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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Another senseless orgy of death today -- at Austin, Texas. An apparently mad sniper -- armed with a high powered telescopic rifle -- climbing to the top of the twenty-seven story University of Texas tower; where he opened fire on thousands of summer students and teachers -- during their main lunch break.

The nightmare that followed -- lasting more than an hour. Despite return fire from police -- the sniper getting off more than a hundred shots with amazing accuracy. Felling victim after victim -- as they scrambled madly for cover far below -- before he was finally shot and killed -- by Austin policeman Romero Martinez.

By that time -- the campus looked almost like a battlefield -- with the count at least twelve dead -- more

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than thirty wounded. All innocent victims -- of a deranged mind.

The sniper later identified as one of the summer students, Charles J. Whitman -- a twenty-four year old ex-Marine originally from Lake Worth, Florida. Still later in checking with relatives -- police discovered that Whitman had also apparently killed his wife and his mother -- at their respective Austin homes.

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Why/did it -- any of it -- we may never know.

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam - the city of Saigon is said to be menaced tonight - by a massive fifth column. An enemy force - of perhaps as many as five thousand men. Nine battallions of Viet Cong - in all, with one of the ~~best~~ battalions - reportedly lodged within the capital itself. This according to reliable sources in the South Vietnamese government.

The same sources indicating, however, that there is little ~~likelihood~~ likelihood of a mass Communist attack. Saigon being the great heart - of the allied military effort in Viet Nam. ~~They~~ ^{But they are} expect^{ing} ~~alternatives~~ a series of stepped-up terrorist attacks ^{on} ~~at~~ ^{important} ~~primary~~ civilian and military targets.

ACCIDENT

A tragic accident -- followed by a still-more tragic riot today; at Croesus station -- near Johannesburg.

Adding up to the worst outbreak of racial violence in South Africa -- in a number of years.

Start of the trouble -- a head-on collision between two commuter trains; killing at least six black Africans -- and injuring about two hundred and eighty more.

Survivors of the crash storming from the wreckage -- to take revenge on white crewmen of the two trains. One engineer -- stoned and badly injured. The mob also battering two conductors and two railway policemen -- who tried to intervene.

NIGERIA

That armed revolt in Nigeria - successfully completed today. Lieutenant Colonel Yakubi Gowon - thirty-two year old army chief of staff - assuming command of ^a~~the~~ new military government. In his own words -- at the "invitation" - of "a majority of the army."

Radio Lagos announcing the change of leadership - following a peace conference between Colonel ^{Yakubi}~~Gowon~~ and Loyalist General Babagemi Ogundipe. The settlement - hopefully averting the threat of a bloody tribal and religious war; between Moslems in the North - and Christians in the South.

Colonel ^{Yakubi}~~Gowon~~ promptly promising a return to civilian rule - as soon as possible. As for the man he succeeds - General Johnson Aguiyi-Ironsi - his ~~date~~ fate remains a mystery.

JAPAN

Not China - but Japan - will have the greatest impact on the future of Asia, ~~Says~~ *Edwin Reischauer - retiring U S Ambassador to Tokyo.*

Reischauer asserting that "China's influence is negative - and recognized as such by everybody." "But for the last year or so" - he goes on to say - ~~the~~ "Japan has been showing signs of getting ready - to assume a new position of leadership". Getting ready - as he put it - to assume some of the U S burden in the Pacific. This - with the ready approval of Washington.

Reischauer predicting, however, that the Japanese will remain strongly Pacifist in nature "for some time ~~into~~ into the future." For that reason - says he - ~~the~~ "Japan will continue to look to us for nuclear defense."

COMMONS

Across the Atlantic - in London - the House of Commons exploded today in angry controversy. Opposition Conservatives and Liberals - crying, "shame, shame"; when the government ignored their demands for immediate debate - on Prime Minister Harold Wilson's new "save the pound" program. ~~Nevertheless, the measure referred instead to a government stacked committee.~~

More of the same - expected tomorrow; when the powerful trades Congress - the Railroad Unions - and an industrial management group meet separately - to review the austerity program. Even so - ultimate approval is now said to be - just a matter of time.

SACCO

A case that refuses to die - once more in the limelight. At Milan - Italian relatives of the executed Nicola Sacco - today reporting the discovery of new evidence. Evidence - they claim - that proves the innocence of one of the principal figures - in the celebrated Sacco-Vanzetti murder case of nearly half a century ago.

We^{are} told the relatives have received letters - from two elderly Italians who emigrated to the United States long ago. The Italo-Americans maintaining that Sacco was with them all day - on April the fifteenth, Nineteen Twenty, ~~The~~ date when he and fellow-anarchist Bartolomeo Vanzetti - supposedly killed two men - in a payroll holdup at Braintree, Massachusetts.

The letters are to be turned over to the "Sacco-Vanzetti Memorial Committee" - here in the United States; ~~A~~ group that has been trying ~~to~~ for years - to prove that ^{and} Sacco ~~was~~ Vanzetti were wrongfully condemned - because of so-called - "judicial prejudice."

SPACE

At Houston - an official post-mortem today -- on the trouble-plagued flight of the Gemini-Ten. Command Pilot John Young reporting that a critical fuel shortage - was caused by a minor error in the spacecraft's initial orbit. An error that placed it slightly off-course for its planned rendezvous with an agena target satellite.

To overcome the error - Pilot Young and co-pilot Mike Collins using what they called -- a "brute force" technique. Actually forcing the Gemini-Ten- to change its plane of orbit. Though successful - the maneuver ^{did} eat ~~up~~ up nine times the amount of fuel - originally allotted for the space rendezvous. Thus forcing cancellation - of a number of planned experiments.

On the plus side - the astronauts took photographs of the Earth -- ^{pictures} so sharp ^{and} clear that they ~~even~~ ^{even} showed a section of highway just south of Houston, ^{Warren.} Next time - said

^{1/2} Astronaut

Young - "Maybe we can get a picture of the astrodome."

TRUMAN

At Kansas City, Missouri - former President

*Truman was reported improved today - from/that weekend
of attack of colitis. Doctors saying his condition - "is
somewhat strengthened." Adding: "He is progressing
nicely;- ~~there~~ no cause for alarm."*

*And that's good news we will
all agree - and s-l-u-tanovaw.*