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## But Mass Slaying Effect Doubted

# Sniper Had a Tumor

## Autopsy Report Preliminary One

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By JIM BERRY  
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An autopsy performed Tuesday showed Charles J. Whitman had a "small brain tumor close to the brain stem", but an Austin pathologist 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 bullet-riddled body, said he received information about the brain tumor from Dr. C. de Chenar late Tuesday morning.

Dellana said the pathologist gave him a preliminary report:

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

"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 him."

Dellana said the pathologist told him "the effect it did have

was on the sensory passages in the brain. As such the pressure may have caused extreme pain which possibly could have accounted for his actions in some degree."

"Dr. de Chenar said it is his opinion that this tumor did not directly affect his (Whitman's) actions of yesterday. The thinking part of the brain, the frontal lobe, was not directly affected by this tumor."

Dellana said the pathologist's findings, described as the "gross" report, were preliminary, and that the microscopic findings will come within 24 hours.

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 afternoon, Police Chief Bob Miles told a press briefing that the Austin massacre could have happened anywhere in the world.

While it happened in Austin, knowing the conditions in the world today, it could have happened in any city in the United States — anywhere in the 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 was under".

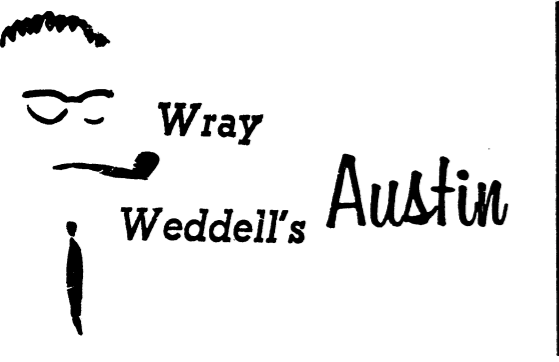
Miles refused to disclose the full contents of the notes saying his department had been advised by counsel "not to do so at this time".

Five of the 31 persons wounded as the 25-year-old architectural engineering student raked the campus and surrounding streets with deadly accurate high-powered rifle fire from a sniper's perch atop the U.T. tower for 99 minutes Monday remained on the Brackenridge Hospital critical list Tuesday. Seven of the wounded were released following treatment at Brackenridge and other city hospitals Monday afternoon. The rest are still hospitalized.

Whitman's carnage spread a nightmare of death that ended only after three police officers and a campus bookstore employee stormed the tower fortress and riddled the sniper on the observation deck.

Officers Ramiro Martinez, an off-duty patrolman who fired the first shot and then emptied his revolver into Whitman; Officer Houston McCoy, who followed with two quick blasts from a shotgun; Officer Jerry Day, close on their heels; and Allen Crum, University Co-Op floor supervisor; were credited with "the highest acts of bravery."

Until they got inside the tower and stilled his arsenal of guns, Whitman held the campus and streets ringing the University under siege. More than 50 (See TUMOR, Page 6)



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 Worth, Fla. . . .

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 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 Sonntag 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 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 — thoughtfulness. . . .

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. . . .

