

Calley support builds; Nixon's release action endorsed

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—The man-on-the-street endorsed President Nixon's release Thursday of Lt. William Calley Jr. as support for him sprang up from both the military and civilian community here.

The county Republican Executive Committee passed a resolution Thursday night urging President Nixon to grant speedy clemency for Calley. Only one of 33 people present voted against it.

County GOP Chairman Van Henry Archer released a letter he wrote the President asking him:

"Since when does a Vietnamese life mean as much as one American life or even two hundred Vietnamese to one American?"

The letter continued: "this man is not a criminal. He did not shoot another American."

Archer wrote the President on Republican party stationery and as county chairman. He suggested the military tribunal that convicted Calley walk through military hospitals and look "at some of these pitiful Americans that were shot up by so-called unarmed civilians."

A survey of citizens here showed support for Nixon's release of Calley. "It was a foolish thing to do in the first place, to convict Calley of premeditated murder," said Jim Floyd, a State Health Department employe.

"If he's guilty, everyone in Vietnam is guilty. The president's action is very commendable."

Nixon ordered Calley's release at once Thursday pending completion of a full review of his conviction.

William H. Curry of Casper, Wyo., said the President's action was the "proper thing to do."

"We're talking about a volunteer army and it won't be suc-

cessful by prosecuting a member of the armed forces for doing what he's trained to do, distasteful as it is," he said.

Curry, president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, was visiting here after the group's Houston convention. "I was surprised to see he freed Calley," Augustine Moreno Jr. said. "It's a wise decision. With elections coming up, maybe that's why he did it."

Of 14 people contacted on a major downtown street here, only one voiced opposition to Calley. Ramon Aguilar Rosas of Mexico City, a cartoonist for a leading Mexican newspaper, Novedades, said: "I'm against Calley. My Cartoons have been against his attitude. Despite his being a soldier, any human being has to have conscience. You can't kill civilians."

Earlier Thursday, before the Nixon announcement, young Army officers reacted bitterly to Calley's conviction.

"If I were a commander on the ground," said one, "I'd have two radios—one to talk to my commander. And the other to talk to my lawyer."

Capt. Douglas Fomesbeck, 26, a beribboned Vietnam veteran, was not alone in his bitter reaction to the conviction of Lt. William Calley Jr.

Another officer at Ft. Sam Houston said, "Now, in a combat situation, this judgment will make any order by a superior subject to question."

Lt. Allan Van Bureu, of Springfield, Mo., added: "One sergeant told me the other day that this decision has killed any motivation he had to do the job in Vietnam."

Some soldiers didn't want to be quoted by name but voiced support for Calley.

"It's about 1,000 to one in Calley's favor," said a Ft. Sam

Houston sergeant of the response at the big Army post.

"It's a blow to the military, it's a blow to any and every serviceman in Vietnam carrying a weapon."

Observing a peace rally at Ft. Sam Houston, a first sergeant said he sent a telegram to the President. "I told him if they crucify Calley, they are going to have to kiss the all-volunteer army goodbye."

Capt. Fomesbeck, of Logan, Utah, said many Army people are "really upset about it. If this

petition the President for a full pardon of Calley, "on the premise that he was a victim of circumstances."

"Free Calley and prevent him from becoming a living example of our ambiguity of the policy of the United States government with respect to the war in southeast Asia," the ad said. Petitions, it said, are in each of the chain's stores, "awaiting your signature."

A disabled veteran of World War II, who is running for the city council, urged the council

300 of the 900 men on the force. The petitions ask President Nixon to intervene on Calley's behalf.

Elsewhere, many Texans continued to react with anger:

—In Washington, Rep. Jim Collins, R-Tex., asked President Nixon to appoint an independent review board to study the Calley case.

—In Dallas, insurance broker George Hughes Jr., who is organizing Friday's Calley "sympathy march," said he expects thousands to turn out.

ploye with the Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Worth, wrote to tell President Nixon his medals had no further meaning. "Please, Mr. President," he wrote, "as commander in chief, take personal charge of this misinterpretation of justice."

—Henry Ford Castro of Dallas, who was in Vietnam 1966-67, said he killed a 14-year-old Vietnamese and to this day does not know whether he was a civilian or a combat man. "Why don't they send me to Ft. Leavenworth too?" he asked. "The verdict and sentence stink. Who are they trying to impress? The people in Saigon?"

—A less emotional view was taken by U. S. Rep. Bob Price,

R.-Tex., of Pampa. He told newsmen in Amarillo: "I wasn't . . . none of us were, privy to the evidence in the Calley court-martial. I don't think we can condone the murder of innocent old men, women and children."

William T. Murphy resigned from the draft board at Paris, Tex. He wrote to tell the President that, as the father of a son —Lt. Pat Murphy, 23—now in Vietnam, he did not feel he could "in good and clear conscience ask another father to give his son to an Army that highly trains its men in search-and-destroy combat missions and then convicts him of murder in a general court martial."

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is the way the Army's going to be, they want no part of it."

A Tynan, Tex., officer, Lt. Juan Rosenbaum, said of the decision: "I think it has affected older combat NCOs (non-commissioned officers) even more than officers."

"If I were going to be in longer, and if I were in the Infantry, I would give staying in the Army a serious second thought," Lt. Seve Almond of Atlanta said. He is a medical officer due for release from active duty.

"Any hope they have for getting volunteers has got to be hurt," Almond said.

Many civilians in this city of five military bases also reacted bitterly.

"If they're going to say Calley is guilty, they will have to find Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon guilty because they sent those boys over there to kill," said Mrs. Ronald Wright, wife of a soldier in Vietnam.

A San Antonio grocery chain, Handy Andy, took out a full-page newspaper ad urging residents to

Thursday to go on record in protest of the verdict.

"No veteran is safe as a result of Calley's conviction," Lionel Wayne said.

The council took no action at once.

Police circulating petitions among fellow officers said they had signatures from more than

—Dallas County Commissioner Jim Tyson interrupted a commissioner's meeting to remark: "I join the millions to protest the court decision. The decision has made me sick."

—Maj. Edward J. Barrett of Wylie, Tex., a World War II veteran with the 101st Airborne Division and now a civilian em-

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To some, His clear, sure talk of the Kingdom and the Way and of Himself, the Son of God seemed a threat. And so He suffered on a cross, while a faithful few huddled in its shade and wept at the sacrifice.

Today, the shadow of that cross circles the globe, as people gather in churches around the world to remember that first Good Friday and give thanks for Jesus, the gift of a loving Father. His life and death and resurrection point the way for every man to find joy in the reality of God's love.

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