

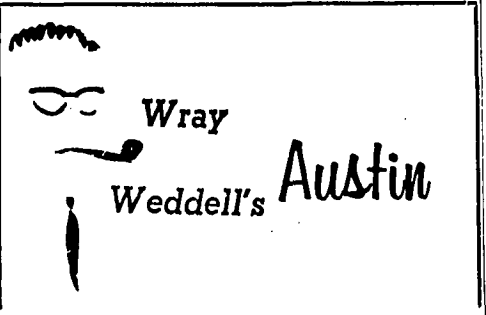
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Five years ago you could add the paperback novel "The Open Square" to your library for half a dollar. But widely publicized now is the eerie similarity of the novel's plot with what occurred on the UT campus Monday . . . and suddenly the price for a second-hand copy is \$7! At least that was the asking price of a University student yesterday who was using the Travis Book Shop, 109 E. 10th, as his broker. And he got it. A New York newsman happily paid. The student hotly refused to give his name, but without charge he delivered a one word book review: "Lousy."

Word that the University is closing the observation deck on the tall tower, at least temporarily, brings this suggestion from Weldon Swenson, 807 E. 44th: "Enclose it with thick glass. Surely the University can afford to do that to save a tourist attraction." . . . Hands across the state: Telegrams to Mayor Palmer after Awful Monday: From Mayor Lynn Brown of Irving (near Dallas): "Our thoughts are with you during this crisis. Please notify if we can be of assistance." And from Mayor Harold Lucas of Post (near Lubbock): "All citizens of Post share your grief for the tragedy visited upon your capital city. Accept our deepest sympathy and draw strength from the knowledge that Texans, by their heritage, best show their mettle in the aftermath of such calamities." . . . Robert Heard, the Associated Press reporter whose left arm was shattered by the sniper, has not had a pleasant summer. For weeks he had been on crutches, put there when he tore a knee cartilage playing with his son. Heard had just begun to walk alone again . . . It's also been a rough summer for AP byliner Jules Loh. He covered the mass murder of student nurses in Chicago and was in Dallas digging out background on Richard Speck when told by his New York office to hurry here . . .

Things were so hectic on the Day of the Sniper that this happened on local TV: An on-the-scene account on the Walter Cronkite news included this screen credit line: "Neal Spelce, KTBC-TV, Austin, Texas." It was seen on KHFI-TV. . . .

More on that other media. While KTBC originated reports from the campus to more than 250 stations over the country and in Canada, KOKE was putting on broadcasts for more than 70 stations, and aired the first interview with Whitman's father in Lake Worth, Fla. And KVET's local coverage was piped to Westinghouse network stations in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Frisco . . .

Matters of timing: The Day of the Sniper came in the midst of a city hall crisis over the future of emergency ambulance service . . . And that committee opposing the Viet Nam war demands permission to demonstrate downtown on one of the Aqua Festival's biggest days, Saturday . . .

WHIRLABOUT HERE: Mrs. Karey Bresnahan, 1407 Concordia, chided city hall yesterday for breaching etiquette by flying the US flag in Tuesday morning's rainstorm. Soon as her protest appeared here city hall said it wasn't their flag; must have been on somebody else's building. Retorted Mrs. Bresnahan: "I'm positive it was city hall. There's no doubt in my mind whatsoever." . . . County Atty. Wally Shropshire picks up stout support in the business community for his contention that his office has an obligation to go after restitution in hot check cases. Under grand jury criticism for operating a "collection agency" at taxpayer expense, Shropshire recently sent out a letter asking for the opinion of merchants. He got about 450 replies. Most, Shropshire says, urged him to keep it up . . . The committee working for water fluoridation now has an official name: "Texans for Better Dental Health." And Jaycees now have about 550 petitions going around town calling on the City Council to either vote in fluoridation or call a binding referendum . . . Reported here recently were hints that Angus Wynn (Six Flags and Dallas Cowboys) is the financial backbone behind Little Texas. "Not to my knowledge," says State Rep. Pat Cain, LT's legal counsel, "but he is a friend of some of the investors and has given his wholehearted cooperation. I feel he could participate on an active basis if he wanted to." Still no word on where LT is headed outside the city limits. Cain's reason for continued secrecy: "We have a couple of more little pieces of land we need to line up." . . . Tuesday's rain cut water usage here exactly in half — down to 43 million gallons from 86 million the day before . . .

