

GALLEY

May 3, 1972

Anyone who has given some thought to the political events of this country must realize that the existence of political prisoners is not a recent historical development. Men and women have not been imprisoned for committing any criminal act but rather for their expressions of dissent against the political and economic status-quo.

One of the most blatant symbols of government repression has been the arrest and imprisonment of Prof. Angela Davis. The case has finally come to trial after Angela had spent well over a year in jail on an unconstitutional denial of bail. The California Grand Jury decided to bring the case to trial without any evidence of an illegal act or conspiratorial motive. She is being tried in Santa Clara County (2% black population) which is the location of the last racist lynching in California, and which is recognized as a pocket of reactionary fervor.

The case is not only important because it points out the tainted nature of American political process, but also because Angela Davis embodies the basic struggles of our period - she is black and she is a woman. Her defense is in great need of aid and is currently \$200,000 in debt. The Defense Committee to Free Angela Davis and All Political Prisoners has been supplying the funds for this trial which may prove to be the most expensive in judicial history. Contribute to fight repression!

Gerald Kleiner  
Helen Slessarev  
Tom Cartelli

Please recycle this paper.