



Criminologist John Williams, of San Francisco, matches a piece of blood-stained cloth with a shirt of a taxicab driver slain last Saturday. The piece of cloth was received by a S.F. newspaper from a person who claims responsibility for the killing.—AP Wirephoto.

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size also may have been displayed in the fatal stabbing of Miss Shepherd at Lake Berryessa.

Police here pointed out the multiple slayings have followed a definite pattern which was partly broken with the murder of Stine last Saturday night.

In each case, the murders were committed on a Friday or Saturday night and, except for the stabbing of Miss Shepherd, a gun was used. Usually the killer's victims were couples he encountered in lonely, remote areas. The Stine slaying, however, differed from this pattern by singling out a cab driver.

Officers here said the description of Stine's murderer tallies in a number of respects with that obtained from persons who have survived his attacks in the local area, particularly the killer involved in the Blue Rock Springs slaying.

Vallejo police as well as Napa authorities conferred with San

Laramie throughout the night despite three inches of snow and 15-degree temperatures.

Observances generally began in a low-key manner. There was a brief flurry of excitement in Portland, Ore., when about 400 college-age youths blocked the entrance to the armed forces induction center. A dozen helmeted police clashed with the demonstrators and one man was seized. Most center personnel remained outside. Later, police rushed 30 inductees into the center through a back door and nothing seized another man in a scuffle.

Francisco homicide inspectors last night and today, comparing evidence in an effort to confirm that the scattered murders are the work of the same man and hopefully develop information that may provide a productive lead to the slayer's identity.

Their efforts, it was learned, assumed new urgency when the murderer indicated in his last message that he would strike again. San Francisco homicide inspectors deleted the last paragraph of the letter sent to the San Francisco Chronicle in its release to news media for fear it might frighten the public.

MAN CLINGS TO LIFE

A Vallejo store owner, who was critically wounded late Monday in a shooting in his place of business at 1925 Springs Rd., still clung precariously to life at 1 p.m. today at Vallejo General Hospital.

The hospital reported H. Earl Wright, 62, is still unconscious and in "very poor" condition as a result of a bullet which had been fired into his brain by a gunman who accosted the local merchant in his combination paint store and service station.

Meanwhile, Vallejo police said no significant progress has been made in their investigation of the shooting. Officers said one or two potential leads were checked out late yesterday but nothing substantive was developed.