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Prof. Kirk *Press - 1-21-55* Flying for Sam Probe

Paul Kirk, professor of criminalistics at the University of California, will make a flying week-end trip to Cleveland to "look into" the wife murder conviction of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard.

He is "completely open-minded" on the case, he told The Press by telephone, and thinks there are two possible results from his trip:

"I MAY FIND some physical evidence which I will take back to my laboratory at Berkeley, Calif., for examination.

"I MAY CONCLUDE that the jury was probably right, and would then quietly fade out of the case, making no public statement."

Corrigan Paying

Kirk said all expenses of his trip are being paid by Defense Counsel William J. Corrigan, and he also expects to receive a fee for his services—"otherwise, I couldn't afford to come."

Corrigan today filed a nine-page "assignment of error" with the Court of Appeals, listing 37 grounds on which he claims Dr. Sam's conviction should be set aside and a new trial ordered.

Half the document was devoted to a description of the conduct of newspaper, radio and television reporters and photographers during the trial.

Corrigan contended that they gave the trial a circus atmosphere, and prevented impartial justice.