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Susan Set to Return to Coast Job

BY REED TRASK

"I'm ready to go back to California and take up my old job just as soon as I can," Susan Hayes said yesterday afternoon at her parents' comfortable apartment in Rocky River.

Miss Hayes, who was brought back to Cleveland as a voluntary witness by county officials, was ready to talk about California

and her plans for the future, but would not answer any questions about her relationship with Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, alleged wife-slayer.

"I can't say much," she said. "I've told the authorities everything. I'm just all talked out."

Her mother, Mrs. E. C. Hayes, had answered the door to the third-floor apartment and had another guest in the living room.

So Susan said, "Let's go out in the kitchen where we can talk," as she picked up an ash tray and carried her cigarette from the living room.

Tells of Meeting Doctor

"I met Dr. Sam at the hospital in Bay Village, where I worked in the laboratory," Miss Hayes said. "We've lived here for about nine years. Yes, Dr. Sheppard once lived nearby on a side street, where I'd see him occasionally."

Dressed in a pink tailored blouse with white Chinese lettering on the front and wearing black toreador pants, the well-tanned, attractive 24-year-old "other woman" in the Sheppard murder case talked of California and her plans for the future.

Pleasant and smiling easily, Miss Hayes said:

"I like California very much. I plan to return there after all this is over. I may take a place of my own out there, though. The hospital officials in Los Angeles said I could come back whenever I wanted to do so.

"There are some wonderful beaches there. I guess I'm losing my tan. It's just a dirty color now. I'd go down to the beach here except that I'd probably run into a lot of people with little cameras.

Can't Discuss Case

"Some of the other newspaper people were out here this morning, but I couldn't tell them much. The police have asked me not to discuss the case."

Asked about her friendship with the jailed Bay Village osteopath, she refused to make any comment upon their relationship. She would not say whether she still had any feeling for the accused doctor.

"Would you want to see Dr. Sam now?" she was asked.

"I don't know why I would," she said.

She was asked about an inci-



"I'M READY TO RETURN TO CALIFORNIA." Susan Hayes said yesterday afternoon that she was ready to return to her California job just as soon as everything was settled in the Sheppard murder case.

dent at a Bay Village party where it was said she had taken Dr. Sheppard's pipe as if to smoke it.

"I don't recall doing that," she said, "but I might have. I always had a wonderful time at those parties."

The auburn-haired girl said she was tired from all the questioning she had been through. She said the first day back in Cleveland had been an especially long one for her because of the hours of interrogation that had followed her arrival here by plane.

Confined in Hotel Room

"How did you like your stay at Hotel Carter with the police-women?" she was asked.

"It was very nice. They were very pleasant to me. We had a television set and some things to read, but I never left the room, not even to see a movie."

"Both my family and I have received some nasty phone calls and letters," she said later, "but we've also had some very nice messages, too.

"It's too bad that all this publicity isn't about something nice, but that's the way it is. I never expected anything like this. I don't want my picture taken any more. I've already had it taken so many times now.

Miss Hayes concluded: "Good-by and thank you."

Her father, at the home, 1680 Wager Road, last night said his daughter had never mentioned Dr. Sam in family conversations.