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SAM'S FREEDOM HOPE FADES

Jury Deadlock Seen

**But Blythin
Still Waits
for Verdict**



By AL OSTROW and SAM GLAIMO

The seven men and five women who hold the power of life and death over Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard still were deliberating his fate late today.

Possibility of an acquittal faded as the jury room debate neared the end of its second day.

Dr. Sam's partisans agreed that "the best" the accused osteopath can realistically hope for now is a deadlocked jury—with dismissal of the jurors tonight a possibility.

Discharge of a "hung jury" means a second trial—sometime next year.

Judge Edward Blythin indicated there was a possibility he might "lock up" the jury for a second night and keep them deliberating through tomorrow.

A lengthy deliberation, he said, is "quite natural" because "after nine weeks of trial, you don't decide these things in a few minutes."

The hotel rooms occupied by the jurors last night were reserved again for tonight.

Will Keep Panel Debating

Blythin indicated he would keep the panel debating "as long as there is a possibility of decision."

"I have only one definite plan now," the judge said. "If the jury says they have a verdict, I will accept it."

Prosecution and defense sources both suggested that the jurors may be asked some time tonight if they feel they can achieve unanimity if they continue deliberating.

It was rumored that at least two women members of the panel were at loggerheads with their fellow jurors.

But this rumor—as well as varying reports that the jury was divided nine to three or other figures—were sheer speculation, since only the dozen participants knew the nature and progress of the deliberations and votes.

Weighed down by their awesome responsibility, the jurors seemed wearied by a tense struggle with their fellow jurors and their own consciences.

Their faces were grim and set in hard lines when they filed back into the third floor deliberation room at the Criminal Courts Bldg. at 9:03 a. m. after spending the night under guard at Hotel Carter.

Dr. Sam seemed anxious and worried as he scanned the jurors' faces when Blythin excused them for lunch.

Only three members of the panel—two women and a man—looked at him. The others averted their eyes.

Bailiff Eddie Francis whispered something to Jack N.

WAITING. waiting, waiting for a verdict at the trial of Dr. Sam H. Sheppard. Ready to rush into the nearby courtroom when the jury deliberation room buzzer sounds are the two sisters-in-law of murdered Marilyn Sheppard, Betty and Dorothy Sheppard, and her accused husband's older brother, Dr. Richard N. Sheppard.

TWO WITNESSES for Dr. Sam wait in Jury Bailiff Si Steenstra's office to learn if their testimony helped win the case. Dr. Horace Don, Dr. Sam's former associate at Bay View Hospital, plays solitaire. The defendant's brother, Dr. Stephen Sheppard, reads a book.



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Hansen, Juror No. 6. Hansen shrugged a reply which seemed to be: "I don't know."

The jurors appeared gay and jovial during their second day's lunch at the Shanghai Restaurant, 2142 Rockwell Ave. But when they returned to their deliberation room at 1:38 p. m. the jollity vanished.

They were barred from discussing the subject uppermost in their minds—their efforts to reach a verdict—except in the secrecy of that room.

A wave of excitement rippled through the courtroom at 10:13 a. m. when the buzzer from the jury room sounded—but it turned out to be a false alarm.

The jurors had not reached a verdict, neither did they desire further information or instructions.

Bailiff Francis said an unidentified woman had sneaked up to the locked door of the deliberation room and rattled the knob.

The foreman opened the door, Francis said, then promptly shut it when he saw it was an unauthorized person.

The mystery woman fled while the foreman was buzzing for a bailiff to report the incident.

It was noted that the woman—whatever her motive—could have caused a mistrial or a legal battle by bursting into the room and shouting her sentiments.

How she managed to sneak up to the deliberation room door, despite the corps of bailiffs and deputy sheriffs patrolling the scene, puzzled court attaches.

And how she evaded being taken into custody after her act was equally baffling.

Francis said he had "no idea" who the woman was, or what was her purpose.

Judge Blythin ordered the jury locked up for the night after nine hours' deliberation failed to produce a verdict yesterday.

Sam Is Calm at Breakfast

Dr. Sam, used to nerve-straining delays since the July 4 murder of his wife, Marilyn, calmly breakfasted in the County Jail and waited his call to return to the second floor courtroom for—

What?

The defendant was dozing on his prison bed when his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Shepard, visited him at about 10:30 a. m. to cheer him up.

They said they found him in "good spirits," telling them: "I'll see you later in the courtroom."

The law requires that Dr. Sam be present in the courtroom every time the jury is brought in—and the panel must go through the formality of being officially dispatched to lunch by Blythin.

Prosecution and defense attorneys speculated on what was going on in the locked jury room.

"It's looks good for us," both claimed.

THE PROSECUTORS contending that a majority of the jurors must be convinced that Dr. Sam was guilty, and the delay in reaching a verdict indicated that acquittal was unlikely.

THE DEFENSE estimating that many jurors must have a "reasonable doubt" in their minds, possibly ruling out a conviction.

But no one really knew—except the five housewives and seven husbands faced with the most critical decision of their lives.

Try to Ignore Curious Stares

Ordered not to discuss the case—even among themselves—except in the deliberation room, the jurors joked and smiled as they breakfasted at the Carter.