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QUIZZED ABOUT GIFT WATCH from Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, Miss Susan Hays, 24, former technician at Bay View Hospital, answers questions of District Attorney Ernest Roll in Los Angeles. (UP Telephoto)

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The "casual relationship" of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, whose wife was brutally murdered July 4 in their Bay Village home, and a former technician at Bay View Hospital remained under official scrutiny today.

District Attorney Ernest Roll, of Los Angeles, called in Miss Susan Hayes, 24, who received a Lady Elgin gift-watch from Dr. Sheppard last March, for questioning.

Roll said he was convinced that Miss Hayes told him all she knew about Dr. Sheppard and his wife.

Deputy Sheriff Carl Rossbach was at the home of Miss Hayes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hayes, 1680 Wagar Rd., Rocky River, when she phoned them last night. He also talked to her.

Rossbach said Dr. Sheppard would be questioned later about some points in Miss Hayes' version which he hadn't mentioned in his own account.

Chief point, Rossbach said, was that the Southern California wedding to which Dr. Sheppard escorted Miss Hayes was at San Diego—about 100 miles from Los Angeles—where he then was attending an osteopathic convention with his wife. Mrs. Sheppard didn't go along to the wedding.

Miss Hayes said she lost her watch at dinner with Dr. Shep-

pard after the wedding, and Dr. Sheppard later gave her a Lady Elgin to replace it.

He came to see her to deliver the watch, she recalled, and stayed about 15 minutes. Miss Hayes said Dr. Sheppard mentioned that his wife was in Los Angeles with him.

When she worked at Bay View Hospital prior to leaving for Los Angeles early this year, Miss Hayes said, Dr. Sheppard occasionally drove her to and from work. He also visited in her home, her father having been one of his patients.

Miss Hayes said she formerly was engaged to Dr. Robert Stevenson of Kent. Dr. Lester Hoversten, who had been a house guest at the Sheppard home, had left Bay Village to visit Dr. Stevenson. Stevenson and Hoversten, are osteop.