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Directed by President

FBI Probes Massacre

Full Report Given
By Austin Police

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By JIM BERRY
Staff Writer

The FBI is conducting a full investigation into the University of Texas tower massacre by a 25-year-old student at the personal direction of President Lyndon Johnson, the Austin American-Statesman learned Wednesday.

The President was reported to have expressed particular concern over the mass slayings from a sniper's perch atop the U.T. tower.

The President's youngest daughter, Luci Baines Johnson, plans to make her home in Austin after she marries Pat Nugent Saturday. Both Miss Johnson and Nugent have said they plan to enroll at U.T.

They have rented a brick duplex at 1105 Heritage Way, a quiet cul-de-sac about two miles off-campus.

There has been speculation but no confirmation that Lynda Byrd Johnson, the President's 22-year-old daughter who graduated from the University last June, would return to the Forty Acres for graduate study in September.

Austin police are making available to the FBI their complete file on the mass slayings that ended when sniper Charles J. Whitman was gunned down by police officers on the observation deck of the tower after 15 persons had been killed.

The file, a so far 300-page report — contains every scrap of information city police have pieced together since shots from a high-powered rifle began raking the campus at 11:45 a.m. Monday.

Major K. R. Herbert, Austin police chief of detectives, said the FBI is assisting the Austin police force with the investigation.

Herbert said the FBI has conducted interviews in connection with the case at Lake Worth, Fla., Whitman's native home and where his father, plumbing contractor Charles A. Whitman, lives.

He said the FBI is also assisting in tracing the origin of Whitman's arsenal of guns. The sniper was armed with three rifles, a shotgun, and two hand guns. Police found two other rifles at his South Austin home.

"They have offered their assistance in any way they can be of help," Herbert said.

Asked if the FBI came to the police department or someone from the department called in the FBI, Herbert said:

"I guess they came to us on the guns."

He said interviews conducted by FBI agents in Florida was assisting the department in developing background about Whitman.

Governor
Studying
Homicides

By PAUL REGER
AP Writer

Gov. John B. Connally began studying today the Charles J. Whitman homicide rampage which left 16 persons dead and 31 wounded. He planned to call a meeting of key law officers to see if anything can be done to stem possible future such occurrences.

At a late hour, the governor had not set a date for the conference but his own staff gathered in his office to discuss the case.

Arrangements were made to fly the bodies of Whitman and his mother, the first person killed in the mass slayings, to their home town of Lake Worth, Fla., for burial.

Having cut short a Latin-American tour because of the tragedy, Connally arrived Tuesday night from Rio de Janeiro in what he described as a "shocked and saddened" condition.

The governor, who himself narrowly escaped death by gunfire when he was wounded in the Dallas assassination of President John F. Kennedy, said he would confer with Col. Homer Garrison, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, and other state law officials.

He said he called the talks "in hopes of preventing a recurrence" of such shootings in Texas in the future.

In Washington, sponsors of gun-control legislation, under prodding from President Johnson, are working on a bill.

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CASKETS CONTAINING BODIES OF CHARLES WHITMAN (LEFT) AND HIS MOTHER BOUND FOR FLORIDA
Men in rain slickers prepare to load caskets on plane at Municipal Airport Wednesday morning

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5.5-Inch Rain
Falls in Centex

Rains of up to five and one-half inches Wednesday morning brought the first moisture to Central Texas in almost one month.

Bergstrom Air Force Base recorded 5.56 inches between 6:55 and 9:15 a.m. The U.S. Weather Bureau at Municipal Airport reported a 24-hour total, ending at mid-morning, of 2.43 inches.

Other reports included .49 of an inch in Northwest Austin, 1.04 in Northeast Austin and 1.17 at Taylor.

The rain began in Austin shortly before midnight as a cold front moved in from the north, bringing the first moisture since July 7.

