

WHITMAN L.T. - Buick, Fisher, Fri. Aug. 5 - '66.

A final chapter today - ^{to}~~in~~ the ~~terrible~~ story of mass murderer Charles Whitman. At his home town - of Lake Worth, Florida.

The last act: A mass of requiem for both Whitman and his mother - one of his first victims. In the same church - where Whitman once served as an altar boy. Whereupon mother and son - were buried side-by-side in a family plot.

Father Thomas Anglim - who read the mass - later distributing a statement to reporters, ~~Explaining~~ why one of the worst murderers in history was given a Christian burial. Father Anglim ~~decl~~ declaring that according to Catholic moral theology - "no serious crime can be imputed to an individual - unless he has committed it with sufficient knowledge and full consent of the will."

"Apparently these were lacking - in the final tragic actions of this young man" - said the Priest. Adding that, therefore - "God in his mercy - does not hold him responsible."

VIET NAM

Today in Viet Nam - the second anniversary of the start of U S bombing raids - on the Communist North, commemorated by still another wave of U S jets flying north - to do it all over again. As an American officer put it "just like we do every day."

In their latest venture - the American warplanes completing a total of eighty-three missions. Blasting oil depots, supply centers and anti-aircraft installations - along with ^{socalled} ~~miscellaneous~~ "targets of opportunity." All the way from border between North and South Viet Nam - to the ~~vital red~~ seaport of Haiphong.

MOSCOW FOLLOW VIET NAM

Meanwhile at Moscow - the Kremlin today accused the United States of hitting a Soviet ship- with so-called "large caliber bullets" during ^a recent raid - on Haiphong, ~~Harbor.~~ Thus ~~allegedly~~ endangering "the life of the members of the crew - and the security of the ship."

The charge contained in a note - delivered to the U S Embassy. Demanding "immediate discontinuance of such actions" - which it called "criminal" and "provocative."

The note ^{was} promptly returned ^{with} ~~an~~ Embassy spokesman explaining that the U S - is willing to discuss the substance of the Soviet charges ^{but} ~~adding, however~~ that we could not accept the note - because of its "abusive and offensive language."

RUSK FOLLOW MOSCOW

~~Meanwhile~~
~~here at home~~

and her warning today that

U. S. troops - may yet be forced to enter the demilitarized zone between North and South Viet Nam. Secretary of State Dean Rusk asserting that the U S has no "policy desire" to cross the seventeenth parallel. But we must and will take necessary measures - said he "to insure the safety of our forces."

PEACE

At Jakarta and at Kuala Lumpur - joint announcement today that Indonesia and Malaysia will soon sign a formal peace treaty. Officially ending - their three year old undeclared war.

Despite recent verbal attacks by Sukarno ~~of~~ ~~Indonesia~~ - the peace treaty ^{is} essentially that worked out earlier ~~this~~ this summer ~~at~~ at preliminary peace talks - in Bangkok.

The treaty to be signed at Jakarta - we^are told - probably on August Seventeen. The date presumably chosen - because it coincides with Indonesia's Independence Day.

GRANDMA MOSES

Have you heard the latest about Grandma Moses? You will remember the sensation she made when in her eighties and nineties and even when she was a hundred years old -- she was one of the most famous artists of our time. She died at age one hundred and one in upper New York state, at Eagle Bridge. Now the little white schoolhouse that she attended way back in Eighteen Seventy-Four henceforth will be known as the Grandma Moses Schoolhouse; a permanent museum, with the furnishings from her home on display and of course some of her paintings too.

The museum opens tomorrow -- August Sixth. I have just had word of this from Harry Squire long next door neighbor of Grandma Moses. Harry Squire, as many will, I hope, remember, was the chief cameraman for Cinerama in the days when we were turning out the Cinerama productions that started a worldwide screen revolution, the wide screen era.

Fred Waller invented Cinerama, and Harry Squire was the wizard behind the camera. Alas, Cinerama has fallen into the hands of people who use the name but not the process. Harry Squire lives in retirement at Eagle Bridge, just up the road from the Grandma Moses museum, which ~~people~~ people from far and wide will now be visiting.

WEDDING

In Washington -- not many hours now until would you call it -- the greatest wedding/ⁱⁿWhite House history? Meanwhile, Luci Johnson and Pat Nugent are guests of honor at a rehearsal diner-dance, being given by the groom's parents -- Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Nugent of Waukegan, Illinois.

The dinner -- we hear -- featuring a dessert called "Honeymoon Alaska." Sounds delicious -- and chilly. A White House spokesman saying, however, that it should not be taken as a hint -- as to where the couple spend their honeymoon. That remains top secret.

Incidentally, I have two experts on "Honeymoon Alaska" -- right here with me tonight. Lowell Junior and his lovely wife Tay -- who have just dropped in from their home up in Alaska. I'm sure they will join you -- and me -- in wishing Luci and Pat a long life of matrimonial bliss.

CAVEMAN

World champion cave squatter David Lafferty -- the subject of extensive medical tests today at Cheddar, England. In the wake of his record one hundred and thirty days of self-imposed solitary confinement -- in a deep, dark underground cavern. Doctors later expressing their amazement -- at his excellent mental and physical condition.

For one thing -- Lafferty telling the doctors -- "Isolation has taught me to cherish the small things in life -- which I took too much for granted." "Altho' I missed my family," said he, "I didn't miss the human race."

He often slept twenty-four hours at a time; and once even slept straight thru for thirty-seven hours. Which was no surprise to his wife, Warren. With the voice of experience said Mrs. Lafferty: "You know Davy never did like to get up!"

BEATLES

The Beatles fight back! Or at least their supporters do. The story today - from Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Local radio station WSAC challenging the "ban the Beatles" campaign - now spreading through the South.

A campaign precipitated by John Lennon's claim - that the Beatles are "more popular than Jesus".

WSAC calling the anti-Beatle drive - "hypocrisy personified." Adding that though it never played Beatle records before - henceforth it will play at least one every half hour - each record following a special radio editorial - addressed to the Beatles' fair-weather friends."

"Perhaps the Beatles could be more popular than Jesus" - says the editorial. "Perhaps that's what is wrong with society. But if they are, dear friend, you made them so, not Jesus - not John Lennon - and not the Beatles."

So says - WSAC. — While I say - s-l-u-Mon.