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Angela's Sister Joins Red Party

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The sister of black militant Angela Davis said yesterday she recently joined the Communist Party and called it a step "many" other Americans were taking.

Fania Jordan said anti-Communist feelings remain "pretty strong" in American black communities, but added that "anti-Nixon feelings are even stronger."

Mrs. Jordan told a news conference she joined the Communist Party because it was among the most outspoken and active organizations in a campaign to free her sister, who is a former assistant professor at the University of California at Los Angeles charged in connection with the bloody Marin courthouse shoot-out last year in San Rafael.

"Many members (of the Communist Party) must remain underground," Mrs. Jordan said, "but I think this situation is changing."

Asked if the Black Panther movement was Communist, she replied:

"Black Panthers received aid from the Communist Party. They cooperate in such things as rallies and that is the main relationship between the two."

Mrs. Jordan, 24, said she was making a one-month tour of ten East and West European nations, including the Soviet Union, to stir public opinion and raise funds for her sister.

The tour, she said, was sponsored and financed by the World Federation of Democratic Youth, a Communist-led organization with headquarters in Budapest.

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