

Angela's Talk Irked Younger

Attorney General Ev-elle J. Younger revealed yesterday that he had cautioned KPIX (Channel 5) against Monday night's screening of the TV special on Angela Davis.

"I can't help but wonder how Miss Davis and her supporters would react if a special on the late Judge (Harold) Haley, with his family and dreams and aspirations, were shown this close to the time of trial," Younger said.

He said a staff member last Friday wrote to William Osterhaus, manager of KPIX, and said in part:

CENSOR

"This office is not, and will never be, a censor of the news media. It is not our function to edit the political speeches of Angela Davis.

"The broadcasting of this discussion makes clear the patent falsehood of the charge that there is, or has been, any effort to prevent Miss Davis from expressing her views.

"On the other hand, it is for you to decide whether the nature of the discussion, the identity of the interviewer, and the timing and circumstances of the broadcast result in a form of 'special

pleading' for Miss Davis that is consistent with the right of both the defendant and the People to a fair trial. This decision rests with the news media."

LEGALITY

According to KPIX management, legal aspects of the case were carefully considered before the program was aired. Attorneys for both sides as well as the judge were consulted and agreed that no issue of the trial could be mentioned, the station said.

Station spokesmen said they offered the judge an opportunity to view the film beforehand but that he said it was not necessary unless any of the attorneys objected to parts of the program.

Younger said yesterday his office had "received many complaints and comments" about the program. Apart from his bitter allusion to Judge Haley, Younger had "no further comment."

Haley was a Superior Court judge who was killed in the Marin Civic Center shootings on August 7, 1970, in which three others were slain. Miss Davis is accused of supplying four guns used in the shootout.