

# Westmoreland Interference Cited In Calley Trial

WESTMORELAND, Va. (AP)—Attorney Lt. William L. Calley Monday interference by the Chief of Staff William C. Westmoreland prevented the formation of a court-martial on charges he murdered at least 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre.

Calley's military appeals to overturn Calley's conviction or reduce his 20-year sentence to 30 years by Westmoreland of conducting a highly personal investigation into the shootings at the Vietnam village.

As a result, they said, was a "horrible specter of command influence."

The 29-year-old Calley, held under house arrest at Ft. Benning, Ga., was not called upon to appear at the hearing before the Army Court of Military Review.

Still-unpublished Army reports say at least 347 innocent civilians died at the hands of American troops, many of them under Calley's command, on March 16, 1968.

Calley's chief lawyer, George Latimer of Salt Lake City, called the search-and-destroy sweep "the worst-conceived and worst-handled combat operation I've heard of."

Another of Calley's lawyers, Capt. Houston Gordon, said Westmoreland, Army commander in Vietnam at the time of the massacre, ordered a colonel on his staff to gather evidence in what Gordon said was a clear attempt to prejudice the outcome against Calley.

Gordon said conflicting directives from Westmoreland's office played a direct role in the final decision to convene a court-martial.

Calley was originally sentenced to life, a sentence later reduced to 20 years, followed by President Nixon's order to hold him under house arrest rather than in military prison.

Gordon said Nixon played a hand in the decision to prosecute Calley and quoted a top-ranking officer at Ft. Benning as saying at the time, "I'd either be a fool or a jackass not to do what the President asks."

No ruling on the appeal of the court-martial's conviction is expected for about two months.

# Defense Spending To Top \$80 Billion

WASHINGTON (AP)—Defense spending in the coming fiscal year will not be cut as anticipated, Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird said Monday, but instead will top \$80 billion.

Laird said the total for his department in fiscal 1974 will go up at least \$4 billion over the current \$76 billion figure, mostly due to increased manpower costs.

Laird's forecast of "slightly more than \$80 billion" was a change from predictions two weeks ago by a high-ranking Pentagon official who said he anticipated a cut from the fiscal 1973 spending schedule.

Although Laird said details were lacking because planning had not been completed, he told newsmen that manpower cost increases for the fiscal year starting July 1 will eat up \$3.9 billion alone.

Pentagon sources said other inflationary costs and increased spending for research and development would account for the rest of the 1974 jump.

Laird discussed the budget situation just before he left for Brussels and the upcoming round of ministerial talks in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

During his 15-minute news conference, the secretary said he would stress in talks with the NATO ministers the necessity of avoiding unilateral manpower cuts.

This is particularly important

now, Laird said, because of the mutual balanced force reduction talks starting Jan. 31 with the Soviet Union and its allies.

Such negotiations, which are aimed at slicing troop levels by both East and West, "depend to a large extent on NATO's spirit and the maintenance of a strong NATO alliance," Laird stated.

"It is essential to go forward" with defense programs if the alliance is to avoid the appearance of weakness that would "jeopardize MBFR and other negotiations" with the Soviet Union, the secretary said.

Noting he will retire next month as Pentagon chief, Laird said this would be his last participation in the NATO meetings.

# Army Cadets To Train In Kansas

A&M Army ROTC cadets will train next summer at Fort Riley, Kan., one of five active Army posts selected to conduct 1973 training for 7,000 college students.

TAMU will send about 180 cadets to the Riley camp and a few selected volunteers will attend the special Ranger camp at Fort Benning, Ga., noted Col. Thomas R. Parsons, commandant.

He said the two Riley cycles are set for June 9 to July 20 and June 16 to July 27. The ROTC camp will also operate in two cycles, June 8 to Aug. 10 and June 29 to Aug. 31.

The Secretary of the Army, Robert F. Froehke, announced that six-week advanced ROTC camps also will be located at Fort Bragg, N. C., and Fort Lewis, Wash. An ROTC basic camp at Fort Knox, Ky., will qualify students to enter the two-year Army ROTC program.

Froehke said there will be one less advanced camp than last year due to an expected 2,000-student decrease in attendance. Indian-town Gap Military Reservation, Pa., was one of the 1972 summer training sites.

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We can accept and obey Him, thus becoming heirs of His precious promises; or we can reject Him now and be rejected by Him later. What we do with Him today will determine what He does with us tomorrow. "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" The people then present responded: "Let him be crucified." And Pilate did. What will your answer be? What will you do with Jesus who is called Christ?