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There Is a Sheppard Case

This letter is in response to a letter written by Mary Ditko, captioned "Awful Injustice Charged," published Aug. 10.

It's always very hard to see someone, for whom you've acquired respect, gratitude, and a certain degree of affection, to suffer. But the facts show there is a Sheppard case.

The police are doing an admirable job. The indecencies that have been exposed—well, that's the result of any murder case.

The newspapers are doing their job by reporting news. Factual, of course—there are such things as libel suits.

As for the children, it's too bad there are vices in the world. Maybe, if everyone thought of the children, there would be nothing unpleasant to read.

S. M. PLATA, Rt. 2, Hudson.

... So Right

Mrs. Ditko, you're so right. I have had the care of the Sheppards for the past 12 years.

Nothing anyone can say can dim the past association I have had with them.

As long as there are people who think as you do, they will not be defeated.

ANITA CANTALE, 13504 Bartlett Ave.

... How About Wife's Family?

I, too, want to affirm there has been an awful injustice charged, not to Sam Sheppard but to The Cleveland Press and to those who enforce our laws.

You feel so sorry for the Sheppard family. How about Marilyn Sheppard's father, those that loved her, her unborn child?

S. V. LILLIE, 908 Parkway Rd.

... Not Objective

I am not trying to defend The Press, which I had often reason to criticize myself, but Mrs. Ditko, you are neither fair nor objective.

I only hope and pray justice will be done, no matter who is hurt by it; after all, it was one member of "this wonderful family" that was the poor victim.

And I'm sure, Mrs. Ditko, you don't doubt the ability of Dr. Sam's lawyers to prove him innocent—if he is.

MRS. H. KEATING, 18814 Bernice Ave.

... Crime Committed

From reading your letter I see you respect the Sheppard family highly for what they are doing in Bay View Hospital and in the medical field.

The Shepards may be great doctors but when a person gets murdered and beat the way Marilyn did, a good profession cannot cover the guilty one.

I feel that if Dr. Sam had cooperated with the police when the murder happened it would be easier for him now.

FRANK GAVEL, 1324 W. 28th St.