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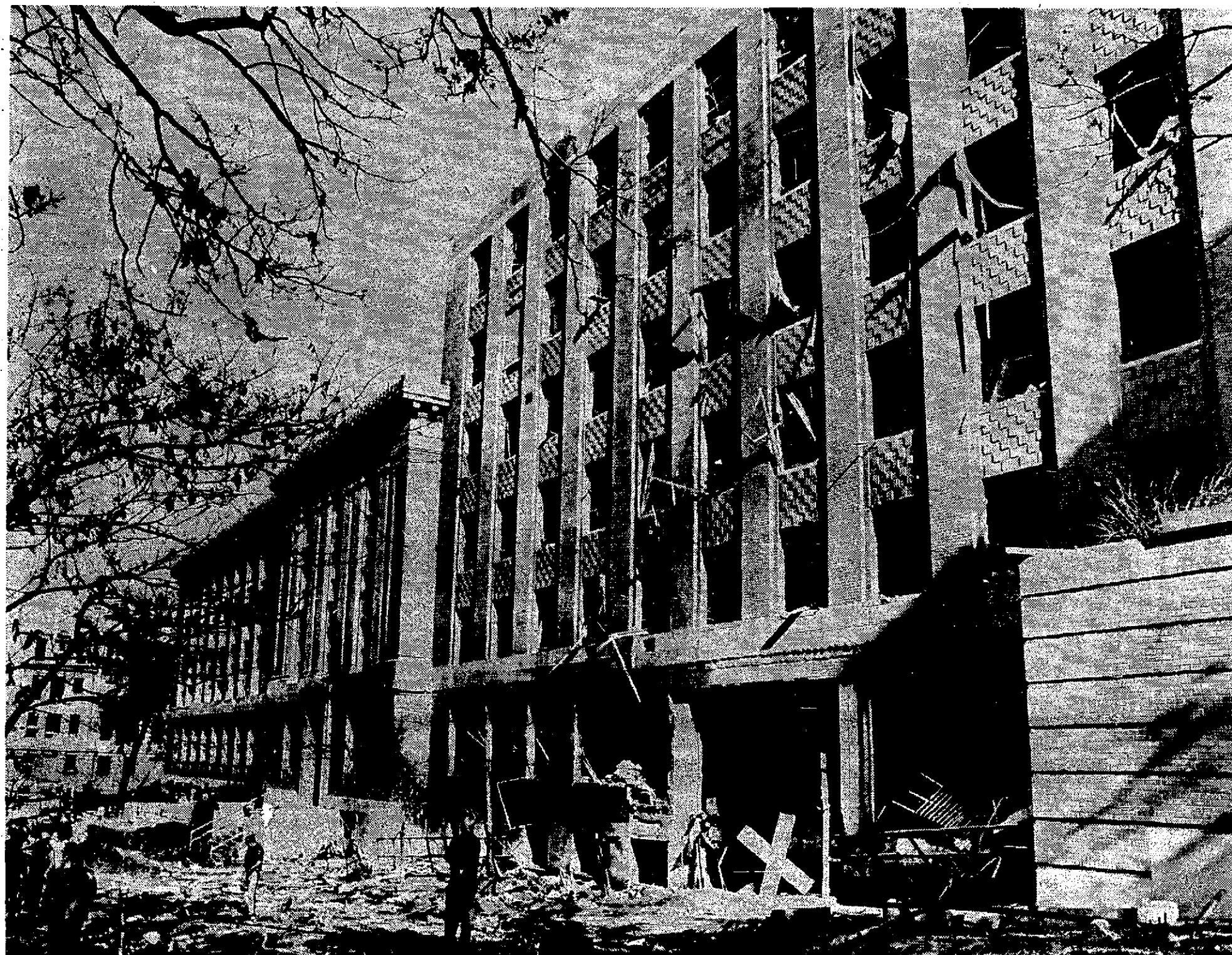
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VAN'S BLAST AT UW CENTER KILLS ONE AND HURTS FOUR



Sealed Off Site of Main Blast Area, Marked With X, Where Explosion Was Set

—State Journal Photo by Edwin Stein

'Conspiracy of a Small Minority'

It's Part of Plot, Knowles Says

By JAMES D. SELK
Of The State Journal Staff

Gov. Warren P. Knowles Monday said he is convinced the bombing of the Army Mathematics Research Center on the University of Wisconsin campus is part of a nation-wide conspiracy of radicals bent on destroying American society.

"This I believe is a conspiracy of a very small minority who do not believe in our system of government and who are set to destroy our present way of life," the governor said.

