

Sheppard Watched After Funeral Rites

CLEVELAND (AP)—Sorrowed by a last look at his mother and anxious over his seriously ill father, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was under constant watch Tuesday in the county jail's fourth-floor observation cell.

But the 31-year-old osteopath has shown no sign of emotional crackup, his jailer said.

Sheppard went Monday during the funeral service for his white-haired mother, Mrs. Ethel Niles Sheppard, 64. He wept again when he stood with his two brothers beside the casket for a moment before it was closed.

Mrs. Sheppard shot herself to death with a revolver last Friday. The brothers say she was despondent after her son's sentence, three weeks ago today, to life imprisonment for the July 4 murder of his wife Marilyn.

Police said the mother's suicide note said only:

"I can't manage alone without father."

After he hurried inside the funeral home, an overcoat slung over his shoulders, Sheppard had time for a brief talk with less than a score of relatives and friends at the private service before the Rev. Alfred C. Kreeke of Bay Methodist Church began the sermon.

In that talk Sheppard asked about his father, Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, who is in Bay View Hospital with an acute respiratory ailment.

Richard N. Sheppard, oldest of the three osteopath brothers, told Sam their father was "extremely weak" and "we're very concerned about him . . . We hope he makes it."

Early Okay Seen for Ike's Trade Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democratic and Republican congressional leaders joined Tuesday forecasting early approval of President Eisenhower's program to help spur free world trade by lowering U. S. tariffs.

In a special message Monday, Eisenhower renewed proposals he first made last year for a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act with power to cut tariffs another 15 per cent.

He also called for measures to stimulate investment of U. S. capital abroad, largely through tax concessions; to simplify customs regulations; to furnish more technical "know-how" to underdeveloped countries; to encourage American travel to other lands; and to increase American participation in international trade fairs.

Rep. Cooper (D-Tenn.), incoming chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and chief sponsor of a bill to implement the President's proposals, announced hearings would start next Monday. Indications were the trade bill might be the first major legislation passed by the new Democratic controlled Congress.

Sen. Byrd (D-Va.), who will hear the Senate Finance Committee, said his group would hold hearings as soon as the House acts. He said he generally favored the recommendations.

But vigorous opposition was assured from the three senior Republicans on the ways and means group—Representatives Reed of New York, Jenkins of Ohio and Simpson of Pennsylvania—and from Sen. Millikin (R-Colo.), senior GOP member of the Finance Committee.

Jobless Figure Said 15,000

PORTLAND (AP)—There are 15,000 unemployed union workers in the Portland area, Bill Way, president of the Portland AFL Central Labor Council, reported Monday night.

Last week Way had said an incomplete check showed 12,000 jobless.

He told the council that total unemployment in the area—including Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties in Oregon—was about 40,000.

The figures are based on a union survey of unemployment in AFL and CIO locals, Way reported.

The survey was made after Way criticized published year-end business surveys and roundups as being too rosy.



SOLE HEIR—The deaths of her grandmother and an uncle in less than a month have made Mrs. Mollie Netcher Bragno, 28, of Chicago, sole heir to an estimated 15 million dollars. The fortune was amassed through operation of the Old Boston Store in Chicago.

Morse Backs Trusteeship

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon said Monday that Formosa should be put under United Nations trusteeship and that he would "applaud" the removal of Secretary of the Army Stevens.

Interviewed on the Mutual radio program, Reporters Roundup, Morse said that he doubted whether President Eisenhower would agree to trusteeship for Formosa, headquarters of the Republic of China. He said the President apparently was reluctant to repudiate the stand of Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) and other Republicans that Chiang Kai-shek must be kept in control of the island.

"I think we ought to take the leadership in getting Formosa in under a United Nations trusteeship because if we are going to continue to act unilaterally on Formosa we are going to continue to lose the propaganda fight in Asia," Morse said.

Byrd to Lose Chairmanship

Senate Democrats Adopt New Policy

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new policy by the Democratic Senate leadership appeared likely Tuesday to remove Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) from the chairmanship of the spending watchdog committee he has headed in all its 14 years.

This is the Senate-House Committee on Reduction of Non-essential Federal Expenditures, first set up in 1941 and known around the capitol simply as "the Byrd committee."

HEADS FINANCE GROUP

The Democratic Steering Committee Monday announced it was asking that no Democrat hold two committee chairmanships. In the past, one man has been permitted to head one of the regular legislative committees and a special committee such as the Byrd group.

Byrd will be Finance Committee chairman this year, the first major standing committee he has headed in his 22 years in the Senate. Thus he would not be able to head the watchdog committee under the new policy.

HARMONY MOVE

Byrd said he had not decided what to do about this. But a source close to him said he would tender his resignation as chairman of the watchdog committee. If it is accepted, his successor probably would be Rep. Cannon of Missouri, senior House Democrat on the group.

A veteran Democratic senator said the new policy was not aimed at Byrd, but was devised for harmony purposes by Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.). The Democratic steering group completed its committee assignments Monday.

RESIGNED IN 1941

Graziani, who fought off and on for nearly 30 years in Africa, resigned in 1941 after his North

Rodolfo Graziani, Italy's 'Desert Lion,' Dies at 72

ROME (AP)—Former Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, grizzled old "Desert Lion" who commanded Mussolini's last ditch Fascist stand against the Allies, died at a clinic here Tuesday of a heart attack.

The 72-year-old commander, whose decorations were stripped from him in a 1950 war crimes trial, had been in the clinic for 15 days after an operation for an ulcer.

The old soldier, an unrepentant fascist to the end, spent his last years in retirement.

CROWDED OUT

For a time five years ago, Graziani appeared to emerge as the active leader of the neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI). But younger leaders crowded him out and in 1953 he was chosen "honorary president" of the minority faction.

Graziani after World War I reconquered North Africa's Libyan tribesmen for Mussolini's empire and led 11 Duce's forces in East Africa to victory in the Italian war against Ethiopia. But World War II brought him defeat, disgrace and finally a traitor's trial as a Nazi collaborator.

Captured by Italian partisans in 1945, he spent the next five years in prison or in a military hospital. A civilian court disqualified itself in 1949 after a turbulent five-month trial, but he was sentenced to a 19-year term in 1950 by a military tribunal. He served only a few more months in prison, however, before a government amnesty freed him.

OREGON ENGINEERS HONOR BALDOCK

PORTLAND (AP)—The "Engineer of the year" award, presented annually by the Professional Engineers of Oregon, will go to R. H. Baldock, the organization reported Monday.

Baldock, engineer for the State Highway Department, is to receive the award at a banquet here Jan. 22 in recognition of his supervision of Oregon's 72 million dollar post-war road construction program, the engineers said.

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