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CLEVELAND PARTLY CLOUDY, SCATTERED AFTERNOON SHOWERS. EXPECTED HIGH TODAY 82, LOW TONIGHT 65.

CLEVELAND, MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 2, 1954

LAWYERS DELAY QUIZ OF DOCTOR

BLOCKED from questioning Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, Homicide Detectives Patrick A. Garreau (left) and Robert E. Scheutze (middle) waited impatiently outside County Jail yesterday as William J. Corrigan, Dr. Sam's lawyer, returned to confer with the accused wife slayer. Right: Corrigan (left) and Arthur E. Petersilge, another Sheppard lawyer, left the jail at 2:15 p.m. after their "filibuster" conference was halted by Sheriff Joseph M. Sweeney.

DETECTIVES HELD UP BY TWO VISITS

Kerr Halts Questioning for Night; Calls It 'Waste of Time'

BY JOHN G. BLAIR AND WILLIAM L. MACKEY

Frustrated detectives gave up further attempts to question Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard last night after a day in which the alleged wife slayer's lawyers held two delaying conferences.

"It would be a waste of time," Homicide Chief David E. Kerr said as he called off questioning for the night. His decision came after Sheppard's lawyers, William J. Corrigan and Arthur E. Petersilge, interrupted questioning of Dr. Sam by Detectives William Lonchar and Harold Boyette.

Earlier, Corrigan beat detectives to the punch and was confering with Dr. Sam when investigators arrived in the morning at County Jail to start their interrogation.

"Clammed Up"

It was not until the afternoon that detectives got to the prisoner, only to discover he had "clammed up" and refused to talk about the murder of his wife, Marilyn, four weeks ago yesterday.

Ejected from the jail in the afternoon, Corrigan and Petersilge returned at 6:30 p.m. with a demand to see their client. After waiting for an hour and 40 minutes the lawyers were admitted when Lonchar and Boyette halted their questioning.
The attorneys conferred with Dr. Sam for an hour in the fourth-floor lawyers’ room of the jail. After they left at 9:30 his leather therapeutic collar was returned to him. It was reported he had complained of a headache and neck pains.

**Little Accomplished**

Detectives indicated the six hours of questioning accomplished little.

“We couldn’t get him up the stairway,” one detective said, referring to attempts to induce Dr. Sam to retell his story of the murder from the time he said he ran upstairs to aid his wife, who was being hacked to death by a mysterious intruder.

**Ejected at 2:15 P.M.**

Corrigan had announced he would return in the evening to talk to Dr. Sheppard after he and Petersilge were ejected from the jail by Sheriff Joseph M. Sweeney at 2:15 p.m.

The scrappy criminal lawyer arrived at the jail yesterday morning at 8:15, before Detectives Adelbert O’Hara and James McHugh. The detectives were to be the first team of questioners to confront Dr. Sam.

When O’Hara and McHugh arrived at 8:35 they were told Corrigan was conferring with his client.

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Two Visits by Lawyers Delay Detectives' Quiz of Doctor

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The detectives were still cooling their heels on a bench outside the jail door when Peter- 
silge arrived at 10:20 and joined Deputy Sheriff Harvey L. Weitzel.

Corrigan, at 11:15 Corrigan left alone apparently to eat his lunch with Dr. Sam was eating jail fare in Peter- 
silge's company.

While Corrigan was gone Detectives Patrick A. Gareau and Robert E. Schottke arrived at 
noon to relieve the earlier team of O'Hara and McHugh.

At 12:50 Corrigan returned and was informed Sweeney had given orders that the lawyer was not to be admitted to see his client.

Meet at Booking Office

Corrigan was joined by Peter- 
silge at the booking office of the 

tal and Gareau and Schottke entered to begin their intes- 

Corrigan was fuming when he left the jail with Petersilge. He threatened suit against the 

Sweeney lawyer was 

Corrigan and McHugh. 

that the 

Corrigan returned 

to return Dr. Sam to his cell, 

First described as belliger- 

cent, Dr. Sam became more 

agreement as time passed. Nev- 

evertheless, he refused to answer 

any questions dealing with the 

murder. 

On advice of counsel, I will not talk about 

anything to do with the murder." Capt. Kerr 

reported him as saying to detect- 

ives. 

observed that Dr. Sam 

was "well coached." 


Sweeney

at the inquest conducted by 

Samuel R. Gerber. 

Heard by the lawyers 

at the inquest conducted by 

Corrigan and Petersilge 

were blood. 


Request Denied

His request to see his 30-year- 

old brother was denied by Weitzel. "Dr. Steve" on Satur- 

day was told that visiting days 

were Fridays, from 1 to 3 p.m. 

Dr. Steve told a Plain Dealer 

reporter that he wanted to "check" on his brother's condi-

on the basis of fomented prisoners 

could be heard. 

"The guy's innocent," he said.


Gates 25 Hours of Quizning

He said Dr. Sam had talked to 
police a total of 37 hours, not 
counting more than five hours 
at the inquest conducted by 

Deputy Inspector James J. 

McArthur, detective chief, 

ordered by the lawyers "at-

row in the morning. 

He suggested that "maybe 
you're trying to get us to question 
you in relays, but they can't keep it up. 

"We can," he added. 

"We haven't been in to talk to 
him," McArthur said before the 

morning session of the lawyers 

with Dr. Sam. "If you want to 

question him all day we will 

enlist him at night. 

Shirt to Be Re-Tested

Meanwhile, chemical tests 

were to be made on a T-shirt 

found Saturday at Perkins 

Beach. The shirt is the same 

same color and brand as the one worn 

by Dr. Sheppard on the night 

of the murder. That shirt has 

been missing since. 

David L. Cowless, superinten- 
dent of the police scientific labo-
ratory, will check on stains on the 

shirt to determine if they are 

blood. 

Capt. Kerr said the two "other 

suspects" suggested by Corrigan 

had been "absolutely checked out."

Kerr said he had talked to 

Susan Hayes on Friday after-
noon at Hotel Carter.

Tells of Letters

"There are letters in exist- 

ence," was all Kerr would say 

when he was asked about re-