By mid-morning the rainfall was beginning to cause flooding in scattered areas of East Austin. Flooding was reported on low areas of Holly St. and Airport Blvd. and a bridge in the

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War Issue
Vote Won
By Soapy

Associated Press

Former Governor G. Mennen Williams, a strong supporter of President Johnson's Viet Nam policies, stormed to a big victory Tuesday over Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh for Michigan's Democratic U.S. senatorial nomination.

In other top primaries, State Sen. Don Samuelson upset Idaho Gov. Robert E. Smylie in his bid for the Republican gubernatorial renomination and Sen. James B. Pearson and Gov. William H. Avery won renomination in the Kansas Republican primary.

Williams, who visited all of the state's 83 counties during the bitter campaign, jumped into an early lead over the Detroit mayor and pulled steadily ahead. Sharpest issue of the race, which attracted national attention, was the administration's

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AF Plans Pullout
Of French Bases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States will pull out its six Air Force reconnaissance squadrons now based in France beginning this month, the Pentagon said today.

A defense announcement said three of the six squadrons will be moved to bases in Britain, a fourth will be inactivated, as previously scheduled, and the other two will be returned to the United States.

The withdrawal is a continuation of American moves required by French withdrawal from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization military structure.

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced June 15 that the squadrons would be relocated, but did not give details.

Two transport squadrons already have been moved to the United Kingdom, and the process of moving military stocks

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Austin Aqua Festival

Pre-Festival Events

TODAY'S EVENTS

5:30 p.m. Canoe Race Barbecue
Travis County Park, Mansfield Dam

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

8:00 a.m. Cuero Chisholm Trail Blazers Boy Scout Hike
From campsite between Lockhart and Bergstrom to Bergstrom AFB

8:00 a.m. Highland Lakes Canoe Race
Depart Low Water Bridge, Below Mansfield Dam

5:30 p.m. Canoe Race Dinner
Camp Tom Wooten, Lake Austin

Mother's Premonition
Of Danger Indicated

By NAT HENDERSON
Staff Writer

The mother of Charles Joseph Whitman apparently realized she was in danger from her 25-year-old son before she was stabbed and shot to death in her fifth-floor apartment in downtown Austin.

Justice of the Peace Jerry Dellana said Wednesday that the fingers of Mrs. C. A. Whitman's left hand were crushed "as though Whitman slammed the door on them."

Dellana said, "I don't know what else could have crushed her hand in that manner. The crushed portion of the hand and fingers was in a line as if broken by the door facing."

The justice of the peace said Mrs. Whitman's engagement ring was "flattened so much it was embedded in the flesh." He said the diamond "popped out" of the ring when it was crushed.

Dellana said Mrs. Whitman apparently "was not shot in bed" as previously reported.

Dellana, who was the coroner in the deaths of both the mother and the son, drew his conclusions after observing the body of Mrs. Whitman and the condition of her apartment.

He said the note left at the apartment was signed by "Mrs. Whitman" but "obviously was in the son's handwriting."

Dellana said the note, addressed to "Roy," told him she would be unable to go to work.

"The blood in the room was covered up with rugs, and the covers pulled up so that anyone looking into the room would see her and think she was asleep," the coroner said.

"You couldn't see the back of her head where Whitman shot her. If you just looked in, you would think she was asleep," Dellana added.

"He had taken pains to make it appear she was asleep and had covered all the blood," Dellana said.

On the basis of all the notes left by Whitman, Dellana concluded that Whitman drove from his home in South Austin to his mother's home in the Penthouse

Apartments between 9 p.m. Sunday and 3 a.m. Monday.

"Mrs. Whitman apparently realized something was wrong and tried to shut her son out, but the door was slammed on her hand," Dellana said.

The JP said he could not determine whether Mrs. Whitman was stabbed or shot first. The stab wound was in the chest, and the gunshot was in the back of the head.

"He then put her in bed and arranged the room to make it appear she was sleeping. Then he went home to finish his note there," Dellana said.

