

SONGMY FILM CALLED PREJUDICIAL SHOWN

FORT HOOD, Tex., Sept. 17 (AP)—S. Sgt. David Mitchell listened intently today as he was accused on a television news film of ordering an old man shot during the alleged Songmy massacre.

Defense attorneys showed several hours of film from television network newscasts at Sergeant Mitchell's pretrial hearing in support of motions that pretrial publicity and command influence prevented the soldier from receiving a fair trial.

In a similar hearing at Fort McPherson, Ga., Col. Richard Jones, the trial judge, said after viewing similar news film that although the Songmy case "had more publicity than any case in the history of the world," the defense had failed to reveal an "antagonizing" tone toward the defendant in the case.

At the Fort Hood hearing, Paul Meadlo of Terre Haute Ind., a former member of Sergeant Mitchell's squad, was shown telling Mike Wallace of in a newscast Nov. 24 the Columbia Broadcasting System that some G.I.'s found an old man during the assault on Songmy and yelled to Sergeant Mitchell, "There's a man over here."

Mr. Wallace asked Mr. Meadlo

if it was an older man or a fighting man.

"An older man," Mr. Meadlo replied.

"Sergeant Mitchell hollered back, 'Shoot 'em,'" Mr. Meadlo said.