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Forecast

Partly cloudy and warm with chance of afternoon and evening thundershowers Friday and Saturday. Light southerly winds. Temperature range, Saturday 76-98 degrees; Friday, 74-96 degrees. (For full report and map, see page A2.)

Tower Killer Didn't Expect To Survive

Sniper Notes Revealed

On Police Chief Miles' Request

Grand Jury Withholds Whitman Notes, Film

Large portions of Charles J. Whitman's notes, withheld from the public by the Travis County Grand Jury on the advice of Police Chief Bob Miles, were published Friday by the Associated Press (see story column 8).

The A.P., getting the notes from an anonymous law officer, was not given portions of the notes that reportedly were reflections on the personal life of Whitman's father. The grand jury decree silenced the tell-tale information

on the greatest mass killer in history because Miles said the documents might hurt an innocent person. "Don't forget we just had a \$75,000 civil suit," Miles said of his department. He would not identify persons who might be hurt by the notes.

The documents withheld include a roll of color film belonging to Whitman, a two-page letter dated Sunday at 6:45 p.m., a two-page note of "thoughts" dated Aug. 1, and an envelope containing a card and a sheet of paper of "thoughts."

Meanwhile, Austin police Thursday talked to the last two or three people who saw Whitman before he began raining deadly sniper fire from atop the University of Texas tower.

University students Don Walden, 22, and Cheryl Botts, 18, told police that they were leaving the tower's observation deck shortly before noon Monday when they saw Whitman.

As the couple entered the reception room, Don noticed a blonde man standing over a couch near a wall. The man picked up two rifles and turned toward the couple.

"We smiled and said 'hello,' and he smiled real big and said 'hi, how are you' to us," Cheryl told police. She also told police she noticed a large dark stain on the floor near the reception desk.

The tower receptionist, Mrs. Edna Townsley, was later found dead behind the couch, blood from her wounds pooled near her desk.

Whitman's firing on the campus began shortly after the couple left the tower.

Police also talked to Professor Antone Jacobson who along with his two children and Dr. J. T. Duncan met Whitman as they were leaving the tower elevator and as the gunman was taking his dolly of death weapons to the top of the tower.

Dr. Jacobson told police his party arrived at the bottom floor of the tower at 11:35 a.m. He said Whitman had on the dolly a footlocker and a quilt-wrapped bundle — large enough to hold assembled rifles.

In recalling the incident to The American-Statesman, Jacobson remembered also: "There was a young couple up there when we left. I have looked everywhere but I haven't seen anything about them in your paper. I wonder what happened to them."

Jacobson was unaware of Cheryl and Don's visit to police headquarters.

For Whitmans

400 Attend Florida Rites

LAKE WORTH, Fla. (AP) — The family priest of mass killer Charles J. Whitman asked the nation today not to "judge his actions with harshness."

In a statement given to reporters before a funeral Mass for Whitman and his mother, the Rev. Thomas Anglim said: "For almost 25 years he lived a good, honest, and sincere Christian life, striving to help others and to better himself. He was loved and respected by all who knew him."

"We trust that God in His mercy does not hold him responsible for these last actions. We trust too that our nation, with its tradition for fairness and justice, will not judge his actions too harshly."

About 400 persons gathered in the Sacred Heart Catholic church for the funeral Mass. Plainclothes police officers checked everyone who entered. Those with packages were asked to leave them outside. Persons with cameras were not allowed inside.

Two plainclothesmen opened two confessionals in the back of the church to make sure no one was hiding inside.

The upstairs balcony in the rear of the church was closed. Ushers and members of the Knights of Columbus helped police check the mourners.

