

CONGRESS DIVIDED OVER CALLEY CASE

Scott Hails Nixon Action—
Javits Defends Verdict

WASHINGTON, April 5 (UPI)—Members of Congress, crossing party lines, split sharply today over the case of First Lieut. William L. Calley Jr. and President Nixon's plan to make the final decision on his punishment.

The Senate Republican leader, Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, praised Mr. Nixon's announced intervention in the case, but Senator Jacob K. Javits, Republican of New York, said Americans were wrongly being encouraged to honor the convicted murderer.

Senator Adlai E. Stevenson 3d, Democrat of Illinois, said that if Lieutenant Calley was guilty of slaying South Vietnamese civilians at Mylai as the court-martial determined, he "must pay the penalty."

But in the House, Representative Ed Edmondson, Democrat of Oklahoma, introduced a resolution calling on Congress to urge a full pardon for Lieutenant Calley, who was sentenced to life in prison.

Senator Scott told reporters that President Nixon, in deciding to intervene in the case, was acting within his authority as Commander in Chief of all United States military forces.

Mr. Scott said that the President "intervened in response to enormous public reaction in the case" and that "there is nothing political contemplated in his ultimate review."

Senator Javits, in a Senate speech, defended the guilty verdict. The United States, he declared, had told the world "we don't observe the 'cook

rule,' treating Orientals as sub-human."

Mr. Javits said he hoped, in the name of "mercy and compassion," that the life sentence would be shortened. But he said Americans were mistakenly being urged to give Lieutenant Calley "medals, marches and honor."

"This is not patriotism, but

antipatriotism," Mr. Javits said.

Senator Stevenson said at a news conference that he did not know what Mr. Nixon intended to do in the case. He added, "I don't know whether he knows what he's doing."

"The country must retain its senses," Mr. Stevenson said, "and it's getting precious little help from the politicians."