Ala. (UPI)—Brown-haired Patricia Krenwinkel, celebrating her 22nd birthday from a city jail today, is described by a relative as "a very sweet girl and a christian girl."

Her lawyer says she is "a very nervous, frightened and confused young woman," and a former teacher calls the California native "rather quiet."

Miss Krenwinkel is being held without bond as one of nine suspects in the Aug. 9 slayings of actress Sharon Tate and four other persons at Miss Tate's Los Angeles home.

Mrs. Garnet Reeves, an aunt of the young woman, describes her as a person who "was very interested in the bible. She often talked about it and studied it."

"She just liked people too much to do anything like that," Mrs. Reeves added when asked about the possibility of her niece being involved in the brutal slayings last August.

Miss Krenwinkel was arrested Monday evening at her aunt's home in southwest Mobile by two patrolmen on a stakeout. Police had been notified the previous day of her involvement in the Tate case.

Attorneys James A. Atchison and M. A. Marsal said Tuesday the woman had denied any involvement in the case, and she would fight any attempts to extradite her to California to face the five murder counts.

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On 12/2/69, [redacted] telephone [redacted] voluntarily telephoned the FBI Jacksonville. He provided the following information:

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On Thanksgiving, 11/27/69, he had an extended conversation with [redacted] in St. Augustine, Fla. He had not seen [redacted] for several years. He described [redacted] as a white male, age [redacted] lbs., dark hair, light complexion, brown eyes, facial scars, very nervous and restless. He is a graduate of the [redacted] is currently residing outside of [redacted] as a member of a semi-religious group called "The Family". This group is composed of approximately 14 members. [redacted] was in St. Augustine to visit his parents, [redacted] Saragossa St.

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[redacted] stated that when he saw news releases concerning the identification of the subjects in murder of SHARON TATE as members of "The Family", he felt that

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he should bring the above information to the attention of the authorities. He declared that although [redacted] probably had no connection with the TATE murder, he felt that [redacted] association with "The Family" may be of interest to the local police in California. b6 b7C

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3 Suspects Identified in Hippie Group

By WILLIAM FARR
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Jailing of 19-year-old Linda Louise Kasabian in Concord, N.H., today gave Los Angeles police a clean sweep in their roundup of suspects sought for the Aug. 9 slayings of actress Sharon Tate and four friends here.

She was the third of those named in murder complaints here.

Patricia Kernwinkel, 21, was apprehended yesterday in Mobile, Ala., and Charles D. Watson, 24, was jailed in McKinney, Tex., near Dallas.

Chief of Police Ed Davis said the three are also linked to the brutal slayings Aug. 10 of Leno La Bianca, millionaire owner of the Gateway Markets, and his wife Rosemary. They were found mutilated in their Los Feliz home.

All have been identified as members of a weird hippie caravan which once camped near Los Angeles, reputedly ranging from Santa Susana Pass on their murder foray.

Los Angeles police announced Miss Kasabian's capture. New Hampshire State Police Col. Joseph Reagan said she would be held for extradition. He said she was pregnant.

Chief Davis named the three suspects yesterday after murder complaints were issued against them. He said the County Grand Jury will be asked to indict them, thereby eliminating a long preliminary court hearing to bring them to trial.

Chief Davis indicated that homicide indictments will be sought against as many as eight persons.

Surprise high points in Davis' disclosures were the linking of the two sensational multiple murder cases, and assertions that members of a hippie-type commune, apparently killed for thrills.

Slain along with Miss Tate were Jay Sebring, 35, her former fiance and an internationally known men's hair stylist; Voityck Frykowski, 32, a Polish movie cameraman; Abigail Folger, wealthy San Francisco socialite; and Steven Parent, 18, an El Monte youth.

Watson is being held in Texas on a warrant from Los Angeles. Extradition proceedings will begin immediately, Chief Davis said.

He is accused in a District Attorney's complaint issued here of the fatal shooting of Parent. The two young women are each accused of five counts of murder in the Tate massacre.

Collins County Deputy Sheriff Earl Blanks said that Watson was brought into McKinney by his father when the elder Watson, who lives in Copeville 15 miles away, learned authorities were looking for his son.

Miss Kernwilkel was arrested as she was riding in a car driven by a teenage boy. The boy was not held.

Police said she pulled a large floppy hat over her face when she saw detectives spotted her. She was wearing blue denim pants and a man's checked shirt two sizes too big.

Davis said all three suspects were living at a hippie commune on the Spahn Movie Ranch on Santa Susanna Pass Road near Chatsworth when the Tate and LaBianca murders were committed.

Mike Armstrong, 24, foreman at the ranch, said the three were members of the hippie "family" ruled by Charles Manson, 34, a soul-singing musician with magnetic ways, particularly for women. Manson is now in Inyo County Jail on charges not related to the murder cases.

"Charlie, those two other girls and a bunch of the others moved to the desert a few days after the Tate killings," Armstrong said.

The group transferred its activities at that time to the Barker Ranch near Death Valley National Monument in Inyo County, according to Davis.

Manson and some of his followers departed just in time to escape an Aug. 16 rail by Los Angeles County deputies who arrested 33 persons ranging in age from 14 to 35 on charges of prostitution, contributing to the delinquency of minors and drug use.

That raid led to another at the Barker Ranch commune in late October. Another two dozen persons were rounded up on that occasion.

Although Chief Davis declined to elaborate on details of the raids, it was learned that five women are in jail here at Sybil Brand Institute for Women, all held as material witnesses in the murder cases.

First lead that hippie elements were involved in the mass killings reportedly came from a young woman who related hearsay conversations that detectives believe could only have come from people linked to the murders.

Detectives described the persons arrested at Chatsworth and in Inyo County as "nomads living a life of thievery." They specialized in stealing Volkswagens and converting them to dune buggies.

Deputies said the group operated like an updated Indian raiding party—stealing by night and camping by day in abandoned mining shacks.

The nomadic group tried to evade authorities by posting lookouts with walkie-talkies.

When deputies swooped down via helicopter on the Death Valley commune, they said they found almost all of the women wearing only bikini bottoms. Others were completely nude. Two babies in the group were suffering from malnutrition.

Five of the persons arrested in the October raid are still in the Inyo County Jail. Davis would not comment on whether any of these persons were connected with the Tate-La-Bianca situation.

The chief also failed to clarify what led detectives to connect the two cases to the suspects other than similarities in the murder methods.

Those similarities include the vicious slashing attacks that resulted in the deaths of all but one of the seven victims. Young Parent, at the Tate estate, was shot five times with a pistol as he sat at the wheel of his car.

Another gruesome similarity was bloody scrawling at the two locations. The word "Pig" was on the front door of the Tate home. "Death to the pigs" was smeared on the refrigerator door at the LaBianca residence.

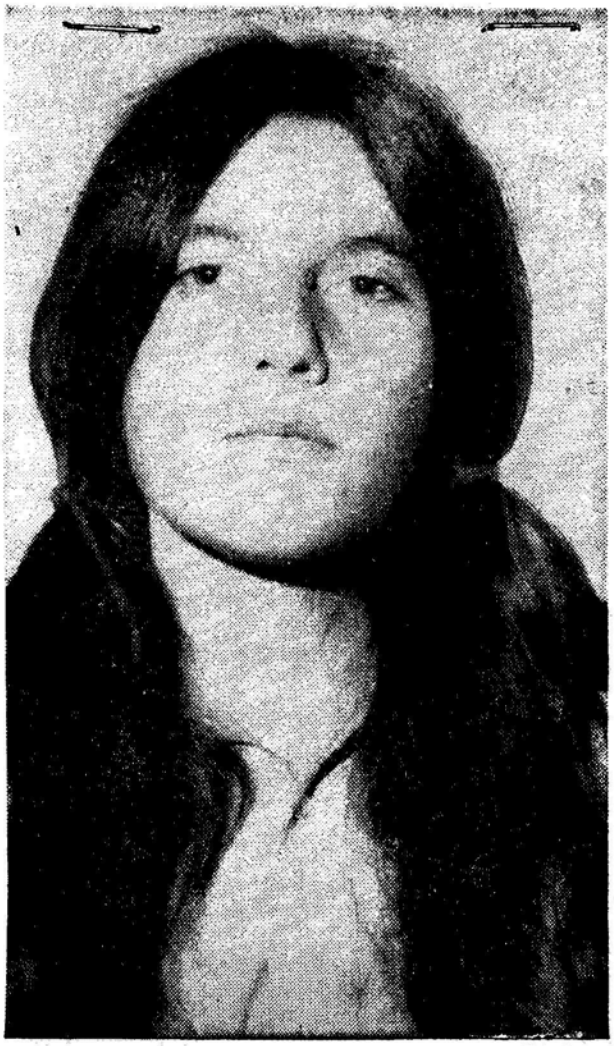
Chief Davis said the slayers "came in force" to both locations but he did not elaborate. He also mentioned there was ample evidence to indicate premeditation, referring at least partially to the cutting of the telephone lines outside the Tate estate.

Motives for the two murder rampages were not clear, according to Davis. He said investigators believe it was "not for profit" in the Tate killings and "probably not for much profit" in the case of the LaBiancas.

Davis said at least one of the murder weapons has been recovered but he would not add any additional details.

He said that the suspects had been in the estate leased to Miss Tate but before she lived there. He also said it was not believed that the suspects knew their victims.

Chief Davis concluded the press conference by lauding the several other law enforcement agencies which aided in the investigation and made particular mention of Los Angeles County's Sheriff's Department.



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PATRICIA KERNWINKEL, 21, ARRESTED
She was found at home of aunt in Mobile, Ala.



CHARLES WATSON
~~Being~~ held in Texas

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Trouble Followed Cult Leader All His Life

BY JERRY COHEN
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Trouble came looking for Charles Miller Manson the day he was born—out of wedlock to a teen-age mother and a father he never laid eyes on.

The place: Cincinnati. The date: Nov. 11, 1934.

Not long after, he experienced life's second cruelty:

His mother, who bore him when she was 16, went to prison, convicted along with her brother of beating up and robbing dates she hustled in riverfront bars.

Lived With Grandparents

Ahead lay long years of trouble, which culminated this week when Charles Manson was identified as the evil mastermind of a renegade hippie band suspected of murdering actress Sharon Tate and perhaps ten other persons.

After his mother's imprisonment, the little boy who would become the leader of that violent band went to live in McMechen, W.Va., first with his maternal grandmother, then with an uncle and aunt who had a sour marriage and gave him little affection.

When he was 8, his mother got out of prison and he joined her. She drank and lived with a succession of men in seedy apartments.

The men paid little attention to him, the mother not much more. He spent most of his time indoors, alone.

In 1945, the mother followed a traveling salesman to Indianapolis and they took the boy along with them.

Two years later, she tried to farm her son out to foster parents, as she occasionally had done before. But this time the law moved in.

Young Manson was made a ward of the county, and sent off to the Gibault School for Boys, a caretaking institution in Terre Haute. After 10 months, he ran away.

That escapade put him in his first correctional institution, the Indiana Boys School in Plainfield.

That was the way it would be most of the remainder of his life. By the time he was 25, he had spent 12 years in either reformatories or prison, and during the next 10 years, before he came under suspicion for the Tate and La Bianca murders, that ratio would grow.

In February, 1951, he and two other boys fled Plainfield, stole a car and wound up in Utah, where they were arrested. That made young Manson a federal problem, and he was sentenced to the National Training School for Boys in Washington, D.C.

He was shuffled along to other federal reformatories, an unbending adolescent, hiding loneliness, resentment and hostility behind an oddly ingratiating facade.

Totally Unreceptive

He smiled a lot, but at inappropriate times, according to persons with whom he came in contact.

Reformatory tutors tried to train him for foundry work, furniture-making, even barbering, but found him totally "unreceptive."

By the time he was paroled from the federal reformatory in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1954 at the age of 21 he had a knack for nothing.

But he was no dummy. At one

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time his IQ was pegged at 114, and he was considered to have a "superior intelligence."

He also had developed cunning. So he always "made out" on the outside during brief periods of freedom—until caught.

After parole from Chillicothe, he went back to West Virginia to live with relatives, and flitted from one menial job to another—waiter, service station helper and parking lot attendant.

He married a McMechen girl, Rosalie Jean Willis, a waitress in a hospital dining room whom he had known six months, in January, 1955, and fathered a child by her.

But by the time the baby, Charles Jr., was born, Manson was back behind bars.

For in McMechen, he became an accomplished auto thief, a trade he plied at times throughout the ensuing years. He transported stolen cars from one part of the country to another. At the end of one such transcontinental trip he found himself in Los Angeles—and under arrest.

He was sentenced to San Pedro's Terminal Island Prison.

That was November, 1955. From then on he would be in and out of some of the nation's best known penitentiaries on charges ranging from transporting females across state lines for prostition, to escape, to parole violation.

Visited by Wife

In 1956, while he was at Terminal Island, his wife visited him and remained in Los Angeles to be near him.

But in early 1957, the visits and correspondence ceased. Then, he tried to escape.

Before he was released from prison in 1958, divorce papers were served on him. Rosalie remarried and bore three other children.

Free of prison, according to a man who knew him then, "the mixed up ideas of morals and morality" he had begun to exhibit—asserted themselves—perhaps a harbinger of concepts that would come to savage flower a decade later.

He took up with one young woman, then another, and excused himself by saying he had been "in (prison) for a long time."

Acquaintances said he took to pimping.

The father of a Michigan girl, who came here to study to be an airline stewardess, accused Manson of being "a sex maniac."

The girl, 19, nearly died in a hospital operating room, the father claimed, as the result of sexual indiscretions involving Manson.

Another young woman, also 19, a friend of the Michigan girl, claimed Manson had drugged her on leaving the hospital after visiting her friends, then had taken her to bed.

Manson had gained both girls' confidence, the father of the Michigan girl claimed, by posing as a producer when, in fact, he was a bartender and "clean-up" man at a Hollywood lounge. He also dabbled in door-to-door freezer sales and ballroom dance instruction.

In the early 1960s, Manson was back in prison again, the result of cashing two stolen U.S. Treasury checks at a supermarket here, both written for small amounts.

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.

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."

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."

Manson also claimed he 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.

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 arrests of Manson and his [illegible] near Death Valley is a tale still unfolding.

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Cult Leader Goes to Court With Hands in Chains

BY CHARLES T. POWERS
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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.

Bond Set at $25,000

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.

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.

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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.

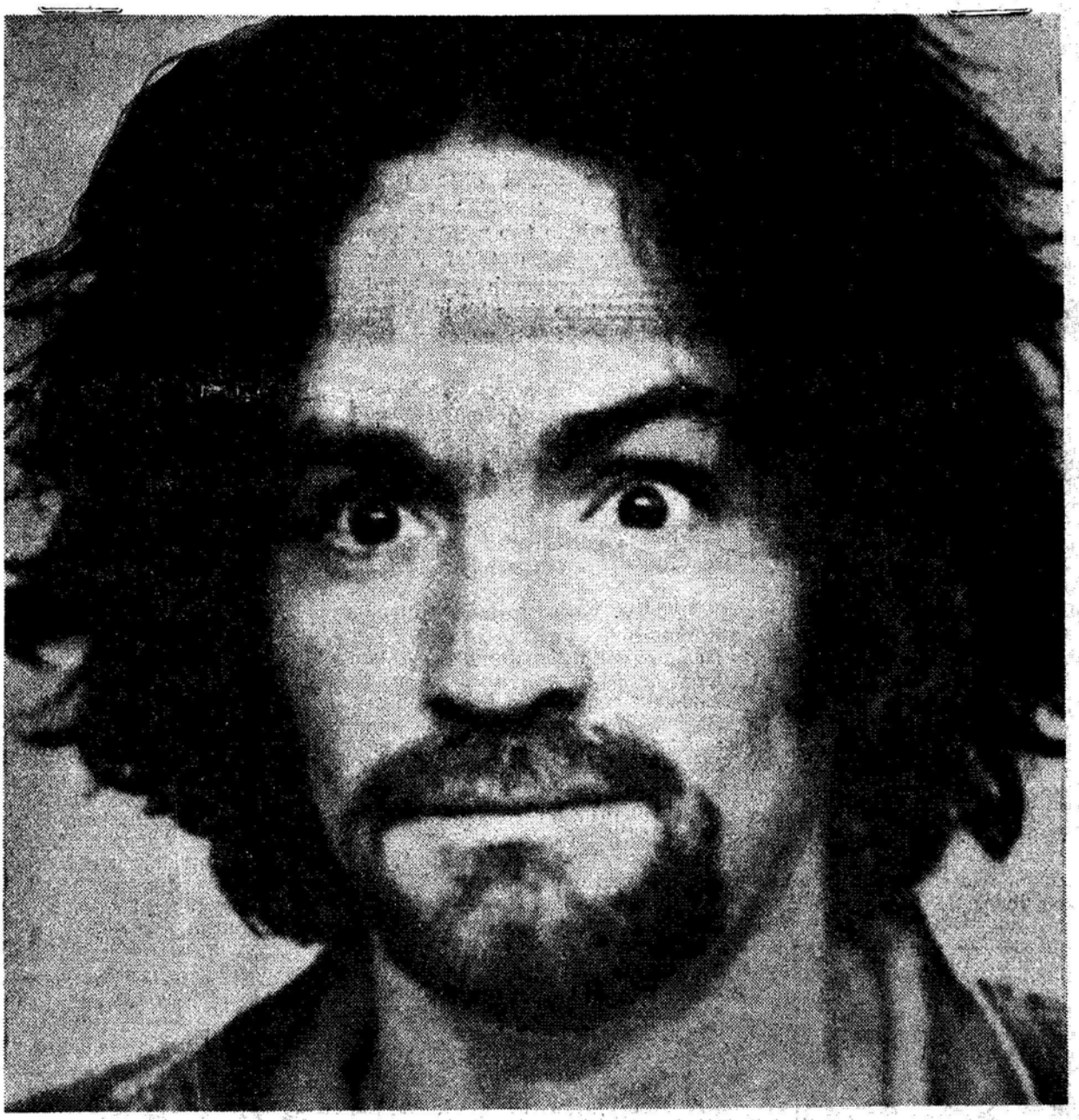


MEMBERS OF THE 'CLAN'—Mrs. Sandra Good Pugh, 26, with son Ivan, 2½ months, and Lynn Fromme, 21, talk with newsmen at their Independence motel. Mrs. Pugh is awaiting trial Dec. 15 on a charge of possessing a stolen pistol. The two, who deserted middle class homes to follow clan leader Charles Manson, said they knew nothing of car thievery or murder in clan's activities.
Times photo by John Malmin

pendence for preliminary hearing on charges of Fred Schaefer, on left, Inyo County public defender.
Times photo by John Malmin



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



HE CALLS HIMSELF 'JESUS' — Charles Miles Manson, being held in Inyo County, is shown in police photo taken after his arrest in Ventura County in April, 1968. The hypnotic influence of Manson, who calls himself "Jesus," was told by Susan Denise Atkins, 21, who is held in Tate case.

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Girl Member of Cult Returned Here 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

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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.

"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.



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.

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Deaths Were Ordered, Suspect Says

BY CHARLES HILLINGER
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Times Staff Writers

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."

'We Belong to Him'

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.

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."

Was Refused Aid

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 Dennis Wilson, a member of the Beach Boys musical group.

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.

Newest Developments

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.

Caballero said that she probably would testify voluntarily before the grand jury. He said police have evidence placing her at the scene of the Tate murders. But, he said, she told him she went there under an insane, almost hypnotic influence from Manson.

"I was told to go," Caballero said she told him, "and I went."

She is now a well-groomed young woman with long, dark brown hair, and an air almost of serenity. She went to court wearing a miniskirted white polka dot dress. She was asked not to talk of the case but, asked about Manson, she said:

"He is a very beautiful man."

Caballero said she had given this story of Manson's Family and its spree of crime:

When Manson told his followers—most of whom were women—to do something, they did it, even if it was murder: "If Charles said it was right, it was right."

He selected the Los Feliz district home of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca—who were slain there Aug. 10 in a copy of the Tate killings—"at random." It could have been anyone's house, she said.

"Furthermore," said Caballero, "he had other houses picked, as well."

Disliked Affluent People

(Other sources had said that the slayers disliked affluent people. The La Bianca home was less elegant than the estate rented by Sharon Tate and her husband, Roman Polanski, but the family sometimes left their new Thunderbird and a trailered speedboat parked in front of it.)

It was for the murder about July 25 of musician Gary Hinman that Miss Atkins was first arrested on a tip to police from an informant.

Miss Atkins was ordered held for trial 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.



ONE OF THE ACCUSED—Susan Denise Atkins with her attorney, Richard Caballero, in Santa Monica. Miss Atkins, accused of taking part in the Tate killings, gave an account through Caballero of going to the murder scene under an insane, almost hypnotic influence of cult leader.

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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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Indict Six In LaBianca Tate Cases

Six persons were indicted on murder and conspiracy charges by the County Grand Jury late today in the Sharon Tate and Leno LaBianca murder cases.

Five were also accused of murder in the Tate case — Charles M. Manson, Susan Atkins, Charles Watson, Patricia Kernwinkel, and Mrs. Linda Kasabian.

Miss Leslie Sankston, named in the conspiracy charge, was not accused of murder in the Tate case, but was charged with murder in the killings of LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary.

Los Angeles County's Grand Jury began its deliberations in the Sharon Tate-Leno LaBianca mass murders at 3:53 this afternoon.

The grand jury of 14 men and seven women began considering whether to vote felony indictments after hearing 21 witnesses, four of them women members of the so-called Charles Manson hippie "family" believed to be the slayers.

It takes 14 of the 23 votes to indict.

Just before the deliberations began, Dep. Dist. Atty. Aaron Stovitz said he would ask the grand jurors for a single count indictment "naming six or seven defendants." He refused to elaborate.

Last witnesses heard by the jurors were three teenage girls who were members of the Manson clan. They were arrested in a raid on the band's nomad camp on the Barker Ranch in Inyo County, Oct. 12.

The three, Nancy Pittman, Rachel Morse and Diane Blaustein, all 18, were brought to the Hall of Justice from Sybil Brand Institute, where they had been held.

Miss Pittman was in tears. She wore a car coat and slacks. Neither she, nor her companions, would talk to newsmen.

They were the last three witnesses heard by the jurors.

The panel also heard from nine police officers.

Motorcycle club member Danny de Carlo was the first witness called today.

De Carlo lived with the Charles Manson hippie "family" at the Spahn Movie Ranch in Santa Susana pass and also at the Barker Ranch in Inyo County, where the clan moved.

Reportedly he has heard members of the group discussing the two crimes.

De Carlo, dressed in an army field jacket, had nothing to say as he entered the Grand Jury room.

The Grand Jury deliberations today came against the background of a police sworn statement that Hippie cult leader Manson was involved in the Tate murders, and was not simply a mastermind, as star witness Susan Atkins previously stated to her Lawyer.

Although Manson is expected to be indicted today when the grand jury climaxes its two-day hearing, he previously has been described as the "mastermind" of the macabre murders who did not appear at the actress' Benedict Canyon estate.

The version that places Manson at the murder scene is contained in affidavits filed with Los Angeles Municipal Court.

Los Angeles Police Detective Sgt. Michael McGann signed the affidavits in support of warrants issued for the arrest of three out-of-state suspects in the case.

Those suspects are Linda Kasabian, 20, who is in jail here after being returned from Concord, N.H.; Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, now being held in Mobile, Ala., pending extradition proceedings; and Charles D. Watson, 24, still in McKinney, forts to return him to California.

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Sgt. McGann was the first witness when the grand jury resumed its hearing on the five August 9 slayings at the Tate estate and the August 10 murder of wealthy grocer Leno La Bianca and his wife.

Miss Atkins, the 21-year-old member of Manson's cult who testified for two hours and 12 minutes during Friday's grand jury session, now maintains through her attorney that Manson did not accompany the black-garbed band of hippies who raided the Tate home at 10050 Cielo Drive.

But in McGann's affidavit, the detective related that Miss Atkins had told police informants that the murders were committed by herself, Manson, Watson, Miss Krenwinkel and Mrs. Kasabian.

He said one source for this information was Ronnie Howard, an inmate at Sybil Brand Institute for Women. She is in jail on a narcotics booking.

Other information disclosed in the affidavits includes the statement that police possess a "Buck Knife . . . found between the cushion and back rest of an overstuffed chair" at the Tate residence.

McGann relates in the affidavit that Mrs. Howard told him that Miss Atkins said she had left a knife in the actress' home.

Miss Atkins, in conflict with her current account, also reportedly told Mrs. Howard that it was Manson who scaled a pole outside the Tate estate and cut two wires, one being the telephone line.

Before the grand jury convened this morning, Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent Bugliosi disputed any conflict in the police accounts of the mass murders. He said:

"There may really not be a contradiction on Miss Atkins' part. The seeming conflict in versions may have resulted from the transmission (of the story) to police by informants."

Richard Caballero, Miss Atkins' attorney, says that she told him it was Charles Watson who cut the telephone line before they climbed the fence to enter the rambling estate.

Another informant listed by McGann in the affidavits is Leslie Sankston, 19, also being held at Sybil Brand Institute. She is expected to be indicted for involvement in the La Bianca murders, according to sources close to the probe.

In the affidavit, Sgt. McGann described her thusly:

"Miss Sankston is herself a devoted and trusted member of Manson's group, who has been identified as one of the murderers on another multiple homicide allegedy committed by the hippie-type group under the leadership of Manson."

McGann continued:

"(I) am . . . informed that this particular hippie-type group, which numbers among its membership 25 to 35 hippies, confides in each other in great detail as to all acts and crimes that they commit on third parties."

The detective said he talked to Miss Sankston on Nov. 26 and 28. She told him at the time that two of the girls who went to the Tate estate were named "Katy" and "Linda," according to the affidavit.

McGann added:

"Miss Sankston told (me) that Katy is Marnie Reeves. Patricia Krenwinkel's alias is Marnie Reeves. The only girl named Linda in Manson's group is one Linda Kasabian."

The affidavit also provides the first official estimate on the time the murders at the Tate estate occurred, placing it between 11:30 p.m. Aug. 8 and 12:30 a.m. Aug. 9.

The document also states that multiple stab wounds killed the 26-year-old Miss Tate; her former fiance and internationally known hair stylist Jay Sebring, 35; Polish movie cameraman Voityck Frykowski, 32; and San Francisco socialite Abigail Folger, 26.

Both Sebring and Frykowski also were shot with a .22 caliber revolver, according to the affidavit.

Steven Earl Parent, 18, of El Monte died as the result of multiple gunshot wounds only. He was shot five times in the head and chest by a .22 caliber pistol as he sat at the wheel of his car in the Tate estate driveway.

Photo exhibits revealed by Deputy Dist. Attys. Aaron Stovitz and Vincent Bugliosi include one showing a nine-shot, 9½-inch barreled, Longhorn western style pistol.

Bugliosi said that he expects the grand jury hearing today to be climaxed by a single indictment with one count of conspiracy and seven counts of murder.

He declined to elaborate other than to say "more than three people will be named in the indictment."

Reliable sources have indicated that Miss Atkins, Manson, Watson, Kernwinkel and Kasabian will be indicted on the Tate slayings.

All but Miss Kasabian also will be charged with La Bianca killings.

In addition, Miss Sankston and Garth Milton Tufts, 18, will be named on murder counts in connection with the La Bianca murders only, the sources said.

Tufts, who also uses the name Steve Grogan, was placed in Los Angeles County Jail Friday. He was brought here from Independence in Inyo County where he has been held since Oct. 12 on booking of auto theft and possession of a sawed-off shotgun.

Manson remains at the Independence jail pending his scheduled trials on arson and receiving stolen property.

His combined bail is $37,500 and holds have been placed on him by federal parole authorities.

Inyo County Dist. Atty. Frank Fowles yesterday said:

"Naturally, if Manson is indicted for murder down in Los Angeles, that case will take precedence. But we won't drop our prosecution of him up here until we see if he is convicted in the Tate murder."

In addition to Sgt. McGann and other police detectives, a key witness scheduled to testify today is Danny DeCarlo, a motorcycle gang member who joined Manson's group.

Another witness slated today in Greg Jakobson, friend of Doris Day's son Terry Melcher.



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DANNY DE CARLO
Tate case witness

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Indict Manson, 5 Others in Tate, La Bianca Killings

By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Hippie cult leader Charles Miles Manson and five of his followers are under indictment today for murder and conspiracy in the Sharon Tate and Leno La Bianca killings.

The County Grand Jury returned the indictment at 4:15 p.m. yesterday after deliberating only 22 minutes on two days of testimony by 22 witnesses.

After Jury Foreman Joseph Bishop presented the indictment to Superior Court Judge William B. Keene, he set the arraignment of the six defendants for 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Charged with the Aug. 9 slaying of Miss Tate and four others at her Benedict Canyon estate are:

Manson, 35, is currently being held in the Inyo County Jail at Independence on charges of arson and receiving stolen property.

Los Angeles detectives left this morning for Independence to pick up Manson. He is expected to be brought back here this evening and will be arraigned tomorrow.

Susan Denise Atkins, 21, who was the star witness in the grand jury hearing and gave a grisly account of the seven killings during her two hours and 12 minutes on the stand.

Patricia Krenwinkle, 22, arrested a week earlier on murder charges and now fighting extradition from Mobile, Ala.

Linda Kasabian, 20, now in Sybil Brand Institute for Women here after being returned from Concord, N.H.

Charles D. Watson, 24, who has announced from the Mc-

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cult indicted for the La Bianca murders is Leslie Sankston, 19. She has been held in Sybil Brand Institute as a material witness in the case.

According to a police affidavit filed in the case, Miss Sankston became an informant and told detectives about the murders after she was arrested on auto theft charges Oct. 12 at Manson's hideout near Death Valley.

All six of the defendants were named in the conspiracy count listed in the indictment.

Deputy Dist. Attys. Aaron Stovitz and Vincent Bugliosi said they did not ask for an indictment of Garth Milton Tufts, 18, in the La Bianca case as they had previously indicated. They said the evidence was not sufficient to warrant charges against Tufts.

Jury Foreman Bishop said the jurors found the testimony on the two macabre murder rampages "shocking." He commented that they particularly were appalled at the viciousness of the killings as described by County Coroner Thomas Noguchi and his deputy, Dr. David Matsuyama.

Bishop described the crimes as "probably the most infamous in California history."

The foreman said following the indictments that Miss Atkins' testimony was the key factor in convincing the jury to return a true bill.

She has maintained through her attorney, Richard Caballero, that she was inside the Tate house and in a car at the La Bianca house when the victims were slain but did not participate in the actual killing.

Miss Atkins also said that the two sets of murders were ordered by Manson, who she claims has a hypnotic hold on her and other members of the cult.

In her version of the murders, Manson did not accompany the hippie raiders, all dressed in black, when they went to the Tate home. However, he did travel with them to the La Bianca home but left the house prior to the fatal stabbings, according to Miss Atkins.

In an affidavit filed in court prior to the grand jury hearing, Miss Atkins is quoted as placing Manson at the Tate murder scene where she said he cut the telephone wires that lead to the estate.

Caballero said that Miss Atkins told him it was Watson who cut the wires.

The seeming conflict in Miss Atkins' versions is explained thusly by Bugliosi:

"There probably is not any contradiction on Miss Atkins' part. What appears to be a conflict in all likelihood came in the transmission of her story to police by informants."

Bugliosi and her attorney both said they felt she testified truthfully during her grand jury appearance last Friday. Caballero said she gave the panel "every detail" of the murders.

"We are proceeding on the theory that Mr. Manson was not actually at the Tate house when the killings occurred," Bugliosi said.

Miss Atkins has said that the target of the raid on the Tate estate in Benedict Canyon was not the sultry actress but instead Terry Melcher, son of Doris Day and executive producer of her television show.

Melcher, 27, formerly lived at the 10050 Cielo Drive address prior to it being leased by Miss Tate and her movie director husband, Roman Polanski.

Melcher, who testified last Friday, is supposed to have drawn Manson's ire because he

refused to help the cult leader obtain a recording contract. Manson is a self-styled soul singer.

Greg Jakobson, 25, reportedly a mutual acquaintance of Manson and Melcher, testified briefly a short time before the indictments were returned yesterday.

Another key witness during yesterday's hearing was Danny DeCarlo, 23, one-time leader of a motorcycle gang, who lived briefly with Manson's cult at both the Spahn Ranch and in Death Valley.

Reliable sources said that DeCarlo told investigators he overheard members of Manson's group talk about committing the August murders.

He was a witness in the recent trial of Robert Beausoleil, 31, on charges of stabbing musician Gary Hinman to death July 25 in Topanga Canyon.

The trial resulted in a hung jury and Beausoleil, also identified as a Manson follower, will be retried next month.

Miss Atkins has been charged with the Hinman murder, too.

Testimony by three female cult members yesterday also was geared to overhearing conversations about the Tate-La Bianca killings.

Brought before the jury from Sybil Brand Institute, where they are being held as material witnesses, were Nancy Pittman, 20; Rachel Morse, 19; and Diane Blaustein, 16.

All were arrested on auto theft charges when police raided Manson's camp on the Barker Ranch on Oct. 12.

The trio provided the final testimony before the grand ju ry voted on the indictment.

Most of yesterday's hearing was taken up by the testimony of police detectives handling the two bizarre cases.

Los Angeles police investigators who testified were M. F. McGann, Danny Galindo, Harold Dolan, Frank Escalante, Manuel Granado, Jerrome Boen, Bill Lee, R. M. Lucarelli, Frank Patchett and R. L. Calkins.

Civilian firearms expert Ed Lomax also testified.

In addition to the 26-year-old Miss Tate, victims of the Aug. 9 attack were Jay Sebring, 35, internationally-known men's hair stylist; Voityck Frykowski, 32, Polish movie cameraman; Abigail Folger, 26, San Francisco socialite; and Steven Parent, 18, an El Monte youth.



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CHARLES MANSON
Hippie leader indicted



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SUSAN ATKINS
Star witness at hearing



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CHARLES WATSON
Held in Texas jail



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PAT KERNWINKEL
Fighting extradition



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LINDA KASABIAN
One of the six indicted



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DANNY DE CARLO
Grand Jury witness



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THEY PRESENTED THE STATE'S CASE
Attorneys Vincent Bugliosi, left, and Aaron Stovitz



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JOSEPH BISHOP
Grand Jury foreman



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FORMER MEMBERS OF MANSON CLAN ESCORTED FROM JURY ROOM AFTER TESTIFYING
Witnesses, from left: Diane Blaustein, 16; Nancy Pittman, 20; and Rachel Morse, 19

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NEW WEIRD CULT Link to Tate Murders Studied

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London-Based 'Church' Shows Similarity to Manson Tenets

BY JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writer

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 Scien-

tologists as victims.

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 Nov. 5.

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.

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Movie Ranch Where Hippie Band Stayed Scene of Hunt

BY DIAL TORGERSON and RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writers

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, O'Shea and Manson argued, Spahn said

"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.

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 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.

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 arraignment.

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 suicides.



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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Manson Jailed Here For Arraignment

By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Charles M. Manson, 35-year-old leader of a nomadic hippie cult, is in Los Angeles Central Jail today pending his arraignment tomorrow on murder and conspiracy charges in the Sharon Tate-Leno LaBianca slayings.

The bushy-haired, bearded Manson was brought to the jail here last night from the Inyo County Jail in Independence, where he has been held since Oct. 12 on arson and receiving stolen property charges.

Three other members of Manson's cult are scheduled to be arraigned today before Superior Court Judge William B. Keene.

They are Susan Denise Atkins, 21, of San Jose, who was the star witness in the County Grand Jury hearing on the case; Linda Louise Kasabian, 20, of Concord, N.H.; and Leslie Sankston, 19, of Pasadena.

All three were named in the indictment's conspiracy count.

Miss Atkins and Mrs. Kasabian are charged in all seven murders. Miss Sankston is named only in the murders of Leno LaBianca, 44, president of Gateway Markets, and his wife, Rosemary, 38, on Aug. 10 at the Los Feliz home.

In addition to the 26-year-old Miss Tate, those killed Aug. 9 at the secluded Benedict Canyon estate were Jay Sebring, 35, an internationally known men's hair stylist; Voityck Frykowski, 32, a Polish movie cameraman; Abigail Folger, 26, a San Fran-

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cisco socialite, and Steven Parent, 18, an El Monte youth.

Two persons named in Monday's indictment returned by the grand jury are still out-of-state and resisting extradition to California.

They are Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, in Mobile, Ala.; and Charles D. Watson, 24, in McKinney, Tex.

Accompanying Manson for his court appearance here was Inyo County Public Defender Fred Schafer, who is representing him in the two trials pending in Independence.

The slightly-built cult leader, dressed in a buckskin leather outfit, coveralls, was driven from Independence by Los Angeles Police Detective Sgts. Manuel Gutierrez and Phil Sartuche.

Schafer said that he had been contacted by several nationally prominent lawyers regarding representation of Manson in the murder cases. He declined to mention any names.

Miss Atkins is being represented by Richard Caballero. Gary Fleischman and Al Mathews are lawyers for Mrs. Kasabian, who is five months pregnant.

Police detectives revealed Tuesday that it was the investigation into the July 25 murder of 34-year-old Malibu musician Gary Hinman that opened the path to information which led to solving the Tate-LaBianca murders.

There are striking similarities in the Hinman, Tate and LaBianca murders, including the fact that the word "Pig" or variations of it were scrawled in blood at all three murder scenes.

The following timetable was provided by Capt. Hugh Brown, commander of the Los Angeles Police Department's robbery-homicide division:

Oct. 15—Police detectives focused on the similarities in the three sets of killings.

Oct. 20—The detectives conferred with sheriff's investigators working on the Hinman case and were told that a girl they had questioned might have some information on the Tate murders.

Oct. 31—The girl whose name was not released by police, gave officers the name of Manson a leader of the hippie band.

Nov. 1—Detectives obtained additional information about Manson, an ex-convict, from his federal parole officer.

Nov. 6—Nine members of Manson's so-called "Family" were interviewed at Independence where they were accused, along with their leader, of operating a stolen car ring. No information was obtained.

Nov. 12—A burglar arrested by police in Venice gave to detectives some information about Manson and his cult.

Nov. 13—A man mentioned in the interview with the above burglar told investigators he had heard members of Manson's group talking at the Spahn Movie Ranch near Chatsworth about the Tate and LaBianca murders.

Nov. 18—Beverly Hills police relayed information to Los Angeles detectives that a woman suspect in an unrelated case had reported jail cell conversation with a woman prisoner who talked about details of the Tate case.

Nov. 26—Investigators talked with this informant and received from her a detailed account of what happened during the two murder rampages.

Dec. 1—Arrests of three people for the Tate murders indicated that the case had been broken.

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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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TATE MURDER SUSPECT—Charles Manson, 35, leader of a band of hippies accused of the Tate and La Bianca slayings, is led into police headquarters here on return from Independence, Calif.

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SUSAN AIDS TATE GUN HUNT

By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Police said today they have temporarily called off their search for the blood-soaked clothing and weapons used by the Sharon Tate killers.

Capt. Hugh Brown, Los Angeles chief of detectives, said:

"We would like to enlist the aid of the public in this search but can't do so because the court order prohibits our describing what we are looking for."

Aided by 21-year-old suspect Susan Atkins, a dozen detectives and 80 Explorer Scouts yesterday combed an area in the Hollywood Hills looking for evidence in the case.

The area searched along Mulholland Drive is 4.4 miles from the Tate estate at 10050 Cielo Drive.

Capt. Brown would not say when and where police would resume the search.

Miss Atkins was taken from her cell yesterday to accompany Police Lts. Robert Helder and Paul LePage to the area where she thinks the clothing and weapons were thrown over a steep embankment.

While the detectives and Scouts from the Van Nuys and Devonshire troops conducted the ground search, a police helicopter directed by Lt. Helder made continuous passes over the area.

Helder declined to comment

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on the precise purpose of the search and would not confirm that Miss Atkins had been brought to the area to aid officers.

His only statement was: "All I can say is that we are searching on the ground and in the air, and it is in connection with the Sharon Tate case."

He said his silence was dictated by the anti-publicity order issued last week by Superior Court Judge William B. Keene.

The first day's search failed to find the black outfits that Miss Atkins says were worn by herself and three others during the murder rampage at 10050 Cielo Drive.

The ravine areas checked yesterday are northeast of the Tate residence.

Explorer Scout John Sibis, 15, of 10914 Darby Ave., found a .44-caliber pistol at 1:55 p.m., 20 yards down an embankment across of 13724 Mulholland Drive.

Police refused to comment on this weapon but it is understood that investigators believe it has no connection with the Tate killings.

Other items found but thought not to be connected with the Tate case include a safe-like metal box and a hypodermic needle.

Detectives were looking for the weapons—a .22 caliber western-style revolver and at least two knives—that investigators believe were thrown over an embankment within minutes after she and the others left the murder scene.

Miss Atkins was taken from Sybil Brand Institute for Women on a court order signed by Superior Court Judge Kathleen Parker.

The next court activity in the case is to be Miss Atkins' appearance before Judge Keene tomorrow when she is scheduled to enter her plea on the seven counts of murder and a single count of conspiracy.

Pleas are due to be entered Dec. 22 by Charles Manson, 35, the leader of the hippie cult whose members are charged with the killings; Linda Louise Kasabian, 20, of Concord, N.H.; and Leslie Louise Van Houten, 19, of Monrovia.

Extradition proceedings are now in progress against two other persons indicted in the case. They are Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, in Mobile, Ala., and Charles D. Watson, 24, in McKinney, Tex.

All six defendants are charged with conspiracy. All but Miss Van Houten are named in all seven murder counts. She is charged only with the Aug. 10 slayings of Gateway Markets president Leno LaBianca, 44, and his wife, Rosemary, 38, in their Los Feliz home.

Killed with the 26-year-old Miss Tate were Jay Sebring, 35, her former fiance and a men's hair stylist; Voityck Frykowski, 32, Polish movie cameraman; Abigail Folger, 26, a San Francisco socialite; and Steven Parent, 18, an El Monte youth.

Dist. Atty. Evelle Younger said last week that his staff's investigation has broadened beyond the Tate - LaBianca killings.

Miss Atkins was charged with the July 25 murder of Malibu musician Gary Hinman, 34, in Topanga Canyon before being indicted for the slaying of Miss Tate and six others.

She is scheduled to go to trial in the Hinman case Jan. 14.



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MANSON 'COMMAND CAR'

This photo, released by Life Magazine, was allegedly taken by Charles Manson. Caption reads: 'It shows three of Manson's girl followers in armor-plated dune buggy he built to use as command vehicle at Death Valley hideaway. The furs on rear of platform of car hide machinegun mount.

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Susan Atkins Pleads Innocent in Tate Deaths

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Slim, dark-eyed Susan Denise Atkins—whose testimony led to the indictment of herself and five other members of a hippie band in the Tate and La Bianca slayings—pleaded innocent Tuesday to murder charges.

She was the first member of the Charles Manson "Family" to enter a plea in the Tate-La Bianca case.

As a woman sheriff's deputy held her by one arm, she quietly said "innocent" when Superior Judge William B. Keene asked her how she wished to plead to the charges against her.

She was indicted on seven counts of murder and one count of conspiracy to commit murder—charges based largely on her own testimony before a County Grand Jury which indicted her, Manson, and four other young people.

Pleading guilty now would mean a plea to guilty of first-degree murder. It is possible her attorney may wish to change the plea later, or that—because of her cooperation — the prosecution might reduce the charges or at least not seek the death penalty against her.

Miss Atkins, 21, went to court in a pink-velvet dress with puffed sleeves and a miniskirt which showed a pair of shapely legs. She seemed more amused than impressed by the legal procedures, smiling broadly at her attorney and briefly at her guard, Dep. Sheriff Ann Nore.

Keene set the case for trial on Feb. 9 in the courtroom where he will be presiding after the first of the year.

He said he did so after conferring on the matter with both Presiding Judge Joseph A. Wapner and Superior Judge George M. Dell, who will be Keene's successor next year in the master calendar criminal court.

Because of the number of defendants—five are charged in the Tate case and six in the La Bianca murders—it would appear unlikely that the trial will be held that soon.

Two of the defendants, Charles D. Watson and Patricia Krenwinkel, still have not been returned to Los Angeles. They have been resisting extradition.

Watson's Texas attorney successfully obtained a governor's hearing, set for Jan. 5 in Austin, at which he will oppose extradition of Watson.

In Alabama, Gov. Albert Brewer has signed a warrant approving California's request for Miss Krenwinkel's extradition. A hearing on

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the extradition will be held Friday in Mobile, where she is jailed.

Three others also indicted — Manson, Linda Kasabian and Leslie Van Houton—all are scheduled to enter their pleas before Keene on Monday.

All six are members of the bizarre cult of wanderers who allegedly killed on the command of their leader, Manson, an exconvict with a long criminal record.

Miss Atkins, with approval of her court-appointed attorney, Richard Caballero, waived her right to be tried within 60 days of the return of the indictment.

It was at Caballero's request that Judge Keene set a February trial date. He presumably will select the same date for the other defendants if, and when, they plead innocent.

Separate Trial Bids Possible

Attorneys for some of the defendants may, before a trial setting, make motions for dismissal of the charges, or for separate trial dates.

Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger announced last week that he has instructed the two prosecutors he assigned to the case, Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi, to seek a joint trial for all six defendants.

All but Miss Van Houten are charged with the five Tate slayings and the two La Bianca killings. Miss Van Houten is involved only in the murder charges naming the La Biancas as victims.

At this time, only Miss Atkins and Manson have been provided lawyers by the court.

The county public defender's office has been appointed to represent Manson, but is expected to announce next week, if the bearded defendant has not by then made other arrangements, that it cannot continue with the assignment because of a conflict of interest.

A deputy public defender is representing Robert K. Beausoleil in the slaying last July of musician Gary Hinman in his Topanga Canyon home.

Beausoleil, like Miss Atkins, who also is charged with Hinman's murder, reportedly is a former member of Manson's Family.

Although many private attorneys are said to have been visiting Manson, presumably to offer their services, he reportedly has shown the most interest in three lawyers—Luke McKissack, Ronald Hughes and Lawrence Steinberg—he has been seeing regularly. It is understood they are working together.

Private Attorneys

Mrs. Kasabian and Miss Van Houten both have retained private attorneys to represent them.

Watson's case now is being handled by William Boyd, a Texas attorney, who reportedly has been in contact with Karl Ransom, a lawyer here, to at least represent Watson in the preliminary stages.

Miss Krenwinkel has retained an Alabama lawyer, M. A. Marsal, who reportedly has been conferring about the matter with Richard Moser, who practices in Gardena.

