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Manson, 3 Women Get Death Penalty

**Defendants
Threaten
Tate Jurors**

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Los Angeles

A jury — ignoring defense pleas for a "gift of life" — decreed death in San Quentin Prison's gas chamber yesterday for Charles Manson and three women followers convicted of seven murders in the Sharon Tate case.

Nose of the defendants faced the jurors during the action. All were thrown out for shouting derogatory comments.

Manson was first out, before any verdicts were read. He muttered: "I don't see how you can get by with this. You don't have no authority over me. You're not nearly as good as me. This is not the people's courtroom."

The judge ordered him to be quiet, then ordered him out. The three women, their formerly long hair cropped close to their heads, sat silent until the first verdict of death was pronounced for Manson. Then Patricia Krenwinkel, 23, spoke to jurors: "You've all just judged yourselves."

GAME
Then Susan Atkins, 22, shouted angrily, "It's gonna come down hard. Lock your doors, protect your kids." When the judge ordered her out, she wrenched from a balcony and shouted at the judge, "Remove yourself from the face of the earth. You're all fools."

She was led out, followed by Miss Krenwinkel, who muttered, "The whole system is a game." Last to go was Leslie Van Houten, who also muttered, "You've all just judged yourselves."

The same seven men and five women who convicted the four of first-degree murder and conspiracy last January 25 chose the death penalty over the only alternative, life imprisonment with the possibility of parole.

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\$100,000 Fee for Calley Book

Washington

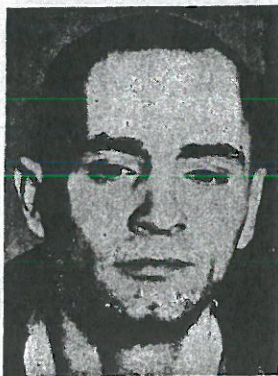
First Lieutenant William L. Calley is splitting \$100,000 with Esquire magazine's former Vietnam war correspondent, John Sack, for publication of Calley's exclusive memoirs. It was learned yesterday.

Thomas H. Guinzburg, president of Viking Press Inc., said the book, entitled "I, Calley: An American Tragedy," will be published

July 28. Work on the book is virtually complete, Guinzburg said, and is based on extensive interviews Sack had with Calley over a period of months. He said Sack has also interviewed Calley since his conviction.

He said Calley signed a contract with Viking last fall. It was approved by Colonel Reid Kennedy, the presiding judge at Calley's recent court martial.

L.A. Times Service



CHARLES MANSON BEFORE THE VERDICT
"This is not the people's courtroom"

Slain Girl Was A 'Love Captive'

Associated Press

Fort Benning, Ga.

An ex-GI testified yesterday that he watched Lieutenant William Calley Jr. conduct a methodical, point-blank mass execution of unresisting Vietnamese men, women and children at My Lai while they screamed for their lives.

Many of the unarmed victims were shot down one by one, said the witness, Dennis Conti, of Providence, R.I.

At one point in his testimony at Calley's court-martial, Conti said a handful of women and children made a dash for freedom while Calley shouted enlisted men in his platoon to "get 'em, get 'em, kill 'em."

Conti, 21, a truck driver, also testified:

"I looked down and saw a

woman try to get up. I saw Lieutenant Calley fire and blow the top of her head off."

Calley, 27, is on trial for his life, charged with the premeditated murder of 103 civilians March 16, 1969, while leading his infantry platoon on a search and destroy assault against My Lai.

Calley leaned forward with both elbows on the defense table and his neck appeared to reddens at times during the 35-minute recital by Conti, first of 31 court-martial witnesses to say he saw Calley kill anyone.

The government later placed in evidence an 8-by-10 inch color photograph of 90 bloody Vietnamese bodies lying along a trail beside the village.

Besides these 30 slayings, Calley also is accused of engineering at least 70 other executions in a drainage ditch to the east of My Lai, where they were forced to smoke marijuana, sniff cocaine and take a number of pills.

She told police she was walked up the trail a little bit. There I saw Lieutenant Calley and some other soldiers. As I came up, Lieutenant Calley told us to round up people.

Q. Can you describe these people?
A. Women and children, down to 3 or 4 years old. I brought them back to where the command post was on the trail.

Q. How many were there?
A. At the time, I guess 30 or 40 people all women and children. I remember one old man.

Calley Sobs

RECORD THAT'S GOING
VERY BIG IN COUNTRY

WASHINGTON—(NNS) — The Nashville music company that produced "Harper Valley PTA" is in the running with another record its president believes will sell four million copies: "The Battle Hymn of Lt. Calley."

