

Angela's Plans For the Future

Angela Davis, whose 22-month entanglement with the law ended in freedom and exoneration yesterday, told a press conference she has no intention of halting her efforts to bring about revolutionary change in this country.

The professed Communist said the very fact she was acquitted underscores "what is wrong with the American system."

She spoke of her acquittal as a "people's victory" and said her now being freed proves she had no "fair trial."

"A fair trial," she said, "would have been no trial at all."

The 12 jurors and three alternates whom she embraced one by one after the verdict she described as "part of the people — people we have to organize and allow to mature to the point we can talk about a real revolutionary change in this country."

She spoke, too, of her followers as "devoted human beings all over the world seeking the freedom of all the oppressed to whom I will freely give all I have to the struggle."

This struggle, she said,

will be for every black, every Chicano, every Puerto Rican, every person of color since, for them, "justice is always a struggle."

The state's case against her was "no case at all," she said. She accused Assistant Attorney General Albert Harris Jr. of using "every innocuous event" to support his charge of conspiracy against her.

Like her sister, Fania Jordan, also a member of the Communist party, Miss Davis claimed she was brought to trial for "political reasons."

Mrs. Jordan earlier had declared: "Angela's acquittal was at the same time a conviction of the State of California on our charges of conspiracy — criminal polit-

See Back Page



AP photo

MISS DAVIS AND STEPHANIE RYON
The acquitted defendant embraced a juror

THE PRESS CONFERENCE

From Page 1

ical conspiracy. Reagan (Governor Ronald Reagan), Attorney General Evelle Younger and Albert Harris wanted this prosecution to serve as a lesson to other blacks, other Communists, other women, other activists.

"There can be no discussion of whether or not a 'fair trial' took place. No trial should have taken place, instead of this outrageous frameup which has consumed two years of the life of Angela Davis."

FUTURE

Asked if she intends to take action against the State of California for her arrest and imprisonment, Miss Davis said she was not yet

making any plans. Nor, she said, has she decided where she later will make her headquarters.

"I have just been waiting for this day," she said. "I believe I will stay in California, but there has been no decision yet."

She similarly hedged questions about a possible attempt to rejoin the faculty of UCLA, an institution from which she was fired for her Communist activities two years ago.

THREATS

Miss Davis said the matter of her security presents a problem.

"During the last week," she said, "threats against me were coming in, but the climate in this country is beginning to change and this

(the threats) constitute a positive response to that change. However, I won't allow that to shut me in."

Miss Davis relinquished her spot under the hot lights to her handsome mother, who was all in white and wearing an almost beatific expression.

"I am so carried away," said Mrs. Davis, "I hardly know what to say. This is the happiest day of my life. I speak for my entire family for whom these last 22 months have been a nightmare.

"We are so grateful it has ended, and we are most grateful to the peoples of the world who joined in the great struggle not only for my daughter Angela but for all the oppressed of this land."