

# Angela Hails Bail 'Victory'

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SAN JOSE — Jubilant but cautious, Angela Davis said today her release on bail was "a victory for the people" and her lawyer said it foreshadowed her acquittal on murder, kidnap and conspiracy charges.

Her supporters, obviously concerned about an assassination attempt, imposed tight security on the 200 or so newsmen who jammed into a small room for her press conference this afternoon.

"Don't make any sudden or strange moves," an aide warned reporters before Miss Davis appeared at the headquarters of her defense committee here.

### Little to Say

Six bodyguards kept careful watch over the scene as she spoke. They did not appear to be armed.

Predictably, because of the court's strict gag rules in the case, she had little of significance to say. She read a statement in which she thanked "everyone who sacrificed themselves in the determined effort to release me."

She said she was happy about her new freedom because she can now help in "the struggle to free all political prisoners."

Aside from the statement, she answered only two questions.

She said that she and a few friends celebrated her freedom last night with a

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couple of bottles of champagne.

Howard Moore, one of her cocounselors, said her release "presaged complete victory and acquittal" for his client.

Doris Brin Walker, another of her lawyers, pleaded with newsmen not to try to find where Miss Davis is staying because of possible danger. "Miss Davis' security is your responsibility," she said.

In her first day outside a jail cell in more than 16 months, Miss Davis demonstrated scrupulous compliance with the terms of her bail.

She announced earlier that she would attend the Soledad Brothers trial in San Francisco this morning.

But, after thinking it over, she canceled the plan because she was not sure whether or not it would violate bail restrictions.

She did, however, call a news conference for later in the day in San Jose.

Bailed out last night, the onetime UCLA philosophy teacher was greeted by about 100 joyous supporters whose cheers were recorded by about 100 newsmen.

Miss Davis, a Communist Party member and supporter of black revolutionary activities, will return to the courtroom Monday as jury selection begins for her murder-kidnap-conspiracy trial.

### Who'll Pay?

She won't be needing the special jail facilities prepared for her as part of the \$672,000 budgeted by Santa Clara County for security.

This development inspired Howard W. Campen, the county manager, to lodge preliminary inquiries yesterday with the State of California about who will pay the costs.

Although the Legislature enacted a bill to reimburse the county for the Davis trial, no money appropriations have yet been voted. Insiders were saying the



**FREE, ANGELA DAVIS GRINS LEAVING JAIL**

She is entering a supporters' car at Palo Alto  
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county might be lucky to get 50 cents on the dollar.

Campan said her release will save the county only \$60,000 in manpower costs because 29 of the 39 extra personnel scheduled for security work will still be needed.

Miss Davis, 28, was released on bonds totaling \$102,500.

She agreed to abide by the rules laid down by Superior Judge Richard E. Arnason, who said she must get permission to own guns, travel by airplane, attend rallies or meetings, leave the Bay Area or discuss the testimony and evidence in her trial. She can't change her new residence — in an undisclosed place — without the court's say-so.

Her release came less than a week after the death penalty was abolished by the State Supreme Court as "cruel and unusual punishment."

The \$2500 cash bond was posted by Moore. Steve Sparacino, a San Jose bail bondsman, posted the \$100,000 surety bond. Moore said the collateral was supplied by the McAfee Family Cooperative of Fresno.

Just before 7 p.m., Miss

Davis emerged from the salary port area of the county jail facility where she had been kept in Palo Alto. It was her first moment of formal freedom since FBI agents arrested "Mrs. George J. Gilbert" on Oct. 13, 1970, in a \$34-a-day room in a Howard Johnson motel in Manhattan.

Heavy security — including sedans fore and aft equipped with walkie-talkie sets — marked her arrival then at the scene where four persons were killed, including Superior Judge Harold J. Haley, Aug. 7, 1970, during an abortive breakout. She is accused of supplying the guns and otherwise aiding the plot.