



AN AUSTIN policeman is wounded by the sniper on the 24th floor of the University of Texas tower. Another policeman crouches behind bushes. (AP Wirephoto)

# 14 Killed, 34 Wounded Before Sniper Bagged

## Campus Terror Lasts 1 1/2 Hours

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — A sharpshooting former marine Monday killed his wife and mother, then hauled an arsenal of guns to a sniper's perch in the University of Texas tower, shot to death 12 other persons and wounded 34.

The carnage didn't end until police climbed to a balcony above the sniper and gunned him down, killing him with six pistol shots and blasts from a shotgun.

Counting the sniper himself, the day's slaughter totalled 15 persons. A 16th victim was the unborn baby of a woman who was wounded. She was in her eighth month of pregnancy.

The man was identified as Charles Joseph Whitman, of Lake Worth, Fla., a 24-year-old architectural engineering student at the university and former scoutmaster at an Austin church.



C. J. WHITMAN

His wife and mother were slain in their homes—the wife stabbed and the mother shot—and police said the found a note he had written indicating why he had done it.

**HATED MOTHER**

Police said the note, found in his mother's apartment, said he had killed her because he hated her. They said another note pinned to her door said she was sleeping in case a caller should drop by.

He also left a note in his wife's apartment with this notation added at the end, police said:

"3 o'clock—wife and mother both dead."

In her fifth-floor luxury apartment, about two blocks from the campus.

**DASHED FOR COVER**

Some of the victims were struck as they walked along the busy thoroughfare in front of the university during the lunch hour. Others were hit as they dashed for cover on the broad mall which surrounds the base of the tower.

The tower, a Texas landmark, is a slender, four-sided structure 30 stories tall in the center of the campus. It is Austin's tallest building and its upper stories command a view of the entire city.

The sniper began picking off targets below at 2:55 p.m. CDT (1:55 p.m. EDT) and was slain at 2:20 p.m. when four policemen entered the tower through an underground tunnel, climbed to an observation deck just above the 26th floor and shot him as he swung his rifle toward them.

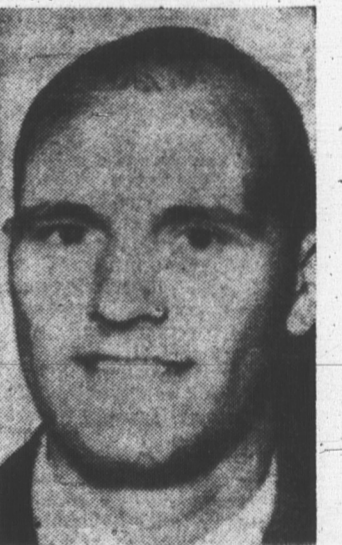
Police Chief Bob Miles said the sniper noticed the officers approaching him from above as they rounded a corner on the observation platform. As the sniper raised his rifle, officer Ramon Martinez shot him six times with a .38-calibre revolver and officer Houston McCoy fired one blast with a shotgun.

Miles said the sniper was armed with three high-calibre rifles, one of them equipped with a telescopic sight.

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## Wounded Reporter Gives Story From Hospital Bed

Associated Press reporter Robert Heard was among those wounded by a sniper in the University of Texas tower Monday. He was shot in the left shoulder. Here is his personal account, dictated from his hospital bed.



ROBERT HEARD

**By ROBERT HEARD**

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Six inches more to the right and I would be dead with the rest of them.

I didn't get it as bad as some of the others. The bullet went in here and there's a big hole in my back where it came out.

That guy must be an incredible shot. We got the tip in the (AP) office there was a sniper in the tower and I was told to rush out to the campus. I remember Jack (AP staffer Jack Keever) yelled as I went out the door: "Be careful, don't get shot."

When we got to the university campus, we went to the north side of the tower where we could hear a popping noise.

This other reporter (Ernest Stromberger, Dallas Times Herald) and I saw two highway patrolmen putting their rifles together. They started to run toward the tower and we followed close behind.

**HAD NO PROTECTION**

Then we came to a wide-open space about 150 yards where there was no protection. There would be this funny noise every now and then like a bullet whining off in the distance.

