

U. N. AIDE'S WIFE SUICIDE

Steps on Suitcase, Leaps Off George Washington Bridge

A short, middle-aged woman stepped onto an overnight bag to reach the George Washington Bridge rail, then plunged to death in the Hudson River at 2:40 P. M. yesterday.

Four bridge painters, 100 feet overhead, witnessed her fall, 300 feet west of the Manhattan side. A Coast Guard picket boat recovered the body 300 yards south of the bridge.

The police identified the woman as Mrs. Egon F. Ranshofen-Wertheimer, 54 years old, wife of a United Nations official, of 480 Park Avenue. In her overnight bag, otherwise empty, they found a purse containing \$7.56 and a card from a friend, Caroline, post-marked on the French Riviera.

Dr. Ranshofen-Wertheimer, a former Austrian diplomat and League of Nations officer, is section chief of the Department of Social Affairs. He was consultant to the State Department in 1945 and from 1942 to 1946 was a research associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. In 1949 he was principal secretary of the United Nations Korean Commission.