

Army Captain Kenneth Lock was arrested during the Mayday demonstrations and held for three days before being allowed to return to his duties at Ft. Belvoir. Yesterday he was told that he would not be court-martialed after all for being absent with out leave during that time.

Lock, who is an army psychiatrist assigned to the Dewitt Hospital at Ft. Belvoir, said his troubles began when he received permission from the Army to attend the American Psychiatric Association convention here.

On the third day of the convention, May 4, some conventioners, including Lock, decided to go to the Department of Health Education and Welfare to protest what they believed was misdirection of funds from mental health to the war in Southeast Asia.

No One Around

"I must have gotten to DEW early," Lock, 32, said. "There wasn't anyone around."

He said he then walked over to a Mayday rally on the Mall where he didn't find any of his friends but was told that everyone had been invited to the steps of the Capital to hear speeches from some members of Congress.

Lock said he joined the crowd and soon found himself being charged along with everyone else with unlawful entry and being taken to the Coliseum. He said he tried to leave the steps before the arrests but was not allowed to by po-

Wrong Place

Lock said he was also told that he would be charged with being AWOL because he attended the rally when he was supposed to be at the psychiatrists' convention and had violated an Army directive against participating in an illegal rally where violence could result.

While the proceedings were beginning, Lock went looking for help in his defense. He received it from Dr. Hugh Carmichael, director of continuing education for psychiatrists for the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Carmichael wrote a letter to the base commander, Maj. Gen. Robert Licemen who blocked his path.

The next three days were spent waiting for police processing and trying to get someone to help him contact the hospital so the Army would know his whereabouts.

Lock was released on May 7, and when he got back to Ft. Belvoir he was told to see the hospital commander, Col. Robert Neimis, who told him that he would be charged with being absent with out leave for the three days he was locked up.

Plodger, telling him that a number of psychiatrists had barely escaped arrest during the demonstrations and that it was not unusual for psychiatrists to attend social protests for first-hand information.

Matter Dropped

Late Monday night, Lock, a two-year Army veteran, received a call telling him to report to Gen. Plodger's office at 8 a.m. yesterday. When he got there, he was told the charges had been dropped for lack of evidence.

Yesterday afternoon, Lock still seemed concerned over the outcome of his case. "If I had been a regular GI they would have come down hard on me," he said.

Lock now has only one more legal battle to fight, his case which comes up in Superior Court on July 16. "I think they'll throw it out," Lock said confidently.

Officer Is Cleared Of AWOL Charge

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