

Hunt Missing College Girl in Favored Haunts

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A statewide police search for a 20-year-old Smith College senior who vanished mysteriously from her Wellesley home was concentrated today along the banks of the Charles River, in Boston Common and the

Public Garden, and in woodlands near Morse's Pond at the Wellesley-Natick line.

Sylvia Plath, of Elmwood st., a brilliant student who led the college's junior list last year, was for walks in these particular areas, her mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a Boston University professor, told police.

A family friend, Col. Rex Gary, a former Army Intelligence officer, joined with relatives and volunteers in an intensive hunt for the missing girl.

Sylvia dropped from sight without a trace yesterday after leaving a note for her mother which read:

"I am going for a hike and will be back tomorrow."

Mrs. Plath said she was hopeful that Sylvia would return today as she promised, but agreed her daughter's note was most unusual because the girl invariably kept her informed of her exact whereabouts.

The girl has been nervous and under a doctor's care for several months, her mother said, and had been advised to devote less time to academic activities in the interest of her health.

Mrs. Plath said her daughter was on the verge of a breakdown as the result of extremely intensive activities. She said in addition to maintaining one of the highest scholastic standings at Smith, Sylvia was working on poetry for submission to national publications.

The girl's work already has appeared in Harper's, Mademoiselle and other magazines. She is the subject of a college feature in the current issue of Mademoiselle. Sylvia is a full-scholarship student at Smith.

When last seen, the girl was wearing a blue denim skirt and blue jersey blouse.

Sylvia is five feet nine and weighs 140 pounds. Her hair is dark brown and her eyes are brown.

Sylvia has a brother, Warren, 17, who will enter Harvard this fall. She is the daughter of the late Dr. Otto Plath, a Boston University professor who died 10 years ago.

Strike in Manila

MANILA (AP)—Two thousand workers of the government-operated National Development Co. textile mills struck today for higher wages.



HELD—David Robinovits, 25, of Fernboro st., Roxbury, arrested on a bad check charge at North Station while dressed as an Army sergeant, asked police for a psychiatric examination. Police said he passed phony checks worth \$800 within the past two weeks.

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Haymes 4F After Filing For Draft Skip

HOLLYWOOD (INS) — Dick Haymes' attorney, Bob Eaton, admitted today the singer filed a form in 1944 expressly to evade military service, but emphasized that his client never exercised its provisions.

Prior to filing the form, which forever forfeited his rights to become an American citizen,

Eaton said, the Argentinian-born crooner had registered as an alien, and was classified 4C (alien classification).

Haymes later was classified 1A, and filed the additional form to evade military service. Eaton emphasized that the long-haired bobby-sox idol was classified as 4F (unfit for military duty) when he was called up for his physical in Los Angeles, and did not employ the provisions of the form.

Dick Haymes



LIFEGUARD SAVES TWO—Albert Devine, Wilmington ave., Dorchester (center), lifeguard at Malibu Beach, sits with John Hansen (left) and Richard Joyce after they saved the boys from drowning when their makeshift raft capsized off the Dorchester beach. Boys clung to a buoy until Devine reached them in a rowboat.

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UN Peace Setup Vote Near

By PIERRE J. HUSS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (INS)—A move got under way in the UN today to bar Red China and North Korea from getting a chance to veto the assembly's set-up for the Korean peace parley.

At the same time, debate on the peace talk proposals in the political committee drew closer to an end with only 13 delegates remaining to speak. A vote is looked for on Thursday or Friday.

Still to be heard from are delegates from Iraq, Ethiopia, New Zealand, Mexico, Syria, Uruguay, Australia, Colombia, Burma, Britain, Russia, India and the U. S.

Some Latin-American states reportedly are drafting an amendment stripping an Indian resolution of a provision asking the Communists to report to the General Assembly as appropriate on the composition of the Korean conference after it has been set up by the world body.

The resolution, introduced by Indian delegate V. K. Krishna Menon, is co-sponsored by Burma, Indonesia and Liberia.

Peiping radio demanded yesterday that UN Assembly decisions on the Korean parley be referred to the Red regime in the Far East, and implied hint that Mao Tse-tung's regime may start a new propaganda offensive against the U. S. by rejecting the approved plan.

Wilson Faces New Attack on GM Contracts

WASHINGTON (INS) — The Government is on the verge today of awarding two huge tank and truck contracts which may fuel more criticism of Defense Sec. Charles E. Wilson's buying policies.

The contracts, to be exclusive or so-called "single source" awards, may renew charges that Wilson is favoring General Motors, the company he formally headed. The awards also would boost the percentage of military contracts already held by GM.

Army spokesmen said the first of the contracts to be let by the Army Ordnance Corps for half-ton trucks can be expected "any day." GM and Reo truck makers are the only bidders.

The second contract, for M-48 Patton tanks, is sought by GM's Fisher Body and Chrysler Corp., and will be announced in a week or two.

The secretary's "single source" policy has been criticized since a \$70,000,000 fire destroyed GM's only plant which manufactures hydraulic transmissions at Livonia, Mich.

David, Goliath Of Motor Age

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—A truck loaded with eight tons of stone collided with a small motor scooter.

The truck driver suffered a mashed foot. The motor scooter driver was not hurt.



EIGHT SONS—Mrs. John J. O'Rourke, Redwood City, Cal., holds her newest boy, Kevin, while her seven other sons look on.

Associated Press Wirephoto

Link Seized Student To Back Bay Thefts

A 22-year-old Milton youth and Boston University student, captured at gunpoint early today after a bullet-marked chase, was believed by police today to be responsible for a series of recent breaks in the Back Bay area where he has been employed this summer as a night watchman.

The youth, being held on suspicion pending further investigation, allegedly admitted that two rugs, a recording machine, a lamp and other merchandise found in the rear seat of his auto, parked at Hereford and Newbury sts., had been stolen in recent breaks.

When he appeared in the headquarters lineup, Det. Vernon White said there was evidence that he was involved in an Aug. 1 break in a Huntington ave. shop in which \$1000 worth of electrical equipment and appliances was taken.

The suspect was spotted lurking in the doorway of a Newbury st. television shop by Patrolman John Harkins of the Back Bay station at 2:15 a. m. As the officer approached, the youth fled toward Hereford st. and Harkins fired two shots in the air.

A nearby resident telephoned

GIVES BLOOD — Calliope Delaklis, 65 Linwood st., Somerville, attended by Red Cross Nurse Susan T. Doyle, Roxbury, gives pint of whole blood at Waterlawn Arsenal. Calliope was one of about 150 workers giving blood during the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

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