

What Do You Think?

... Of the Davis Verdict?

By CHARLES RANDISI

Angela Davis is free. After spending 16 months in prison, and 13 weeks in court, she has been acquitted on all counts.

Last week I asked several people at the spring concert at St. Joseph's Church in Penfield, "What did you think of Angela Davis' acquittal?"

"I thought Bill Buckley had some interesting comments," said Matthew Tubinis. "He said that there was no way that the establishment could have beaten Angela Davis. In a case like this, the jury is chosen with such care that the defendant must be innocent. Is it justice when the dice are loaded before the trial?"

One man said he was surprised at the verdict. "I thought she would have been found guilty. There seemed to be a tremendous amount of evidence against her. Why do you buy a weapon — to use it or just to keep it? I

guess I'm just prejudiced against weapons."

Jim Riley disagreed. "I thought the jury acted judiciously. The prosecution had built up an insufficient case against her. It was all circumstantial evidence. I have to go along with our system of justice."

Mike Doyle echoed those thoughts when he said, "If I didn't go along with the verdict, I would be demeaning the jury system. I wasn't there. I didn't know all the facts."

"If I ever have to go to court, I hope I'm as lucky as she was," said Dr. Joseph Cannella. "I personally disagree with her philosophy, I can't say that if you're found not guilty for one thing, you will be right with everything else."

Bernard Stukas said, "I think her popularity had some sway, although there was a lot of circumstantial evidence. Other

countries seemed to favor her, and she probably had the backing of the Communist party. I think she would have been found guilty otherwise. It makes me wonder about justice."

"I didn't think she would ever be set completely free," said Alan Ames. "I thought the evidence showed that she was involved in the murder. She had good lawyers and good backing."

A couple from Argentina, Pedro and Maria Lenk, had some different views. "I thought the timing of the verdict was perfect," said Maria. "It happened a few days after Nixon got back from Moscow. To me, there's something suspicious about this."

"It seems that today, in this country, that people are either innocent or cannot be found guilty," Pedro said. "I'm not talking specifically about Angela Davis. It's the whole slew of them. It shows that either the police are ineffective, or the wrong people are being tried."

CCD May Open 'Sunday School,'

Elmira — A form of Sunday School religious education may become a reality next year for youngsters participating in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes at Sts. Peter and Paul Church here.

The CCD classes are currently held on Saturdays. The change to Sunday would affect students in the first through sixth grades.

A decision to change the day of the classes will not be made until after parents are polled for their positions on the new schedule.

Dependent on the wishes of the majority of the parents the

Festival Set At St. Anthony's

Elmira — St. Anthony's Church here will hold its annual festival on Saturday and Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the first day and 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. on both days.

The early Saturday schedule is to provide time for a children's bazaar. The other hours are for adults and children who must be accompanied by adults.

A chicken barbecue will be held both days.

classes will be held either Saturday or Sunday.

Father Robert J. Kanka, assistant pastor of the church, said the possible change was due to conflicts with various other activities being held on Saturdays.

Father Kanka said attendance at the Saturday sessions has been low because it is the only day of the week the youngsters can participate in other activities and forget about specific programs.

The priest also said conflicts have arisen with a number of scouting programs plus some organized sports which have games on Saturdays.

If the majority of the parents vote for the change the program will probably be held at 9:30 Sunday mornings. The youngsters could then attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Father Kanka said the teachers in the program have been polled and are willing to go along with the change.

The priest also saluted the six teachers who comprised this year's CCD staff. The teachers are Grade One, Miss Anastasia Rosinski; Grade Two, Sister Mary Colgan; Grade Three, Mrs. Mary Ellen Cannon; Grade Four, Mrs. Jane Bowe; Grade Five, Mrs. Eileen McCarthy and Grade Six, Miss Betty Deneen.

Pentecostals See 'Stumbling Block'

Notre Dame, Ind. (RNS) — Traditional Protestant Pentecostals have been surprised by the growth and depth of the Pentecostal movement in the Roman Catholic Church, but they see a stumbling block.

They are "scandalized" that Catholic neo-Pentecostals can smoke and drink and still have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, a traditional Pentecostal reported at a seminar here during the International Conference on the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church.

Vinson Synan, a professor at Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, Ga., and author of a history, "The Pentecostal Holiness Movement," said the Pentecostal Holiness churches are now having to make an "agonizing reappraisal" as to just what makes a Pentecostal.

He said he found himself "rejoicing at the growth of the Catholic charismatic movement."

"The spirit of God told me it was real," Mr. Synan said. He said most Protestant Pentecostals would be surprised to know that the Catholic Church was "adaptable enough" to include Pentecostalism in its theology.

He said the 600 million-member Roman Catholic Church could become the greatest vehicle for evangelization of the world if its charismatic movement grows.

Synan warned that the charismatic movement must not neglect personal sanctity and holiness "lest speaking in tongues become sounding brass and tinkling cymbal."

Dental Assistants Install Officers

Brockport — At a dinner last night in Spencerport, the Tri-County Dental Assistants' Society installed the following officers; president, Mrs. Evelyn Milner; vice president, Mrs. Mary DiStefano; recording secretary, Miss Paula Koerner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Barbara Hinman, and treasurer, Miss Christine Lemcke.

FATHER URIOSTE

Hammondsport — Father George Urioste will return to St. Gabriel's Church at the end of August.

Graduations Scheduled In Auburn Area Schools

Seneca Falls — St. Patrick's School will graduate 41 at exercises on June 18. Mass is scheduled for 3 p.m. followed by a parish reception. The graduates will celebrate in a Mass and Communion breakfast on June 16.

Auburn — Graduation exercises for Holy Family pupils will take place, Tuesday, June 20 in conjunction with evening Mass at 6 p.m.

Auburn — Sacred Heart pupils will graduate at exercises in con-

junction with Mass at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 20.

Auburn — Graduation for pupils at St. Hyacinth's will be June 19 in exercises in conjunction with Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Auburn — St. Alphonsus will graduate 73 at ceremonies in conjunction with 2 p.m. Mass on Sunday, June 18.

Watertown — On Friday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. Mass, 26 pupils will be graduated from St. Mary's.

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Ithaca Area Notes

Ithaca — Sister Joan Vincent, third grade teacher at Immaculate Conception School celebrated her Silver Jubilee Saturday, June 10. A Mass at church at 3 pm was followed by a reception in the New Parish Hall in her honor. Her family, relatives, students, the priests and sisters and all who have worked with her joined in her celebration.

Ithaca — Father David Gram-kee, assistant pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Rochester was a visiting priest at Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca (his former parish) Sunday, June 4.

Ithaca Church Holds Election

Ithaca — Parish Council and School Board elections were recently held at Immaculate Conception Church. One board member and four council representatives were chosen. Secret ballots were distributed, marked and deposited in boxes at each Mass. Eight hundred and ten ballots were submitted.

Those elected were:

School Board member, Cecilia Linscott; Parish Council representatives, Joseph Tatascore, Jean Loveless, Ann Armstrong, Richard Barrett.

All are to serve two-year terms.