

Man Who Raised Bail Celebrates

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There was a big celebration yesterday at the home of Roger McAfee, the wealthy farmer who pledged 405 acres of his land as collateral to free Angela Davis on bail last February.

"We're celebrating joyously here," said McAfee after learning of Miss Davis' acquittal.

"We hope Angela will be down shortly and stay with us and relax for a few days."

The 33-year-old McAfee, who has been rebuffed in his efforts to join the Communist party, said the acquittal "justifies our faith in the American system of jurisprudence."

"When a white middle-class jury concludes that a black political prisoner should receive a fair trial, there is some hope for the judicial system in this country," he said.

"I believe this decision will be a touchstone for centuries to come."

McAfee said he had never worried about the land, valued at \$330,000, he put up as collateral for Miss Davis' \$102,500 bail bond.

"It wasn't my land anyway," he said. "I only inherited it."

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