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Weddell's Austin

The coroner in Chicago said after the mass murder of eight student nurses-"The crime of the century." .

If it was, it isn't anymore.

Reminded by this reporter of the Chicago coroner's words, a sickened police chief Bob Miles said of the UT Tower sniper: "This is worse-so much worse," . . .

And the comment of a newsman trying to keep track of the ever changing list of dead and wounded: "This makes Richard Speck look like a Boy Scout." The crazed sniper, Charles Whitman, was a Boy Scout - an Eagle Scout in hometown Lake

Whitman bought part of his amazing arsenal at the Davis Hardware store on Burnet Road as late as Monday morning-plus an astonishingly large amount of ammunition. When a curious gun department clerk remarked on the size of the order, Whitman said he intended to "shoot some pigs." . . .

Other notes from an incredible day. . .

The press conference at police headquarters, jammed with TV cameras and sweating reporters, was saddeningly remindful of the Cross Case. Then suddenly one recalled the date. The bodies of the two UT coeds slain by Cross were found on July 30, 1965. Yesterday was Aug. 1-one year and two days later . .

Whitman early last month defended himself against a running red light ticket in Judge Ivan Williams' Corporation Court. He was fined \$1. Williams said that although he found him guilty, Whitman's defense was "brilliant." And Williams described him as "poised and cool . . . nice looking and clean cut." The ticket was issued at 21st and Guadalupe. That intersection was in Whitman's line of fire yesterday . . .

One of this city's finest newsmen, KTBC's Paul Bolton, learned that his grandson was one of the victims in this grim way: Radio 59's Joe the victims in this grim way: Radio 59's Joe
Roddy was broadcasting a partial casualty list
from Brackenridge Hospital's emergency room.
It included young Paul Sonntag. Bolton, listening
in the newsroom, broke in: "Would you go through
that again — I think that was my grandson." Paul
Sonntsg was one of those killed . . .
While newsman Roddy reported the tragic
scenes at Brackenridge, little did he know that the
body of the sniper's murdered mother lay in the
apartment house where he lives—The Penthouse,
13th and Guadalupe . . . And police chief Miles

13th and Guadalupe . . . And police chief Miles didn't know until late in the day that Whitman's slain wife had been his daughter Marilyn's biology

teacher at Lanier High last year . . . Brackenridge's emergency room looked like a front line first aid station. And those so quick to find fault should have been there yesterday. It had the look of a madhouse, but there was efficiency. And for the families of the victims — thoughtful-

Said a stunned nurse: "We've had disaster drills but we never thought it would be like this." She meant the senseless horror of it all...
Out of town newsmen had trouble calling their

for a time. An example of why: In a pressroom set up at Brackenridge someone shouted: "Will anyone here take a call from Los Angeles?"

As the police chief said, it was much worse...

some shorts: Attorneys John Osorio and Eugene Palmer purchase the 11-story International Life Bldg, for an undisclosed sum from International Life Insurance Co. The insurance firm is involved in a merger which will move its base of operations to Kentucky... Sheriff T. O. Lang is looking forward to support for his big budget re-more persons from the observa or very aggressive behavior. quest from the Greater Austin Association. He met with representatives of GAA late last week. Yesterday he got the backing of the Lake Travis Development Assn. . The Highway Department's color brochure pointing up our future highway needs is a handsome product, but the cover photo of the Dallas skyline is at least four of the photo of the Dallas skyline is at least four of the product of the photo of the Dallas skyline is at least four of the photo of the Dallas skyline is at least four of the photo of the Dallas skyline is at least four of the photo of the Dallas skyline is at least four of the photo of the Dallas skyline is at least four of the photo of the Dallas skyline is at least four of the photo photo of the photo of the photo photo of the photo photo of the photo phot photo of the Dallas skyline is at least four or five years old. . . Here's why they're digging that big hole at 19th and Red River: An \$800,000 collection deposit library for UT will go there. It will be three levels underground, four above . . . When state dist. judge Jack Roberts moves up to the federal bench, he not only gets a lifetime job but this kind of salary increase: from \$23,000 to \$30,000...

