

## **Police Investigate Doctor's Death**

**SYDNEY, Monday. —**

Police are investigating the death of Dr. Horace Layton Spearman, a Macquarie Street psychiatrist, who died in agony at his home at Maroubra after drinking a bottle of beer.

A post mortem was conducted to-day and the stomach contents sent to the Government analyst.

Dr. Spearman, who was also a brilliant and wealthy barrister, had figured in many medico-legal cases.

Police were told that about 11 p.m. the doctor and his wife opened a bottle of beer and had a glass each.

Half an hour later, Dr. Spearman complained of feeling "pins and needles" in his legs and feet.

Dr. B. Dunn, who also lived in Maroubra Road, was called, but Dr. Spearman had collapsed and was only semi-conscious when he arrived.

Another doctor was called in and then an ambulance. Dr. Spearman was dead on arrival at Sydney Hospital.

Police said that, at this stage of the inquiry, no suspicious circumstances had been found.