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Opening move in the Sheppard murder trial today was Defense Lawyer W. J. Corrigan's renewal of his motions for postponing the trial, moving it to another county, declaring it a mistrial. Judge Edward Blythin quickly overruled all the motions.

Corrigan's arguments were directed against the way the newspapers—particularly The Press—are reporting the trial. He cited the Press' use of a helicopter yesterday to photograph the visit of the jury to the murder house in Bay Village. He complained that Press Reporter Tom Brady was the only member of the press or radio to accompany the jurors on their inspection trip through the house.

Judge Blythin pointed out that Brady had received permission of the prosecution office, the Sheppard family and Associate Defense Lawyer Fred Garmone to accompany the jury and then report it for all the out-of-town newspapermen who are covering the trial.

COUNSEL GARMONE: "...you will be given proof by proper evidence that Sam loved Marilyn with great tenderness."

PROSECUTOR MAHON: "...evidence will point the finger of guilt at Dr. Sam for the brutal killing of his wife."

COUNSEL GARMONE: "Sam Sheppard is a person of gentle nature."

PROSECUTOR MAHON: "...who else but Sam Sheppard could have been the killer?"

After Judge Blythin explained to the jurors the procedure that was to follow—the opening statements of the prosecution and defense—Assistant Prosecutor John Mahon began his statement. It was 9:45 a.m. on the 14th day of the Case of the People of Ohio vs. Sam H. Sheppard.