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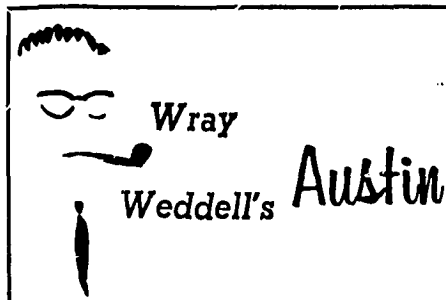
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## Tower Gunman Kills 9

# U. T. Sniper Shoots 33

## Five Officers Kill Young Mass Slayer



Patrolman Billy P. Speed was rushed to Brackenridge Hospital but was dead on arrival there. Speed was among the first positively identified dead from sniper fire from the UT Tower. Earlier reports were that Speed—lying wounded in the sun—was pulled from the sniper's range by two fellow officers who risked their lives to reach him.

## LBJ Now Neutral On Strike Law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz told the Senate Labor Committee today the Johnson administration is not advocating legislation to end the airline strike — but is not opposing it, either.

Wirtz told the committee he could not hold out any prospect of an early negotiated end to the 25-day walk-out.

The president of the machinists union told Congress today that the only way to get striking airline mechanics to agree to a new contract is to make wage and fringe benefits boosts effective immediately rather than in stages.

Wirtz was called to Capitol Hill after the AFL-CIO machinists union voted down settlement terms hammered out Friday night at White House instance. That action came Sunday night. Wirtz said there has not been sufficient time for an administration decision on the proper course to follow.

Wirtz added that if Congress acts, it should adopt Sen. Wayne Morse's strike ending plan, flatly ordering a six-month end to the walkout in preference to legislation which would empower President Johnson to issue as many as three 60-day strike ending orders.

Wirtz said he and Assistant Labor Secretary James J. Reynolds will meet as soon as possible with representatives of the airlines and the unions.

"The administration shares a (See STRIKE, Page 6)

A sniper firing from the observation deck of The University of Texas tower Monday killed at least nine persons and injured at least 24 more. Before being gunned down by police, the entire campus area was bathed in blood as the sniper fired down on unprotected victims on every side of the tower for 90 minutes from noon until 1:30 p.m.

Blood literally ran in the hallways of the tower and on the sidewalks throughout the sprawling campus as the sniper picked off victim after victim with an arsenal of weapons.

The sniper was gunned to death by five police officers who went onto the 27th floor observation deck after the man quit firing.

Police said papers on the body of the man they gunned down carried the name "Charles Whitman."

Police who shot down the gunman said they found a .22 caliber rifle, a .38 pistol, a seven mm rifle and a 30-06 rifle at different points on the observation deck.

They said the man, about 25, clad in blue jeans under a set of

## Dead and Wounded

The following is a list of the known dead and the known wounded, as announced by Brackenridge Hospital administrators:

**DEAD**

Robert E. Boyer, an associate professor of geology and education at UT.  
Police Patrolman Billy Speed.  
Paul Sonntag, grandson of KATC newsman Paul Bolton.  
Roy Schmidt.  
Claudia Rutt.  
Thomas Eckman.  
Mark Gabown.

**WOUNDED**

Robert Heard of the Associated Press, Avelina Esparza, David Mattson, Billy Snowden, Nancy Harvey, Oscar Arroyvela, Sandra Wilson, Thomas Karr, Alex Hernandez, Morris Hohman, Karen Griffith, Irma Garcia, Harry Walchuk, John Scott Allen, Adrian Littlefield, Claire Wilson, D. M. Hoffman, Thomas Ashton, Lona Phillips, Janet Paulus, Abdul Khassab, Homer Keller, Richard Elke, Dolores Ortega.  
Howard Urby, F. L. Foster, David Gundy.

## More Deputies, Cars, Uniforms

# Travis Group Backs Sheriff Budget Boost

By CAROL McMURTRY

Staff Writer  
Sheriff T. O. Lang's request for extra funds to patrol outlying districts was backed strongly Monday by a Lake Travis group arguing that more than "one man is needed to look after between 25,000 and 30,000 persons."

Bob Bright, an insurance and real estate man, representing the Lake Travis Improvement Association, presented his organization's endorsement of the sheriff's whopping budget proposal to the Travis County Commissioners Court.

Commissioners heard Bright without making any comment. Lang has asked for a budget of \$562,935 to operate his budget in 1967. The request includes \$200,000 above the 1966 budget, with most of the increase to provide 37 extra deputies, autos and uniforms.

Commissioners are making no public comments on Lang's requests. The public hearing on the 1967 county budget is set for Aug. 17.

Bright said there were approximately 100 persons in the Lake Travis Improvement Association, but estimated that between 25,000 and 30,000 persons live full or part time around Lake Travis and the upper reaches of Lake Austin.

Sheriff Lang has one deputy to patrol the large area.

Bright said, which includes more than 270 miles of shoreline on Lake Travis alone. "We are vulnerable," Bright said. "And we are fortunate there have not been more breaches of the peace."

Bright had words of praise for the single deputy sheriff...

But said "one man cannot do it alone." Bright said members of the association were "concerned with the lack of law enforcement in the area."

A year ago Lang requested additional men, uniforms and (See TRAVIS, Page 6)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Mansfield said today there is an inkling of hope that Soviet leaders may be moving slowly toward supporting negotiations to end the Viet Nam war.

Mansfield praised efforts of British Prime Minister Harold Wilson in Moscow recently to explain the American position on Viet Nam to interest the Russians in using their influence to try to get Hanoi to the negotiating table.

