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**Step Up Hunt  
For Missing  
Smith Student**

WELLESLEY, Mass., Aug. 25  
(UP)—The search for a brilliant  
Smith College girl was stepped up  
today after it was disclosed she  
carried a bottle of sleeping tablets  
when she disappeared from her  
home.

"Big Sid," the state police blood-  
hound [bloodhound], was unable to pick up the  
trail of Miss Sylvia Plath, 20-year-  
old student poet who vanished yes-  
terday [yesterday]. And a 50-man posse was  
unsuccessful in a search of wooded  
areas and ponds in the vicinity.

Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, the girl's  
widowed mother, said her daugh-  
ter [daughter] left a note which said she was  
taking a "long hike." Mrs. Plath  
said Sylvia had been under a doc-  
tor's [doctor's] care and was near nervous  
collapse as a result of overwork in  
her academic and literary activi-  
ties [activities].

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