The two patrolmen ran across the open area safely, and I said to myself, "that gunman probably saw them and he will be waiting for me," so I paused about five seconds before I took off.

I was almost across the open space when something hit me whirled me around and knocked me on the hot pavement.

That guy must be an incredible shot. Six inches more to the right and he would have hit my heart.

My left arm was numb but I remember feeling how hot the pavement felt. It seems like just a few minutes until a bunch of men ran out and dragged me back to the shade under the trunk of a car.

I remember that I was still astonished that he could hit me while I was running.

Then, pretty soon, the ambulance came and took me to the hospital.

There I was, working on a real good story and now look at me—I can't type.

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## Accident Toll Stands At 84

**By THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Accidental deaths across Canada have risen to a total of 84 for the weekend—36 of them in Alberta, Ontario and Manitoba where municipalities celebrate a three-day Civic Holiday weekend.

A Canadian Press survey from 6 p.m. Friday to 7:30 p.m. Monday, local times, showed 54 persons died in traffic accidents, 23 were drowned, one died in a fire and six in miscellaneous mishaps.

Ontario reported the most fatalities with 18 traffic deaths, eight drownings and one death when a concrete block fell on a baby girl.

## Enters Plea For Speck

(CHICAGO) (AP) — Richard Speck stood with his head down and his features blank Monday while his counsel entered pleas of no guilt to charges of murdering eight student nurses in their dormitory here July 14.

His case was assigned to Judge Herbert C. Paschen. The judge set Aug. 18 for a hearing at which a trial date will be determined.

Gerald W. Getty, chief public defender for Cook County (Chicago), who is serving as Speck's counsel, entered pleas of not guilty to all eight indictments.

About 70 spectators were searched before they were admitted to the chamber. So were reporters.

The judge asked about Speck's financial ability to hire a lawyer.

"He is not employed," Getty said. "He does not have funds."

State's Attorney Daniel P. Ward said doctors found Speck well enough to come to court. Speck was taken to the city jail hospital after his arrest July 17. Police said he had slashed his left arm and cut his right wrist in a suicide attempt in a skid road flophouse. He was later transferred to Cook County jail.

Among the spectators at the pleading were Joseph Matusek and his daughter, Betty Jo, father and sister of one of the slain student nurses, Patricia Matusek.



THIS IS THE University of Texas administration tower where sniper Charles Joseph Whitman killed 12 persons and wounded 34 before being gunned down by police. Whitman roamed around the walkway near the top, shooting at persons below with deadly accuracy. (AP Wirephoto)

## PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

# Claims Equalization Proposal Would Cripple Saskatchewan

**By DAVID DAVIDSON**

TORONTO (CP) — Premier Ross Thatcher of Saskatchewan says tax equalization proposals being considered by the federal government would "seriously cripple" his province.

The premier said in an interview he has seen a proposed federal tax-sharing formula that will add Saskatchewan to the provinces receiving no equalization grants from Ottawa. Alberta, Ontario and British Columbia are the only provinces not receiving the grants.

"Our economy is still basically a wheat economy even though we have diversified in recent years," Mr. Thatcher said he told the premiers meeting at the Ontario legislature buildings.

"If we were to experience two or three successive crop failures, the provincial treasury would be strangled. Our government will never agree to such an arrangement."

Mr. Thatcher said: "I have seen the federal proposals. I know what they are and they are absolutely unacceptable."

Loss of equalization grants would cost Saskatchewan \$35,000,000 a year, Mr. Thatcher said.

Premier John Roberts of Ontario, chairman for the closed talks that began earlier in the day, said at an evening press conference "we have a specific interest" in them.

**SEES DIFFICULTIES**

"But it's very difficult for this province to say what should be done about them," he said.

There will be further discussions on the federal grants formula, Mr. Roberts said, before a final plan is arrived at.

He said the premiers during their afternoon talks discussed standard education requirements across the country and "I think there is agreement standardization is desirable."

"A proposal by the Alberta government that a succession duties in the province be abolished also was considered "but we (Ontario) have not a position on this yet."

