

Jury Members Join Angela Davis In Victory Party After Verdict

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SAN JOSE, Calif., June 5 — A jubilant Angela Davis sipped champagne at a noisy night club victory celebration into the early hours today in celebration of her acquittal on murder, kidnap and conspiracy charges.

More than 500 boisterous supporters — including five of the jurors who acquitted her — filled the club and spilled outside onto the street as a three-piece band played rock music. Miss Davis, who arrived flanked by a dozen bodyguards hours after the party began, sat quietly with her family and several friends.

Miss Davis was the hostess for many of the seven men and eight women who made up the jury and its three alternates at a private party Sunday evening, and then five members of the jury joined in the noisy party at the night club.

After the party, Miss Davis, the center of attention throughout her long trial, sought privacy on her first full day of freedom.

The "Angela Davis Defense Committee," which had supported the 28-year-old black militant throughout the 22 months since she was charged with helping to plan the 1970 Marin County courthouse shootings in which four persons died, had its telephones disconnected or was not answering.

Miss Davis was acquitted Sunday by a jury of seven women and five men after 13

hours of deliberation. Following the verdict, Miss Davis told reporters she had not made any plans for the future, but said she may take a vacation before making any permanent decisions.

"I've been waiting for this day and now I can start making plans," she said. "This is the happiest day because it means this is now out of the way so I can resume the struggle against oppression."

Associates appeared concerned about Miss Davis' future personal security, and she conceded, "It will be a problem."