

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many Texans expressed strong indignation Tuesday over the Lt. William Calley court-martial verdict and some planned "sympathy marches" to give point to their protest.

Telephone calls jammed switchboards of newspapers and radio-TV stations. Some people wanted to know where they could write to Calley. Others asked if they could reach him by phone.

Herby Williams, a quality control engineer at Recognition Equipment Inc., said most of the 1,100 persons employed at his Dallas plant are angry at the verdict.

"I was in the naval air service in World War II," Williams said, "and I know what it is. Sometimes things come up and you can't always explain why you did or did not do a certain action. But this one looks real rotten — it stinks to high heaven. My faith in this country is dissipating a little and this certainly doesn't help it."

A woman with two sons in San Antonio, who did not want her name used, said:

"If he's guilty, I'm guilty, and if you pay taxes, so are you. I paid his way over there and I paid for any training he received."

She said she was going to check Calley's background to see if he had served in the ROTC

and, if he did, she planned to pull her two sons out of the corps immediately.

Ronald Mitchell, assistant director in a self-help program for minority groups, said in Fort Worth:

"The verdict was ridiculous. If Calley is guilty, then everyone from the President on down is guilty. I mean, this cat was given orders. Now, maybe he had had a choice—either obey orders or face a court-martial. He was caught between a rock and the hard place."

H. W. King, a detective in the Fort Worth Police Department, called the verdict "an insult to the whole nation."

"You can't train a man to fight and then send him off thousands of miles to fight, and then when he kills someone, bring him back home and try him for murder. If he did something wrong, they should just kick him out of the Army," said King.

A former military man now in San Antonio who wouldn't give his name, thought the whole thing blown out of proportion.

"We did the same type of thing to the Indians, the Germans did it to us in World War II and we did it to Japan. It is one of these things where you have military and civilians mixing in the same thing."

A woman said of Calley: "I think he is guilty of killing those

people, but was he responsible for what happened? I don't feel we'll ever know — just the three officers involved. I really feel sorry for him as a mother . . ."

Another woman called The Associated Press in Dallas to say she has a petition with 100 names protesting the verdict and plans on sending it to the court-martial judge.

Jack Almack of Lubbock said he is so incensed that he has written to Washington demanding that his son be released from service in the Navy. Almack, an Air Force veteran himself, said he considers the Calley verdict wipes out his son's military oath to defend the country.

The insurance man said he had sent his letter to President Nixon, Vice President Agnew, Texas senators and representatives, the defense secretary, the Navy secretary, and members of the Senate and House armed services committees.

The Pecos Enterprise bitterly expressed indignation in a front page editorial comment.

Headed "Justice? Army or Otherwise?" the Pecos editorial read in part: "The Calley verdict leaves us with a bad taste in the mouth, a sinking in the heart and a queasy stomach. Since when is a soldier court-martialed for failure to do his duty and is court-martialed if he does? How can we ask our boys to go will-

ingly to Vietnam, thousands of miles away from home, without our full support and cooperation?"

Protest marches have been planned for Wednesday in San Antonio and for Friday in downtown Dallas.

The American Friends Service Committee in the Alamo city said it is inviting civilians and military personnel to march to the judge advocate general's office at Ft. Sam Houston to protest what it called "making a scapegoat" of Calley.

A spokesman claimed Calley's "showcase trial" was "a clear attempt on the part of the U. S. military and government . . . to cover up their collective and individual guilt regarding the issue of crimes against humanity in the war in Southeast Asia."

George Hughes Jr., an insurance broker who is organizing the "sympathy march" Friday from the Kennedy Memorial to Dallas City Hall and back, said: "There will be no speeches and no trouble-making. This will be just a march by the concerned citizens of Dallas who feel that Lt. Calley got a bum deal."

Hughes, who served 20 years in the Army and Air Force, said he expects hundreds of veterans to join in the march. But he said they will wear civilian clothes and not their uniforms.

Veterans groups reacted angrily in Houston, too.

Jack Wolk, commander of American Legion Post No. 644, said he is "pretty angry" about the verdict.

"I don't like it a bit," he said. "These things happen over and over. War is hell, that's just the way it is. The man did the job he was told to do. They say they can't make you obey an unlawful order, but they can sure make you wish you had."

John Danko, who commands Houston American Legion Post No. 560, said: "I think what he did was more or less justified. The soldiers there say they have more trouble with the Vietnamese people than with North Vietnamese armies. The trial should not have been held in the first place."

In Austin, a housewife, Mrs. W. R. Ferrell, said, "I even think that the jury was not fully certain of his guilt, because they took such a long time to deliberate and the verdict of guilty was not unanimous."

