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ATLANTA (LNS)—Super-patriots have been trying to turn Lt. William Calley, accused of playing a major role in the Song My massacre, into some sort of a military hero.

Last month, members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars planned a rally in support of Calley. They expected 3,000 people, but only 34 showed up.

The organizers of the pro-Calley movement, while “depressed” about the poor turnout at the rally, haven’t given up. Now, they plan a petition drive to “protest the unjust and unwarranted charges” against Calley. The petitions are being circulated through Legion and VFW posts throughout the Southeast.

The prosecution of Calley by the Army, the petitioners argue, is “playing into the hands of the Communists.”



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