In Santa Monica, meanwhile, Superior Judge Edward R. Brand found Shelly Joyce Nadell innocent on charges of forging a drug prescription—a charge which was pending when she shared a jail cell with Miss Atkins at Sybil Brand Institute last November.

The judge said earlier that Miss Atkins told Mrs. Nadell of taking part in the Tate murders, and Mrs. Nadell relayed the information to authorities.

When she came to trial Tuesday, her attorney submitted her case on the basis of the preliminary hearing transcript, and Judge Brand, after studying it, freed her.



ENTERS PLEA—Susan Denise Atkins being escorted from jail cell to Superior Court where she pleaded not guilty to one count of conspiracy and seven of murder in Tate and La Bianca slayings.
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Separate Trial for Susan in Tate Case?

By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Susan Denise Atkins, whose grisly account of the Sharon Tate-Leno LaBianca murders led to the indictment of six persons, including herself, probably will be tried separately from the other defendants.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Aaron Stovitz mentioned the probability of separate trials yesterday following the 21-year-old Miss Atkins' plea of innocent to seven counts of murder and one of conspiracy.

His statement was in contrast to that made last Wednesday by Dist. Atty. Evelle Younger who said all six defendants would be tried together.

"We now presume Miss Atkins will be tried separately but there are two big 'ifs' involved," said Stovitz. He explained:

"First, she will be tried separately if her attorney requests it. Second, she has the right to

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request a separate trial if we use her confession as evidence."

Stovitz declined to comment on whether her statements will be used at trial time but it is likely that they will form a strong part of the prosecution's case against the accused killers.

He said no request for a separate trial has been discussed with Richard Caballero, Miss Atkins' court-appointed lawyer.

Stovitz, who along with Deputy Dist. Atty. Vincent Bugliosi has been assigned to try the murder cases, stressed that "no deal" has been made with Miss Atkins or her attorney in exchange for her testimony.

Caballero told the Herald-Examiner, "In all probability I will move for a severance based on her testimony before the Grand Jury," but declined to be more specific. He noted that Sheriff's deputies had searched him out over the weekend to serve him with a copy of the court order banning comment on evidence to be used in the trial.

He earlier stated that he urged Miss Atkins to cooperate with authorities in hopes that she would be "given some consideration in return."

If separate trials are granted, Miss Atkins would be tried following the other defendants, according to Stovitz.

After hearing her innocent plea yesterday, Judge William B. Keene set Feb. 9 as the date for her trial.

He also indicated he would try the case himself in Department 107, the courtroom that was the scene of Sirhan B. Sirhan's trial for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Judge Keene said he made the decision to assign the trial to himself after conferring with Judge Joseph A. Wapner, presiding jurist of the Superior Court, and other judges.

Miss Atkins gave her "I was there" account to the County Grand Jury in a two hour and 12 minute appearance before the panel on Dec. 5.

It was Miss Atkins who provided police with their "big break" in the case by telling a talkative cellmate about the five Aug. 9 slayings at the Tate estate and the Aug. 10 fatal stabbings of grocery executive Leno LaBianca, 44, and his wife, Rosemary, 38, at their Los Feliz home.

Killed with the 26-year-old Miss Tate were Jay Sebring, 35, her former fiance and an internationally known men's hairstylist: Voityck Frykowski, 32, a Polish movie cameraman: Abigail Folger, 26, a San Francisco socialite: and Steven Parent, 18, El Monte.

For her court appearance yesterday, Miss Atkins wore the same thigh-high, rose pink velvet miniskirt she has used in previous court appearances.

Her shoulder length, brown hair was done up in a new style, however, with a curl pinned in front of each ear. She carried a striped drawstring bag and wore white hose with cream-colored sandals.

After entering her plea and hearing the date for her trial set, she gave her attorney a broad smile before being led from the courtroom by a woman deputy sheriff.

Meanwhile, authorities in Mobile, Ala., transferred Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, another defendant in the case, from the city jail to county jail in preparation for her Friday hearing to determine whether she will be returned to California.

The transfer was prompted by a governor's warrant signed by Alabama Gov. Albert Brewer after approving an extradition request by California authorities.

M. A. Marsal, Miss Krenwinkel's attorney, said he will examine the governor's warrant before deciding whether he will oppose its validity in court.



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PATRICIA KRENWINKEL, 22, RIGHT
~~Suspect~~ escorted to jail by policewoman

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Manson Tells Court He Wants to Defend Self in Tate Case

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 Man-

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son, that the defendant wanted private counsel substituted for the public one.

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."

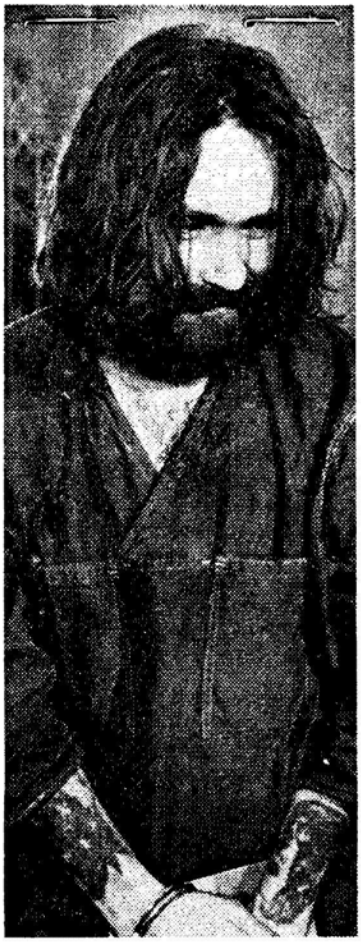
That "team," said the lawyer, would be comprised of McKissack, Steinberg, investigator Michel McCowan and two other criminal attorneys, Ronald W. Hughes and George E. Shibley.

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.

Miss Atkins' testimony before the County Grand Jury last week reportedly implicated Manson, herself and the five other defendants in the murders and was believed to be the major factor leading to their indictments.

A severance of her case would be required if prosecutors wish to use her as a witness against the other defendants. A State Supreme Court decision requires a separate trial if statements made by one defendant incriminate others jointly charged.



CULT LEADER — Charles Manson, tattoos showing on forearms, walks from cell for another courtroom appearance.
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Susan Denies Guilt in Court

Susan Denise Atkins, 21, the admitted "I-Was-There-Girl" in the Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca slayings, today pleaded innocent to seven counts of murder and a single count of conspiracy.

Superior Court Judge William B. Keene ordered an early trial date of Feb. 9 and assigned the case to the court in which he will then be sitting.

Miss Atkins, although freely admitting to her lawyer she was at both murder scenes, has denied she wielded a death weapon. Her counsel has repeatedly stated she hopes for leniency because of her cooperation with authorities.

It was she who first accused the nomadic band of hippies, of which she was a member, of perpetrating the murders of seven persons.

There was, meanwhile, another development in the Tate slayings.

Los Angeles police refused to discuss clothing turned over to the department by representatives of television station KABC for chemical examination of stains that appeared to be blood. Investigators for the station said the seven garments were found in Benedict Canyon near the Tate home.

Included were three black T-shirts, one white T-shirt, and three pairs of blue jeans.

Miss Atkins has admitted to her attorney that four persons, including herself, were involved at the Tate murder scene. She said they were dressed all in black. She said their blood-stained clothing was thrown in a canyon near the actress' estate).

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Ala., Gov. Albert Brewer has authorized the extradition of Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, also charged with murder in the Tate slayings.

Los Angeles police have been authorized by Brewer to bring Miss Krenwinkel to California for trial. She has been held in Mobile since being re-arrested Dec. 5 after her original arrest was declared illegal by a Mobile circuit court.

Bill Boyd, a McKinney, Tex., lawyer, has filed a protest to the extradition, and a hearing on the matter is set for Jan. 5.

Gov. Ronald Reagan today officially asked the state of Texas to return Charles D. Watson, 24, to Los Angeles, to stand trial for the murders of Miss Tate and seven others.

Jan. 10 was set as the date for an extradition hearing in Austin, according to Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr., extradition officer for Gov. Preston Smith.

Watson, who is jailed at McKinney, Tex., has indicated through his attorney, William Boyd, that he will fight extradition.

Dies warned California officials that they will have to provide some proof connecting Watson with the murders when they appear for the hearing Jan. 10.

Watson, a native Texan, had been away from his home state for about two years, but showed up there several months ago. He was arrested Nov. 30 on a murder warrant from California.

Watson was indicted Dec. 8 by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on charges of murder and conspiracy in the slayings last Aug. 9.

All three have been charged with the Aug. 8 murders of Sharon Tate and four others and in the killing the next day of LaBianca, 44, a wealthy grocery chain owner, and his wife, Rosemary, 38.

The District Attorney's office said there were indications that both Miss Krenwinkel and Watson would resist extradition, in which case a court in each locality may set a hearing and the judge would rule on the question of their return. An extradition hearing for Miss Krenwinkel has been set for Friday in Mobile City Court.

Pleas are also due Dec. 22 by Charles Manson, 35, leader of the hippie cult whose members are charged with the killings; Linda Louise Kasabian, 20, of Concord, N.H.; and Leslie Louis Van Houten, 19, of Monrovia.

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EXCLUSIVE DETAILS

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.



Susan Atkins
Times photo

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.

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"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 one heard anything.

The man was pretty much half dead 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

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.

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 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

I heard the boy say: "Please don't hurt me. I won't say anything." Then the gun went off four times.

the younger man, the shorter man—Jay Sebring. She was in a see-through shortie nightgown, wearing a kind of halter underneath it.

But they were just talking and didn't see me.

I came back out to the living room and told Tex:

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

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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.)

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 over.

We all got into the car and there 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 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 on the steering wheel, and on the door handles as well.

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.

He had crept into the house with the gun—that's what he told me 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, mmmnn, 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?"

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 going to be good.

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.



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.

Times photo



THE MARRIAGE SCENE—Sharon Tate and husband Roman Polanski skip down stairs in London after wedding in January, 1968.
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Dig For Body At Tate Cult Home

MANSON 'FAMILY': The common denominator among followers of cult leader. Story on A-6

By WILLIAM FARR

Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Sheriff's deputies resumed ligging operations on the Spahn Movie Ranch near Chatsworth oday in an effort to clear a ealed off cavern that could conain the body of missing stuntnan Donald (Shorty) O'Shea.

The ranch was once the home of Charles Manson and his 'family," some now facing nurder trials along with Manson in the Sharon Tate-Leno LaBianca slayings here last August.

O'Shea, reported to have quarreled with Manson, at the anch, vanished shortly after he dispute. Deputies previously lug out a number of abandoned wells on the property in a futile earch for the stuntman's body.

The new search started after an informant, not identified by letectives, revealed there is a ave on the ranch that some months ago was blocked off at ts entrance. It is located at the oot of a deep gully near Rocky Peak Road.

Mrs. Kasablan, charged with seven counts of murder and one of conspiracy, also is scheduled to enter her plea but attorney Gary Fleischman said it may be delayed.

Miss Van Houten already has entered an innocent plea to two counts of murder and one of conspiracy.

In Mobile, Ala., Circuit Judge Joseph M. Hocklander ruled yesterday that Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, must be returned to stand trial here for the seven slayings.

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

Meanwhile, Texas Gov. Preston Smith also ordered that Charles D. Watson, 24, be turned over to California authorities for trial.

The governor made his ruling on the recommendation of Texas Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr., who conducted a 30-minute extradition hearing in Austin, Tex.

Bill Boyd, attorney representing Watson, argued that Watson could not receive a fair trial in California because of the massive publicity received by the case here.

Texas Asst. Atty. Gen. Gilbert Pena contended that Boyd's arguments about pretrial publicity would be more properly presented to the trial court in Los Angeles instead of before an extradition hearing.

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Researcher Finds Story Parallels

By ROBERT GILLETTE

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There is compelling evidence that the murderers of actress Sharon Tate and at least six others were part of a grotesque psychotic drama improvised by Charles Manson from a novel he read over and over.

The central character and the sequence of events in the science fiction novel are hauntingly similar to the personality and the style of life that Manson cultivated while he lived in San Francisco and Death Valley.

His gathering of a nomadic harem, his "hypnotic" domination over his "family," their communal marriage and free sexual sharing with visitors, their attitudes toward human death, and the Los Angeles killings—all are mirrored in the book, "Stranger in a Strange Land," by Robert A. Heinlein.

In the opinion of a close acquaintance of Manson's, these and numerous other parallels between the book and reality are not coincidental.

For it appears that Charles Manson has spent the last two years acting out key elements of the plot. The acquaintance, who asked not be identified, is a respected drug researcher who came to know Manson when the accused killer lived in the Haight-Asbury district of San Francisco in 1967-68.

The researcher's theory about Manson and the book is echoed by a young Mill Valley man who lived with the Manson "family" in Death Valley last year, gathering data for a study of communal living.

"Stranger in a Strange Land" has been widely read by the under-30 set and a paperback ver-

sion has gone through five printings since early 1968.

It is one of a half dozen novels that young people in the Haight district often say influenced their thinking and life, according to Dr. Stephen Pittel, Mt. Zion Hospital psychiatrist.

"The book is often taken as a model for communal living," Dr. Pitel noted.

But few young readers appear to have taken it as seriously as Charles Manson did.

The drug researcher who knew Manson well says Manson read the book "over and over," and seemingly integrated his life with that of the book's main character, a young man named Valentine Michael Smith.

Smith's description is strikingly Mansonesque.

Small, notable for his sexual prowess, a gleam in his eye, and a hypnotic collection of women.

Manson identified with the book closely enough to pluck at least one character from the plot to nickname an acquaintance.

And when it came to naming a child born to him in mid-1967 by a Peninsula girl, Charlie Manson turned to the book again and called the infant "Valentine Michael Smith."

"Stranger in a Strange Land" is an imaginative anti-establishment commentary on a decadent America of the not-so-distant future.

Religion is seen as a cynical sham. Government freely abrogates civil liberties with its heavy-handed "SS Bureau." Police are sometimes referred to as "long pigs," as distinguished from the shorter edible variety.

In the book, Valentine Michael Smith is a young man born of human parents on the planet Mars, but trained and educated by native Martians.

He is brought to Earth by returning colonists and advised to keep his superior intelligence and telepathic powers under wraps. Earthlings who claim such powers are called psychotic.

It is easy enough to see how the novel might have caught Manson's attention, if not his sympathy.

V. Michael Smith is held at first as a prisoner of the Feder-

al Government. Manson first read the book during or shortly after his stay at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary.

And during his prison stay, Manson began to dabble in scientology and occult theology of expanded mental powers. Traces of psychology are sprinkled throughout the book.

V. Michael Smith soon escapes from the government and enters the custody of one Jubal Harshaw, an aging but hip lawyer and doctor who helps familiarize Smith with earthly ways and eases his transfer to freedom.

In effect, Jubal Harshaw acts as a parole officer for Smith. Manson saw the similarity and nicknamed his own amiable parole officer in San Francisco "Jubal."

As the story progresses, V. Michael Smith leaves Harshaw in the East and heads for San Francisco, where he begins to mold his own brand of reformist religion.

He spruces up with carnival mysticism and annoints himself as a Christ figure—at the same time asserting that all creatures are collectively God.

Essentially the same view is attributed to Manson, who stepped himself, like Smith, in divine writings from the Bible to the Kama Sutra. Manson variously called himself "Christ," "Jesus," "Satan," and "God."

By the time he reaches San Francisco, Smith has gathered the first of his girls in a communal marriage, or family, as Manson and the book each call their communes.

Later Smith moves South, apparently ending up in Florida, although author Heinlein gives a clear impression that the setting is Los Angeles.

Manson's family is a close parallel to the fictional version:

- Both reached a peak membership of about 20, with girls in the great majority.
- Domestic nudity was the rule in both and uninhibited sexual sharing a common bond.
- Conventional love or romance is notably absent between Smith and his girls, as it was between Manson and his family.

In the book, V. Michael Smith engulfs a suave and cocky mien and "accepts homage from the girls as if a natural right . . ."

Similarly, observers say, Manson showed little tenderness, but kept his girls in tow with a slick diplomacy of a "damn good used-car salesman"—a phrase incidentally used in the book to describe Smith.

(If salesmanship came naturally to Smith, it was learned by Manson. He scored near the top of his class while in prison in a Dale Carnegie course by correspondence.)

In both the real and fantasy "families," one girl serves as second in command. Susan Atkins fits that description, an observer recalls. He said, "She was his right hand man—and I mean man, the way she ran the place when Charlie wasn't around."

And this passage might have been culled from early news reports of Manson's family, but comes instead from Page 342 of "Stranger in a Strange Land."

" . . . Whatever Mike says is gospel to Duke. (a family member). Mike's got him hypnotized. Hell, he's got 'em all hypnotized."

By comparison, a San Francisco doctor who knew Charlie and his girls, recalls that "Charlie could do no wrong. If he'd walk over a cliff, the girls would have followed him."

Besides styling his family aft-

er the book, Manson appears to have borrowed heavily from its philosophy and adopted Smith's intent of world reform.

His attitude toward death—that individual lives have little value—and his self-allotted dispensations from common moral controls are mirrored in the book:

"Mike preaches that all living things are collectively God . . . which makes Mike and his disciples the only self-aware gods on this planet . . .

"One must allow Mike any dispensation allowed other gods . . . Once Mike entered into the godding business, orgies were as predictable as sunrise . . . Share-by-all sexual congress is basic to this creed."

V. Michael Smith seeks to expand his family and teach his special mental talents to carry out his reform, but things move too slowly and in desperation he turns to the expedience of mass execution.

In a climactic episode reminiscent of the Tate and La Bianca killings, the fictional Smith tells how he dispatched some 450 persons the night before—with the help and "hearty approval" of one of his girls.

"It's no trouble now that Jill is over her misconceptions about wrongness in discorporating (killing) persons who have wrongness in them . . .

"Last night she helped me with a hatchet job—nor was it her first time . . . I have been waiting, making a list, making sure of (accuracy) in each case . . . They were discorporated and sent back to the foot of the line to try again."

One-time friends of Charlie Manson say about eight months ago he began to talk about inciting a revolution.

The Manson "family", according to one of Susan Atkins' attorneys, had prepared a list of persons to be slain.

And Charlie Manson is alleged to have given his command to his black-clad disciples just before striking the Tate residence (owned by a young song publisher who had declined to use Manson's songe):

"That man has wronged me. Society has wronged me. We'll kill whatever pigs are in that house. Go in there and get them."

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6817)

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THE FAMILY;
FUGITIVE MATTER

Re Jacksonville airtel to Los Angeles dated 12/3/69.

On 1/6/70, Lieutenant ROBERT J. HELDER, Homicide Division, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, advised SA L. STANLEY HARBESON that all of the principals involved in the SHARON TATE and LENO LA BIANCA murder cases are currently in custody. He related that he knew of no association of these individuals with any semi-religious group called "The Family" in Las Vegas.

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POSSIBLE UFAP

Re Phoenix teletype to Albuquerque, dated 12/9/69.

[redacted] b6 b7C advised that no law enforcement agency had contacted her concerning [redacted] (phonetic). She stated how she had become acquainted with [redacted] was that her [redacted] and [redacted] had done some prospecting at Golder Wash near the Barker Ranch, Death Valley, California. She stated that she and [redacted] had visited [redacted] over the fourth of July weekend. She stated at that time there were [redacted] (LNU), who she described as

Age	[redacted] years of age
Height	
Weight	[redacted] pounds
Hair	Dark;

[redacted] (LNU) described as

Age	[redacted] years of age
Height	
Weight	[redacted] pounds
Hair	Light brown

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and [redacted] all staying at [redacted] She stated that all three had stated that they had been members of CHARLES MANSON's family but had broken off with MANSON. [redacted] further advised that MANSON had supposedly tried to kill [redacted] She stated that [redacted] along with [redacted] came and stayed at their house in [redacted], for a few days. She stated that b6 b7C

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[redacted] that she kicked her out of the house and that [redacted] lived in [redacted] She stated that there was no mention of any killing. She stated that [redacted] which were postmarked from [redacted] Mexico. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] is presently living with [redacted] in [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] had met and talked to CHARLES MANSON while he was visiting [redacted] during the Labor Day weekend. She said she could not furnish any additional information concerning this matter. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he had met CHARLES MANSON during the Labor Day weekend while he was visiting [redacted] near [redacted] in [redacted] He stated at that time along with MANSON was a man by the name of TEX and another fellow, name unknown, who he described as b6 b7C

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	[redacted] years of age
Height	[redacted]
Weight	[redacted] pounds
Hair	Dark
Complexion	Dark.

He stated that also there were five girls and one of the girls was [redacted] He stated that he could only recall two names, one of [redacted] and one of [redacted] and that one of the girls wore thick glasses. [redacted] further advised that there was also a little boy, approximately two years of age with long hair with the MANSON family and when he met them they were in the process of moving from [redacted] to [redacted] He stated that he drank coffee with MANSON and TEX in the morning while he was visiting with [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] explained that MANSON advised that he was building a sand buggy to mount a machine gun on. [redacted] stated that he could not furnish any additional information concerning this matter. b6 b7C

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[redacted] was reluctant to discuss his conversation with MANSON with any great detail. b6 b7C

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Will provide the above information to the Los Angeles PD, whatever benefit it may provide.

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On 1/14/70, an anonymous female phoned the Honolulu FBI Office and stated she had read the Sunday supplement of the Honolulu Advertiser on 1/11/70, which contained photographs and an article regarding ROBERT MANSON and the SHARON TATE murder in Los Angeles, California. She recalled, in the fall of 1967, a Dr. SIMMS and his wife and 13-year-old daughter from Tallahassee, Florida, were murdered in a similar fashion as the persons in the SHARON TATE household.

She stated she had been interviewed as a witness in regard to the Dr. SIMMS murder since her car nearly collided with the vehicle driven by the suspected murderer of Dr. SIMMS and family in Tallahassee. She stated she had been interviewed by the police and sheriff's office in regard to the description of the subject and had assisted in preparing a composite description fromiwhich an artist drawing of subject was made. She stated she was struck by the likeness of ROBERT MANSON to the person she had seen flee the area in Tallahassee following Dr. SIMMS' murder. She was particularly impressed by the hair and the type of glasses worn by the subject and the fact that his auto had California license.

She stated the Sunday supplement section stated that MANSON had been in Florida during the pertinent period when Dr. SIMMS and family were murdered. She stated the photograph she had seen of ROBERT MANSON in the Sunday paper bore a remarkable resemblance to the person she had

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seen flee from the SIMMS' murder scene in 1967. This anonymous caller stated she did not want to furnish her name or address, but it is believed her identity may be known to the Tallahassee police due to the fact that she was interviewed as a witness.

The above is being furnished for your information and for appropriate dissemination to local authorities.

Should the identity of the anonymous caller be determined from your file, it is requested that the identity be furnished the Honolulu Office so that Honolulu's files may be completed.

Enclosed for the Jacksonville Office is one copy of the Parade section of the Sunday Star-Bulletin and Advertiser dated 1/11/70 containing an article captioned "The 'Manson Family' Murders" by Lloyd Shearer, referred to by the anonymous caller.

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FROM : SA L. STANLEY HARBESON (C)

SUBJECT: CHARLES MANSON, ET AL;
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A review of this file reveals that all pertinent information has been furnished to the Los Angeles Police Department. It is therefore recommended that this case be closed.

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Manson Bids For Freedom To 'Travel'

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By JOHN DOUGLAS
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Complaining he's been held too long in solitary confinement, Charles M. Manson, accused mastermind in the actress Sharon Tate-Leno LaBianca murders, today was set to ask the Superior Court to free him and permit him to travel pending his murder conspiracy trial.

Manson's unusual plea is in a 17-page motion to be filed today with the County Clerk, The Herald-Examiner learned. Close associates of the cult leader said the document represented Manson's first attempt to describe to the court what he believed was wrong with the court system under which he is to be tried.

Manson is representing himself in the case against the advice of Superior Judge William B. Keene, who is scheduled to preside over his trial beginning March 30.

In asking to be let out of jail, Manson told the court:

"You may find my remarks unorthodox, and perhaps smile, but I make them in all seriousness with the feeling of a man condemned to death."

Manson in his paper made an eight-pronged demand on the court. He asked:

- Unlimited visits from anyone he wishes to see.
- A "normal or near normal environment so that my mind may be free from coercion and physical forces which impinge upon my clear thoughts and ability to review myself . . ."
- Freedom to travel "any place I should deem fit in preparing my defense . . ."
- Bail, if his travel requests were denied.
- The freedom to take depositions from witnesses.
- To be referred to as Charley during his trial, and not be called a "hippie, accused, or defendant."
- Dismissal of the charges against him if he is not allowed his other requests.

In addition to these, Manson told the court:

"I respectfully request that a commission be appointed to correlate the wealth of knowledge in all of our scientific and social fields so that a study may be made of the procedures involved in the judicial system of jury trial, so that the precepts of fair, equitable, unprejudiced trial may be modernized to provide for due process in the protection of my rights.

"The commission to be composed of, among other persons, recognized psychologists, psychiatrists, sociologists, jurists, legal professors, advertising and marketing experts."

Arguing for his apparently unprecedented request, Manson wrote:

"Does this court have the courage to bring itself to protect the rights of man under our judicial system by taking its historical precepts and modernizing the procedures to apply these precepts?

"Oppression of my human rights," Manson wrote, "is no less tyrannical simply because the oppression is conducted by the legal system."

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Girl in Tate Case Brought Back to L.A.

Patricia (Katie) Krenwinkel, a principal defendant in the Tate-La Bianca slayings, was returned to Los Angeles Friday to face seven murder charges.

Miss Krenwinkel, 22, escorted without handcuffs by Det. Sgt. William Carey, stared straight ahead and said nothing, while holding her long brown hair back from her face with her right hand as she deplaned at International Airport.

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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RETURNED TO L.A.—Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, suspect in Tate-La Bianca slayings, arrives at International Airport after her extradition from Mobile, Ala. Behind her are police sergeants Olivia Conner and William Carey. Rear, Sgt. Manuel Gutierrez.

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Manson Album Out This Week

Charles Manson, accused leader of a hippie murder cut, accused in the Tate-LaBianca murders, will tell his story on a record album to be released this week.

Phil Kaufman, producer of the album, said it will be released on its own label, the Family Jams, because the recording industry would not touch it.

"This is Charlie's way of offsetting yellow journalism," Kaufman said.

Manson has been charged with other members of "the Manson Family" in the slayings of actress Sharon Tate and six other persons.

Among the songs in the album will be "People Say I'm No Good," "Sick City," "Garbage Dump," "Mechanical Man" and "Eye of the Dreamer."

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Remarks: Sgt. GUTIERREZ was advised that this office received a call from an individual identifying himself as BOB HARMON, [redacted] Telephone [redacted] b6 b7C HARMON advised that he is a friend of Mrs DORIS MELCHER, also known as Doris Day who has letters of an evidentiary Nature. He advised that Mrs MELCHER is being held by the Beverly Hills P.D. reason unknown. He advised that he and Mrs MELCHER wanted to turn these letters over to the FBI. He was advised that the FBI has no jurisdiction in that case and any evidence or information he has he should give to the L.A.P.D.

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Larry G. Montague
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Manson Stripped Of Special Status

Charles M. Manson, 35, accused mastermind in the actress Sharon Tate-Leno LaBianca mass murders, today reverted to ordinary prisoner status in County Jail.

Until yesterday he enjoyed special privileges acting as his attorney, a situation suddenly terminated when Superior Court Judge William B. Keene, by court order, named an attorney to represent him.

The jurist ruled Manson was not competent to handle his murder defense. He appointed Charles Hollopeter, veteran Pasadena trial lawyer, to handle Manson's defense.

This prompted the accused hippie cult leader to cry out in court:

"You can kill me, but you can't give me an attorney!"

Manson also told the judge:

"There's no love in your courtroom."

Members of Manson's hippie "family" entered the dispute, shouting:

"You're a mockery of justice."

Catherine Share, Mark Ross and Sandy Goode, all members of Manson's group, were found guilty of contempt of court and sentenced to five days in County Jail for their remarks.

Judge Keene reversed his previous order after reviewing all proceedings since Manson's Dec. 8 indictment by a Los Angeles County Grand Jury.

Manson was ordered to appear yesterday in court on a 17-page motion which he filed before Judge Keene and which the jurist termed "outlandish and beyond comprehension."

Manson agreed that he could not contest denial of a long series of motions he has filed in the case, but told Judge Keene:

". . . Look where I am in this situation. All I wanted to do was to maintain my own voice."

At another point in the hearing, Manson shouted at the judge:

"I have a right, too, Mister—do you hear me? Wait just a minute . . ."

But he was ordered by the jurist to restrain himself as reasons for the judge's reversal of his former decision were explained.

Judge Keene said his decision to appoint an attorney to represent Manson was based not only on his own observation of the hippie cultis in court but also upon observations of Superior Court Judges George M. Dell and Macolm M. Lucas.

Judges Dell and Lucas also have presided at hearings involving Manson.

At one time, Judge Keene reminded the accused, Manson had requested permission to be assisted by other defendants acting as their own attorneys.

The jurist also told Manson he could if he so descired, substitute another attorney at some future date, reminding him of his previous indication that he had funds with which to hir an attorney if he wanted to do so.

Judge Keene ruled that if such funds are available, the county must be reimbursed for costs of the court-appointed attorney and noted trial of Manson and four others accused in the bizarre slayings remains set for March 30.

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Plans Not To Accuse Manson

By WILLIAM FARR
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Susan Denise Atkins, 21, is planning to deny the story she told the county grand jury about the Sharon Tate-Leno LaBianca murders, The Herald - Examiner learned today.

Los Angeles attorney Daye Shinn, who plans to replace Richard Caballero as her lawyer tomorrow, in response to a question, said:

"She definitely will deny everything she told the grand jury. There is no chance she will take the stand against Charlie Manson and the others."

It was Miss Atkins' two hours and 12 minutes of testimony that led to the murder-conspiracy inditement of herself, Manson and four others Dec. 8.

Shinn made the statement about Miss Atkins' denial plan after he met in Superior Court Judge William B. Keene's chambers with Caballero and prosecutors Aaron H. Stovitl and Vincent Bugliosi.

The judge set a hearing for 2 p.m. tomorrow to consider the substitution of attorneys.

Judge Keene indicated he would call "all interested parties" into court for the hearing, including Manson and Miss Atkins.

Only five days ago Miss Atkins had an hour-long, face-to-face session with Manson at County Jail in the presence of Caballero.

Caballero said after that meeting that his client was "mulling over" what her future role would be in the prosecution of the case.

He said Manson did not request that Miss Atkins withdraw her story, but "instead asked her to do what she thought was right."

But Caballero said at that time he had "tactical and philosophical" differences with Manson about Miss Atkins' role at the trial.

"If Mr. Manson and I can't reconcile those differences and she goes along with him," said Caballero, "then I will have no choice but to remove myself as her attorney."

Following today's session behind closed doors with Judge Keene, Caballero refused to discuss any aspects of the case, saying it would be improper to do so pending tomorrow's hearing.

Shinn indicated he might go into further detail about his role in the case after that hearing.

Although he has not been an attorney of record in the Tate-LaBianca case, Shinn has been the lawyer closest to the 35-year-old Manson, having seen him several times each week since December.

Until Friday, Manson had been acting as his own attorney. Judge Keene, ruling "outlandish" motions filed by the hippie cult leader proved he was incompetent to represent himself and appointed Pasadena attorney Charles Hollopeter to take over Manson's defense.

Hollopeter yesterday said Manson "will definitely plead innocent" and "we will go the whole router.'"

Hollopeter told The Herald-Examiner:

"Our position will be that he didn't do it."

The attorney, after his first meeting with Manson on Sunday, said he found his client "pleasant and intelligent."

At the time of Miss Atkins' appearance before the grand jury, Caballero said he was allowing her to testify "to save her life."

He told newsmen that Miss Atkins maintained that Manson directed her and four others to go to 10050 Cielo Dr., where they fatally attacked Miss Tate and four of her friends in the early morning hours Aug. 9.

Miss Atkins' earlier story has been that Manson actually did accompany a group to the home of grocery store executive Leno LaBianca but left the premises before LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, were stabbed to death.

Hearings on motions for change of trial location by co-defendants Linda Kasabian and Patricia Krenwinkel were postponed today until March 24.

Mrs. Kasabian gave birth to a baby boy yesterday.



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TURNABOUT EXPECTED BY SUSAN ATKINS IN STORY OF TATE-LABIANCA MURDERS

Star witness will probably decline giving evidence against cult leader Charles Manson

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Attorney Wants to See Police Report on Tate Case Victims

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Police investigating the Sharon Tate murders have learned that one of the victims had a history of engaging in acts of sadism with young women and that two others were known narcotics users, a defense attorney in the case said Wednesday.

Paul J. Fitzgerald made the claims in a declaration filed with Superior Judge Charles H. Older.

The attorney is defending Patricia Krenwinkel, who, along with hippie leader Charles Manson and four others, was indicted for conspiracy and murder in the Tate slayings.

Fitzgerald sought a court order to permit him to inspect any police or prosecution statements relating to the habits of hair stylist Jay Sebring, Polish playboy Wojiciech (Voityck) Frykowski and coffee heiress Abigail Folger.

He also asked to see the results of police investigations into any other suspects in the case.

Without an order from Older, Dep. Dist. Attys. Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi, who are prosecuting Miss Krenwinkel and her co-defendants, agreed to let Fitzgerald inspect the documents listed in his discovery motion.

Fitzgerald asked that he be permitted to read all purported data relating to:

—Sebring's alleged acts of sadism with women in his Hollywood Hills home and "in particular his conduct in regard to bizarre sexual activity" and use of "force and torture in connection with ropes and hoods."

—The alleged narcotics activities of Frykowski and Miss Folger. (Fitzgerald said tests made after their deaths revealed the presence of drugs in their blood.)

—Several persons who had been suspects in the case, including a prominent entertainer.

Experienced police homicide investigators, according to Fitzgerald, had theorized that the murders were committed by persons delivering narcotics to the Tate home, by burglars or by hired killers.

Fitzgerald said he wants to inspect the records because of what he described as his duty to his client to carefully and thoroughly evaluate the evidence of guilt of all other persons.

Stovitz and Bugliosi said all persons under suspicion in the slayings were cleared prior to the time the investigation focused on Miss Krenwinkel and her co-defendants as suspects and that the other evidence Fitzgerald seeks to inspect is not material in the case against his client.

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Earlier in the same proceeding, Manson failed in an attempt to bring in a new lawyer to defend him.

Older declined to accept the substitution after Irving A. Kanarek, the attorney Manson now wants to represent him, refused to take the witness stand to answer questions under oath.

Kanarek described the court's attitude as "cavalier" and said such a procedure would be a denial of Manson's right to counsel of his own choosing and would interfere with his privileged communications with Manson.

Financial Arrangements

Older set Monday for arguments by Kanarek to support the attorney's position that he should not have to testify.

The judge said he intends to ask Kanarek about any financial arrangements he might have with Manson and whether the attorney has discussed the case with any of Manson's co-defendants.

Older explained that he has a duty to make sure that a defendant is adequately represented and that there are no conflicts of interest.

Meanwhile, Dep. Dist. Atty. Burton Katz, who prosecuted Robert J. Beausoleil for the slaying of musician Gary Hinman, said he intends to show that one of his witnesses, Mary Brunner, was coerced by at least two members of the so-called Manson family into signing a statement in which she said she lied during Beausoleil's recent trial.

Beausoleil, convicted of first-degree murder and scheduled to be sentenced to death, presented Miss Brunner's statement Tuesday during arguments for a new trial.

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SHORTCUTS TO SPEED TATE TRIAL SOUGHT

By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Start of jury selection in the actress Sharon Tate and Leno LaBianca mass murder cases was temporarily delayed today by lengthy last-minute private conferences between the trial judge and defense lawyers.

Superior Judge Charles M. Older met in chambers at the Hall of Justice with the attorneys in an effort to reach agreements that would shorten trial procedures. He planned to call the first jury panel for examination in mid-afternoon.

Both prosecutors and defense attorneys have estimated that selecting jurors may take more than a month.

Only four of the six indicted for murder last Dec. 8 are up for trial today. They are:

●Charles Manson, 35, the illegitimate son of a prostitute who spent 22 years of his life behind bars before becoming the head of a hippie "family" based at the Spahn Movie Ranch near Chatsworth.

●Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, the daughter of an Inglewood insurance salesman. She was arrested in Mobile, Ala., where her mother now resides.

●Susan Atkins, 21, of San Jose, whose two hours and 12 minutes of testimony before the grand jury led to the indictments. She now claims she will repudiate this testimony.

●Leslie Van Houten, 19, a tall, dreamy-eyed Monrovia girl who is charged in connection with the two LaBianca killings only.

One of those accused, but not yet in Los Angeles County jurisdiction for the trial, is Charles D. Watson, 24, held in McKinney, Tex., near Dallas. He was apprehended there but has successfully resisted extradition through a series of court actions.

The other indicted, but who is escaping trial, is Linda Kasabian, 20, a New Hampshire "flower child" who recently gave birth to a son. She is a former

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member of Manson's "family" of hippie cultists and has helped the prosecution with statements against the others, according to prosecutors.

She has been promised immunity from prosecution and will replace Miss Atkins as the star witness among the 80 to 100 that Deputy Dist. Attys. Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi plan to call.

Because he will not have exhausted his various avenues of appeals on extradition for several months, Watson will have to be given a separate trial.

There also remains a big question about whether Manson and Misses Krenwinkel, Atkins and Van Houten will be in the courtroom, since Judge Older ejected them several times during pre-trial proceedings.

Judge Older has made it clear that he will not tolerate any courtroom antics such as standing with arms outstretched and heads bowed in the "crucifixion" pose they pulled last Friday.

Although neither the prosecution nor defense will comment on the prospect, it is possible that the judge could order the defendants bound and gagged to assure both their presence and proper decorum during the trial.

All of the defendants, with the exception of Miss Van Houten, are charged with murder and conspiracy in connection with the Aug. 9 slayings of Miss Tate, 26, at her secluded Benedict Canyon home, along with Jay Sebring, 37, an internationally known men's hairstylist; Voyteck Frykowski, 32, Polish playboy and would-be movie director; Abigail Folger, 26, of the San Francisco coffee family, and Steven Parent, 18, an El Monte youth who happened to be visiting the caretaker at the Tate estate.

In her original testimony before the grand jury that led to the indictments, Miss Atkins told a horrifying story of how she and all the others, except Miss Van Houten, garbed themselves in black and invaded the Tate home. She said an orgy of knifing and shooting followed.

Manson, she first declared, ordered them to the house, but did not accompany them. He was indicted for murder conspiracy. Evidence reportedly before the jury indicated Manson had acquaintanceship with a former occupant of the home leased by Miss Tate and her husband.

Miss Van Houten and the five other defendants also are charged with two slayings the night following the massacre at the Tate residence.



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KEY FIGURES IN OPENING OF MANSON TRIAL

These are the principals in trial of hippie leader Charles Manson, center, opening today in Los Angeles. Three co-defendants with Manson are Susan Atkins, upper left; Leslie Van Houten, lower left, and Patricia Krenwinkel, lower right. Deputy Dist. Atty. Vincent Bugliosi, center left, will head prosecution, and Irving Kanarek, center right, is Manson's attorney. Upper right is Sharon Tate, actress and one of seven victims in the grisly trial. The selection of jurors is first on trial agenda.

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Tate Lawyer Hints 'Conviction Desire'

By WILLIAM FARR
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Leslie Van Houten's attorney today asked prospective jurors in the Tate-LaBianca murder trial if they would be able to find her innocent "even if she wants to be convicted."

Ira Reiner, representing the Monrovia 19-year-old, asked the question in alluding to her unsuccessful attempt to fire him yesterday when he disregarded her instructions to remain silent for the balance of the trial.

In screening jurors, Reiner asked:

"Can you make a decision on her innocence based on the evidence alone, even if she wants to be convicted?"

The first nine potential jurors he questioned answered, "yes."

Miss Van Houten is charged with conspiracy in the Tate mass murder, and with two counts of murder in the slaying of Leno LaBianca and his wife.

On trial with her are Charles Manson, 35, Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, and Susan Atkins, 21.

They are charged with conspiracy and seven counts of murder for the La Bianca deaths, and the killing of Miss Tate and four others.

The Krenwinkel woman also has been turned down in her effort to fire her lawyer, Paul Fitzgerald, for disobeying the silence command.

While Reiner and Fitzgerald have disregarded their clients' wishes, the lawyers for Manson and Miss Atkins — Irving Kanarek and Daye Shinn — have indicated they will abide by their clients' direction to keep silent.

However, both men refused to say today whether they still planned to remain silent, explaining that Judge Charles Older has put strict curbs on their comments to newsmen.

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THE TRIAL OF CHARLES MANSON AND HIS 'FAMILY'

All was tranquil at actress Sharon Tate's rambling ranch-style house high in the Hollywood Hills as time slipped past midnight into the early morning hours of Aug. 9, 1969.

The comfortable calm that enveloped the sexy actress, three of her friends, and a teenage visitor to the secluded site would soon come to a brutal, murderous end.

Dawn would find them all shot or hacked to death with hunting knives, the victims of frenzied butchery.

Within 24 hours, the equally-unsuspecting Leno and Rosemary La Bianca would return from a happy weekend at Lake Isabella to meet death at their Los Feliz home, 15 miles across town from the Tate estate in Benedict Canyon.

Detectives took note of the similarity involved in the Tate and La Bianca slayings but they labeled the latter deaths "copycat murders."

It would be several months before evidence would develop to make them think that the two murder rampages were the work of the same slayers.

The "break" connecting the cases would come when Susan Atkins, a member of Charlie Manson's hippy-type "family," started talking to a cellmate at Sybil Brand Institute.

Miss Atkins, already charged with the Murder of Malibu musician Gary Hinman, told fellow prisoner Shelley Nadell about the Tate-LaBianca murder orgies and Mrs. Nadell relayed the terror tale to authorities.

This led to the Dec. 1 announcement by Police Chief Edward Davis that the Tate-La Bianca murders had been solved.

The curvaceous Miss Atkins, who has since repudiated her story, then went before the County Grand Jury to provide details of the seven slayings on those two August nights.

After hearing Miss Atkins' version, the grand jury indicted her, Manson, and four other members of his "family."

The first to die in the wee hours of Aug. 9 was Steven Earle Parent, 18, an El Monte youth who happened to be at the Tate estate to visit caretaker William Garretson in a little cottage behind the main house.

Parent had driven up to 10050 Cielo Drive to show his 19-year-old friend Garretson a new clock radio that he had bought earlier in the day.

Garretson, who was arrest-

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ed for the Tate murders and then released, remembers that Parent arrived near midnight and stayed with him for about a half hour.

Parent was shot several times in the head as he sat at the wheel of his car, the wheels pointed dramatically in the direction of the electronically-controlled gate to the estate.

He apparently had never even met the other four victims whose lives were also snuffed out.

Inside the house with the actress were three members of the "beautiful" people jet set that surrounded Miss Tate and her movie director husband, Roman Polanski.

Polanski, in London finishing arrangements for a movie, had talked to his eight-month pregnant wife earlier in the evening via transatlantic telephone.

The 26-year-old Miss Tate flew back from England a few months earlier, eagerly anticipating the birth of her first child.

Unaware of her imminent date with death, she had spent the hours before the fatal attack by perusing a baby name book.

Miss Tate was just on the verge of attaining star status. Her main claims to fame had been a good part in the movie "Valley of the Dolls," and a nude layout in Playboy magazine.

She was in bed, wearing a shortie nightgown with bikini pants and bra, when the killers arrived. Talking with her in the bedroom was Jay Sebring, 35, who had been engaged to Miss Tate before her marriage to Polanski.

Alabama-born Sebring had become internationally-famous as the leader in making men's hair styling a fashionable trend.

He had parlayed this trend into considerable wealth and was expanding a chain of his salons.

Asleep on a couch in the living room was Voytick Frykowski, 32, who had grown up as a childhood friend of Polanski's back in Poland.

Friends said that at the time of the murders Frykowski had been on a prolonged mescaline "trip" and he was known as a frequent user of other exotic drugs.

The fact that both Frykowski and Sebring were known drug users led investigators to suspect initally that the slayings had some connection with narcotic trafficking.

A small amount of marijuana, and tablets containing a drug called DMA were found in Sebring's black Porsche parked on the estate.

Frykowski had been in this country only three years and was frustrated in his ambitions to make a name for himself in the movie industry as a producer and director.

Polanski described his friend as a man with "lots of ambition but little talent."

In addition to working with Polanski on several films as "assistant," Frykowski derived a good portion of his income from still photography, work in which he displayed an above-average skill.

Upon Miss Tate's return from England, Frykowski had moved into the house along with his mistress, 26-year-old Abigail Folger.

Miss Folger, a member of the socially-prominent San Francisco family that operates the Folger Coffee enterprises, was devoted to social work and spent her days working on projects in Watts.

The slayers gathered all four in the living room and in a matter of minutes all were dead or dying.

A rope was put around the necks of Sebring and Miss Tate and then tossed over a rafter. He was shot and stabbed as the first victim in the house, investigators believed.

Miss Tate's attacker stabbed her numerous times, including a vicious slash across her left breast.

Once aroused from his drug-induced stupor, Frykowski put up a terrific battle before he finally dropped dying, just outside the front door.

Frykowski was stabbed a total of 51 times and shot in the back and chest with the Western-style revolver also used on Sebring and Parent.

Evidence indicates that he was beaten, too, with the weapon. The butt of the gun broke off and was found lying on the lawn near Frykowski's body. The barrel was found several months later off Mulholland Drive by a young boy.

Miss Folger was stabbed in the abdomen inside the house and then knifed several times in the back as she ran past the fallen Frykowski. She was found on the lawn, 50 feet beyond where his body lay.

It was this carnage that maid Winifred Chapman found about 8:30 a.m. when she came to work. She ran in horror to have a neighbor phone police.

A similarly grisly sight was discovered at the La Bianca's 3301 Waverly Drive residence by Frank Struthers Jr., the 15-year-old son of Mrs. La Bianca by a previous marriage.

La Bianca, 44, had been successful over a period of years in building his grocery store chain. His wife, 38, operated a successful Wilshire Boulevard boutique.

Police believe neither of them had ever met Miss Tate or any of the other victims whose lives were taken the previous night.

Both La Biancas were stabbed several times. To add to the macabre nature of the crime, the killers left a carving fork plunged into La Bianca's stomach.

When a black-garbed band of hippies swooped down out of the dark to take the lives of Sharon Tate and six others on successive summer nights, they were carrying out a plan masterminded by cult leader Charles Manson, prosecutors claim.

The tumultuous trail that has deadended for Manson in an eighth floor courtroom at the Hall of Justice started Nov. 11, 1934, when he was born in Cincinnati as the illegitimate son of a 16-year-old prostitute.

