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DALLAS, SEPT. 21 (AP)-JIM KOETHE, REPORTER AND SPECIAL WRITER FOR THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD, WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS APARTMENT TODAY UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

POLICE SAID HIS BILLFOLD HAD BEEN EMPTIED, THREE GUNS WERE MISSING AND OFFICERS COULD NOT FIND HIS AUTOMOBILE, A DISTINCTIVE BRITISH MODEL.

THE BODY WAS ON THE FLOOR WRAPPED IN A BLANKET, BUT POLICE COULD FIND NO WOUND. AN AUTOPSY WAS ORDERED.

KOETHE, 30, LIVED ALONE. HE WAS A SPECIAL WRITER FOR THE NEWSPAPER'S "SUNDAY," A WEEKLY MAGAZINE SECTION.

THE NEWSPAPERMAN'S MOTHER, MRS. DAVID WIRZ OF SEYMOUR, CALLED THE NEWSPAPER TODAY AND SAID SHE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH HER SON DURING THE WEEKEND.

NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATES CALLED KOETHE'S LANDLADY AND SHE FOUND THE BODY.

POLICE ESTIMATED HE HAD BEEN DEAD SINCE SOMETIME SUNDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING.

KOETHE JOINED THE TIMES HERALD APRIL 9, 1962, AS A GENERAL ASSIGNMENTS REPORTER AND FEATURE WRITER.

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