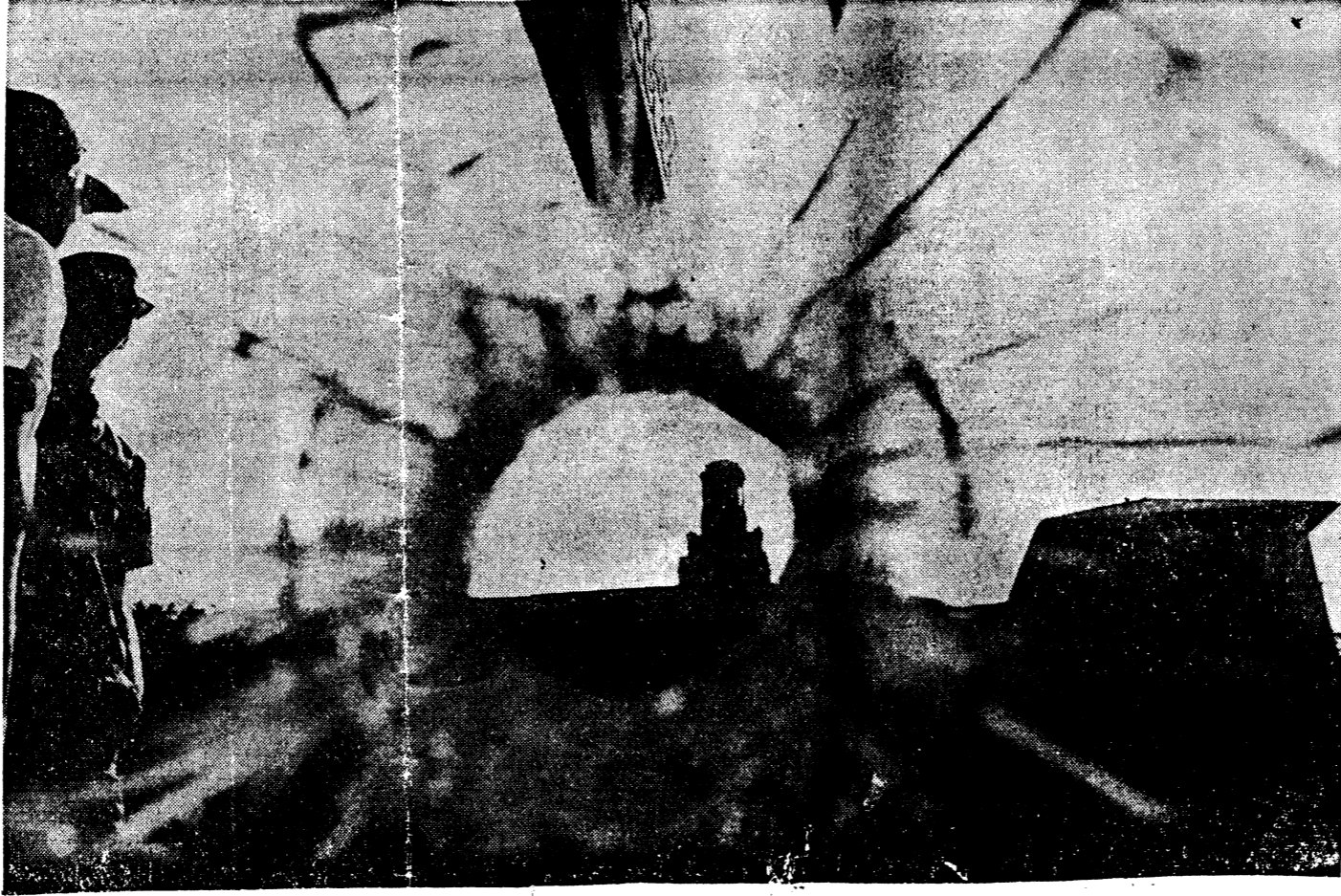
Out of town newsmen had trouble calling their home offices. Long distance circuits were jammed for a time. An example of why: In a pressroom set up at Brackenridge someone shouted: "Will anyone here take a call from Los Angeles?" As the police chief said, it was much worse. . . .

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 request 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 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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ugh Wednesday. Warm and humid Tuesday night. Scattered showers and cooler t southerly shifting to northerly Wednesday, Wednesday 76-95 degrees; Tuesday full report and map, see page 2.)



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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.

## What Caused Sniper's Act?

By CHRIS WHITCRAFT  
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A responsible, intelligent young man and superior student who suddenly carries out violent destruction would usually be diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic, Dr. John A. Boston Jr. said.

The American-Statesman asked Dr. Boston, who is an Austin psychiatrist in private practice, to speculate on a problem diagnosis of C. J. Whitman.

He was the University of Texas engineering student shot by police on the tower observation deck Monday after about 100 minutes of sniping gunfire. It was so deadly and efficient police officers were not convinced until the moment of Whitman's death there were not two snipers firing at human targets below.

(Dr. Boston's comments were made late Monday night without knowledge of Whitman's having seen a psychiatrist nor, of course, without information from Tuesday's autopsy.

(Dr. Boston said Tuesday that some brain tumors, particularly in temporal lobes, can be associated with violence or very aggressive behavior.

"(Every psychiatrist lives in horror of missing a brain tumor," he said. "A general physical examination might not reveal the tumor."

(Dr. Boston said the "typical" brain tumor patient is not thought of as paranoid-schizophrenic. (See CAUSE, Page 6)

## The Toll

### THE DEAD

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 a junior lifeguard the two previous summers. Young Sonntag had just picked up his paycheck from the Parks and Recreation Dept. He had already enrolled at Colorado University for the fall semester.

