



'Free Calley'

Cause losing support across nation

The noisy public clamor to "Free Calley" that shook the nation following Lt. William Calley's conviction for murdering 22 Vietnamese women, children and old men now is only a whisper.

"Free Calley" rallies are fewer, a recent benefit dance to raise funds for the young infantry officer in Iowa flopped, an American Legion post in New York State indicates it is more interested in a baseball dinner now and the ambitious drive to raise a \$100,000 defense fund begun by a Georgia veterans group still is about \$85,000 short.

More significant, perhaps, politicians are talking less about "the Calley injustice..."

"Things are not as good as they once were," said Dr. Max Anderson, a chiropractor and Korean War veteran who commands American Legion Post 35 at

Columbus, Ga., a short distance from Ft. Benning where Calley is held confined to quarters while his conviction and life at hard labor prison sentence are being reviewed.

"Our big problem is to keep up public sentiment," Anderson said Wednesday. "We're writing all persons who signed earlier petitions to get them circulating more petitions."

Contributions have dropped sharply and so has the mail, Anderson said, noting that the height of the reaction following Calley's conviction on March 29 for his part in the My Lai massacre, the Legion's fund drive headquarters was receiving between 300 and 500 letters a day.

"Now we are down to 100 to 150 letters a day and that is not good," Anderson said. "We are going to have to work harder."

Anderson said a week ago the "Free Calley" defense fund had reached about \$15,000. Wednesday he said he had not had time lately to go over the figures but he thought it to be "a little in excess of \$15,000."

A survey Wednesday showed interest in Calley had waned sharply since the initial reaction that had draft boards resigning en toto, congressmen and other politicians making angry speeches and President Nixon intervening to remove Calley from the guardhouse and install

him in his comfortable post bachelor quarters.

At Sioux City, Iowa, only about 80 persons turned out for Joe Hupp's benefit dance for Calley and Hupp lost \$600.

The days ago at Rochester, N.Y., the Monroe County American Legion established a fund to help pay for court appeals for Calley. The Legion earmarked \$300 of its own money, but Mrs. Fola Steiner, Legion executive secretary, said only a one-dollar donation has been received.

Senate rejects demands

WASHINGTON—Antiwar veterans' demands for an immediate U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam were rejected in Senate floor debate Thursday as an invitation for a devastating Communist attack on rear guard American troops heading for home.

President Nixon's refusal to set a fixed deadline for a total withdrawal was defended by Sens. Clifford P. Hansen, R-Wyo.; William B. Saxbe, R-Ohio; Robert Taft Jr., R-Ohio; and James L. Buckley, Republican-Conservative of New York, before a virtually empty chamber.

Taft said Nixon's critics were "Johnny-come-lately doves" who were silent when President Lyndon B. Johnson was shipping hundreds of thousands of troops to Vietnam. Their silence, he said, "is testimony to the pure politics of the current dissent."

South Vietnam will be able to defend itself with additional U.S. military support for "a brief period of time," Buckley said, but to withdraw precipitously would be to quit "on the

verge of achieving the success of our years of effort in blood and treasure."

Hansen said if Nixon announced a withdrawal deadline, Hanoi could build up its supplies and conserve its forces in anticipation of the announced date. He added:

"At that time, or a few weeks before, when America's rear guard is mounting out to go aboard transports, the enemy could launch a devastating attack—aimed either at destroying American fighting men out of revenge for the countless thousands of her own people Hanoi has forfeited to American steel in battle, or at toppling the government of South Vietnam and placing the country under the heel of communism, showing the world how futile was the nine-year effort of the United States to give South Vietnam the right of self-determination."

Saxbe, whose son is serving in Vietnam, said he supports Nixon's policy of gradual withdrawal but warned he would be "the first to criticize" if withdrawals are slowed down when the rainy season ends in October.

Draft may be extended

WASHINGTON—The Senate Armed Services Committee voted Thursday to extend the draft two years and begin raising military pay to levels the Nixon administration hopes will produce a volunteer army by 1972.

The committee voted 13 to 3 to extend the Selective Service Act for two more years after it expires June 30. A proposal to limit the extension to one year was defeated 12 to 3 and a four-year extension was defeated 10 to 6.

