

Judge Rejects Bid to Revoke Calley's Bond

COLUMBUS, Ga., May 10 (UPI)—A federal judge today refused to revoke William L. Calley's bond, saying he was court-martialed for the Mylai massacre after the most massive and intense conviction campaign on record.

U.S. District Court Judge J. Robert Elliott rejected an Army request to withdraw Calley's \$1,000 bond, which would have had the effect of

putting the former lieutenant behind bars.

Elliott, in a 12-page opinion, said most authorities reviewing the Calley case "have or have had, serious reservations" about the conviction, the punishment, or both.

It was Elliott who first freed Calley on bond Feb. 27 when Calley took his case to civilian courts, contending he had been unjustly tried, found guilty and sentenced by the military.

Calley will be given a full hearing on his charges May 24, and in the meantime will remain free on bond.

The Army had asked that his bond be revoked after President Nixon reviewed his case—the last step in the military process—and let Calley's 10-year sentence stand. Calley then was dishonorably discharged.

The 30-year-old former soldier was convicted three years ago of murdering at least 22 Vietnamese civilians on March 16, 1968, while leading a U.S. platoon on a sweep through the hamlet of Mylai. He originally was sentenced to life imprisonment, but this was later reduced to 20 and then to 10 years in the military review process.

Elliott rejected all eight grounds the Army cited for revoking Calley's bond, including the contention that the case was not "unusual."

Valve Defect Forces Nuclear Unit to Shut

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., May 10 (UPI)—A malfunction at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Brown's Ferry nuclear plant has forced the shutdown of one unit, the Atomic Energy Commission said Thursday.

The malfunction occurred May 5 and 6 when a pressure relief valve failed to reseal properly. No radioactivity was released and no personnel at the plant near Athens, Ala., were exposed to radiation, the AEC said.

The AEC said the reactor will not be restarted until the defective valve has been examined to determine the cause of the malfunction and corrective action taken.



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William L. Calley wins another round in court.