Dellana said the two-page note (See MOTHER, Page 6)

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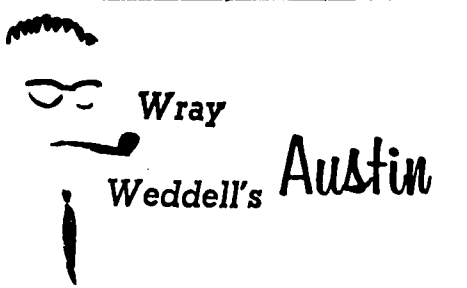
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We might as well get used to it . . . What happened here Monday will long be known the country over as the "Austin Massacre." One CBS broadcast from New York used the phrase two times in as many minutes. And the national press is also referring to the "Texas Tower Tragedy." Yet amidst all the phrase making few bother to mention the fact that Charles Whitman was from Florida . . .

Copied off a telegraph printer: "Looks as if Texas is going to keep on getting bad news image with all the gunhappy nuts running loose—all the gunhappy nuts from other states, that is." . . .

The grisly Whitman slaughter brings a pledge from Sen. Charles Herring that the next Legislature will "try to control in some way the sale and transfer of arms." Herring doesn't know what shape the measure will take, "but surely we'll have some approach to it." The senator is well aware of the problem: No legislation can constitutionally totally outlaw sale of arms . . . Thus, nothing could be written into law that would deny a person of Whitman's unsullied background the right to buy a gun . . .

One of the sniper's young victims, 17-year-old Karen Griffith, "died" twice at Brackenridge; was saved by heart massage. Karen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Griffith, 8210 Briarwood Lane, is on the critical list . . .

A San Antonio socialite is said to have a \$196 rubber check given him by Whitman in payment on a poker debt. He's selling it to Life on condition that his name on the payee line be rubbed out . . .

Robert Anschutz, photographer for the Graphic Designs PR firm, sells a batch of "Bloody Monday" photos to a West German picture magazine, Stern. He took some of them from the top of Cambridge Tower where sheriff's officers were trying to zero in on the U.T. Tower but found the range too long . . .

Little noticed to date is how close the tragedy touched President Johnson. KTBC newsman Paul Bolton is a long time friend of the President, and one of those killed was Bolton's grandson, 18-year-old Paul Sonntag . . .

Essay . . . A medal ought to be struck for the Brackenridge Hospital staff—every member. In the corridors it looked like utter confusion as the sniper victims were wheeled in as fast as ambulances and an armored car could make the shuttle trip. But everyone who was running knew where they were going and precisely why. Quite a few are alive today because the Brackenridge staff knew what to do and how to do it fast and well. And amidst it all the chief administrator, Ben Tobias, patiently saw to it that a small army of impatient newsmen got the names of the dead and injured as quickly as they could be properly identified. It was a remarkable performance overall; one that should be remembered when the next howl of criticism is heard . . .

About other things . . . In the middle of Batmania, a tall rave notice for Cactus Pryor. It came from William Dozier, Batman producer, after Pryor emceed a dinner during the World Premiere weekend. Said Dozier after Pryor's performance: "I uncovered the Dynamic Duo, Batman and Robin, and now I've discovered the Dynamic Uno." . . .

From one in the funeral home business comes a prediction that within a year ambulance service will be city operated. He sees the emergence of a subsidy-seeking corporation to take over ambulance runs as strictly transitional . . .

Memo to an unknown burglary victim: Police have your 128 packages of cigarettes, 10 bottles of beer and 17-inch TV set left in a car abandoned by the thief . . . But they can't return the stuff until you report it taken . . .

Suggested reading for our Sunday golf columnist Chuck Clark: A new book titled: "The Correct Stance and Proper Mental Condition for Taking Your Fourth Putt." . . .

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Forecast

Mostly cloudy and not so warm Wednesday afternoon and night. Scattered showers Wednesday afternoon, becoming partly cloudy and cooler Thursday. Winds light northerly. Temperature range, Thursday 70-80 degrees; Wednesday 74-88 degrees. (For full report and map, see page 2.)