

EXTRA! Wellesley Student Found Alive

Search Ends

Find Girl In Cellar

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Wellesley police said this afternoon that Sylvia had been found and was being taken to Newton-Wellesley Hospital. It was reported she was found in the cellar of her home.

A 100-man party today searched the woods around the Wellesley home of 20-year-old Sylvia Plath, brilliant Smith College student missing since Monday.

THE SEARCH WAS intensified when it was discovered a bottle of sleeping pills was missing from her home.

The searching party, under direction of Chief of Police Robert P. MacVey, centered its activities

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100 Hunt Wellesley Girl Missing 2 Days

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In the wooded area from Wellesley toward Weston.

A BLOODHOUND, used in yesterday's search of another

wooded section, was again brought into the hunt in the hope of picking up the girl's trail.

Miss Plath left a note for her mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath of Elmwood St., a Boston University professor, that she was "nervous and was going for a long hike."

THE PLATH FAMILY told that a newly purchased bottle of sleeping pills was missing along with the girl.

Police believe that if Miss Plath had taken the pills she would be found in the vicinity of her home.

Mrs. Plath said she believed her daughter's disappearance was due to a temporary nervous affliction linked with her creative writing.

"She recently felt," said Mrs. Plath, "she was unworthy of the confidence held for her by the people she knew."

"For some time she has been unable to write either fiction, or her more recent love, poetry."

"Instead of regarding this as just an arid period that every writer faces at times, she believed something had happened to her mind, that it was unable to produce creatively any more."

"Although her doctor assured us this was simply due to nervous exhaustion, Sylvia was constantly seeking ways in which to blame herself for the failure and became increasingly despondent."

Sylvia left her home at 2 p.m. Monday.

At first it was reported she wore a skirt and blouse, but her mother notified police today that she had found those clothes at home.

Now Mrs. Plath thinks the girl probably was wearing blue denim shorts and a halter.

She left a note saying she was going for a long hike and would be back the next day.

Warren Plath, her 18-year-old brother, joined the searchers and provided a map of the Wellesley area to be combed.

Boy Scouts, auxiliary firemen, a special police detail of 12 patrolmen and a large number of volunteers made up the search party.



(Traveler Staff Photo by Anthony Cabral)

PART OF WELLESLEY SEARCH PARTY—Wellesley police officers are shown with a woman volunteer, Elaine Pipes, as they searched today for missing 20-year-old Sylvia Plath, Smith College student who disappeared Monday. Left to right, Victor H. Maccini, Donald H. Murphy, Jerry Monaghan, Leroy Weaver, Francis Kilduff, Richard Parker, Tom Furdon and John Tracey.