

Denies Somerville Slaying; Find Gun in Room

NEW YORK, Wednesday (AP)—A pretty Massachusetts girl, wanted for questioning in the bizarre slaying of the teen-aged sister of her former boy friend, was picked up by traffic cop last night near Times Square.

Police later said they found a gun of the type used in the Massachusetts killing, a knife, loaded cartridges and six discharged cartridges in her possession.

Fourteen-year-old Mary Di Rocco, found dead in her home at Somerville, Mass., Monday, had suffered five bullet wounds and police found a sixth slug which had gone wild.

Denies Identity at First

Weeping and at first denying her identity, attractive 25-year-old Mildred McDonald later admitted who she was and that she had been in the Di Rocco home Monday. She repeatedly denied having anything to do with the killing.

Massachusetts police were on their way here with a murder warrant for the girl.

Miss McDonald had been dated for three years by one of the slain girl's brothers, Joseph. He married another girl last April.

Both the dead girl's father, Angelo, and another brother, Robert, 17, had seen the McDonald girl at the Di Rocco home Monday.

Just after Robert saw her leave the house, he smelled smoke and traced it to the cellar.

Girl's Body Found

There he found Mary's body, riddled with bullets, her throat slashed, and her clothing covered with oil. A magazine was burning nearby and police said the slayer apparently had tried to set the body afire.

Miss McDonald had left her job at the Somerville office of the State Employment Security Division Monday morning, saying she was ill.

Somerville police sought her as soon as the body was discovered. Fellow workers earlier said she was "a girl of the highest type" and might herself have been a victim of foul play.

Police quoted her as saying last night that she came to New York Monday afternoon, spent the night at the Hotel Statler, and moved early yesterday to a Young Women's Christian Association residence hall.

Pictures of Miss McDonald, had appeared last night in New York newspapers.

Followed by Policeman

Patrolman George F. Grace, on traffic duty near Times Square, recognized Miss McDonald from the newspaper photographs. She was walking



SMITH STUDENT

Sylvia Plath, 20, of Wellesley, a Smith College senior who has been missing since Monday when she disappeared after leaving a note she was "going for a walk." (AP Photo)

Missing Girl Hunted At Wellesley

WELLESLEY, Wednesday (AP)—Volunteer searchers and a bloodhound scoured woods and lake shores yesterday for a brilliant, 20-year-old Smith College girl who disappeared after leaving a note saying "I'm going for a walk."

Sylvia Plath, a college senior and daughter of a Boston University professor, left her home Monday after writing that she'd return yesterday.

Had Been Nervous

Her mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, told police the girl has been "nervous" and under a physician's care for several months. State police said a bottle of 50 sleeping pills was missing from the girl's room and it is believed she took them with her.

An honor student, she was editor of the Smith Review, the college literary magazine, last year as a junior. She was also a member of the school's Press Board and had sold several short stories and poems to national magazines.

The bloodhound joined 100 volunteers, including a large number of Boy Scouts, in the hunt near the Plath home and around Lake Waban and Morse's Pond.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York 4, Detroit 3, 11 innings.
Philadelphia 4, Chicago 2, night.
Washington 8, Cleveland 4, night.
Only games scheduled.

Sentenced For Defrauding Leominster

Three Leominster men, two of them employes of that city, pleaded guilty just before going on trial in Worcester Superior Court yesterday to mulcting the City of Leominster of \$616.54 in the delivery of automobile parts.

Avery Cousins, 61, part owner and operator of a garage on Main street, Leominster, for 32 years, was fined \$500 by Judge Charles Fairhurst and ordered to make restitution of the money.

Philip V. Desmarais, 50, in charge of the city's repair shop, and Daniel M. Marble, 40, a mechanic at the shop, were each given a suspended nine-month sentence in the House of Correction and placed on probation for one year.

Share Excess

Asst. Dist. Atty. A. Andre Gelinias said the three conspired to bill Cousin's garage for more auto parts than actually delivered and then share the excess.

Cousins "kicked back" about \$225 to Desmarais and Marble, although Desmarais has insisted he received nothing, Gelinias said.

The prosecutor said that while

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Water Low, Pool Closed At Ware

WARE, Wednesday — The town swimming pool was closed at 6 last night because of an inadequate supply of water from the "Pines," a part of Muddy Brook, which supplies the pool.

The water was below the intake pipe level. James W. Reilly, Water Department superintendent, said this is the first time this has happened since the system was installed.

Reopening of the pool depends upon rain. The town supply cannot be tapped under present drought conditions, the superintendent said.