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Calley Is Denied Probe Access

COLUMBUS, Ga.—A federal judge refused yesterday to order the Army or a congressman to release secret investigations of the Mylai massacre, for which former 1st Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted.

U. S. District Court Judge J. Robert Elliott denied four of five motions filed by Calley's lawyers, who sought eyewitness accounts obtained by those who had investigated the slaying of Vietnamese villagers at Mylai in March, 1968. Calley's lawyers filed the motions to bolster their attempt to overturn his court-martial conviction for the murder of 22 Vietnamese civilians. Calley's appeal argument is to be heard June 24 by Elliott, who freed Calley on bail in February.

Much of the information regarding who was involved in the massacre, including an alleged cover-up, is said to be in the Army's probe, called the Peers Report. It remains classified, and Elliott denied the motion by Calley's attorneys to have it released to them.

Also denied was a motion requesting Rep. F. Edward Hebert (D-La.) to produce the testimony of all witnesses who appeared before a House Armed Services subcommittee investigating Mylai.

Calley has been discharged from the Army following review of his conviction, which resulted in a 10-year sentence.

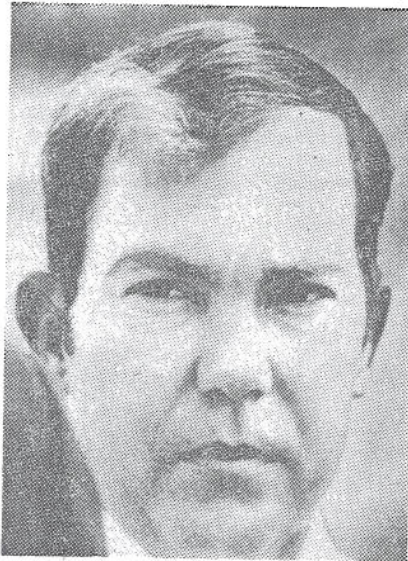
Calley's appeal to a civilian court to overturn his military conviction has nothing to do with whether he killed Vietnamese civilians at Mylai. The pivotal issue is whether the federal judges decide there is substantial question that his constitutional rights were violated by the military tribunal.

The only defense motion Elliott granted was a request for the production of all records having to do with Calley's 4½-month court-martial, the longest in U. S. military history.

Roncallo Running

MINEOLA, N.Y.—Rep. Angelo D. Roncalla (R-N.Y.), acquitted three weeks ago of conspiracy and extortion charges, announced that he will seek re-election to Congress.

Roncallo, 46, called his trial a night-



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mare, but said it does "not have much of anything to do with my qualifications" for office. He is completing his first term.

Inequality Hit

ATLANTA, Ga.—The executive director of the National Urban League said that today's underprivileged groups cannot follow the road taken out of poverty. "Our economy, the shrinking stepping-stone jobs, the deindustrialization in the work force deprive them of the opportunity to duplicate the experience," Vernon Riffe said Sunday.

"Black people in the form of exclusion from the economy is little more than a road to poverty," he said.

including themselves in the coalition to build a more equal society."

Killer Sentenced

ERIE, Pa.—William S. Prater was sentenced to three concurrent life sentences yesterday for the shooting deaths of United Mine Workers' insurgent Joseph Yablonski and Yablonski's wife and daughter.

Erie County Court Judge Edward Carnegy, who imposed the sentences, said they are to be served concurrently with a federal life sentence received earlier on a charge of kidnapping the Yablonski's civil rights.

Prater, a 53-year-old Mine Workers official from Tenn., was convicted on three counts of murder in the 1969 deaths

Teamster

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—A teamster union leader said he is planning to build a new union for construction workers in the area.