"The man was sent out to do a job of search and destroy and that's exactly what he did. He may have been guilty but he did obey orders and do the job he was ordered to do," said Mrs. Maurice Judy, Austin.

Adela Barnes, University of Texas senior in sociology, said she thought it was "unfortunate to pinpoint one man. American society as a whole is guilty because we are involved in this war."

Mrs. Thomas Herron, wife of a retired Air Force colonel in Austin, said she thought Calley's conviction "is a disgrace. How can you expect people to go to war unless they follow orders?"

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Country reacts same way

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Formal pleas for clemency, countrywide petition campaigns and angry speeches in the Congress marked the deep reaction of many Americans Tuesday to the murder conviction of Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. for his part in the 1968 My Lai massacre.

In Georgia, all five members of the Selective Service System's local board 30 in Athens resigned under the lead of Chairman Pugh, who termed the Calley verdict "unacceptable."

"Our conscience will not allow us to continue when our men are treated like that," said Pugh, adding he hoped that other draft boards throughout the country "will follow suit" and resign.

U. S. Rep. William L. Dickerson, R-Ala., said in a House speech that he had sent a telegram to President Nixon asking him to pardon Calley, and a resolution backing the petition was up for consideration Wednesday in the Alabama Legislature.

A separate resolution asking for clemency was approved by the Democratic Central Committee in Ionia County, Mich., and another was introduced in the Illinois State House in Springfield.

At Ft. Benning, Ga., where Calley was convicted Monday of premeditated murder by a six-man court martial jury, the local

Post 35 of the American Legion said it was organizing two campaigns on Calley's behalf — to raise \$100,000 for the cost of appeals and another to collect 10 million signatures on petitions protesting the verdict.

"We are recommending that everyone write his congressman, governor and the president . . .," said Jack Deese Post 35 senior vice commander. "We are bitterly opposed to the action taken by the court-martial."

Calley's conviction was termed "just" by Dr. Robert M. W. Kempner, the deputy U. S. prosecutor at the Nuernberg war crimes trial, who was contacted in Frankfurt, Germany.

He said the case should have been tried before an international tribunal.

Meanwhile, support for Calley began to emerge in several cities throughout the country.

In Pecos, Texas, the Enterprise ran a front-page editorial Tuesday condemning Calley's conviction. Radio Station WCKI in Greer, S. C., said it was playing "taps" several times an hour on the air to show its disappointment over the verdict.

The Calley verdict was greeted with angry speeches in Congress.

Rep. John R. Rarick, D-La., said parents in his district had called him to say they would never let their sons serve in an

Army that had abandoned its fighting men.

"I've had veterans tell me that if they were in Vietnam now, they would lay down their arms and come home," he said.

Rep. John J. Flynt, D-Ga., said the verdict constituted "a dangerous step toward destruction of morale in the Army" and could harm efforts to establish an all-volunteer Army.

Bulletin Board

- TONIGHT**
Aggie Wives Bridge Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 2B of the MSC.
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."

tonight on the tube

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2:30 3 (5)	Edge of Night	15 (12)	Campus and Community Today
15 (12)	Sesame Street (PBS) (Repeat of Tuesday)	7:00 3 (5)	Room 222
3:00 3 (5)	Gomer Pyle	15 (12)	NET Playhouse
3:30 3 (5)	Town Talk	7:30 3 (5)	To Rome With Love
15 (12)	University Instructional	8:00 3 (5)	Johnny Cash
4:00 3 (5)	That Girl	8:30 15 (12)	Soul (PBS)
4:30 3 (5)	Bewitched	9:00 3 (5)	Hawaii Five-O
15 (12)	What's New (NET)	9:30 15 (12)	They Went Thataway (PBS)
5:00 3 (5)	General Hospital	10:00 3 (5)	Final News
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6:00 3 (5)	Evening News	11:30 3 (5)	The Law and Mr. Jones

Bingo—Weekdays at 5, BCS-TV/9. Nothing to buy. You need not be present to win.

Day students urged to apply for OK early

Men students at Texas A&M are urged to complete day student permit requests prior to the fall preregistration period, reports Ed Morris, assistant housing manager.

Students currently living off-campus, regardless of the reason, can save considerable time during the preregistration period by having their day student permits reactivated in advance, Morris said.

Members of the corps who have not previously applied for the permits should see Malon Southland in Military Science Room 105.

Civilian students must report to the Housing Office in YMCA Room 101.

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I HAVE A VERY SARCASTIC CATCHER

By Charles M. Schulz