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DR. SHEPPARD DENIED BAIL

Kin in Tears as Corrigan Makes Plea

BULLETIN

Judge Edward Blythin today refused Dr. Sam Sheppard's petition for freedom on bail.

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard and several members of his family burst into tears today as Chief Defense Counsel William J. Corrigan made an impassioned plea for his release on bail.

Corrigan disclosed that, should the bail application be denied—which was expected—he would attack the legality of the indictment charging the 30-year-old osteopath with the premeditated July 4 murder of his pregnant wife, Marilyn.

In the dramatic highlight of his oration, the white-haired Corrigan waved his arm at his client.

"Stand up, Dr. Sam," he said, "stand up and let the judge look at you. Judge, look at that man. Is he capable of killing his wife and unborn baby?"

Dr. Sheppard remained seated, burying his face in his hands. He sobbed for several minutes.

His father, Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, chief of staff of Bay View Hospital, dabbed at his eyes with a handkerchief.

Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, an older brother, and his wife, Dorothy, also cried openly. Mrs. Guilford R. Brown, aunt of the murdered Marilyn, obviously was moved by the attorney's words.

Addresses Judge

Corrigan addressed himself directly to Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin, who has final say whether Dr. Sam will spend the nights during his murder trial in the comfort of his father's Bay Village home or in the austerity of the County Jail.

"Let me give you the background for this murder," Corrigan said.

He described Dr. Sam as a life-saving doctor who only a few days before Marilyn's murder had rejoiced in announcing that they were to become parents of another child—who only a few hours before the killing had repaired a broken model airplane for his son, Chip.

"Background for murder, your honor?" Corrigan shouted after each point.

He challenged the prosecution contention that the indictment created a "presumption of guilt" which might deny Dr. Sam the right to bail, since he is charged with a capital offense.

Hits Indictment

"They must have been reading a Soviet primer," Corrigan declared. Rather than a "presumption of guilt," the attorney continued, Dr. Sam was "clothed with a presumption of innocence."

Corrigan said he planned an attack on the legality of the indictment, charging "pressure" was brought to bear on the Grand Jury by public opinion and the Cleveland newspapers.

The final witness called by the defense was Bert Winston, foreman of the indicting Grand Jury, who admitted mentioning the fees charged by Dr. Sam for operations in private conversations.

Blythin sustained prosecution objections when Associate Defense Counsel Fred Gar-

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mone asked Winston if he obtained this information during Grand Jury sessions.

Winston said he didn't recall discussing the case at Shaker Heights cocktail party last Tuesday with James Shocknessy, chairman of the Ohio Turnpike Commission. He said he did not know Shocknessy.

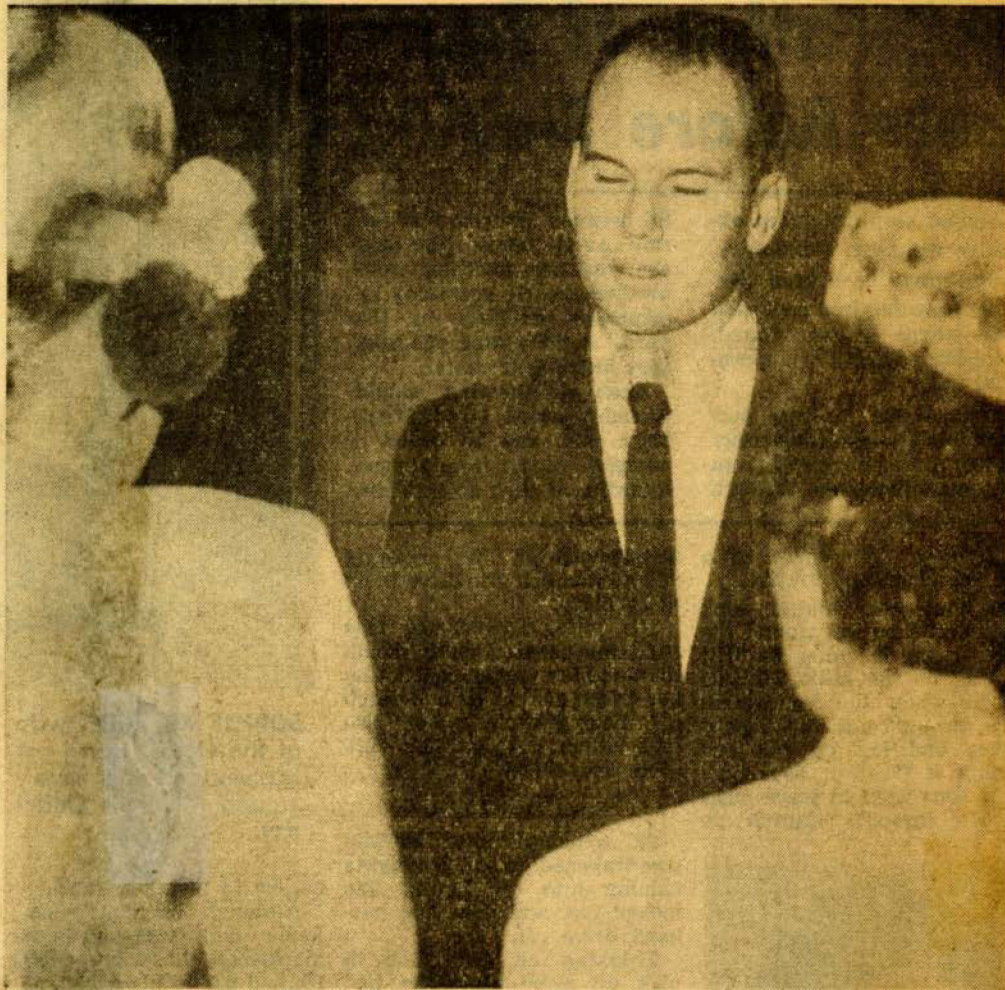
Corrigan declared the evidence clearly showed that Dr. Sam had been beaten unconscious by the same man who murdered Marilyn.

"You couldn't say that the man beat himself, could you?" he demanded.

Corrigan charged that the authorities had "fingered Sam Sheppard" and devoted all their efforts to trying to wring a confession from him, rather than attempting to track down the real killer.

He denied that Dr. Sam's family or he himself had in any way hindered the investigation of Marilyn's murder.

Richard Knitter of Sheffield Lake testified he and his wife had been driving along Lake Rd. about 4 a. m. on the murder morning, and saw a "very ugly, bushy-haired man of medium height" walking along the road near the Sheppard home. He said they had delayed reporting this sighting until July 12 because they "didn't want to get involved," but then decided it was their duty to speak out.



DR. SAM SHEPPARD CHATS with two feminine supporters, Mrs. Dorothy Sheppard, his sister-in-law (wife of Dr. Richard), and Mrs. Guilford R. Brown, aunt of Marilyn, the wife he is accused of murdering, during courtroom recess. (Story on Page One.)



DEFENSE charged Grand Jury Foreman Bert Winston with "prejudice" against Dr. Sam H. Sheppard.