**HAS ORDERED STUDY**

Mr. Roberts said he has ordered a study of the Alberta succession duty proposals because they "would serve to attract certain wealthy people" to that province.

There were apparently no swords drawn at the closed meeting in the Ontario cabinet chambers which resume today. "The talks are the best ever," said Premier Louis Robichaud of New Brunswick in an interview. "Everybody is happy and more concrete ideas are being advanced (than at previous meetings)."

"Going fine," said Premier Robert Stanfield of Nova Scotia, but he did not elaborate.

The talks began Monday but Premier Daniel Johnson of Quebec, a key participant, and Premier Joseph Smallwood of Newfoundland and British Columbia's W. A. C. Bennett were not there.

Mr. Johnson returned to Quebec City for a special cabinet meeting before the conference began.

The Newfoundland premier has said the talks of provincial chiefs are a waste of time and announced last week he wouldn't be coming to Toronto.

The Social Credit party is celebrating its 14th year in power in British Columbia and Mr. Bennett couldn't get away for the meetings.

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## IN AIRLINE STRIKE

# Johnson Receives Power To Order 6 Months' Work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Senate labor committee voted Monday to authorize President Johnson to order striking airline employees back to work for up to six months—a procedure not favorable to the administration.

The bill will be taken up in the Senate today. Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana, the Democratic leader, has predicted extended debate of any measure designed to end the 25-day airlines strike.

The committee bill, approved after a two-hour closed session, in a modified version of one given tentative endorsement by the group last Friday.

Its author, Senator Joseph S. Clark (Dem. Pa.) said it would empower Johnson at his discretion to end the work stoppage for a full 180 days, or to split up the six months into brief cooling off periods.

## Trusteeship Is Imposed

QUEBEC (CP) — Premier Daniel Johnson announced here Monday night that 138 hospitals have been placed under trusteeship.

Named as trustee was Yves Pratte, who has been acting as government mediator in the conflict between the employees of 119 hospitals and the Quebec Hospital Association.

The premier also announced an order-in-council calling a special session of the legislature for next Thursday had been passed during the cabinet meeting.

At this session of the legislature, Mr. Johnson said he intended to present certain labor legislation which could facilitate settlement of the strike which has kept 32,500 non-medical employees of the National Federation of Services off their jobs since July 15.

## Hope Fades For Passengers On English Excursion Boat

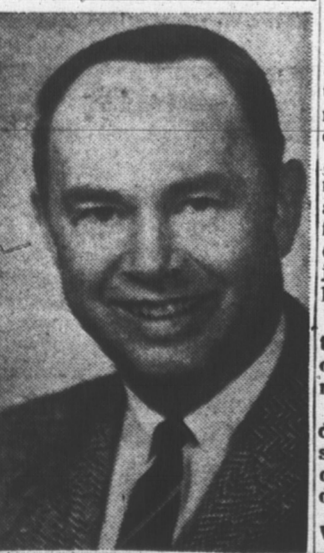
FALMOUTH, England (AP) — Hope faded Monday night for 31 persons aboard a British excursion boat which vanished in a storm off the wild Cornish "smugglers' coast."

Seven children were among the holiday-makers—all believed British—who set out Sunday morning in the 45-foot motor cruiser Darwin on a 40-mile coastal voyage. They were due back about 7 p.m.

A search over a 1,000-square-mile area Monday turned up only a 14-foot skiff and a rubber floor mat. The white dinghy, containing clothing and a life jacket, was identified as one the Darwin was towing.

The dinghy was found near the Eddystone Rocks, a dangerous reef in the English Channel 35 miles east of Falmouth.

The Darwin, a twin-engined diesel, was towing a 14-foot skiff and carried a fiberglass dinghy and a 14-foot wooden dinghy.



APPOINTED

The International Technical Committee for the Eighth British Empire and Commonwealth Games to be staged in Kingston, Jamaica, from Aug. 4 to 14 has approved the appointment of six Canadians as technical officials for the Games. Included among the Canadian officials is David M. Boswell, ABOVE, director of physical education for Prince Edward Island. Mr. Boswell is an active member of both the Canadian Olympic and British Empire and Commonwealth Games Association of Canada and served as president of the Prince Edward Island branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada from 1960-64.

