

Russo Testifies At Pentagon Papers Trial

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Anthony J. Russo, weeping at one point as he spoke of the suffering of the Vietnamese, testified in his own defense Monday, telling how Daniel Ellsberg enlisted him to copy the Pentagon papers.

Russo explained how he and Ellsberg became close friends, drawn together by their increasing doubts about the validity of U.S. policies in Vietnam. He told of their days together in Vietnam working as researchers on government projects for the Rand Corp.

After Russo left Rand in early 1969, he said, he and Ellsberg continued seeing each other socially, frequently talking about the war.

At one such talk Russo said, had come to much the same conclusion.

Ellsberg, he said, mentioned a "study he was reading" which revealed similar conclusions.

Later, Ellsberg suggested copying the papers, Russo said.

"One morning he called me up and asked if I was going to be home and said he would like to see me. He came over shortly after the call.

"Dan said, 'you know that study I told you about . . . I want to get it out. Can you arrange to 'I remarked to Dan that I had seen a very definite pattern of lying and deception and alteration of facts by the U.S. government in Vietnam . . . Dan said he

Xerox it? Do you know anyone who has a Xerox machine?' I said, 'Yes, I'll try to arrange it.'"

By nightfall, on that day in October 1969, Russo said copying began at an advertising agency in Hollywood where Linda Sinay Resnick, Russo's friend, had a copying machine.

The government prosecutor im-

mediately began trying to challenge Russo's testimony.

Earlier, Russo began weeping as he told jurors the story of a North Vietnamese while interviewing captured prisoners for a research study.

Russo, calling the prisoner "the strongest man I ever met," dropped his head and wiped his eyes

as he told the story to jurors. Then, laughing through his tears, he said "See, even now when I talk about it, it comes back to me."

The 36-year-old defendant, on trial with Ellsberg, told the story to illustrate the experiences which transformed him from an "establishment" researcher on government projects to a vehement antiwar activist.

He admitted to jurors that he helped Ellsberg copy the Pentagon papers study of the Vietnam war in 1969, but said he had never seen the documents before copy-

ing them, and indicated he did not know their contents.

He told jurors of his disillusionment with the results of his work in Vietnam. He said he submitted one report to the Air Force which he felt was ignored. It was a report on the use of "antipersonnel weapons" which frequently killed civilians.

"I was kind of secretly hoping that the Air Force, when they saw how bad these things were, would stop using them. But I think I was very naive." He said the use of those weapons subsequently increased.

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

New Braunfels Hometown Club will have its picture taken in front of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

Meteorology Wives' Club will hear a talk on health food by Rhoda Poenisch at 2604 Morris Lane at 7:30 p.m.

A&M Wheelmen will meet in Room 3D of the Memorial Student Center at 7:30 p.m.

American Society for Engineering Education will hear Edward P. Hardin in Lecture Room 2 of the Zachry Engineering Center at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m.

Human Issues Discussion Group has canceled its 7:30 p.m. meeting in Rooms 2A and 2B of the MSC.

WEDNESDAY

A&M Sports Car Club will discuss its summer programs at 7:30 p.m. in the Mimosa Room of the Old College Station City Hall, 101 Church Avenue.

Weightlifting Club will meet in

the G. Rollie White Coliseum weightroom at 7:00 p.m.

DeWitt-Lavaca Counties Hometown Club will elect officers in Room 203 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

MSC Bridge Committee will meet in Room 229 of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

Noon Forum Slates Calvert For Wednesday

Robert W. Calvert, former chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, will speak Wednesday in the noon Political Forum series.

Calvert, elected chairman of the National Conference of State Chief Justices in 1970, will discuss "Judicial Constitutional Reform."

The program will begin at noon in the Memorial Student Center ballroom, announced Political Forum Chairman Ed Jarrett.

Calvert received his degree from the University of Texas Law School and practiced law in Hillsboro before serving three terms in the Texas House of Representatives. During his last term he served as Speaker of the House.

Calvert was an associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court for 10 years and then served two six-year terms as chief justice, retiring Oct. 4, 1972.

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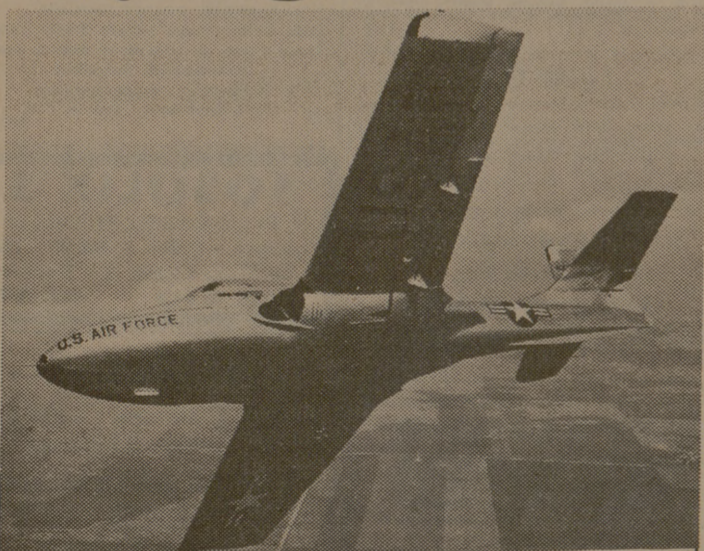
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