HE MADE the statements at a hastily called news conference after a closed door meeting in his office with Mayor William Dyke, Police Chief Wilbur Emery, University Chancellor Edwin Young and other state and local officials.

The governor called on law-abiding students to come forward and assist police in the investigation of the bombing which demolished the Sterling

Hall center, shattered windows for blocks around, killed a young physicist, and injured four others.

"I THINK it is high time that the majority of students become aroused and that they become alerted to the fact that there is a very small minority of radicals who are the revolutionaries and the anarchists and are causing these incidents throughout the nation," Knowles said.

"I would hope that these students themselves would come forward with the information that is necessary for the enforcement officers to deal with this very difficult and complicated problem," he said.

THE GOVERNOR said he thinks members of the Weatherman faction of the now defunct Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), the Black Panthers,

No Sightseers

Mayor William D. Dyke has requested citizens to stay away from the area in the immediate vicinity of Sterling Hall.

The mayor said large crowds of onlookers could impede the investigation being conducted by authorities.

ers, and other radical groups are behind much of the violence which has rocked the nation in the past several months.

But he did not single out either of the groups as being responsible for the explosion here.

Knowles repeated a pledge by University President Fred Harvey Harrington and Young that the school will begin its fall semester on schedule Sept. 21.

"WE ARE without question well organized," Knowles said of state and local forces which could be called up in an emergency to keep the campus open.

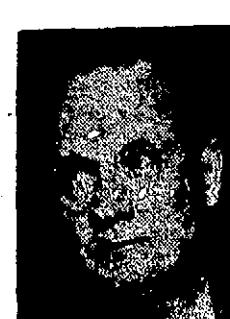
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First Meetings Scheduled Today in UN's Middle East Peace Bid

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — Gunnar V. Jarring announced Monday that he would open Middle East peace talks here today with the UN representatives of Israel, Jordan, and Egypt.

SECRETARY General U Thant's special representative to the Middle East said he would begin by meeting each of the three ambassadors separately in his 30th floor office



GUNNAR V. JARRING

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He indicated, however, that he did not plan to place the campus under martial law.

"You have to recognize there is a limitation," he said. "You can't make every campus an armed camp. People don't like that kind of surveillance."

When asked if his plans included a possible callup of National Guard troops, Knowles replied:

"WE'LL DO anything we can, within the law, to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Wisconsin."

Knowles has activated National Guard troops several times in the past several years to control demonstrators on and around the campus and the State Capitol.

Knowles visited the devastated area early Monday morning before returning to the Executive Office for a cabinet meeting and the meeting with officials concerning the bombing.

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Truck Thief Sought in Campus Explosion

By JUNE DIECKMANN
Of The State Journal Staff

Police and federal agents sought a truck thief here Monday night as a main lead to solving the pre-dawn explosion at the Army Mathematics Research Center that killed one man and injured four other persons.

Detective Capt. Stanley Davenport said the load of explosives still unidentified — was believed to have been carried and detonated inside a truck stolen

last Thursday night from the University of Wisconsin Lot 53, 1300 W. Dayton St.

MINUTE pieces of the truck, "but identifiable," were found after Monday morning's blast to identify the vehicle as one which was owned by Larry Travis, 117 Alden Dr., and stolen from the campus area last Aug. 20 while he was vacationing in California, Davenport said.

THE STOLEN truck apparently was driven into a service driveway, alongside Sterling Hall, and the explosives detonated while it was parked there out of street view, Davenport said.

About 15 FBI and Army investigators

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With Non-Violent Political Philosophy

Friends Recall a Dedicated Physicist

By ROGER A. GRIBBLE
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"He was a most unassuming appearing person — tall and lanky and soft-spoken, with a fine sense of humor. A most congenial sort of a guy."

"His political philosophy was not one of violence. Although he did not discuss the war, I do sincerely believe he was not in favor of our Vietnam involvement."

"He was a dedicated person. This is what killed him."

THIS IS HOW a friend described Robert E. Fassnacht, 33-year-old University of Wisconsin researcher killed in the bomb blast that rocked the



ROBERT E. FASSNACHT

Center here early Monday morning.

The friend, Erhard H. Behr,

designer at the UW, has established a memorial fund to aid Fassnacht's widow and three children.

BEHR had known the post-graduate research assistant and his wife for five years. "We got to know him through his wife," he recalled.

Several years ago she took some experiments she was working on to the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Behr said, "and it was then that we got to know them."

"They were very dedicated, cultured people," Behr added. "We found later he'd built a harpsichord with his own hands. He played it most eloquently."

Mrs. Stephanie Fassnacht,

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