

'FURNACE' CLUES SOUGHT IN OCCUPANTS' CLOTHING

Oil May Clear Up Mystery

Vance to Examine Men's Clothes in Probe of Mystery

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Sun Police Reporter

Clothing of four male Japanese living in the house in which the burned body of Emiko Yamado was found stuffed into a lighted furnace on Tuesday, was taken to the police station today.

Examination of this and of a quart of oil, also discovered in the Yamada home, will be made by Inspector J. F. C. B. Vance in the police bureau of science.

SAME SMELL

Detective Inspector A. S. Hann announced that the oil found Thursday night by Detectives Alfred Gibb and William Mackie has the same "smell" as that which is believed to have been poured over the body of the girl before the fire was lighted.

"We will not know if it is the same, until it is examined by Inspector J. F. C. B. Vance," Hann stated.

The oil, said to be similar to that used for the burning of tapers in front of the small Buddhist shrine in the house, was found by the officers in an additional search late Thursday and was turned over to Vance today.

Detectives as yet have not decided on the value of the new discovery as an indication of either murder or suicide in the case of the young Japanese.

VANCE LAST HOPE

Investigations of Inspector Vance, police bureau of science head, are held by investigators today as one of the last hopes in the possible solution of the mystery death.

"It is probable that an inquest will be held within the next few days," Chief Constable W. W. Foster told The Vancouver Sun today. "The police have come to no conclusions and feel that it would not be correct to do so.

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Vancouver Plane On Mercy Flight

Mrs. T. G. Gilliland, wife of a
radio operator at Lonely Estevan

"Since the reconstruction of China is possible only under the protection of the fighting services it is imperative that Japan insure command of the Western Pacific."

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Furnace

"Their duty is to secure evidence, prepare it and present it to the coroner's jury."

SUICIDE THEORY

A number of psychiatrists contacted by The Vancouver Sun today gave an opinion that suicide is possible in the case. They refused to declare, without previous knowledge of the case or without being in possession of all the facts, that it was definitely a case of suicide.

One specialist in mental diseases summed up the suggestions of the doctors:

"Suicides, as you know, are committed in every possible fashion. In this case there is no reason to say that the girl could commit suicide or whether she was the victim of a murderer."

"One case in particular in recent years is that of a man who climbed into a blazing furnace, but was pulled out by a nurse and his life saved."

HOLD TO MURDER

Some medical opinion, on the other hand, is that this girl must have been the victim of a murderer.

"It would be practically impossible for this girl to have climbed into that furnace herself," one medical man told The Vancouver Sun.

"Admit, for the sake of argument, that the girl did get into the furnace herself. The first twinge of pain would make her cry out and her cries would certainly have disturbed the household."

"The manner in which the body was prepared for cremation in itself is an indication of a balanced mind, and to assume that the girl committed suicide is to declare that she developed a sudden unbalance never, apparently, before revealed."

Believers in the suicide angle scorn the idea that the girl could not have climbed into the furnace. They hold that it is much easier for a person to climb into the firebox than for another to push a limp body into the same place.

PAPER CLUE

They point to the waxed paper, in which was folded a match which had been attached to the girl's sweater, the pieces of paper under the sweater and inside the waistband of her skirt and the fact that, as far as is known, only the girl, her father, mother, brother and sister were aware of the location of the paper and pins in the house.

The bruises on the side of the girl's head are accounted for by the belief that the girl struck her head against the grates of the furnace in her first spasm of pain when she lit the fire.

It is anticipated that several days will be required for Vance to complete his work.

VANCE'S EXAMINATION

In his possession are the stomach contents of the dead girl, samples of her blood, strands of hair believed to have been saturated with oil, bits of wax paper, safety pins by which the wax paper was attached to the girl's clothing, live matches found in the firebox of the furnace, charred bits of clothing, a jar

proposed cancellation of affiliation of C.I.O. unions with the Canadian Congress as requested by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Expulsion of the unions would drop 30,000 members from the trades congress.

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F. G. Robinson, humorist, and Albert Close, pianist, also contributed to the program.

containing a small amount of fish oil and the ashes from the furnace.

Detectives are divided over the suicide and murder theories.

Believers in the murder theory hold that the girl had gone to the basement to obtain kindling and there met her slayer. She was struck a blow on the head and was rendered unconscious, the theorists hold.

It was while she was in this condition, they declare, that the slayer obtained the oil, paper, pins and matches and stuffed her body into the furnace.



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