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Sleeping Pills Missing with Wellesley Girl

A pretty Smith College poetess, who left home Monday, was still hunted by a police posse early today as Wellesley Police Chief Robert P. MacBey said he was worried about a missing bottle of sleeping pills.

The chief told The Herald: "It doesn't look good."

Bloodhound led searchers yesterday [yesterday] failed to find any trace of Miss Sylvia Plath, 20, daughter of widowed Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a Boston University professor. She vanished Monday afternoon after leaving a note which read: "I'm going on a long hike. Will be back tomorrow."

No Clothes Gone

Chief MacBey quoted Mrs. Plath as saying, "There is no question of a boy in the case."

He said that none of the girl's clothes and none of her luggage were missing and that she couldn't have had "more than a very few dollars."

But, the chief added, at 6:45 yesterday morning after a night-long hunt of nearby woods and ponds went clueless, he discovered [discovered] that "a fresh prescription of 50 sleeping pills, which were under lock and key in her mother's room, were gone."

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