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AUSTIN, TEX., FEB. 9 (AP)-THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SAID TODAY THAT IT WOULD APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES A \$500,000 LIBEL JUDGMENT WON BY FORMER MAJ. GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER.

THE AP MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN NEW YORK AFTER THE TEXAS SUPREME COURT REFUSED TO REVIEW THE AWARD BY A JURY IN FORT WORTH DISTRICT COURT IN 1964. THE COURT DENIED, WITHOUT WRITTEN OPINION, THE AP'S REQUEST FOR A REVIEW WITH THE NOTATION "NO REVERSIBLE ERROR."

WALKER'S SUIT WAS BASED ON ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS ACCOUNTS OF RIOTING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI IN 1962 ACCOMPANYING THE ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF JAMES H. MEREDITH, A NEGRO. WALKER WAS AWARDED \$500,000 ACTUAL DAMAGES AND \$300,000 PUNITIVE DAMAGES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE CHARLES MURRAY SET ASIDE THE \$300,000 AWARD, HOLDING THAT NO MALICE BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HAD BEEN SHOWN.

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