The Montana senator, a White House luncheon guest during Wilson's visit to Washington last Friday, said in an interview: "The results of Mr. Wilson's war visit to Moscow were not as gloomy as they have been depicted. He did a good job for us."

Both senators have opposed further widening of the conflict. Aiken noted the military expansion that 152 strikes were directed at ammunition dumps, weapons storage areas, gun positions and extensive fortifications.

"This seems to indicate that the other fellow had violated this territory first," Aiken said. "A demilitarized agreement doesn't have any validity if the other side breaks it. I wouldn't think this action could be described as escalation."

Agreeing, Mansfield said he doesn't think it represents the kind of expansion of the fighting U.N. Secretary-General U Thant (See DEMO, Page 6)

## Raiding Officers Seize Gambling Equipment

By JIM BERRY

Staff Writer  
Travis County sheriff's officers and Texas Rangers seized "professional" gaming paraphernalia in a weekend raid at a Decker Lake area residence east of the city limits where shotguns armed hijackers last week reportedly heisted \$42,000.

Monday morning M.D.

"Duck" Mallard, 49, whose residence is listed only as Blue-

bluff Lane, was charged before

Justice of the Peace Jerry Delana in connection with the raid. Deputy Sheriff Frank Bukowsky filed a complaint of permitting a gaming device to remain on the premises.

Sheriff T. O. Lang said the Bluebluff Lane three-bedroom house where a blackjack table layout, dice table layout and assorted chips and playing cards were seized Friday night had been under surveillance

by his department.

"We had been watching that thing for months but the hijackers beat me to it," the sheriff said.

Lang said that Mallard confirmed that six men wearing nylon stocking masks and olive-green camouflage suits broke into the house last week but declined to make a detailed report of the incident.

"According to my informant they got \$42,000," Lang said. Lang said that according to the information he had received the hijackers broke in on a card game in progress in an attached garage that has been converted into a playroom.

"I heard one fellow had \$14,000 on him in cashiers checks," the sheriff said.

Lang said the gaming paraphernalia seized in the Friday night raid was found in a storeroom adjacent to the converted playroom.

The sheriff told the raiding party, armed with a search warrant issued by JP Delana, they listed these items seized in the raid: two hand bags containing several boxes of chips; one box full of chips, two boxes containing playing cards; two round tables and two stands; (See RAID, Page 6)

## Innocent Plea Made By Speck

CHICAGO (AP) — Richard Speck, 24, pleaded innocent today to indictments charging he murdered eight young nursing students.

The rangy, pock-marked drifter stood in crowded Circuit Court of Chief Judge Alexander J. Napoli, surrounded by four sheriff's policemen. He wore a white shirt.

He was not handcuffed. Judge Napoli asked Speck several questions relating to his ability to pay fees for a lawyer to defend him.

Speck murmured, "No," in a low voice to each question.

Then Napoli approved appointment of Gerald Getty, chief counsel of the public defender's office, as Speck's attorney.

Getty entered Speck's plea of not guilty to all eight indictments returned by the grand jury July 26.

Getty then waived the reading of each indictment.

Judge Napoli assigned the case to Judge Herbert C. Paschen for trial.

He closed the proceeding with the instruction to the sheriff's men, "Present your prisoner to Judge Paschen." Speck was led from the room through a back door by his guards.

All persons in the courtroom had been searched for weapons or cameras by sheriff's deputies. Women spectators were frisked as well as the men, with women deputies assigned to the task.

Judge Napoli had cleared the courtroom after appearance of 13 earlier defendants who were called to plead to indictments.

An order issued two weeks ago barred taking of photographs during the proceedings. (See SPECK, Page 6)

## School Prayers Hearings Begin

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate hearings start today on a proposed constitutional amendment to permit voluntary prayers in public schools.

Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen said his introduction of the amendment was prompted by court decisions that had provoked "a king-sized protest throughout the land."

The Senate Judiciary Committee's Constitutional Amendments subcommittee, headed by Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., plans eight days of morning and afternoon hearings.

The first witnesses will be Harvard Law School Prof. Paul Freund, Dean Kelly of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States and the Rev. Robert Drinan, dean of the Boston College Law School.

Dirksen has vowed repeatedly to get a Senate vote on his proposed amendment before Congress adjourns even if he has to

bypass Bayh's subcommittee.

In introducing the amendment last March 22, Dirksen said it was designed to clarify the Supreme Court's interpretation of the constitutional requirement for separation of church and state.

In one case the court banned the use in New York public schools of a state-composed prayer. In another it struck down a Pennsylvania law requiring the daily reading of Bible verses in the public schools.

Dirksen said a third case, decided by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, prohibited kindergarten children from reciting before their morning milk and cookies that "God is great, God is good, and we thank Him for this food."

Adoption of his amendment would require a two-thirds majority approval of both the Senate and the House and ratification by three-fourths of the state legislatures.

## Alabama House Supports War

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A resolution expressing unanimous support of the United States' stand in Viet Nam has been passed by the Alabama House.

The resolution deprecates statements by persons opposing the war effort, declaring they weaken the nation's stand.

## Jury Provisions Of Rights Bill Hit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House, making slow progress on the bill by Friday, with a controversial civil rights bill, hopes to complete action, tentatively for consideration of the most controversial part of the bill — a proposal to ban racial discrimination by persons in the housing business.

It is only the first of seven sections and the House is in for a long week if the leadership

The House defeated last Friday (See RIGHTS, Page 6)

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