In the 35-year interim, the slightly-built Manson has spent 22 years in various correctional institutions, ranging in type from Boys Town to federal prison.

His record includes sentences for auto theft, interstate transportation of women for immoral purposes, and the forging of government checks.

It was on the latter charge that he served seven years of a ten-year sentence before being released from Washington's McNeil Island Penitentiary in March of 1967.

Shortly after his release, he made his way to the Haight-Ashbury section of San Francisco where he described himself to the "flower children" as a "traveling troubadour" and guitar-playing "soul singer."

It was here that he began attracting the family" of followers, most of them impressionable young girls, that over the subsequent two years became a cult which migrated first to the Spahn Ranch near Chatsworth and later to Death Valley.

Co-defendant Susan Atkins, 21, met Manson in Haight-Ashbury and they lived and loved together there.

They remained inseparable, even after Charlie's female followers increased in numbers, until both were jailed last October when law enforcement posse raided their Inyo County camp on the edge of Death Valley.

Susan seemed to waver in her allegiance when she told the Los Angeles County Grand Jury her version of the Tate-La Bianca slayings, testimony which resulted in a murder-conspiracy indictment against herself, Manson and four others last Dec. 8.

She has since repudiated her testimony and will not testify as a prosecution witness in the case.

Prior to meeting Manson, Susan had bounced around the San Francisco Bay Area, working mainly as a go-go girl and topless dancer.

She had been a fair student in San Jose schools and a church choir singer until her mother died of cancer in 1963.

After her mother's death, Miss Atkins became increasingly alienated from her father as he took her and a younger brother to Los Banos and Oregon in search of construction work.

Two other girls are now on trial with Manson and Miss Atkins.

Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, is the daughter of an Inglewood insurance man. One day in the spring of 1968, she left her job as a finance company clerk, abandoned her car in a parking lot, and joined Manson's "family."

She had attended a Catholic girls college for a year before going to work.

Some time after the Tate and La Bianca slayings, she returned to Mobile, Ala. to stay with her divorced mother and a step-sister. She was arrested Dec. 1 in Mobile.

Leslie Van Houten, who will turn 20 in a few weeks, is a wide-eyed, willowy girl who looks like she might be a homecoming princess—which she was five years ago at Monrovia High School.

Her parents also are separated. She worked briefly as a legal secretary prior to joining the Manson clan.

Still fighting extradition from Texas is a fifth defendant, Charles D. Watson, 24, now being held in jail at McKinney, Tex.

One of the most mystifying questions of the Manson "family" and this case is how an All-American-boy-type like Watson ended up in this situation.

Back at Farmerville High School in Collin, Tex., Watson was not only a star in football, basketball and track, but he was also a top student who never got a grade lower than B.

In 1964, he enrolled at North Texas State University but after a year transferred to California State College at Los Angeles.

Friends remember Watson as a "clean-cut, extremely polite guy," and they attribute the startling change that came over him to the fact that he started using drugs while on the campus there and soon dropped out.

One other person has been indicted in the case but she is not on trial now and it is expected that she never will be.

She is Linda Kasabian, 20, a mother of two who had her second child after being jailed in the Tate-La Bianca case.

Mrs. Kasabian has decided to testify as the prosecution's star witness and has been promised immunity from prosecution.

Described by her attorney, Gary Fleischman, as a "true flower child," she is originally from New Hampshire. She came out to California in July of 1969 to be re-united with her estranged husband, Robert Kasabian.

Fleischman says that she ended up at the Spahn Ranch with the Manson "family" after the reunion with Kasabian "didn't work out."

She had been living with the Manson group only about a month when she was told to go along on the two murder orgies, according to the attorney.

Why were Sharon Tate and six others singled out as the targets of two murder rampages last August?

That is a question that even the upcoming trial may not answer.

Deputy Dist. Attys. Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi are prohibited from commenting on theories about the murder motive because of a court-ordered publicity gag.

However, it is known that even in the prosecutors' minds there remains a great deal of mystery about the motive.

Manson, Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Atkins face seven counts of murder for the slaying of Miss Tate and four others at her Benedict Canyon estate last Aug. 9, and the killing of La Bianca and his wife, Rosemary, at their Los Feliz home the next night.

Miss Van Houten is charged with murder only in the La Bianca deaths.

All that remains before the start of the trial is the selection of six alternate jurors.

Seven men and five women were sworn in Tuesday as the jury to hear the case.

They range in age from a 25-year-old chemical company technician to a 74-year-old retired deputy sheriff.

Superior Court Judge Charles H. Older has ordered them locked up at the Ambassador Hotel after each court day. They will remain sequestered for the duration of the trial, which is expected to last between three and six months.

This same panel will be asked to sit on the penalty phase of the trial.

It was put forth at the time of the December grand jury hearings in the case that the motive was somehow tied to Terry Melcher, Doris Day's son who had lived at the Benedict Canyon estate before Miss Tate.

Melcher had refused to arrange a recording contract for Manson, a guitar player and self-styled soul singer.

Investigators, however, have determined that Manson and his followers knew that Melcher no longer lived at the 10050 Cielo Drive house.

Miss Atkins, who has since repudiated her testimony before the grand jury, hinted that the slayings were "to frighten the Establishment."

She said the La Bianca killings on the following night were ordered by Manson so "we wouldn't lose our nerve."

As to how the La Biancas were selected, all that is known is that Manson and his "family" had previously visited Harold True, a former next-door neighbor of the grocery store executive.

True had moved before the La Bianca slaying.

According to Miss Atkins, the visits to the True house were several months earlier for the purpose of participating in "pot parties and LSD trips."

THE LAW

After an unprecedented series of legal turns and tangles, testimony in the Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murder trial is expected to get under way this week in an eighth floor courtroom at the downtown Hall of Justice.

Details of the deaths will be presented by the prosecution just a few weeks short of a year after the beautiful actress and six others were slain.

Latest surprise maneuver in the case came Friday when bushy-bearded Ronald Hughes, a lawyer who has never tried a case in court, replaced Ira Reiner as the attorney for defendant Leslie Van Houten.

Reiner said he was forced to bow out of the case because of "irreconcilable differences" with his client over how to conduct her defense.

Specifically, Reiner was unwilling to follow her instructions to remain silent through jury selection and the subsequent trial proceedings.

She had twice before tried to dismiss Reiner because, as she put it:

"He is speaking with his voice, not mine."

Superior Court Judge Charles H. Older denied her requests on those occasions.

The departure of Reiner from the case in favor of Hughes is evidence of the control Manson has over his followers.

It was Manson who decided that the defense attorneys should remain silent and co-defendants Patricia Krenwinkel, 22; Susan Atkins, 21; and the 19-year-old Miss Van Houten followed suit.

Irving Kanarek, representing Manson, plus Paul Fitzgerald and Daye Shinn, attorneys for Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Atkins, respectively, have heeded the "silence" request with few exceptions.

Just how silent they will remain when testimony gets under way remains a question mark.

At any rate, Reiner was unwilling to follow the dictates of Manson and Miss Van Houten. This resulted in Friday's substitution of attorneys.

Hughes, who was graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles law school 13 months ago, briefly represented Manson during earlier pre-trial proceedings.

Mansons' magnetic effect on co-defendants has caused problems for the prosecution almost from the beginning of the case as evidenced by the example of Miss Atkins.

It was her two hours and 12 minutes of testimony before the County Grand Jury that resulted in the Dec. 8 murder-conspiracy indictment that named her, Manson and four others as defendants.

However, by mid-February it became obvious to prosecutors Aaron H. Stovitz and Vincent T. Bugliosi that Miss Atkins was having a change of heart and that they were losing her as their star witness.

She soon made it official by dismissing her first attorney, Richard Caballero, and replacing him with Shinn, who immediately announced that she was repudiating her grand jury testimony and would not take the stand when the case came to trial.

Miss Atkins' turnabout came after a dramatic confrontation with Manson at County Jail, where she discussed the case with him for almost an hour.

Last week, Shinn placed an affidavit by Miss Atkins into the record. In the document, she formally claims the story she told the grand jury was untrue.

The attorney failed in his attempt to halt the trial on the grounds that the murder-conspiracy indictment's foundation is based on what he asserts is Miss Atkins' "tainted" testimony.

Without Miss Atkins' testimony, the prosecutors conceded they had serious problems.

In early March, they came up with a substitute star witness —Linda Kasabian, a 20-year-old mother of two who also is under indictment for the slayings.

Unlike Miss Atkins, Mrs. Kasabian has been promised immunity in return for her testimony, and probably will never be brought to trial.

The case was complicated considerably at one point in the proceedings when Manson was allowed to represent himself as attorney.

After more than two months of Manson acting as his own lawyer, Superior Court Judge William B. Keene ruled that the cult leader "is hopelessly incapable of coherently preparing his defense."

Judge Keene, who subsquently bowed out of the case in favor of Judge Older, appointed prominent Pasadena criminal attorney Charles Hollopeter to handle his case.

Within weeks, Manson fired Hollopeter and hired Hughes.

Hughes was later to bow out in favor of Kanarek, who has successfully defeated a prosecution plea to the State Supreme Court, asking that he be removed from the case "for incompetency and obstructionist tactics."

In contrast to these charges made by prosecutor Bugliosi, Kanarek's courtroom conduct to date has been almost a model of decorum.

The only exception came two weeks ago when he was cited by Judge Older for contempt of court for being seven minutes late one day.

During screening of jurors, the defendants also have remained well-behaved.

Earlier, Judge Older had ejected them from the courtroom on several occasions for standing with their backs to him in "crucifixion" poses—arms outstretched and heads bowed.

The prosecution is being handled by two members of Dist. Atty. Evelle Younger's staff.

Stovitz, 50, came to the prosecutor's office after getting his law degree from Southwestern University in 1950. He has prosecuted 14 murder cases and won convictions in all but one.

The 35-year-old Bugliosi, a UCLA graduate and onetime public courts tennis champion here, recently won the first mass felony conviction of cult-

ed those charged with the take-over of the San Fernando Valley State administration building.

Leader of the defense team is Fitzgerald, 33, Miss Krenwinkel's attorney. A former Golden Gloves boxer from Minnesota, he left a top post in the Public Defender's office to handle her case.

The controversial Kanarek, 51, has been practicing law since 1957. He got his law degree from Loyola University here.

Before entering law, he worked as a chemical engineer and took part in North American Aviation's development of the Redstone missile, predecessor of the rockets that put a man on the moon.

Shinn, 52, specializes in criminal law. He has been an attorney since graduating from Southwestern in 1961.

The judge presiding over the celebrated case is a former Marine Corps pilot who also served with the Flying Tigers during World War II.

Older, 52, is a graduate of UCLA law school. The father of three, he was appointed to the bench in 1968 by Gov. Ronald Reagan.



Lovely actress Sharon Tate was pregnant.



Abigail Folger was wealthy coffee h[illegible]



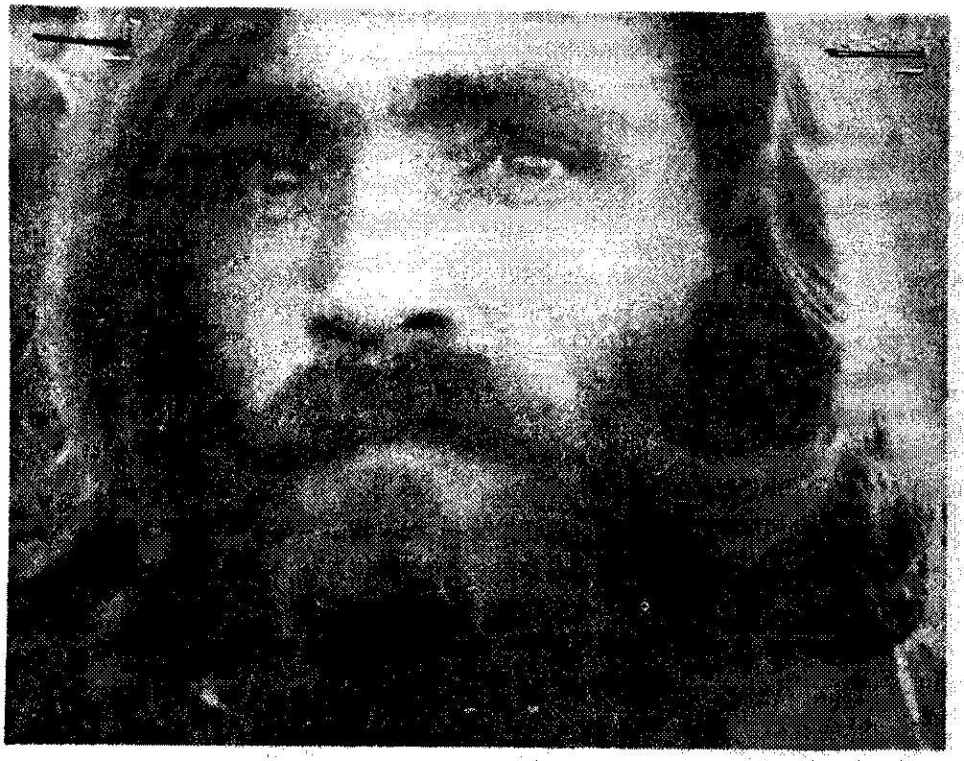
Noted Hollywood hair stylist Jay Sebring



Stephen Parent was El Monte teen-ager.



Winifred Chapman, the housemaid at the Tate home. She found the five bodies.



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Charles Manson, bearded leader of hippie cult, was arrested in October.



Patricia Krenwinkel



Susan Atkins



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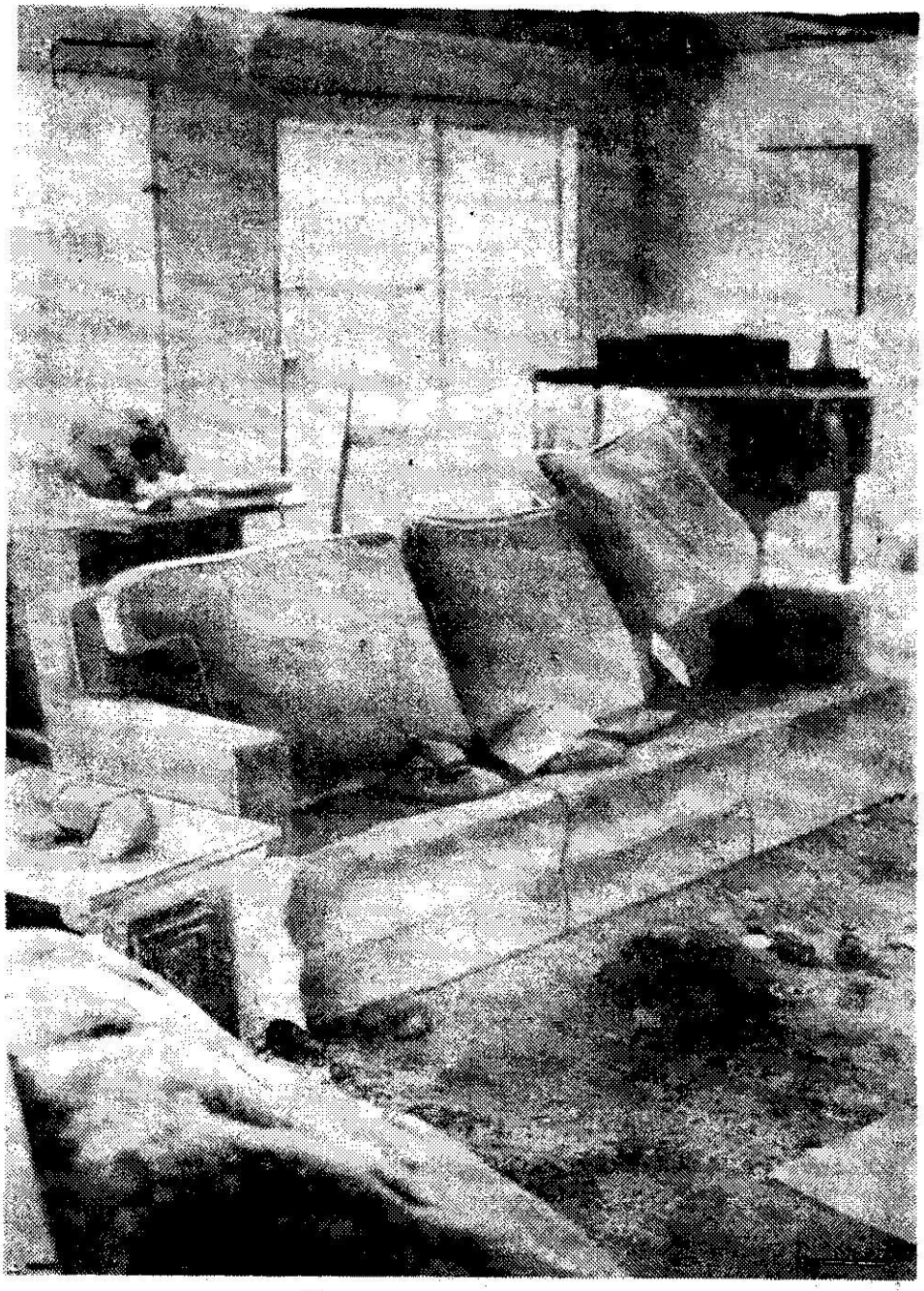
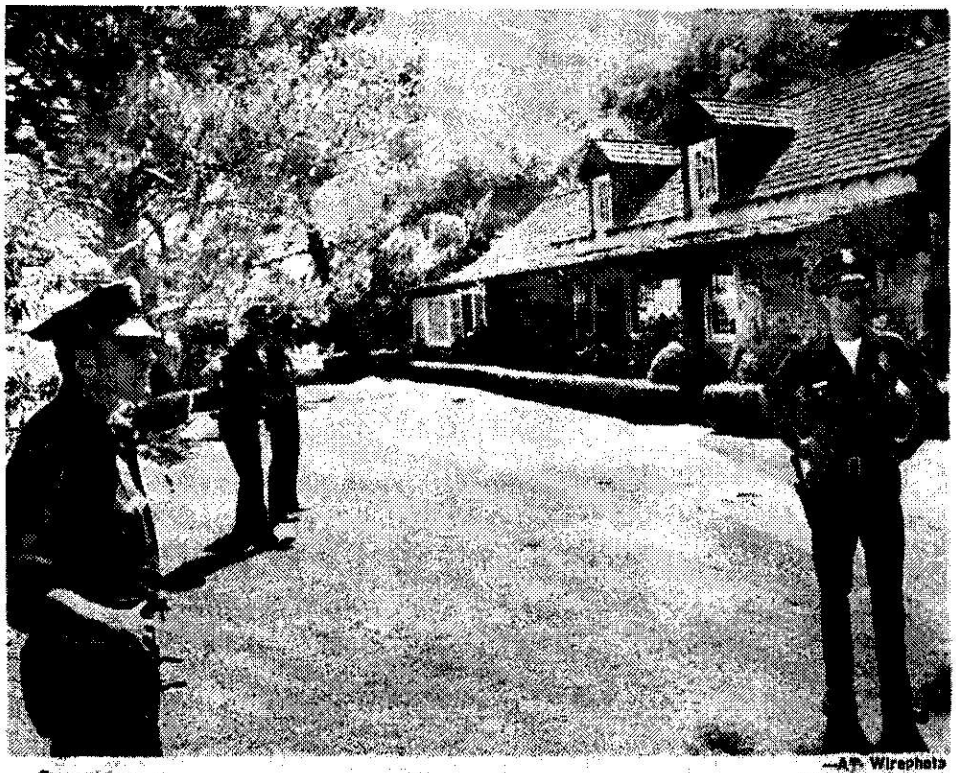


Above, murder scene where actress Sharon Tate and Jay Sebring were found.



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This is Bel-Air district home where Sharon Tate, four others, were slain.



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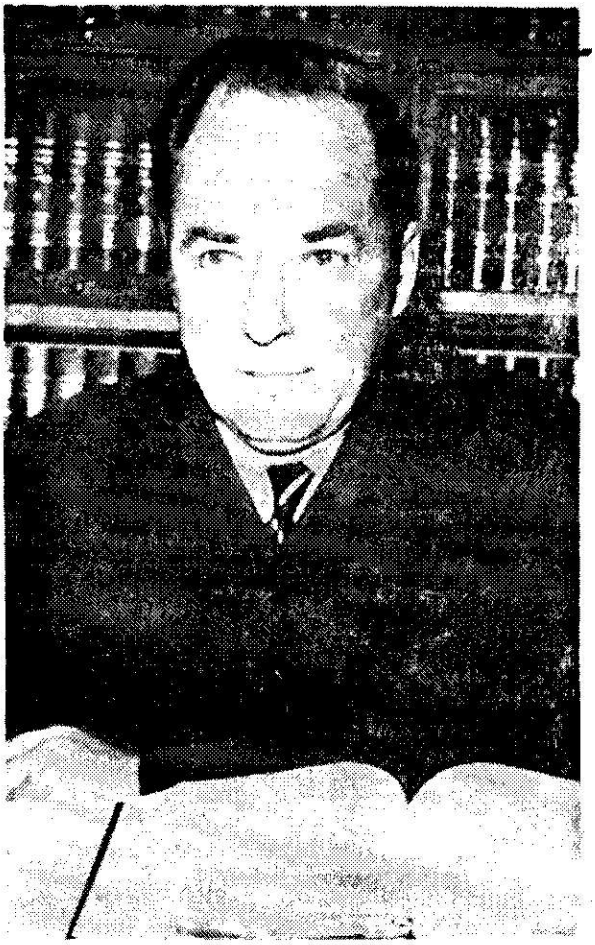
Jurors, from left, Herman Tubick, Shirley B. Evans, George Baer, Alva Dawson, Anlee Sisto, Marie Mesmer, William McBride and William Zamora.



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Superior Court Judge Charles Older to try the case.

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Mary Brunner Freed, Murder Charge Dropped

Mary Brunner, a former member of the Charles Manson hippie family, today was a free woman after a Superior Court judge ruled she did not violate conditions of her immunity from prosecution during the murder trial of Robert Beausoleil.

Superior Court Judge Kathleen Parker issued a writ of habeas corpus yesterday, releasing Miss Brunner from murder charges in the death of Gary Hinman, 34.

"Relieved, happy, excited!" the 26-year-old blonde responded when newsmen asked how she felt. "I am going home to see my baby."

She described her attorneys, James Patterson and Howard Weitzman, as "fantastic."

Miss Brunner was indicted for the July, 1969, torture-murder of the Malibu musician after changing her testimony several times during the Beausoleil trial.

Beausoleil was convicted and is awaiting death at San Quentin.

Upon her release later from Sybil Brand Institute for women, she was given a tearful, emotional reception at the gate by four members of Manson's so-called "family."

The tears soon turned into roars of laughter as she responded indifferently to newsmen's questions.

Asked what her immediate and future plans were, she answered: "To go home." Asked where that would be, she said: "Wherever I make it." However, "home" for the blue-eyed Miss Brunner is Madison, Wis. where her parents are caring for her baby.

Filming her release from custody yesterday was Laurence Merrick, president of Merrick Film Productions of Hollywood. He said she would be part of his full-length motion picture, due for release in October, on the "Manson family."

Merrick said no definite title has been chosen for the picture.

He drove the car which took Miss Brunner, her four "family" friends and the film crew away from the jail. Asked where they were going, Merrick said, "to the Spahn Ranch."

It was Miss Brunner's eyewitness testimony that helped convict Beausoleil, known as "Cupid" to the Manson group.

But then she signed an affidavit that she had lied to the grand jury which indicted Beausoleil. And during the trial she again changed her story, stating her original testimony implicating the defendant was true.

"I believe it is far better that this woman go unpunished than the district attorney's office show it can't keep its word (promising immunity)," Patterson argued. "In the long run, the real danger to this republic doesn't come from the Mary Brunners, but from public officials who fail to follow proper procedures."

Judge Parker said she felt Miss Brunner followed the three-pronged conditions of the immunity promised to her by authorities.

"The people's action in filing the murder charge was premature," Judge Parker ruled. "The people are disenchanted with their witness, and I must say with considerable reason . . . there's no question that she changes her mind with frequency.

"But up to this point at least, the defendant has—although with some reluctance—conformed to the conditions of immunity."

Judge Parker approved a request by Deputy Dist. Atty. Burton Katz that Miss Brunner be ordered to appear in court on Oct. 13 to testify in the trial of Charles Manson, Susan Atkins and Bruce Davis who also are charged with Hinman's death.

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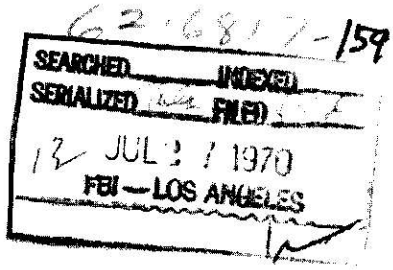



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MARY BRUNNER SMILES AFTER RELEASE FROM CUSTODY
She was greeted by Craig Hammon and four other Manson "family" members

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Tate Jurors Get Slaying Version

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Actress Sharon Tate and six others were murdered because Charles Manson, "basing his beliefs on the Bible and the Beatles," thought the slayings would trigger a race war, Deputy Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi charged today.

In the prosecution's opening statement at the trial of Manson and three young women, at the Los Angeles County Hall of Justice before Superior Court Judge Charles Older, Bugliosi said the 35-year-old hippie cult leader derived his apocalyptic views about a black versus white uprising from the Bible's Book of Revelation, and from songs by the famous English group.

Regarding the motives behind the two murder rampages last August, the prosecutor alleged:

● Besides Manson's passion for violent death and his exteme anti-establishment state of mind, the evidence at the trial will show that there was a further motive, which was almost as bizarre as the murders themselves.

● The evidence will show Manson's fanatical obsession with 'Helter Skelter,' a term he got from the Beatles. He was an avid follower of the Beatles and believed that they were speaking to him through the lyrics of their songs.

● Manson told his followers that he found complete support for his philosophies in the words sung by the Beatles.

● Manson hated black people, but he also hated the white establishment, whom he called 'pigs.' The word 'Pig' was printed in blood on the outside of the front door of the Tate residence.

● The words 'Death to Pigs,' 'Helter Skelter,' and 'Rise' were printed in blood inside the LaBianca residence.

"The evidence will show that one of Manson's principal motives for the Tate-La Bianca murders was to ignite 'Helter Skelter,'" Bugliosi declared. "In other words, start the black-white revolution by making it look like the black people had murdered the five Tate victims and Mr. and Mrs. Leno LaBianca.

"Manson thought this would cause the White community toturn against the black man, and ultimately lead to a civil war . . . which (he) foresaw the black man winning."

The prosecutor said Manson envisioned that black people, once they destroyed the white race and assumed power, would be unable to handle the reins of power because of inexperience. Manson believed the blacks would have "to turn over the reins to those white people who had escaped 'Helter Skelter,' i.e.,

turn over the reins to Manson and his followers."

At another point Bugliosi sarcastically described Manson as a man with a "diabolical, satanic mind . . . who, at times, has had the infinite humility to call himself Jesus Christ."

To Manson, 'Helter Skelter,' the title of one of the Beatles' songs, meant the black man rising up against the white establishment and murdering the entire white race, with the exception of Manson and his chosen followers, Bugliosi continued. The latter, he added, intended to escape from 'Helter Skelter' by going to the desert and living in the 'Bottomless Pit,' a place Manson derived from "Revelation."

"Revelations" is the last book of the New Testament, from which Manson told others he found further support for his philosophies, according to the prosecutor.

Manson, who entered the courtroom with an apparent self-inflicted inch-high 'X' cut into his forehead, sat stoically throughout most of Bugliosi's 89-minute opening statement.

The cult leader twice smiled during the prosecutor's references to "Helter Skelter."

The three girls alternately gazed intently at Bugliosi and at jurors.

During a recess after he made the opening statement, Bugliosi said:

"I grant that our motive theory is far out and fantastic. However, it must be realized that the crimes and the defendants also are fantastic."

Bugliosi said that he probably will play the entire Beatles album that contains the "Helter Skelter" song.

Standing trial with Manson are Patricia Krenwinkel, 22; Susan Atkins, 21; and Leslie Van Houten, 19. All four are charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

Manson, Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Atkins also face seven counts of murder.

Five of these counts stem from the Aug. 9, 1969 slaying of Miss Tate, 26; Jay Sebring, 35, an internationally known men's hair stylist; Abigail Folger, 26, a member of the San Francisco coffee company family; Voytick Frykowski, 32, a Polish photographer, and Steven Parent, 18, of El Monte.

The other two murder counts result from the killing of Gateway Markets president LaBianca, 44, and his wife, Rosemary, 38, the next night at their Los Feliz home.

Miss Van Houten is charged with murder only in the LaBianca deaths.

Continuing on the topic of motive, Bugliosi said:

"There will be some circumstances pointing to Manson's efforts to make it appear that black people had murdered the seven victims."

The prosecutor also provided a preview of testimony due to be given by the prosecution's star witness, Linda Kasabian.

Mrs. Kasabian, a 20-year-old mother of two, who also is under indictment for the same crimes, has been promised immunity in return for her testimony.

She is scheduled to take the stand Monday, and Bugliosi said she will testify "for three, four or maybe five days."

He said the highlights of her testimony about the first night's raid will include:

● Manson telling her "to get a knife, a change of clothing, and her driver's license," in preparation for accompanying Charles Watson, Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Atkins on the night the Tate murders were committed.

(Watson, 24, also indicted, is still fighting extradition from Texas, where he was arrested last Dec. 1.)

● Further instructions from Manson that night, telling her "to do everything Tex Watson told her to do."

● Watching Parent get "shot to death by Watson in the driveway of the Tate estate, and seeing the murders of Frykowski and Miss Folger by Watson and Miss Krenwinkel on the lawn outside the Tate residence."

● Throwing the murder knives and blood-spattered clothing over the side of a hill in the Benedict Canyon area.

Bugliosi said Mrs. Kasabian will relate the following details about the second night and the LaBianca murders:

● Manson told Watson and the others that they "had been messy the night before, and this time he was going to show them how to do it."

● "The killers roamed about, initially looking for their victims at random," in contrast to the preceding night when they headed directly for the Tate estate.

● It was Manson who instructed her to drive to a residence next to the LaBianca home. The cult leader and some of his followers allegedly had been to the house in the area for LSD parties a year before.

● Manson went into the LaBianca house alone and returned several minutes later to tell how the victims, whom he said he had tied up, should be murdered.

● Mrs. Kasabian was instructed by Manson to lose Mrs. LaBianca's wallet in the restroom of a Sylmar service station which she did.

According to the prosecution, she also will tell how Manson, later that second night, instructed her, Miss Atkins and another Manson "family" member to murder a man in a Venice apartment.

The prosecutor also said Mrs. Kasabian will recount how she prevented this murder by intentionally knocking on a wrong door at his apartment house. This near victim apparently was someone known to both her and Manson, he said.

Bugliosi also said that the western-style .22 caliber revolver believed used on Parent, Sebring and Frykowski will be introduced into evidence.

He added that fingerprints identified as those of Watson and Miss Krenwinkel were found at the murder scenes.

One of the first witnesses scheduled to testify late today is Paul J. Tate, the 46-year-old father of the slain actress.

"He will be testifying for the limited purpose," said Bugliosi, "of providing formal identification of his daughter."

Tate, who resigned as a lieutenant-colonel in Army Intelligence shortly after the murders, lives in Palos Verdes.

After leaving the Army, he let his hair grow and cultivated a long moustache to masquerade as a hippie in an effort to help police investigate the slayings.

He has declined to discuss the results of his personal investigation.

Bugliosi said that Miss Tate's husband, movie director Roman Polanski, will not appear today, as previously announced. Polanski, who reportedly is in Europe completing arrangements for a film, may testify later in the trial.

Winifred Chapman, the maid who discovered the bodies at the 10050 Cielo Drive residence, also will be called to the stand today.



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CHARLES MANSON
Leader of cult 'family'



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WITNESSES AT OPENING SESSION OF TATE MURDER TRIAL WAITING TO BE CALLED
From left: Paul J. Tate, father of Sharon; Winifred Chapman, maid; Dennis Hearst, and Wilfred Parent



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SHARON TATE'S MAID SEEN OUTSIDE COURTROOM
Winifred Chapman found the bodies of actress and her four friends



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SPEARHEADING PROSECUTION EFFORTS
Deputy Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi opens trial

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Manson Sought Racial Conflict, State Contends

BY JOHN KENDALL
Times Staff Writer

Cultist Charles Manson tried to start a race war with mass murder on two bloody nights last summer when his followers killed seven persons, the prosecution charged Friday in the Tate-La Bianca trial.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi offered the "bizarre" motive for the savage killings of actress Sharon Tate and six others in a 40-minute opening statement outlining the case. He also declared that:

—The prosecution's chief witness, Linda Kasabian, 20, a petite, sandy-haired former Manson "family" member, saw three of the five murders committed at the Tate residence in Benedict Canyon.

—Another Manson-directed murder—the eighth—was avoided the next night—when Leno and Rosemary La Bianca were killed—because Mrs. Kasabian intentionally knocked on the wrong door in Venice.

After the opening statement, the state called Miss Tate's father, Paul J. Tate, a goateed, mustachioed retired Army colonel, as the first witness in the six-week-old trial.

Tate identified pictures of his daughter with her husband, producer Roman Polanski, and three of Miss Tate's guests who were killed early last Aug. 9—coffee heiress Abigail Folger, 26; Polish playboy Voityck Frykowski, 37, and hair stylist Jay Sebring, 35.

The fifth victim at the Tate home, Steven Parent, all over the place," identified through photos shown his father, Wilfred E. Parent, a construction superintendent, the second witness.

Mrs. Winifred Chapman, the maid who ran from the Tate house screaming, "There's bodies and blood all over the place," idestified the residence and described living arrangements.

Listen Impassively

Manson, an "X" scratched on his forehead between his eyes, and three of his "girls" who are codefendants—Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel and Leslie Van Houten—listened impassively as parents of two of the victims testified.

Earlier, Manson had smiled broadly and the young women had looked scornful, giggled and whispered among themselves as Bugliosi spoke.

"The evidence at this trial will show that these seven incredible murders were perhaps the most bizarre, savage nightmarish murders in the recorded annals of crime," he said. "I am of course excluding wartime atrocities."

Bugliosi asked:

"What kind of a diabolical, satanic mind would contemplate or conceive of these mass murders? What kind of mind would want to have seven human beings brutally murdered?"

"We expect the evidence at this trial to show that defendant Charles Manson owned that diabolical mind. Charles Manson, who, the evidence will show, at times has had the infinite humility, if you will, to call himself Jesus Christ."

The prosecuter de-

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scribed Manson as a frustrated singer-guitarist, a vagrant wanderer, a pseudo philosopher and a megalomaniac who coupled delusions of greatness with a thirst for power and an intense obsession for violent death.

"But most of all," Bugliosi said, "the evidence will show him to be a killer who cleverly masqueraded behind the common image of a hippie—that of being peace-loving."

He said Manson was a follower of the Beatles and thought the English singing group was speaking to him from across the sea through their lyrics.

When the Beatles sang a song called "Helter Skelter," Bugliosi said, Manson told his followers they were forecasting the rise of the black man against the whites, an event he predicted was at hand.

But, the prosecutor said, when a "blood bath" failed to develop the clan leader said, "I'm going to have to show blackie how to do it."

Manson's plan, according to Bugliosi, was to blame the seven killings on black people, whom he hated along with "pigs" of the white establishment, then flee with his "family" to Death Valley, where they would live in the Biblical "bottomless pit" of Revelations IX until the blacks won.

Speaks of Power

Manson thought the reins of power would then fall to him and his followers when blacks discovered they were too inexperienced to lead, the attorney said.

"In Manson's mind," Bugliosi said, "his family and particularly he would be the ultimate beneficiaries of the black-white civil war."

Bugliosi admitted that the motive was "bizarre as the murders themselves," but he told the jury of seven men and five women evidence to support it would be presented to help them understand why seven persons died.

Also, he said, several witnesses would be called to testify about Manson's "strange" and "bizarre" philosophies because perhaps the jurors would not believe so incredible a story from only one witness.

However, Bugliosi said, the principal witness of "who" committed the murders will be Mrs. Kasabian, who is also charged with seven counts of murder but who has been promised immunity.

As briefly outlined Friday, the young woman will tell of her involvement as a driver in two murderous forays from the Spahn Movie Ranch in Chatsworth.

Bugliosi said she will testify that:

—On Manson's orders she accompanied Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel and Charles Watson, a male member of the "family" who still is fighting extradition from Texas, to the Tate home at 10050 Cielo Drive late in the evening of Aug. 8 without being told what was planned.

—Although she did not enter the Benedict Canyon home or commit any murders, she saw Watson shoot Parent in a car in the driveway and watched Watson and Patricia Krenwinkel kill Miss Folger and Frykowski on the lawn.

—She did not actually see the murders of the beauteous, honey-blonde Miss Tate or Sebring, both of whom died inside the house, but did see Susan Atkins come out and say she had lost her knife inside.

—On Watson's instructions, she threw the killers' knives and blood-splattered clothing over the side of a hill in Benedict Canyon.

Would Show Them

—When the group returned to the Spahn Ranch and Watson had reported what happened, Manson told them they had been "too messy" and he was going to show them how to do it.

—On the next evening, Aug. 9, Manson, Watson, Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel, Leslie Van Houten and a family member named Steve Grogan, 24, drove at random around Los Angeles County on a mission of murder.

—Ultimately, Manson directed her to drive to 3267 Waverly Drive in the Los Feliz district—a home he had visited a year before —and then walked next door to the home of wealthy grocer Leno La Bianca, 44, and his 38-year-old wife, Rosemary.

—When Manson returned, he reported the hands of the victims had been tied and instructed Watson, Miss Van Houten and Miss Krenwinkel how to murder the couple without causing "panic and fear."

—Later that same night, Manson ordered the murder of a man who Mrs. Kasabian knew lived in a Venice apartment but she deliberately went to the wrong door to thwart it.

Called Will

Bugliosi said the "overkill" tactics of Manson's followers showed that they were willing participants in the killings. He said Frykowski had been stabbed 51 times, shot four times and struck on the head 13 times.

How the others died was reported before the trial began.

Miss Tate, 8½ months pregnant, was stabbed 16 times; Miss Folger, stabbed 21 times; Sebring, stabbed six times, shot twice; Parent, shot four times, and Mrs. La Bianca, stabbed more than 40 times. Leno La Bianca died under the knife, too. "War" and "X X X" had been carved into his flesh and a carving fork and knife had been left sticking in his body.

"Pig" was smeared in blood on the front door of the Tate house. "Death to Pigs," "Rise" and "Helter Skelter" were written in blood at the La Bianca house.

Bugliosi said physical evidence to be presented by the prosecution will include a .22-caliber Longhorn revolver, the clothing worn by the killers and a car belonging to a Spahn Ranch ranchhand used on the two evenings.

Each of the young women defendants will be linked to the murders by Mrs. Kasabian's testimony, Bugliosi said, but the prosecution plans to present additional evidence in each case.

Conversations Claimed

Testimony will show that Miss Atkins told Virginia Graham, Ronnie Howard and Roseanne Walker—fellow inmates in Sybil Brand Institute for Women — about her involvement in the Tate-La Bianca murders, he said.

In Miss Krenwinkel's case, Bugliosi said, the people will offer evidence proving her fingerprints were found on the inside of a door in the master bedroom at the Tate residence.

As for Miss Van Houten, the prosecutor said there is evidence that the slender, dark-haired young woman told a girl named Diane Lake of her involvement in the La Bianca murders.

During a recess after Bugliosi's statement, defense attorney Paul Fitzgerald said the prosecution had gone beyond the bounds of a proper opening statement.

He said the outline of the case had "degenerated" into a "defamatory, slanderous, name-calling attack," and added: "It was emotional in tone and character and totally inappropriate."

A statement signed by Charles Manson was distributed in the hallway by a reporter for the Free Press, an underground weekly publication.

In it, Manson was quoted as saying he had made the "X" on his forehead as a sign that he had "X'ed" himself from the world because, among other things, he had not been allowed to speak for himself as his own attorney.

The Polanskis' cook and housekeeper, Mrs. Chapman, completed her testimony in the afternoon session, stating firmly under defense cross-examination that two days before the Aug. 9 murders she had washed the doors on which Watson's and Miss Krenwinkel's fingerprints later were found.

The slight, 55-year-old maid testified while clutching her bandaged left arm injured in an automobile accident. She winced with pain and appeared exasperated by some of the questions.

The next witness was William E. Garretson, 19, the only one alive on the Tate property when police responded to Mrs. Chapman's report of the murders.

The short, curly-haired young man repeated essentially the story he told police after his arrest on charges of murder. Subsequently, he was released.

He testified that he did not hear shots, screams or yelling in the early-morning hours when five persons were killed on the Tate estate.

Garretson said he wrote letters, listened to hi-fi and finally went to sleep at dawn after trying to check for the time and found the phone out of order.

When he was awakened by a dog barking, he said he looked up to see a policeman pointing a rifle at him from a patio of the caretakers' house where he lived.

Then, another police officer kicked in the front door and was bitten on the leg by Christopher, one of three dogs that he took care of for the owner of the estate.

The crowded courtroom burst into laughter, the only time of the day that humor relieved an unfolding story of seven grotesque murders.



PRECAUTIONS TAKEN—Sheriff's deputy searches Paul J. Tate, father of slain actress Sharon Tate, before allowing him to enter courtroom. Tate was first witness in Tate-La Bianca trial.
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WAITING TO TESTIFY—Four of prosecution's witnesses in the Manson trial wait outside courtroom in Hall of Justice for turns to testify. From left are Paul J. Tate, Mrs. Winifred Chapman, Dennis Hearst and Wilfred E. Parent.
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Prosecution 'Race War' Theory Scoffed by Manson Defense Lawyers

By WILLIAM FARR
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Defense attorneys in the Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murder trial are scoffing at the prosecution's theory that Charles Manson believed the slaying of the actress and six others would ignite a race war.

Irving Kanarek, attorney for the 35-year-old hippie cult leader, gave this response to the motive theory put forth yesterday by deputy Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi:

"It is incredible and unbelievable . . . and another example of how Dist. Atty. Evelle Younger is handling this case in a way to further his own ambitions to be attorney general."

Paul Fitzgerald, who heads the defense counsel team, added:

"Bugliosi's statement was currilous and slanderous. Instead of a proper opening statement, where it is normal to outline the evidence and your witnesses for a jury, Vince made his a personal attack on Manson via a truly preposterous theory."

The prosecutor countered the comments in an out-of-court interview by saying, "I grant our motive theory is far out and fantastic. However, it must be realized that the crimes and the defendants also are fantastic."

Bugliosi claimed in his 39-minute opening statement that Manson derived his beliefs about a white versus black uprising "from the Bible and the Beatles."

The 35-year-old hippie cult leader interpreted the "Book of Revelation" in the Bible and the lyrics of songs by the famous English musical group as prophesying such a race war, according to Bugliosi.

The prosecutor also said in his statement:

"Evidence at this trial will show defendant Manson to be a vagrant wanderer, a frustrated singer and guitarist, a pseudo-philosopher, but most of all, the evidence will show him to be a killer who cleverly masqueraded behind the common image of a hippy, that of being peace loving.

Manson came into the courtroom yesterday with an inch-high "x" cut into his forehead with a razor blade.

In a mimeographed statement distributed by his followers, Manson explained:

"No man or lawyer is speaking for me. I speak for myself. I am not allowed to speak with words so I have spoken with the mark I will be wearing on my forehead."

Standing trial with Manson are Patricia Krenwinkel, 22; Susan Atkins, 21; and Leslie Van Houten. All four are charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

Manson, Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Atkins also face seven counts of murder for the slaying of Miss Tate and four others last Aug. 9 at her Benedict Canyon estate, and the killing of La Bianca and his wife, Rosemary, the next night at their Los Feliz home.

Miss Van Houten is charged with murder only in the La Bianca deaths.

The first prosecution witness was Paul J. Tate, 46, the father of the slain actress.

Tate, sporting a well-trimmed beard and moustache, glanced only briefly at Manson and the three girls when he took the stand.

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All four defendants looked at him somberly during the few minutes he was on the stand.

Tate's only testimony dealt with formally identifying his beautiful daughter from two photos.

In one, she was shown with Roman Polanski, her movie director husband. In the other, she was pictured at a social event with three other victims —Abigail Folger, 26, a member of the San Francisco coffee family; Voytick Frykowski, 32, a Polish cameraman; and Jay Sebring, 35, an internationally famous men's hair stylist.

Tate, who resigned his commission as a lieutenant colonel in Army Intelligence to make a personal investigation of his daughter's murders, was completely composed on the stand.

He remained in the courtroom throughout yesterday's session after finishing his testimony.

Following Tate to the stand was Wilfred Parent, father of victim Steven Parent.

The stocky construction superintendent almost broke down when he identified a photo of his son with a girlfriend.

Another witness yesterday was Winifred Chapman, the maid who found the dead bodies at the Tate estate.

The final witness was William Garretson, 19, the estate caretaker who was arrested on the morning of the murders and then released three days later.

He testified that young Parent visited him at the estate on the night he was shot.

Garretson, who now lives in Lancaster, Ohio, is scheduled to return to the stand Monday.

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Watson Files Plea Against Extradition

By WILLIAM FARR
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Testimony in the Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murder trial focused today on a Nov. 19, 1969, search of the Spahn Movie Ranch by detectives.

The ranch, located on Santa Susanna Road near Chatsworth, was the home base for 35-year-old hippie cult leader Charles Manson and his "family" of followers at the time of the seven August 1969 slayings.

As the trial of Manson and three young women continues into its 13th week at the downtown Hall of Justice here, Charles D. Watson has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to block his extradition from Texas to stand trial in California for the crimes.

Attorneys for the 24-year-old Watson, who has been in the McKinney, Tex., jail since last Dec. 1, yesterday filed a petition with Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black in an effort to block the scheduled return of Watson on Saturday.

Watson is protected from extradition until Saturday by an order from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. The U.S. Circuits Court of Appeals in New Orleans declined to extend that deadline.

Bill Boyd, the attorney representing Watson, claims that he should not be extradited because massive publicity on the case makes it impossible to obtain a fair trial in California.

The trial proceedings opened with a special hearing on the claim by defense attorneys that the search of the Spahn Ranch 10 months ago was illegal.

Superior Court Judge Charles H. Older set the hearing last Friday when Los Angeles Police Sgt. William Lee, testifying for the prosecution, started to tell about items found at the ranch during the search.

It is known that several shell casings were found and that prosecutor Vincent T. Bugliosi intends to tie them to the Western-style .22-caliber revolver that allegedly was used to shoot three of the five victims killed Aug. 9, 1969, at the Tate estate.

