

'Milestone'

Europeans Hail Acquittal

LONDON — (AP) — A number of European newspapers today hailed the acquittal of Angela Davis as a demonstration of the impartiality of American justice.

Terming the verdict "a milestone in America's tormented racial history," the London Daily Mail said it "sensationally disproves that in the U.S. today a controversial black cannot get a fair trial from all-white jurors in a bourgeois middle-class area where anti-Negro emotions have so long been potent."

Rome

The independent Messaggero, Rome's biggest newspaper, said the trial had "elements of political and racial discrimination such as to threaten the fairness of American justice. . . . All Americans breathed with relief at this reconfirmation of the democratic validity of the most sacred institution in the history of the nation."

Sweden's liberal Expressen concluded that those who argued that a black Communist could not get justice before an American court had been proved wrong. It said the verdict was not unexpected in view of the prosecution case.

The Soviet news agency Tass said in a report from New York that the decision "is a victory for progressive-minded people in the United States and the world in their long hard fight for

Angela's freedom."

Communist Press

This conclusion was echoed by Europe's Communist press. The French party paper L'Humanite said the verdict "confirms the stupidity of the charges" but it added: "To ensure that justice was rendered it was necessary for millions and millions of men and women throughout the world to stand up to prevent a mon-

strous inequity."

The Italian party's Umita said it was "a great defeat for all those — from Nixon to the fascist governor of California Reagan to the late FBI chief Edgar Hoover — had hoped for the condemnation of Angela Davis as a necessary step in the repression campaign against the democratic movement."

The official Polish news agency PAP described the whole case as "a frame-up by the FBI."