

SLAUGHTER I.T. Ruick, Fisher, T. uca. Aug. 2nd '66

Continued repercussions today - to that senseless slaughter at the University of Texas. Public officials the length and breadth of the land - calling for enactment of strict gun controls, in hopes of heading off crazed gunmen - such as ^{student} Charles J. Whitman, Controls that might have saved the lives of the fifteen he killed - including his wife and his mother.

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President Johnson, for one, voicing ~~by far~~ his strongest support - of pending federal ~~for~~ gun control legislation, Urging prompt congressional action - to pass the measure ^{as} as soon as possible. Asking at the same time - that Congress expand the bill, to control not only the mail-order sale of hand guns - but also rifles and shotguns as well.

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This the least we can do - said the President - to "prevent the sale of firearms to those ~~wake~~ who cannot be trusted in their use." "The time for action is now" -

*he went on; "before the additional loss of life - that
might be prevented."*

FATHER FOLLOW SLAUGHTER

Meanwhile, the father of the dead gunman met today with reporters - at his home in Lake Worth, Florida. Charles A. Whitman answering questions for the first time - since the full impact of his son's terrible deed.

Young Whitman - a brilliant student - said his father, "but ~~he~~ pushed himself too far - and came to the breaking point."

The ~~Alder~~ Whitman further discounting a note the youth left - saying that he hated his father. ^{He did,} ~~Admitted~~ ^{however} that his son had been disturbed - by the recent break-up of his parents' marriage; ^{But} ~~Noting, however~~ that he and Charles had just made plans for a hunting trip - to Texas and New Mexico.

The father concluding: "I hope you realize - this boy was sick."

AUSTIN FOLLOW FATHER

A later development - back at Austin^A offering perhaps a partial explanation - if there can ever be one - for the entire grisly affair.

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The doctor who performed an autopsy on the dead gunman - reporting that he found a tumor in his brain, A tumor - as he put it - about the size of a pecan, One that could have affected - his frontal lobes, causing the intense headaches - of which young Whitman had recently complained. The doctor adding that this "could have indirectly caused or contributed to his actions."

Ironically, the youth had left a note - requesting just such an autopsy. His hope - said police = that doctors would discover - "what caused him to do what he did."

PSYCHOLOGIST FOLLOW AUTOPSY

~~One final note~~ ^{Also - a} psychiatrist at the University of Texas ~~is~~ today relating ^{the} a brief conversation he had with young Whitman four months ago; ~~A~~ conversation in which he threatened the very same carnage - he finally carried out. According to the psychologist - the youth saying he was "thinking about ~~go~~ going up to the tower with a deer rifle - and start shooting people."

Unfortunately, the conversation - ~~was~~ apparently never ^{was} relayed to ^{the} authorities.

VIET NAM

Five = ~~count~~ ^{am} - five bitter battles today -

in the Central Highlands of South Viet Nam. ^{With the Viet Cong} ~~The Communists~~

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fighting back in an effort to ^{reclaim} ~~reclaim~~ the tangled jungle
country ^{near} the bloody slopes of Chu Pong mountain.

In four of the clashes - the enemy hurled back
with heavy losses. The fifth - something else again. A
sixty-nine man U.S. Army patrol - virtually engulfed by
a ^{Viet Cong} ~~Communist~~ force five times its size -- in the battle-
scarred Ia Drang Valley.

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The G I's ^{fighting} for their lives - when
~~American~~ reinforcements arrived at dusk. The battle
continuing on through the night - in ~~dense~~ fog and driving
rain. ~~At least one report~~ - the outcome still in doubt.

New fighting also reported today - near Saigon ^{at}
American troops - attempting to wipe out a nest of Communist
terrorists - northeast of the city; ^{while} at the same time - a
^{was} second guerrilla force ^{attacking} a government outpost -
southeast of the city.

DEFENSE FOLLOW VIET NAM

Here at home - a terse announcement today from the Defense Department - disclosing another U. S. air raid against an oil storage - near the vital port of Haiphong in North Viet Nam. "Preliminary reports indicate all ordnance - on target" - said the announcement.

KREMLIN

There have been widespread rumors that Soviet Premier Kosygin was on his way out. The man who succeeded Khrushchev in that job -- supposedly bound for the same destination as his predecessor. However, the rumors now turn out to be sheer fantasy.

Today at the opening of the annual Supreme Soviet Parliament in the Kremlin, Communist Party Chief Brezhnev -- quickly nominating Kosygin for another four year term as Premier. Seconds later -- the nomination confirmed by acclamation of some fifteen hundred delegates. A rousing vote of confidence -- for the "quiet man" in the Kremlin.

Under other business -- a series of Communist speakers today attacking U.S. policy in Viet Nam. A subject Kosygin himself is expected to explore more fully -- in his acceptance speech tomorrow.

INDONESIA

At Jakarta - another big ~~step~~ step - in the "rehabilitation" of Indonesia; as a trusted member - of the World Community of Nations.

The government department of oil and mining - withdrawing from direct control of two American oil companies -- Stanvac -- and Caltex Pacific, ~~Both of them~~ ^{taken over} ~~placed in government hands~~ at the height of Sukarno's recent campaign to ^{oust} ~~take over~~ Foreign ~~business~~ interests.

The withdrawal - according to government sources - part of a plan "to make necessary changes - in line with changed conditions." Such "changed conditions" - presumably the fall of Sukarno; and, the rise of Indonesia's new military strongman - General Suharto.

GOVERNORS

From somewhere on the Ohio River - the story today of four red-faced governors, and their quick recovery -- from an embarrassing ~~the~~ situation.

The four men - Governor Breathitt of Kentucky, Governor Smith of West Virginia - Governor Rhodes of Ohio, and Governor Branigin of Indiana, ^{who were} cruising down the river - to promote tourist attractions in the Ohio River valley. ^{Suddenly} ~~When~~ their engine cut out -- and their boat began ^{spinning} ~~drifting~~ in circles, in the swift currents.

Kentucky water police - finally speeding to the aid of the stricken craft. Later - the vessel underway again - police reporting simply that the governors "had run out of gas."

However, the report officially denied by Governor Branigin - skipper of the craft, ^{Warren, who} ~~who~~ declared that "the boat was out of gasoline - but Governors never run out of gas." "Except" - ^{and the Gov. of the Hoover state - except} ~~said he~~ "except when talking to their wives."

CENSUS

This next - strictly for the girls. A harrowing report - from the U. S. Census Bureau. Predicting that the current shortage of available bachelors will soon deteriorate from bad to worse.

At present - about three million more husband-hunting women - than there are marriageable men. But, by Nineteen eighty-five says the Census Bureau - the surplus will total about five million in all; forgotten women -- searching in vain - for marriage partners.

A word to the wise, girls: Better shake a leg.