Bugliosi plans to counter the defense argument about an illegal search with the assertion that ranch owner George Spahn granted permission to detectives.

There is a possibility that Spahn, 83 years old and blind, will be called to the stand to testify.

Another witness scheduled to testify today is Michael Hendricks, 18, currently an inmate at Atascadero State Hospital.

Judge Older ruled Friday that Hendricks is competent to testify despite efforts by defense attorneys to bar his testimony on grounds he is insane.

Hendricks is expected to testify that he saw Manson handling the pistol that the prosecution claims was a murder weapon. Hendricks reportedly saw Manson with the gun near the ranch prior to the killings.

Paul Fitzgerald, attorney for defendant Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, questioned Hendricks last Friday, out of the presence of the jury and repeatedly referred to the youth's "hang-up with guns."

Arrested for burglary while a juvenile, Hendricks admitted he likes guns but said he considered them "a hobby . . . not a toy."

"I think we can stipulate that he is insane," Fitzgerald said at one point.

"I will not stipulate that at all," retorted Bugliosi.

Standing trial with Manson and Miss Krewinkel are Susan Atkins, 21, and Leslie Van Houten, 20.

Miss Van Houten is charged with murder only in the deaths of La Bianca, and his wife, Rosemary, who were killed in their Los Feliz district home the night following the Tate slayings in Benedict Canyon.

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Watson's Appeal Rejected

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black today denied a stay of the extradition of Charles D. Watson, one of four persons indicted in the Tate-LaBianca murders from Texas to California.

He took the action without comment.

Watson, 24, a former high school honor student and star athlete, was accused of carrying out most of the killings under the direction of cult leader, Charles Manson, with the aid of three young women members of the nomad group.

Two Los Angeles detective sergeants, Manuel Gutierrez and Phillip Sartuchi, were en route to Dallas today, scheduled to arrive at Love Field at 2:31 p.m. aboard American Airlines Flight 130.

District Atty. Tom Ryan told The Herald-Examiner he will meet the Los Angeles policemen at the airport and turn Watson over to them for extradition back to California.

Watson was named in an indictment Dec. 8, 1969, on seven counts of murder and one count of conspiracy to murder in the Tate killings last Aug. 9 and those of Leno and Rosemary LaBianca the following day.

Watson is in jail in his hometown of McKinney, Tex.

Watson was ordered extradited to stand trial with the others but appealed on grounds that extensive and prejudicial pretrial publicity in California had hindered his constitutional right to a fair and impartial trial.

The U.S. District Court in Sherman, Tex., denied his appeal, stating that he must seek redress for the allegedly prejudicial publicity in the courts of California.

On Aug. 31, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the District Court decision and ordered that he be extradited today. On Tuesday, the court denied Watson's request both for a stay pending appeal to the Supreme Court and for a rehearing.

Watson had asked Black to stay the extradition order so he could petition the high court for a hearing on whether a person can challenge an extradition order from his asylum state.

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Charles Watson Returned For Tate Slayings Trial

By WILLIAM FARR
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Charles Denton Watson, who uccessfully battled extradition om Texas for nine months, is ack in Los Angeles today to and trial for the slaying of ac-ess Sharon Tate and six oth-s.

Accompanied by Los Angeles olice detectives Manuel Gutier-z and Philip Sartuche, Watson epped off American Airlines ight 137 last night at Interna-onal Airport here.

He was flown here from Love Field in Dallas, where Texas authorities brought him immediately after Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black refused to grant him a further stay of extradition.

Meanwhile, the 13th week of the trial of Charles Manson and three young women at the downtown Hall of Justice climaxed when Manson's attorney, Irving Kanarek, was ordered to spend the weekend in jail for repeatedly interrupting prosecution witness Danny DeCarlo.

DeCarlo, 26, a mustachioed member of the "Straight Satans" motorcycle gang, testified about living with the Manson "family" at the time of the five Aug. 9, 1969, slayings at Miss Tate's Benedict Canyon estate, and the killing of market chain executive Leno La Bianca and his wife the next night at their Los Feliz district home.

Watson was indicted last Dec. 8 along with the four defendants now on trial. He is charged with seven counts of murder and one of conspiracy.

These same charges face Manson and co-defendants Patricia Krenwinkel, 22, and Susan Atkins, 21.

Leslie Van Houten, 20, is named in the conspiracy count but is charged with murder only in connection with the La Bianca deaths.

Because of the prolonged delay in Watson's return, he will be tried separately.

His arraignment will be early next week before Superior Court Judge George M. Dell, presiding jurist for the criminal calendar.

The arraignment will take place about 100 feet from the courtroom of Superior Court Judge Charles Older where Manson and the female trio are being tried.

Watson was sharply-dressed in a dark blue blazer, gray slacks, light blues shirt and red tie when he stepped off the plane. He was whisked off by auto to Parker Center police headquarters where Inspector Peter Hagan said he would stay until the arraignment.

With his natty attire and well-barbered brown hair, Watson is in sharp contrast to the hippie style of Manson and the three girls already on trial.

It was a hectic day for Kanarek yesterday. Prior to Judge Older's sending him to jail, he was engaged in a shouting and shoving match with prosecutors.

The altercation occurred during a morning recess when Kanarek attempted to talk to DeCarlo and co-prosecutor Steven Kay stepped between them.

Kanarek threatened to make

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a citizen's arrest on Kay during the brief tussle and the chief prosecutor entered into the fracas by shouting back that Manson's lawyer might be subject to arrest for assault.

Deputies stepped in and calm was quickly restored. The incident seemed amusing to DeCarlo, who smiled throughout the affair.

More serious trouble was in store for Kanarek later in the day.

When the day's proceedings ended and the jury left the courtroom, Judge Older issued the "contempt" citation against him for "repeatedly interrupting and disrupting the testimony of the witness."

Kanarek asked that he be allowed an attorney to represent him and bail, but Older responded:

"In case of direct contempt, you are not entitled to an attorney. There's no legal requirement, nor is it desirable . . . and the purpose of bail is to free a person prior to conviction but I have already found you guilty of contempt."

Kanarek then said:

"Your honor's ruling is depriving Mr. Manson of a fair trial . . . I'm certainly not willfully disobeying the court."

Paul Fitzgerald, Miss Krenwinkel's attorney, tried to intercede by saying:

"I personally feel that it is not the intent of Mr. Kanarek to interrupt the chronology or sequence of a witness's testimony . . . and I sincerely believe he has his client's best interests in mind by what he does."

"I don't doubt that," said the judge but he still ordered Kanarek taken into custody by the bailiffs. He will spend the three nights and two days at County Jail.

Kanarek was cited for contempt on July 29 on the same grounds at the time Mrs. Linda Kasabian was on the witness stand. He served only one night in jail on that occasion.

The repeated objections which resulted in yesterday's action against Kanarek came during DeCarlo's testimony about Manson's supposed control over his followers.

Kanarek explained his position to Judge Older by stating:

"These matters that are coming out are very important and they tend to crucify Mr. Manson."



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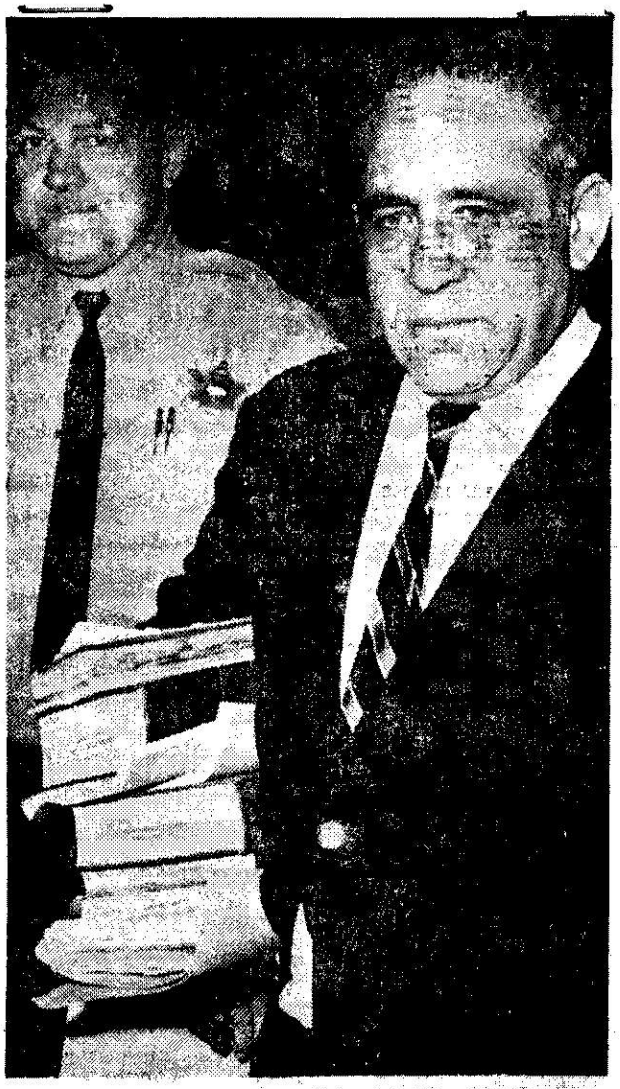
CHARLES 'TEX' WATSON (RIGHT) ARRIVES IN L.A. TO FACE TRIAL
Escorting him from plane are Los Angeles detectives Manuel Gutierrez (left) and Philip Sartuche



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MANSON ATTORNEY IRVING KANAREK
Heads for weekend in jail for contempt

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Arrest 6 Manson 'Family' Members

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Knife-Toting Members of 'Family' Jailed

Six knife-toting members of Charles Manson's hippie "family" were arrested today outside the Hall of Justice in Civic Center on charges of loitering.

The three women and three men were taken into custody near the Temple Street and Broadway entrance to the building after someone complained about the group in a telephone call to the Los Angeles Police Department.

According to police reports, all of the "family" members had long hunting knives in leather sheaths.

Officers said all six had freshly cut X's on their foreheads, apparently in emulation of Manson and the three young women on trial with him for the slaying of actress Sharon Tate and six others in August of 1969.

The trial, now in its 14th week, was in recess today but will resume tomorrow.

When asked why they were there, Sandra Goode, 26, a "family" member answered:

"That's where we stay now . . . we weren't doing anything to hurt anybody. I wish somebody would complain about the unfairness of this."

Policemen said members of the group refused to identify themselves at the time of their arrest.

However, detectives identified the three men arrested as Craig Hammond, 20, Herbert R. Townsend, 18, and Charles Lovett, 18.

Hammond and Townsend listed themselves as transients. Lovett listed his address as 12000 Santa Susana Pass Road, which is the Spahn Movie Ranch near Chatsworth.

The "family" is continuing to live at the ranch while Manson and the three women co-defendants are on trial.

Police said the three women arrested were Lynn Fromme, 22, Cathy Gillis, 21, and Sue Bartell, 19. All live at the Spahn Ranch.

The three men were booked into Central Jail and the women were taken to Sybil Brand Institute.



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'FAMILY' MEMBERS ARRESTED

Lynn Fromme (left) and Cathy Gillis were among six Charles Manson "family" members arrested for loitering outside Los Angeles Hall of Justice. The handcuffed pair have freshly cut X's on their foreheads.

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Watson in Surprise Visit to Tate Trial

By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Charles (Tex) Watson is back in his jail cell today awaiting his own arraignment in the murder of Sharon Tate and six others after making a surprise appearance at the trial of Charles Manson and three young women.

The 24-year-old Watson's brief time in the eighth floor courtroom yesterday highlighted the end of the 14th week in the downtown Hall of Justice trial.

Watson, who had successfully resisted extradition from Texas until a week ago, will be tried separately.

He came to the trial yesterday from Central Jail on a court order obtained by Paul Fitzgerald, attorney for defendant Patricia Krenwinkel, 22.

Fitzgerald would not comment on the strategy behind bringing Watson into the courtroom other than to say it was to have him identified by prosecution witness Danny DeCarlo, who was undergoing cross-examination at the time.

The maneuver by Fitzgerald put him in sharp conflict with Manson's attorney, Irving Kanarek, who termed the action "a vaudeville performance."

Kanarek asked Judge Older to keep the jury from seeing Watson, saying it was "useless, needless, and absolutely prejudicial."

When Judge Older ruled against him at that point, Kanarek moved for a mistrial, which also was denied.

DeCarlo replied simply, "yeah," when Fitzgerald asked him if he recognized the man as "Tex" Watson.

Throughout his five minutes in court, Waston remained silent, even when Judge Older asked:

"Your name, sir?"

The judge did not press him further since he was not accompanied by an attorney.

Wearing slacks and a sport coat, Watson spent most of his time in the courtroom staring vacantly at the ceiling although he smiled at the three young women when they waved to him as he walked in.

He seemed oblivious of Manson who was sitting across the room from him.

Watson was indicted Dec. 8 with the four persons now on

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trial and faces seven counts of murder and one of conspiracy in connection with the Aug. 9, 1969, slaying of the beautiful actress and four others at her Benedict Canyon estate, and the killing of Leno La Bianca and his wife, Rosemary, the next night in their Los Feliz home.

Already on trial on the same charges are the 35-year-old Manson, Miss Krenwinkel, and Susan Atkins, 21. Leslie Van Houten, 20, is named in the conspiracy count but faces murder charges only in the deaths of La Bianca.

Following Watson's departure from the court, ther was a hassle between Kanarek and prosecutor Vincent T. Bugliosi as Manson's lawyer was cross-examining DeCarlo.

When Kanarek accused Bugliosi of coaching the witness, the prosecutor jumped up and said:

"That was a ridiculous and inflammatory remark. What does that have to do with the price of tea in China?"

Kanarek then asked Judge Older to swear him in so he could testify about some remark Bugliosi made to him at the counsel table.

This request by Kanarek prompted Bugliosi to say:

"Your conduct is grounds for disbarment!"

Ronald Hughes, the attorney for Miss Van Houten, then asked for a mistrial because of the conduct of both Bugliosi and Kanarek in front of the jury.

"We don't need to hear from you," the judge told Hughes and then instructed the jury to disregard the whole exchange of words.

Earlier in yesterday's trial action, defense attorneys charged that DeCarlo was testifying as a prosecution witness because police had promised to dismiss felony charges against him.

The diminutive witness, twisting his bushy moustache, staunchly denied this, saying.

"I was going to testify anyway. I didn't ask them to drop any charges. I had an attorney and could have beaten the rap. But the cops went ahead and dropped them anyway."

DeCarlo lived with the Manson "family" at the Spahn Movie Ranch from March through mid-August of 1969. He now lives in Medford, Ore., where he works as a gunsmith.



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DANNY DeCARLO
"Yeah" identified Watson

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Tate Case Witness Nearly Dies Here of LSD Dose

By Harold Morse
Star-Bulletin Writer

A prosecution witness in the Sharon Tate murder trial in Los Angeles spent a night in Queen's Medical Center here two weeks ago recovering from what was alleged to be an attempted murder through an overdose of LSD.

Paul Fitzgerald, defense attorney in the case, said yesterday, that chief prosecutor Vincent T. Bugliosi had complained to the trial judge that members of the Charles Manson hippie-type "family" had tried to kill the witness, Barbara Hoyt, 18, in Honolulu.

Honolulu police today told what they know about the case. They said:

MISS HOYT was found Sept. 9 sprawled in front of the Salvation Army store at 806 Iwilei Road.

Miss Hoyt's mother flew here and took the girl home the next day.

Byron Galloway, a social worker who specializes in drug cases, found the girl and took her to Queen's. Galloway told police that while en route to the hospital, Miss Hoyt kept saying, "Better call the prosecuting attorney in Los Angeles."

Attorney Fitzgerald said prosecutor Bugliosi had alleged that members of the Manson "family" lured Miss Hoyt to Honolulu where they gave her a hamburger spiked with 10 capsules of LSD, which he said was a near-lethal dose.

He said Bugliosi alleged that the plane fare was charged to a credit card from "someone who dropped out of society and gave it to them."

Manson, 35, and three of his women followers are on trial for the murder of Miss Tate and six others in August 1969.

HONOLULU POLICE said Miss Hoyt claimed after she was admitted to Queen's that she had been given the LSD-spiked hamburger by friends while on the beach Sept. 9.

She reportedly told a hospital psychiatrist that when she had finished eating half of the hamburger, she was told about the LSD content.

She told the doctor that she felt herself going on a "trip," that she remembers running until she fell, but did not offer any other information.

A Star-Bulletin reporter telephoned Miss Hoyt's home in Canoga Park, Calif., today and talked to her mother. Mrs. William Hoyt declined to put her daughter on the phone.

She said, "We are not talking to newspapers until we meet with the prosecutor's office."

Mrs. Hoyt said she came to Honolulu on Sept. 10 and left with her daughter for California the same evening. Hospital records show that Miss Hoyt was discharged at 9 p.m.

Mrs. Hoyt, who said the family was "shook up" by the publicity, gave a slightly different version of what happened to her daughter in Honolulu.

SHE SAID THE hamburger was given to her daughter at Honolulu airport shortly after her arrival.

"She got on a bus, felt sick and realized what had happened," she said. "She got off the bus, ran into a bathroom and made herself throw up. She then ran down the street to attract attention.

"Someone saw her and took her to the hospital."

Mrs. Hoyt said her daughter did not speak to Honolulu police because the doctor wouldn't let them."

Police said today the hospital psychiatrist had told them that they did not want the girl interviewed. When police tried again on Sept. 11, Miss Hoyt was already in California.

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Ex-Manson Cult Member To Testify

By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Curly-haired Juan Flynn, 25, a one-time member of Charles Manson's "family", who had a sharp break with the cult leader, is expected to take the witness stand today in the Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murder trial.

The proceedings against the 35-year-old Manson and three young women are now in the 16th week at the Hall of Justice in Civic Center.

Panamanian-born Flynn, who stands 6-feet 4 and is muscularly-built, had this comment while waiting outside the courtroom to testify:

"I didn't know anything about the murders, but there was some other weird stuff going on before I got out of there."

Flynn joined the "family" after working as a ranch hand at the Spahn Movie Ranch near Chatsworth.

When Manson and his followers left the ranch a few weeks after the Aug. 9, 1969, slaying of Miss Tate and four others at her Benedict Canyon estate, Flynn went with them to a remote area on the edge of Death Valley.

After about a month in the desert with the "family," he broke away from the cult and returned to the Los Angeles area.

In recent months, he has been working as "a carpenter, hay hauler and horse shoer" in Canoga Park.

Flynn is due to be on the stand for a full day when he is called to testify by prosecutor Vincent T. Bugliosi.

Standing trial with Manson are Patricia Krenwinkel, 22; Susan Atkins, 21, and Leslie Van Houten, 20. All four are charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

Manson, Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Atkins also face seven counts of murder for the Tate estate slayings, and the killing of market chain president Leno La Bianca and his wife, Rosemary, the next night in their Los Feliz home.

Miss Van Houten is charged with murder only in the La Bianca murders.

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Witness Links Manson to Gun

By WILLIAM FARR
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Juan Flynn, a tall, curly-haired former member of Charles Manson's hippie "family," today linked the cult leader to a Western-style pistol and a white nylon rope used during the Aug. 9, 1969, murder rampage at the Sharon Tate estate.

Flynn, 25, was the lead-off witness at the downtown Hall of Justice trial of Manson and three young women, now in its 16th week.

Questioned by prosecutor Vincent T. Bugliosi about the "Buntline Special" used to shoot three of the five persons killed at the Tate estate, Flynn testified:

"I saw him (Manson) with it several times. On one occasion, he fired it in my direction when I was walking with a girl on the other side of the creek at the ranch . . . he followed us and fired a couple of shots . . . to scatter us or something. I don't know what he had in mind."

Superior Court Judge Charles H. Older allowed the testimony into the record for the purpose of identifying Manson with the gun, but the judge admonished the jury to disregard the comments about the shooting incident.

Flynn also testified that he saw the rope found around the neck of Miss Tate and men's hair stylist Jay Sebring "two or three months before that out at the Spahn Ranch.

The witness said he had seen it in Manson's dune buggy, and also had been present when the cult leader talked to ranch owner George Spahn about the fine quality of the rope.

Flynn testified that he first came to the ranch near Chatsworth about four months prior to the arrival of Manson in the spring of 1968. He said he lived there through the time that the five Tate slayings occurred, and the time that the killing of grocery chain executive Leno LaBianca and his wife took place the next night in their Los Feliz district home.

Standing trial with Manson are Patricia Krenwinkel, 22; Susan Atkins, 21, and Leslie VanHouten, 20. Miss VanHouten is charged only with the LaBianca murders.

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Mr. Vincent X. Flaherty

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Dear Vince:

I received your letter, with enclosure, on September 23rd and appreciate your keeping me advised regarding your youth proposal.

With respect to your request, I would certainly like to be of assistance to you; however, the current trial involving the individuals of interest to you does not involve a matter within FBI jurisdiction. Since data maintained in FBI Identification Division files is available only to duly authorized law enforcement officials and agencies of the Government, either Federal, state, or local, for official purposes, it is not possible for me to furnish the information you requested.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Vince:

Many thanks for your letters of August 22 and 18.

I appreciated receiving your thoughts in response to some of the questions raised here concerning your proposal for a Presidential youth program. They were most helpful.

With respect to a meeting between the President and key figures of professional sports, this certainly could be most helpful. I have forwarded a recommendation for consideration by the scheduling staff and will let you know if and when this can be arranged.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Herb Klein

Herbert G. Klein
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Manson Admits 5 or 6 Visits to Tate Home

BY JOHN KENDALL
Times Staff Writer

Charles Manson admitted from the witness stand of the Tate-La Bianca murder trial Friday that he had visited the estate where actress Sharon Tate and four others were murdered.

He estimated he had been "at" the residence five or six times but insisted, "I've never been in the house."

Manson was called by the defense to testify out of the presence of the jury in a hearing on the admissibility of testimony of Los Angeles Police Sgt. Sidney J. Nuckles Jr.

Nuckles testified in response to prosecution questions that last March 2 Manson denied ever being at the Benedict Canyon estate.

The officer said Manson made the statement at a meeting attended by the defendant, defense attorney Daye Shinn, Dep. Dist. Atty. Aaron Stovitz and himself.

He said Manson, who then was acting as his own attorney, had requested the session to examine exhibits in the County Grand Jury indictment.

The legal question is whether Manson's statement, as quoted by Nuckles' was voluntarily or was a result of a question by Stovitz.

Shinn testified that he thought Manson had said he had never been "in" the residence, not never been "at" it. Stovitz is expected to be called Monday.

On Friday, after Manson said he had been at the Tate estate several times, Bugliosi asked him when. The defense objected but Manson said, "I explained to you, I am absent in time."

The prosecution produced testimony about at least one visit.

Rudy Altobelli, owner of the $200,000 estate, said Manson was at the guest house of the residence March 23, 1969, asking for a former resident of the front house, Terry Melcher, a record producer and son of actress Doris Day.

The prosecution contends that less than five months later—on Aug. 9, 1969—the estate, then rented by Miss Tate, was selected as a site for mass murder as a symbol of protest of Melcher's rejections of Manson's recording hopes.

Melcher, 28, testified Friday that he was more impressed with Manson's leadership quality than his musical talent.

He said he twice went to the Spahn movie ranch in Chatsworth in May, 1969, to hear Manson play guitar and sing.

During the first audition, Melcher said Manson sat on a rock, surrounded by his "family" members, who hummed and sang in the background as he talked and sang 15 or 20 songs.

"I was impressed by Charlie's strength. The obvious leadership he had of those people," Melcher said.

But, the witness said, he wasn't impressed enough by Manson's "average" singing to want to pursue it and sign a recording contract.

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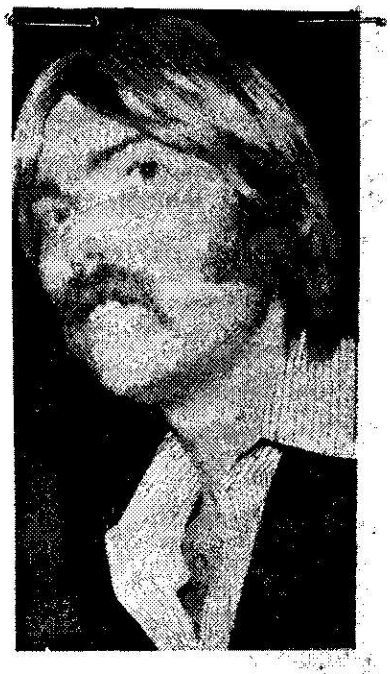

Terry Melcher

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Three Girls Are Also Convicted

Van Houten Guilty in La Bianca Case

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Charles Manson and three young women accused of the savage slayings of actress Sharon Tate and six other persons were found guilty of first-degree murder and conspiracy today.

It will now be up to the conviction jury in later sessions to decide the penalty for the killings — life in prison or death in San Quentin Prison's gas chamber.

The jury's verdict was filed with the court at 11:46 a.m., and the convictions were announced by the court clerk in a somber reading of the jury forms over the space of 20 succeeding minutes. The jury informed Superior Court Judge Charles Older it had reached the verdicts at 10:15 a.m. — 42 hours and 40 minutes after deliberations began Jan. 15.

Jury Foreman Herman Tubick, a Monterey Park mortician, handed the verdicts to Judge Older, who reviewed them and passed them on to Court Clerk Eugene Darrow to announce.

After the jury was polled, Judge Older announced that the penalty phase of the trial will start Thursday to determine whether life imprisonment or the death penalty is imposed against the 36-year-old Manson and the co-defendants — Patricia Krenwinkel, 23; Susan Atkins, 22, and Leslie Van Houten, 21.

The defendants all entered the courtroom smiling and remained calm throughout the reading of the verdicts, although the cult leader blurted out at the end:

"We're still not allowed to put on a defense . . . You won't outlive that, old man."

This remark apparently was aimed at Judge Older. The defense rested its case without calling a single witness.

Manson did take the stand for 90 minutes during the trial but the jury was not present, and he refused to repeat his story for them.

During that appearance on the stand, Manson gave a rambling discourse on his philosophies about life and society, but talked little about the case at hand.

However, he did say he had killed no one, and order no one killed.

As the verdicts were read, Manson stared directly at the jurors as he stroked his beard.

Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Atkins, who giggled between themselves before the verdicts were announced, continued to whisper to each other as they were found guilty on count after count.

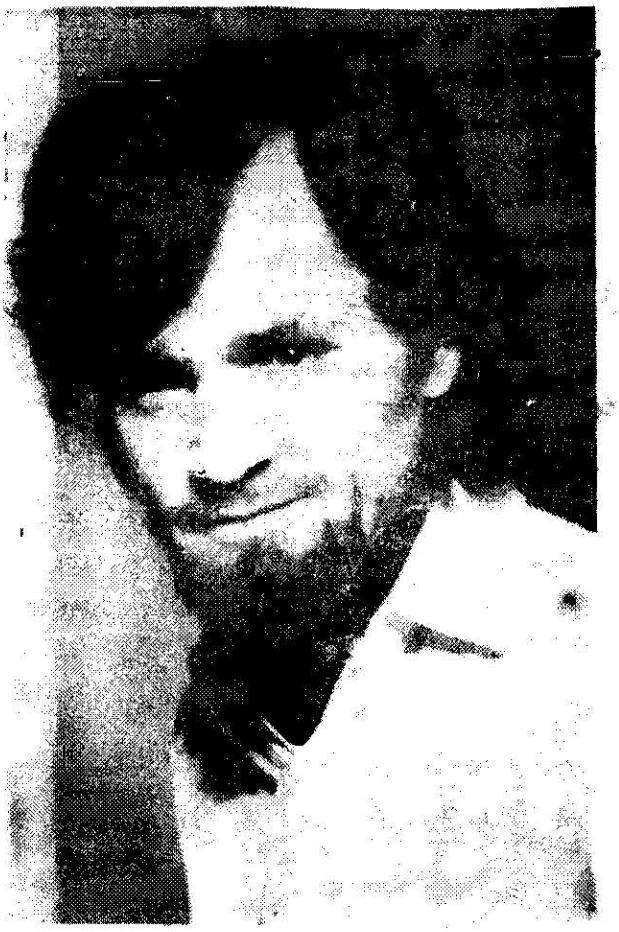
Miss Van Houten smiled at the jurors, but their attention was directed at the clerk and they did not notice.

Manson, Miss Krenwinkel and Miss Atkins were found guilty of first degree murder on seven homicide counts and one count of conspiracy.

The murder counts pertained to the Aug. 9, 1969, slaying of Miss Tate, 26; San Francisco socialite Abigail Folger, 26; men's hair stylist Jay Sebring, 37; Polish photographer Woyteck Frykowski, 32, and Steven Parent, 18, of El Monte.

The sixth and seventh counts in the Dec. 8, 1969, grand jury indictment involved the killing of Gateway Markets president Leno La Bianca, 44, and his wife, Rosemary, 38, the following night.

Miss Van Houten was charged and found guilty only on the La Bianca murders and the conspiracy count.



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MANSON — MASTERMIND OF MURDERS
Jury found him guilty of directing slaying of seven



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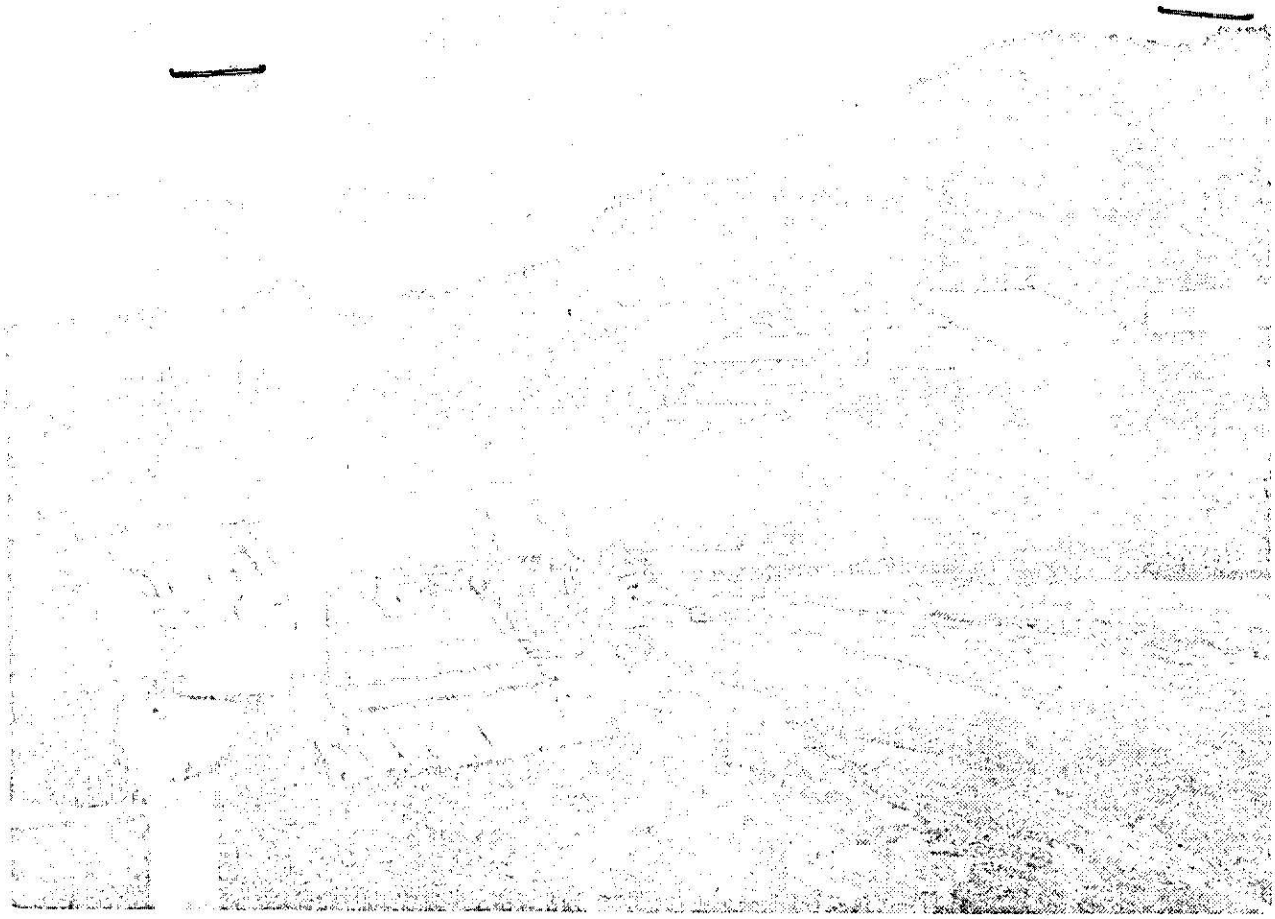
THREE FEMALE MEMBERS OF MANSON FAMILY CONVICTED WITH LEADER OF MURDERS
From left: Patricia Krenwinkel, Leslie Van Houten, Susan Atkins. Miss Van Houten, La Bianca case only.









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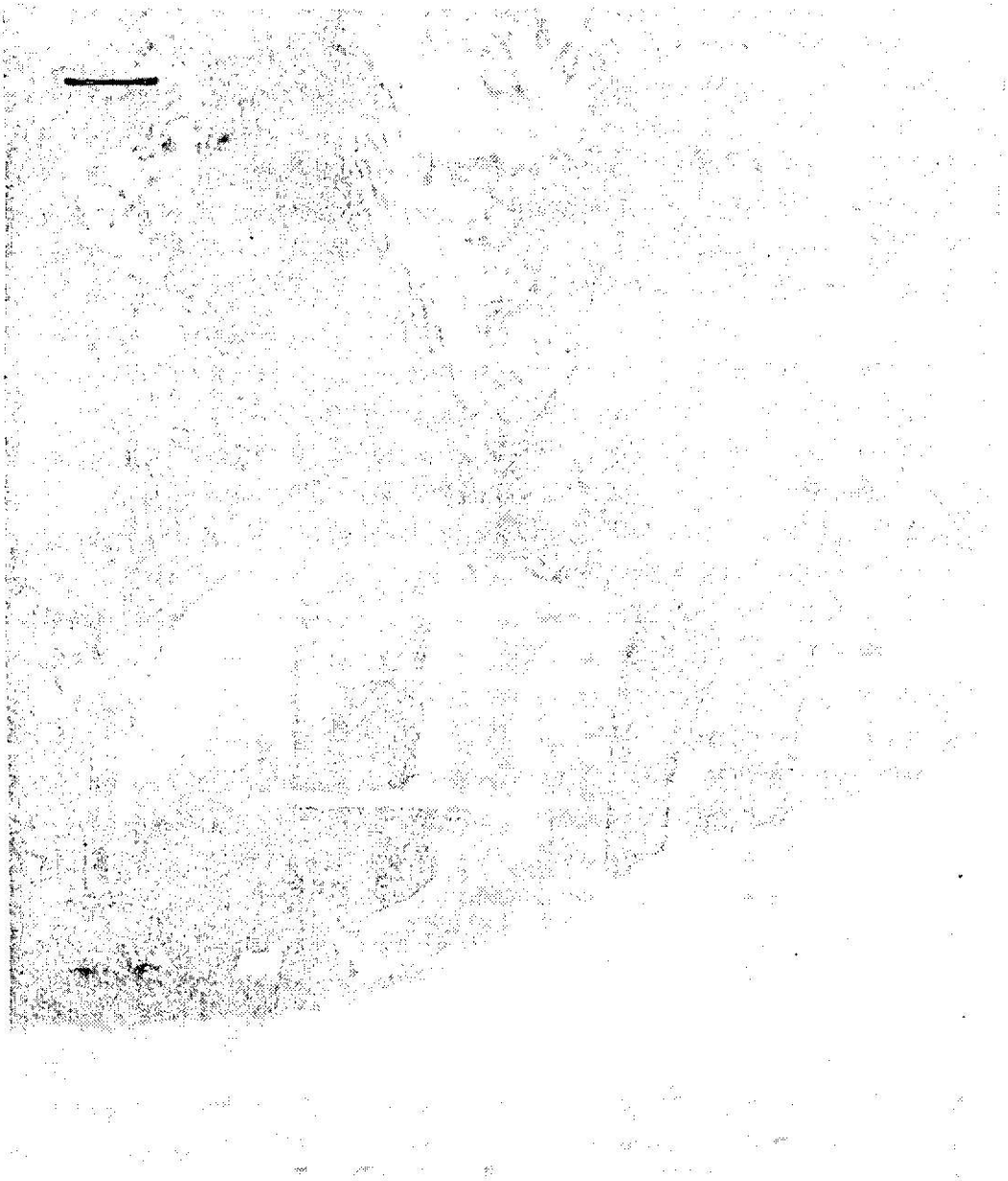

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Two murder victims were found on the front lawn of the Tate estate where

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MANSON DEATH THREAT

Warns of Terror If Doomed to Die

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Cult Head: 'Not Going To Take It'

By CLIFF BLACKBURN
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Cult leader Charles Manson warned prosecutors at the Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murder trial today that if he is sentenced to the gas chamber a reign of murder will follow.

"If I get the death penalty, there's going to be nothing but murder and bloodshed afterwards," Manson told prosecutors Vincent T. Bugliosi and Stephen Kay as court began, "Because I'm not going to take it."

Recently, deputy sheriffs who guard Manson in a small cell adjoining the courtroom of Superior Court Judge Charles H. Older, warned the district attorney's office that Manson had said that if he was sentenced to death he would kill his attorney, Irving Kanarek, and Judge Older. He did not elaborate on how he could do this while in jail.

The prosecutor stated that Manson made his threat this morning in a "very calm and serious voice."

The threat was made, the prosecutors said, as they walked into court today. Manson, because of unruly conduct, is held in a detention room where he can hear court proceedings.

Manson beckoned to the two prosecutors, as he has in the past, and made the quick comment to them, they declared. The final phase of the penalty trial then continued on schedule.

Maxwell Keith, court-appointed attorney for one of the three women codefendants with Manson, Leslie Van Houten, 21, described her to the jury as a "mindless child" and urged that jurors not fix her punishment by the ruthlessness of the seven slayings.

"Leslie must live," Keith told the seven-man, five-woman jury. "She has got to live."

Although he did not name Manson as "The vicious and malevolent" force that made Miss Van Houten "a sacrificial lamb," Keith said that the same fear that ruled the Spahn Movie Ranch pervades the courtroom.

He said that when Miss Van Houten went to the movie ranch, "her mind was a vacuum . . . a vacuum for the intrusion of the devil."

Keith argued that while "family" members denied that Manson was their leader, "there must have been a leader."

"There had to be " Keith said. "There had to be some persuasive and frightening influence."

Manson, Miss Van Houten, Susan Atkins, 22, and Patricia Krenwinkel, 23, were found guilty in the slayings. Miss Van Houten was tried only for the deaths of wealthy grocer La Bianca and his wife, Rosemary.

Jurors are expected to be sequestered tonight to begin deliberations on life in prison or death in the gas chamber for the four defendants.

Keith stated that prosecutor Bugliosi had read a roll call of the dead at the end of the guilt or innocence phase of the trial when he listed the names of the seven murder victims.

Keith recited to jurors a roll call of "the living dead" and recited the first names of members of the hippie family without naming Manson.

"These young lives have been so damaged that it is possible that their destruction is beyond repair," Keith said. "What happened to produce eight senseless and insane killings? . . . What forces produced these tragedies.

"What terrible storm came down to tear up and blight the lives of these girls and all the girls who lived at the Spahn Ranch. I think you know."

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Jurors Tell Feelings

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Jurors Disclose Feelings About Verdicts, Action During Trial

BY JIM STINGLEY
Times Staff Writer

"I hope this verdict will be a lesson to the young people of this country —that you just can't go into a person's house and butcher them up . . ."

Speaking was Marie Mesmer, one of 12 jurors whose lives for the last nine and one-half months have been spent trying to determine the fate of Charles Manson and his three girl followers.

The former drama critic was one of four jurors who granted interviews after the trial's end. Her words seemed to reflect a general feeling by those who spoke—that the verdict was a meaningful example, especially aimed at the young.

"Now I can go home with peace of mind," Miss Mesmer said. "I think I have served my purpose as a juror and I think that I have protected society in having the poise or gumption or guts or whatever you want to call it to do what I did."

She said that in these last few days there was no doubt that death would be the verdict.

"We already had made our decision quite early," she said, "but we had to argue the various points of life over the death penalty.

"But there were hardly any disagreements in the end. We all felt Charles Manson is a dangerous influence on society.

"In my verdict I wanted to protect the society."

Miss Mesmer agreed that the time spent on the trial had been "wearing, difficult . . . a great emotional experience." But, she added, "it was just a job. And I applied myself. And no, it hasn't changed my life in any way."

She spoke little of Manson, except to say, "I remember Charlie said, I believe he said, that there was no one in the court half as good as he was. I don't know how he figured that one out . . ."

Of Irving Kanarek, Manson's attorney, she said:

"I don't think he helped the case, frankly. He would start out on a point and leave it entirely for several days and would never get back to what he originally started to talk about. I think he hurt the case."

Of the Manson girls, she spoke longer and more thoughtfully. She said she actually felt sorry for two of the defendants, Patricia Krenwinkle and Leslie Van Houten, "because they had come from good backgrounds."

But the sorrow was not enough to stay her vote of death.

"I listened very carefully, all the time during this trial. And I didn't see any inkling at any time that they (the girls) were remorseful.

"All they said was 'I did it because I did it.' And that's a hell of a reason for going out and butchering up a lot of people."

Herman C. Tubick, a mortician, was foreman of the jury. He was less talkative than Miss Mesmer and his shoulders sagged with weariness. Where she had spoken fast and long, as if to rid herself finally of the last tensions of the trial, Tubick nursed his words.

When asked if the death verdict would reflect something that would have a good effect on the youth of the country, he sighed:

"Well, I pray to God it does . . ."

Asked what he would do if he were called again for jury duty in the next three or four months, he paused a moment, then started chuckling.

"Well, to be truthful with you, if I was called again I would do it all over again."

For as long a time?

"Yes, I would . . . as long as it would help society out in any way."

Was society well served by the verdict? Tubick replied, "Yes, I believe it has been."

Another juror, William Zamora, a technician with the State Division of Highways, told reporters that he could not tell them his feelings because he was going to write a book about the matter.

"What I'm holding from you are my inner feelings and the story of the association among us jurors. That's the thing that's never been disclosed to the public and that will be the key to my book."

Juror John M. Baer, a 61-year-old electrical tester for the Department of Water and Power, said that "at times things did seem to get a little out of hand (at the trial), but I think everyone was really basically sincere and trying to do the right thing."

Asked about criticism from some regarding Kanarek's conduct, Baer replied, "He was doing the best job he could for his client."

Baer said the jury's life-or-death decision was not easy.

"One doesn't come to a decision like that quickly or flippantly. We had to study all of the evidence carefully."

Asked how coexisting with the other jurors for so long affected him, Baer said, "It didn't bother me too much. There were differences of opinion and different ways of living, but we didn't come to blows. I think there are friends throughout the jury."

The trial did not change his feelings about long-haired young people.

"I think I had that pretty well settled in my mind beforehand," he said. "There are some good ones and some not so good."



Foreman Herman Tubick
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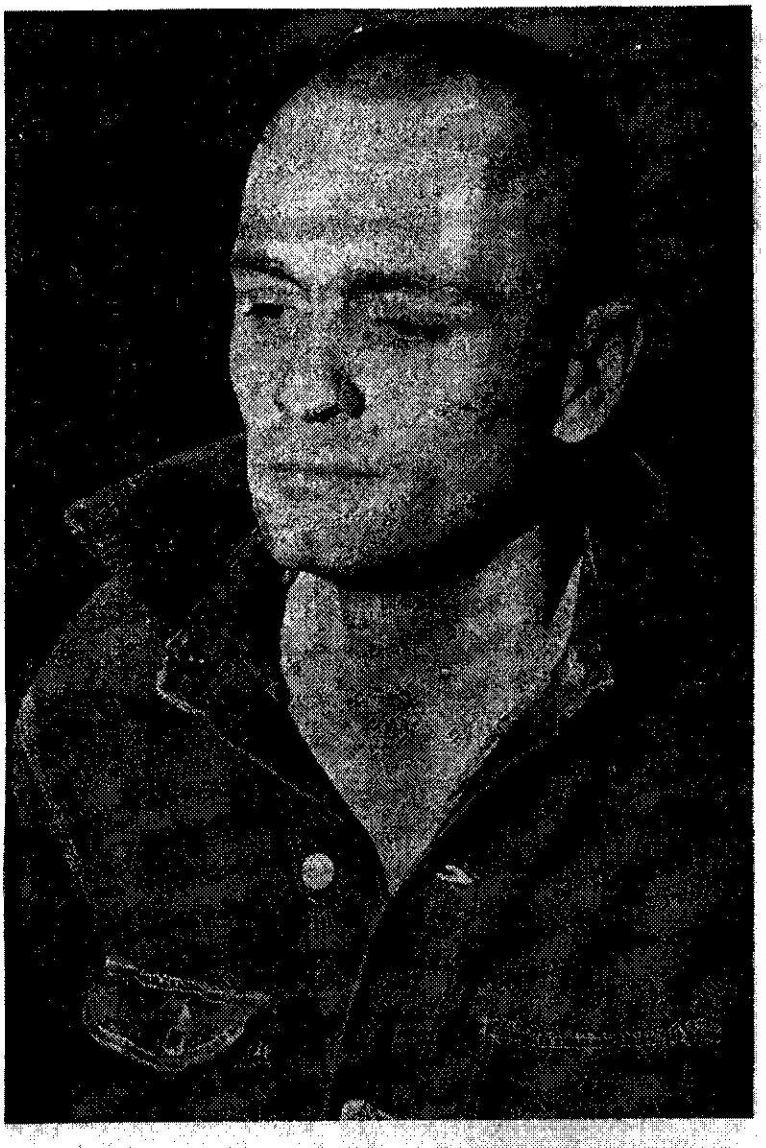

GRIM—Charles Manson as he entered courtroom to hear verdict. Photos of Manson and co-defendants were not permitted afterward.
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3 Girls Hoped for Life Terms, Lawyer Says

However, Conduct at Trial Did Not Reflect Their 'Strong Desire,' Fitzgerald Concedes

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Charles Manson's "girls"—Patricia (Katie) Krenwinkel, Susan (Sadie) Atkins and Leslie Van Houten indicated to him a "strong desire" for verdicts of life in prison.

This was revealed by one of their lawyers Monday minutes after the jury voted they should be executed for their admitted roles in the seven Tate-La Bianca murders.

However, Paul Fitzgerald, who defended Miss Krenwinkel, conceded that their conduct during the trial did not show it.

"They hoped for the best," he said, "but expected the worst."

Fitzgerald predicted that they would never be executed, but confessed that may only be wishful thinking.