## Starfighters Are Downed

From AP-Reuters

SAIGON (CP) — Ground fire downed two U.S. F-104 Starfighters during raids over North Viet Nam Monday in which American pilots encountered 14 surface-to-air missiles, the U.S. command announced today.

Both pilots were missing.

One plane was hit 40 miles north of Hanoi and the other 65 miles northwest of the North Vietnamese capital. The Starfighters were the first of this type of craft lost over North Viet Nam in nearly a year. The losses brought to 318 the number of U.S. planes announced lost over North Viet Nam.

A U.S. spokesman said all except one of the 14 missiles were sighted in the Hanoi-Haiphong area. Following usual practice, he did not disclose whether any of the missiles brought down the Starfighters. Instead, he used only the term ground fire, which could be missiles or conventional anti-aircraft fire.

## Nigerian Control Is In New Hands

**By NORMAN HARTLEY**

LAGOS (Reuters)—A young lieutenant colonel announced Monday that he has taken over control of Nigeria after mutiny in the army and the kidnapping of the country's head of state.

The new leader is Lt.-Col. Yakubu Gowon, 31, the army chief of staff. He is a member of the Hausa tribe from the Moslem north as are the soldiers who started the uprising Friday.

With the dissidents—apparently now unopposed—holding the gateway to this capital, Gowon told Nigeria's 35,000,000 people by radio that he is shouldering responsibility with the consent of a majority of the Supreme Military Council which has governed the country since a revolt by junior officers in January.

"All is quiet," the lieutenant colonel said.

**FATE UNKNOWN**

He confirmed that the head of state, Maj. Gen. Johnson Aguiyi-Ironsi, 41, had been kidnapped by the mutineers during a visit to the town of Ibadan. His whereabouts and fate are unknown, he added.

Gowon praised Aguiyi-Ironsi for his efforts to reconstruct the country after the "sad and unfortunate" January revolt which Gowon said had plunged the country into national disaster.

# Astronauts Tell Of Epic Voyage

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — The Gemini 10 spacecraft ran low in fuel because it had to make a large plane change to rendezvous with an Agena target satellite, command pilot John W. Young reported Monday.

"We had to use the brute-force method to overcome a large out-of-plane error," Young told a press conference. "That takes quite a lot of fuel."

Space-walker Michael Collins disclosed that troubles manoeuvring in space forced him to make three attempts before he finally retrieved an experiment package from the side of the Agena with which Gemini 10 made rendezvous.

The plane change was required to shift Gemini 10 lightly to the north to put it in the same orbital path as the Agena, which had been orbited 11 minutes before the two-man Gemini 10 mission.

U.S. Navy Cmdr. Young and Force Maj. Collins caught and docked with the Agena after six-hour chase. But they used as much fuel as planned. As a result, ground controllers rearranged the flight plan considerably, utilizing the engine of the Agena to make several manoeuvres. The fuel shortage also caused Collins to cut short a space walk on the second day of the three-day flight.

"The machine performed magnificently," Young said in discussing the Agena as he described a series of motion pictures of the rendezvous and docking.

At one point in the movies, the 36-foot Agena disappeared in a flash of sunlight.

"That's a real problem in space," Young said. "It's called sun-in-the-eyes. It causes the target to disappear. You have to apply a little back thrust and hope it reappears. With a plane, you'd just zip around the target to get away from the sun and pick it up again. But a spacecraft doesn't have that much fuel."

In discussing the firing of the Agena's main engine, which sent Gemini 10 to a record altitude of 476 miles for a manned vehicle, Young said: "Boy, it was really something. For 11 seconds (as the 16,000-pound thrust engine fired) we got a tremendous thrill."

**SEES FUTURE ADVANCE**

Young said use of the Agena demonstrated that a "other satellite can be used as a tanker and a supplementary engine for manned spacecrafts.

During the flight Collins engaged in two work periods over the spacecraft—one a "stand-up" manoeuvre, the second a full-scale walk over an Agena left in space by the Gemini 8 astronauts in March.

The first was cut short by chemical fumes that invaded the space suits of both men.