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CAN'T GET FAIR TRIAL--DR. SAM



Attorneys for Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard charged today that he could not get a fair trial in Cuyahoga County and indicated they will demand that his first-degree murder trial be held in another county.

"He was convicted in the minds of the public before he was arrested and charged," said the lawyers, William J. Corrigan and Fred W. Garmone.

The defense attorneys made this charge in a lengthy public statement in which they denounced newspapers, police and courts for their handling of the Sheppard case.

(Text of this statement is carried on Pages 12 and 13.)

The lawyers' statement criticized the way in which newspapers have reported and commented editorially on the July 4 murder of Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard, discussed the use of "lie detectors" in criminal investigations, hit at the Bay Village Court's arrest of Dr. Sheppard on a murder warrant and his sub-

sequent indictment by the County Grand Jury.

They said "it appears doubtful whether he will be able to secure an unbiased jury in the district where he was born and educated, and where his ancestors have lived for over 100 years."

The bid to shift the murder trial to another county—possibly in southern Ohio—will be made after Labor Day, when Judge Edward Blythin takes over as presiding judge of the Common Pleas Court criminal division for the fall term.

Assistant Prosecutor John J. Mahon said he would vigorously oppose the move.

"Dr. Sheppard," he said, "is no different than anyone else. He can receive a fair trial here."

Detective Chief James McArthur said the police have "some very important new evidence against Dr. Sheppard which will not be disclosed until the trial."

McArthur expressed willingness to check out any leads or suggestions offered by the Sheppard family or their attorneys which might point to another suspect. All other suspects previously named by them have been completely cleared, said McArthur.

Dr. Sheppard had nine visitors this afternoon during the regular visiting hours at County Jail. His father, Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, brought a new radio to replace the portable radio the osteopath had. Dr. Sam complained that he couldn't hear the Indians' baseball broadcasts clearly. The father also showed his son some X-rays of his Bay View Hospital patients.

Also a visitor today was Charles M. Davis, 353 Oakcliff Dr., Bay Village, publicity manager for the May Co. and a member of the Bay View Hospital board of directors. He left a book, "The Sermon on the Mount," with Dr. Sam.

FIRST JAIL PICTURE of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was taken today as the accused slayer of his wife read the statement issued in his behalf by his lawyers.