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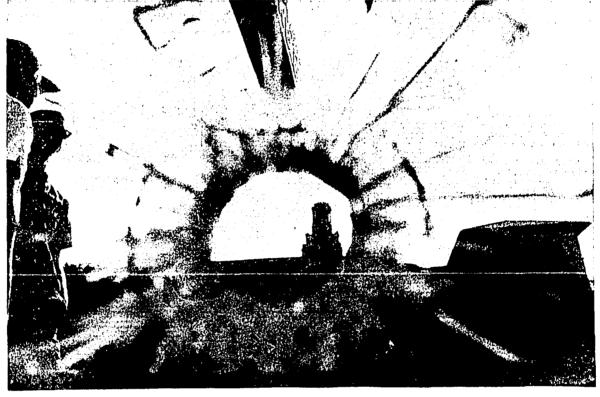
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#### Forecast

Partly cloudy through Wednesday, Warm and humid Tuesday afternoon and night. Scattered showers and cooler Wednesday. Winds light southerly shifting to northerly Wednesday. Temperature range. Wednesday 76-05 degrees; Tuesday 75-98 degrees. (For full report and map, see page 2.)

But Mass Slaying Effect Doubted

# Sniper Had a Tumor



REVERSE BULLSEYE—Resembling a bullseye in reverse, the top of The University of Texas Tower is seen through a bullet hole in the plate glass windows of Sheftall's Jewelry Store at 2268 Guadalupe on the Drag. Charles Joseph Whitman

roamed around the observation deck 30 stories above the campus. He fired at anybody who moved. His range was unbelievable. He felled his victims as far as two blocks from the Tower.

#### **Autopsy Report** Preliminary One

(SEE STORIES, PHOTOS PAGES 6, 10, 16, 17, 23)

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could have accounted for his "Dr. de Chenar said it is his

directly affect his (Whit-

man's) actions of yesterday.

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Dellana said the patholo-

As the autopsy was being performed at Cook Funeral Home where Whitman's body

was taken after he was shot and killed atop the University

of Texas tower Monday after-noon, Police Chief Bob Miles

told a press briefing that the Austin massacre could have

happened anywhere in the

world.

pointen that this tumor did not

The thinking part of the brain, the frontal lobe, was not di-

in the brain. As such the pressure may have caused ex-treme pain which possibly

By JIM BERRY Staff Writer

An autopsy performed Tuesday showed Charles J. Whitman had a "small brain tumor close to the brain stem", but an Austin patholo gist conducting the post-mortem said he did not think it had a direct effect in sparking the massacre Monday.

Justice of the Peace Jerry Dellana, who ordered the autopsy on the Whitman's bulletriddled body, said he received riddled body, said he received information about the brain tu-mor from Dr. C. de Chenar the "gross" report, were premor from Dr. C. de Chenar liminary, and that the mi-croscopic findings will come within 21 hours. late Tuesday morning.

Dellana said the pathologist gave him a preliminary re-

"Dr. de Chenar said he found a small brain tumor close to the brain stem," the

'He has not completed the histological study of the tumor itself, however, he did say it did not directly affect the frontal lobe which controls the thinking of the individual.

"But it may have caused an indirect effect by the intense pain it may have caused

Dellana said the pathologist

entered the rear door of the

Hansen home about 10 a.m.

trated.

"While it happened in Aus-tin, knowing the conditions in the world today, it could have appened in any city in the United States - anywhere in he world," the chief said.

Miles said notes left at the

death scenes of Whitman's wife and mother before the campus siege began showed the stress this man obviously

Miles refused to disclose the full contents of the notes saying his department had been ad-

vised by counsel "not to do so at this time". Five of the 31 persons television."

The wounded patrolman, Joe be in fair condition. He was in wounded as the 25-year-old ar-chitectural engineering student the X-ray room at noon to determine how deep the knife pene raked the campus and surrounding streets with deadly accurate high-powered rifle fire from a sniper's perch aton

the U.T. tower for 99 minutes Monday remained on the the Hansens, was sitting in the Brackenridge Hospital critical kitchen. Hist Tuesday, Seven of the The girl said she threw a glass wounded were released followin

other city hospitals Monday afternoon. The rest are still hos-pitalized. Whitman's carnage spread a

broom, and she and the girl ploye stormed the tower fortress They telephoned police. Brown the observation deck.

Brown turned the knife on him-

b officer — the chief described him as the hero of the day—was persons had to help after the Allen Crum. Univershook up but did not require handcuffed man attacked an ambulance driver.

with a killer of 15 persons.

