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THE MCAFEE FAMILY: Roger L. McAfee with his wife, Darlene, and their five sons at their home at Carruthers, Calif., on Thursday. Yesterday, Mr. McAfee said that

he had sent his wife and children "into hiding" because of threats that he received after he put up his 1,700-acre ranch as collateral to help free Angela Davis on bail.

Guards Patrol Ranch Put Up for Miss Davis's Bail

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25— Armed guards patrolled last night the 1,700-acre ranch of Roger L. McAfee, the man who put up the collateral for Angela Davis's bail, following a number of reported telephone threats on his life and the lives of his family.

Mr. McAfee said four college-age volunteers from the San Jose area had come to rural Carruthers in Fresno County and had kept an all-night shotgun vigil on his grounds. The volunteer vigils will continue, he said.

The white, 33-year-old Mr. McAfee, who has said he wants to join the Communist party, raises dairy cattle and alfalfa in this traditionally conservative area, which is said to be the richest agricultural county in the nation.

He told a newsman that he had sent his family "into hiding" and that he had bought a rifle. He said he had never owned a gun before.

Estimating that only about 5 per cent of hundreds of telephone calls supported his

stand, Mr. McAfee said one caller had warned, "Your family will be dead before the weekend." Scores of others called him a "Communist pig" and a "dirty Communist" among other things, he said.

Plenty of Traffic

The little-used rural road that winds close to his white, frame house has been busy with traffic since news of his putting up 405 acres of alfalfa land as security for Miss Davis's \$102,000 bail became public.

Miss Davis was released on bail on Wednesday after 16 months in prison. She faces trial on charges that she participated in a plot that led to a shootout in the Marin County courthouse in August, 1970, in which four persons were killed.

The increased traffic along a seldom used road has added to Mr. McAfee's worry about the threats, he said. He said he had sent his wife, Darlene, and their five sons "into hiding" because of the threats. He added "Anyone who attempts to harm my children and wife are going to get no mercy."

"I cannot believe what is happening," he said. "If the

bigotry of America is forcing to arm myself for doing what I think is right, what can be the pressure on the black people who are pushing for change and progress."

Constable Adrian White of Carruthers told a newsman that he was also patrolling the area "as often as I can."

"The area is so far I can't give Mr. McAfee the attention he needs," he said.

Lieut. Don A. Dennis of the Fresno County sheriff's department said today: "We can't afford to put anyone on a 24-hour watch, so we told Mr. McAfee to keep on the alert and to change his telephone number."

Mr. McAfee, who talked to a reporter from an undisclosed location, said their four school-age sons this morning were put out of the school they had attended for two years because of pressures brought on the school principal.

She said the children had attended the Raisin City elementary school because much of their land holdings were in that school district and, until last October, the family lived in the district. When they

moved to Carruthers four months ago, they left their children in the Raisin City school.

Mrs. McAfee said the principal, Thomas F. Davis, told her there had been "tremendous pressures" from people in the community to "kick the children out."

Didn't Live in District

Mr. Davis told a reporter that the McAfee children had been "sent home because they do not live in the district." He would not comment further.

Miss Davis, a former philosophy professor, has been in telephone contact with Mr. McAfee and has said she would like to visit the family if she can get the court's permission.

She attended the trial this morning of the so-called Soledad Brothers, Fleeta Drumgo and John Clutchette, at the Hall of Justice here. Accompanied by about 10 supporters, she went through the same stringent security searches in the heavily guarded trial before taking a back seat in the spectators' section.

The two men on trial are accused of slaying a guard at the Soledad Prison.