

State Had Duty to Try Angela,

By Stephen Cook

Albert W. Harris Jr., assistant attorney general who prosecuted Angela Davis, said today the State had a duty to bring her to trial.

He was "disappointed" by the jury's relatively easy verdict of acquittal Sunday, he said, "but if you're going to ask them to decide a case, you've got to respect their verdict, and I do."

If faced with the same set of circumstances as prevailed in August, 1970, he would still charge and prosecute Miss Davis, he said.

Registered Guns

She was charged after guns used in the Aug. 7, 1970, courtroom kidnapping of Marin Superior Judge Harold Haley were found to be registered in her name.

"I'd hate to do it, knowing what the result would be. In fact, I wouldn't if I knew she would be acquitted. But if it looked as it did at the time, I wouldn't hesitate to

prosecute," Harris said.

Not In Same Way

He pointed out that every appellate court which reviewed the indictment against Miss Davis held

there was sufficient evidence to hold her for trial.

He would not conduct the trial the same way, he said.

"A man would have to be a fool to say he'd do that, in

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light of the verdict. But I don't know what I'd change and, as far as I am concerned, the case is closed."

Harris thanked his investigators, witnesses, and his

assistant prosecutor, Clifford D. Thompson, and complimented the press, saying,

"I thought they did a good job of reporting what happened."