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WITH JOHNSON ADDRESS (300)

SYRACUSE, N.Y., AUG. 5 (AP)-PRESIDENT JOHNSON BORROWED A TYPEWRITER FROM A REPORTER UPON ARRIVING IN SYRACUSE TODAY TO DEDICATE THE FIRST SECTION OF A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

JOHNSON DID NOT SAY WHY HE WANTED IT.

RICHARD G. CASE, A REPORTER FOR THE SYRACUSE HERALD-JOURNAL, WAS SITTING IN THE FRONT ROW OF THE PRESS SECTION AT THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, WHEN JOHNSON CALLED FOR A TYPEWRITER TO BE SENT TO HIS HEADQUARTERS. CASE PROMPTLY OFFERED HIS.

THE HERALD-JOURNAL IS ONE OF THE 19 PAPERS OWNED BY PUBLISHER SAMUEL I. NEWHOUSE, WHO DONATED THE \$15-MILLION CENTER.

THE PRESIDENT CAME BY JET PLANE AND MOTORED TO THE UNIVERSITY. THOUSANDS OF CHEERING PERSONS LINED THE 13-MILE ROUTE.

JOHNSON RODE IN A CLOSED CAR WITH NEWHOUSE. MRS. JOHNSON, RESPLENDENT IN TWO-PIECE GREEN SUIT AND MATCHING HAT OF LUMINESCENT MATERIAL, RESPONDED TO THE CHEERS WITH A SMILE AND A WAVE OF THE HAND.

BUSINESS IN THE DOWNTOWN SECTION CAME TO A VIRTUAL STANDSTILL AS WAITRESSES AND CLERKS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES ABANDONED THEIR BUSINESSES TO SEE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

POLICE PATROLLED INTERSECTIONS AND OVERPASSES ALONG THE ROUTE. PEOPLE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO STAND ON THE OVERPASSES, AND TRAFFIC WAS KEPT MOVING. MANY HUNG OUT FACTORY WINDOWS OR CLAMBERED ATOP AUTOMOBILES AND PILES OF DIRT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES.

MUSIC FROM BANDS ALONG THE ROUTE FILLED THE AIR.

THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE GREETED THE MOTORCADE AT THE DEDICATION SITE, OVERFLOWING ACROSS THE LAWN IN FRONT OF THE NEWHOUSE CENTER. POLICE OFFICIALS ESTIMATED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER AT THE AIRPORT, ALONG THE ROUTE AND AT THE CAMPUS WAS MORE THAN 100,000.

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DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE SPEAKERS STAND WHERE JOHNSON WAS TO SPEAK AND RECEIVE AN HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS, A HUGE WHITE BANNER PROCLAIMED IN FOOT-HIGH RED LETTERS:

"SYRACUSE LOVES LBJ."

JUST BEFORE JOHNSON REACHED THE CITY, A 21-YEAR-OLD AIRMAN-- SPOTTED BY PATROLMEN AS THE MAN WAS PLACING AN AUTOMATIC SHOTGUN IN THE TRUNK OF HIS AUTOMOBILE--WAS PICKED UP FOR QUESTIONING. HE WAS RELEASED AFTER QUESTIONING.

POLICE SAID HE TOLD THEM HE WAS TAKING THE UNLOADED WEAPON TO HIS PARENTS' CAMP. AUTHORITIES HELD THE SHOTGUN UNTIL AFTER THE PRESIDENT HAD LEFT THE CITY.

GOV. NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, WHO WITHDREW IN JUNE AS A POSSIBLE REPUBLICAN OPPONENT OF JOHNSON IN THIS FALL'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, WAS AMONG THE GUESTS AT THE CENTER.

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