

Army goofed

Words which adequately describe our feelings concerning Lt. William L. Calley's conviction Monday are not hard to come by. Irrational, hypocritical and convenient are but a few.

Of course, for Calley to be tried in the first place is incomprehensible—it's nothing more than trying a man for what you paid him and ordered him to do. If anyone ought to be tried, shouldn't it be the man who issued the orders? It seems clear Calley was, or thought he was, following orders.

But he's the low man on the totem pole, and it's easiest to pick on him because he can't really fight back. Yet it's strange pilots who bomb villages when ordered to aren't tried for murder. It is strange trials like this were not held during "popular" world wars.

Calley never had a chance in a military court. Given civilian sentiments concerning My Lai, and the Army's current poor image, the soldiers on that jury had to convict Calley just to keep the Army's esteem from slipping any further. We think they were wrong, that Calley's conviction is another black mark for the Army.

We are not against the military, and we believe armed forces are necessary for the survival of the United States. All we mean to say here is that the military seems habitually to behave in an unwise manner, and the Calley conviction is but another example.

Maybe somebody ought to send the Army a copy of a popular country and western song—"Stand by Your Man."

19 living distinguished alumni will meet here for first time

Nineteen of Texas A&M's 26 living Distinguished Alumni will assemble on campus April 15 and 16 for the group's first convocation, announced Richard (Buck) Weirus, executive director of the Association of Former Students.

The distinguished former students will meet in conjunction with the inaugural festivities for A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams.

Williams asked for the Distinguished Alumni to join the inaugural procession as honored guests and wear regalia, Weirus said.

Inauguration of Texas A&M's 17th president is scheduled April 16.

Distinguished Alumni Convocation activities begin at 2 p.m. April 15 with an Academic Symposium in the Library.

Distinguished Alumni planning to attend include Marion J. Neeley, Fort Worth; J. Harold Dunn, Amarillo; John W. Newton, Beaumont; DeWitt C. Greer, Austin; Dr. Sam H. Sanders, Memphis; Horace A. Sawyer, New Orleans, La.; William E. Morgan, Ft. Collins, Colo.; Ernest D. Brockett, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Roy B. Davis, Lubbock, and W. W. Lynch, Dallas.

Also, J. H. Galloway, W. T. Doherty, W. C. McGee Jr., Michel T. Halbouty and Edward J. Mosher, all of Houston; H. B. (Pat) Zachry and C. C. (Polly) Krueger, San Antonio; Cong. Olin E. Teague, Washington, D. C. and College Station, and Texas A&M Executive Vice President Alvin R. Luedeker.

Refiners oppose octane posting

HOUSTON (AP) — Petroleum refiners challenged Monday the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to require that gasoline octane ratings be posted on service station pumps.

A 25-page petition filed with federal Judge Carl O. Bue Jr. seeks an order enjoining the commission from carrying out a Dec. 30 rule directing that such postings be made no later than June 28.

The petition warns that enforcement of the rule would result in higher gasoline prices to motorists. It brands as false a commission contention that failure to post the ratings is unfair and deceptive.

Research octane numbers are

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



"All I'm sayin' is that you should check th' regulations about that mustache!"

Calley's hope is My Lai opens eyes to war's 'hells'

FT. BENNING, Ga. (AP) — "I hope My Lai isn't a tragedy but an eye-opener, even for people who say war is hell," said Lt. William L. Calley, who was convicted Monday of the premeditated murder of 22 unresisting Vietnamese civilians.

He faces the death penalty or life imprisonment.

Calley, 27, was white-faced and visibly shaken after the verdict in his court-martial, unprecedented in Army history. No other American had ever before stood accused of murdering more than 100 persons.

"My Lai has happened in every war. It's not an isolated incident, even in Vietnam," he told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview to be released after the verdict.

Calley, who was a fledgling second lieutenant when he led his platoon on a devastating in-

fantry assault on the tiny hamlet of My Lai March 16, 1968, said in the interview:

"The thing that makes My Lai so unique, it was a small tragedy in a small place, but for once, man was able to see all the hells of war all at once.

"I can't say I am proud of ever being in My Lai, or ever participating in war. But I will be extremely proud if My Lai shows the world what war is and that the world needs to do something about stopping wars.

"Many people say war is hell who have never experienced it," Calley added, "but it is more than hell for those people tied up in it."

Calley, commenting on his four-month trial, the longest in U.S. court-martial history and the most publicized in modern warfare, said:

"No one has yet tried to analyze the problems, to know, what caused My Lai, but the war in Vietnam is itself.

"I am hopeful that My Lai will bring the meaning of the surface not only to the nation but to all nations.

"My recommendation is added, that this nation should afford to involve itself in Vietnam."

Calley said then even if he were convicted, "I still feel about the Army. This needs a strong army. I think I've seen of the world communism, we definitely need an army."

Calley, who received mail from throughout the world during his trial, said, "The part of the American people the only thing that has kept going."

FDT seeks fourth straight this Saturday in Washington

The Fish Drill Team will unfurl its Class of 1974 guidon in Washington, D. C., Friday for the unit's fifth appearance in national championship competition.

A simple, two-foot trophy modeled for the national capital's famous landmark—the Washington Monument—will be the goal.

The 30-member team commanded by William L. Peppard will march in the National Intercollegiate ROTC Drill Championships Friday and appear in the annual Cherry Blossom Festival Parade of Princesses Saturday.

In the team's four previous Washington appearances, nothing less than a second place finish (1967) has been accomplished.

"The exhibition performance by the fish during the high school competition was one of the best by a drill team on the A&M campus," commented Malon Southerland, team sponsor.

"We were not satisfied with our performance during the college drill meet," he went on. "However, I have full confidence that the team—because of the efforts of the cadet advisors—will make an outstanding showing. And I believe they can win a fourth national championship."

The team will depart by bus for Houston early Thursday and board Eastern Airlines Flight 146 for an 8:55 a.m. takeoff. After 1:36 p.m. arrival at Duff International Airport, the team will check in at Fort McNair.

National championship competition at the D. C. National Guard Armory will be conducted Friday, with the fish marching late in the afternoon.

The National Capital A&M Club will host the team at the

Senate office building. The Cafeteria for the evening Saturday morning, the Cherry Blossom parade will move to Constitution Avenue with FDT in the first division.

Hindered by the death of advisor Richard A. Hanes before the spring competition schedule began, the 1970-71 team has a first and second place credit. The fish won a last meet and were runners-up in annual A&M competition.

Francis S. (Chip) Conaty since been named senior advisor. Junior Louis Ullrich of San Antonio assumed duties in the interim.

Other upperclassmen with the team are junior Lee L. Larsen of Dallas and seniors Beverly S. Kennedy of Austin, David A. McClary of Shreveport and Leonardo Hernandez of San Antonio.

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Marketing Society will hold its 1971 Sales and Marketing Clinic beginning at 9 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the MSC.

Junior Class Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 113 of Nagle Hall.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 304 of the Physics Building.

THURSDAY
Canadian Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at David and Bobby Ayres' home, 203 Davis in Bryan, for an organizational meeting.

Marketing Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the MSC to hear Tome Cale of A. C. Neilson speak on "The Competitive Edge—Marketing Research."

Houston Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 3D of the MSC to elect officers for 1971-72.

Chemical Engineers Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Mrs. T. P. Eubanks', 2515 Towering Oaks in Bryan, for a program by Dottie Clark of the Spinning Wheel Yarn Shop.

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