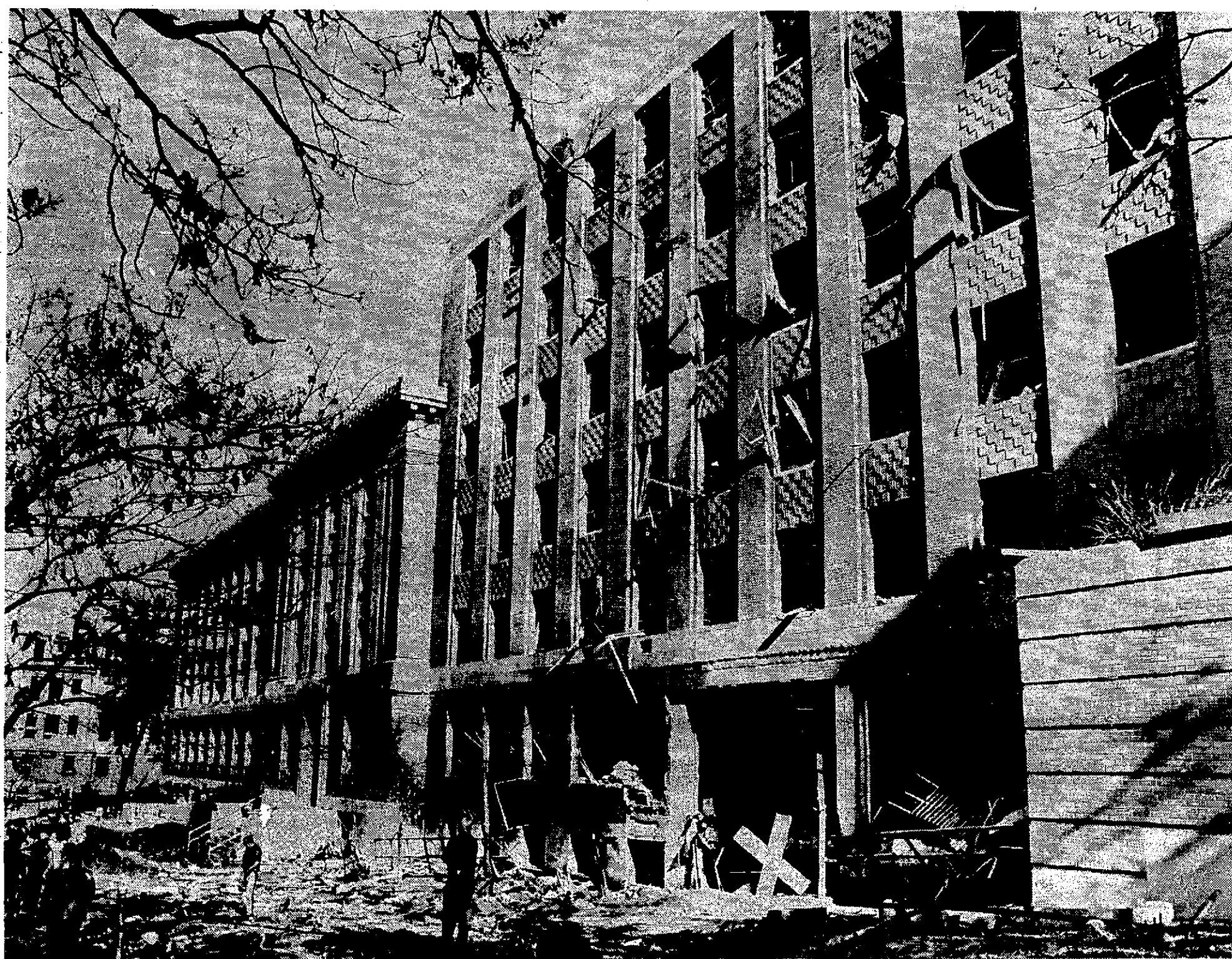


VAN'S BLAST AT UW CENTER KILLS ONE AND HURTS FOUR



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

—State Journal Photo by Edwin Stein

Federal Men Head Probe; Classes Set

By CLIFFORD C. BEHNKE
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A powerful, pre-dawn explosion ripped through the Army Mathematics Research Center at the University of Wisconsin Monday, killing a 33-year-old researcher and injuring four other persons.

