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SIDEWALK INTERVIEWS of Sheppard trial figures were conducted on television this morning. Inspector Robert Fabian, formerly of Scotland Yard, was holding the microphone in front of Criminal Courts Bldg. as Judge Edward Blythin breezed by.

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So angry was William J. Corrigan, defense lawyer for Dr. Sam Sheppard, when he found television cameras focused on the steps of Criminal Courts Bldg. before the trial opened today that he renewed his demand that the trial be postponed and transferred to another county.

Judge Edward Blythin overruled his motion, but did decree that no more pictures could be taken of Dr. Sam and his defense counsel inside the courtroom—at Mr. Corrigan’s request.

The TV cameras took pictures of trial figures for the Dave Garroway program and Garroway interviewed Inspector Robert Fabian, formerly of Scotland Yard, who is here writing about the trial for Scripps-Howard newspapers.

Judge Does Bit

Judge Blythin appeared on the program, but only as he hustled past a camera into the building. The TV audience heard him say “Good morning” to Inspector James McArthur.

All eyes—including Dr. Sam’s—were on Dr. Lester Hoversten as the tall, balding osteopath from Glendale, Calif., took the oath today and started to testify in the wife-murder trial. Not until he testified for a minute or two did Hoversten look, poker-faced, at Sam.

Plainly glad to take his turn so that he could get his testimony over with, Dr. Hoversten arrived at Criminal Courts Bldg. under escort of Detective Martin Lowry, who chauffeured him.

“I was spirited out of the Carter Hotel a week ago Friday,” said Dr. Hoversten, who arrived in Cleveland two days before that. “Since then I have been staying at a private residence on the East Side.”

Hoversten, who was best man at Sam and Marilyn Sheppard’s wedding, said he spent the week end with an osteopath friend, Dr. Leonard Rench, in Shaker Heights.

Former Juvenile Court Judge William McDermott was a visitor in court today.

Sheriff Joseph Sweeney reported that Dr. Sam attended church services yesterday in the refurbished County Jail chapel.

THIS MAY BE LAST PICTURE of Dr. Sam Sheppard taken in court for the rest of the murder trial. As a result of objections by Defense Lawyer William Corrigan to a television show outside the courthouse this morning, Judge Edward Blythin ruled no more pictures may be taken of the defendant and his counsel inside the courtroom. From left are Deputy Sheriff James Kilroy, Dr. Sam’s guard; Corrigan’s son, William H., and Dr. Sam.