

**'Not Surprised'****Reagan on the  
Angela Verdict****Sacramento**

Governor Ronald Reagan said yesterday acquittal of Angela Davis is a vindication of the fairness of the American system of justice.

Reagan said he was not surprised at the not guilty verdict. He said he had always thought "establishing such a connection" between Miss Davis' purchase of weapons and the Marin county gun battle would be difficult.

"She has been determined to be not guilty by the jury," said Reagan, who added that his personal reaction to the news was "nothing more than acceptance."

**VINDICATION**

Reagan said the presumption of innocence in the American justice system has been vindicated.

"I just know that one of the great things in our system . . . if we err, more often than not the error is on the side of letting someone go free."

The governor said the verdict amounts to "pretty good proof that this society leans over backward" to protect the rights of persons accused of crime.

Asked whether as a University of California regent he would favor the re-hiring of the former UCLA philosophy instructor, Reagan said the same conditions which led the regents not to re-hire Miss Davis when her contract expired still exist.

**DIFFERENCE**

And he differed with Miss Davis over whether California has "political prisoners," whom she said she will work to free.

"No," said Reagan. "this

is the same cry that was raised at Attica in New York."

Reagan said there are, however, "a great many felons" who he said would be "delighted" to try to "transform their image into being oppressed politically" rather than be seen as doing time for crimes committed.

The governor said he thought that persons who had convicted American justice without a trial should now have second thoughts about the fairness of the system.

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