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# CRIMINOLOGIST ON JOB TO AID SAM

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## Dr. Kirk of California Reads Testimony

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Dr. Paul L. Kirk, California criminologist, probed for chinks in the armor of the state's case against Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard yesterday afternoon by reading transcripts of testimony in the 10-week trial.

The briefing session in a Hotel Hollenden suite was preparatory to a visit to the murder home in Bay Village, where Marilyn Sheppard was found bludgeoned to death early last July 4, the crime for which her husband received a life sentence.

The defense-retained crime investigator arrived shortly before noon and was closeted for an hour with Williar J. Corrigan, chief defense counsel for the convicted wife slayer.

Dr. Kirk, 52-year-old scientist on the staff of the University of California in Berkeley, told reporters he would visit the murder scene with the portable laboratory equipment he brought with him on the flight from the West Coast.

He said his findings would be made known only to Corrigan.

"For my methods," he added, "read my book."

Asked how long Dr. Kirk would remain here, Corrigan replied:

"Until he's done."

### Lie Detector Shunned

Dr. Sam's alleged injuries which he testified were inflicted by a bushy-haired intruder he surprised in his wife's bedroom were among the subjects on which Dr. Kirk brushed up.

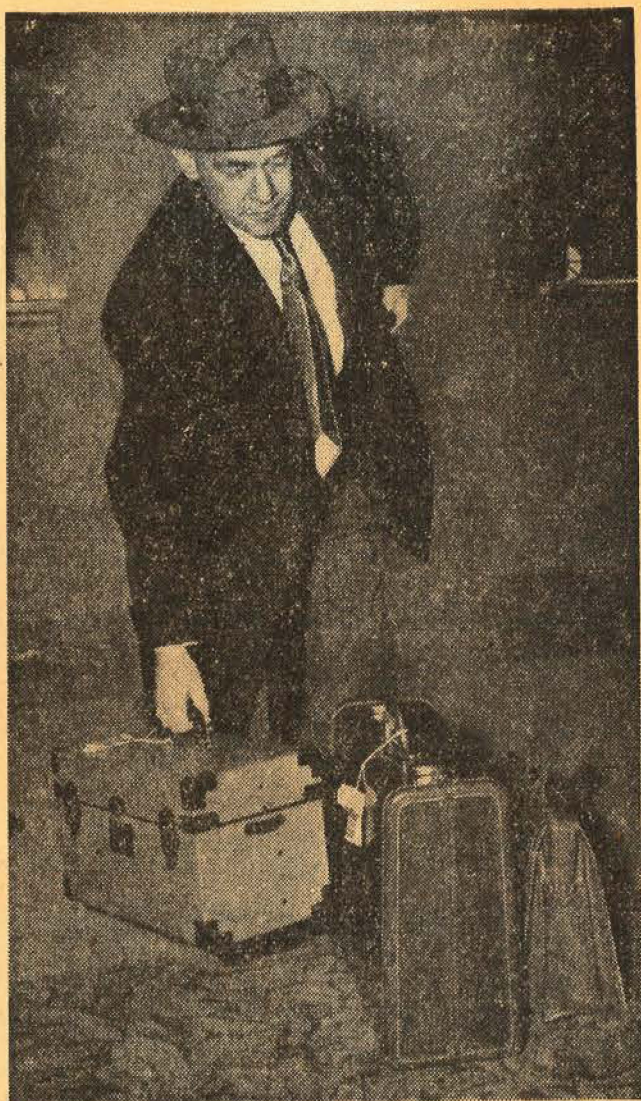
The short, slight biochemist came laden with the tools of his trade, including cameras and black light equipment.

Dr. Sam and members of his family shunned one tool of scientific investigation—the lie detector—during the official inquiry.

Corrigan brushed aside inquiries as to what he was looking for in the belated reopening of investigation.

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**SCIENTIFIC SLEUTH.** Dr. Paul L. Kirk, California criminologist, arrives at Hotel Hollenden with some of the equipment he will use to examine evidence in the Sheppard murder case.

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"This man (Dr. Sam) has been convicted and is under life sentence," he said. "What more do you want? Aren't you satisfied that the papers helped convict him?"

At this stage, Dr. Kirk could be of help to the defense only by turning up enough new evidence to convince appeals courts that a new trial was justified.

Corrigan is already in the Court of Appeals on grounds of error. Arguments on the motion are scheduled for late in the spring term.

In the meantime, Dr. Sam has been granted a stay of execution, keeping him in County Jail, instead of the Ohio Penitentiary, to be available to his attorneys during the appeal period. The time spent behind bars does not apply against his sentence, which could be a minimum of 10 years before parole.

#### See Trip Cost \$1,000

Dr. Kirk has been on the University of California faculty since 1929 and has investigated crime as a hobby and profession for 20 years.

In most cases, he said, he worked with police without a fee to help convict criminals. In one case, he was retained by a murder suspect's family to clear him and his findings helped convict him.

His writings and methods were cited by both defense and prosecution during the Sheppard trial.

It was estimated that his trip here would cost the Sheppard family in excess of \$1,000.