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The Angela Davis case should be transferred to San Francisco and she should be immediately released on bail, spokesmen for the Stanford Students for the Defense of Angela Davis declared Thursday, Dec. 9.

Even though her case has been transferred to San Jose from Palo Alto, said Linda Wright, senior from Los Angeles, it is not possible for Miss Davis to get a fair trial in Santa Clara County from a "jury of her peers" because the black population of the county is less than two percent.

Reggie Turner, another member of the committee, said a large symbolic demonstration in support of Angela would take place at the Pasadena Rose Bowl Jan. 1, where Stanford plays Michigan.

"The demonstration will be meaningful, symbolic and will not be overlooked," Turner told a news conference in the Associated Students' offices in Tresidder Union. "We want people to realize that Angela is in a deep, dark dungeon while they sit there enjoying a football game."

Turner also said there would be a big rally in March in Stanford's White Plaza in support of Miss Davis, with Bobby Seale and other black leaders as speakers.

A series of films, lectures and other fund-raising events will be held to raise funds for Miss Davis on campus during winter and spring quarters, said Doug McHenry, a member of the defense committee and of the Associated Students Council of Presidents.

The three spokesmen were unanimous in condemning Santa Clara County and Palo Alto in particular as racist, white, upper middle-class areas which had shown themselves to be 64 percent opposed to Angela Davis in a poll taken by the Davis defense forces.

Miss Wright charged that in the North County jail where Miss Davis is held, she occupies a cell only six by eight feet in dimensions, which is windowless. She has been kept without shoes during the cold weather, she added.

"Angela lies in jail for a crime for which she has not been tried while Lt. Calley walks in virtual freedom after being convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians," Miss Wright said.

Both she and McHenry cited the case of Stan Drake, a black Los Angeles sportcaster for CBS-TV "who was released on bail while awaiting his trial having pleaded guilty of first-degree murder."

Mrs. Fanta Davis Jordan, Miss Davis' sister, said she believed that "shuttling of Angela from Marin County to San Francisco to Palo Alto and now to San Jose is a tactic of disruption to keep support from organizing."

She said that Santa Clara County will become an "international focal point" for the black liberation movement and the struggle against racism and injustice and that it was "up to this county to get on the ball and set a good example for the rest of the country."

McHenry said the Davis defense movement was gathering strong support from young black leaders around the bay, including black student body presidents of major Bay Area colleges and universities. These represent some 30,000 students he said, who will see to it that the "viability of the American system is on trial, not Angela."