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**Wellesley
Girl Took
40 Sedatives**

WELLESLEY, (INS)— Pretty Sylvia [Sylvia] Plath, brilliant Smith Col student [student] and literary contributor to National [National] Magazines who vanished mysteriously [mysteriously] Monday, was found yesterday [yesterday] asleep in the cellar of her home here.

The 20-year-old student-poet had taken 40 to 50 capsules of a sodium-base sedative, which she had obtained [obtained] through a doctor.

She was found as a 100-man searching party scoured the countryside [countryside] around Wellesley, including the Rocky Ledge area.

Sylvia had left a note for her mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a Boston University professor, stating she was going to take a long walk. The mother said that her daughter had been despondent over a temporary [temporary] inability to go on with creative [creative] writing.

She was taken to Newton-Wellesley [Newton-Wellesley] hospital, where physicians said she would recover.

Her latest poem, written when she was guest editor of the current issue [issue] of the magazine "Madmoiselle,"

was entitled "Mad Girl's Love Song".
It began and ended with the words:

"I shut my eyes and all the world
drops dead."

Finding of the girl put at rest
fears expressed by police chief Robert [Robert] M. McVey that Sylvia may have
committed suicide.

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