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FORT WORTH, Tex. AP -
Former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker won an \$800,000 libel judgment on Friday against The Associated Press, in connection with stories about his activities during the 1962 segregation riot at the University of Mississippi. He had asked damages of \$2 million.

A District Court jury of four women and eight men deliberated two hours and 15 minutes in finding The AP guilty of falsely describing Walker as assuming command of student rioters and leading them in a charge against U.S. marshals on the university campus Sept. 30, 1962.

The AP's general manager, Wes Gallagher, said in a statement following the verdict: "The Associated Press will appeal the verdict of the jury in this case. In the light of the evidence presented by both sides The Associated Press is confident that the verdict will not be upheld on appeal."

Walker said the jury verdict justified his position.

Walker, 54, filed more than \$20 million in libel suits against The AP and various newspapers as an outgrowth of the rioting nearly two years ago over the admission to the University of Mississippi of James H. Meredith, a Negro.

Walker, in his complaint, asked \$1 million for damage to his reputation as a result of the AP dispatches from the Oxford, Miss., campus, and an additional \$1 million in punitive damages against the news association.

After a nine-day trial that began June 8, the jury received the case Thursday.

The jury awarded Walker \$500,000 for damage to his reputation and for mental anguish. It added an additional \$300,000 as punishment for the malice which it held was inflicted upon Walker.