

Prof Met Whitman Getting on Elevator

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A University of Texas associate professor said Friday he came face-to-face with sniper Charles J. Whitman last Monday as the killer started his elevator ride up the university tower.

Dr. A. G. Jacobson, a member of the university zoology faculty, said he, his two children and another professor, Dr. J. G. Duncan, came face-to-face with Whitman as they got off the tower elevator at about 11:30 a.m. Monday, a few minutes before the sniper started gunfire that killed 15 and wounded 31.

Dr. Jacobson said he saw "a man I assumed to be a workman with a dolly with equipment."

The professor said the elevator started told Whitman the elevator was turned off and "he started mumbling something that sounded like 'Thank you, m'am, you don't know how happy that makes me.'"

"Both Duncan and I noticed a very strong smell (as they passed Whitman)," Dr. Jacobson said. "It was very hard to identify, but I remember thinking of guns at the time."

Dr. Jacobson said he noticed that the load on the dolly included a large box topped by several parcels. Running from in front of the box and up the front of the dolly, he said, was a long bundle, eight or ten inches in diameter, tied to the dolly.

Dr. Jacobson said his party left the observation deck just after the 11:30 a.m. chimes had sounded. When they left the platform, he said, the only persons there were a young couple.

He said he believes this couple is the same who told police of returning to the foyer from the

observation deck and seeing a tall blond man with two rifles bending over a couch near the wall.

The couple said they smiled and said hello, and the man smiled, saying "Hi, how are you." The time was about 11:40 a.m. Monday. Police received first reports of Whitman's sniper attack at 11:48 a.m.

The couple, Don Walden, 22, a university student from San Antonio, and Cheryl Botts, 18, of Rockdale, told their experience to police Thursday.

"They are just lucky to be alive," said Police Lt. Merle Wells. "There is no doubt they saw and talked with the killer. Apparently Whitman had just knocked the receptionist in the head and was hiding her body back of a couch when they saw him."

The receptionist was later found shot to death. Wells said the couple apparently left just before an Austin and Texarkana family arrived. Two members of the family were killed, two wounded, apparently by shotgun fire from the foyer as they ascended the stairs.

Walden, a bus station employee this summer, said he and Miss Botts went to the top of the tower about 11 a.m. They at first planned to wait until noon to come down so they could hear the quarter-hour chimes again, but decided to leave early.

Both Walden and Miss Botts said that when they stepped into the glassed-in foyer that gives entry to the observation deck they noticed the receptionist was not at her desk. Walden said he noticed the blond man bend over the couch.

Just then, Miss Botts warned Walden not to step on a "dark stain" smeared across the floor near the desk. She gingerly stepped over the "stuff."

Walden said the man picked up two rifles and faced them. "We smiled and said 'hello,'" Cheryl said. "He smiled back real big and said, 'Hi, how are you, to us.'"

Walden said he thought it strange that a man was carrying two weapons, and almost asked if he planned to shoot pigeons, but did not.

On their way down, they found an overturned chair almost blocking the top of the stairs, and walked around it.

They left the tower, and stopped in the academic center just west of the tower for a few minutes. When they came out, they saw a man lying in the grass and several people crouching under a tree.

"A guy's shooting from the tower," someone yelled.

Walden grabbed his date's arm and they ran into a nearby building. He said he called police during the shooting and gave his information to a lieutenant.

Wells said he first learned of the incident Thursday, when Walden and Miss Botts came to the police station.

Dam Project Accident Kills Worker

DEL RIO, Tex. (AP) — An accident at the \$78 million Amistad Dam project on the Rio Grande Friday killed one man and injured three others.

Witnesses said forms holding freshly poured concrete on the American side of the river collapsed as workmen were going across the dam structure.

Mexico and the United States are building the giant dam 12 miles upstream from Del Rio.

B. C. Vela of Monterrey, Mexico, was crushed to death under the semi-liquid concrete.

Enrique Leva, 21, and Leonardo Gallagos, 38, of Del Rio were taken to a San Antonio hospital in critical condition.

A fourth man, Gilbert Lopez, 35, of Laredo, was superficially hurt.