The Rev. Eugene Quinlan assisted Father Anglim in the services. The caskets of Whitman and his mother, Margaret, were side by side in front of the altar. Mrs. Whitman was one of her son's 15 victims at Austin, Tex., Monday.

Six candles burned behind the caskets, throwing a flickering light on a huge mosaic behind the altar. Ten pews were reserved for the family. John, 17, Whitman's youngest brother who just returned from a surfing trip, helped Father Quinlan prepare the altar.

Father Anglim, disturbed at what he considered a misleading account of why full Roman Catholic rites were being given Whitman, issued this written statement:

"As pastor of the Whitman family, and with the approbation of diocesan officials, I wish to say a few words of explanation as to why the Catholic Church is giving a Christian burial to Charles J. Whitman."

"As you may know, Catholic moral theology teaches that no serious crime may be imputed to an individual unless he has committed it with sufficient knowledge and consent of the will. Apparently these were lacking in the final tragic actions of this young man."

"While we offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of his soul and that of his mother, we include in a special way all who met their death through his actions this week. We also

remember in a special way the relatives and friends of these persons, trusting God will give to them the graces they need in this moment of anguish."

More than 500 friends and relatives attended the wake of Charles, 25, and Mrs. Whitman, 44 Thursday. Nuns from the parochial schools Charles attended, friends and business associates of Charles A. Whitman, the sniper's father, were among the callers.

Whitman nervously wrung his hands during the recitation of the Rosary, while his mother, sitting next to him, buried her head in her hands and wept silently.

A cousin of the Whitman boys, John Risse, 12, also in the front row, wept during the brief ceremony.

Patrick Whitman, 21, and his wife, Patricia; John Michael Whitman, 17, and a friend, James Boland, stared straight ahead at a blue crucifix as they recited the Rosary.

The grey metallic casket of the former Marine sharpshooter was draped with an American flag; that of his mother with red roses, a crucifix and a card which read: "In loving memory, dad and children."

The Whitman family viewed the bodies Thursday before the caskets were sealed. The plumbing contractor wept.

John, 17, Whitman's youngest brother, had spent five days with his brother in Austin before leaving for New York.

Father Quinlan said John told him his brother seemed to be in good spirits.

Three of the bouquets were from Texas, from Raymond Leissner of Needville, father of Whitman's wife, and from Mrs. Adele Leissner, also of Needville. The third was from Lt. John Droila of San Antonio.

At the conclusion of the services the family, accompanied by a plainclothes police officer, left in a 40-auto motorcade to Hillcrest Memorial Park in West Palm Beach for the burial.

Special Issue Tuesday To Chronicle Tragedy

Just before 12, noon, on Monday, Aug. 1, Charles Joseph Whitman, atop the University of Texas Memorial Tower, began an orgy of death that killed 15 persons and wounded 33 others.

Since then, the staff of The Austin American-Statesman has gathered, written and edited news stories requiring nearly a quarter million words to tell. And the United Press - International photographers have taken hundreds of pictures.

The American - Statesman will issue Tuesday a complete chronicle of the Tragedy of The Tower in a 32-page historical edition.

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He Was Puzzled By His Impulses

By PAUL REGER
And MIKE COCHRAN
AP Writers

"I am prepared to die. After my death I wish an autopsy on me to be performed to see if there's any mental disorders."

Charles J. Whitman thus informed the world—in notes left near the murdered bodies of his wife and mother—that he did not expect to survive the Monday violence he inflicted on the University of Texas campus.

The Associated Press learned exclusively today the precise wording of major portions of the notes.

The source, a law official who requested anonymity, declined to divulge large portions of the two notes which he said included "statements about Whitman's father."

In a two-page note left in his Austin apartment, near the nude body of his pretty blonde wife, Whitman wrote of his impulses and pain and compulsions that mystified him.

"I don't quite understand what is compelling me to type this note," he began.

"I've been to a psychiatrist. I've been having fearings and violent impulses. I've had some tremendous headaches in the past."

"I am prepared to die. After my death, I wish an autopsy on me to be performed to see if there's any mental disorders."

