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McAfee Heads for His Ranch

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SAN JOSE — The man who posted his property to obtain \$102,500 bail for Angela Davis said today that he is going home to his Fresno ranch this afternoon, confident that the risks have been "minimized."

Rodger McAfee, 33 year old proprietor of a family cooperative, said he, his wife and five sons have been living with friends in the Bay Area since Sunday, a few days after his role in the case was publicized.

He received a barrage of threatening phone calls, ap-

parently from an "organized group," McAfee said. A bouquet of white roses with red drops on them — a death symbol — was delivered to his house.

Meets Angela

Mail and phone calls were running about 4 to 1 against him at first, McAfee reported. Neighbors who have been caring for his farm now tell him that stacks of letters are coming in, and that the ratio is now 5 to 1 in his favor.

The neighbors, he said, are anxious to have him return, and have reassured

him that it is safe to do so.

"And I want to get back," he added. "I want to return to my work, to my cows." He pointed to his feet still clad in milking boots.

"It was really a desperate situation," he said of his decision to leave the farm. "I think it was my first responsibility as a husband and father to clear out."

Beliefs Cited

McAfee was here today to attend the jury selection phase of Miss Davis' Trial, and he and his wife and children had a meeting with her.

He described himself as a believer in "humanitarian communism — a cooperative social system where everyone works and there are no idle rich or poor."

"Our country has a fantastic base to work for true equality," he said, stressing that he was a non-violent man and did not believe in revolutionary communism.

He expressed confidence that Miss Davis is being victimized by a bureaucratic system that is trying to protect its own position.

Impersonation

As an example, McAfee said that when he was 17 he complained about a grocery store owner in Fresno who permitted youngsters to smoke and drink on his premises.

When he returned to the store, he said, he was arrested and charged with impersonating an officer and disturbing the peace, among other counts.

But he was eventually acquitted after a jury trial, and as a result he has a "firm belief in the American people," McAfee added. He feels that Miss Davis is now in the same position he was then.