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A Big Angela Protest

Plans were announced here yesterday for a "massive demonstration" on Monday outside the San Jose courthouse where the Angela Davis proceedings are taking place.

Kendra Alexander, Bay Area coordinator of the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis, said the demonstration is being called to protest the previous arrest of 24 courthouse pickets under Section 169 of the State Penal Code.

The measure, invoked for the first time since it was signed into law in 1970, declares picketing near a court "with intent to influence a judge" to be a misdemeanor.

In a statement read at a press conference, the committee coordinator called the policy of "arresting anyone who attempts to demonstrate or assemble in support of Angela Davis" blatantly unconstitutional.

On hand to join in support of the statement were the Rev. Cecil Williams, spiritual adviser for Miss Davis; Berkeley Councilman D'Army Bailey and spokesmen for such groups as Vietnam Veterans for Peace, the United Prisoners Union and Women for Peace.
