

Angela Backer Has to Hide Out

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A series of threatening telephone calls condemning him for aiding fellow Communist Angela Davis has prompted rancher Rodger McAfee to go into hiding with his family.

McAfee said the threatening calls started almost immediately after he put up 405 acres of his 1700-acre ranch as collateral for the \$100,000 bond posted to free Miss Davis from jail.

Miss Davis is being tried in Santa Clara county on charges of murder, kidnap and conspiracy in connection with the Marin Civic Center shootout of Aug. 7 1970.

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Held in jail for 16 months, Miss Davis became eligible for bail after the State Supreme Court ruled capital punishment to be unconstitutional. She had been denied bail previously on the grounds she was charged with a capital offense.

McAfee, 33, and his wife and five sons drove away from the ranch early yesterday to an undisclosed location where they will live "until things quiet down." Friends said it is somewhere in the Bay Area.

McAfee said Miss Davis had talked with him by telephone and "expressed her deep sympathy and regret that we felt forced to move from our home out of fear for our lives."

One chilling call, he said, came from a woman who said "we are getting ready to send you white and blood red roses."

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"I'm white . . . not black . . . so I never realized the degree of bigotry in this country," McAfee said. "America is great, but we can make it greater by tearing down this bigotry."

McAfee, who owns a cooperative ranch on which he raises dairy cattle and grows alfalfa, has been a devotee of Communism for about ten years and calls himself a Communist even though he is not a member

of the party.

He became friendly with Miss Davis more than two years ago after meeting her at an anti-war rally in Monterey.

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