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Probes Continue in Trial Interlude

Week-end adjournment of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard's murder trial today gave prosecution and defense an opportunity to intensify their investigations.

Both sides conceded that there are still many baffling mysteries in the death of Marilyn Reese Sheppard.

Detective Chief James McArthur disclosed that the Cleveland homicide squad is "still working hard" on the case—attempting to determine the missing murder weapon that splintered Marilyn's skull on the morning of July 4.

Fred W. Garmone, associate defense counsel, visited a western Ohio city in quest of "background information" on a key prosecution witness.

Dr. Anthony Kazlauckas, former Cuyahoga County deputy coroner who handled part of the investigation of the Kingsbury Run torso murders, was preparing a report on the Sheppard case for William J. Corrigan, chief defense counsel.

"Part of my job," Kazlauckas

said, "is to figure out what possible murder weapon could have been used."

Thus far, the prosecution case rests on one question: "Who else but Dr. Sam had the opportunity and motive to murder Marilyn?"

Corrigan's answer is to point the finger of suspicion at numerous other persons, including some who will be prosecution witnesses.

Dr. Sam spent the week end in his fourth floor cell at County Jail, reading books and religious tracts sent to him by his mother and staring at photographs of his family, his son and his dead wife.

It may be another week before he is compelled to sit in

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Investigations Pushed in Sam's Trial Interlude

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the courtroom two floors below and listen to the prosecution demand that his own life be forfeited for Marilyn's murder.

Attorneys estimated it might take at least another week of legal tangling before the jury that will decide the 30-year-old osteopath's fate is sworn in.

A tentative jury of seven women and five men was seated just before Judge Edward Blythin adjourned court yesterday—but that only concluded the first phase of jury selection.

Prosecutor John J. Mahon said the prosecution would exercise the first of its six peremptory challenges Monday morning.

Favored candidate for the distinction of being the first tentative juror knocked out of the box is Juror No. 11, Gerald L. Liederbach, 38, of 18408 Maple Heights Blvd., Maple Heights.

He is a letter carrier whose route includes Garmone's home—and he's acquainted with Garmone's wife and children, although not with the defense attorney personally.

31 of Panel Remain

After each peremptory challenge, the jury vacancy must be filled from the 31 members of the special venire still waiting to be called.

Only 12 of the waiting 31 are women—and one of the women, Mrs. Irene M. Imhof, is the wife of a Cleveland detective who probably will be automatically excused. This means the ratio of men to women on the jury could be radically altered before testimony starts.

Of the dozen jurors tentatively seated, eight are suburban residents. Five of the women have children, two are childless, one is a divorcee. The youngest woman is 31, the oldest who would give her age is 54. Ages of the five men range from 28 to 46.

Can't Appeal Challenge

There is no appeal from the peremptory challenges. In turn,

the prosecution and defense attorneys are permitted to point to any person in the jury box, while their challenges last. The juror is automatically ousted.

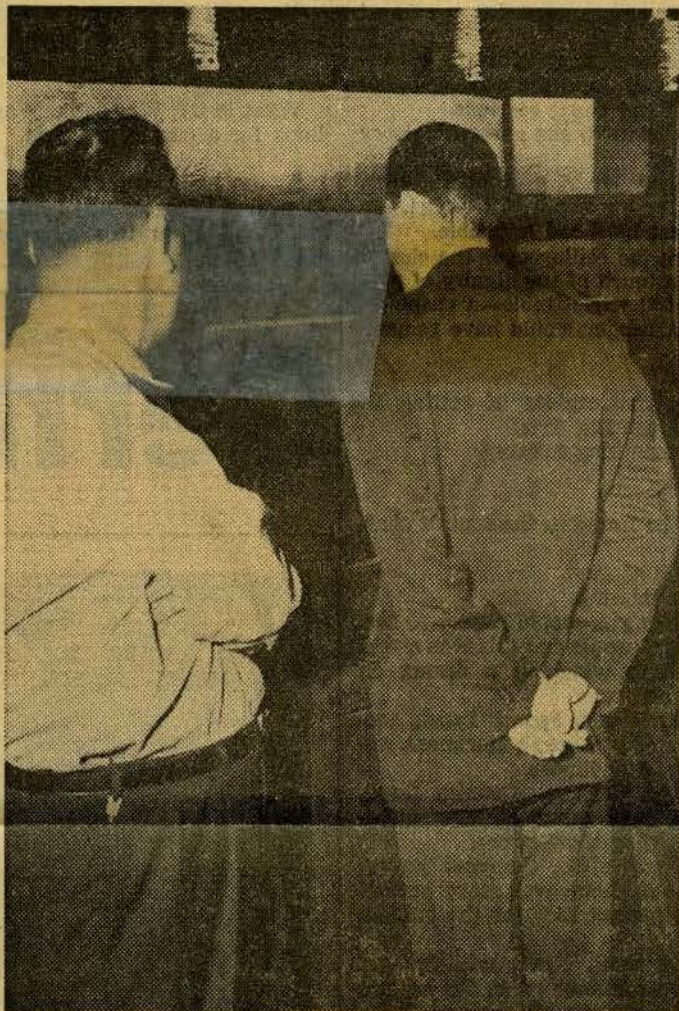
Corrigan and Mahon, who differ on virtually every other aspect of the case, agree that a trial can be won or lost by the shrewd guesses of the lawyers about what's going on inside a prospective juror's mind.

"All I want is an intelligent and fair jury that will listen to the evidence and arguments

with an open mind," Mahon said.

Corrigan maintained he didn't want "this boy's" fate entrusted to people with prejudices against extra-marital amours, or with a tendency to take the word of detectives and public officials over that of defense witnesses.

"I don't want to try this case over again," the defense chief told reporters, explaining his care in picking the jury.



END OF A WEARY WEEK of jury selection finds Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard filling lungs with fresh air at window in courtroom. It is the closest he'll come to outdoors during his murder trial. Guard is Deputy Sheriff James Kilroy.