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# Sheppard Has Chance to Speak

Monday's preliminary hearing will give Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard his first opportunity to make a courtroom statement about the charge that he murdered his wife—using his own words and not prodded by questions.

The law provides that, at the conclusion of the state's case, the judge must inform the defendant that he is privileged to speak out or remain silent, as he chooses.

If he makes a statement, it is not under oath, but it "may be used against him" at a subsequent trial.

Chief Defense Counsel William J. Corrigan said he has not yet decided whether or not Dr. Sam will make such a statement.

### Determine Cause

Sole purpose of the preliminary hearing is to determine if there is "probable cause" to hold the defendant for Grand Jury action.

The prosecution is required to call only sufficient witnesses to establish that a crime has been committed, and there is good reason to consider the accused as a suspect.

Defense attorneys may cross-examine the prosecution wit-

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**Arthur E. Petersilge, the Sheppard family attorney, left today for a Canadian vacation. He doesn't plan to return until after Labor Day.**

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nesses, but may not subpoena witnesses of their own or present their own case, except in the form of arguments.

The hearing will open at 9:15 a. m. Monday in the Criminal Courts Bldg., with Common Pleas Judge William K. Thomas presiding.

Bay Village Law Director Richard S. Weygandt will appear as prosecutor, aided by Assistant Prosecutors John J. Mahon, Saul S. Danaceau and Thomas Parrino.

### Witnesses Listed

Weygandt said he would call the following witnesses:

**MAYOR J. SPENCER HOUK** of Bay Village and his wife, Esther. They were the first persons summoned by Dr. Sheppard to his home on the July 4 morning when his wife, Marilyn, was murdered.

**MRS. NANCY A H E R N**, neighbor of the Sheppards. She was the last person, besides Dr. Sheppard, who saw Marilyn alive, according to the inquest testimony.

**BAY PATROLMAN FRED DRENKHAN**, one of the first police officers on the scene.

**DR. LESTER ADELSON**, deputy coroner, who performed the autopsy which established that Mrs. Sheppard was beaten to death by 25 or more savage blows of a missing weapon.

**CLEVELAND DETECTIVES Robert Schottke and Patrick Gareau**, who first accused Dr. Sam of the crime within hours after he reported his wife's death.