Then the committee, despite

misgivings by many of its members that a volunteer army was an impossible goal, voted to raise pay for enlisted men and junior officers by amounts ranging from 9 to 50 per cent. The proposal, identical to the pay increase suggested by the administration, passed 16 to 0. A House version that increases pay even more sharply was defeated 10 to 6.

The Senate version also included a bonus of \$3,000 to men who enlist for Army combat service—a provision that has been rejected by the house.

World news in brief

Staton bill asks college subsidies

RALEIGH—Legislation was introduced Thursday proposing the state subsidize private colleges and universities which accept North Carolina students.

Sen. William Staton, D-Lee, sponsored the measure at the request of the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities.

His bill outlined a proposal similar to one suggested by the legislative study commission on financial aid as one alternative if the Legislature decides against a broader plan which would aid students regardless of the school they attended.

Staton's bill did not carry an appropriation. He said the amount of funds which would be needed would depend on the action taken by the Legislature or the Legislative Study Commission's recommendations.

Kremlin upset over ping pong

SOFIA—The Kremlin is so upset by growing U.S. contacts with China it may harden its diplomatic line toward the United States, Communist sources said Thursday.

Glimmers of that hardened line have emerged at the Bulgarian Communist Party Congress, where the Russians and

their Bulgarian spokesmen have suddenly dropped all references to possibilities of Soviet-American progress.

Barely three weeks ago, Soviet Party leader Leonid I. Brezhnev proposed a series of multilateral and world conferences on disarmament, nonaggression treaties and other international measures. That was before the U.S. table tennis team went to Peking.

There has been no public mention of the Sino-American "ping-pong diplomacy." But the sources said it has been a prime topic of private conversation between Brezhnev and other Communist leaders gathered here for the Bulgarian Congress—the first big Communist meeting since the Sino-American rapprochement began.

Withdrawal key to peace talks

PARIS—Hanoi and the Viet Cong said Thursday that announcement of a firm date for U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam was the key to an immediate cease fire and talks on release of U.S. prisoners. They hailed the antiwar demonstrations in Washington and claimed they were backed by most Americans.

Communist negotiators pressed for a flat troop pullout date in a session of the Paris talks that indicated Hanoi and the Viet Cong had their sights set on the U.S. antiwar rallies in hopes they would influence the course of American policies.

North Vietnam's Xuan Thuy and the Viet Cong's Mme. Nguyen Thi Binh issued appeals of support for the war

protesters, called them "courageous Americans" and expressed the hope President Nixon would "listen to the voice of the American people."

North Vietnamese delegation chiefs made clear in conference speeches that a deadline for a complete U.S. troop withdrawal remained their top priority political objective.

Manson waiting on death row

SAN QUENTIN, Calif.—Hippie cult leader Charles Manson, sentenced to death for the Tate-LaBianca mass murders, Thursday became the 94th convict on California's death row.

Accompanied by two guards and two drivers, Manson, 36, was taken into San Quentin Prison's back entrance at 11:30 a.m. in a Los Angeles County sheriff's department van with its windows painted white.

He had been removed from his cell at 4:40 a.m. in the Los Angeles Hall of Justice, where he was sentenced to death last Monday for the 1969 killings of actress Sharon Tate and six others.

His codefendants, Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel and Leslie Van Houten, also condemned to death, remained in jail in Los Angeles.

Busing becomes part of system

CHARLOTTE—Cross-busing as a means of achieving racial balance in the

schools will likely be a way of life in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg system for a long time to come.

That's the opinion of School Board Attorney William J. Waggoner, who predicted on local television Wednesday, "Transportation will be a way of life in this system until such time as neighborhoods are fully desegregated."

The School Board met with its attorneys in a televised meeting to hear an interpretation of the Supreme Court ruling Tuesday which upheld the desegregation plan ordered into effect last fall by Federal District Judge James B. McMillan.

"The opinion obviously offers no alternative to continued long distance assignment of students," Waggoner told the board.

In upholding the order, which requires massive cross-town busing to achieve an approximate 70-30 white-black balance in the schools, the Supreme Court left some room for minor changes.

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