

Response on Angela's Bail

The State Attorney General's office has again contested Angela Davis' petition that she be admitted to bail.

A brief, filed in U.S. District Court by Assistant Attorney General Albert W. Harris Jr., insists that the former UCLA instructor is being properly held without bail because, under the State law, "the presumption of her guilt is great..."

Attorneys for the 27-year-old avowed Communist — now awaiting trial in San Jose on charges of murder, kidnap and conspiracy — filed a habeas corpus petition

in U.S. District Court last month in another effort to effect her release from jail.

U.S. District Judge William T. Sweigert set next Wednesday for a show cause hearing on Miss Davis' petition.

Miss Davis claimed in her December 23 petition that her constitutional rights under the Eighth and 14th Amendments are being violated by denial of bail.

The State's response, filed Monday, declared that Miss Davis' initial application for bail was denied last June by Contra Costa county Superior Court Judge Richard E. Ar-

nason, and this denial subsequently was upheld by the State Court of Appeal and then by the State Supreme Court.

The brief also rejected Miss Davis' contentions that her confinement in the Santa Clara county jail impaired her attorney-client privilege; her ability to communicate confidentially with prospective witnesses; her access to legal materials and impeded her ability to prepare for her forthcoming trial.

Beyond these, the brief said that "security measures adopted with respect to (her) detention are reasonable and

necessary and not a proper subject for inquiry by a Federal court."

Miss Davis, who is scheduled to go to trial January 31, is accused of having provided the weapons for and planned the August, 1970, escape attempt and gun battle at Marin Civic Center in which four persons, one a Superior Court judge, were killed.