

# McGovern On Verdict: 'Happy Day'

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Senator George S. McGovern told cheering blacks at an outdoor rally in Watts yesterday the acquittal of Angela Davis was a "cause for rejoicing."

The South Dakota Democrat went to the rally two hours after the jury acquitted Miss Davis and was immediately interrupted by chants of "power of the people has freed Angela."

As they chanted, two youths waved a large black and white photograph poster of Miss Davis.

McGovern finally broke through the chanting and told the rally "this is a happy day which I understand." He announced the acquittal to the crowd and added, "this is another demonstration that we can be pleased about."

He declared "that's not a cause for mourning. That's not a cause for protest. That ought to be a cause for rejoicing."

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