

DETECTIVE SLAIN IN SERIES DISPUTE

Yankee Fans Argue in Bar in Queens—Father, 25, Is Arrested in Homicide

An off-duty police detective was shot dead yesterday outside a Queens bar after an argument with a civilian over the world series. Both the detective and his alleged assailant were Yankee fans.

The specific issue in the dispute became clouded in the angry exchange, but apparently it was set off by the detective's remark that, while a Yankee rooter, he was inclined to bet on the Dodgers to win the fifth game in the series.

The results of the quarrel were that Detective William F. Christman, 38-year-old father of five children, was dead, and Robert Thomson, 25, father of a baby boy, was booked for homicide.

Joins Discussion in Bar

According to the police, Detective Christman, who lived at 105-12 103d Drive, Ozone Park, Queens, stopped at Carmichael's Bar and Grill at 104-06 Liberty Avenue, also in Ozone Park, at 1 o'clock in the morning. The second-grade detective, a member of the Police Department for thirteen years, had just completed a six-hour tour of extra duty at the Bedford Avenue station in Brooklyn.

Detective Christman and the bartender, Anthony Napolitano, 45, of 104-22 Liberty Avenue, Queens, started a discussion of Sunday's victory by the Yankees over the Dodgers, and the 2-2 tie

at that time in the series games.

The police said that Thomson, a jobless chimney cleaner who lives at 103-20 Liberty Avenue, Queens, entered the bar and joined the discussion. It quickly led to an argument. The detective was a Giant rooter in the regular season, but wanted the Yankees to win the series.

His seemingly casual remark that he was inclined, nevertheless, to bet on the Dodgers to win the fifth series game apparently infuriated Thomson.

Both men took off their jackets and, according to the police, Thomson struck Detective Christman. The bartender jumped in and broke up the fight. Detective Christman bought Thomson a drink, but the argument soon erupted again. Then Thomson offered to buy a drink, Detective Christman refused to accept it and Thomson strode out of the bar.

He crossed the street to his home and got a .30caliber Winchester deer rifle, and waited in the house doorway. About twentyfive minutes later Detective Christman left the bar and entered his car. Thomson walked over to him, and another argument began. The police said that, according to Thomson, he

shot him through the chest, then returned home and went to bed.

A neighboring motorist, Peter McIntyre, 21, of 104-66 115th Street, Ozone Park, saw the detective's slumped body and called the police. Thomson was arrested on a homicide charge and will be arraigned today in Ridgewood Felony Court.

had turned to walk away when the detective insulted him. Thomson, it was charged, aimed his rifle at the detective and