Roy Dell Schmidt, who would have been 30 on Sept. 18, was a City of Austin employe in the electrical distribution department. Schmidt of 1901 Larchmont had been with the city since 1954. Schmidt was making a customer service call at 21st and University when shot.

Dr. Robert H. Boyer, who taught mathematics at U. T. last year, was visiting friends in Astin and was en route to Liversol University where he was to have taught applied mathematics. Boyer, in his 30s, as from Pennsylvania and had spent the past month teaching in Mexico.

Paolman Billy Speed, 22, was commissioned in the Austin Police Department on July 2, 1965, and his wife Beverly Jean resided at 1401 Payne. The policeman leaves a 16-month-old daughter.

Maguerite Lamport, 45, of 2606 ascade, took her brother M. Gabour of Texarkana, see TOLL, Page 6)

## U.T. Shootings Send Taylor Man Berserk

By CONNIE SHERLEY  
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TAYLOR — A rookie police patrolman was stabbed Tuesday in Taylor by a man who went berserk after hearing of the tragedy on the University of Texas campus.

The man, identified as Sammy Brown, mumbled repeatedly after stabbing the officer and attacking four other persons, "They should have put me on television."

The wounded patrolman, Joe John Dubec, was stabbed while attempting to subdue Jones in the kitchen of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hansen on Thordale Road.

During the scuffle, Brown cut his own throat and stabbed himself, Brown's condition was undetermined at noon Tuesday.

Patrolman Dubec, who had been on the Taylor police force

only six months, was believed to be in fair condition. He was in the X-ray room at noon to determine how deep the knife penetrated.

Police said Brown, a Negro, entered the rear door of the Hansen home about 10 a.m. Mary Dahl, 13, a neighbor of the Hansens, was sitting in the kitchen.

The girl said she threw a glass of milk at Brown as he rushed toward her. The kitchen was wrecked as the girl struggled with Brown.

Mrs. Hansen rushed to the kitchen after hearing the girl's screams. She beat Brown with a broom, and she and the girl managed to escape.

They telephoned police. Brown was hiding behind the kitchen door when Dubec arrived. The patrolman was stabbed before Brown turned the knife on himself.

Patrolman Otie Jones then arrived and was able to handcuff Brown during a struggle. Other persons had to help after the handcuffed man attacked an ambulance driver.

Jones said Brown fought everyone with "superhuman strength." While writing in the floor of the kitchen and on his way to the hospital, he repeatedly yelled that he should have been put on TV.

Texas campus in the aftermath of Monday's day of death. There were signs of an outward calm and normalcy that a visitor sought for reassurance: a gardener watering shrubs, the sounds of a few typewriters clicking away, students readings in the Texas Union and the familiar sound

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## Howard Unruh Killed 13

# U.T. Spree Bloodiest?

NEW YORK (AP) — The Austin sniper slaying, the latest in a grisly series of American mass murders, may be the worst in the nation's history.

A spokesman for the FBI in Washington said it kept no records on such matters, but recalled only one incident that could rival the Texas slaying.

That was when quiet, Bible-reading Howard Unruh, methodically killed 13 persons in

minutes on a Camden, N.J., street in 1949. Using an automatic pistol, he chose victims who were strangers to him.

Unruh was judged mentally unfit to stand trial and is now in the Trenton, N.J., State Hospital.

A dungaree-wearing killer accounted for 11 deaths in a two-state shooting spree in 1958. Charles Starkweather, 19, toedrifter, Richard Speck, killed three members of the fami of a girl friend, then drove through Nebraska and Wyoming in 1958, leaving eight bodies behind him. Starkweather was executed and his girl friend, Carol Ann Fugate, sentenced to life in prison. Last month, a man gained entrance to a nurses' residence in Cago, and slowly knifed or stradd eight of them. A tattooed, Richard Speck, killed three members of the

Martinez said only: "I had no thoughts. I just had a job to do and I blocked everything else out of my mind." Martinez spoke to newsmen during a press conference Tuesday morning at city police headquarters. During the hour-long conference, while Chief Bob Miles went over the events of Monday, Martinez sat at his chief's side, toying with his hands. Martinez went home Monday

## Campus Scene Today Has Curious, Stunned

By DERRO EVANS  
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In the quiet morning hours of Tuesday, there were those who had come to see more and many others who, painfully and unwillingly, had already seen too much.

The combination of the curious and the stunned walked quietly about the University of

Texas campus in the aftermath of Monday's day of death.

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