

CALLEY LOSES PLEA FOR CIVILIAN TRIAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (UPI)—A Federal judge today denied Lieut. William L. Calley Jr.'s petition to be tried in a civilian court rather than by military court-martial on charges of murdering 100 civilians at the Mylai hamlet at Songneg.

The Army immediately said it would resume court-martial proceedings at Fort Benning, Ga., where Lieutenant Calley faces first degree murder charges. The prosecution had been held up pending the decision.

United States District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson ruled that Lieutenant Calley had failed to prove that he would be irreparably harmed by a military trial.

The lieutenant argued in his suit that he could not receive a fair court-martial because publicity had made his name "synonymous with Mylai" and high Government officials "will influence all officers of the Army."

The Government argued that the civilian federal courts did not have jurisdiction in the case.