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ety Man kills self in newsroom after taping 'plea for poor'

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CINCINNATI — A drug-crazed artist lamenting the osque shown assing of the "revolutionaries of the '60s" seized a od, crestin elevision station, forced employees at gunpoint to tape

is plea for the poor, admitted shooting his girlfriend, to Europe hen turned one of his six weapons on himself.

James Ralph Hoskins, 41, was sprawled on the floor of since he whe WCPO-TV newsroom when police stormed the a sent the ballong, ending the 12-hour drama Wednesday. He of have lost large dead of a gunshot wound to the head. An autopsy

vas set for today.

ost of their "Tve been taking weird drugs. I'm out of my mind,"

ie said in a taped interview broadcast over WCPO later

ade heaven the day. "I've taken angel dust and Valium. I blew my ghting. irlfriend away tonight. She's dead. I'm a dead man. ular in the chere is no hope for me. I'm slipping away. I'm gone.

"said Anth Police found his girlfriend Melanie Finley, 30, a for-o. SAL immer nun who was an eighth-grade teacher at a Catholic httofasamichool, dead of a gunshot wound where Hoskins said o." hey would — in his fourth-floor apartment in the city's erthrow of toor Over the Rhine section.

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In estimated In hour-long phone negotiations with Hoskins, police by individual he expressed remorse over the death of his girl-ported to briend but did not indicate a motive. However, in the TV ing the turn terview, the out-of-work artist did say Miss Finley ad once schemed with him to take over the station.

Takes, "said "We planned to do big things together," he said now a prothis whole thing was planned back in San Francisco. I quid depotant say if it was the drugs."

Treentham Hoskins took over the station at about 2 a.m., armed with five handguns and an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle.

He had hundreds of rounds of ammunition "stuffed in his pockets everywhere," police said. "He was ready for

Police said apparently Hoskins had just shot his girlfriend.

He stopped newswoman Elaine Green in the WCPO parking lot, saying he didn't want to hurt her but asking her to videotape an interview with him. Throughout the interview, Hoskins held his rifle in his hand, aimed at

Hoskins lamented the "mistreatment of poor people," then rambled onto other topics and his personal plight.

At about 3:30 a.m., he cleared the station and barricaded himself in the newsroom.

Green notified police. "When the police come and get me," Hoskins said in his broadcasts, "we're going to shoot it out. They've got

But police talked to him instead. The phone conversation began at 8 a.m., and "at 9:15, the conversation abruptly ended," Police Capt. Edward Ammann said. There was a noise that appeared to be a muffled gun-

Police waited four hours before entering the building. "We wanted to make sure it wasn't a ploy," said Ammann. It wasn't.

Despite the siege, WCPO managed to continue broadcasting all day via makeshift equipment, with news director Al Schottelkotte periodically reporting the takeover of his own station in a parking lot two blocks

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family in a speech at the Christopher Columbus Community Center.

He said the Kennedy family has staunchly supported social programs to help the nation's poor and oppreshad labeled the president a "clone"

Carter attacked GOP nominee Ronald Reagan and the Republicans in his talk at the community center.

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HOLLYWOOD — Richard Carlton Meeker, 24-year-old son of

eard one who University of Southern California campus...

to make at a spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department said.

Television producer Grant Tinker, Meeker's step-father said, "It was an absolute accident. Richard had talked to Mary by telephone a hobbyis, couple of hours earlier and he was cheerful and totally himself.

"According to Mary, he was perfectly normal and happy. It was a

Detective Jerry Ferrin said one of the roommates, Judy Vasquez, dulcimer 21, witnessed the shooting. The second roommate, Janet McLaughlin,

23, was in another room at the time the gun discharged.

Ferrin quoted Vasquez as saying, "He was loading and unloading the short-barreled gun when it went off. It was awful. He must have pulled the trigger. There was a big bang and he fell on the bed."

resno, Calif., when the gun was fired.

ninutes later. Tinker telephoned Moore, in New York on business, to tell her

"I waited a couple of hours so the shock wouldn't come in the middle of the night," Tinker said. "Richard was a good guy. Calling Mary was he most difficult thing I ever had to do.

"The news absolutely destroyed her. She is catching a plane for Los this more in a "state of the second of the same in a "state of the second of the same in a "state of the second of the same in a "state of the same in a state of the same in the middle of the same in the same in

ngeles this morning.

actress Mary Tyler Moore, died of a shotgun wound to his head as the first Tuesday night, Los Angeles police reported Wednesday.

nt, excluding According to officers, Meeker, a CBS-TV employee, was "playing or Indian" with a shotgun" in a home he shared with female students near the "We can't say yet whether his death was accidental or a suicide," a

a year head ghastly accident.

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Vasquez said Meeker was talking on the telephone to his girlfriend in Ferrin said Vasquez ran to a neighbor to call for an ambulance at ll:10 p.m. Meeker was pronounced dead at Western Park Hospital 20

bout the tragic shooting.

Tinker said he was trying to reach Meeker's father, whom he elieved lives in the Sacramento area.

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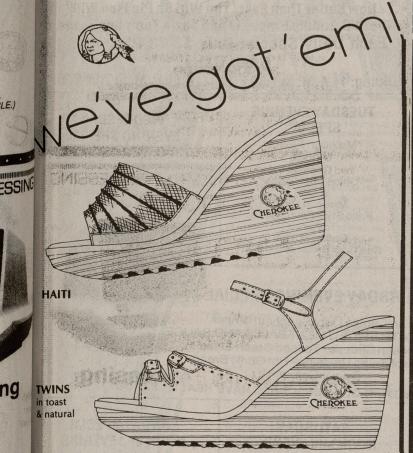
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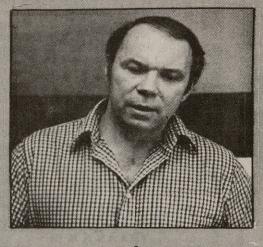
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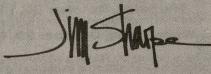


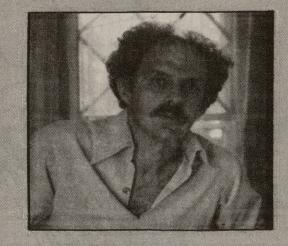


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