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Walker Loses \$75,000 Judgment

Washington

The Supreme Court yesterday threw out a \$75,000 judgment won by former Major General Edwin A. Walker in Louisiana courts against The Associated Press and The Times-Picayune Publishing Corp.

The court in a brief unsigned ruling cited its decision of last June that public figures — like public officials — cannot recover libel damages without a showing of actual malice.

Walker's suit was based on AP accounts of his activities at the University of Mississippi campus at Oxford in 1962 during disorders accompanying the admission of a Negro, James Meredith, into the university.

Last June the court threw out a \$500,000 judgment Walker had won against AP in a Texas state court. This suit was based similarly on reports of the Oxford incident.

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