There followed one of numerous statements about his father, the source said, and then Whitman told of his plans for his wife.

"I've decided to kill Kathy (Kathleen Whitman, his wife) tonight. I love her very much." Whitman then again wrote of his father.

Then: "I intend to kill my wife after I pick her up from work. I don't want her to have to face the embarrassment that my actions will surely cause her."

At this point, Whitman apparently was interrupted. The rest of the note was in handwriting. It began:

"At 3 a.m. both dead." The rest of the note, the source said, concerned Whitman's feelings and his relationship with his father. According to statements released from other sources, the University of Texas student mentioned in the handwritten portion that he "hated his father with a mortal passion."

The neatly hand-printed note found at the plush apartment of his mother was addressed to "To Whom It May Concern" and began:

"I have just killed my mother. If there's a heaven she is going there. If there's not a heaven, she is out of her pain and misery."

"I love my mother with all my heart." Once again, Whitman wrote an attack on his father, mentioning his opinions about the relationship of his parents.

The grand jury Thursday withheld the notes from the public because they "contained unverified statements of an insane killer concerning an innocent individual."

Steel Industry Seems Victor in Price Boost

By JOSEPH R. COYNE

WASHINGTON (AP) — A united steel industry appeared to have emerged the victor today in a war of nerves to raise prices on some of its products in the face of White House pressure to hold the price line.

The \$2 and \$3 per ton increases in the price of steel sheet and strip — the kind used in automobiles and other consumer goods — were called modest and inconsequential by the industry but denounced by the Johnson administration as irresponsible and inflationary.

Through Thursday night, however, 11 companies — including the giants of the industry — had announced price increases effective next Wednesday on about 30 per cent of their output.

The Washington Post reported that Johnson definitely has decided to let the steel price hike stand. The Post said that

the President, without anger or emotion, decided there was nothing he could do to force a price roll back.

If the increases stick, as now appears likely, it will mark the second major economic defeat for the Johnson administration within a week.

Only last weekend, striking airline machinists overwhelmingly rejected a contract agreement worked out under (See STEEL, Page A6)

tations between the parties. Both the administration and the Congress have been trying to sidestep the responsibility — and the possible political repercussions from labor — for ordering an end to the strike, and House action is not expected at least before the middle of next week.

But Wirtz said there is no threat to the nation's military effort, such as led to compulsory arbitration legislation in wartime; no threat to the national health or safety, such as was argued in favor of the strike; delaying aspects of the Taft-Hartley Act, and nothing comparable to the threat of a general railroad tie up that led to legislation in 1953.

He said that as long as the matter is pending in Congress he expects no meaningful negotiations.

Housing Provision Retained

WASHINGTON (AP) — An open housing provision survived a crucial test in the House today when an attempt to knock it out of the 1966 civil rights bill was beaten 198 to 179.

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State Draft Call 2,671 In October

State draft boards will be called upon to furnish 2,671 men for the armed forces in October, Colonel Morris S. Schwartz, state Selective Service director, said Friday.

This is the biggest monthly draft call received by the state since May 1953, when the monthly quota was 2,823. This was during the Korean Conflict.

Col. Schwartz all announced that the September quota for Texas has been increased from 1,585 to 1,890.

These monthly quotas compare with 1,837 for August, 1,381 for July, 878 for June, 1,927 for May, 979 for April, 1,068 for March, 1,372 for February, and 1,475 for January.

The state director of Selective Service said that he could not say at this time how many men would be sent for pre-induc-

Draft Hike Mostly Won't Hit Students

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Selective Service spokesman said today the big draft call for October is not expected generally to affect college students.

The spokesman said some local draft boards, because of local situations, may be faced with calling college students but the indications are this will not generally be the case.

He also said that, even though the October call is for 46,200, the largest number since the Korean War, it is not expected that men over 20 who are still liable because of prior deferment will

be affected. It was pointed out that by now most local boards should have, or soon will receive, data on registrants who are college students.

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Local boards may consider this supplementary data in classifying registrants, as well as evidence on whether they are maintaining satisfactory standing as full-time students.