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Before the services began, Lake Worth police cleared the church for a search to make sure that "no bombs or cranks" would disturb the funeral Mass. They also inspected the sanctuary for "any strange articles."

Lt. Dan Majewski said the search was ordered by Police Chief Henry Hall.

When spectators began arriving at the church, police asked those with packages to leave them outside. Persons with cameras were not allowed inside.

Two confessions at the back of the church were opened by detectives to make sure no one was hiding in them.

Ten pews were reserved for the family. Sitting with the weeping father, a prosperous plumbing contractor, were his two other sons, John, 17, and Pat, 21. Pat's wife and the elder Whitman's parents also sat in the reserved pews.

Beyond the caskets, six candles cast their flickering glow on a huge mosaic behind the altar.



LUCKY COUPLE — Cheryl Botts and Don Walden, the last two people who saw and spoke with sniper Charles Joseph Whitman are just plain happy to be alive. Cheryl, 18, who will be a freshman at Howard Payne College, and Don, 22, a senior English major at the University of Texas, met Whitman in the small room on the University Tower observation deck Monday min-

utes before he began his sniping rampage which killed 13 and wounded 32. Whitman, carrying two rifles, greeted the unsuspecting young couple and they left the Tower without incident. The meeting occurred after Whitman had already killed Tower receptionist Mrs. Edna Townsley, 47, and just minutes before he began firing at people below.

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caused him much mental pain and possibly contributed to his insane actions."

Dr. Coleman de Chenar, the pathologist who performed the autopsy on Whitman's bullet-shattered body, said yesterday that the benign tumor "could not have had any influence on the psychic behavior."

The pathologist did not testify before the grand jury, which ruled that the police killing of Whitman was justifiable homicide.

Meanwhile, Austin police said today that two persons who left the tower observation deck just as Whitman was going up there "are just lucky to be alive."

Don Walden, 22, of San Antonio, Tex., and Cheryl Botts, 18, of Rockdale, Tex., said they came in from the deck shortly before noon and noticed Whitman as he was hiding the tower receptionist's body behind a couch on the 27th floor.

They were unaware of what he was doing.

Walden said the composed, blond sniper picked up two rifles and turned toward the young couple.

"We smiled and said 'Hello,'" Cheryl said.

"He smiled back real big and said, 'Hi, how are you, to us.'"

They turned their backs on Whitman and left, curious but not disturbed over the rifles they had seen.

At the funeral mass in Lake Worth for Whitman and his mother, The Rev. Thomas Anglin said of the slayer:

"...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."

Whitman's wife was buried Wednesday near her Needleville, Tex., home.

There have been predictions from some psychiatrists and at least one novelist that the Austin massacre would touch off other violence in a chain-reaction of killings.

Late last night, a 15-year-old youth was taken into custody as a suspect in the shooting death earlier that day of the town nightwatchman of Roscoe, in West Texas.

Law enforcement authorities said the youth admitted having killed Lewis Snyder, the 65-year-old watchman, and quoted him further:

"I've been thinking about why I did it."

"I wanted to have fun like the guys in Chicago (the slaying of eight student nurses) and Austin who had fun killing people."

KING: Stoned

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their front porches taking motion pictures of the activity.

The eruption of violence between the residents and some 1-200 policemen came after King had moved most of the civil rights demonstrators out of the area.

King, chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was hit on the right side of the face by a rock when he emerged from a car in Marquette Park earlier to form the march.

"It hurts, but it's not an injury," King shouted over the crowd of screaming, cursing, rock-throwing residents.

As the marchers left the park thousands of white persons lined a slope overlooking the park and shouted "white power."

A firecracker was thrown into one bus as demonstrators boarded, exploding in the face of a Negro photographer. He was momentarily stunned and was slightly burned on the face.

Before leaving the park, King told newsmen: "We shall have to keep coming back until we are safe from harassment. Until Negroes can move into the neighborhood the tenets of freedom will continue to decay."

The marchers were pelted with rocks, bottles, cherry bombs and eggs — some dropped by residents perched in trees — as they moved slowly down the street six abreast.

A group of white youths attacked a white policeman, stomped on him and beat him. Policemen had to pull the unconscious officer from the white crowd to get him into a police van. The group cheered when they saw the policeman was unconscious.

