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LOUISVILLE, Ky. AP - A

\$2-million libel suit, filed by former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker against two Louisville newspapers and a radio station, was dismissed Thursday in U.S. District Court.

Walker sued the Courier-Journal and the Louisville Times Co., and WHAS Inc., and claimed there was libelous material in accounts of his activities at Oxford, Miss., in the fall of 1962. This was during demonstrations over admission of James Meredith, a Negro, to the university.

Judge James F. Gordon based his action on a U.S. Supreme Court opinion in a case against the New York Times Co.

The high court, in the Sullivan vs. New York Times case, held that a public official is not libeled unless he can prove that the statement published about him involves actual malice.

In his opinion, Gordon said this ruling in legal effect "federally pre-empted the law of libel in matters of grave national concern involving public offi-

cial. . .

He held there can be no doubt that the Mississippi occurrence was a matter of national concern. And, he also held that while Walker was not a public official at the time, there was no doubt he was in the public eye.

The judge said there was no evidence of "actual malice" on the parts of the defendants.
