

'Racism Built Into

The impact of racism in this country, said Angela Davis last night, has been to "stifle desires toward liberation" and to "railroad" blacks into prison. But she denied that it is a conspiracy.

"It's not a contrived effort in the sense that it's done consciously by a few men up at the top, it's built into the system," said Miss Davis, who is awaiting trial in the Santa Clara County Courthouse on Marin County charges of kidnap, conspiracy and murder.

"A black revolutionary realizes that we cannot begin to combat racism and we cannot begin to effectively destroy racism until we've destroyed the whole system," she said.

The Rev. Cecil Williams, the Glide Memorial Church pastor who conducted the KPIX (Channel 5) television interview in her jail cell, said people "shun away" from the term Communist.

Miss Davis recalled that when she used to speak in the black community, "very few people had hangups about Communism."

She said that she is a Communist and a revolutionary "because I have a very strong love for oppressed people, for my people, I want to see them free and I want to see all op-

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pressed people throughout the world free.

"And I realize that the only way that we can do this is by moving towards a revolutionary society where the needs and the interests and the wishes of all people can be respected."

The former UCLA philosophy instructor said that violence is not a defining characteristic of revolution. But she added:

"If people are serious about moving ahead to create a better society then, of

course, they should not allow themselves to be deterred simply because a few people at the top who are in possession, usually, of a monopoly on violence, decide that they're going to unleash all of their forces of oppression to stop them."

She said justice in America is "empty" if all it means is that a person charged with a crime is acquitted.

Lost Years

"If you pick out a black revolutionary," she said, "charge him with an unbailable offense, put him or her in jail for two years . . . and then afterwards get up with the case . . . that doesn't have any water at all and have the jury acquit them,

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is that what justice is all about? They've lost years of their lives."

The broadcast, which was initially requested by Miss Davis through the Rev. Mr.

Williams, her "spiritual adviser," was the first American television interview with her since her detention. It probably will be the last until her trial is concluded.