More than 1,200 policemen patrolled the area and tried to control thousands of white hecklers. There were numerous arrests and injuries.

The knife was hurled at King, chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, as he walked in the march. The knife struck a 19-year-old white youth in the left shoulder. Police took the bleeding youth to a hospital where he was treated and released.

The marchers reached a real estate office, one of four the demonstrators picked earlier Friday, then marched back to Marquette Park. The demonstrators — white and Negro, men and women, some clergy and nuns — were marching in protest against alleged housing discrimination.

The marchers returned to the park, looking into three buses and moved out as thousands of white residents cheered.

A hill overlooking the park was jammed with hooting, screaming people.

It was at the park in the Chicago Lawn neighborhood — the area torn by violence Sunday when the same demonstrators marched — that King was knocked to his knees by a rock as he emerged from a car. He was struck on the right side of the head.

Mass violence erupted as the marchers trudged slowly along the tree-lined street in the middle class neighborhood of relatively new homes in the \$20,000 range.

Police formed a flying wedge and charged through white youths who sat in front of the marchers. Policemen formed lines on each side of the marchers.

King, wearing a dark suit with a white shirt open at the collar, was in the third row of the block-long group.

"King, you nigger, where are you hiding?" a white resident yelled. "Go out in front where you belong."

Two Negroes not participating in the demonstration drove into a service station for gasoline. A group of white youths smashed the headlights, taillights and windows of the car, then beat the Negroes. Police seized two or three youths but the others fled.

Policemen trying to arrest 10 to 15 persons were stopped by a crowd of white persons. The policemen pushed into the crowd, clubs swinging.

A white youth darted into the march from the sidewalk. Police grabbed him.

Policemen were stationed on the roofs of two-story buildings on each side of the street.

At one point, the marchers knelt to pray. There was a huge roar from the thousands of white hecklers and cherry bombs were thrown into the kneeling group.

Some 250 white teen-agers moved ahead of the march, carrying Confederate and United States flags.

A barrage of rocks rained on the march from a bungalow and police charged into the house.

The crowd shouted "police brutality" and "kill a cop."

Police estimated that there were 5,000 hecklers.

King told reporters after he had been struck with a rock that Chicago is worse than any city in the South.

"I've never seen such hostility in a demonstration before and I've been all over the South," King said.

Montreal, the capital of the province of Quebec, is often referred to as "The City of Saints" because so many of its streets have saints' names.

LUCI

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rehearsal a half-hour after the bride couple and their attendants. Like Luci and Pat, he was warmly greeted by shouts and applause from several hundred persons, including nuns and priests from nearby Catholic university.

Admiring young people and adults alike shouted to Luci and Pat "congratulations" and "God bless you." The President stopped and shook hands and signed a few autographs as he left the church. He said he did in the rehearsal "just what Mrs. Johnson told me to do."

He also said he was "very happy about Luci and Pat."

There were some 64 guests at the rehearsal dinner Friday night in the historic Georgetown section of Washington. After dining on filet of sole and "honeymoon Alaska," the wedding party danced in the antique-paneled English room.

Meanwhile, dozens of Texas friends of the first family arrived for the Saturday event.

Austinites, including Mrs. John Connally, attended a Friday night reception at the Hay Adams hotel given by former chief of protocol and Mrs. Lloyd Hand. The Hands, formerly of Austin, now live in California. Their son, 5-year-old Lyndon "Corky," will be the ring-bearer at the wedding.

Corky's wedding costume — two-piece white cotton suit with short pants and an Elton collar jacket, white knee socks — was announced by the White House Friday along with the dresses to be worn by the mothers of the bride and groom.

The First Lady will wear lemon sherbet yellow designed by Adele Simpson. Mrs. Nugent will wear aquamarine created by Virginia Plester of Lake Forest, Ill., a housewife, mother and civic leader who has been a professional designer for more than 15 years. The mementos Luci will carry were also announced:

Something old — An ivory lace handkerchief made in 1908 by her great-grandmother — on the side of her paternal grandmother, and loaned by the President's aunt, Mrs. William E. Saunders of San Antonio.

Something new — her wedding dress.

