

## Retired General Walker

# Rightist's Vice Arrest

Dallas

Retired Army Major General Edwin A. Walker, onetime fiery voice of right-wing America, was arrested June 23 on a charge of public lewdness in a restroom at a city park, the Dallas Police Department said yesterday.

Walker, 66, was arrested by a plainclothes park police officer in a restroom at Cole Park, spokesman Bob Shaw said.

In his report, the park officer charged that Walker "fondled the genitals" of the officer, Shaw said.

Walker was charged with a Class A misdemeanor and released the next day after posting a \$200 bond. No trial date was set, but the case probably will be heard in late August.

Questioned about his arrest, Walker said it would result in "at least some change in image."

"As a courtroom public fig-



EDWIN WALKER IN 1972  
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ure," he said, "I can be libeled at will."

Walker was the plaintiff in a landmark U.S. Supreme Court libel decision in 1963 arising out of his

arrest on charge of inciting a race riot at Oxford, Miss. The court held Walker was a "public figure" and the Associated Press and several newspapers failed to show malice in the alleged libel.

As a general, Walker commanded elements of the 101st Airborne Division sent to Little Rock, Ark. by President Eisenhower in 1957 to enforce integration at Little Rock Central High School.

Walker entered the national political arena in 1961 when he was pressured into resigning his commission in the Army for alleged political indoctrination of American troops stationed in Germany.

His name made the headlines again after the assassination of President Kennedy. The widow of Lee Harvey Oswald told the Warren commission that her husband fired a shot into Walker's house in October, 1963 — one month before the assassination.

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