Set to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," it is an unabashed condemnation of Calley's conviction and sentence to life imprisonment.

The ballad is in the mold of other country-and-western tunes that champion traditional values while criticizing the protests and changing social values of American youth.

Million Goal

Shelby Singleton, president of Plantation Records, said he expected "The Battle Hymn" to sell a million copies by Wednesday, 12 days after its release, which was timed to coincide with the Calley court-martial verdict.

The lyrics were written by Julian Wilson and James Smith, both of Muscle Shoals, Ala., where the song was recorded last December by a pick-up group called C-Company, featuring Terry Nelson.

300,000 Orders

Initial reaction to the record has been good, according to the hit charts. Singleton said he had orders for more than 300,000 copies by late yesterday and record presses would run through the week-end to meet the demand.

The Calley ballad begins by saying that "once upon a time" there was a little boy who wanted to grow up to be a soldier, to serve his country any way he could. The boy put a saucupan on his head for a helmet and paraded about with a sword and flag.

1 in 3 Vets Tried Drugs

One-third of all the enlisted GIs returning from Vietnam between the ages of 18 and 26 have experimented with heroin or other "hard" drugs, preliminary findings in an Army survey disclosed yesterday.

More than half—59 percent—of Vietnam veterans in this age group have used marijuana, the report shows.

The investigation, made by Major Eric Nelson, an Army psychiatrist stationed at Letterman General Hospital, was conducted last March and April surveying more than 1000 GIs returning from Vietnam to the Oakland Army Base.

Dr. Nelson is still analyzing the data and will use a computer to determine final results. He hand-analyzed the 1000 questionnaires for the preliminary report.

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Calley Found Guilty Of My Lai Murders Nixon Orders Calley Freed



LIEUTENANT CALLEY (LEFT) AFTER HEARING THE VERDICT

VEITCH AND IRONS HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE

"LEGION OF CHARLIES" COMIC DEFENDED
IN THE FACE OF UNEXPECTED PUBLIC UPROAR OVER
THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THEIR LATEST UNDERGROUND
COMIC, TOM VEITCH AND GREG IRONS
HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN S.F.
TO DEFEND THEIR WORK.

"IT'S LIKE THIS," SAID TALL RED-HAIRED IRONS, ARTIST OF THE L.C.'S STRIP: "WE'RE PROTESTING A GOVERNMENT THAT DEHUMANIZES ITS CITIZENS AND MAKES ROBOT KILLERS OUT OF THEM."

250 LB. WATER VEITCH AGREED. "WE'VE TAKEN THE LOGIC INHERENT IN TODAY'S NEWS AND CARRIED IT TO ABSURDITY. THE WHOLE THING IS A PICTURE OF WHAT'S ROTTEN IN THE AMERICAN PSYCHE. IT'S A NON-PARTISAN WORK OF IMAGINATION AIMED TOWARD A PUBLIC CATHARSIS."

EMINENT CRITIC H.I. SABBAGH WAS ON HAND TO LEND SUPPORT. "DIS EES ALL GOOD FUN," HE SAID. "DIS BOOK GOT MANY YUK YUKS." —cont. P.28

N.Y. Times Service

Fort Benning, Ga.

First Lieutenant William L. Calley Jr. was found guilty yesterday of the premeditated murder of at least 22 South Vietnamese civilians during the massacre at My Lai three years ago.

He faces a mandatory sentence of death or life imprisonment.

Arguments will be heard today by the same jury of six officers, and the punishment probably will be announced this afternoon.

An appeal is automatic within the military court system and could consume months.

The verdict in this grisly and protracted war crimes trial, the longest in the history of military justice, was announced after 70 hours and 58 minutes of deliberation stretching over 13 days.

SILENCE

Calley, a stocky 27-year-old junior college dropout who left his platoon on a savage sweep through an undefended hamlet called My Lai 4 on March 16, 1968, was escorted before the jury box in the small, harshly lit courtroom. Silence fell over the courtroom.

He stiffly saluted the president of the jury, Colonel Clifford H. Ford, a graying, 55-year-old veteran of World War II and Korea. Ford returned the salute and then, in a gentle voice, began reading the verdict.

The government had charged Calley with four specifications of premeditated murder of at least 102 men, women and children at My Lai. The first specification charged that Calley slaughtered at least 30 non-combatants along a trail at the south end of the village.

Ford read the jury's finding on that first specification: "Guilty."

But Ford then went on to

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IN WASHINGTON D.C., MEMORIAL DAY, 1971

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ENTITIES LIVING OR DEAD IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL, SO DON'T BOTHER SUING!

