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Dr. Sam Sleeps Well First Night in Jail

"The prisoner spent a very restful night and ate a good breakfast this morning."

That was the jailers' report today on Dr. Sam Sheppard, held in County Jail on first-degree murder charges in the July 4 killing of his wife, Marilyn.

After a breakfast of cornflakes and milk, coffee and bread, Sheppard expressed weariness and crawled back into his jail cot where he apparently was sleeping again when his two attorneys arrived to confer with him shortly after 8 a. m. They were with him for 40 minutes.

"I have a lot of spectators, don't I?" That was Sheppard's only comment when he went through the usual jail formalities at the booking window last night.

Stripped of all his clothing except his T-shirt and shorts, he donned a blue jail uniform before being taken to his solitary cell on the fourth floor, with a guard at the door. He had no belt.

Asks to Keep Collar

"Can I keep the collar?" he asked. "When my neck hurts, I need it. It helps."

"You won't need it tonight—you're just going to sleep," replied Joseph Yusko, assistant chief jailer.

The guard was stationed at the door as a precaution against self-destruction.

Dr. Sheppard apparently was sound asleep at 12:45 a. m. when his lawyer, William Corrigan, arrived. He was refused permission to talk to Dr. Sheppard.

"He quoted a law saying a lawyer can talk to his client at any time," Yusko said. "Then I read him the law and he went away mad. I told him he could return after 7 a. m."

Corrigan and Attorney Arthur E. Petersilge conferred with Dr. Sheppard in his cell.

Sheriff Joseph M. Sweeney had left orders that only Dr. Sheppard's attorneys be admitted to see him.

Chief Jailer Mike Uccello said Dr. Sheppard made no requests during the night.

A telegram which arrived at the jail for the osteopath was "of no significance," Sheriff Sweeney said. He said it was "from an outsider, giving religious advice."

Uccello said Dr. Sheppard received "the regular prison examination by Dr. Eugene Mankovich" before being assigned to a regular cell.