Criticizes Jury

He described the death penalty as a "medieval relic of savagery" and accused the jury of "perpetuating the very crime they sought to eradicate."

"I don't know how their verdicts can help anyone—these young girls, the country or the community," he said angrily.

Fitzgerald said he and the other defense attorneys on April 19 will make motions for a new trial, for reduction of the convictions to second-degree murder or manslaughter and for a reduction of penalty to life in prison. All four defendants were convicted of multiple counts of first-degree murder.

Superior Judge Charles M. Older has the discretion to grant all the motions. Last year he reduced a death verdict to life imprisonment.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi, speaking for the three-man prosecution team, which also included Stephen R. Kay and Donald A. Musich, praised the jurors as "12 conscientious people who deserve a pat on the back."

Their verdicts, he said, reflect the conscience of "this community of 7 million persons—most of whom were shocked and outraged at the senseless, barbaric murders."

Bugliosi, who was assigned to the case 16 months ago, said he anticipated and welcomed the death verdicts.

Called Proper Case

"If the death penalty is to mean anything in California other than two empty words, this unquestionably was a proper case for it," he declared and added, "such conduct cannot go unpunished."

He said that he believes Manson and the four women will be executed, but conceded that the case may not be resolved on appeal for three to four years.

Asked the most difficult part of prosecuting Manson and the others—and he still is scheduled to prosecute Charles (Tex) Watson for the same crimes—Bugliosi said it was gathering with Los Angeles police the evidence necessary to convince a jury of the defendants' guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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IT'S OVER—Vincent T. Bugliosi, who prosecuted Manson case, rests a moment before going home.
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Body Found; May Be Lawyer Hughes

Body May Be Tate Lawyer

Two Glendale men fishing in the Sespe Hot Springs area of Ventura County have found the decomposed body of a "large man" believed to be that of missing Tate murder trial attorney Ronald Hughes, Ventura County sheriff's deputies reported today.

The two men found the body in Sespe Gorge, seven miles east of Sespe Hot Springs, Saturday afternoon but could not inform the Ventura County Sheriff's office until they hiked out of the area late yesterday.

Sheriff's deputies and coroner's personnel hiked into the rugged area this morning to locate the body based on information supplied by the two men.

Don Chessman, of 147 S. Brand Blvd., and John Wells, of 1329 Loreto St., hiked out of the gorge area, 20 miles north of Fillmore, and contacted deputies at the Lockwood Valley substation near the northeast end of Frazier Park.

Deputies said they gave a detailed description of how to locate the body.

Ventura County sheriff's deputies said the two men found the body laying face down in a pool of water.

Heavy fog in the Sespe area hampered the search party, according to a sheriff's deputy.

Hughes, 35, was defending Leslie Van Houten in the Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murder trial when he disappeared last Thanksgiving in the Sespe Hot Springs area.

Wells, 47, and Chessman, 49 hiked into the area Friday evening and discovered the body about noon according to deputies.

"It was a horrible sight. The body was nude and one arm was missing," Chessman said."

"The head was face down and wedged under a boulder. We couldn't see the face or top of the head, only the back of the head, which was covered with long black hair," Wells said.

"The stream is about 50 feet wide at that point and filled with boulders, rocks and tree limbs. In places it is knee deep.

"We found a black and white, high-top tennis shoe near the body and a pair of pants on the bank downstream, but they looked too small to fit the body."

"We didn't touch the body, or come too close, but the man was big—over 200 pounds—and he had been there for quite some time, I'd guess," Chessman said.

The balding, bewhiskered, 250-pound Hughes was last seen Nov. 28, 1970, by two teen-agers who drove with him to the Sespe Hot Springs area.

The weekend Hughes disappeared the area was hit by a heavy storm, and temperatures dipped to sub-freezing at night.

Following Hughes' disappearance, Superior Court Judge Charles H. Older appointed attorney Maxwell Keith to defend Miss Van Houten.

Two weeks ago, the search for Hughes was rekindled when an anonymous caller told the Los Angeles County Sheriff's office that Hughes was "buried behind the barn" at the deserted Barker Ranch on the edge of Death Valley.

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No body was found at the ranch, which once was the stronghold of convicted murderer Charles Manson and his "family."

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Fate Still Weighed in Tate Case With Jurors in 2nd Day

By CLIFF BLACKBURN
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Jurors were in their second day of deliberation today on whether Charles Manson and three women followers shall live or die for the murders of actress Sharon Tate and six others.

Four of the jurors arrived at the downtown Hall of Justice at 9 a.m. to start deliberations carrying their suitcases.

Bailiffs and court officers were tight-lipped as to wheter the seven men and five women have thus far taken any actual ballots on the 23 counts of murder and the four counts of conspiracy for which they must fix penalties for the four defendants.

The jurors have already found Manson, 36, Susan Atkins, 22; Patricia Krenwinkel, 23, and Leslie Van Houten, 21, guilty of first-degree murder in the slayings.

Deliberations began Saturday morning in the jury room on the ninth floor of the downtown Hall of Justice, directly above the courtroom of Superior Court Judge Charles H. Older.

Judge Older has presided over the trial, which has lasted almost 10 months and has cost nearly $1 million.

Meanwhile, outside of the Hall of Justice, four young women followers of the Manson "family" who have kept a vigil throughout the trial showed up with their heads shaved.

The four have said they would keep the vigil until their "father," Charles Manson, is released.

One of the four, Sandra Goode, said when asked why they shaved their heads:

"They're trying to kill an innocent man...if it takes dousing ourselves with gasoline and igniting ourselves, we'll do it . . . They're trying to kill lots of innocent men by sending them to war. It's war, you know."

The four sat monk fashion, legs crossed on the sidewalk.

Asked if they actually would use gasoline, Miss Goode replies: "We don't plan. We move as we move."

At 9 a.m. Saturday, jurors arrived at the deserted Hall of Justice, dressed in casual clothing, to begin their life or death consideration.

The jurors apparently spent the six hours Saturday going over the complex instructions on points of law in the case they received from Judge Older before they retired the afternoon before.

The instructions cover a report from a Mobile, Ala., psychiatrist, inn which he stated Miss Krenwinkel fled Manson after the Tate La Bianca murders because she feared she would be the next to die.

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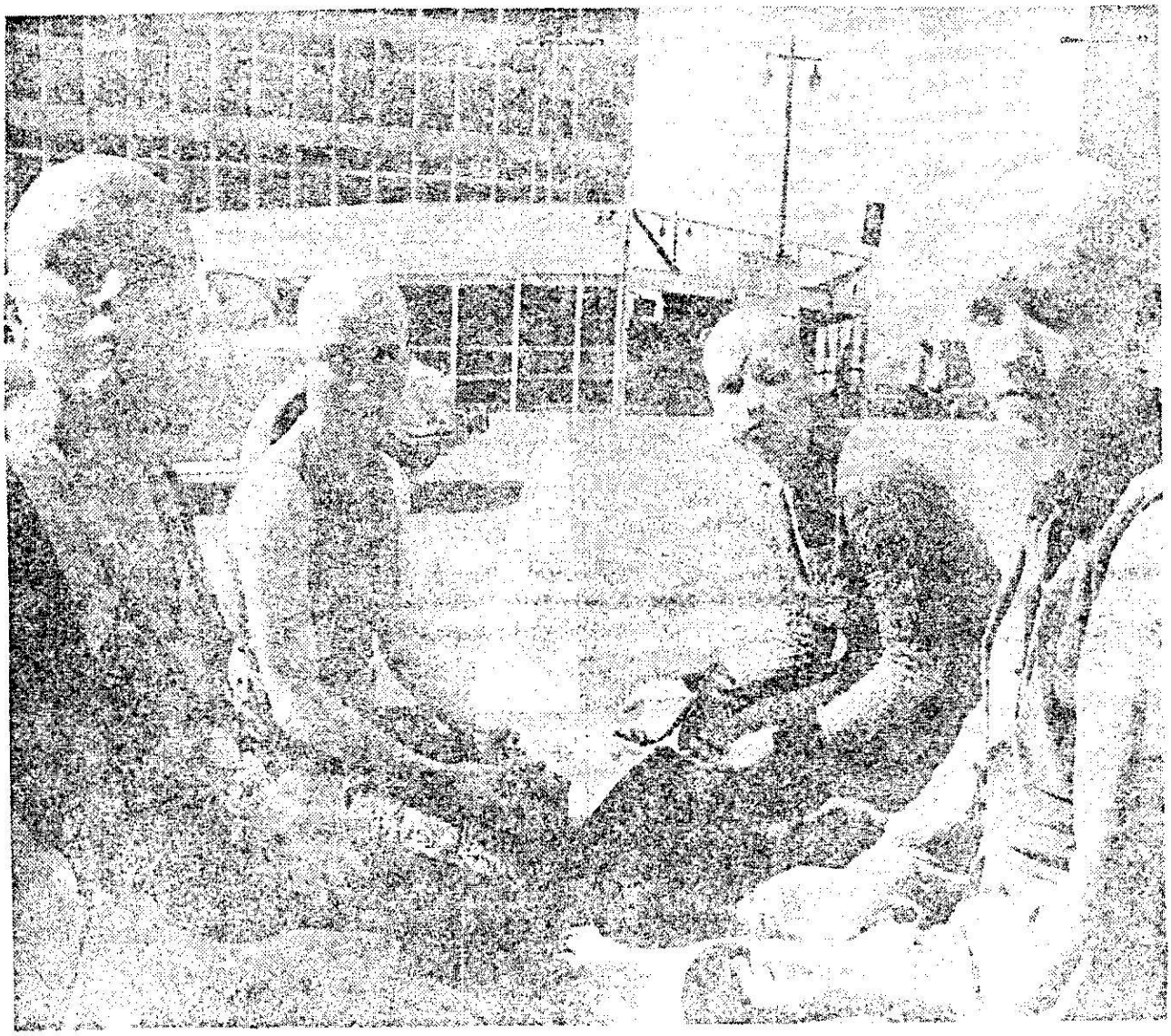

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MANSON GIRLS, OUTSIDE HALL OF JUSTICE, EMULATE LEADER BY SHAVING HEADS
From left: Brenda McCann, Sandra Goode, Katherine Gillis and Kitty Leutsiner continue vigil on street

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Body Found Wedged in Creek May Be Missing Tate Attorney's

Remains Are Flown Out; Decomposition Prevents Any Early Identification

BY PAUL HOUSTON
Times Staff Writer

The decomposed body of a nude man—possibly that of missing attorney Ronald Hughes—was recovered from a creek in Ventura County Monday and flown to a mortuary in Santa Paula for identification.

A 12-man search team was shuttled into the rugged wilderness area in a Navy helicopter to retrieve the body. It was taken to Skillins Mortuary.

Lt. Robert Hindman of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department said the body was so badly decomposed that no immediate identification was likely. Searchers at the scene said, however, the description fitted that of Hughes.

"It appears as though he may have been a fairly large person but there's no way to make identification without dental and fingerprint comparison," said Dep. Coroner Merle Peters. "Nor can we tell if there are signs of foul play without a closer identification."

Several trout fishermen found the body Saturday but waited until Sunday to report it because, one said, "we didn't want to spoil our trip."

Two of the fishermen said in interviews the body was lying face down in knee-deep Sespe Creek with the head wedged between large rocks.

Thus, they said, it was impossible to tell if the face bore the full set of whiskers characteristic of Hughes, the 35-year-old, 250-pound attorney for Leslie Van Houten in the Tate-La Bianca murder trial.

However, the fishermen said, long hair was visible (Hughes wore his collar length) and the body was that of a corpulent man.

One fisherman, Don Chessman, 49, of 147 S. Brand Blvd., Glendale, said the right arm was missing "but the body was not decomposed, apparently because of the cold water."

Chessman and his fishing companion, John Wells, 47, of 1329 Loreto Drive, Glendale, said they saw no signs of foul play on the body.

Chessman and Wells said that they and four other fishermen spotted the body Saturday when they hiked into a remote spot known as the Narrows.

It is a rocky, steep-walled channel seven miles southeast of Sespe Hot Springs, where Hughes was last seen four months ago.

Search parties never turned up any trace of Hughes in the Sespe Hot Springs area or, last week, at a Death Valley ranch once used as a hangout for the Charles Manson "family." An anonymous caller said Hughes had been buried on the ranch.

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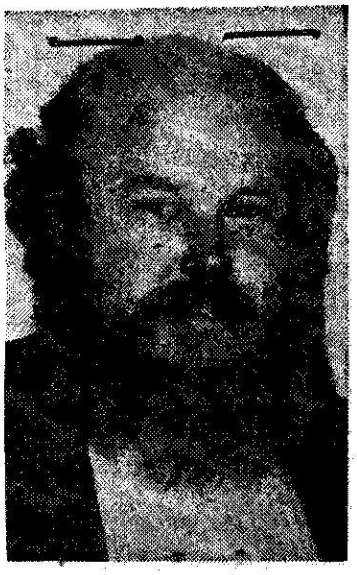

Ronald Hughes
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Four Create Disturbance, Are Removed

BY JOHN KENDALL
Times Staff Writer

Grim-faced jurors Monday returned 27 verdicts of death against the Tate-La Bianca killers: Charles Manson, 36, Patricia Krenwinkel, 23, Susan Atkins, 22, and Leslie Van Houten, 21.

But, the four were not present to hear themselves condemned. Each had disrupted the hearing with loud comments and had been removed.

The same seven men and five women who returned a total of 27 counts of first-degree murder last Jan. 25 filed back into Superior Judge Charles H. Older's courtroom at 4:22 p.m.

They had deliberated a total of 10 hours since receiving the case last Friday, after a two-month penalty hearing and seven-and-a-half-month guilt-or-innocence trial.

Some of the jurors glanced at the defendants sitting at the counsel table as they entered the courtroom but most avoided looking at them as they took their seats in the jury box.

Judge Asks for Verdict

"Mr. Tubick," Older asked jury foreman Herman C. Tubick, "has the jury reached a verdict?"

"Yes, we have, your honor," Tubick replied, handing a sheaf of papers to bailiff William Murray.

The judge was looking through the verdicts when the 36-year-old Manson called out:

"I don't see how you can get by with this without letting me put on some kind of defense. Who gives you authority to do this?"

Older warned Manson to be quiet or he would be removed from the courtroom.

"I didn't ask to come back," replied Manson, who had been removed to a loudspeaker-equipped holding room for creating disturbances in the last two weeks of the penalty trial.

The judge continued to read the verdicts handed to him by the bailiff.

"Hey, boy!" Manson called. "You people don't have no authority over me. Half of you in here ain't as good as I am."

Older ordered bailiffs to remove Manson. As the defendant was being guided to the holding cell, he said, "It's not the people's courtroom."

Court clerk Gene Darrow had prepared to read the jury's verdict on the first count of the indictment against Manson when the defendant was taken out.

Darrow began reading at 4:27 p.m. When he announced that the jury's verdict was death for Manson for the murder of coffee heiress Abigail (Gibby) Folger, the three women defendants cried out.

"You have just judged yourselves," said Patricia Krenwinkel.

"You'd best lock your doors and watch your own kids," chimed in Susan Atkins. "You are removing yourselves from the face of the earth, you old fool."

"Your whole system is a game," said Leslie Van Houten. "You blind stupid people, your children will turn against you."

Each was guided to the holding room door where Manson had been taken moments before.

17-Minute Reading

It took Darrow 17 minutes to read the jury's verdicts on the 27 counts. His voice was a monotone as he methodically read the stiff, formalized language of the indictments. The effect was this:

Manson, "Sadie" Atkins, and "Katie" Krenwinkel—Death on seven counts of murdering Miss Folger, 26, Sharon Tate, 27, Jay Sebring, 37, Voityck Frykowski, 37, Steven Parent, 18, Leno La Bianca, 44, and Rosemary La Bianca, 38, on Aug. 9 and 10, 1969.

Leslie Van Houten—Death on two counts of murdering Leno and Rosemary La Bianca.

Each of the four defendants was sentenced to death for conspiracy to commit murder.

Jurors were polled collectively after verdicts on each count had been read and individually on counts 1 through 8 after Darrow completed reading all the verdicts.

Reply Affirmatively

"Yes, it is," "yes," "yes, sir," "yes," "yes, it is," the jurors replied as they were asked if the verdicts were theirs.

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A CHEERFUL ENTRANCE — Charles Manson's co-defendants are a smiling, joking trio on way to courtroom to be sentenced. From left are Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel, Leslie Van Houten.
Times photo by Rick Browne

Older set April 19 for sentencing and all post-trial motions, and denied a request by Manson's attorney, Irving A. Kanarek, to impose a gag rule on the jury. Then he turned to the jurors.

The judge said the people of California owed them a "tremendous debt of gratitude."

"To my knowledge," he said, "no jury in history has been sequestered for so long a period or subjected to such an ordeal," Older said.

He praised their devotion "above and beyond the call of duty," thanked them on the people's behalf, and said if it was within his power he would award each of them a "medal of honor."

Thanks Them Individually

Before he dismissed them, Older told the jurors, he wanted to thank them individually.

While the crowded courtroom watched, the judge shook hands with each of the 12 regular jurors and three alternates, smiling and calling them by name.

Older left the courtroom, the jurors followed and the Tate-La Bianca murder trial, begun June 15, 1970, ended March 29, 1971, was over.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi, speaking for coprosecutors Stephen R. Kay and Donald A. Musich, joined in Older's praise of the jury as conscientious people "deserving a pat on the back."

"If the death penalty is to mean anything in California other than two empty words, this unquestionably was a proper case for it," Bugliosi said. "Such conduct cannot go unpunished."

Paul Fitzgerald, the attorney who had acted in effect as chief counsel for the defendants' "umbrella" defense, accused the jury of "perpetuating the very crime they sought to eradicate."

I don't know how their verdicts can help anyone —these young girls, the country or the community," he said.

Outside, five of "Charlie's girls," their heads freshly shaved, the Manson "X" scarring some of their foreheads, received the news of the jury's verdicts as they sat on the sidewalk at Temple St. and Broadway.

Tears welled in the eyes of one family member, when a television reporter announced that death appeared to be the verdict. Earlier, Manson follower Sandra Good, 26, had suggested they might burn themselves alive to demonstrate that Manson "is innocent."

"Death?" she said after learning the penalty. "That's what you're all going to get."

'Still Justice'

At his Palos Verdes Estates home, actress Sharon Tate's father, Col. Paul J. Tate, 48, a retired Army intelligence officer, commented, "There's still justice."

Tate, a daily spectator in the early stages of the guilt trial, told the Associated Press that he "naturally wanted the death penalty."

"They took my daughter and my grandchild." (Miss Tate was eight and a half months pregnant when she was killed.)

"I feel that justice has been appropriate."

He said there is "no jubilation" and "no sense of satisfaction" but that now he can get back "into the business of living."

Commenting on his early attendance in the courtroom, Tate said:

"I did it because jurors get wrapped up in the defendants. My main purpose was to let them know that someone cared for Sharon Tate. And to let Manson and those three girls know there was still somebody looking at them."

For the moment, "Man's game," as Manson liked to call it, is over for Charlie and his "girls."

But hardly anyone is likely to think that the legal system has neatly and finally disposed of the Tate-La Bianca defendants with a lengthy trial, costing about $915,172.

As it does in all capital cases, the State Supreme Court must review the verdicts, a process which could take more than two years. Aside from that, there are the issues of possible appeal raised in the sometimes tumultuous hearing.

The defense is talking about filing appeals, the disposition of which could take years.

Then, there is the combined Gary Hinman-Donald (Shorty) Shea indictment, charging Manson, Miss Atkins and Manson followers, Bruce Davis and Steve Grogan with murder.

Watson's Trial

Charles (Tex) Watson, 24, one of those indicted on Dec. 8, 1969, for the seven Tate-La Bianca murders, still must be tried for his part in the killings.

What remains is the horror of mass murder by killers expressing no remorse and at least one vital, unanswered question.

What caused it? Manson? The chronic use of LSD? Both?

The question "Why?" still remains.

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SIDEWALK VIGIL

Society Doomed, Manson 'Family' Members Assert

BY DIAL TORGERSON
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The free members of the Manson "family", who had hinted earlier that they might burn themselves alive to show their love for Charles Manson, heard the news on a downtown sidewalk Monday that a jury had ruled he must die.

However, they apparently decided that shaving their heads was sufficient token of their feelings and said they would not kill themselves. Society, they explained, was doomed anyway.

"Death?" said Sandy Good, asked of her opinion of the Manson penalty. "That's what you're all going to get."

From the Bloodbath?

From the bloodbath prosecutors said Manson had threatened if he got the death penalty?

"Charlie didn't say that," said Miss Good. "But it's true. It's God that's on the march. The brothers are going to be coming out of the jails and penitentiaries, and they're going to judge all you people who judged them, and Charlie."

Miss Good is 26, petite, with pretty features slightly disfigured by an X she carved between her eyes earlier in the seven months she and her companions have been sitting on the sidewalk beneath the Hall of Justice. Sunday, she and the others shaved their heads.

On Monday, her newly shaved scalp had turned pink in the day's bright sunshine. She sat on a worn sheepskin with Cathy Gillies, Brenda McCann, Mary Brunner, Kitty Lutesinger and a youth who gave his name as Chuck X, awaiting word of the jury's verdict.

Miss Good squinted her blue eyes and tried to picture how Manson would take the verdict.

"He's not thinking," she said. "He's at peace. He doesn't think. He just observes and watches. He's judged himself. He loves himself 100%. He could sit in jail a zillion years and not mind . . ."

It was shortly before 4:30 p.m., and, on the eighth floor of the gray

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building above her, the jury was presenting its verdict. Miss Good's ESP had failed her. Manson wasn't in the courtroom at all, having been ejected for shouting at the judge.

"When he's out," said Miss Good, "he'll give back what they've given to him."

A television reporter who had learned of the verdict thrust a microphone in front of the young woman. "It appears the verdict is death," the reporter said.

Tears welled up in Chuck X's eyes. Miss Good, however, appeared only slightly angered.

"You have all judged yourselves," she said, indicating with a sweep of her hand the newsmen, the crowd of government workers watching from behind, the surprised faces of people on a passing bus suddenly watching a bald girl hold a news conference while sitting on the sidewalk. "The jury has judged itself.

"The love and soul are in the penitentiaries and jails. They're coming out soon. The brothers are coming out. They're going to judge you the way they (the jury) has judged him."

What did they plan to do?

Besides calling for a revolution to free all prisoners, the free Manson "family" has no immediate plans.

NO ONE EXECUTED IN U.S. SINCE '67

By United Press International

There have been no executions in the United States since 1967, when two men were put to death, one of them in California.

With the addition of Charles Manson and his women co-defendants, there are 111 persons in U.S. prisons facing the death penalty.



IN PROTEST—With their heads shaved, two of Charles Manson's "girls" sit outside the Hall of Justice just after the verdict. The girls are Kitty Lutesinger, left, and Sandra Good.
Times photo by Bill Varie

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Lawyer Claims DA Welshed on Deal With Susan Atkins

BY JOHN KENDALL
Times Staff Writer

The attorney for convicted murderess Susan Atkins charged Monday that parties to an agreement for the young woman's testimony about the Tate-La Bianca murders "conspired to take her life."

Daye Shinn claimed in final arguments in the penalty phase of the Tate-La Bianca murder trial that the Los Angeles County district attorney's office "had no intention" of keeping the agreement.

The deal, worked out at a Dec. 4, 1969, meeting in the office of former Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger, provided that the prosecution would not seek the death penalty for the 22-year-old Miss Atkins if she testified truthfully to the grand jury.

Miss Atkins testified, implicating Charles Manson and codefendants Patricia Krenwinkel, 23, and Leslie Van Houten, 21, but later repudiated her story. She said she had lied about Manson to grand jurors to get attention.

All of those who attended the Dec. 4 meeting testified in the current penalty hearing. They are Younger, Dep. Dist. Attys. Vincent T. Bugliosi and Aaron Stovitz and Miss Atkins' former attorney, Richard Caballero, and his associate, Paul Caruso.

Younger, now state attorney general, testified that he recalled saying that "Sadie" Atkins must tell grand jurors "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" and that the district attorney's office would be the final arbiter of whether she had lived up to her deal.

Bugliosi testified that the prosecution decided to seek death for Miss Atkins because she had not been "100% truthful" in her testimony.

The young woman told grand jurors that Manson had ordered the seven killings and denied that she and the other killers had been influenced by LSD.

On the witness stand, however, she tried to clear Manson and said that she and others were on LSD trips those two nights.

Shinn charged that attempts had been made to save Susan Atkins' story of the murders so that Caballero and Caruso could "peddle it." He said an agreement had been drawn up for its sale but no contract was drafted covering the deal for her life.

"It's up to you to decide whether she lived up to her agreement," the attorney told jurors.

Bugliosi objected and Superior Judge Charles H. Older admonished jurors to disregard the statement.

Manson's attorney, Irving A. Kanarek, ended two full days of argument on his client's behalf Monday. He reiterated arguments that the 36-year-old defendant is the victim of politics, publicity and the desire to make money.

"All we're asking is that Mr. Manson be allowed to live in lifetime custody," Kanarek said. "Is that too much to ask?"

Older advised jurors to bring their personal articles today in the event they receive the case. They will be sequestered when they begin deliberating on life or death for the four defendants.

The jury was the subject of in-chamber discussions

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Monday. The defense was reported to have expressed concern about reports that Life magazine had contacted jurors to buy story rights.

Life sent letters to Older, Dist. Atty. Joseph P. Busch, Bugliosi and the four defense attorneys advising them that the national magazine had taken some jurors' pictures but had not discussed the case.

However, the letter made it clear that Life hopes to contact the jurors after their verdict to tell their story of their long sequestration at the Ambassador. Members of the jury were locked up at the hotel from July to January.

Meanwhile, the search for missing attorney Ronald Hughes, who disappeared two days after last Thanksgiving, while still representing Leslie Van Houten, is set to continue —this time on the Death Valley ranch where Manson was arrested in October, 1969.

Ventura County sheriff's detectives said they have set Wednesday as the tentative day to investigate a tip that Hughes' body is buried there.

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Murder and Bloodshed Threatened by Manson

Judge Then Orders Jury in Case to Be Sequestered Again

BY JOHN KENDALL
Times Staff Writer

Charles Manson threatened "murder and bloodshed" Tuesday if he is sentenced to death for the seven Tate-La Bianca murders.

The 36-year-old convicted killer made the threat to Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi before the beginning of the morning session. It was overheard by co-prosecutor Stephen R. Kay. The jury was not present.

"If I get the death penalty," Kay quoted Manson as saying, "there's going to be nothing but murder and bloodshed afterwards because I'm not going to take it."

Manson spoke through the grill of a holding cell where he has listened to the proceedings by loudspeaker since disrupting the trial recently.

The little ex-convict did not say how the threat could be carried out or against whom.

Jury Locked Up Again

Because the threat was made public, Superior Judge Charles H. Older ordered jurors sequestered at the Alexandria for the rest of the penalty trial to guard against exposure to the news.

The request to lock up jurors once again was made by Dist. Atty. Joseph P. Busch Jr. at an in-chambers conference with Older. The defense joined in the motion.

Manson's threat produced reports of similar incidents.

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The Associated Press reported that an unidentified bailiff said that three months ago Manson had identified those to be killed as his attorney, Irving A. Kanarek, Older and an unspecified number of unnamed children.

It was rumored, also, that in an overheard conversation earlier this month Manson had threatened to cut off Older's head.

Manson's "murder and bloodshed" threat came shortly before defense attorney Maxwell Keith began an emotional final argument on behalf of defendant Leslie Van Houten, 21.

Keith did not mention Manson by name but he hinted at a fearful, frightening, evil force that had produced the murders.

"I think you know, ladies and gentlemen," the attorney told the jurors, "you have insight. I think you know."

After his argument, Keith was asked whether he was talking about Manson. He replied, "Hell, yes."

Portrayal as Idyllic

The soft-spoken attorney said life at Spahn ranch and at Manson "family" hangouts in Death Valley was portrayed as "idyllic," an existence of complete freedom from rules, no order and no government.

But, Keith maintained, that in order for the "family" to have existed as a cohesive unit for more than two years there had to be a leader.

"There has to be," Keith said. "There must be government. There must be organization."

Members of the family who took the witness stand during the penalty phase of the trial did not tell the entire story about an environment in which, Keith said:

—Total evil and hate were disguised as love.

—Arrogance masqueraded as nonviolence.

—Total immorality was fobbed off as total freedom.

When Leslie Van Houten came into the Manson subculture at age 19, the attorney said his client didn't have a chance because of her chronic use of LSD.

"By the time Les arrived at Spahn ranch, her mind, I suggest to you, was a vacuum — a vacuum for the intrusion of the devil," Keith said.

He described the slim, dark-haired young woman as "malleable, impressionable connon-fodder" and totally unprepared to cope with what she found there.

Keith told attentive jurors that he was not suggesting Miss Van Houten was an angel" or that anyone forced her at gunpoint to take LSD at age 14 or 15 and then become a chronic user.

He said that when she needed help there was no one there to help her. Instead she was caught up with other drug users, he said.

"It (LSD) destroys your values. It destroys your goals. You have no values left. This is the terror of the drug," Keith argued.

Not only was Leslie's mental and emotional development stopped by LSD, he said, but her mental state had been turned back by the drug to the point that jurors now see before them "a sick child."

"I wonder if she has an emotional age right now of 10 years old," he said.

Sentencing her to death should be the "last thing" the jury would want to do, the attorney said.

"Do we kill sick little girls, ladies and gentlemen?

Keith argued that Miss Van Houten is as much a victim of the "evil" he was talking about as the victims in the case.

But, he suggested, there might be a spark left, that with intensive help and intensive treatment what ever is left of Leslie Van Houten might be saved.

Keith pleaded for jurors to let the sick "Leslie of today" die so that the "Leslie that was" can live.

He attacked the death penalty.

"What does it do to us?" Keith asked. "It makes killers out of us all."

The last of the four defense attorneys to offer final argument, Paul Fitzgerald, joined Keith in attacking the eye-for-an-eye philosophy of the death penalty.

He read an ancient English sentence that provided for a convicted man to be hanged, taken down while still alive, disembowled and finally cut into four pieces.

"To say that something is legal, doesn't make it right," he argued.

Fitzgerald called on jurors to look at the whole person of his 23-year-old client. He said she had lived almost a model life for about 200,000 hours but was being judged on what happened in three hours.

However, he centered his argument on LSD and its effects.

"This case may be the first of the LSD murders," the attorney said. "As a society, as a people, as a nation, we need to know, we need to study and evaluate.

"These family members marched to the tune of a totally different drummer."

Fitzgerald argued that the savagery of the crimes themselves and Patricia Krenwinkel's lack of remorse and lack of concern for herself are signs of mental illness.

He said he was not asking the jurors to free his client but was asking for life imprisonment.

"I beg you please allow them to live," he concluded. "Give them the gift of life. We've had enough killing."

Fitzgerald did not refer to Manson as Keith had done, but Bugliosi centered on the cultist in rebuttal argument.

"Charles Manson is so evil that Satan himself would be jealous," Bugliosi said.

The prosecutor argued that Manson's "slaves" were so dominated by "their God" that he wouldn't be surprised if

they follow Manson to San Quentin and offer to take his place in the gas chamber.

He said the three women defendants and other members of the family had engaged in a "hopeless, futile, ridiculous effort" to make it appear that Manson had had nothing to do with the murders.



LEAVING — Charles Manson after session where he threatened "murder and bloodshed" if he gets death.

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Younger Calls Trial of Manson 'Circus,' Proposes Reforms

BY JERRY GILLAM
Times Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO — Atty. Gen. Evelle J. Younger said Wednesday the 9½-month-long Charles Manson murder trial was more like a "circus," and pointed up the urgent need for new court reform laws.

"The man in the street is outraged by the Manson trial," Younger told a Capitol press conference. "Everything about it is confusing and disgusting to the average citizen."

The Republican attorney general said he will give "highest priority" to pushing for passage of a five-part court reform package at the 1971 legislative session.

It would provide:

—No attorney could represent a client in a capital case without certification by the state bar attesting to the lawyer's professional competence.

—No individual charged with a felony would be able to represent himself in court, which would require a constitutional amendment.

—Prospective jurors in criminal cases would be primarily examined by a judge, or commissioner, rather than by attorneys involved in the trial.

—Incompetence on the part of an attorney would be made grounds for disciplinary action, not limited to disbarment, and could include suspension.

—Use of pretrial appellate review by extraordinary writs which delay the commencement of a trial would be limited.

With this kind of court reform, Younger said the Manson trial "could have been over in six weeks."

"The Manson trial accomplished only one good thing," he told newsmen, "and we should thank him for it:

"Once and for all, the holes in the system are there for everyone to see."

Under existing court trial procedures, Younger said, it is possible for average attorneys to delay a trial for several months by using perfectly legal maneuvers, and good attorneys can hold things up for several years in the same manner.

"It's a game," he said, "and the defendant also can play it."

Tells Possibilities

Younger said it is "possible" that Manson will charge that he wasn't adequately represented by counsel in an appeal.

As for the death penalty verdict in the case, he said he was "gratified" by it.

Younger also said, "I do not think there will be reversal. I think the record is error-free as far as reversal is concerned."

Although he didn't mention any of the Manson defense attorneys by name, the attorney general indicated that he didn't think they were all of top caliber.

"Are you suggesting they were not very able attorneys?" a newsman asked. "I guess I am," Younger replied, "not all of them anyway."

He said there was "absolutely nothing partisan" about the court reform package, parts of which are authored by Sens. Gordon Cologne (R-Indio) and Robert J. Lagomarsino (R-Ventura).

Younger said he thought the "better criminal attorneys" would support the package.

"The people are fed up," Younger added, and unless something is done quickly to put the courts in better order, the Legislature is going to say, "Get lost" on future requests for more judges.

On other subjects, the attorney general also endorsed a series of bills on consumer and environmental protection, includ-

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ing a number of Democratic-sponsored proposals.

In the consumer field, Younger said he backed an automobile repair dealer registration bureau sought by Sen. Anthony C. Beilenson (D-Los Angeles).

He also backed a bill by Assemblyman Jack Fenton (D-Montebello) to allow consumers up to three days to change their minds on door-to-door sales contracts of more than $50.

As for preserving the environment, Younger said he wanted the power to sue to prevent environmental degradation, as asked by a Lagomarsino measure.

Other Positions

Proposed airport expansions should require a hearing on environmental effects, he added, and no local government should approve a subdivision fronting on a river unless reasonable public access is provided.

A four-bill program to crack down on vehicular noise authored by Assemblyman Pete Schabarum (R-Covina) also got Younger's stamp of approval.

"We are going to try to get involved in fewer arguments (over legislation) this year," he said, "but we also are going to be more persuasive in our arguments."

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Jurors Begin Deliberations In Tate Case

Jurors today began deliberations to decide whether Charles Manson and three of his women followers shall be sent to prison or die in the gas chamber for the murders of actress Sharon Tate and six others.

Superior Court Judge Charles H. Older gave the seven men and five women instructions on how they must consider under law certain testimony and facts presented in the trial which has lasted nine months and 11 days so far.

Under supervision of foreman Herman Tubick, a mortician, jurors began deliberations at 9 a.m. today in the downtown Hall of Justice.

The abrupt conclusion of final arguments in the penalty phase of the trial came as a surprise to newsmen and spectators.

Defense attorneys and prosecutors were called by the judge into his chambers yesterday morning where he informed them that he wanted the case to go to the jury as quickly as possible.

Irving Kanarek, Manson's attorney, was told by Judge Older that he had until noon to finish his wide ranging plea to jurors to spare the cult leader's life.

Kanarek was cut off in mid sentence by the judge at the stroke of noon as the attorney was reading to jurors from the Bible how Jesus ascended into heaven.

At the bench, Judge Older told Kanarek he could spare him two more minutes but not a second longer. The burly attorney shrugged and said that his argument was finished.

Earlier Kanarek had assured jurors that he did not believe Manson to be God or God-like. But then he told them, "Mr. Manson is being treated the way Christ was . . . Our hearts cry out to this boy and what has been done to him."

Despite the fact the jurors have found Manson guilty of the murders on Aug. 9 and 10, 1969, at the Tate home and that of wealthy grocer Leno La Bianca, Kanarek insisted right to the end that his client was completely innocent.

Manson, 36, Susan Atkins, 22, Patricia Krenwinkel, 23, and Leslie Van Houten, 21, have been found guilty for their parts in the seven savage slayings. Miss Van Houten was tried only for the murders of La Bianca and his wife, Rosemary.

Prosecutor Vincent T. Bugliosi, calling the defendants "h:: man monsters," had made an emotional argument to the jury that death in the gas chamber can be the only fair penalty for them to return.

Daye Shinn, attorney for Miss Atkins, argued yesterday afternoon that his client was promised her life if she testified against Manson and the others and now prosecutors have "wriggled out of the deal."

"Mr. Bugliosi now has a guilty conscience. It will be on his conscience until he goes to the grave."

Maxwell Keith, attorney for Miss Van Houten, said that the prosecution seeks "blood and vengeance" from "three sick, little girls."

Keith said that the women were dominated by "their insane master, Mr. Manson," who ordered the homicides.

"I accept that Mr. Manson's domination still persists," Keith said. "But I do not say Mr. Manson should forfeit his life."

Keith, court-appointed attorney for Miss Van Houten, said that he deduces that Manson is legally insane.

Paul Fitzgerald, attorney for Miss Krenwinkel, launched a personal attack against Bugliosi in his argument stating that "death never had a more vigorous and bloodthirsty advocate."

Fitzgerald told jurors that Bugliosi had used the word "murder" 254 times in his argument to them and tried to use the Bible to justify the death penalty.

"If Jesus Christ was a fellow juror sitting next to you, how do you think He would vote?" Fitzgerald asked.

"Why kill them? Is there any good reason to kill these children? What good reason has been advanced for their deaths?"

Fitzgerald, over heated objections from Bugliosi, ended his argument with a graphic description of death in the gas chamber in which jurors were led step by step to the death room in San Quentin prison.

As he spoke the three women defendants giggled, laughed and made mocking faces over their shoulders at spectators in court. Manson listened to the end of the penalty phase in a cell adjoining the courtroom where he was banished by Judge Older for repeated misbehavior.

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: The Zodiac

Dear Sir:

While I was eating my breakfast this morning, I was reading the Los Angeles Times, and read again that the Zodiac had written a post card to the San Francisco Chronicle. He stated on the post card in his poetic manner:

Peek through the pines
Around in the snow,
Pass Lake Tahoe area
Sought victim 12.

I think it is about time that your Department stepped in and made a full force effort to stop this brutal, savage and vicious murderer. It has gotten so that anyone who ventures outside their door, day or night, is or must be afraid of everyone he sees on the street, for who knows--anyone of them might be the Zodiac.

I can hardly stand to read the newspaper anymore for fear that the Zodiac might have struck in our area!

This is a plea to you and your Department to make an all out effort to catch this crazed person and to see that he is removed from the realms of Society to prevent his preying upon the citizens of this Country.

I would appreciate knowing when and if your Department is going to handle this matter. I have enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope for this reply.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Mr. L. D. Billings

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Dear Mr. Billings:

I have received your letter of March 26th, with enclosure, and can certainly understand the concern which prompted you to write.

With regard to your inquiry, in the absence of specific circumstances described by Federal law, the crime of murder does not come within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI and I regret I cannot be of help to you in this matter. The services of the FBI Laboratory and Identification Divisions are, of course, available to assist all law enforcement agencies in the investigation of criminal violations of state and local statutes.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 4/1/71, SA E.R. NOBLE, Suffolk RA, New York Division, telephonicaly advised that local authorities at Suffolk had arrested one [redacted] for theft of [redacted] When apprehended, [redacted] had in her possession considerable material relating to the Manson trial, including newspaper clippings, photographs of the Los Angeles Hall of Justice and the Federal Building, and handwritten notes re the details of this trial, including names and location of jurors. These notes also contain references to what appears to be a plan to rob an unidentified banking institution. b6 b7C

SA NOBLE further advised that [redacted] claims to have been in the Los Angeles area from August 1970 to December 1970. b6 b7C

Los Angeles indices are negative regarding [redacted] (described by SA NOBLE as W/F, born [redacted] pounds). b6 b7C

Records of the LAPD, the LASO and the Computer Credit Corporation were checked 4/1/71 by the writer with negative results re [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] and [redacted] advised the writer 4/1/71 that they had no information identifiable with [redacted] b6 b7C b7D b7E

Supv. JAMES CAGNASSOA advised that there are no unsolved bank robberies within the LA Division which were known to have been committed by a female caucasian. It was noted that the Equitable S & L, 9738 Wilshire, Beverly Hills, was robbed 9/14/71 (91-10529) by several individuals including fugative [redacted] whose present whereabouts are unknown. b6 b7C

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SA NOBLE was recontacted, 4/1/71, and furnished the above information. SA NOBLE advised that [redacted] had apparantly been positively identified, eliminating the possibility this individual identical to [redacted] SA NOBLE further advised that copies of material in possession of [redacted] having relevance to the Los Angeles area would be forwarded to the LA Division.

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Friend Says Body Is Missing Lawyer's

BY PAUL HOUSTON
Times Staff Writer

A body found in a Ventura County creek last weekend was identified by a friend Tuesday as that of Ronald Hughes, the missing defense attorney in the Tate-La Bianca murder trial which concluded Monday.

"I'm firmly of the opinion it was Hughes," said fellow defense attorney Paul Fitzgerald after he had viewed the body in the Ventura County morgue.

"Hughes had a strange shaped head, sort of a majestic configuration," Fitzgerald said, "and the head is the same. Some of his beard is still there."

The Ventura County coroner's office, however, withheld making an official identification until after fingerprints, dental charts and X rays are studied. An autopsy was planned to determine the cause of death.

Dep. Coroner Merle Peters said the cold water of Sespe Creek had "done a remarkable job of preserving the body," especially if it is that of Hughes, who disappeared during a rainstorm at Hespe Hot Springs four months ago.

Peters said there were no outward signs of foul play.

However, he said, the head had been battered, apparently when the body was washed down the rocky creek bed.

Peters said the body was nude except for the fringe of a shirt that was found around the neck. Contrary to reports of fishermen who found the body, he said, an arm was not missing. The fishermen may have been misled by the body's lying slightly on one side, he added.

Fitzgerald gave the coroner's office samples of Hughes' fingerprints. Peters said the body's fingers had to be treated before a test could be made.

Meanwhile in Sacramento, the State Department of Corrections said the death sentences imposed on Charles Manson and his three female co-defendants brings to a record 99 the number of persons waiting to die in San Quentin's gas chamber.

Manson would go to Death Row after formal sentencing April 19 and the three young women convicted with him—Patricia Krenwinkel, Susan Atkins and Leslie Van Houten—would go to the Frontera facility.

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'Don't Think I've Ever Been So Scared'

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Says Manson Unnerved Her; Calls Her Panel Selection 'Inconceivable'

BY ROBERT KISTLER
Times Staff Writer

The trial of Charles Manson lasted 288 days.

A long time.

It was roughly from the Fourth of July to Easter, with Thanksgiving, Christmas, the World Series, football, and a trip to the moon in between.

The jurors in the Manson case were sequestered 225 days (for alternates, the time was slightly less)—the longest known jury lockup in the history of the United States.

"Some of them," a veteran bailiff reflected after it was over, "really tried and tried to make the best of it. Others bitched all the time."

For Jean Roseland, a 41-year-old secretary and mother of three teenagers, the ordeal was "an education, in the literal meaning of that word.

"All in all, I guess I really enjoyed it. But, I know now that I'd never want to do it again."

Mrs. Roseland consented to hours of interviews with The Times in an attempt to re-create what being a Manson juror was really like.

At first Mrs. Roseland reflected later, being a juror hadn't amounted to much.

It was her second day of killing time in a waiting room in the new County Courthouse, and still she hadn't been picked for a case.

Her notice to report said she should plan for a jury stint (according to the law of averages) of about one month, or 20 working days.

Outside, the July heat from the Civic Center concrete boiled up. It would be another 90-degree day, with heavy smog.

Mrs. Roseland's husband, Warren, then 49, had driven her in from their El Segundo home.

She was glad her regular job (a secretary with Trans World Airlines, four years) was at International Airport, seven minutes from her home, and close enough to the ocean for a breeze.

A uniformed bailiff entered the room, called off 20 names and those who stood were driven to the Hall of Justice and taken to the ninth floor, where they were again asked to wait.

"Bailiffs don't tell you a thing," Mrs. Roseland said later. "I can remember sitting there, wondering whether I'd rather be called for a civil case or for a criminal matter.

"Actually, I kind of hoped I'd get a chance to hear both kinds of cases during my 20 days of duty. I was really looking forward to the chance to learn . . ."

The bailiff returned. He led the group down a flight of stairs.

As a door opened into a teeming, brightly lit courtroom, Jean Roseland heard a man in front of her whisper:

"Oh, my gosh, it's the Manson trial!"

And there, 25 feet away, at the far end of a counsel table, sat Charlie. Charlie, with his long, Jesus-like hair and beard. And his Charlie Manson eyes.

Nearby, sat the girls.

Jean and her husband had been in Europe (via TWA employe pass) when Manson was arrested. Until now, Mrs. Roseland could recall having seen only one photograph of Manson, in a foreign newspaper.

She knew only that he was "accused of some murders."

His appearance took her off guard.

"He looked so small—tiny, almost. Just a little shrimp. It really surprised me. Somehow, I'd gotten the impression he was a much larger man.

"And the girls. Somebody told me they were pretty youngsters. But they weren't. Their faces were drawn and they looked undernourished."

Courtroom Seemed Small

Mrs. Roseland took her seat in the spectators' section and inspected the courtroom.

"It seemed so small and so crowded. I can remember thinking that if this case is as important as it's supposed to be, why are they holding it in such a small courtroom?"

Actually, the room, Department 104 on the eighth floor, is one of the larger courtrooms in the Hall of Justice. It is a high-ceiling room with poor acoustics and less than adequate air conditioning.

Jean Roseland was glad she wouldn't be spending much time there.

"I didn't think for a moment that I'd be selected," she said. "I had a job and three children. It was inconceivable to me that they'd want me on the jury, considering I was needed elsewhere."

An hour later, Mrs. Roseland had her first taste of American legal procedure. It remains to this day one of her most frightening moments of the trial.

"The selection process didn't begin in open court that day," she said. "It started in the judge's chambers."

"I don't think I've ever been so scared. I guess it was just not knowing what to expect."

The room was packed with people.

There was the judge, Charles H. Older, Manson, the girls, the defense attorneys, the prosecuting attorneys and several bailiffs.

"Please have a seat, Mrs. Roseland," someone said.

One Vacant Chair

Jean Roseland looked quickly about and saw only one vacant chair. As she moved toward it, she jostled one of the female defendants.