PROLOGUE:

AWRITE YOU
COMBAT- HAPPY JOES—
THIS HERE VILLAGE IS A
CONG HIDEOUT ... WE'RE GONNA
HAFTA WIPE 'EM ALL OUT!

MY LAI, MAR. 16, 1968

LET'S MOVE
IN!

PARANOIA IS LOVE!
IF YOU LOVE ME YOU WILL
DO AS I SAY, AND I SAY THAT
PIGGIES MUST
DIE!

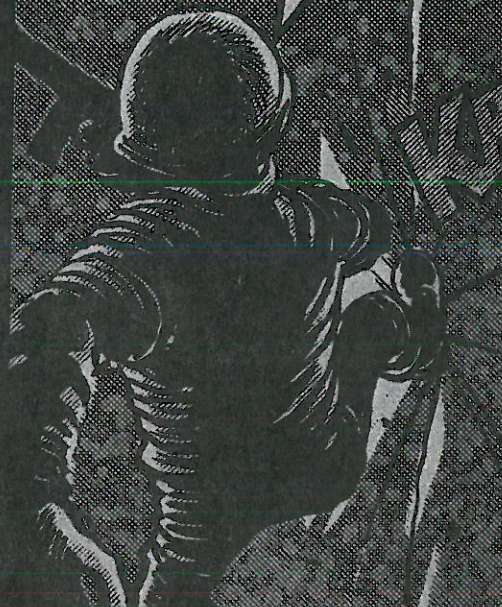
HOLLYWOOD, AUG. 9, 1969

LET'S GET
'EM!

WE GOT ORDERS FROM
UPSTAIRS TO KILL EVERY-
THING THAT MOVES...

YEA, WE'RE GONNA
KILL 'EM ALL! THE ONLY
GOOK YOU CAN TRUST IS A
DEAD GOOK! AIN'T YOU
LEARNED THAT BY NOW?

EVEN WOMEN AND CHILD-
REN LIEUTENANT? EVEN
OLD GRANDFATHERS AND
GRANDMOTHERS?



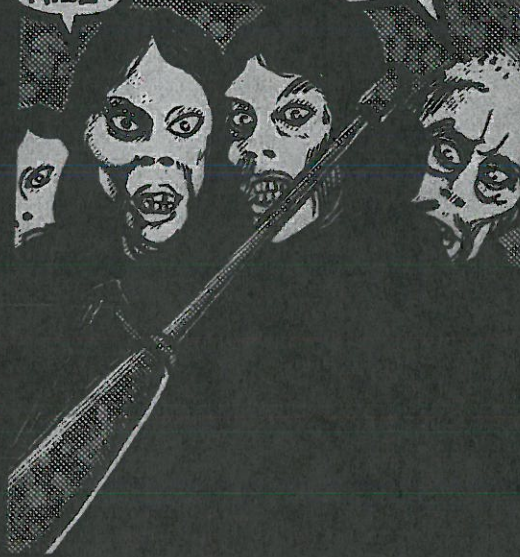
GOD HAS ANNOINTED ME
HIS ANGEL OF DEATH!
FOLLOW ME, MY SISTERS!

IT'S EASY!
AND WHEN THE ECSTASY
OF THE KILL IS OVER, YOU
WILL FEEL A PEACE
BEYOND UNDERSTANDING!

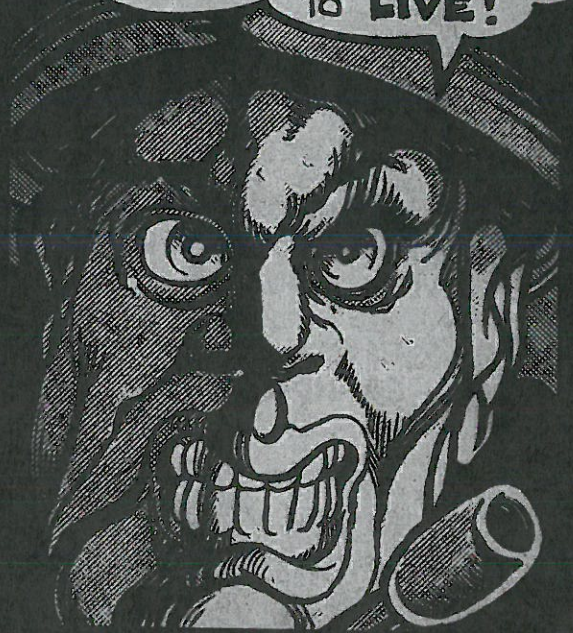
WE'RE WITH YOU, CHARLIE..
YOU TAUGHT US HOW TO LOVE,
NOW TEACH US HOW TO KILL!



