Burn Selves? Girls Deny Making Threat

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Five female disciples of Charles Manson shaved their heads and vowed to set themselves afire in the event their leader was sentenced to death.

But when the verdict was in Monday, the girls denied making such a threat and one of them said, "We are going to wait until our brothers come out."

The girls, who have hung around the court building during the more than nine-month trial, presented a strange picture with their gleaming bald heads.

Before the jury returned the death verdicts Monday afternoon, they walked with curious passersby on a civic center streetcorner.

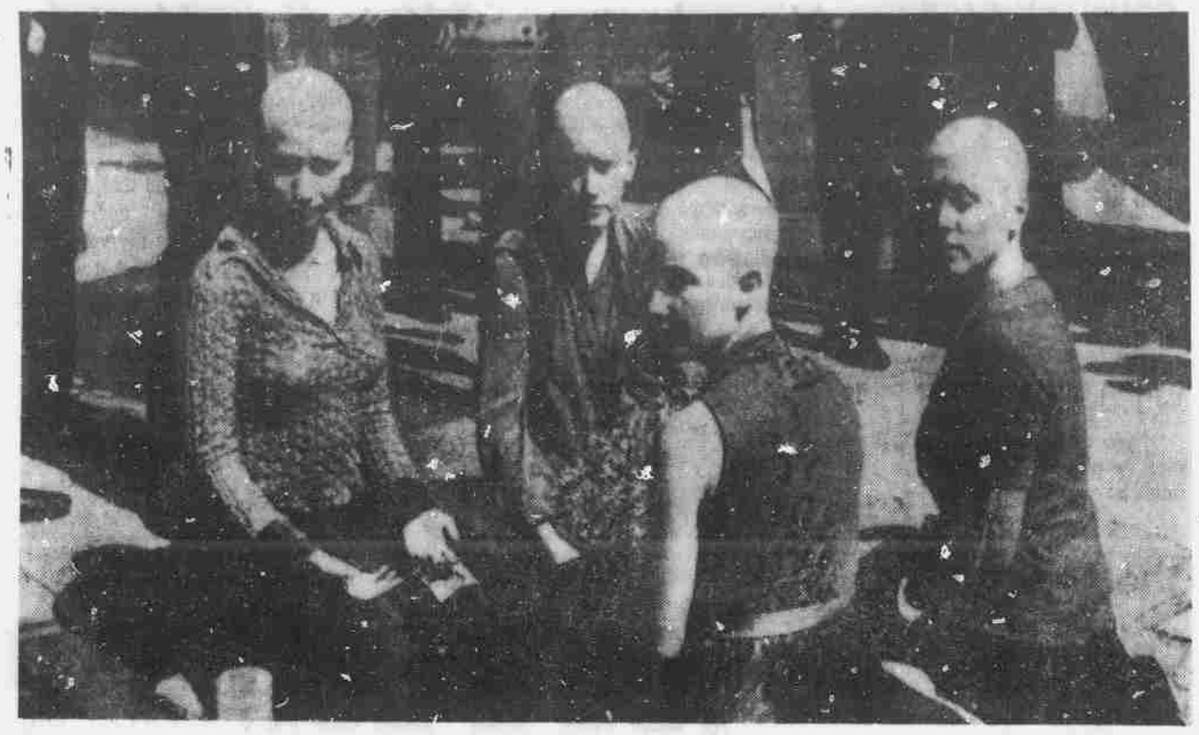
Sandra Goode, 25, spokesman for the group, said they wanted to show the world that Manson was innocent.

"If it takes dousing ourselves with gasoline and igniting ourselves, we will do it," Miss Goode said.

One of the persons who stopped to talk with the girls was John Stathopoulos, a waiter from Canada. He angrily said Manson and his three codefendants killed "a pregnant woman (Sharon Tate, and six other persons. He's a killer. You're a killer."

"We're products of American society," Miss Goode said. "They made us."

The Canadian walked away, muttering, "This country's too easy, you see."



Four members of Manson family, their heads shaved, squat on sidewalk outside L.A. Hall of Justice.

Jury Says Death To Manson, Girls

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money," Miss Van Houten shouted.

It took Court Clerk Gene Darrow more than 20 minutes to read the verdicts. The names of the victims were never mentioned.

Superior Court Judge Charles H. Older told the jury if it were in his power he would award them a medal for serving on the jury, which was sequestered longer than any other panel in history.

He stepped from the bench and shook hands with each juror, calling them by name.

He was to formally pronounce sentence April 19, but it was not expected that Manson and the women would be executed for at least three to five years, if ever. An appeal to the California Supreme Court is automatic in all death penalty cases.

"This isn't the end, this is just the beginning, because of all the nonsense," Manson's lawyer, Irving Kanarek, said.

"The jury has perpetuated the very thing it sought to eradicate, defense attorney Paul Fitzgerald said.

"I fail to see how it solved anything. The society which kills its problem children denies itself," he added.

Deputy District Attorney Vincent Bugliosi said he believed the mainly middle-aged jury was "shocked and outraged at the savagery which came in the dead of night."

The mutilated bodies of the honey blonde actress, hair stylist Jay Sebring, coffee heiress Abigail Folger, Polish playboy Voityck Frykowski and teen-ager Stephen Parent were strewn about the grounds of the Tate estate, all shot and knifed to death.

Grocer Leno Labianca and his brunette wife, Rosemary, were killed the following night in their home some 20 miles away.

Star prosecution witness Linda Kasabian, who was given immunity for her testimony, said Manson ordered the slaughters to ignite a race war from which he believed his own clan would rise as leaders.

A fifth defendant, Charles "Tex" Watson, was not tried with the others because he successfully fought extradition to California until long after the trial began. After his arrival here, he was committed for a time to a state mental hospital.

He was discharged last month and is awaiting trial. Many of the same 85 witnesses the state called against Manson will have to be recalled to testify against Watson, who allegedly physically killed at least two of the victims.

Manson never took the stand before the jury, but all three women testified in the penalty phase that they had committed the murders and that Manson was innocent.

They claimed their motive was to confuse police, who had arrested "Manson Family" member Robert Beausoleil in the earlier murder of musician Gary Hinman, with which Manson and Miss Atkins also are charged.

"They seemed completely remorseless," Miss Mesmer said.

"They seemed completely because they did it."

2 Held In Theft

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Two Miami, Fla., men charged with possession of more than 100 pieces of antique silver were remanded Monday to the Federal House of Detention in lieu of $50,000 bond. The two, Edward Smith, 19, and Randall Mumper, 21 were arrested by FBI agents after a high speed chase on the New Jersey Turnpike Friday night.

2 Fishermen Find Body

VENTURA, CALIF. (UPI) — A decomposed body of a man, believed to be of missing Tate-Labianca defense lawyer, Ronald Hughes, was airlifted out of a rugged wilderness area Monday and taken to a mortuary for identification.

The body, discovered during the weekend by two trout fishermen in the Los Padres National Forest, was taken by a Navy helicopter to Santa Paula for an autopsy today.

Hughes, 35, disappeared during the Thanksgiving weekend on a camping trip, causing a delay in the murder trial while another attorney was selected to represent his client, Leslie Van Houten.

Sheriff's deputies would not speculate whether the body was that of Hughes but pointed out no other persons had been reported missing in the area.

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