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Counsel Reports No Decision on Sheppard Taking Stand

Attorney William J. Corrigan reported no decision last night on whether Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard would take the witness stand at his bail hearing this afternoon.

Although Assistant County Prosecutor John J. Mahon asserted that the osteopath would be "his own best witness," Corrigan gave no hint of his courtroom plans.

Presiding at the hearing will be Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin. The proceedings are to begin at 3 p. m., but the judge indicated he would continue them tomorrow morning if the testimony is long.

The defense, which must

prove that Dr. Sheppard's first-degree murder indictment is not a great enough presumption of guilt to deny him bail, has subpoenaed eight witnesses. No witnesses were summoned by Prosecutor Mahon.

The osteopath is accused of the July 4 bludgeon murder of his wife, Marilyn, in their Bay Village home.