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EXTRA! Wellesley Student Found Alive

Search Ends

Find Girl

In Cellar

(See **Photo Page 23**) [Note: Page 23 not included with this clipping and no copies of microfilm have been located that have a photo of Plath on this page.]

Wellesley police said this afternoon [afternoon] that Sylvia had been found and was being taken to Newton-Wellesley Hospital. It was reported [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 [direction] of Chief of Police Robert P. MacVey, centered its activities

MISSING

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100 Hunt Wellesley Girl Missing 2 Days

in the wooded area from Wellesley [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 said she was "nervous and was going for a long hike."

THE PLATH FAMILY told police that a newly purchased bottle of sleeping pills was missing [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 [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 and arid period that every writer faces at times, she believed something had happened [happened] to her mind, that it was

**unable to produce creatively
any more.**

**"Although her doctor as-
sured [assured] us this was simply due
to nervous exhaustion, Sylvia
was constantly seeking ways
in which to blame herself for
the failure and became in-
creasingly [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 fireman,
a special police detail of 12 pa-
trolmen and a large <number of>
volunteers made up the <search->
ing [searching] party.

[Photograph of nine searchers in standing in the woods]
(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.

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