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Calley Starts A New Life In Georgia

COLUMBUS, Ga., Nov. 10 (AP)—In his first real taste of freedom since he was charged in the massacre at Mylai, South Vietnam, more than five years ago, William L. Calley Jr. has begun a new life-style in the town where "no one considers him unusual."

Jobless but smiling, Calley happily shook hands with residents of this Army town who lined the sidewalk outside the courthouse after a federal judge released him on bail yesterday.

Last night was the first evening in years that Calley could spend reasonably assured that he will not be confined for the 22 murders he was convicted of committing in the South Vietnamese village.

He spent it dining out at a Columbus restaurant with his auburn-haired girl friend, Anne Moore.

Today, the slight, balding former lieutenant attended church, according to his lawyer, Kenneth Henson.

"He just wants to be left alone to live the life of an ordinary citizen," Henson said.

Calley, his lawyers say, plans to get a job in Columbus and "sink into anonymity." They have counseled him not to talk to reporters until the Army's appeal of U.S. District Court Judge J. Robert Elliott's reversal of his conviction is over.

Calley, 31, plans to settle in this town, which adjoins Ft. Benning, because "no one considers him unusual," Henson says. Its citizens, many of them military retirees, threw rallies to raise funds for his legal fees during Calley's lengthy court martial—one of the most controversial in U.S. military history.