

General Walker's Libel Suit Is Reinstated in Colorado

DENVER, Aug. 15 (AP) — The Colorado Supreme Court ruled 6 to 0 Monday that a libel suit brought by former Major Gen. Edwin A. Walker against the Associated Press must be heard in Denver District Court.

The high state court reversed the dismissal by the Denver District Court of General Walker's suit based on an Associated Press story in the Denver Post Oct. 3, 1962. The story concerned the general's appearance at the University of Mississippi campus during the disturbances involving the effort of James H. Meredith to become the first Negro to enroll there.

The high court upheld the district court's dismissal of two other actions by General Walker against the Associated Press, based on an editorial and a news story in The Post.

The district court had ruled that the story carried in The Post was libelous per quod—by inference. The high court in reversing that decision held that the story was libelous per se—in and of itself.