Police believe the blast originated in a small van truck parked at a loading ramp adjoining the center's south wall. The truck disintegrated into small pieces.

MILITARY intelligence officers and the FBI took charge of the intensive investigation. A spokesman for Gov. Warren P. Knowles

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said the two agencies would coordinate the probe because of the center's use of federal funds.

No arrests had been made Monday night.

The research center has been hit by vandals and anti-war protesters several times within the last year because of its connection with the military.

KILLED WAS Robert E. Fassnacht, 1237 E. Mifflin St. Fassnacht, the father of three children, was working on a physics project only a few feet from the blast.

Injured were:

- David Schuster, 28, of 641½ E. Dayton St., a student, who received a broken left shoulder;
- Norbert Sutter, 56, of Rt. 3, Madison, a University security guard, cuts and bruises.
- Paul Quin, 29, of 3362 Ridgeway Ave., a physics researcher, minor cuts.

An unidentified patient at University Hospitals who received a minor cut.

IN A JOINT statement, UW Pres. Fred Harvey Harrington and Madison Chancellor Edwin Young said that despite the blast the University will continue preparations for fall semester classes which begin Sept. 21.

Harrington said that the University was fortunate that the blast did not destroy a classroom building.

THE BLAST occurred at 3:42 a.m. Monday, two minutes after an anonymous caller told the Madison Police dispatcher: "Hey pig. There's a bomb in the Math Research Building on the

Fund to Help Victim's Family

A memorial fund has been established for the widow and three children of Robert E. Fassnacht, the 33-year-old graduate student who was killed Monday in the explosion at the Army Mathematics Research Center.

Checks should be made out to the Robert Fassnacht Memorial Fund, 6328 Piedmont Rd., Madison, Wis. 53711.

More information is available from E.H. Behr, 271-2710 or from George E. Ott, 271-6678 at night and 262-2338 during the day.

Behr said the fund was established by members of the University of Wisconsin Physics Department.

University campus. Clear the building.

University police were on the way to the scene when the explosion ripped the building.

The explosion destroyed the interior of most of the six-story brick and re-enforced concrete structure. It also ripped through the rear portion of the old Chemistry Building located about 30 feet across Lathrop Dr. from the research center.

THE CONCUSSION broke hundreds of windows in the immediate area, dozens more as far as eight blocks away, and was heard several miles from the city.

A University engineer said after inspecting the scene that structural damage alone would probably run to between \$3 and \$5 million.

Damage to equipment has not yet been determined, but it will probably reach well over the \$2 million mark.

THE RESEARCH center is located in a six-story addition to Sterling Hall with Van Vleet Hall to the north, Birge Hall to the east, the old Chemistry Building to the south, and University Hospitals to the west. Sterling Hall is located at the

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Truck Thief Sought in Campus Explosion

By JUNE DIECKMANN
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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 lot Aug. 20 while he was vacationing in California, Davenport said.

Davenport asked anyone to call police headquarters if they saw the truck — a white 1967 Ford Falcon, small van-type Econoline with blue interior — between last Thursday and the 3:40 a.m. Monday bombing at Sterling Hall.

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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 Army Mathematics Research



ROBERT E. FASSNACHT

Center here early Monday morning.

The friend, Erhard H. Behr, 1413 S. Whitney Way, a physics

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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'Conspiracy of a Small Minority'

It's Part of Plot, Knowles Says

By JAMES D. SELK
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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 Panth-

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.

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"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.

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.

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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."

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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 38th floor office



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