**NO! PLEASE AMERICAN
SOLDIER! WE HAVE DONE
NOTHING! LEAVE US ALONE
TO TEND OUR CHILDREN
AND OUR CROPS!
AIEE!**



**YOU COMMIE GOOK CREEPS!
12 OF MY BUDDIES DIED IN
YOUR FILTHY TRAPS! YOUR
CHILDREN DON'T DESERVE
TO LIVE!**



**W-WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
GET OUT OF THIS HOUSE!**



**RICH PIGGIES DON'T DE-
SERVE TO LIVE! CHARLIE IS
CHRIST! YOU ARE ALL GO-
ING TO DIE!**



KILL 'EM! GET 'EM!
LINE THE REST OF THE VILLAGE
UP BY THE RICE PADDY!
WE'LL FINISH THIS JOB REAL QUICK!

Y-YES SIR!

BLAM
KBLAM

KPOW

WHEN THE BLACK REVOLUTION COMES
WE WILL BE **HEROS**, SISTERS!
BY THE HOLY WORD OF THE **BEATLES**
WE WILL **KILL!**

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RUSTY, ALTHOUGH YOU THOUGHTLESSLY
SNUFFED THE LIVES OF 400 GOOK WOMEN
AND CHILDREN, THE U.S. ARMY WANTS TO
APOLOGIZE FOR MAKING YOU A SCAPEGOAT AND
WISHES TO AWARD YOU THIS SILVER STAR FOR
BRAVERY ABOVE AND BEYOND AND BELOW!
GOOD SHOOTIN' KID!

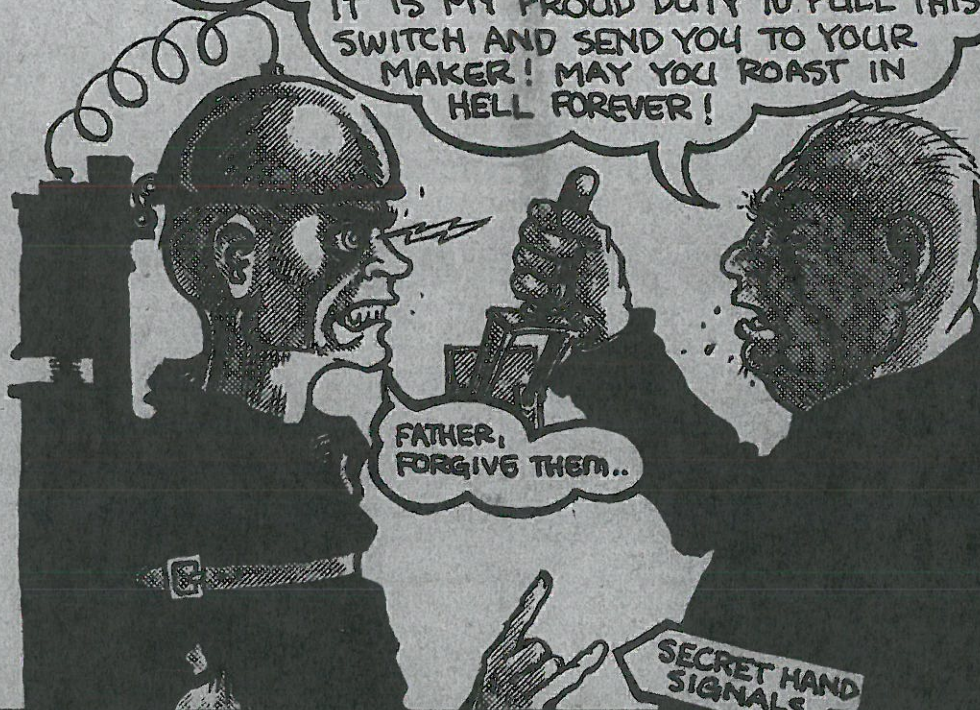
AW
SHUCKS!



CHARLIE, FOR THE UNSPEAKABLE MURDERS
OF AMERICA'S MOVIE STARS, AND FOR THE
HEINOUS CORRUPTION OF OUR DAUGHTERS,
IT IS MY PROUD DUTY TO PULL THIS
SWITCH AND SEND YOU TO YOUR
MAKER! MAY YOU ROAST IN
HELL FOREVER!

FATHER,
FORGIVE THEM...

SECRET HAND
SIGNALS.



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