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Dr. Richard

5-4-55 news

Doubts Retrial Plea Will Win

Dr. Richard N. Sheppard today said he has no hope that his brother's bid for a new trial will be successful.

"I found the hearing highly interesting," Dr. Richard said, "but for some reason, I don't think anything will come of it. Maybe I am just cynical but I don't think a new trial will be granted."

Dr. Sam's other brother, Dr. Stephen Sheppard, was late arriving at the courtroom with his wife this morning. Other spectators included Mrs. Worth Munn and Mrs. Keith Weigle, aunts of the murdered Marilyn Sheppard.

Coroner Samuel R. Gerber was missing but Dr. Allan R. Moritz, pathologist and Western Reserve University professor, and Police Chief Frank W. Story were among the approximately 40 spectators in the courtroom.

The courtroom scene was in sharp contrast to the crowding and excitement that marked the murder trial. During the trial, deputies stationed outside had to restrain the curious and vigilantly police those who sought admittance without a special pass.

Today, newspaper reporters sat in the jury box and there were empty seats in the back of the courtroom although no attempt was made to keep out the curious.

Dr. Frank Corrigan, brother of Chief Defense Counsel William Corrigan and former U. S. ambassador to Venezuela, shook hands with Dr. Sam before the hearing got underway. Dr. Sam arrived handcuffed to Deputy Sheriff William Elko.