

Angela's Subpoena

She Plans to Call Reagan to the Stand

By Jerry Carroll

Angela Davis said yesterday that she will subpoena Governor Ronald Reagan as a witness in her murder-kidnap trial to testify about what she called "the conspiracy against me."

Arguing as her own counsel on a motion that the state pay her legal fees, Miss Davis said she could not accept the services of a public defender "because the government of California is guilty of a conspiracy against me rather than my being guilty of a conspiracy."

"We contend Governor Ronald Reagan played no small part in this conspiracy. We intend to subpoena Ronald Reagan, call him, and put him on the stand and ask him to explain how he abetted and aided this conspiracy."

QUESTION

Therefore, she argued, how could she be represented by a public defender — "Would he bite the hand that fed him?"

Miss Davis also said that the various international fund-raising efforts on her behalf have not collected enough money.

"In the very beginning, I felt the brothers and sisters who support me with their mass fund-raising would raise sufficient funds," she said.

"This has not been the case," said Miss Davis, who blamed the failure on "the way the media has characterized our case."

Earlier in the day, Superi-

Surprise



By Barney Peterson

A man identified as 62-year-old Milfred Reeves was one of those arrested in a demonstration outside the San Jose courthouse.

thousands and thousands at its fingertips."

Additionally, Miss Davis maintained, there "have been overt attempts" in the media to give the impression legal defense money raised is being siphoned off into the Communist party, of which she is a member.

"That is an obvious and very vicious Red - baiting tactic and there is no truth to it," said Miss Davis.

The motion that the state pay her legal costs — one of 32 motions pending before Judge Arnason — was opposed by Assistant Attorney General Albert W. Harris Jr., who acknowledged "it is somewhat unusual for the prosecution to really become involved in a motion this kind."

His objections were these:

- Miss Davis' five lawyers and six investigators would have to resign from the case before the court could consider the motion.

- She has produced no evidence she is strapped for defence she lacks money to finance her defense.

- If she does, it is up to the public defender's office to public defender's office to represent her unless there is some reason why it can't.

Two weeks ago Governor Reagan said it was "utterly ridiculous" for Miss Davis and her lawyers to expect the state to pay the estimated \$100,000 cost of her defense.

'HYSTERIA'

She referred to that yesterday in calling the reaction to the request as "hysteria" so great as to be "simply outrageous."

Miss Davis insisted a law requiring the state to pick up the costs of lengthy trials can also be interpreted as authorizing financing the costs of her defense.

She complained that her lawyers have been working for "many, many weeks and months" without pay.

"Then there's the fact I simply couldn't trust the public defender's office. It has participated in the railroad-ing of thousands of my brothers and sisters."

or Court Judge Richard Arnason declined a defense motion asking he order an end for enforcement of a new law banning demonstrations within a square mile of the court.

ARRESTS

A small morning demonstration outside the San Jose courthouse resulted in the arrest of six persons, including Franklin Alexander, co-chairman of the National Free Angela movement.

Miss Davis said news accounts have said her team of defense lawyers and investigators has "thousands and

Harris left little doubt that he considers the defense pleas of poverty as something less than true.

REACTION

"When the question of bail arose, I got the impression that if the bail was a hundred thousand dollars, there would be a hundred thousand and right on the table," he said.

In other action, Judge Arnason took under submission a defense motion requesting yet another change in venue on grounds the heavy security measures being applied will prejudice the minds of

jurors.

Leo Branton Jr., the newest addition to the defense team, said the measures "lend an aura of fear and apprehension to the trial.

Miss Davis gave several reasons why a public defender couldn't represent her pro-entering the courtroom — would be the same anywhere the trial was held.

"I don't want someone coming into court with a gun or anything else," Harris said.

He said the extraordinary precautions are dictated by

the demonstrations, while Branton said the demonstrations protest the precautions.

Branton said all this contributes to the outrage of taxpayers and prospective jurors in Santa Clara county, who he said are under the impression the \$700,000 worth of security improvements to the courthouse will be paid by them.

Harris said, though, that because of the new law, the county will pay only one-twentieth of the cost, an amount he estimated at \$25,000.