

# Trace Shots in Superman Home

## Recover 2 Bullets from Death Gun

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Hollywood, June 25—Two unexplained bullet holes found Thursday in the home of George Reeves, television's Superman, deepened the mystery surrounding the actor's death on June 16.

Altho Police Chief William Parker said he is satisfied with the coroner's finding that Reeves, 45, shot and killed himself, the actor's mother, Mrs. Helen Bessolo, on her arrival from Galesburg, Ill., said she was unwilling to believe her son committed suicide.

### Find Holes in Floor

The bullet holes were found in the floor of Reeves' second floor bedroom, under a rug. One of the bullets was recovered from the paneling over a downstairs fireplace, the other from a ceiling beam. The bullets were fired from the same gun, a .30 cali-

ber Luger, with which Reeves apparently killed himself.

Parker said Miss Leonore Lemmon, cafe society girl who claimed she and Reeves were to be married, will be questioned again about events preceding Reeves' death, if and when she returns from New York.

According to Parker, Miss Lemmon, before departing for New York, said the bullet located in the fireplace paneling was fired by her accidentally while she was "fooling around" with the gun several days before the fatal shooting.

### Drinking for Some Time

"The other bullet found remains unexplained," Parker said. "It seems, however, that Miss Lemmon and other persons in the house on the fatal night had been drinking for some time and couldn't give completely coherent accounts of events."

"The position of Reeves' body on the bed, the angle of the bullet's path, and the autopsy findings all point to

suicide," said Coroner Theodore Curphey. "Finding the other two bullets does not change this conclusion and no inquest will be scheduled."

Mrs. Bessolo, a gray haired semi-invalid, told of talking to Reeves on the telephone two days before the shooting.

### Never Was Pensive

"He was in a splendid frame of mind," she said. "He never had depressive moods. I can't believe he would kill himself."

She said she will contest Reeves' will in which he left the bulk of his estimated \$50,000 estate to Mrs. Toni Mannix, wife of Eddie J. Mannix, vice president of Loew's, Inc., and former general manager of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film studios.

"I have no idea why my son would bequeath his money to her," Mrs. Bessolo said. "Her husband is worth millions. I met Mrs. Mannix about two years ago and understood that she and her husband were just friends of George."