

# UC Regents Censured For Not Rehiring Angela

The American Association of University Professors yesterday censured the University of California Board of Regents for "violating academic due process" in not rehiring Angela Davis as a UCLA faculty member two years ago.

The association's 500 delegates, meeting in New Orleans, adopted the censure

without dissent.

It was the second time this association, representing 91,000 university and college faculty and research people, has censured the University of California. The previous censure came after the regents, in 1950, demanded that their faculties swear to affirm the United States Constitution and deny mem-

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bership in the Communist party.

As a consequence of yesterday's resolution, UCLA — where Miss Davis had been an acting assistant professor of philosophy — was listed as one of 24 institutions where "conditions seriously violating the principles of academic freedom and tenure have not been corrected . . ."

## CHARGE

The chairman of the UC Regents, William French Smith, issued a statement charging that the association has an "inordinate preoccupation with the Angela Davis case."

He said the association has ignored "genuine threats to academic freedom" when campuses were "reconstituted" after the American invasion of Cambodia.

Governor Ronald Reagan, whose views as a regent accord with Smith's, said in Los Angeles he had no comment on the censure resolution.

The association's delegates also imposed similar censures yesterday on Armstrong State College in Savannah, Ga., and Onondaga Community College, New York.

## CENSURES

Previous censures for violations of the principles of academic freedom have been voted against 20 other colleges and universities, which have failed to correct conditions cited by the association. They include Troy State University in Alabama, Tennessee Wesleyan College, the Detroit Institute of Technology, Amarillo College in Texas, the University of Mississippi and the College of the Ozarks in Arkansas.

The resolution on UC did not censure UCLA, noting that the Regents had acted contrary to the recommendations of Miss Davis' department chairman and the campus chancellor.

The resolution said the Regents had refused to approve the reappointment of Miss Davis "primarily because of her public utterances" but had failed to show that her speeches had "demonstrated her unfitness for a faculty position."

Further, the resolution said, she "should have been offered an opportunity to be heard."

## CASE

In the overall treatment of the Davis case, the resolution said, the regents' actions showed "that substantial efforts must be made to re-establish at the University of California the unquestioned sense of academic freedom that is essential to a great university."

Smith, in his statement on behalf of the Regents, said that while the association has been studying the Davis case, "there have been many genuine threats to academic freedom concerning which it has chosen to take no action.

"For example, during the period universities throughout the nation experienced, in the name of 'reconstitution,' a corruption of academic process and wholesale infringements upon academic freedom.

"Classrooms were used to propagandize political positions, free inquiry and expressions were suffocated, and academic fraud took place in the granting of credits . . .

"Yet one is unaware of any constructive action on these matters which has emanated from the American Association of University Professors."