Martinez fired six revolver shots and one shotgun blast at the entire nation — Martinez floor of the kitchen and on his guns, Whitman held the campus been put on TV.

of milk at Brown as he rushed treatment at Brackenridge and toward her. The kitchen was other city hospitals Monday wrecked as the girl struggled Mrs. Hansen rushed to the Mrs. Hansen rushed to the kitchen after hearing the girl's screams. She beat Brown with a broom and she and the cirl broom and she and the cirl and a campus bookstore em-

They telephoned poince. Brown was hidding behind the kitchen door when Dubee arrived. The patrolman was stabbed before the patrolman was stabbed before the first shot and then emptled the first shot and the his revolver into Whitman; Of-Self.
Patrolman Otie Jones then arrived and was able to handcuff from a shotgun; Officer Jerry

Allen Crum, University Co-Op floor supervisor; were credited with "the highest acts of brav-

#### Campus Scene Today Has Curious, Stunned

In the quiet morning hours death,

(See JOB, Page 6)

brought down from the tower. Miles said then that the young

math of Monday's day of

boy Gordon Knight. The tree-shaded campus

(See SCENE, Page 6)

### **What Caused** Sniper's Act?

By CHRIS WHITCRAFT

Staff Writer A responsible, intelligent

young man and superior stuviolent destruction would usu-practice, to speculate on a ally be diagnosed as a para-

#### Whitman Says Son 'Snapped'

C.A. Whitman, a prosperous formation from the construction of the

"He had pushed himself treOr. Boston said the "typimendously in the last few cal" brain tumor patient is not
2606 Cascade, took her brother
clothes to do what was almost thought of as paramoid-schizomonths to do what was almost thought of a (See HORROR, Page 6) (See CAUSE, Page 6)

Howard Unruh Killed 13

lnoid schizophrenic, Dr. John A. Boston Jr. said. The American-Statesman dent who suddenly carries out Austin psychiatrist in private . Whitman.

He was the University of Texas engineering student shot by police on the tower observation. ponce on the tower observa-tion deck Monday after about 100 minutes of sniping gun-fire. It was so deadly and a City of Austin employed in 100 minutes of sniping gun-fire. It was so deadly and effi-cient police officers were not partment. Schmidt of 1901 Lurchconvinced until the moment of mont had been with the city whitman's death there were since 1954. Schmidt was making not two snipers firing at hu-

LAKE WORTH, Fla. (AP)—
The father of Charles Joseph
Whitman said today, "My son has committed a crime that is a great horror to the whole world. He just snapped."

CA Whitman a presenge of the properties of the world of the properties of the world of t

**U.T. Spree Bloodiest?** 

junior lifeguard the two previous summers. Young Sonntag had just picked up his paycheck from the Parks and Recreation Dept. He had already carelled a least part of the larged to the l

a customer service call at 21st and University when shot. Dr. Robert H. Boyer, who last year, was visiting friends in Austin and was en route to te just snapped."

| trist nor, of course, without in Liverpool University where he can be used to have taught applied to the course, without in Liverpool University where he was to have taught applied.

Police Department on July 2, summed up the rush of shook up but did thoughts that went through his medical attention.

(See TOLL, Page 6)

#### The Toll

## **U.T. Shootings Send** Paul Sonntag, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sonntag of 2703 Pecos and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bolton. Young Sonntag was a City of Austin lifeguard at Reed Pool this year, after having served as grant for having served as TAYLOR — A reakin relice. only six months, was believed to

from the Parks and Recreation
Dept. He had already enrolled at Colorado University for the Brown, mumbled repeatedly after stabbing the officer and attermined at noon Tuesday.

Partolman Dubec, who had price force of the partolled force of the partolle

tacking four other persons, "They should have put me on

Martinez Reflects

### Just a Part Of His Job

With that simple declaration, officer - the chief described mind when he stood face to face On that lonely, windswept Jones said Brown fought with a killer of 15 persons. Lower — lonely although it was everyone with "superhuman

The University of Texas tower Monday.

The handsome young polic officer faced newsmen Tuesday for the first time since he and four other men braved Whitman's deadly accurate aim to end the tragedy of the tower. Martinez said only:

NEW YORK (AP) — The Austiminutes on a Camden, N.J. family of a girl friend, then this sniper slayings, the latest in street in 1949. Using an automatic spirity series of American the property of the possibility of the chose victims who had a grisly series of American the property of the possibility of the property of

A spokesman for the FBI in unfit to stand trial and is now in girl friend. Carol Ann Fugate, day morning at city police washington said it kept no the Trenton, N.J., State Hospi sentenced to life in prison.

Last month, a man gained long conference, while Chief could rival the Texas slayings.

Could rival the Texas slayings.

That was when quiet, Bible two-state shooting spree in 1938, strangled eight of them. A tat-lehief's side, toying with his reading Howard Unrub, metho
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reading Howard Unrub, methodous Charles Starkweather, 19, tool drifter, Richard Speck, hands, dically killed 13 persons in 12 killed three members of the (See UNRUII, Page 6) Martinez went home Monday quietly about the University of Union and the familiar sound

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