She does not recall which one.

"I was nervous and flustered. The thought struck me, do you apologize, or let it go? After all, these are human beings, too."

"Excuse me," Mrs. Roseland said, finally.

For a moment, it seemed hers was the only voice in the room.

The session in the judge's chambers didn't last long and, when it was over, she was ushered to a juror's chair (seat number five, first row) to be examined by attorneys for both sides.

It was then her ordeal really began.

"They had a microphone for me and took turns asking the questions. All kinds of questions. Personal questions. About what I believed, what my family life was like, how old my children were, what I'd heard or read about the case.

"No one who hasn't gone through that can really appreciate it.

"I was sweating so much that perspiration was dripping off my elbows onto the floor. They kept after me all that afternoon and most of the next morning.

"Finally, one of the attorneys asked how I would compare my own two daughters (Karen, now 18, and Dawn, now 16) with the female defendants.

"Then he asked me a question in which he must have used the name, Leslie Van Houten, 14 times. He asked me if I could point her out in the courtroom.

"I said I didn't know which girl she was. He asked Leslie to stand and she turned and looked at me from about 10 feet away. She just kept looking at me with those big brown eyes.

"I can't really explain it, but it was terrible."

Mrs. Roseland was accepted as a juror.

That night, at home with her family, she wondered about what lay ahead. She was frightened. She was nervous. But she pledged herself to try her damndest.

"Well, today's my day with Charlie," Jean Roseland laughed as she and the other jurors prepared to go to lunch.

During the past five months, it had become a standing joke among them, and this morning had been Mrs. Roseland's turn to try to stare down Manson.

"He had those eyes of his on me all morning," she said to a colleague. "He just sat there, staring at me."

The other juror smiled, then shrugged, and the group went to lunch.

In truth, this habit of Manson wasn't that funny. Frankly, Jean thought, it was unnerving and she wished that he would stop.

Tries to Explain

Later, after the trial was over, she attempted to explain her uneasiness about Manson.

"I wasn't ever able to stare him down," she said. "I always turned my eyes away first. Some of the other jurors said they got him to look away once or twice, but I never managed it.

"I still don't know why I couldn't. I certainly found no magnetism, or anything, in his eyes. It was always the same blank expression, the same expression that they all had in their eyes.

"Maybe, it was the LSD and other drugs they'd been taking for so long . . ."

Mrs. Roseland and the other jurors never heard Manson speak, except for his periodic outbursts that usually got him removed from the courtroom.

She is convinced, however, that his apparent ability to manipulate others came not from within himself, but "from the voids within the minds and souls of his followers."

Mrs. Roseland maintains she didn't always feel revulsion toward Manson. At first, the little man who sang of love and preached of hate had been simply an "object of curiosity."

But that was early in the trial, before the evidence began to tumble in, and before Jean Roseland, in desperation, consciously tried to turn herself into a computer.

"I'm serious about that. You had to become a computer to keep your sanity," she said.

On the one hand, the jurors were asked to listen to months of violent, horrible testimony. At the same time, the system demands that they not begin to make up their minds until the case is completed.

Stored Information

"I did everything in my power to show absolutely no emotion. I just sat there day after day storing up all this horrible information in my computer banks for retrieval at a later date.

"When we first heard the nature of the crimes that were involved, I think we all realized that our de-

cision in the case would influence young people all over the world.

"After realizing that, I tried to put the social implications of the trial out of my mind completely and just look no further than the evidence being presented.

"But I thank God there was overwhelming evidence enough to convict them."

Coping with the confinement during the time the jury was sequestered was "hell," she said.

"Every night, I'd look out my window at the TWA sign on the company's Wilshire building. Seeing that stupid sign somehow gave me reassurance that the rest of the world was still in gear," Mrs. Roseland said.

"I swear to God, living like we did was a real hell. It was like being in a glass-walled room. Every time you looked out, the world you saw was like a motion picture with no sound."

Privacy, some psychologists say, is a basic human need.

Mrs. Roseland agrees.

"Until you don't have it, you're not aware that you never took the time to savor it," she said.

The time and the circumstance obviously led to strained relations between some of the jurors, Mrs. Roseland admitted. "You've got 18 different people living what are essentially unnatural lives.

"There are bound to be some petty bickerings. But I'd rather not go into all that."

One bailiff who asked not to be identified put it another way.

"Some of those people grew to hate each other real good."

And, of course, cliques, the human condition's answer to the barnyard's pecking order, developed.

Mrs. Roseland was among a group known as "Herman's Kids," Herman being Herman C. Tubick, the 58-year-old mortician from Monterey Park who was jury foreman.

At Christmas, the jurors did the best they could to create a Yule spirit.

"I bought a plastic Santa and painted 'Merry Christmas' on my window," Mrs. Roseland said. "My husband brought a little tree up and we sprayed it white and exchanged cards and gifts.

"It was really pretty sad. I wanted so much to be in my own home. I couldn't even get Warren a gift because I hadn't been able to go shopping."

Warren Roseland is a likeable high school math teacher whose real dedication is music. During the trial, he did double duty as a father and homemaker.

Roseland bought the family groceries, helped cook the meals, ran the errands for his wife (such as buying her undergarments and toiletries) and, on the weekends, drove back and forth between El Segundo and the Ambassador.

Despite his acceptance of the sacrifices imposed upon him and his wife by Los Angeles County, Roseland admitted he is somewhat bitter.

He estimated his wife's jury duty cost the family "about $4,000" in salary loss to her and mileage, incidentals, meals out, and Ambassador parking tickets for him.

TWA put Mrs. Roseland on "furlough" as of last Dec. 4 and she has not received her salary check since. She plans to return to work—not at International Airport near her home, but at the TWA Wilshire office—today.

By then, she figures she will have lost $2,700 in salary. Mrs. Roseland said the airline did not honor a verbal agreement to keep her on the payroll for the duration of the trial.

A TWA spokesman denied any such verbal agreement existed and said the company "actually extended our policy by leaving her on the payroll as long as we did. We usually only pay employes for a month of jury duty time."

Financial considerations aside, Mrs. Roseland is unwilling, as yet, to attempt to assess the potential psychological reverberations that may have been spawned by the ordeal.

"I just don't know," she said. "I don't think the trial hurt me psychologically, but then, who knows?"

Her thoughts continually return to the trial.

"Everything I start to talk about reminds me of something that happened either in that courtroom or in the hotel.

"And the pictures of the victims . . .

"God, I don't guess I'll ever get those sights out of my mind. They were in color, you know."

The victims were actress Sharon Tate and four visitors to her estate, and Leno and Rosemary La Bianca.

Prosecutor Vincent T. Bugliosi has said the motive for the murders was Manson's desire to start "Helter Skelter," the name the 36-year-old guru guitarist had for a black-white war which he thought would eventually put him and his "family" in control of society.

But, can the motive of one man answer the "why" for others? Why did the followers follow?

Said Mrs. Roseland:

"All through the trial, I kept looking at Manson and hoping his eyes would tell me the 'why.'

"But, I never found out. To this day, I don't know."



Mrs. Jean Roseland
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Father Finds Stabbed Body in Saratoga

BY JIM STINGLEY
Times Staff Writer

An 18-year-old Saratoga girl was found stabbed to death in a Santa Clara County park Monday and authorities said the murder "could well be the work of the so-called Zodiac killer."

The body of Kathy Bilek, a Saratoga High School honor student, was found by her father, Charles Bilek, an IBM engineer who brought his family to this country as refugees from Hungary. He began a search with 30 Santa Clara County deputies after the girl failed to return home Sunday from an afternoon of bird watching in nearby Villa Montalve Park.

The girl had been stabbed 40 times with a short-bladed knife, authorities said.

Checking Connection

Santa Clara County sheriff's homicide Det. Sgt. Robert Malone said that "it's possible the Zodiac did this. We are checking right now for any connection."

The murder is almost a carbon copy of a double killing in the same area less than two years ago, Malone said.

On Sunday, Aug. 3, 1969, the butchered bodies of Deborah Gay Furlong, 14, and Cathy Snoozy, 15, both of San Jose, were found in a rural area about six miles from Villa Montalve Park.

Autopsy surgeons told police Monday that "it appears the death of Miss Bilek and the deaths of the Furlong and Snoozy girls are related."

"Both cases were instances of psychotic, frenzied-type killing," Malone said.

The Zodiac was last heard from a month ago when he wrote a taunting, bragging postcard to The Times, indicating that the body of one of his victims could be found in an area of the snow-covered High Sierra.

The killer wrote also that his murders now totaled "17-plus." Police officially link only six to him, five of them in Northern California.

Lack of Motive Noted

While authorities did not have any substantial proof that the latest killing was Zodiac's, they could not help but note similarities in the case that leaned toward the Zodiac style.

One similarity was the apparent lack of motive. It wasn't robbery, and according to the autopsy report, it wasn't rape.

Whatever it was, it was enough to cause concern for their children to spread throughout Saratoga—and enough to cause the family of Kathy Bilek to go into mournful, secluded wonderment as to why their daughter died.

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TEETH CLUE CHECKED ON HUGHES IDENTITY

Friend Says It's Lawyer

Coroner's officials in Ventura County worked today to confirm that a body found in the rugged Sespe Hot Springs area last weekend was that of missing Sharon Tate murder trial defense attorney Ronald Hughes.

The body, according to fellow defense attorney Paul Fitzgerald, is definitely that of Hughes, who disappeared during the Thanksgiving recess of his first court case—a trial which ended Monday with Hughes' client and three co-defendants receiving the death sentence.

As medical examiners in Ventura County compared Hughes' dental charts with the teeth of the dead man, attorneys for Charles Manson and three women members of his hippie "family" began the long process of appeals which may keep the case in the courts for years.

Judge Charles H. Older has set April 19 for formal sentencing of Manson, Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel and Leslie Van Houten. But even this formality is expected to be delayed by motions for a mistrial.

While Fitzgerald said, "I saw the body and I feel absolutely totally convinced it's Hughes," the Ventura County Coroner's office was reluctant to announce a positive identification until review of the dental charts later today.

Fitzgerald said Hughes, who represented Miss Van Houten, "has a strange-shaped head, sort of a majestic configuration, and the head (of the dead man) is the same. Some of the beard is still there."

Deputy Coroner Leo Richardson, however, conceded only:

"We currently are not exploring the possibility that it is anyone else. We are going along in an effort to confirm that it is Hughes' body until such time that we prove otherwise."

Richardson said the dead man, whose body was found by fishermen about five miles downstream from where Hughes disappeared, "had many characteristics of Hughes." He said X-rays sent from Los Angeles "certainly showed some similarities but not enough to be conclusive."

Richardson said the medical examiners had not completed their report on the autopsy, but "it is my understanding that there were no fractures, no bullet holes and no evidence of a heart attack."

Richardson said it appeared "not unlikely" that the dead man could have been caught up in the storm that lashed the wilderness area during the Thanksgiving weekend and washed downstream in what was then a raging Sespe Creek. He said the body—that of a big man estimated to weigh in excess of 220 pounds—was found in the creek bed, with his head "wedged under a rock." He said, contrary to earlier reports, the body was not missing an arm.

"This, we think, was an erroneous report by the fishermen who found the body," Richardson said.

Fitzgerald, head of the defense team, meanwhile predicted that the appeals process to be utilized in an attempt to save the lives of the four doomed defendants may take four or five years.

He told newsmen that he would appeal the case on four principal grounds:

- Refusal of the courts to grant a change of venue so that the trial could be held away from the emotional climate of Los Angeles.
- Pre-trial publicity made selection of an impartial jury virtually impossible.
- Trying all four defendants together was prejudicial in that it brought cumulative guilt upon them.
- Banning defendants from the courtroom for long periods because of disruptive behavior was denial of constitutional rights to confront accusers.

Manson and Misses Krenwinkel and Atkins each was found guilty and sentenced to die for the Aug. 9, 1969, murders of actress Sharon Tate and four others in Miss Tate's home, and the Aug. 10, 1969, murders of wealthy grocer Leno La Bianca and his wife Rosemary. Miss Van Houten was tried and condemned only for the La Bianca killings.

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PAUL FITZGERALD INSPECTS X-RAY OF MAN HE BELIEVES WAS RONALD HUGHES
Attorney conferred with Ventura County Deputy Coroner Merle Peters, left, in seeking positive identification

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'I Accept---Judgment,' Manson Tells Court

Subdued Clan Leader, 3 Girls Sentenced to Die in Gas Chamber

BY JOHN KENDALL
Times Staff Writer

Charles Manson and three women followers were sentenced to death in San Quentin's gas chamber Monday for the Tate-La Bianca murders.

Each stood, in turn, and solemnly listened to Superior Judge Charles H. Older's condemnation, which ended with an order that each was "to be put to death" in the manner prescribed by law.

Older had rejected defense requests to question jurors on how they reached their verdicts, pleas for new trials and motions for reduction of the jury's death verdicts to life.

But, just before pronouncing sentence, he permitted Manson and the others to speak.

Speaks Without Effrontery

The 36-year-old Manson, his beard and long hair now a stubble and crewcut, stood, glanced at the courtroom's high ceiling and spoke without his customary effrontery.

His voice nearly broke, his left hand shook and he appeared on the verge of tears as he again suggested he is a ward of society, a product of 23 years in the Establishment's reform schools and prisons.

"In my mind as a child my mother brought me to you, and she left me with you, and I have always lived within the truth of this courtroom," he said, speaking directly to Older.

"I have always lived within the truth of this courtroom. I have always stood within your light, sir. I have always stood to my father and said, 'Yes, I have done what I have been told to do.' If I did something I would go to my father and say, 'Yes, I did. Do what you want to do to me.'

"But, sir, I am dead in this thought. I accept this court as my father. I have always done the best in my life to uphold the laws of my father, and I accept my father's judgment. Thank you."

Manson sat down, lowered his head and gazed at the top of the counsel table.

The three "girls," Susan Atkins, 21, Patricia Krenwinkel, 23, and Leslie Van Houten, 21, declined their chance to speak.

They sat silent, occasionally looking at each other or glancing at Manson across the table. Their air of detachment seemed to be gone, along with their long hair now clipped to the scalp.

Older, normally unsmiling and sober on the bench, seemed somehow more solemn. He already had indicated what he was about to do, moments before, in denying motions to reduce the death sentences.

All Superlatives Used

In 9 1/2 months of trial, he said, all the superlatives had been used, all the hyperbole had been indulged in by counsel and the press.

"All that remains are the bare stark facts of seven senseless murders, seven people whose lives were snuffed out by total strangers for motives which may remain known only to them," Older said.

"I have carefully looked, in considering this motion, for mitigating circumstances, and I have been unable to find any.

"I have considered the arguments of counsel regarding the legitimate ends of sentence and punishment

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which are usually considered to be deterrence, rehabilitation and protection of the public.

"It is also fashionable these days not to mention the fourth, which I think also is a legitimate element, and that is retribution—not an eye for an eye, but punishment for acts voluntarily and deliberately engaged in which are contrary to our law."

Older said it is important that any sentence or punishment dealt out by the court represent the community's emphatic denunciation of the crime and demonstrate the community's revulsion for the conduct engaged in.

"In this case it is my considered judgment that not only is the death penalty appropriate, but it is almost compelled by the circumstances."

One of prosecutor Vincent T. Bugliosi's points in argument and in brief remarks Monday was that no case deserves the death penalty if the Tate-La Bianca case doesn't.

"I must agree with the prosecutor on the point where he asks the question, 'If this is not a proper case for the death penalty, what could be?'" Older said.

Victims Named

Starting with Manson, Older read the case history and sentence for each of the defendants. He began with the Los Angeles County Grand Jury indictment on Dec. 8, 1969, for the seven murders the previous August.

Once again the names of the victims sounded in the courtroom: Abigail Folger, Voityck Frykowski, Stephen Parent, Sharon Tate, Jay Sebring, Leno La Bianca and Rosemary La Bianca.

Older ordered Manson to San Quentin and the three women to the California Institution for Women at Frontera, near Corona.

If the State Supreme Court upholds the guilt and penalty verdicts on automatic review, the trial court will then set a date for execution.

"Sadie," "Katie," and Leslie then would join Manson at San Quentin to await death in the gas chamber.

Prospects are that their execution date—if it ever comes — will be years away.

Their eventual fate, like 94 others under sentence of death in California, may depend on a U.S. Supreme Court decision in a case testing procedures for imposing the death penalty.

After Older remanded the defendants into the sheriff's custody, Leslie Van Houten waved her fingers at Manson and smiled weakly as they were led toward opposite doors.

Manson will see "Sadie" Atkins in court again today when they appear before Superior Judge Raymond Choate in the Gary Hinman-"Shorty" Shea murder case.

But, the other two women will be taken to 7-by-9 foot quarters in a six-room maximum security unit prepared for them at Frontera.

Prison Tightened

The state spent about $8,000 to install heavy doors in a wing of the institution, put stronger bars on windows and doors, heighten a wire fence around a small exercise yard, install air conditioning equipment and hire six women to watch the condemned women around the clock.

Each occupied cell will have a window, looking out at the pastureland and haystacks of the rural countryside. It will contain a toilet, sink, table, chair, cot and small television set.

Mrs. Iverne Carter, superintendent of the California Institution for Women, said the three women will be allowed common access to a corridor outside their cells if they behave properly.

Four women now are under death sentence in California, the same as the total executed by the state since 1893. The last woman executed was Elizabeth Ann Duncan, at San Quentin on Aug. 8, 1962.

In moving for a new trial, the four defense attorneys joined in a request that jurors be examined about their deliberations. Four of the jurors, Mrs. Jean Roseland, Anlee Sisto, William T. McBride and Alva K. Dawson, answered subpoenas and were in court.

Manson's attorney, Irving A. Kanarek, said a color photograph of Sharon Tate's body was missing and the clerk had said it was last in the jury room. He suggested a juror might have committed a felony.

Kanarek said juror William M. Zamora had charged that jurors had been promiscuous while they were sequestered. The attorney asked whether the jurors' minds were on the evidence or on a $200,000 deal for their stories proposed by juror Larry D. Sheely.

Bugliosi pointed out that the defense attempts to impeach the jury's verdicts had not been supported by affidavits from jurors as required by law.

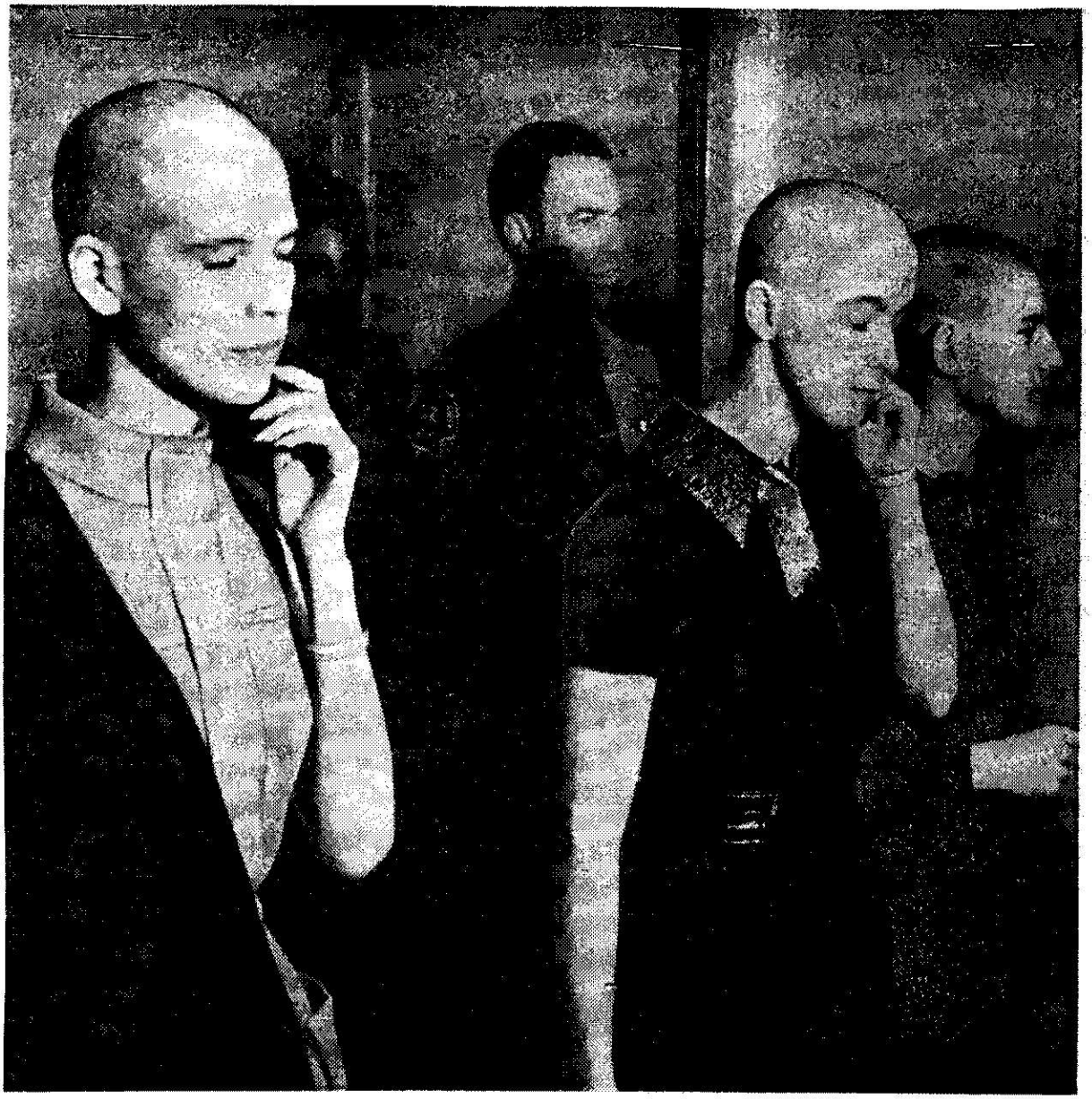
The prosecutor said there was no question that it had been an "exemplary jury" and urged the court not to "destroy those verdicts" by letting the defense engage in a "fishing expedition."

Outside the court, after Older had refused to let the defense question the jurors, McBride denied a charge that the verdicts had been based on prejudicial publicity.

"Our decision was based solely on the evidence and the instruction of the judge and that's it," he said.



GIVEN DEATH — Charles Manson, a new beard sprouting, outside courtroom where he and girls were sentenced. (AP photo)



IN A QUIET MOOD—The three Manson girls, from left, Leslie Van Houten, Susan Atkins and Patricia Krenwinkel, leaving the courtroom after they and Charles Manson were sentenced to death.

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TATE DEFENSE LOSES JURY MOVE

Charles Manson and his three young women co-defendants today were sentenced to death for the actress Sharon Tate and Leno La Bianca murders.

By CLIFF BLACKBURN
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Superior Court Judge Charles H. Older today refused to allow defense attorneys for Charles Manson and three women followers to cross-examine Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murder trial jurors in an effort to get a new trial.

Judge Older told the attorneys that he saw no necessity and did not think it was desirable to have jurors interrogated about the 10-month trial.

The seven men and five women brought back death verdicts against Manson, 36; Susan Atkins, 22; Patricia Krenwinkel, 23, and Leslie Van Houten, 21, on March 29 for the slayings of actress Sharon Tate and six others.

Only four of the jurors, however, were subpoenead to appear in court today during planned sentencing of the four to face the possibility of taking the witness stand for cross examination by defense attorneys.

Denying the opportunity of an evidentiary hearing, which would include cross-examination of jurors, Judge Older stated defense efforts for such a move included "hearsay on hearsay."

Jurors Alva Dawson, Jean Rosceland, Anlee Sisto and William McBride were excused by Judge Older and left the crowded courtroom.

Dawson told newsmen in the corridor, "I'm not afraid to testify." McBride echoed Dawson's words.

Manson sat tensely in the courtroom, making mystic gestures at Judge Older and occasionally disrupting the proceedings by stating:

"I'd like to put on a defense."

The three women arrived with their heads closely shave.

Judge Older quickly denied a motion by Paul Fitzgerald, chief defense counsel, that a continuance by granted to allow more time to gather evidence for a hearing for a new trial.

Fitzgerald, Daye Shinn, Maxwell Keith and Irving Kanarek, defense attorneys, asked the court for permission to interrogate jurors about exposure to possible prejudicial publicity during the trial and financial arrangements on the sale of stories of their deliberations to news media.

"I didn't make a nickel out of this trial," Juror Dawson told newsmen. "As a matter of fact, it cost me money."

Kanarek, attorney for Manson, asked the judge to warn jurors that they could be asked about a missing color photograph showing the body of Sharon Tate. The photo was among prosecution exhibits.

Prosecutor Vincent T. Bugliosi told Judge Older there were previous cases in legal history where the impeachment of a jury verdict is possible.

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WITH HEADS SHAVED, FATE CAST GIRLS ENTER COURTROOM FOR SENTENCING
Defendants, from left: Leslie Van Houten, Patricia Krenwinkel and Susan Atkins

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Susan Goes to New 'Death Row'

PLEADS GUILTY IN HINMAN CASE

By CLIFF BLACKBURN
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Susan Denise Atkins, 23, was transferred today to the newly created "death row" for women at Frontera after her surprise guilty plea to murder in exchange for a life sentence ended her participation in an upcoming trial.

By pleading guilty to her part in the murder of musician Gary Hinman, 34, Miss Atkins joined Patricia Krenwinkel, 23, and Leslie Van Houten, 21, at the California Women's Facility where they will await execution for the Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murders.

Miss Atkins pleaded guilty to Hinman's murder yesterday and was immediately sentenced by Superior Court Judge Raymond Choate to life in prison with the comment that he considered her to be a dangerous person who should spend her entire life in custody.

Daye Shinn, Miss Atkins' attorney, who made the arrangement for the guilty plea with Dist. Atty. Joseph P. Busch Jr., said the young woman felt that she could not receive a fair and impartial trial for the Hinman murder after the publicity of the lengthy Tate-La Bianca trial.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Burton Katz, prosecutor in the Hinman-Shea case, said his office made the deal with Miss Atkins because she did not wield the death weapon in the Hinman murder and because she already faces seven death sentences.

Charles Manson, 36, also sentenced to death in the Tate-La Bianca case, listened impassively as Miss Atkins pleaded guilty to Hinman's murder.

Manson, Bruce Davis, 27, and Miss Atkins were charged with murdering Hinman in his Malibu apartment on July 27, 1969.

Manson, Davis and Steve Grogan, 20, will be tried at the same time for the knife slaying of Donald (Shorty) Shea, 36-year-old wrangler at the Spahn Movie Ranch where the cult leader's "family" resided in August, 1969.

Bobby Beausoleil, 22, family member convicted for the actual murder of Hinman, is now on San Quentin's death row awaiting execution.

Judge Choate seemed anxious yesterday afternoon to make sure that Miss Atkins fully understood what she was doing before he accepted her plea. He told her that he could not accept such a plea unless he knew in fact that she was guilty.

"I wouldn't be making this plea, your honor, if, in fact, I didn't know I was guilty," Miss Atkins told the judge.

The young woman, dressed in a blue slack suit with a bright yellow shirt and her head closely shaven, stood at the defense table and admitted she had helped murder Hinman and then cleaned up all traces of the crime.

Manson remained quiet until the prosecutor began pressing Miss Atkins for details as to what happened at the Hinman home prior to his murder.

"Your honor, I object to that. It has nothing to do with the plea," Manson said loudly. "He's questioning the witness . . ."

Judge Choate warned Manson to remain silent or he would be removed from the courtroom.

"It's your law," Manson replied.

Both Katz and Shinn denied that any arrangement has been made for Miss Atkins to testify against Manson and Davis during the trial.

"There was no mention of that at all," Katz said. "I think it (her plea) simplifies the trial because it removes the problem of presenting evidence which is unique to the proof of Miss Atkins' guilt but may have a prejudicial effect on other defendants jointly tried."

The prosecutor said the deal with Shinn to accept a guilty plea in exchange for life in prison for Miss Atkins had been under discussion by officials of the district attorney's office for some months but was finalized only yesterday afternoon.

Miss Atkins made several efforts before entering her plea to smile and mouth messages to Manson seated at the end of the defense table. The bearded cult leader turned his eyes away from her and ignored most of the proceedings. After Miss Atkins was sentenced she brushed past Manson and neither glance nor word was exchanged between them.

A total of 53 potential jurors will be on hand today in Judge Choate's court as the slow process of selecting 12 men and women to sit in judgment on the Hinman-Shea case begins.

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Dean Martin's Daughter Called in Watson Trial

BY ED MEAGHER
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Actress Deana Martin, 22-year-old daughter of actor Dean Martin, was a state witness Monday in the trial of Charles (Tex) Watson, 25, for the seven Tate-La Bianca murders.

She was followed on the witness stand by Terrence Melcher, a recording executive and son of actress Doris Day.

Their testimony was to support the prosecution's contention that Watson was familiar with actress Sharon Tate Polanski's mansion months before the August, 1969, murders.

Miss Martin, wearing a billowing, floor-length cotton frock, recalled that in July or October, 1968, she and Melcher attended a party at the home of Dennis Wilson, a drummer with the Beach Boys, a recording group.

About dusk, she said, the party moved to the home then occupied by Melcher — the same residence which, under lease to producer Roman Polanski, was to be the setting for the slaying of Polanski's wife and the others.

"Did you ever see this man?" asked Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi, pointing to Watson.

"I can't be sure," Miss Martin replied.

Bugliosi then showed her a photograph of Watson taken shortly after his arrest. "It looks more like him," she said.

"Was Mr. Watson at that party you described?" Bugliosi asked.

"I can't be sure," she said. "It seems like he was."

Under further examination, Miss Martin said she remembered that Watson's hair was longer at that time and that he was thinner now.

Miss Martin said she had known "two Charlies — Charles Manson and the other, just as Charlie."

Manson, leader of a hippie cult and three of his women followers, have been convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death for the same homicides for which Watson is now being tried.

She said she particularly remembered Manson for the way he and a girlfriend "put down" her escort at the Wilson home in the summer of 1968.

"I didn't like the things Manson and his girl were saying," she testified, and added she had advised her escort to leave and they did.

Melcher testified he met Watson in December, 1968, at Wilson's home and at his own home a number of times.

"He was a friend of Wilson and Gregg Jakobson, who worked for me as a talent scout," Melcher said, "and he was always tagging around with them when they came to see me."

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Grogan Mistrial Ruling Assailed

Dist. Atty. Joseph P. Busch Jr. has assailed a judge's mistrial ruling in the murder trial of a Charles Manson follower, calling the judge's decision "absurd" and "outrageous."

Busch criticized Friday's ruling by Superior Court Judge Joseph Call that a question posed by a prosecutor in the trial of Steven Grogan, 20, was prejudicial and grounds for a mistrial.

"I have read the Steve Grogan trial transcripts of last Thursday and Friday after learning that the court decided there was error in certain questions asked by the prosecutor in the case," Busch said.

"The decision of the court to order a mistrial," he continued, "after hearing testimony that filled 5187 pages of transcript, has to be one of the most outrageous abuses of discretion I have encountered in my 20 years of experience in the district attorney's office."

Stating flatly that Judge Call "was wrong," Busch noted that "here is no way to have this ruling reviewed . . . Mr. Grogan will be tried again but unfortunately, at further great expense to the taxpayers."

The district attorney said that he has never before criticized a court ruling. "However," he stated, "this time is one time when I feel the criticism is not only warranted but dictated by the best interests of the public."

The mistrial was declared after Deputy Dist. Atty. Burton Katz asked a defense witness about statements Grogan allegedly made concerning a plot to kill a ranch owner.

Grogan is charged with the decapitation murder of Spahn Movie Ranch wrangler Donald (Shorty) Shea whose body never has been found.

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DA Assails Judge for Calling Mistrial in Grogan's Case

BY RON EINSTOSS
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Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. Joseph P. Busch Jr. leveled an unprecedented barrage Monday at a judge who on Friday ordered a mistrial in the case of a Charles Manson follower being tried on a charge of murder.

Busch called Superior Judge Joseph L. Call's action granting a mistrial to Steve (Clem) Grogan, 20, one of the "most outrageous abuses of discretion I have encountered in my 20 years of experience in the district attorney's office."

Grogan is charged with the August, 1969, slaying of Donald (Shorty) Shea, 35. He is scheduled to appear in another court Thursday for the setting of a new trial date.

At the time Call ordered the mistrial, the case had been in trial since June 23—at a cost of $2,352 a day. The seven-woman, five-man jury had heard testimony filling 5,187 transcript pages.

"To make such an absurd, unappealable order is unconscionable," Busch said. "There is no way to have this ruling reviewed."

"Mr. Grogan will be tried again but, unfortunately, at further great expense to the taxpayers."

Busch explained that his attack on Call was the first time he had ever criticized a ruling of the court.

"However," he said, "this is one time when I feel the criticism is not only waranted, but dictated by the best interests of the public."

The motion for the mistrial in the case was made by Charles Weedman, who was defending Grogan, during the cross-examination by Dep. Dist. Atty. Burton S. Katz of a defense witness.

Katz asked the witness, Nancy

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Pitman, 20, several questions including whether she and Grogan had ever discussed killing Frank Retz who owned a ranch adjoining the Spahn ranch where Manson and his "family" once lived.

She denied ever having such a conversation with Grogan.

Weedman contended, and Call by his ruling agreed, that the idea that Grogan might be guilty of another crime was prejudicial and would prevent him from getting a fair trial on the Shea charge.

Informed of the district attorney's remarks, Call said that he could only point to the transcript of the trial to illustrate that the proceedings were "replete" with improper, highly prejudicial and inflammatory questions by Katz.

"These questions would have had such an effect on the minds of the jurors that a fair verdict could not have been reached," the judge said. "These questions should never have been asked. They were neither fair to the defendant nor to the people."

Members of the jury later said that they largely ignored the implications of Katz' line of questioning and reportedly agreed that they did not expect Miss Pitman to say anything which would be damaging to Grogan's defense.

The prosecution contends that Shea, whose body has never been found, was killed because he had been suspected of being a police informer and because Manson's group thought he had been hired to evict them from the Spahn ranch.

After a lengthy period of jury selection, testimony began in Grogan's case on July 20. The prosecution completed its case on Aug. 19 after calling 33 witnesses, some of them brought here from out of state or from distant areas in California, at county expense.

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Court Delays Setting Date for Grogan Retrial

Superior Court Judge Maurice Leader today allowed a one-week delay in setting a new trial date for Steven Grogan, 20, accused of the murder of Spahn Movie Ranch wrangler Donald (Shorty) Shea. Judge Joseph Call earlier this week declared a mistrial in the case.

Today's delay was granted after Grogan declared in court that Charles Weedman, his court-appointed attorney, "does not represent me at this time."

Grogan gave the judge a motion and what he termed a "statement of facts about this case," and Judge Leader accepted the documents, scheduling Grogan's new court appearance for 9 a.m. next Wednesday.

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Grogan Asks New Attorney

Murder suspect Steven Grogan, declaring his attorney Charles Weedman "doesn't represent me," has been ordered to appear in Superior Court Wednesday to have a new trial date set in the decapitation murder of Donald (Shorty) Shea.

Judge Maurice Leader yesterday accepted two documents from Grogan, 20, one of hippie cult leader Charles Manson's followers, but the judge refused to allow the defendant to fire his attorney without a hearing.

Judge Joseph Call Friday declared a mistrial in Grogan's case because of alleged errors committed by Deputy Dist. Atty. Burton Katz while Katz was questioning a defense witness.

The ruling was criticized by Dist. Atty. Joseph P. Busch who declared that Judge Call committed "one of the most outrageous abuses of discretion I have encountered in my 20 years in the district attorney's office."

The defendant is accused of killing Shea, a Spahn Movie Ranch wrangler, whose body never has been found.

Judge Call declared the mistrial after hearing testimony that filled more than 5100 pages of transcript at a cost to the taxpayers of more than $300,000.

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Watson Tells of Manson's Orders

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Jury Hears Story of Los Feliz Deaths

By RICHARD COX
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Charles (Tex) Watson, who has confessed the Sharon Tate murders, today added the names of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca to his list of victims, saying he killed the couple on orders from Charles Manson.

Watson, 25, said yesterday he helped kill four of the five persons slain at Miss Tate's Benedict Canyon home on Aug. 9, 1969.

He told the Superior Court of Judge Adolph Alexander today that he slept all day after the Tate murders, then went with Manson and five other members of the hippie clan to the La Bianca home.

Before starting out, he continued, Manson gave him a knife and an LSD tablet.

"Charlie got out of the car," Watson said, describing the group's arrival at the Los Feliz area residence occupied by the grocery executive and his wife.

"Charlie came back and told me and Leslie (Van Houten) and Katie (Patricia Krenwinkel) to get out of the car. He said words to the effect of 'You go in and do it like last night. Make sure everybody's dead.' "

The slender, six-foot tall defendant said he had never been at the La Bianca home until the night of the murders. He said he followed Miss Krenwinkel into the living room, where he found a person (Leno La Bianca) lying on a couch.

"I started stabbing on the body on the couch," he said. "It had a cover over the face. I couldn't tell if it was a man or a woman.

"Leslie was hollering—she was screaming," he continued.

"I ran into the room where she was screaming, and she was stabbing another person . . . a woman who was kind of standing, falling . . . I stabbed the female.

"Katie came running into the room and called me into the other room, and we continued to stab on the person in the other room," he said.

Asked by defense attorney Samuel Bubrick if he had written any of the words found painted in blood on the walls of the La Bianca home, Watson said he had not, adding, "I can recall seeing Leslie writing something on the wall."

Watson, testifying in his own defense, said that two months after the Tate-La Bianca murders, Manson asked him to kill a forest ranger and a California Highway Patrol officer in Inyo County.

"I knew then not to kill," he told the six-man, six-woman jury. "The other people I didn't even know I killed. I didn't know they were real. Now things were becoming more real."

The former high school honor student said that the day after Manson ordered the two new murders, he went back to his home town in Texas, where he stayed for several days.

"I couldn't get away from him (Manson), even though I was in Texas," said Watson. "I couldn't get him out of my head."

Watson said he returned to California in search of Manson but never found him. At that time, the hippie cultist and many of his followers were in the Inyo County jail.

In describing the Tate murders yesterday, Watson said he shot 17-year-old Steven Parent in a car outside the Tate home, then shot and stabbed hair stylist Jay Sebring.

He said he helped Manson follower Susan Atkins stab film producer Voityck Frykowski. Watson testified he stabbed coffee heiress Abigail Folger at the direction of Miss Krenwinkel.

Speaking in a dull monotone, he said he committed the murders under the influence of LSD, belladonna root and Methadrine, and because Manson had told him to "kill everyone there as gruesome as I could."

He said he did not see the faces of his victims, describing them as "blobs."

Watson said he had no feelings at the time the crimes were committed but that his "feelings have grown quite a lot with the help of other people."

Asked to describe his feelings today, Watson said:

"You can't explain how you feel about doing a thing like that."

He has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to the seven murders for which Manson and three women followers have been convicted and sentenced to death.

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Watson Admits He Took Part in Slaying of La Bianca Couple

BY ED MEAGHER
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Charles (Tex) Watson, 25, confessed to the last of the Tate-La Bianca murders Thursday, eliminating any question of his guilt, but his testimony under direct and cross-examination may have created doubt concerning the degree of guilt.

Should the jurors determine that Watson's mental capacity at the time of the crimes was diminished sufficiently they could return a verdict of second-degree murder or even manslaughter instead of the first-degree verdict being asked by the state.

Watson, on trial before Superior Judge Adolph Alexander, Thursday admitted taking part in the murders of Mr. and Mrs. Leno La Bianca in their Los Feliz District mansion Aug. 10, 1969.

Wednesday he testified that he took part in the five Tate murders the previous night.

But Watson, a well-educated, small-town Texas boy, a "square" until he fell in with cultist Charles Manson and his "family," stayed with his story that Manson conditioned him with drugs and fantasy to murder on command.

Dressed in good taste, his long, handsome face crowned with styled, neatly trimmed hair in bangs, Watson's appearance was disarming and his answers to questions seemingly sincere, although often confused.

Asked by defense attorney Sam Bubrick if he feels the same now as he did at the time of the homicides, Watson replied, "not at all."

"Did you have any feeling then?"

"No," he answered, "no feeling."

"Do you realize now what you've

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done, the enormity of it?"

"Yes."

"How do you feel about it now?" Bubrick asked.

"You can't explain how you feel about doing a thing like that," Watson said, his words almost inaudible.

Under cross-examination by Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi, the defendant said he did not know he was going on a murder mission to the Benedict Canyon estate of actress Sharon Tate.

"I had no thoughts of what murder was," he said, "I was only doing what Charlie told me to do."

"No matter how many people you found at the house, you would have killed them all, even if there had been 10 people, isn't that right?"

"I guess I would have," Watson said. "I was just doing what I was told."

Watson denied statements given by prosecution witnesses that he had test-fired the murder weapon in advance of the killings, bought newspapers for accounts of the crimes and confessed and described as fun the knifing of Miss Tate.

"When did you acquire the feelings you say you have now?" the prosecutor asked.

"Hard to say," Watson said.

"Did the fact that you were to be tried for murder have anything to do with it?"

"No, it does not."

Still Had Hold

Bugliosi asked Watson if he still thought Manson was Jesus Christ after the murders, when he was at a Death Valley ranch.

"He lost me somewhere there," Watson said, "but he still had a hold on me. Something would tell me to pull back from him and then something would make me go back to him. It's all mixed up."

"What do you think of Charles Manson now?"

"He is a false god, a false prophet," Watson said.

"Do you think he is an evil man?"

"Yes, I do."

But at another point, when asked by Bugliosi when he stopped believing that Manson was Jesus Christ, Watson replied:

"I just don't know. Sometimes his world pops back into me. I'm between worlds so much, I just don't know."

Watson testified that sometime after the murders he threw away his driver's license and other identification and used the name Charles Montgomery. He said he did so because he was afraid of traffic warrants outstanding against him.

Had No Thoughts

"Traffic warrants? Is that what you were afraid of?" asked Bugliosi. "Are you sure it was not because of the murders?"

"No," Watson said. "I had no thoughts at that time."

Testimony has indicated that the murders were committed in an effort to foment a race war between blacks and whites, with the blacks winning but then turning over government to Manson and his family because of Manson's greater experience.

"Do you believe that a civil war is imminent now?" Bugliosi asked.

"I really don't know what to believe," said Watson, "I'm confused in many ways."

Watson testified that he stabbed both La Biancas an undetermined number of times.

But he denied having written words in blood on the La Bianca's wall, or having ever seen the knife and fork taken from the La Bianca kitchen and used to stab the couple. He said he brought the knife given him by Manson.

Meanwhile, five other Manson followers were indicted Thursday by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury on charges of armed robbery—the indictment stemming from an Aug. 21 shootout with police at a Hawthorne surplus store. Four of them also were charged with the $2,300 holdup of a Covina beer distributorship Aug. 13.

Named in Indictment

Named in both counts of the indictment, according to Dep. Dist. Atty. James M. Ideman, were Catherine (Gypsy) Share, Mary T. Brunner, Kenneth Como and Lawrence Edward Jones, who was arrested under the surname of Bailey. Dennis Rice was charged only with the Hawthorne robbery.

They will be arraigned today. Bail in the case was set at $100,000 each after Ideman reported that weapons from the Hawthorne holdup—foiled by the sounding of a secret alarm—were to have been used for an armed assault on various courts where Manson and other members of his family are on trial.

The indictment was the first indication that the Manson group was involved in the Covina robbery. The suspects reportedly were linked to that crime because of similarities in the two holdups.

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Watson's Tale of Murders

By RICHARD COX
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Charles (Tex) Watson has confessed that he participated in the brutal Sharon Tate murders of 1969, saying he shot, clubbed and stabbed four of the five victims because "I was doing what Charlie (Manson) told me to do."

Watson testified yesterday at his murder trial that he shot 17-year-old Steven Parent outside the actress' home on Aug. 9, 1969.

He said he shot and stabbed hair stylist Jay Sebring inside the Benedict Canyon house, clubbed and stabbed film producer Voityck Frykowski and stabbed coffee-heiress Abigail Folger as she lay "covered with blood" on the front lawn.

The defendant, who said he had been at the home three times before the savage night of murder, testified that he was under the influence of LSD, Methadrine and belladonna root when he wielded the death weapons.

Speaking in a dull monotone, Watson, 25, said Manson sent him to the Tate home with Linda Kasabian, Susan Atkins and Patricia Krenwinkel with orders to "kill everyone there as gruesome as I could."

He said Manson gave him a gun and a knife and referred to the murder scene as the house "Terry Melcher used to live in." Melcher, son of actress-singer Doris Day, had lived in the Cielo Drive residence until the spring of 1969 when Miss Tate and her director husband, Roman Polanski, leased it.

Watson, who has pleaded innocent and innocent by reason of insanity, said that when the killings began he "could see Charlie and hear Charlie's voice telling me to kill everybod in the place."

He said he felt as if he were "in a dream, half-awake and half not-awak."

Acting on Manson's orders, he said, he cut telephone lines outside the home and, with his three women companions, climbed a fence and started walking up the driveway.

"A car pulled up and stopped," he said,. "I stuck the gun in the car and shot. I don't recall the exact number of times . . . He (Parent) was just a blob to me."

The former high school honor

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student who starred in football, track and basketball said he entered the home by opening the front door and walking in.

"I saw Sadie (Susan Atkins)," he continued, "she just popped up . . She went by me into the other part of the house and started bringing other people into the front room.

"A guy started toward me . . . I remember I was kind of running and jumping behind the couch and making funny noises. Sadie said, 'Watch out,' so I turned around and emptied the gun on the man (Sebring). I gun on the man (Sebring). I went around the couch and started stabbing him. Patricia was already stabbing him."

Watson said that Miss Atkins called to him again at that point.

"She was fightind and stabbing a man (Frkowski) going out the door," he said, "and I ran over and started hitting him with the gun . . . Sadie was stabbing him and I walked over and stabbed him some more."

"Then Katie (Miss Krenwinkel) grabbed my arm and said, 'There's one over here,' " he said. "A woman (Miss Folger) lay there. She had blood all over her. I stabbed her."

Watson denied that he killed Miss Tate, whose body was found in the living room, a rope tied to her neck and fastened to Sebring's neck. He said he did not touch the bodies, place a rope around anyoen, or write the word "pig" on the home's front door with Sharon Tate's blood.

Under questioning from his attorney, Samuel Bubrick, Watson said he did not know any of the victims at the Tate house but that Manson had told him "movie stars" lived there.

Dressed neatly in the same navy blue jacket he has worn since the trial began on Aug. 2, he said he tried to leave the "family" a year before the murders because he thought he was going insane but that Manson's "magnetic power" drew him back.

