



Police Arrest Angry Husband After Gunfight

Police today waged a brief gun battle with an enraged El Paso man who was jailed for investigation of assault to murder.

The 25-year-old suspect, identified as Joe L. Uribe of 2200 Olive street, fired one shot at officers after firing his .22 caliber rifle one time in what police said was a suicide attempt.

Police gave this account: Uribe and his wife, Esther, who live in an apartment at the Olive street address, began arguing over money. Mrs. Uribe told officers her husband became enraged and announced he was going to "kill himself."

She said he turned up the volume on both the family radio and television sets, removed the rifle from a closet, aimed it at his head and banged the butt against the floor.

Mrs. Uribe said the weapon fired, with the bullet missing Uribe's head by a few inches.

She said she then grabbed up the couple's year-old daughter and fled the apartment with Uribe locking the door behind them.

Police were called and Officers J. Stephens and L. Perez stationed themselves behind parked autos in front of the building while other officers surrounded the apartment building.

Uribe appeared at a door of the apartment and stuck the rifle through a broken pane of glass before retreating.

He later fired one shot from a window which was returned by Officer Perez. No one was hit by either bullet.

Detective Fred Hatfield fired a tear gas charge through the apartment window, but the gas bomb failed to explode.

Detectives W. R. Barron and Joe Avalos, standing outside, began pleading with Uribe to give himself up.

When Uribe finally stepped near the window, the detectives grabbed him and pulled him through the window. He was handcuffed and transferred to the City Jail.

Charges Pending
Lieut. Lloy C. Peterson of the Detective Division, said police will request that Uribe be placed under psychiatric observation.

Charges of assault with intent to murder probably will be filed Monday, Lieutenant Peterson said.

Dozens of residents of the area witnessed the brief gun battle. Officers Ted Feldner and T. Gonzales assisted in subduing Uribe.

Insurance Probers Told Of Conflicts

State Liquidator Who Resigned Says He Was 'on Fence'

By United Press
AUSTIN, March 17.—J. D. Wheeler, former boss of the State Insurance Liquidation division, today traced a pattern of conflicting authority as Senate investigators probed operations of the controversial office.

"I was on the fence: I didn't know whether to go to the left side, the right side or to the end and jump off," Wheeler told members of the Senate Investigating Committee.

Waiting, apparently ready to follow Wheeler in the witness chair, was James M. Williamson, his successor. Williamson, chain-smoking cigarettes through three days of the hearing, listened intently as Wheeler, now a consultant to the receivership courts, testified.

Wheeler "jumped off" by quitting March 1, something he said he had wanted to do for a long time. About 10 days prior to his resignation, Wheeler said Insurance Board Chairman Penn Jackson and Insurance Commissioner William A. Harrison advised him they had decided to "change generals" in the liquidation division.

But Wheeler said he did not interpret this as telling him to quit or be fired. Instead, Wheeler said he interpreted the announcement as acceptance of his desire to shelve the job.

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Charges: Big Squeeze
He did so to meet competition from a new Chevron station on the northwest corner of Paisano and Mesa that is giving five gallons of gasoline free today to every car and truck owner who fills his tank.

"Standard Oil Co. is trying to run me out of business," Mr. Orellana said. "I have been selling gasoline right here for 23 years. I'll fight to stay in business."

Ramon's Dixie Station has been selling regular grade gasoline for many weeks at 29 cents, and premium grade for 30 cents, with the prices posted on the pumps. The station has sold to regular customers for 27 and 29 cents since the price war was started by certain retailers two weeks ago.

Business Is Heavy
Standard Oil of Texas has had a Chevron station on the southwest corner of Paisano and Mesa a long time. It continues to sell at 34 and 36 cents, with no give-away. Operators of the new Chevron station on the northwest corner posted a large sign early today, proclaiming that five gallons of gasoline would be given free to each car and truck fill-up.

Mr. Orellana took a long look at the sign, and posted signs listing regular gasoline at 25 cents, premium at 27.

Cars have been serviced on each side of the Dixie pumps as fast as possible since early morning.

Wholesaler Backs Him
"I believe my station will set an all-time record high for gasoline sales at one station in one day," Mr. Orellana said.

"We are servicing customers just as fast as we can at our six pumps. You can turn out a lot of gasoline at six pumps. I mean to fight this thing to the finish. I know what is going on—and I don't think they can lick me."

Mr. Orellana said officials of El Paso Natural Gas Products Co., which produces Dixie gasoline, have assured him they will back him in his struggle to stay in business.

The give-away of gasoline at the new Chevron station is the first such "premium" offered at a gasoline station in El Paso since the gasoline price in El Paso drew the attention of the Texas Attorney General.

Thrill Killer Gets San Juan Greeting

By United Press
SAN JUAN, P. R., March 15.—Nathan Leopold arrived in Puerto Rico today to begin a new life as a hospital worker and servant of mankind.

The travel-weary Leopold arrived on a flight from New York, where he had spent a layover on route from Chicago.

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Texas Solon's Tax Cut Plan Is Rejected

Johnson Helps Kill Yarborough's Income Exemption Hike Bill

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WASHINGTON, March 15. The Senate swamped Senator Ralph Yarborough's plan for an immediate \$200 increase in income tax exemptions 19 to 64.

His Texas colleague, Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, Democrat, in last night's vote was among those voting against his proposal.

Yarborough had suggested, as an anti-recession measure, an increase in personal exemptions from \$600 to \$800 a person. His view was that this would make available immediately money to buck the recession.

He and Senator William Proxmire, Washington Democrat, another freshman of the liberal school, pointed out this increase had been a plank in the platform on which they were elected and questioned whether its defeat might not make a difference in Democratic returns next fall.

Fight Continued To Halt Execution

Defense counsel for Jimmy N. Shaver, rebuffed in the U. S. Supreme Court, indicated today he will seek an order from a federal district court granting a new trial for the convicted slayer.

State Senator Jarrard Secrest of Temple is pushing for a new trial on grounds another man, Donald Summers, said in a sworn statement he committed the crime for which Shaver was sentenced to death.

Five stays of execution have been approved thus far by Governor Price Daniel. Shaver is now scheduled to go to the electric chair at Huntsville prison sometime after midnight next Monday night.

Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black rejected a plea for a stay of execution. But Black said his refusal would not prevent the condemned man from seeking a stay "in another federal court" presumably any federal district court in Texas.

Mrs. E. E. McGhee of El Paso, mother of the condemned man, said today she has not given up hope her son's life would be spared.

Cleanup Question

Questions on City sanitation rules will be answered in The Herald-Post each day in co-operation with the Clean Up campaign this month, sponsored by the Woman's Department of the Chamber of Commerce.

Question: How can I have a dead pet removed?
Answer: Call the Sanitation Department from 6 a. m. until 3 p. m. and ask the dispatcher for such service. If it is after work hours or on a Sunday or holiday, call the Police dispatcher. In both cases be sure to not only give the correct street address, but also exactly where the animal can be located.

TWC Scholarship Benefit

Championship Rodeo For Juniors Set Here

Rodeo, for junior cowboys and cowgirls, is coming back to El Paso.

Plans for a National Championship Junior Rodeo, to be sponsored by The Herald-Post for the benefit of an unrestricted scholarship fund at Texas Western College, were announced today.

The rodeo will be produced by the Southwestern Junior Rodeo Assn., Inc. It will be held Aug. 13-16 in the Coliseum. All profits will be used to finance scholarships at the college.

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