Something borrowed — A mother-of-pearl and gold rosary that was the gift of Pope John XXIII to sister Lynda during a family audience with the Pope in 1962.

Something blue — A satin ribbon tying a gold locket belonging to Mrs. Nugent and containing pictures of her two sons. And a sixpence for her shoe.

Several people across the country sent Luci sixpences. She chose the first she received, last March, from Miss Adele Hoscoe of Perth Amboy, N. J.

The 80-minute nuptial mass to be conducted by three co-celebrants at the first wedding to be performed in the main sanctuary of the shrine incorporates many recent liturgical changes approved by the Vatican council in Rome.

Except for scattered Latin phrases, the service will be performed in English.

The mass may sound strange to all participants, including Roman Catholics, because parts of it are new to the church. It will be easily followed by all, however, in missals provided for the occasion.

The 700 guests at the wedding will include some 150 Texas friends of the first family, including many of Luci's contemporaries, and an equal number of friends of the bridegroom from Illinois and Wisconsin.

Central Texans who arrived Friday afternoon included several of the Johnsons' longtime friends at KTHC — Jesse Kelam, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bolton, the Earl Deathea, Charles Howells, Ben Hearns, Art Vickers, and R. W. Meachams.

The A. W. Moursunds from Johnson City arrived, also LBJ ranch foreman and Mrs. Dale Malechek, Mrs. Ava Cox of Johnson City, the President's cousin, and Mrs. Jesse Hunter, curator of the boyhood home in Johnson City.

The party included parents of members of the wedding party: Mrs. Walter Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beal of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Warfield Smith of San Antonio.

Also the Rev. and Mrs. John Barclay and daughter Gail Lynn, Miss Ann Pittman, daughter of the H. C. Pittmans and Miss Vashli Meringe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Meringe of Austin; Mrs. Alfred Negley of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denius of Austin, the Sam Winters, Donald Thomases, Frank C. Erwins, W. W. Heaths, University of Texas chancellor and Mrs. Harry Ransom, Mr. and Mrs. Max Brooks, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey.

People

Perhaps It Was Needed

Three officers were in police headquarters in Muncie, Ind., recently when a man in blue pajamas walked in with the police lawn hose.

Saying he wanted to water the grass, the man sprayed the room and two policemen, then ran out the door.

The officers say they lost him in an alley.

COINS IN KENNEDY POOL

City officials in Hyannis, Mass., were debating Friday over what to do with \$1,500 in coins tossed into the pool at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Plaza.

The tourist attraction was dedicated last month, and

visitors began to throw in cash spontaneously.

Some \$375 a week has been dredged from the pool and placed in the town treasury.

CASH FOR CLASS WORK

Some students at West Plains high school in West Plains, Mo., have turned class into cash. The 25 members of instructor Clovis Crockett's trades class built a modern, three-bedroom house over a period of less than two years . . . and sold it for \$20,000.

Said the instructor: "When you have 25 boys under control and they are interested

in what they are doing, they can do a lot of work."

JUST ONE DIFFERENCE

Susan Johnson of Baltimore, Md., will be married Saturday . . . too.

Susan and the most famous bride of the day have a lot in common. Both she and Luci were born July 2, 1947, and both considered nursing careers.

Both have Democratic fathers, both are Roman Catholics, and both their groomsmen went on active military duty on Nov. 28, 1965.

The only difference is that Susan's husband, Kurt Nagel, will go to Viet Nam after the brief honeymoon.

FESTIVAL: Opening Parade Today

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the 1966 Festival, presented Miss Patterson with a certificate at the luncheon Friday naming her Honorary Parade Marshal for Saturday's parade.

Commodore Ken Brown introduced the 1966 Festival Vice Commodores at the luncheon attended by Mrs. John Tower, Mayor Lester Palmer, Councilmen Louis Shanks and Travis LaRue and Patricia Vincent, Miss Wool of Texas.

During the affair at the Crest Hotel, five Austin entries in the Miss Austin Aqua Beauty contest, to be staged Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights were presented.

They were twins Marie and Mary Moore, Kaye Clark, Linda Barnett and April Raines.

Also taking a little bow at the luncheon were members of the Petite Aqua Court, Princess Carolyn Russell, Duchess Corliss Anne Kitchens and Duchess Lynda Myrick.

