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General to Pay AP for Court Costs

AUSTIN (Tex.) — (UPI) — The Texas Supreme Court today rejected former Major General Edwin A. Walker's attempt to win a new trial on his unsuccessful libel suit against Associated Press, and ordered him to reimburse the AP for court costs.

Walker won a \$500,000 judgment against the wire service, but last June 12 the U.S. Supreme Court reversed it.

The suit grew out of the wire service's descriptions of Walker's activities on the University of Mississippi campus when Negro James Meredith enrolled there.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Walker was a "public figure" and had to prove malice to collect damages. The court sent the case back to Texas "for further proceedings not inconsistent with the opinions filed herein . . ."

The State Court of Civil Appeals in Fort Worth interpreted this to mean Walker's suit should be thrown out and ruled "that Gen. Walker recover nothing from the Associated Press, and that the Associated Press recover from Edwin A. Walker all costs as per mandate of the Supreme Court."

Walker's lawyers contended he should have had a new trial.