

Gunman searched for revenge

Suicidal killer called 14 female victims 'feminists'

MONTREAL (AP) — The gunman who ranged through the University of Montreal's engineering school and killed 14 women carried a suicide letter complaining that women had spoiled his life and he was seeking revenge, police said Thursday.

The young killer — identified Thursday night as Marc Lapin — also wounded nine women and four men before killing himself Wednesday in the worst mass murder in Canadian history.

Little was known of the killer's background, but the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. said police confirmed his identity through his mother and quoted detective Sgt. Robert Fuller as giving the man's name as Marc Lapin.

"He mentioned in the letter that he did that because of political reasons. He said feminists

kind of spoiled his life and he hasn't been happy in life for the last seven years," senior police investigator Jacques Ducheneau said.

"I think he blamed women in general, saying that if his life was ruined it was mainly because of women," Ducheneau told reporters.

The letter also mentioned former army Cpl. Denis Lortie, who was sentenced to life imprisonment after killing three people and wounding 13 in 1984 with submachine-gun fire in the Quebec legislature.

Copies of the letter were sent to a psychiatrist and a graphologist for analysis.

Montreal Mayor Jean Dore visited the site and told reporters, with tears in his eyes, that his babysitter was one of the women killed.

A male student laid a wreath of roses in the

snow outside the engineering building Thursday morning.

Thursday night, about 1,000 people walked to the school in stiff winds and freezing temperatures to hold a candlelight memorial vigil.

As he roamed through the modern, six-story engineering building, firing a rifle, he shouted at one point, "You're all a bunch of feminists!"

One of the wounded remained in critical but stable condition Thursday. The rest were out of danger.

Jacques Ducheneau, a Montreal police senior investigator, told a news conference that police hoped the .223-caliber Sturm Ruger semi-automatic assault rifle the killer used would lead to his identification.

Experts: Vaccine for monkeys big step in human AIDS fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new vaccine against a virus that causes AIDS in monkeys is a significant advance toward developing a vaccine to protect people against the closely related human AIDS virus, experts said Thursday.

"The major significance of this work is that (it shows) a vaccine is possible for an AIDS virus," said Michael Murphy-Corb, head of a team at the Delta Regional Primate Research Center in Covington, La., that developed the simian vaccine.

Researchers at the Tulane University research center said a vaccine made of whole, inactivated simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV) can protect rhesus monkeys against the virus, which is a close, genetic relative of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS.

Dr. Wayne Koff, chief of AIDS vaccine research at the National Institutes of Health, said the work by Murphy-Corb and her colleagues "is the most significant advance in the vaccine field since we started the AIDS vaccine program. It is a giant leap.

"This has dispelled any doubts about our ever being able to create a vaccine against HIV," Koff said about the study.

Texas begins media blitz to inform heterosexuals

AUSTIN (AP) — State health officials Thursday launched a sobering advertising campaign aimed at heterosexuals who are sexually active but believe they are safe from the deadly AIDS virus.

"There are far too many heterosexuals who are sexually at risk of contracting HIV who don't perceive themselves at risk," Texas Health Commissioner Dr. Robert Bernstein said.

The ad campaign shows the geometric risk of AIDS by saying a person who has had sex with two people over the last nine years has essentially sexually con-

acted 512 people, if all those people did the same.

The campaign offers a toll-free number for more information.

Rod Underhill, whose Dallas company, The Richards Group, produced the ads, said 90 percent of Texans who admit to having more than one sexual partner say they have taken no precautions to prevent the spread of AIDS, such as the use of a condom.

The ad campaign — the first of its kind in Texas — includes television and radio public service announcements, print ads and posters, offered both in English and Spanish.

that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

A report on the study will be published Friday in Science, the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Policeman convicted in 2 deaths

MIAMI (AP) — A Hispanic policeman was found guilty of manslaughter Thursday in the deaths of two black men, and black leaders praised the verdict as a just response to the shooting that set off three days of racial violence.

Miami Officer William Lozano, 31, showed no emotion when he heard the verdict in the Jan. 16 deaths of motorcyclist Clement Lloyd, 23, and passenger Allan Blanchard, 24. The two counts carry a total maximum sentence of 45 years.

Circuit Judge Joseph Farina deferred adjudication on the jury's findings, an administrative formality to allow a pre-sentencing investigation.

The televised verdict by the six-member, multi-ethnic jury brought relief to an inner-city black community that feared the trial would spark another round of racial unrest.

"It just shows that our system works if people will give it a chance to work," said Willie Sims, a black community leader who is a member of Dade County's community relations board.

He said that by mid-afternoon there had been no reports of violence.

Soviet Communist Party topples

Lithuania overwhelmingly legalizes multiparty political system

MOSCOW (AP) — The Communist Party suffered a major defeat in the Soviet Union on Thursday when the republic of Lithuania abolished the constitutional guarantee of Communist supremacy and legalized a multiparty system.

Similar action has been taken in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and East Germany as part of the wave of political upheaval and reform that is diminishing the role of the Communist Party in those nations.

Lithuania's parliament defied Moscow with a resounding 243-1 vote to end the party's total dominance of all political and social organizations within the Baltic republic. Another 98 deputies abstained or stayed away from the session.

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev has resolutely opposed a multiparty system for the Soviet Union. The challenge to the Communist power structure comes at a time when he faces a crippled economy, growing nationalism and demands from conservative communists for more order.

The move in Lithuania, one of 15 Soviet republics, thrilled other Soviet activists who are organizing a two-hour general strike Monday to

call for similar action by the national parliament.

"Wonderfully done!" activist Yelena Bonner, on hearing of the Lithuanian action, said. "You cannot restrain the movement today. This is a

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good example for the other republics," said Bonner, wife of Nobel Peace Prize winner Andrei Sakharov, one of a group of national parliamentarians calling for the general strike.

Estonia's parliament voted Wednesday to delay voting on a similar switch to a multiparty system until next week, to allow time for public discussion. Armenia's parliament was forced into a postponement Wednesday for lack of a quorum.

The Lithuanian action rescinds Article 6 of the republic's constitution, which says the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is the "leading and guiding force of Soviet society, the nucleus of its political system, government and social organizations," according to Tass.

In practice, the article meant that Communists dominated every sphere of life and every organization in the country. Until Gorbachev's reforms began to loosen the iron custom, ambitious Soviets were forced to join the party and follow its orders to rise in any profession.

Similar articles are found in the national constitution of the Soviet Union and those of the other 14 republics.

Word of the call for a general strike to demand a parliamentary vote on the national version of Article 6 began to percolate through Soviet society Thursday, after it was reported by Western radio stations.

On Thursday, the newspaper Izvestia published the first mention of the strike call in a generally circulated Soviet publication. The article was highly critical of the strike call but nevertheless spread the word to the newspaper's 9.5 million readers nationwide.

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