The Petite Aqua Court will be held at Zilker Hillside Theater Thursday at 8 p.m.

The 1966 Austin Aqua Festival royally were presented with gold engraved bracelets by Kennedy. Receiving the festival moments were Queen Chica Gray and Duchess Diana Butler. Duchess Elizabeth Marsh was unable to attend the luncheon.

The three lovelies will be presented at the Admiral's Ball Aug. 13 in Municipal Auditorium.

With Queen Chica officially proclaiming 10 days of fun for everyone, the 1966 Austin Aqua Festival gets into full swing.

Slated for this weekend are the Texas Water Ski Championships at Festival Beach and the Carrera de la Capital Sport Races at Austin Raceway Park, both on Saturday and Sunday.

The Commodore's Auto Show in Municipal Auditorium will begin Saturday at 2 p.m.

One of the highlights of the festival is the Rio Noche Night Lighted Water Parade and the Jax Beer Fireworks Display Friday at Festival Beach.

Austinites and visitors to the Capital City have a variety of entertainment and 10 action-packed days in store for them.

FESTIVAL CALENDAR

DAILY EVENTS

August 5-14—1-5 p.m.—Ford Times Exhibit . . . Laguna Gloria

8 a.m.-6 p.m.—Art Festival . . . Buchanan Dam

8 a.m.-5 p.m.—Aqua Festival Amateur Golf Tournament . . . Municipal Golf Course

8 a.m.-6 p.m.—TEXAS WATER SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS (Sponsored by Austin Ski and Boat Club) . . . Festival Beach

10 a.m.—SPECTACULAR LAND PARADE . . . CONGRESS AVE.

12 Noon—Vice Commodore Reception and Luncheon . . . Crest Hotel

1 p.m.—CARRERA DE LA CAPITAL SPORT CAR RACES (Qualifying) . . . AUSTIN RACEWAY PARK

1 p.m.—Old Fiddlers Contest . . . Town Square, Burnet, 1-6 p.m.

2-10 p.m.—COMMODORE'S AUTO SHOW . . . AUDITORIUM

4:15 p.m.—GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG FANCIERS SHOW . . . Hancock Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

9 a.m.-6 p.m.—Art Festival . . . Buchanan Dam

8 a.m.-5 p.m.—Aqua Festival Amateur Golf Tournament . . . Morris Williams Golf Course

8 a.m.-6 p.m.—TEXAS WATER SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS (Sponsored by Austin Ski and Boat Club) . . . Festival Beach

1 p.m.—CARRERA DE LA CAPITAL SPORTS CAR RACES—NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES . . . AUSTIN RACEWAY PARK

2-8 p.m.—COMMODORE'S AUTO SHOW . . . AUDITORIUM

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

8 p.m.—AUSTIN ELIMINATIONS, AQUA BEAUTY PAGEANT AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT . . . FESTIVAL BEACH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

12 Noon—Central Texas Mayors' Luncheon . . . Crest Hotel

3 p.m.—The Thunderbirds and Golden Angels Sky Divers . . . Bergstrom A.F.B.

8 p.m.—CENTRAL TEXAS ELIMINATIONS, AQUA BEAUTY PAGEANT AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT . . . FESTIVAL BEACH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

8 p.m.—AQUACADE AND AQUA BEAUTY PAGEANT FINALS . . . FESTIVAL BEACH

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

7 p.m.—TAAF State Men's Church Softball Tournament . . . Butler Park

8 p.m.—BATTLE OF THE BANDS . . . AUDITORIUM

8 p.m.—Petite Aqua Court . . . Zilker Hillside Theater

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

9 a.m.—TAAF State Men's Church Softball Tournament . . . Butler Park

12 Noon—Aqua Festival 250 Mile Endura Race Registration . . . Festival Beach

12-4 p.m.—Aqua Festival 250 Mile Endura Race (Tune up runs) . . . Festival Beach

7:30 p.m.—Pre-parade Show . . . Festival Beach

8 p.m.—LIGHTED WATER PARADE, NORTH BANK OF TOWN LAKE . . . START AT FESTIVAL BEACH AFTER PARADE JAX FIREWORKS DISPLAY