

**Libel Damages to Walker
Reduced to \$2,250,000**

SHREVEPORT, La., Nov. 4 (AP) — District Judge William Woods reduced Thursday an award of libel damages to former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker from \$3 million to \$2,250,000. The defendants are The Associated Press and The New Orleans Times Picayune Publishing Corporation.

The original award, made by a jury last Friday, had exceeded the amount of the suit and was reduced to the full amount the former general had sought.

Wes Gallagher, general manager of The Associated Press, said in New York the judgment would be appealed.

The suit is based on news reports dealing with Mr. Walker's alleged participation in the outbreaks that accompanied the entrance of James Meredith, a Negro, into the University of Mississippi in September of 1962.