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Notes on People*Calley, Lecturing,  
Tells of War Shock*

William L. Calley Jr., who was convicted in the My Lai massacre, went on the lecture trail for the first time at Murray State University, Murray, Ky., Thursday night. "When I killed my first Communist, it was a she—she was not armed," he said. "I realized then that Communists come in human form and it shocked me," said the former lieutenant, 31 years old, who addressed an audience of 2,000 for a fee of \$2,000.

Mr. Calley's 1971 court-martial conviction for the murder of 22 Vietnamese civilians was overturned by a civilian judge, and he is free on bond while the Army appeals the decision. He went from his home in Columbus, Ga., to speak, he told the students, so they would have "firsthand knowledge of war, should it come again." Saying that he had been trained to "seek out and destroy human beings" and not "to analyze the war," Mr. Calley said, "I was sent to Vietnam to destroy Communism. I was given an M-16 rifle to kill Communists. I didn't know who the enemy was. I didn't know there was an enemy."

In Chestnut Hill, Mass., Robert Walker of the American Program Bureau, Mr. Calley's booking agency, said the first lecture was "sort of a trial balloon" and that no other dates had been scheduled yet. "But he wants to go out," Mr. Walker said.

Admitted to Chicago's Illinois Masonic Hospital after his release from Federal prison Thursday because of a lung lesion, Otto Kerner, 66, former Governor of Illinois and Federal judge, began a series of tests yesterday "to find out," he said, "if I have a life ahead of me."