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Angela Trial Hysteria - Tass

MOSCOW — (UPI) — Tass, the official Soviet Union news agency, says the trial of Angela Davis opened amid "artificial hysteria."

"The reactionaries' long-planned trial of Angela Davis started here today a mid hysteria artificially whipped up by the authorities," Tass said in a dispatch from San Jose, Calif.

"The very first day of the trial showed that California racists and anti-Communists still hope to use the screen of illegal investigation to give short shrift to an American Communist and Negro civil rights champion," the dispatch continued.

"The first court sitting showed that the judicial authorities in San Jose are doing all they can to select a jury consisting, first of all, of racists and anti-Communists," Tass said.

Tass did not mention the charges against Miss Davis.