"He (Manson) could look at a person and be able to tell what you were thinking about," Watson said. "I looked on him like kind of a supreme being who could take the thoughts out of my head. The longer I was around him, the more of these thoughts I didn't have any more."

He also said that after eating belladonna root he sometimes "talked to space people" and suffered black-outs.

Manson, Miss Atkins and Miss Krenwinkel have been convited and sentenced to death for the Tate killings and the murders of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca on Aug. 10, 1969. Watson also is charged with the La Bianca deaths.

Mrs. Kasabian, given immunity from prosecution in exchange for her testimony, gave an account of the Tate killings that differed slightly from Watson's version.

She said he drove to the Tate home and that she did not know how the telephone wires were severed.

Watson said yesterday that Mrs. Kasabian was the driver and that she handed him the bolt cutters that he used on the lines.



CHARLES (TEX) WATSON

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5 'Family' Members Indicted in Holdups

County grand jurors have returned indictments charging five members of the Charles Manson "family" with the armed robbery of a Hawthorne sporting goods store.

The indictments also accused four of the family members with robbing the Premium Distributing Co., 251 E. Front St., Covina, of $2300 on Aug. 13.

Some of the stolen cash was used to buy a van and a semi-automatic rifle which were used in the Aug. 21 holdup attempt at the Western Surplus Store, 13355 Hawthorne Blvd., according to Deputy Dist. Atty. James Ideman.

Ideman said the two holdups were part of a plot to free Manson, who has been condemned to death for the Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murders, from custody.

Indicted yesterday were Mary Brunner, 27, mother of Manson's child; Catherine (Gypsy) Share, 28; Lawrence P. Bailey, 22; Dennis Rice, 34; and Kenneth Como, 31.

Rice is charged only with the Aug. 21 holdup.

A sixth suspect is believed to have been wounded by police during a shootout at the Hawthorne store. Ideman said the suspect, a young man, may be armed with the stolen rifle, which is believed to have been converted to an automatic weapon.

Each of the accused is being held under $100,000 bond. They were scheduled to be arraigned in the Hall of Justice today.

Ideman said the rifle, an AR-15, was purchased at the Western Surplus store by Miss Share several days before the attempted robbery. In addition to the rifle, Ideman said the woman bought 500 rounds of ammunition.

During the aborted holdup in Hawthorne, Miss Brunner, Miss Share and Bailey suffered minor gunshot wounds.

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Judge Orders Mistrial for Manson Follower

Question Asked of Witness for Grogan Called Prejudicial

BY RUDY VILLASENOR
Times Staff Writer

More than two months of a costly trial went for naught Friday when a mistrial was declared in the murder proceedings against Steve Grogan, a member of the Charles Manson "family."

Superior Judge Joseph L. Call issued the order after a day of soul-searching, sometimes in heated debate with prosecution and defense attorneys.

At 3:23 p.m., after 14 jurors, including two alternates, had been locked up four hours in the windowless room adjoining the court chamber, the jurist announced his decision.

Grogan, 20, is accused of the decapitation murder of cowboy actor Donald J. (Shorty) Shea, 35, in the last days of August, 1969.

Prosecution's Contentions

The prosecution contends that the Manson group killed him because he had married a black woman; they suspected him of being a police informer, and they thought he had been hired to evict them from the Spahn movie ranch in Chatsworth.

The turning point came Thursday while Dep. Dist. Atty. Burton S. Katz was cross-examining the third defense witness, Nancy Pitman, 20, a family member also known as Brenda McCann.

Katz asked her if she and Grogan had ever discussed killing Frank Retz, who owned an adjoining ranch and later bought the Spahn place. She denied there had ever been such a discussion.

But defense attorney Charles V. Weedman moved for mistrial, contending that the idea that Grogan might be guilty of another crime—with which he has not been charged—had been implanted in the minds of the jurors and they could no longer return a fair verdict.

Disturbed by Question

Jurors, seven women and five men, and the alternates, a man and a woman, were excused for the day but Katz and Weedman were summoned into chambers. Katz bitterly opposed ordering a mistrial.

"I am highly disturbed about this," the judge told them in reference to the mention of Retz. "I am seriously considering granting the mistrial motion."

When the time came for the ruling the jurist said he believed the mention of Retz had been so "prejudicial and inflammatory" that the defendant could not have an impartial trial.

Grogan will be taken before Superior Judge Richard F. C. Hayden next Thursday for setting of a new trial date.

Ironically, none of the jurors gave much importance to the Retz remark. All agreed, in discussions after their discharge, that they had expected Miss Pitman to say nothing derogatory about Grogan.

"It was obvious to me that she in-

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~~tended~~ her testimony to be as favorable as possible to the defense," said alternate juror John Sweden Jr. "So the question and answer about Mr. Retz made no particular impression on me."

Most of the jurors conceded that they had been impressed by the prosecution's 37 witnesses, even though Shea's body has never been found. But they said they would have retained an open mind about their verdict until they had heard all defense testimony.

Two jurors, however, expressed the belief that a guilty verdict would have been returned. John A. Brooks so indicated, and Carlos C. Sequeida said he was "leaning toward guilty."

The trial cost the taxpayers $2,352 a day, based on the latest survey made under direction of Frank S. Zolin, the Superior Court's executive officer. The trial began June 23.

Call's ruling was made while the trials of Manson and another family member, Charles (Tex) Watson, were in recess. Manson is accused of the Shea murder and that of musician Gary Hinman.

Watson is being tried for the seven Tate-La Bianca killings for which Manson and three girl followers are already under sentence of death.

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Sept. 2 Date for New Grogan Trial

Just hours after a mistrial was called in the murder case of Steve Grogan, 20-year-old lieutenant of hippie cult leader Charles Manson, Superior Court Judge Joseph L. Call set Sept. 2 for the beginning of a new trial in Dept. 100.

Grogan sat grinning broadly yesterday as he heard Judge Call tell the seven woman, five-man jury that he was ending his trial because a series of prosecution questions to a witness had been "so inflammatory that the defendant cannot have an impartial trial."

Grogan, who lived with Manson's nomadic tribe in the summer of 1969, is accused of the decapitation murder of Donald (Shorty) Shea, a hired hand at the Spahn Movie Ranch where the hippie cult resided. Shea's body never has been found.

Judge Call deliberated nearly eight hours before his announcement yesterday. The trial, which began June 22, has cost $300,000.

A mistrial motion was made Thursday by Grogan's defense attorney Charles Weedman who balked at a question asked of a witness by prosecutor Burton Katz.

Katz had asked state witness Nancy Pitman, 20, a member of Manson's clan, whether it was true that "you and Clem—Grogan's nickname—were talking about getting a gun to kill Frank Retz?" Retz was the owner of a ranch adjacent to the Spahn ranch.

Homicide investigators claim that Shea, 36-year-old movie extra, was slain by Manson, Grogan and two other male members of the "family" after he had been hired by Retz to get rid of the cult.

Weedman objected vehemently and told the judge before he adjourned to his chambers, that the prosecutor had no right to ask questions during cross-examination of a defense witness about an area of information not covered during direct examination.

Nine of the jurors polled immediately after the mistrial was declared indicated they had heard nothing inflammatory or prejudicial.

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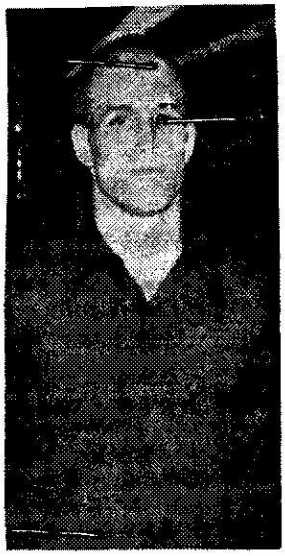

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Probe Manson Escape Plot

By CLIFF BLACKBURN
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

County investigators today were checking out details of an elaborate plot of condemned slayer Charles Manson to escape at gunpoint from a Hall of Justice court room with hostages through the tunnel system beneath the downtown Civic Center.

Sheriff's investigators told The Herald-Examiner that the 36-year-old cult leader, sentenced to die for the murders of actress Sharon Tate and six others, was to be rescued from the court of Superior Court Judge Raymond Choate by a commando-type raid.

Manson's plans ended, however, on Aug. 21 when five members of his "family" were captured after a bloody shootout with Hawthorne police during the attempted theft of 140 guns from a surplus store.

A sixth member of the "family," Charles Allen Lovett, 19, is still being sought for questioning about the attempted robbery.

Judge Choate and Deputy Dist. Atty. Anthony Manzella, who is prosecuting Manson for the murders of Gary Hinman and Donald (Shorty) Shea, were to be taken as hostages in the escape attempt.

A Sheriff's detective, one of the investigators in the Manson slayings, told The Herald-Examiner that members of the cult leader's "family" attempted to get Black Panther Party members, who also are on trial at the Hall of Justice, to join them in a mass breakout, but were rebuffed.

The escape route, as outlined by investigators, was from Judge Choate's court room on the eighth floor of the Hall of Justice to a nearby elevator, then to the basement of the building.

In the basement are entrances to tunnels which link most of the structures in the Civic Center.

But the target, according to investigators, was the Criminal Courts Building now under construction at Temple Street and Broadway, directly across the street from the Hall of Justice.

Guns were to be secreted in the tunnel. "Family" members and ex-convicts recruited to their cause were to be waiting in the tunnel to insure Manson's freedom, the detective said.

Cars were to be waiting at the construction site to carry Manson and his rescuers to a place of safety.

The "family" had plans and designs of all Civic Center buildings and a complete sk[illegible] of the tunnel system which underlies the area.

Manson sent messages to his followers written with milk on other prisoner's letters from the maximum security section of the Hall of Justice. The messages could be read when passed over by a hot iron.

Jailers have reported that Manson, usually boastful and talkative, has been silent and sullen since the Hawthorne raid ended in failure.

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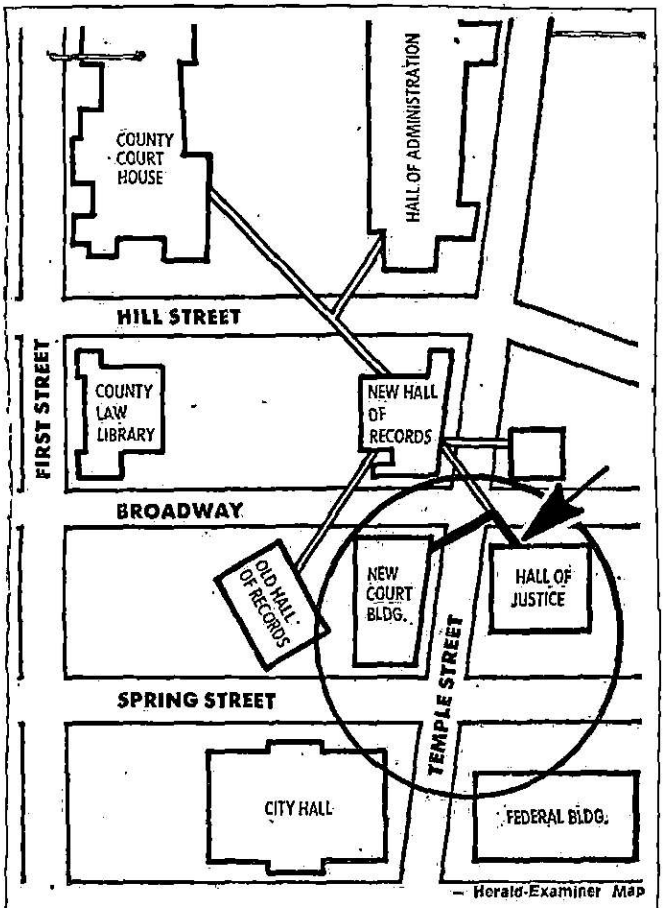

CHARLES MANSON'S PLANNED ESCAPE ROUTE
Arrow shows starting point of tunnel path

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Watson Takes Stand, Tells of Boyhood Days

By RICHARD COX
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Charles (Tex) Watson, 25, the slender, baby-faced hippie cultist accused of the seven Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murders, took the stand in his own defense today to tell of his life with the Charles Manson "family."

Watson, speaking in a slow drawl, was alert and attentive as he answered questions posed by his attorney, Samuel Blubrick.

He described his youth in a tiny Texas town, saying that he was in the top 10 of his high school class, earned 12 varsity letters in sports, and spent his summers working as an onion packer.

He said he dropped out of North Texas State University at the end of his junior year in 1967 and moved to California because the move seemed "like an adventure."

Absent from the courtroom today was Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, his mother, who testified yesterday that he was her "pride and joy" during his formative years.

She said Watson, was an "A" student and an all-district football halfback, track star and basketball player, sports editor of his high school newspaper, and a regular churchgoer who sometimes "led services from the pulpit for the preacher."

The grey-haired witness told the Superior Court of Judge Adolph Alexander that Watson left North Texas University in 1967 after three years at the college and went to California where, in 1968, he fell in with Charles Manson's hippie band.

She said she did not hear from her son in 1969 until he called on about Aug. 20 and told her "he had met a man called Jesus named Manson."

Watson told her there was going to be a racial revolution and that the Manson "family" was looking for a bottomless pit in the desert where they planned to take refuge, she testified.

"He kept talking about what a great time they were all having," she said.

Miss Tate and four others were murdered at the actress' Benedict Canyon estate on Aug. 9, 1969. Rosemary and Leno La Bianca died the following night. Manson and three women followers have been convicted and sentenced to death for the killings which the prosecution contends were carried out to provoke a race war.

Mrs. Watson began to cry when she described an Oct. 3, 1969, telephone call from her son in which she said he asked for money to buy clothes and an airplane ticket home.

Mrs. Watson, who said her husband will not appear as a defense witness in the trial, stated that when her son arrived in Copeville, Texas, on Oct. 4, 1969, he had changed so much that "had we not known he was our boy we wouldn't have known him . . . He acted high up."

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Watson Confesses His Role in 5 Tate Slayings

Says He Followed Order From Manson to 'Kill Everybody as Gruesomely as You Can'

BY ED MEAGHER
Times Staff Writer

Charles (Tex) Watson, 25, Wednesday confessed to participating in the five Tate murders in a fuzzy, distorted recitation of gory details before a jury in Superior Judge Adolph Alexander's court.

He murdered, he said, because Charles Manson told him to go to the Benedict Canyon mansion of actress Sharon Tate and "to kill everybody there as gruesomely as you can."

At the time, he testified, he was under the influence of two hallucinatory drugs—belladonna and LSD—and an energizing drug, speed.

Watson's testimony vividly reflected his lawyers' contention that he was powerless to think for himself under the "magnetic power" of Manson's will, reinforced by the mind-sapping effect of drugs.

Cult leader Manson, 37, and two members of his "family," Susan Atkins, 22, and Patricia Krenwinkel, 23, were sentenced to death for the Tate murders last April.

Killed besides the actress on the night of Aug. 9, 1969, were Steve Parent, 18; Voityck Frykowski, 37; Abigail Folger, 26, and Jay Sebring, 35.

'Told to Kill Everybody There'

"Charlie (Manson) handed me a gun and a knife," said Watson, "and told me to go up to where Terry Melcher used to live (Watson visited the mansion several times when Melcher, a recording executive, resided there) and kill everybody there as gruesomely as you can."

"Did he tell you who was there?" asked defense attorney Sam Bubrick.

"Something about movie stars, I don't remember," Watson replied, speaking in flat, unemotional tones which characterized his testimony throughout.

Watson testified that Manson said "the wirecutter was in the back of the car," and told him it was "to cut the wires at the home and then go in and make sure that everybody's dead."

Watson said he got in a car with

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Misses Atkins, Krenwinkel and Linda Kasabian (a state witness who was given immunity for her testimony).

He said they stopped after awhile and one of the women told him it was time to cut the wires.

"Manson had told me," he said, "so I went straight up the telephone pole . . . I cut all the wires I could see . . . but I don't remember coming down.

"The next thing I recall is walking up the hill, carrying the gun in one hand and the knife in another."

He said he and the girls "went over the fence" and, as they reached the residence driveway, he saw car lights approaching.

"When the car stopped," he said, "I stuck the gun in the car and shot."

He said he did not remember how many shots he fired.

"Did you know who the person was in the car?" Bubrick asked.

"No, but I could hear Charlie. His voice. Telling me to kill everybody."

"Did the driver take any form or shape?"

Like Being Half-Awake

"No," Watson answered, "a kind of mass form, like I was half-awake."

Watson testified that he walked in the front door of the house and saw a man sleeping on a couch in the living room.

Then, he recalled, "Sadie (Miss Atkins) just popped up and I saw her go by me to the other part of the house and she started bringing people out."

"What happened then?" asked Bubrick.

"A guy started toward me. . . but I heard something behind me and I turned around and fired the gun at this man."

"How many shots?"

"I don't know. I went around the couch and began stabbing. Patricia was stabbing.

"Then Sadie hollered and I went over and hit him with the gun . . . I hit him for awhile and then stabbed him.

"Katie (Miss Krenwinkel) came running over and said, 'there's one over there' . . . a woman laying there with blood all over her . . . I began stabbing."

"Did these persons have a form?" Bubrick asked.

"No," said Watson, "just blobs."

"Any screams?"

"One that was loud- . . . all kinds of noise."

"Did you hear anybody beg for his life?"

"I couldn't make out anything like that . . . just a lot of noise."

"Had you ever seen any of those people before?"

"No, I couldn't make them out. I was doing what I was told to do."

"You had no grievance at all?" asked Bubrick.

"None at all," Watson said.

En route to the Spahn ranch in Chatsworth, where Manson and his followers lived, Watson said, the group stopped to wash themselves of blood, throw away the weapons and blood-stained clothes which they had changed for clean costumes in the car.

When they got to the ranch, Watson said, Manson was there, "running around without any clothes," but "I didn't tell Charlie what happened. I just went to sleep."

Recalls Life

Watson began his testimony by recalling the first 21 years of his life in Copeville, a Texas hamlet where his parents operated a small general store and gas station.

He said he won several attendance awards, lettered in football, basketball and track all four years in high school and graduated in the top 10 of his class.

During the summers, he said, he worked up to 95 hours a week on an onion farm "and saved my money for college."

"It was my mother's decision that I go to North Texas State University," he said.

"Did you really want to go to college?" Bubrick asked.

"Well, my brother and sister went and I was expected to go," he replied.

At 21, after completing three years at North Texas State, he decided to go to California "for the adventure, I guess. Yes, for the adventure."

In Los Angeles, he said, he moved into the apartment of David L. Neale, 27, a Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity brother he had known at the university.

That was in the fall of 1967. He said he first worked as a Beverly Hills wig salesman and later, with Neale, operated a wig business which failed after about four months.

His initial experience with marijuana, he said, was with a girl in Texas just before he came to California. Here he and Neale smoked marijuana frequently, he said, and he had his first drug-induced hallucination when he ate rosewood seeds.

But Watson's life-style, his testimony indicated, did not change seriously until after he had been here about a year. During that time he had accumulated a pickup truck, expensive stereo and camera equipment and an extensive wardrobe.

Then, in August, 1968, en route to the Topanga Beach apartment he shared with Neale, he picked up a hitchhiker who turned out to be Dennis Wilson, a drummer with the Beach Boys, a popular musical group.

He said he drove Wilson to his Pacific Palisades home and there he met Manson, five or six of "Manson's girls" and Dean Moorehouse, 51, an LSD proponent, who lived on the Wilson estate as a caretaker.

"We smoked hashish that day," he said.

A short time later, Watson indicated, Wilson invited him to become a house guest.

After he moved in, Watson testified, Moorehouse introduced him to LSD

and to Manson's philosophy.

"The LSD made me more receptive to Moorehouse," Watson said.

"All the time Moorehouse preached Manson's philosophy," Watson said. "He told me he had set his own daughter free by giving her to Manson and Manson gave him LSD."

Under Manson's philosophy, Watson said, "you learned of the oneness of everyone. You gave up your identity, your wants, your desires and your thoughts. Everything belonged to one and the one was Manson."

Watson said he gave his truck, his stereo and camera equipment and his wardrobe to Manson.

In September, 1968, Watson said, he and Moorehouse moved to the Spahn ranch and became a part of the family.

For the next four months, he testified, he took LSD trips three or four times a week.

And during this period, he said, "Manson took our thoughts away."

At that time, Watson said, Manson began to set fourth his belief that a race war between blacks and whites was imminent. The war was to be fomented by murders.

He said Manson backed up his philosophy with obscure lyrics to a number of Beatle records. The title of one, "Helter-Skelter," was the keynote to the upcoming race war.

"We heard 'Helter-Skelter' every night and all day long," said Watson, "and we were on heavy physical acid and mental acid . . . one drew the stuff out of your mind and the other out of your body."

He said he believed Manson's theory that the blacks would win the war but that Manson would find safety for the family in a "bottomless pit in the desert, where there was a golden city and a tree that bore a different fruit each month."

At war's end, Watson said, the blacks would appeal to Manson to take over the world. Watson said he believed that.

"We were to be the only ones saved because we had no fear. We had already experienced all the fear we could have, . . . we were already dead mentally."

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WATSON'S STORY: 'PERFECT TO KILL'

By RICHARD COX
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Charles (Tex) Watson has concluded two days of testimony in his murder trial after confessing to the seven 1969 Tate-La Bianca killings and telling jurors he thought at the time that it was "perfect" to kill.

Watson, 25, left the stand in the Superior Court of Judge Adolph Alexander late yesterday after three hours of abrasive cross-examination by Deputy Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi.

When he said he hurt his hand while stabbing actress Sharon Tate and three others on Aug. 9, 1969, Bugliosi sarcastically asked:

"Did you cut your hand? Was it a deep scratch? Did it hurt quite a bit?"

Then, when the defendant said his victims seemed like "blobs" and "things" to him while he was shooting, clubbing and stabbing them, Bugliosi reminded him that he had described one of those slain as "a woman covered with blood" and asked:

"A woman with blood on her, that's not a blob, is it, Tex?"

"That's how it seemed to me," Watson replied calmly.

Asked how he regards Charles Manson, the hippie cult leader, he said sent him on his missions of murder, Watson said he now considers Manson "a false god, a false prophet."

Manson had taught him, he said, that nothing was wrong, that everything was "perfect," including murder. He said that at the time of the murders he had no feelings and "no thought" and that he heard Manson's voice telling him "to kill everybody in the house."

Under further prosecution questioning, Watson refuted the testimony of other witnesses that he drove the car that carried him and three women Manson followers to the Tate home, that he practiced shooting the gun used to kill one of the Tate victims, and that he carried the rope used to tie Miss Tate to one of the other victims.

He said that since the murders, "My feelings have grown quite a lot." When asked to describe his feelings, he said, "You can't explain how you feel about doing a thing like that."

The honors graduate of Farmersville High School, a 200-student facility in Texas which also graduated the late war hero Audie Murphy, said he was under the influence of drugs during the murders.

He said that on Aug. 10, 1969, the night Leno and Rosemary La Bianca were slain, he was taking "my last LSD trip."

Watson said that when he was confined at Atascadero State Hospital last year he was beaten three or four times by attendants because he refused to eat.

He denied a charge by Bugliosi that last October he told an Atascadero psychiatrist, "I could kill you right now," but admitted that in March or April he told another doctor that while he didn't feel it was wrong to kill, he knew other people did.

Watson has pleaded innocent and innocent by reason of insanity to the seven murder counts and a charge of conspiracy to commit murder. Manson and three women followers have been convicted and sentenced to death for their parts in the crimes.

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Ninth Manson Follower Indicted in Slaying Case

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Mary T. Brunner was indicted Tuesday on one count of murder and four of perjury to become the ninth follower of Charles Manson to face a possible death-penalty charge.

The slender University of Wisconsin graduate is accused of the July, 1969, slaying of musician Gary Hinman and of having lied during court proceedings involving the trials of Robert K. Beausoleil and Manson.

Beausoleil was convicted and condemned to death for the killing of Hinman. He was the first of Manson's group to stand trial.

The perjury charges stemmed from Miss Brunner's repudiation of her prosecution testimony, which helped convict Beausoleil.

By the nature of the indictment, Dep. Dist. Atty. Donald Goldsobel is taking the position that the woman told the truth when she testified against Beausoleil, but lied when she later claimed she knew nothing about the events surrounding Hinman's murder.

Goldsobel reportedly presented evidence to the grand jury substantiating Miss Brunner's original testimony that she participated in the stabbing death of Hinman.

Miss Brunner, the first member of the Manson cult and the mother of his 3½-year-old son, was given immunity from prosecution when she first testified, but assertedly only if she continued to cooperate in all proceedings in the matter.

She later said she lied in her original testimony to keep herself out of jail.

Her grant of immunity was withdrawn when she first reneged on her testimony. Last year she was indicted for the Hinman murder, but the charge was set aside when the judge ruled the indictment was premature.

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Former Reporter Cited for Contempt

Refuses to Tell Sources of Tate Trial News Story

BY DOUG SHUIT
Times Staff Writer

A former newspaper reporter was cited 17 times for contempt Monday for refusing to reveal sources of a news story during the Tate-La Bianca murder trial.

William Farr, 36, a former reporter for the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner who is now press secretary for Dist. Atty. Joseph P. Busch, Jr., was cited after he refused to answer a series of questions related to a news story published Oct. 9, 1970.

Farr claimed protection under the First Amendment provisions for freedom of the press and protection under a California statute granting immunity to reporters who refuse to disclose news sources.

Lost Immunity, Judge Rules

Superior Judge Charles H. Older ruled that Farr was in contempt, holding that Farr no longer had a reporter's immunity because he had left the newspaper.

Farr's bylined story in the Herald-Examiner described an alleged plot by members of the Charles Manson "family" to kill a number of Hollywood celebrities.

Under questioning by Dep. County Counsel William F. Stewart, Farr said that he used a transcribed statement by Miss Virginia Graham, a prosecution witness who testified during the Tate-La Bianca trial, as the background for the story, but refused to say who gave him the transcript.

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Farr said he was given transcripts of Miss Graham's statement, which was recorded by the district attorney's office, by three attorneys who took part in the Tate-La Bianca trial.

However, on the advice of his attorney, Grant Cooper, Farr refused to answer all questions that would either directly or indirectly incriminate one or more of the attorneys.

By giving Farr the transcript, the attorneys violated a publicity ban placed on attorneys and principals of the trial by Older, who presided at the trial.

Older will act on the contempt citations Monday. Farr can receive either a five-day jail sentence or a $500 fine for each of the contempt citations.

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Watson Jurors Sequestered

The jury trying Charles (Tex) Watson for the seven Tate-La Bianca homicides ended its first day of deliberation without reaching a verdict Thursday.

The jurors—six men and six women—were given the case by Superior Judge Adolph Alexander at 10:39 a.m. after he instructed them in the law.

After a lunch break, they returned to the jury room at 1:30 p.m. and continued their deliberation until 4:45 p.m., when they were sequestered for the night at a downtown hotel.

They will resume discussion at 9:30 a.m. today.

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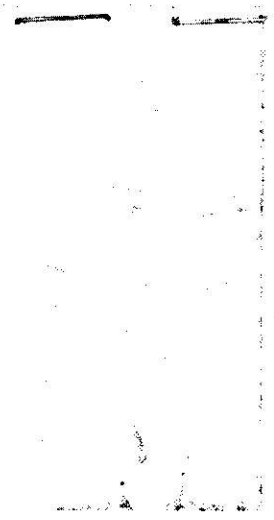

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GUILTY IN SEVEN SLAYINGS
Charles 'Tex' Watson leaves courtroom

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"The jury in this case was confronted with some issues most juries are not normally confronted with," Bugliosi said. "Watson presented a defense of diminished capacity which is not a common garden variety defense to murder."

Bugliosi said the turning point was the testimony of Linda Kasabian, who was with Watson on the nights of the Tate-La Bianca murders, which showed that "Watson was thinking clearly and precisely at the time of the killings."

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FOUND GUILTY
Watson leaves courtroom

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Manson Refuses to Take Stand in His Own Defense

By CLIFF BLACKBURN
Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Condemned slayer Charles Manson today refused to take the witness stand in the Gary Hinman-Donald (Shorty) Shea murder trial as his lawyer rested the case for the defense.

Manson, 36, sentenced to death for the Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murders, laughed mockingly from a nearby cell as his lawyer, Irving Kanarek, told Superior Court Judge Raymond Choate that he was finished with his defense.

Manson has termed Kanarek's defense of him on the murder charges as "a meaningless false face."

Jurors were excluded from the courtroom while the judge brought Manson out to tell him once more he had the right to testify in his own defense.

"I haven't seen any rights," Manson said sharply. "The only right I have is to sit down and keep quiet. I think the record will reveal that."

Then the small ex-convict turned to the few spectators in the courtroom and told them, "It's all coming down. You'll be in my world soon, and you'll get the same sort of justice I have received. I have had 24 years of your punishment, and now the court won't face me."

Manson told Judge Choate, "I don't think you are being fair to yourself by not letting me defend myself. I have 20 witnesses I would like to call."

Judge Choate told Manson that he had the right to get up on the stand and testify to whatever he chose regarding the murders of Hinman, 34-year-old Malibu musician, and Shea, 36-year-old movie extra who disappeared from the Spahn Movie Ranch late in 1969.

Manson grinned and shook his shaven head as he told the judge "I'd cut my head off on that witness stand. I heard the questions. I know how this court works. You're the defendant. It all falls on you, doesn't it?"

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Watson Found Guilty of Tate-La Bianca Slayings

Takes 1st-Degree Verdict Calmly; Sanity Quiz Set

BY ED MEAGHER
Times Staff Writer

Charles (Tex) Watson, 25, Tuesday was found guilty on seven counts of first-degree murder and one count of conspiracy to murder in the first degree in the Tate-La Bianca homicides.

Watson, whose deterioration from a strapping, handsome high school hero and university fraternity man to a drug-using, skeletal member of a murder cult was detailed during the 10-week trial, accepted the verdict without visible emotion.

As Clerk John Pappas read the long, eight-count verdict in Superior Judge Adolph Alexander's court, Watson seemed to be listening but not really comprehending the import of the six-man, six woman jury's judgment.

Two phases of Watson's trial remain. The phase to consider his plea of innocence by reason of insanity will begin Friday.

If he is found sane, the jury will then deliberate his penalty—either life imprisonment or death.

Confessed Murders

Watson's guilt was not in question after he took the witness stand and confessed the murders. The degree of his guilt, however, was left outstanding for the jury to decide.

And in finding for first instead of second-degree murder the jurors rejected Watson's bizarre defense that he had been reduced to a mindless, robot killer by cult leader Charles Manson through brainwashing abetted by ingestion of hallucinogenic drugs.

The jury's decision may have hinged on the testimony of medical experts—11 psychiatrists, two neurologists and a clinical psychologist.

They were divided evenly as witnesses for the state and defense. In general, the defense experts testified that Watson had suffered brain damage and psychosis at the time of the murders. And the prosecution's medical experts, in most aspects, testified to the opposite.

Dep. Dist. Attys. Vincent T. Bugliosi and Stephen Kay said that the trial represented a landmark acse in Southern California in respect to its presentation of psychiatric testimony.

"The jury was confronted by sophisticated, complex issues and had to come to mental grips with them," Bugliosi said.

"The jurors took careful notes and deliberated long and hard," he said, "and they returned a just verdict."

Bugliosi added that he never believed the jury would return a second-degree murder verdict. "I felt it would be either first degree or a hung jury," he said.

The jurors, after four-and-a-half days of deliberation, notified court bailiffs at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday that they had reached a verdict.

But it took time to round up the attorneys and the judge, who was attending a funeral. It was not until 4:10 p.m. that Alexander asked jury foreman Carlos Rodriguez, a labor union official, whether the jury had reached a verdict.

"We have, your honor," Rodriguez replied.

Watson's trial necessarily was anticlimactic to that of Manson and three female members of his "family" for the same murders. They were convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death last April following a chaotic nine-and-one-half-month trial.

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Watson was not tried with the others because, after his arrest in Texas in December, 1969, he successfully fought extradition until September, 1970, long after the Manson trial had begun.

Within a few weeks after his return here, his physical and mental condition were such that the court committed him to Atascadero State Hospital.

He responded to treatment rapidly and was deemed "restored to legal capacity" by hospital authorities early in February.

The murders, on Aug. 9 and 10, 1969, were committed in accordance with Manson's plan to foment a race war which would end finally with him and his followers controlling the world.

The first foray was to the Benedict Canyon estate of actress Sharon Tate, pregnant at the time. She was slain there along with Steve Parent, Voityck Frykowski, Abigail Folger and Jay Sebring.

On the following night, Mr. and Mrs. Leno La Bianca were murdered in their Los Feliz district home.

In all cases, the victims were unknown to the murderers.



THEN — Charles (Tex) Watson as he appeared just after his arrest.



CONVICTED — Charles (Tex) Watson, who was found guilty in the Tate-La Bianca killings.

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Damage Suit Filed for Manson Victim's Son

A $5 million damage suit was filed in U.S. District Court Wednesday on behalf of the 12-year-old son of Voityck Frykowski, one of the seven Tate-La Bianca murder victims.

The action for Bartek Frykowski named the New American Library, Twenty Pimlico, Inc., Lawrence Schiller, Beverly Hills National Bank and attorneys Paul Caruso and Richard Caballero.

The suit, prepared by attorney Nathaniel J. Friedman, accused the defendants of being unjustly enriched by monies which should have gone to young Frykowski.

New American Library published a book called "The Killing of Sharon Tate" after the blonde actress and four others, including Frykowski, were killed at her Benedict Canyon home Aug. 9, 1969.

The suit reiterated how Susan Denise Atkins, 22, one of the defendants in the case, was taken from jail to offices shared by Caruso and Caballero to give a first-person account of the Tate killings.

Thereafter, about Dec. 8, 1969, according to the action, Schiller, his Twenty Pimlico, Inc., the two attorneys, New American Library and the Beverly Hills bank entered into agreements to sell Miss Atkins' story.

As a result, the suit said, the defendants profited by about $90,000 in worldwide sales when all should have known that Miss Atkins and her co-conspirators were liable for damage claims from Frykowski's heirs.

The suit sought $5 million in punitive damages and an accounting of the money made through the sale of Miss Atkins' story.

Friedman won a $500,000 judgment against Miss Atkins and her fellow Manson "family" defendants on young Frykowski's behalf last August in U.S. District Court.

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Watson Hearing Continues

Convicted Tate-La Bianca killer Charles (Tex) Watson's sanity hearing before the same jury which found him guilty of first-degree murder will resume Monday.

At issue is whether Watson, 25, was legally insane when he led a group of cult leader Charles Manson's girl followers on a two-night murder spree in August, 1969.

Despite Watson's plea that he was mentally incapacitated through drug abuse and Manson's occult teachings, jurors in the Superior Court of Judge Adolph Alexander found him guilty in the slayings of actress Sharon Tate and six others.

The sanity trial is necessitated by Watson's dual plea of innocent and innocent by reason of insanity.

If ruled sane at the time of the slayings, the third-phase trial will decide if Watson is to be imprisoned for life or die with Manson and three girl members of the cult.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi estimates the trial will be completed in all phases by mid-week.

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Watson Gets Hug in Court

A woman spectator threw her arms around Charles (Tex) Watson's neck during a recess in his insanity trial Monday and told him, "I love you."

Bailiffs Roy Belyea and Gerry Heltzel took her into custody and later, after the jury was dismissed for the day, Superior Judge Adolph Alexander sentenced the woman, Janet M. Luck, 29, of Riverside, to a day in jail for contempt of court.

Watson and Miss Luck were searched for weapons but none was found.

Miss Luck told the judge that she knew Watson "through the Holy Spirit" and that her declaration of love was made "as a Christian."

Closing arguments in the sanity phase of Watson's trial are expected to be completed today.

The jury of six women and six men last Tuesday found Watson guilty of first-degree murder in the seven Tate-La Bianca slayings.

If the jurors find Watson was sane at the time of the murders they next will hear arguments on and then deliberate the question of his penalty—life imprisonment or death.

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'THE FINAL CHAPTER,' PROSECUTOR SAYS

Watson Sentenced to Die for Seven Murders

BY ED MEAGHER
Times Staff Writer

"Nobody's crying," said Charles (Tex) Watson Thursday in a low voice to his attorney, Maxwell Keith, as he scanned the jurors filing into their seats, "and that's bad."

He was right. Moments later in the hushed courtroom Clerk John Pappas read the verdict: "Having found the defendant, Charles Denton Watson, guilty of murder in the first degree . . . we, the jury, fix the penalty as death."

Watson had gambled and lost. The jurors could and did believe that the neatly groomed young man in the Ivy League clothes seated before them—a scholastic and athletic whiz in high school, a fraternity man in college, properly raised in a God-fearing, small-town Texas home—was reconcilable with a wild-eyed, shaggy-haired brute who murdered seven persons he had never known or even seen before in his life.

Watson's only defense was that Charles Manson, leader of a murderous cult, had stolen his mind by brainwashing and selective administration of mind-altering drugs.

And that on Aug. 9 and 10, 1969, at the homes of actress Sharon Tate and Leno La Bianca he shot and stabbed the victims not as himself but as a mindless extension of Manson's will.

Day by day for almost 12 weeks, since the trial began Aug. 2, Watson sat in his chair at the counsel table, the picture of a young conservative.

He showed little emotion when the jury found him guilty of first-degree murder on Oct. 12, or last Tuesday when it rejected his plea of innocent by reason of insanity.

In character to the end, he stared vacantly while the clerk read the verdict of death.

But as he strode from the courtroom, flanked by deputy sheriffs, and faced a platoon of photographers and questions of "Anything to say, Tex?" his lips parted in what appeared to be a faint smile. He said nothing and walked, chin up, into the courthouse elevator.

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Superior Judge Adolph Alexander set Nov. 11 for Watson's formal sentencing.

In a Hall of Justice courtroom, meanwhile, Manson's guilt or innocence in the 1969 murders of musician Gary Hinman and ranch hand Donald (Shorty) Shea was placed in the hands of a jury.

Keith, who joined with Atty. Sam Bubrick in Watson's defense, said he was "upset and downcast" by the Watson verdict.

"I felt Tex had a good chance," said Keith, "but I was wrong."

Dep. Dist. Attys. Vincent T. Bugliosi and Stephen Kay said they felt that the verdict reflects the conscience of the community of seven million persons.

"This is the final page and the final chapter in the Tate-La Bianca case," said Bugliosi, "and I think we can all go home now."

Manson Prosecutor

Bugliosi also was the prosecutor of Manson and three female members of his cult in a 9½-months' trial which ended last April in death sentences for them in the same homicides.

The jurors—six men and six women — refused to comment on the case. Two of the women, however, broke down and cried as they returned to the jury room after the verdict.

Alexander told the jurors that in all his years as a lawyer and a judge he had "never seen a more sincere and conscientious jury."

He noted that, despite the length of the trial, not one of the 12 jurors and four alternates asked to be excused.

"And, in fact," he said, "when one of them was ill briefly she begged me to allow her to remain."

Fought Return

Watson was not tried with Manson and the others because he was fighting extradition from Texas when their trial began.

Shortly after his return here he fell into a catatonic state but recovered sufficiently to stand trial after three months' treatment at Atascadero State Hospital.

Watson's trial in most ways was a rerun of the Manson trial, which produced testimony almost without parallel for bizarreness in Los Angeles County.

Manson was portrayed as an obsessed, diabolical man with extrordinary magnetic power to proselyte young, commune-oriented, drug-ingesting persons to believe in his anti-social philosophy.

One of Manson's obsessions was that a race war between blacks and whites was imminent. But the war, as he incessantly preached to his "family," would end with him and his followers in control of the world.

Wanted to Lead

This would come about, he predicted, when the victorious blacks would seek him out in his hiding place—"a bottomless pit in the desert"—and ask him to take over the government.

It was to foment such a war that Manson sent Watson and three young women, Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel and Linda Kasabian (who turned state's evidence to avoid prosecution) to the Benedict Canyon estate of Miss Tate with orders "to kill everyone there."

Killed that night were Miss Tate, eight months pregnant; Steve Parent, Voityck Frykowski, Abigail Folger and Jay Sebring. They died as a result of more than 100 gunshot and stab wounds.

On Manson's orders, the killers scrawled in blood the word, "Pig" on the front door, to make it appear that the assailants were blacks.

On the following night, Manson selected at random the Los Feliz district home of Mr. and Mrs. Leno La Bianca and sent Watson, Miss Krenwinkel, Miss Kasabian and Miss Leslie Van Houten inside to murder them after he had tied them up.

The La Biancas were stabbed more than 50 times. Again words were spelled out in blood to imply that the murderers were blacks.



SENTENCED — Charles (Tex) Watson is taken from court after jury returned verdict.
Times photo



WINS CASE—Dep. Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi, who prosecuted Charles (Tex) Watson.

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Gas Chamber for Watson?

Superior Court jurors today recommended death in the gas chamber for Charles (Tex) Watson, 25, convicted killer of actress Sharon Tate and six others.

The six-man, six-woman jury returned its recommendation in the penalty phase of the trial after less than 24 hours of deliberation.

However, Judge Adolph Alexander could ignore the jury's recommendation and send Watson to prison for life at sentencing proceedings later.

Watson, described as a chief lieutenant of Charles Manson, 36-year-old cult leader already under the death sentence for master-minding the murders, heard the jury's recommendation with the same passivity that he displayed throughout the 2½-month trial.

The former Texas high school honor student was convicted for taking part in the brutal slayings of Miss Tate, Abigail Folger, Steven Parent, Jay Sebring and Voityck Frykowski on Aug. 9, 1969, and the murders of Leno and Rosemary La Bianca the next night.

The same jury that convicted Watson also rejected his attorneys' contention that their client was not sane at the time of the killings, having been reduced to a "mindless robot" by drugs and Manson's influence.

Watson had been scheduled to stand trial for the slayings last year along with Manson and three women followers. However, a long legal battle over extradition from Texas and a period in a California state hospital forced the separate trial.

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Jury Ponders Jail, Death for Watson

Jury deliberations on whether Charles (Tex) Watson, convicted killer of actress Sharon Tate and six others, shall be given a sentence of life in prison or death resumed today in Superior Court.

Judge Adolph Alexander yesterday ordered the six man-six woman jury sequestered pending a decision on whether the one-time Manson high lieutenant shall be imprisoned for life or sentenced to die in the gas chamber for the August 1969 murder of Miss Tate and four others on one night and two others the following night.

In final arguments, chief prosecutor Vincent T. Bugliosi branded Watson as a savage slayer of seven human beings who deserves to die if the death penalty can ever be justified.

Defense attorney Maxwell Keith pleaded with jurors to spare his client's life on grounds the former Texas high school honor student had been reduced to a "mindless robot" by drug abuse and hippie cult leader Charles Manson's bizarre teachings.

Jurors in the trail which began August 2 have twice rejected the contention that Watson is "mentally ill by voting him guilty" of first degree murder and holding him legally sane at the time of the crimes.

During the trial, Watson admitted participating in the August 9 slaying of Miss Tate, Steven Parent, Abigail Folger, Jay Sebring, and Voityck Frykowski. He also confessed a role in the August 10 followup murders of market owner Leno La Bianca and his wife, Rosemary. The 25-year-old Watson's defense was entirely based on his alleged mental disability.

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HALL OF JUSTICE JAIL

Escape of Manson Follower Recalls Other Daring Breaks

BY DOROTHY TOWNSEND
Times Staff Writer

The escape of a Manson "family" member from the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice Wednesday added a new chapter to an already colorful history of daring jailbreaks from the old county keep.

More than one "human fly" has tried the route taken Tuesday by Kenneth Como—down the side of the 15-story building to an eighth-floor ledge—some of it without a rope.

At least one man has fallen to his death in the attempt.

One man, called a "modern Lochinvar" in the 1939 accounts of his escape, used only his bare hands to descend six floors from the roof of the building, hanging on to the flanges of an exterior ventilator shaft, all because he wanted to see his girlfriend in Arkansas.

"Those flanges are only 11/4 inches wide!" the chief jailer interrupted the 1939 fugitive's story after his recapture. "Weren't you afraid of falling?"

"I knew I was taking a chance," the escapee answered, "but I didn't care. It was death or freedom—and I took the gamble."

His risk didn't end on the eighth-floor ledge. He managed to climb through an open window into an elevator shaft and continued his descent another five floors on the elevator cables.

But not since the night 10 years ago when a one-legged convicted murderer picked a lock and led 11 prisoners to freedom under the noses of booking officers and 150 other prisoners, has a jailbreak here caused such a stir as Como's did Wednesday.

That 1961 escape, described at the time as the biggest and perhaps quietest, in the old jail's history, was not detected for more than six hours.

Deputies gave this account:

A Folsom convict with an artificial right leg, Joseph Morgan, apparently instigated the exodus by picking a lock of an access door to a utility tunnel off the booking office and exiting with another prisoner.

They climbed through the small door, then crawled 30 feet, kicked a hole in a plaster wall and fled by dropping through a narrow pipe shaft at the rear of the Hall of Justice.

During the next two hours, nine (or 10, there is confusion about this) other inmates waiting to be processed in the overcrowded booking office, slipped away on the heels of Morgan and his companion.

"I hadn't planned to escape," one said on his return to the jail several days later, "but the more I looked at that hole the bigger it got."

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One of the escapees got all the way home to Ontario only to find that his wife had arranged bail for him. He was apprehended.

Morgan, serving time in Folsom for a second-degree murder conviction when he was 16, had been brought here to testify in another murder trial (as Como was).

When searched before leaving Folsom, Morgan's wooden leg was found to conceal several hacksaw blades and a lock pick, it was reported at the time.

Morgan, then 32, was captured four days after the break as he was pushing a cart of groceries in a Los Angeles supermarket.

He was relieved of his artificial limb and got it back only after filing a handwritten petition for a writ of habeas corpus—in this case, leg—in Superior Court.

Morgan was not required to serve any time for the escape but he is still at Folsom, "agile and in excellent shape," a prison spokesman said Wednesday. He is scheduled for a parole hearing in December.

Jailbreakers, the majority of whom have been returned to custody, have used ingenious methods in their bids for freedom and some have earned sobriquets such as "jail Houdini" and "human fly."

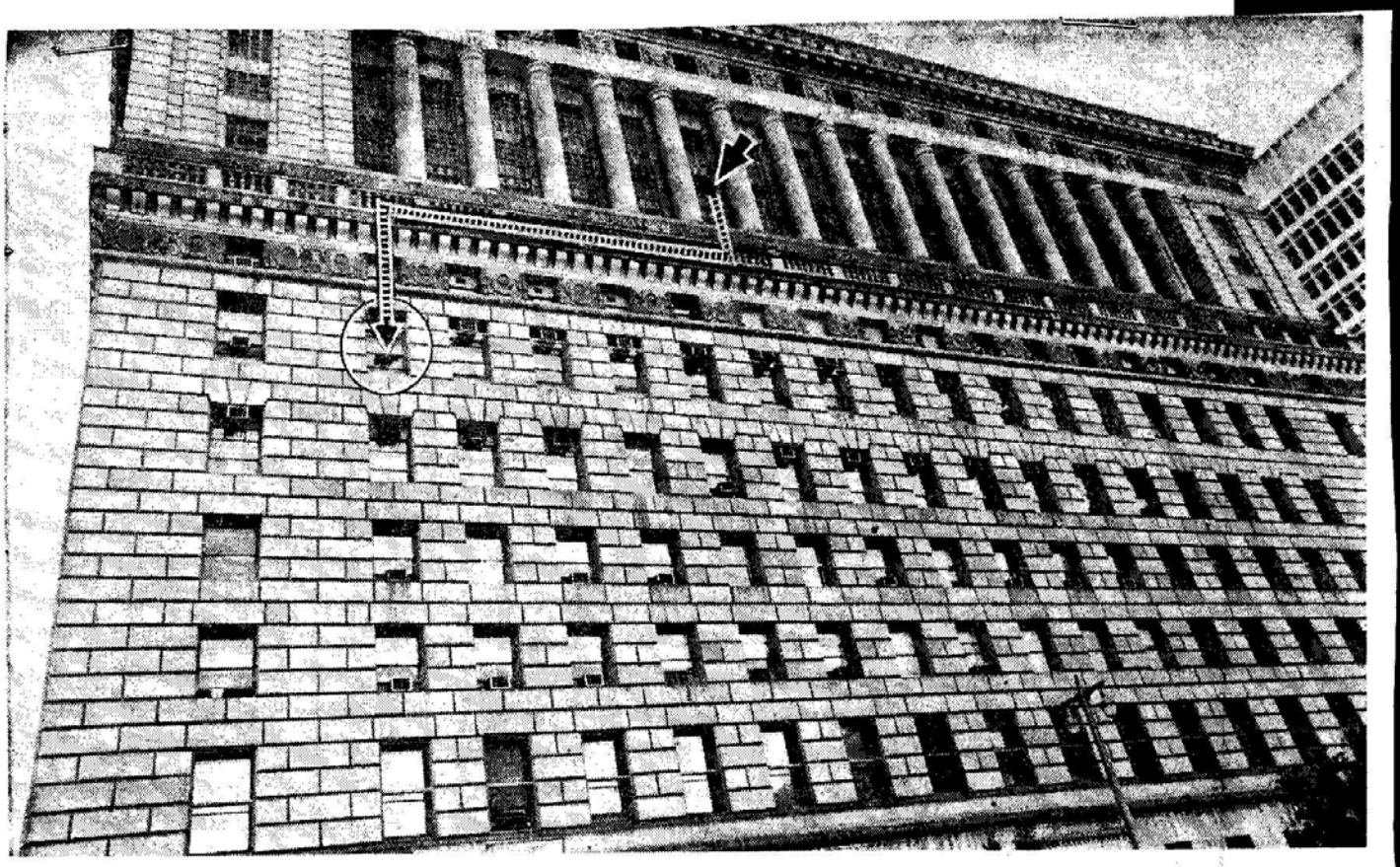
One referred to as a "Houdini" got away by concealing himself inside a laundry bag. He was found two days later. One of those to be called "human fly" made his way out of a hole in the wall of a 10th-floor corridor in 1959 and shinnied down a scaffolding to the fifth floor. He got away.

Inmates have sawed, made "guns" out of soap, switched clothes and identities and shinnied down a variety of things, including fire hoses in their attempts to break out of the 45-year-old County Jail atop the Hall of Justice.

After the new jail opened near Union Station in 1963, four years passed without an escape. The first turned out to be surprisingly easy.

The prisoner simply checked out. He had exchanged identification wristbands with another inmate who was about to be released. The duped prisoner said later he was asleep when the switch was made.

There was further insult to the wronged inmate. He was kept in jail for questioning about the affair while the man who took his place walked free.



ESCAPE ROUTE—Broken line shows how Kenneth Como made way out of the Hall of Justice, starting from 13th-floor window, arrow at top right. He lowered himself to ledge, moved to left, lowered himself to 10th-floor window, circled, entered a courtroom and walked out.

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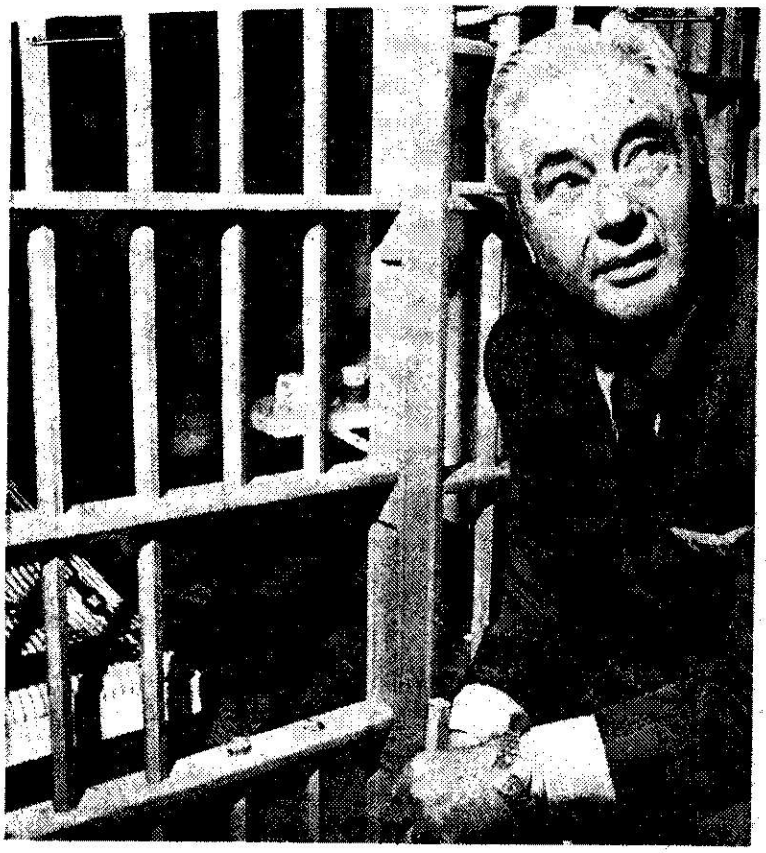
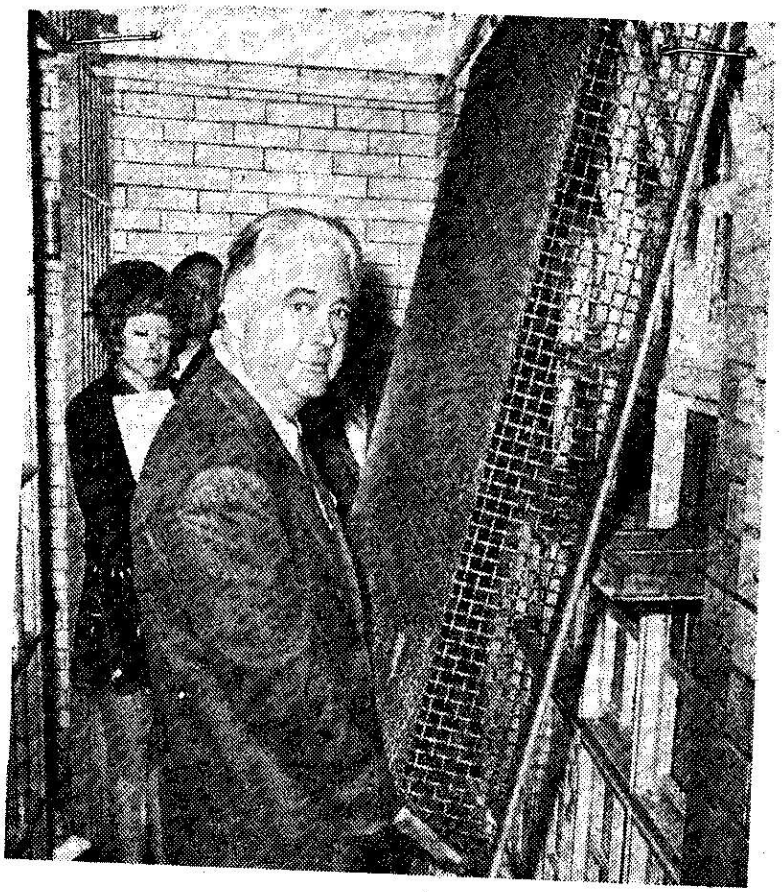


FIRST STEP—Foot-square opening cut in Como's cell bars is shown by Undersheriff William McCloud. He holds a severed bar.



EXIT TO THE OUTSIDE—McCloud shows how Como pulled back a heavy screen after which he then crawled through a 11½-by-6½-inch window and lowered himself to ledge. Como reached this point after getting out of cell and then out of an exercise corridor.



STRAIGHT DOWN—View from 13th-floor window to the 10th-floor ledge to which Como lowered himself with a makeshift rope.

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Watson Sentenced To Death

Eight death sentences recommended by a solemn faced jury in the murder trial of Charles (Tex) Watson, 25, officially have ended the bizarre saga of the slayings of actress Sharon Tate and six others.

The death penalty verdicts were returned yesterday by jurors in the Superior Court of Judge Adolph Alexander after less than six hours of deliberation.

The six-man, six-woman jury, impaneled Aug. 10, already had found hippie cult leader Charles Manson's one-time high lieutenant guilty of first degree murder and had rejected his plea of innocent by reason of insanity.

Watson accepted the final verdict—one death recommendation for each victim of the bloody August 1969 murder spree, plus another for conspiring to commit the murders—without visible sign of emotion.

As the jury filed into the courtroom, Watson turned to attorney Maxwell Keith and quietly remarked:

"Nobody's crying . . . that's bad."

Keith later said, "I am deeply disappointed. I thought Tex had a good chance but I was dead wrong."

Deputy Dist. Atty. Vincent T. Bugliosi, who successfully sought death sentences for Manson and three girl followers in an earlier trial, said he is convinced "justice has been served."

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'DEATH' ECHOS IN TEX WATSON'S MIND
Convicted Tate murderer leaves courtroom

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2 Members of Manson Group Arraigned in L.A. Jail Escape

Hearing Slated Nov. 8 for Como, Who Fled From Hall of Justice, and Miss Pugh, Accused of Giving Him Aid

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Two members of Charles Manson's "family" were arraigned Friday in connection with a bold escape early Wednesday from the County Jail atop the Hall of Justice.

Municipal Judge Nancy B. Watson set Nov. 8 as the preliminary hearing date for Kenneth (Curly) Como, 31, and Sandra (Sandy) Good Pugh, 27.

Como is charged with escape, and Miss Pugh is charged with helping him.

Como sawed his way out of his 13th-floor cell in the predawn hours and climbed part way down the side of the 15-story building on torn mattress covers and blankets fashioned into a rope.

The court fixed bail at $5,000 for Miss Pugh, who allegedly helped Como flee the downtown area in a Manson family van, but ordered Como held without bail because he is a state prisoner under a 30-year-to-life sentence for armed robbery.

Como, whose escape Wednesday was his third and the second since his return here several weeks ago to testify in a murder trial, was heavily guarded and manacled when he appeared in court.

At one point he had to be admonished to remain silent and stop interrupting the proceedings.

Judge Watson appointed attorneys Richard A. Walton to represent Como and Paul Fitzgerald to defend Miss Pugh.

Fitzgerald, in arguing for a bail reduction for his client, claimed there was no affirmative evidence to link her with the escape and charged that her arrest stemmed from entrapment by sheriff's deputies.

Van Under Surveillance

He alleged that the van she was driving was under surveillance at the time of the escape and that officers saw Como enter it and followed the vehicle.

Como was captured seven hours later in the West Hollywood area where he was found by officers hiding in a tool shed.

Five other members of Manson's group—four women and a man—arrested after the escape, were released late Thursday for lack of evidence.

Meanwhile, a jury failed to reach a verdict Friday in the trial of Manson on charges of killing musician Gary Hinman and ranch hand Donald (Shorty) Shea. The case was submitted to the panel Thursday. Deliberations will resume today.

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The jury deliberating the guilt or innocence of Charles Manson in the 1969 slayings of musician Gary Hinman and ranch hand Donald (Shorty) Shea failed to reach a verdict. The jury, which began its deliberations Thursday, will not take up the case again until Tuesday because of the three-day Veterans Day weekend. Manson has been condemned to death for the seven Tate-La Bianca slayings.

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Manson Convicted of Murder in Shea and Hinman Cases

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Cult leader Charles Manson, already under sentence of death for the seven Tate-La Bianca slayings, was convicted Tuesday of two more murders and had to be hustled from the courtroom after the verdicts were read.

A jury in Superior Judge Raymond Choate's court found Manson guilty of the 1969 killings of musician-student Gary Hinman, 34, and ranch hand Donald (Shorty) Shea, 35, and of an additional count of conspiracy in the death of Hinman.

Manson showed little emotion when the jury's verdict—reached after nine days of deliberation—was announced by court clerk Joyce Holt.

However, a few minutes later, when Choate rejected Manson's oft-repeated request to dismiss I. A. Kanarek as his attorney, the hippie leader launched into another of his tirades and had to be taken from the courtroom by bailiffs.

Penalty Trial to Open

On the way out, he called back to the jury of eight men and four women, "Are you proud? Are you proud?"

Choate ordered that the penalty trial begin Thursday.

Manson faces three more death penalties — conspiracy to commit murder carries the same penalty as first-degree murder—to go with the eight he already has (there also was a conspiracy conviction in the Tate-La Bianca case), or life in prison.

His second trial for the most part was conducted from its beginning on June 23 without the worldwide attention which was focused on his 9½-month trial for the Tate and La Bianca slayings.

There seldom were more than a handful of spectators in Choate's Hall of Justice courtroom, but the 36-year-old Manson was seldom there, either.

He spent most of the trial in an adjacent lockup, usually at his request, and at other times on order of the court because of disorderly conduct.

Seven Convicted in 'Family'

In all, nine members of Manson's so-called "family" have been charged with murder and seven have been convicted: Manson, Susan Atkins, Robert Beausoleil, Charles (Tex) Watson, Leslie Van Houten, Patricia Krenwinkel and Steve Grogan.

Beausoleil and Grogan were found guilty of the Hinman killing and the others of the Tate-La Bianca slayings. Beausoleil was sentenced to death, Watson is awaiting the same disposition and Grogan's trial is in the penalty stage.

Of the remaining two, Bruce Davis (for Hinman and Shea) and Mary T. Brunner (for Hinman) still must face trial.

Several other Manson followers remain to be prosecuted for other offenses, including robbery—a Hawthorne surplus store and West Covina beer distributor—and escape.

The escape charges, against Kenneth (Curly) Como and Sandra Good, stem from Como's daring flight from County Jail two weeks ago, with the alleged aid of Miss Good. He was recaptured after seven hours of freedom.

The Hinman-Shea murders are the last with which Manson is charged.

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Manson Penalty Argued By State

Prosecutor Anthony Manzella took less than five minutes today to present his case in the penalty phase of the Gary Hinman-Donald (Shorty) Shea murder trial.

Cult leader Charles Manson, 36, was found guilty of first-degree murder by a jury Tuesday.

The eight-man, four-woman jury must now decide if Manson should die in the gas chamber or receive life in prison for the murders of Shea, 36-year-old movie extra, and Hinman, 34-year-old Malibu musician.

Jurors also found Manson guilty of conspiracy to commit robbery and murder in the Hinman case and could return a death verdict on this count also.

The prosecutor's case consisted of introducing into evidence a five-page document showing Manson was convicted and sentenced to death in another trial for masterminding the seven Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murders.

Manson put in a brief appearance in court today but was ejected by Superior Court Judge Raymond Choate for making loud statements before the jury.

Holding a bible up in one hand, Manson said, "Even Ceasar gave Christ a chance to defend himself . . . I ain't got no rights . . . I'm just supposed to be quiet and die for you people . . . No! I'm not going to do it."

Irving Kanarek, Manson's attorney, objected strenuously to bringing out that Manson had been convicted in the Tate case, despite the fact that the prosecutor made no effort to read the document or make any mention of the case.

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Grogan Convicted Of Murder in Shea Slaying

Steve Grogan, 20, former follower of Charles Manson's hippie-style "family," was convicted of first degree murder Saturday in the slaying of Spahn Movie Ranch wrangler Donald (Shorty) Shea, whose body was never found after his August, 1969, disappearance.

Grogan, wearing faded jail denims, sat unemotionally with his legs crossed at the counsel table afternoon as jury foreman William S. Brinkley read the verdict, ending eight hours of deliberations that began Friday.

A slight smile crossed Grogan's lips as the court clerk polled individually the eight men and four women on the jury panel.

Trial Judge James G. Kotz ordered the jury to return Tuesday at 10 a.m. for the penalty phase of the trial. Prosecutor Burton Katz said he "absolutely" intends to press vigorously for the death penalty.

After the jury was excused, defense counsel Charles Weedman walked briskly out of the courtroom, refusing to comment.

Katz lauded the jury for "putting together a broad mosaic of circumstantial evidence" and coming to the conclusion that the victim was, in fact, dead and was slain by Grogan. He noted that only four or five juries in the history of California have returned murder convictions in cases in which no body was located.

The prosecutor called 35 witnesses in support of his contention that Grogan decapitated Shea, 36, with a machete after other Manson "family "members tortured the dying man with knives.

Grogan took the stand to deny the charge.

Grogan's first trial in this case ended Aug. 16 after Superior Court Judge Joseph Call declared a mistrial on grounds that Katz had asked questions which may have been inflammatory enough to prejudice the jury.

Manson, 36, already sentenced to death for the seven Sharon Tate-Leno LaBianca murders, currently is waiting for a jury to decide whether he should also be convicted of Shea's murder.

He also is charged in that case with the murder of Malibu musician Gary Hinman. The jury has deliberated more than a week without reaching a verdict.

Manson clansman Bruce Davis is awaiting trial on murder charges in connection with the Hinman and Shea deaths.

Witnesses at Grogan's trial told the jurors that Shea's disappearance, leaving all his belongings behind, came during the same month as the Tate-LaBianca murder spree.

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~~Manson Jury~~ Has Case for Tenth Day

Superior Court jurors today asked for final exhibits in the Gary Hinman-Donald (Shorty) Shae murder case as their deliberations regarding the guilt or innocence of cult leader Charles Manson reached 36 hours.

The jury of eight men and four women received the case from Superior Court Judge Raymond Choate 10 days ago. They did not deliberate over the weekend.

Steve Grogan, 20, confederate of Manson on trial for the murder of Shea, was found guilty of first-degree murder by another jury Saturday after only eight hours of deliberation.

Manson, 36, was sentenced to death for the seven Sharon Tate-Leno La Bianca murders of August, 1969. He is on trial now for the slayings of Hinman, 34-year-old Malibu musician, and Shea, 36-year-old movie extra, whose body has not been found.

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2 Manson 'Girls' Held in Murder of Woman

3 Others Charged in Death; Body of Mate Found a Week Ago

BY JOHN KENDALL
Times Staff Writer

Two of Charles Manson's "girls" and three companions were charged with murder in Stockton Monday in the killing of a young woman found buried in a basement there.

Police tentatively identified the victim as Lauren Chavelle Willett, 19, wife of an ex-marine, James Willett, 26, whose headless body was unearthed last Wednesday in Sonoma County, 100 miles northwest.

The young woman, dead for about a day when her body was found, had been shot in the forehead. The two men and three women living in the house were arrested Sunday.

Dist. Atty. Joseph Baker of San Joaquin County filed murder charges against Lynette Alice (Squeaky) Fromme, 24, Nancy Laura Pittman, 24, Priscilla K. Cooper, 21, Michael Lee Monfort, 24, and James T. Craig, 33. They were arraigned in Stockton Municipal Court.

Marijuana Possession

All but Miss Fromme also were charged with possession of marijuana and receiving stolen poperty and Monfort and Craig were accused of illegal possession of a firearm. Both are ex-convicts.

In Sonoma County, Dist. Atty. John Hawk filed murder charges against Monfort, Craig and William M. Goucher, 23, for the slaying of Willett.

He said Willett was killed by the three men in order to keep him from talking about their robbery activities.

Hawk said he was informed by "a confidential source" that Willett had been staying with the three suspects at a resort in Guerneville.

Investigators theorized that Mrs. Willett had been traveling with the suspects since her husband's death, and was killed to prevent her contacting authorities concerning his death.

Two 'Family' Members

The three women had scarred crosses on their foreheads, the mark of followers of Charles Manson, but only Miss Fromme and Miss Pittman were identified as "family" members.

The two were among those who maintained a kneeling, street-corner vigil outside the Hall of Justice during the trial of Manson and three of his girls on charges of killing actress Sharon Tate and six others.

Police went to the Stockton house Sunday on a tip that Willett's station wagon was parked outside.

Monfort and another man connected with the itinerant Stockton group, William M. Goucher, 23, had been arrested on charges of robbing a liquor store there on Oct. 30.

New Charges Planned

Goucher was in jail when Mrs. Willett's body was discovered, but Dist. Atty. John Hawkes of Sonoma County said he planned to file a murder complaint against Goucher, Monfort and Craig in the death of her husband.

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ACCUSED IN SLAYING—Lynnette Alice (Squeaky) Fromme, left, and Nancy Laura Pitman arrive at the San Joaquin County Courthouse in Stockton for arraignment in killing of a young woman.
UPI Wirephoto

Willett's body was found by a biker near Guerneville, not far from the Russian River. He had been dead for three months.

He still was in uniform and had shotgun wounds in his legs. The body's head was missing.

Willett's discharge papers were found in the Stockton house. A 7-month-old girl in the house was taken into protective custody. Police thought she might be the daughter of the woman murdered there.

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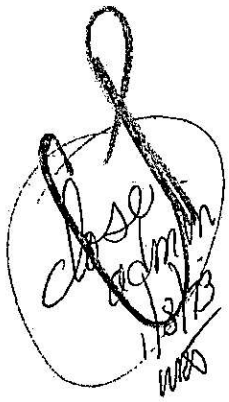

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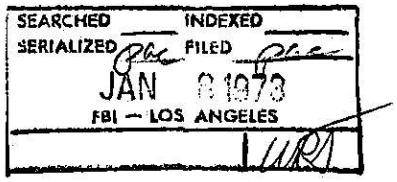

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Probe Fails to Find Leak in Manson Case

Atty. Gen. Evelle J. Younger said Monday an investigation by his office has failed to establish which of six attorneys in the Manson murder case leaked a confidential transcript to reporter William Farr.

Farr was jailed for contempt of court for refusing to reveal his sources but is now free pending action by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus. A hearing date has not been set.

Dist. Atty. Joseph P. Busch requested Younger last November to investigate whether two of his deputies, Steven R. Kay and Donald A. Musich, were the sources.

Letter to Busch

In a letter to Busch, Younger said there was neither evidence nor suspicion to indicate that either was improperly involved, or had committed perjury in denying involvement.

Younger also said interviews of 30 persons, including five of the six attorneys, had failed to establish guilt of any of them.

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Farr was a Los Angeles Herald Examiner reporter at the time of the leak and is now a Los Angeles Times reporter.

Paul Fitzgerald, one of the defense attorneys in the Manson case, said he was "shocked and dismayed" that Younger did not release the full results of his investigation. He said the attorney general has extensive evidence exonerating both himself and another defense attorney, Irving A. Kanarek.

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POSSIBLE CONNECTION REGARDING
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Enclosed herewith for Los Angeles is a lettercard received by Mrs. KAREN L. DREWERY. Also enclosed for Sacramento is a copy of same for assistance of Sacramento.

On 7/26/74, HARRY LUCAS, Attorney at Law, Santa Cruz, California, telephonically contacted the Santa Cruz Resident Agency requesting an Agent regarding information which may be of value regarding the SHARON TATE murder case.

On that same date, LUCAS was contacted at his office at which time a Mrs. KAREN L. DREWERY of [redacted] b6 b7C was introduced. Mrs. DREWERY furnished the enclosed lettercard addressed to Mrs. DREWRY, [redacted] Mrs. DREWERY advised that her [redacted] residence is in fact located [redacted]

Mrs. DREWERY advised she received this lettercard 7/26/74, and opened it not noticing the incorrect spelling of her name. Mrs. DREWERY advised that she has no knowledge regarding any [redacted] in [redacted] b6 b7C and has no knowledge of anyone by the name of [redacted] Mrs. DREWERY felt that this information might be of assistance to authorities regarding the SHARON TATE murder.

Mr. LUCAS further advised that the DREWERY Photo Color Corporation mentioned in the lettercard is headquartered at 211 South Lake Street, Burbank, California, 91502, and has a processing lab located at 45 Shoreway in San Carlos, California, 94076. LUCAS advised that this San Carlos processing lab would cover the San Francisco Bay Area.

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LUCAS advised that he could locate no one at 1410 Chester Street through public telephone information services.

Mrs. DREWERY released the enclosed lettercard through her attorney, HARRY LUCAS, to the FBI, advising if any other like documents were received, she would also furnish those to the Santa Cruz Resident Agency.

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: As deemed necessary, furnish information from enclosure to appropriate Los Angeles Police Department or District Attorney's Office personnel.

SACRAMENTO

AT [redacted] Furnish Los Angeles and San Francisco with any pertinent information regarding the identity of [redacted] b6 b7C

11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024
September 11, 1974

Mr. Edward Davis
Chief of Police
Los Angeles Police Department
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Chief Davis:

Enclosed herewith is a letter-card received by a Mrs. Karen L. Drewery.

On July 26, 1974, Harry Lucas, an attorney in Santa Cruz, California, advised a representative of the FBI in that city that he might possibly have information of value concerning the so called "Sharon Tate" murder case.

Upon being personally contacted, Mr. Lucas introduced a Mrs. Karen L. Drewery, [redacted] who furnished to the Agent the enclosed letter-card, which is self-explanatory. Mrs. Drewery advised her [redacted] residence is, in fact, located [redacted] b6 b7C

Mrs. Drewery received this letter-card on July 26, 1974, and opened it not noticing the incorrect spelling of her name. Mrs. Drewery has no knowledge of anyone by the name of [redacted] nor of anyone named [redacted] She was merely furnishing the information in the event it was of possible assistance to authorities. b6 b7C

The Drewery Photocolor Corporation mentioned in the letter-card, according to Mr. Lucas, is headquartered at 211 South Lake Street, Burbank, California, with a processing laboratory at 45 Shoreway, San Carlos, California, which would cover the San Francisco Bay area.

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1 - Addressee
1 - Los Angeles (62-6817)

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Mrs. Drewery advised in the event she receives any subsequent similar documents, she would make them available to the FBI in Santa Cruz.

The foregoing was telephonically discussed with Investigator H. Hand of Robbery-Homicide Division, Los Angeles Police Department by Special Agent R. J. La Jeunesse, Jr. on September 10, 1974. It is being furnished to you for any action you deem necessary or appropriate.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM A. SULLIVAN
Assistant Director in Charge

Enclosure: 1

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-0) 8/23/74

SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-434) (RUC)

[redacted] b6 b7C

POSSIBLE CONNECTION REGARDING
SHARON TATE MURDER
POLICE COOPERATION

Re San Francisco letter to Los Angeles, 8/13/74.

On 8/22/74, [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] by SA WARREN RICHARD BEEBE. She was asked about the letter she mailed to Mrs. DREWERY in Santa Cruz, California. She admitted writing the letter. She started into a long dissertation on how she has been persecuted. She stated [redacted] It became obvious to the interviewing Agent that [redacted] is not to be taken seriously. She has no information regarding the SHARON TATE murder case. She said she also goes under the name [redacted] and that her current address is [redacted] She stated she is staying with [redacted] in [redacted] at the present time. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised in a separate interview that [redacted] He advised not to put any credence in anything she might say or write in a letter. [redacted] b6 b7C

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted on this case in the Sacramento Division.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES DATE: 8/28/74

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-0-26010) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C

POSSIBLE CONNECTION REGARDING
SHARON TATE MURDER;
POLICE COOPERATION

Re San Francisco letter to Los Angeles, dated 8/13/74, and telephone call of SA FRENCHY LAJEUNESSE, Los Angeles Division, 8/28/74.

For the information of Sacramento, referenced telephone call advised that enclosure on referenced San Francisco letter to Los Angeles was not received by Los Angeles.

For the information of Los Angeles and Sacramento, enclosure with referenced letter was sent from San Francisco unexhibited and for this reason enclosure is not available at this time at San Francisco for duplication.

Sacramento Division is requested to make one copy of enclosure and forward same to Los Angeles Division.

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July 22, 1974

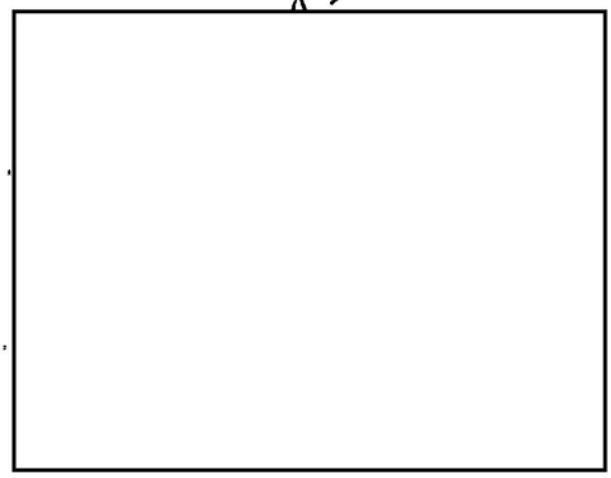
Dear Mrs. Drewry:

Since the Sharon Tate case San Clemente 1962-63 among many other things over the years now to include the Drewry Photocolor Corporation which I'm sure you and I have quite a bit to discuss.

As you and I know there are two scatter brain women involved that I want certified for half each.

I would suggest Minoz & Drewry be in different hospitals.

Sincerely,



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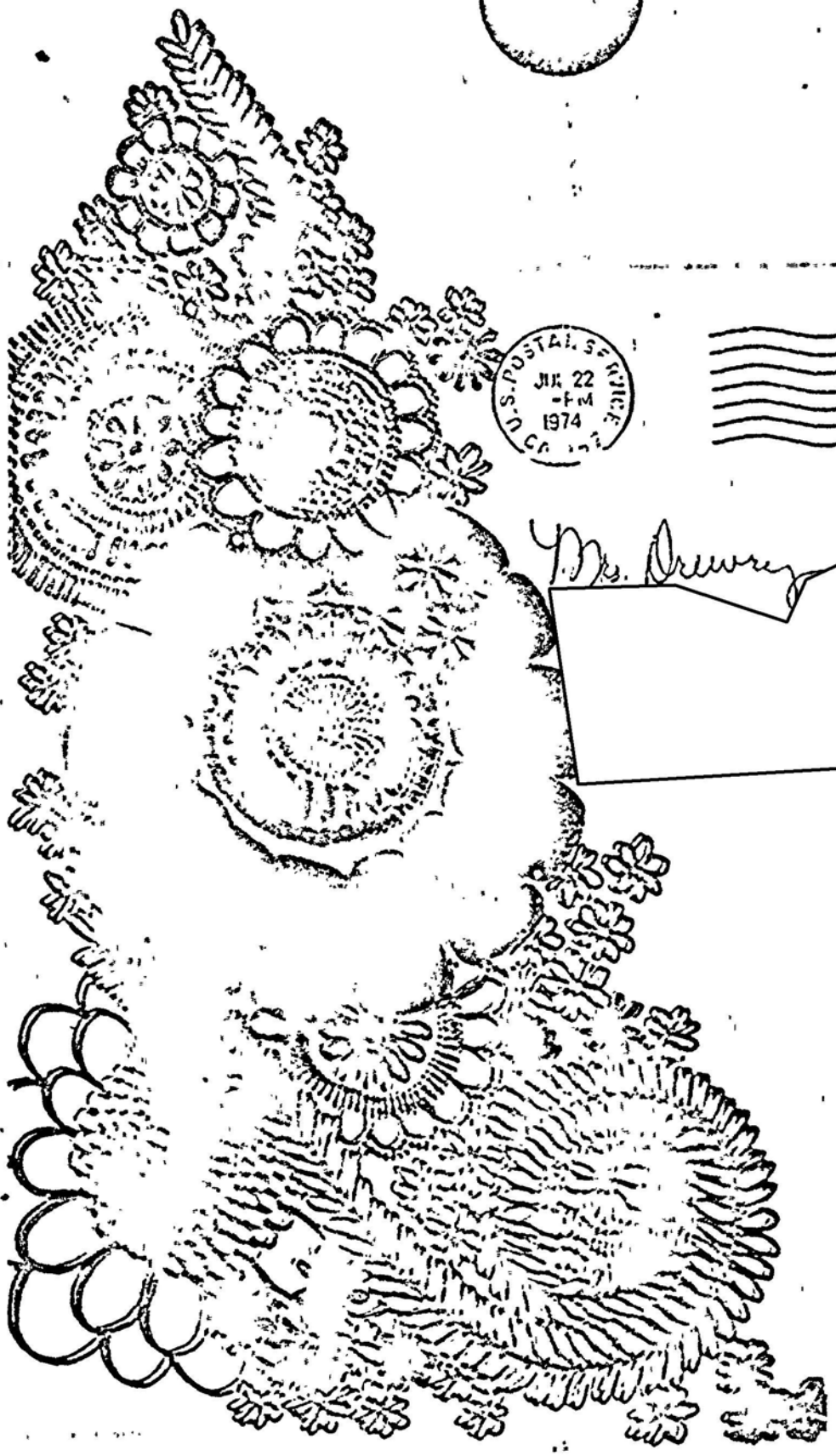

Mrs. Drewry

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Date: 9/12/74

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

AIRTEL ☐ LETTER ☒ XXX

TO: LOS ANGELES File No. _____
(Office of Origin)

FROM: SACRAMENTO File No. 62-434 (RUC)
(Auxiliary Office)

SUBJECT: [redacted] b6 b7C

POSSIBLE CONNECTION REGARDING
SHARON TATE MURDER
POLICE COOPERATION

Re: San Francisco letter to Los Angeles, 8/28/74.

Investigation conducted at _____

on _____ by SA _____
Date of Investigation

Enclosed:
- Insert ☐
- FD-302 ☐
- Exhibits ☒ XX — One copy of lettercard received by Mrs. KAREN L. DREWERY.
- Other ☐ (describe)

LEADS: No ☐ Yes ☐ (See Attached)

- ARMED & DANGEROUS ☐
- SUICIDAL TENDENCIES ☐
- RUC ADMINISTRATIVELY ☐

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To: ☐ Director

Date: 9/3/74

Att.: _____ FILE 62-0-6010

_____ Title [redacted]

☒ SAC LOS ANGELES

☐ ASAC _____ POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH SHARON TATE MURDER POLICE COOPERATION

☐ Supv. ~~ATTN:~~

☒ Agent ~~[redacted]~~SSE

☐ SE _____

☐ SC _____

☐ CC _____ RE: SF letters to LA 8/13 and 8/28/74.

☐ Steno _____

☐ Clerk _____ ☐ Rotor #: _____

ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge	☐ Open Case
☐ Assign ____ Reassign ____	☐ Prepare lead cards
☐ Bring file	☐ Prepare tickler
☐ Call me	☐ Return assignment card
☐ Correct	☐ Return file
☐ Deadline _____	☐ Search and return
☐ Deadline passed	☐ See me
☐ Delinquent	☐ Serial # _____
☐ Discontinue	☐ Post ☐ Recharge ☐ Return
☐ Expedite	☐ Send to _____
☐ File	☐ Submit new charge out
☐ For information	☐ Submit report by _____
☐ Handle	☐ Type
☐ Initial & return	
☐ Leads need attention	

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

Attached herewith is letter card which was located by SF Division.

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FBI

Date: 6/23/75

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-NEW)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
"The Family;"
THREAT TO KILL UNSPECIFIED VICTIMS
EXTORTION
OO: LA

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are two copies each of 2-page typewritten letter commencing "Dear Piggies... We are giving you your first..." and ending "All our love, The Family." Also enclosed are two copies each of the enclosing letter postmarked 6/12/75 at Chicago and addressed to the editor of the "Los Angeles Times."

By letter dated 6/19/75 the Postal Inspectors, Los Angeles, forwarded a copy of the above letter and envelope which had been provided them 6/18/75 by the "Los Angeles Times" newspaper. The original of the above letter was sent by Postal Inspectors, Los Angeles, to their Chicago headquarters on 6/18/75 as it was postmarked at Chicago.

Appropriate local authorities at Los Angeles being advised.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. (1) Obtain original of above letter and envelope from U.S. Postal Inspectors, Chicago, and forward for FBI Laboratory examinations.

(2) Present to USA, Chicago, for prosecutive opinion.

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3- Los Angeles
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Piggies

We are giving you your first, last and only chance to save yourselves and your whole fuckin town of PIGS and crucifiers from a massacre a thousand times the tate. Our LOVE has been violated and caged only because he tried to show you bastards how to get over.

Our LOVE is not going to suffer for you anymore. What we did was set those PIGS free they were grateful to die it was beautiful for both them and us it was done with real love for them, and because you PIGS don,t what love or living really is all about you and all the other PIGS sent our LOVE and our sisters to your cage Love has always meant to be free and our LOVE has to and will be free if we have to kill every PIG in and around L.A. for miles around until theres no one left.

This is a demand for the release of Charles Manson,Charles Watson,Susan Atkins,Leslie Van Houten,Patricia Krenwinkle Mary Brunner, Robert Beausoleil, Steve Grogan, Bruce Davis. and it is the only one your going to get if you don,t release our LOVE and our other brothers and sisters the shit is going to come man and come down hard we swear if you don,t release them that all of you PIGS are going to need canoes to paddle through the blood that,s going to fill your streets.

Sure we did the Tate thing and the others but they had to be done they had to realize,get it going and yet it was only the PIGS who thought we were wrong but we weren,t we didn,t hurt those PIGS we helped them, helped them become free of themselves because they themselves were hurting theirselves. We did them the biggest favor anyone ever did them, and instead of being grateful all you PIGS did was put our LOVE in a cage our LOVE our GOD the one and only one who truly understands and cares for every body.

Well baby the karmas turning and the time is now your time is now we are giving you exactly four weeks from today to release our family or we,re all coming back and were coming down hard. If you have any ideas that this is some kind of joke keepn your eyes on the callender, if by July 12th our LOVE and our family is not released then on July 13th you,ll find your first five dead PIGGIES and five more every day until all are realeased we already know who the first five will be. If you choose to ignore this be our guest we,ll just keep decreasing the amount of PIGS until you listen. Just ask the Bug he knows us real well he,ll tell you whether we,ll do it or not A family needs to be together and it needs it,s father you have taken

ours from us and until we get ours back we,ll be taking many fathers away from their families forever.

Some of us are there now preparing in caseyou don,t co-operate which we don,t think you will at first this is why we have already designated exactly who the first five will be they are some of your celebrity type of PIGS the singer who can,t sing anymore for one after all when we do the first five we want to be sure that they,re the type of PIGGIES that your very familiar with. For the last time release our LOVE and our family by the 12th of July or get your first five dead PIGS by the 13th.

REMEMBER HE WENT TO YOUR CAGE FOR US AND WE,LL GIVE OUR LIVES TO GET HIM OUT IF NECESSARY.....

All our love
The Family





Editor of Los. Angeles Times
LOS. ANGELES TIMES BLDG.
Times Mirror Square
Los. Angeles California

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-NEW) DATE: 12/19/74

FROM : SA THOMAS N. FARRIS

SUBJECT: THOMAS J. WALLEMAN
EM - Manson Associate
OO: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles memo of SA THOMAS N. FARRIS dated 11/25/74.

On 10/7/74, Sergeant PHILIP BONANNO, Intelligence Unit, San Bernardino Sheriff's Office, San Bernardino, California, advised he has received information that DENNIS RICE, a Manson associate, who is currently in prison had requested the welfare department to [redacted] THOMAS J. WALLEMAN, P.O. Box 1717, Hesperia, California. This box is listed to the Universal Brotherhood of the Eternal One.

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WALLEMAN described as white, male, born 12/18/43, 5'10", hazel eyes, brown hair, Social Security Number 375-42-1949, California driver's license number M0149741, residence 8650 G Street, Hesperia, California, and wife BARBARA ROSENBERG.

BONANNO described WALLEMAN as having been associated with Manson.

It is recommended that this case be opened to establish WALLEMAN's associates, background, and current activities. Assign to SA L.M. HALE at Victorville.

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Date: 3/9/76

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (62-0)(RUC)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INFORMATION CONCERNING
CHARLES MANSON, 62-6817-147 (4/70) + num refs no more 62's
ET AL
Charles Miller Manson
62-6817-113 (12/69)

On 3/1/76 [redacted] DOB [redacted] telephone number [redacted] voluntarily appeared at this office and furnished information regarding an individual identified to him as one [redacted] who is described as a white male, [redacted] years old, [redacted] pounds, skinny build, with shoulder-length, black hair and often wearing a mustache and beard, as claiming to be involved in the CHARLES MANSON murder incident that had occurred at the SHARON TATE residence several years ago. [redacted] further described [redacted] as wearing very thick glasses, place of birth [redacted] stated that this individual has boasted to him on several occasions about the MANSON killing but [redacted] said he is unable to vouch for the authenticity of this information. [redacted] could add no additional information regarding this individual other than he has been in the eastern part of the United States for the last four or four and a half years. It is noted that [redacted] had a hippie-type appearance, was unwilling to identify himself and stated that [redacted]

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Indices re the aforementioned names negative.

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Date: 3/18/76

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: SAC, BOSTON (62-0)

FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (62-6817) (RUC)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INFORMATION CONCERNING
CHARLES MANSON, ET AL
MISCELLANEOUS INFO

Reurairtel dated 3/9/76.

On 3/17/76, PHIL SARTUCHI, Detective, Homicide-Robbery Detail, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles, California, advised that he babysat [redacted] during the MANSON trial. He states he is well acquainted with [redacted] and that [redacted] does not wear glasses, has no accent, and is an avid motorcycle rider. He is described as follows:

Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	[redacted]
Weight	[redacted] pounds
Serial #	[redacted]
FBI #	

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He states that the book Helter Skelter by former District Attorney BUGLIOSI, has a photograph in the middle of the book of [redacted]. Also that there are numerous sections relating to the testimony of [redacted]

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He continued that a great deal of the testimony of [redacted] was later proven to be false.

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He knows of no warrants outstanding for [redacted] in this area or any other.

No further investigation is being conducted regarding this matter in the Los Angeles Division.

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Date 4/19/77

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~~TO~~ DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE 11:50 A rks

~~BUFFALO~~ IMMEDIATE 11:50 A rks 62-113047

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Unsub; Sharon Tate Victim

~~TATE, SHARON; LA BIANCA, ROSEMARY.~~

INVESTIGATOR STEVEN DENSON, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE, NOTIFIED LOS ANGELES DIVISION THAT SA M. JOSEPH GRANADO, BUFFALO DIVISION, HAS BEEN SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY PRIOR TO 1:30 PM, PACIFIC STANDARD TIME, ON APRIL 20, 1977, BEFORE SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SA GRANADO'S TESTIMONY IS REQUIRED IN THE TRIAL OF "PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA VERSUS [redacted] CASE NUMBER [redacted] CHARGE OF VIOLATING SECTION 187 OF THE PENAL CODE - MURDER. SA GRANADO'S TESTIMONY CONCERNS INVESTIGATION HE CONDUCTED AS A LAB TECHNICIAN WHILE EMPLOYED BY THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. NECESSARY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SA GRANADO BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY, SA GRANADO WILL PROCEED TO LOS ANGELES AS REQUESTED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

memorandum

DATE: 1/18/78

REPLY TO ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: SAC, DENVER (62-0)

CHARLES MANSON MURDER CASE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

Enclosed for Los Angeles, for information of appropriate local authorities, are three pieces of 3" X 5" paper with writing thereon and one photograph, from an individual identifying himself as [redacted] b6 b7C The enclosures are self-explanatory.

For additional information, on 1/17/78, Colorado State Patrol Sergeant WILL KAGOHARA, who is the personal chauffeur to the Governor of the State of Colorado, telephonically provided the following information:

At 10:59 AM on 1/17/78, 911 Emergency Operator (CATHY H. OSBORNE), Denver, received the following telephone message from an unknown male to the effect that "Have you found the CHARLES MANSON murder weapon?" Operator replied, "No I don't think so, why?" Caller, "If I could prove where it is, would you let him out of the pen?" Operator, "Would you like to talk to the Denver Police Department?" Caller, "No. I'll handle it another way." Operator, "How?" Caller, "I'll talk to the Governor." Operator, "And what will you do?" Caller, "You will find out." Ms. OSBORNE advised Sergeant KAGOHARA she had taped the conversation and the recording could be made available if needed. Sergeant KAGOHARA advised an Aide to the Governor of the call and stated no further action was being taken.

During the late afternoon of 1/17/78, an individual appearing identical to the enclosed photograph furnished the enclosures to the receptionist of the Denver FBI Office and requested that they be furnished to Supervisor THOMAS FRANK HOWARD. The individual is unknown to Supervisor HOWARD and there is no record in the Denver indices under the name of [redacted] The address of [redacted] b6 b7C is that of the Camelot Apartments, which is located in a somewhat transient-type neighborhood close to the downtown Denver area. It is believed [redacted] probably was the above-

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mentioned caller and may have returned the call to Sergeant KAGOHARA and thus obtained the name of Supervisor HOWARD.

The above is being furnished to the Los Angeles Division to be forwarded to the appropriate local authorities who handled the above matter for any information deemed appropriate. Denver has made no inquiry concerning this matter.

An attempt has been made to preserve the enclosures for possible latent fingerprint value; however, it should be noted these items were handled by the receptionist, Supervisor HOWARD's Relief Secretary and Supervisor HOWARD.

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Together As
They Were Separated
A Long Time Ago
And Each Brother
Wishes To Protect
Each Outlen &
Free The Innocent
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In This City
And Free
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-6817)(C)(1) DATE: 7/20/78

FROM : SA ROBERT E. SAGE

SUBJECT: CHARLES MANSON MURDER CASE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Denver letter to Los Angeles 1/18/78.

On 2/15/78, the enclosures contained in referenced letter were furnished to the LAPD Robbery-Homicide Detail. On 3/29/78, Sgt. DAVID LIVELY, LAPD was recontacted and advised they had developed no pertinent information of value from the information contained in the enclosures.

No further investigation is being conducted in the above matter.

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