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Choose Defender From County Bar Asks ACLU

Al Wirin, the American Civil Liberties Union, has said "We (ACLU) are going to ask the court to appoint an attorney from the Los Angeles County Bar Association" to defend Sirhan Sirhan.

Wirin, who has commended the police department for their handling of the suspect in the Robert F. Kennedy assassination, also said the ACLU will ask the cooperation of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

"This will allow Sirhan the finest in California legal assistance," Wirin said.

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Can't Explain Son's ActionElder Sirhan Mystified

By ELIAV SIMON

TEIBEH, Israeli-Occupied Jordan (UPI)—The small grey-haired man kept shuffling his

shoulders as he stood yesterday before his modest stone house in this sun-baked sleepy Christian village.

"I'm stupefied. I'm shocked. This is the blackest day of my life," said Bishara Sirhan. "I pray to the Almighty that this nightmare may pass."

Sirhan, for 52 years an unknown man, and his small village as ancient as the Bible suddenly became linked Wednesday with a world-stunning deed in faraway Los Angeles. An elder from the village, Faiz Ba'ajis Muaddi, hurried to Sirhan's two-story house to tell him his fourth son, Sirhan, 24, had been charged with the assassination of Robert Kennedy.

"If my son did it, he deserves his fate," said the elder Sirhan, his lips quivering. "I always have had such deep admiration for the Kennedy family."

The accused assassin came from a religious Christian family. He was born in Jerusalem and the family of seven lived in the Armenian quarter. Young Sirhan went to a Lutheran school and the father said the family belonged to the Greek Orthodox church.

"I am a religious man and have been all my life," said Bishara Sirhan. "I still am a steady church goer and read the Bible every day. My son as a child used to go to the Orthodox church with me in Jerusalem every Sunday. We studied the Bible together."

The father worked for the British Army during World War II at the city water supply and speaks nearly unaccented English. The family emigrated to the United States in 1957 but the quarreling parents separated and the father returned alone to his native land. He said he lives on a "very small" retirement pension, works part time on his small farm land "and need no help."

The father said he last saw his son in 1962 on a visit to the United States.

—United Press Telephoto

'THIS IS THE BLACKEST DAY OF MY LIFE'
Suspected assassin's father, center, interviewed

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Dr. Murphy Hits Violence

Chancellor Franklin D. Murphy of UCLA said Thursday that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's death "was criminally wasteful and serves as a forceful indictment of the current idea that any technique is valid to accomplish a personal end."

Dr. Murphy, addressing a meeting of about 500 university employes, added that, "a lesson should be learned from the cutting down of gifted, committed and able Americans such as John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy."

He cited student actions at Columbia University as an example of coercion through violence or the threat of violence and predicted that such confrontation could lead only to greater divisions.

"Murder breeds murder," the educator said, "riot breeds riot and anarchy breeds anarchy."

Because no classes were scheduled Thursday in UCLA's final examination period, the meeting of staff members served as the university's observance of Sen. Kennedy's death.

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LEGISLATURE NAMES FUNERAL DELEGATION

SACRAMENTO (U P I)

—The Legislature Thursday joined the nation in mourning the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The Assembly met briefly but conducted no business and adjourned for the weekend in his memory. The Senate likewise adjourned in his honor until Friday.

The Senate carried on business as usual and unanimously adopted a measure expressing "grief and sadness over the tragic death of Robert Francis Kennedy."

Both houses named delegations to attend Kennedy's burial in Washington, D.C.

Heading the Assembly all-Democratic delegation was Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, Inglewood, and it included Assemblymen Joe A. Gonsalves, La Mirada; George Zenovich, Fresno; Willie L. Brown, San Francisco; Winfield Shoe-

maker, Lompoc; John Vasconcellos, San Jose; Leon Ralph, Los Angeles; Robert W. Crown, Alameda; Leroy F. Greene, Sacramento; Kenneth Cory, Westminster, and Assemblywoman March K. Fong, Oakland.

The Senate delegation chairman will be Sen. Alan Short (D-Stockton) and includes Sens. Alfred E. Alquist (D-San Jose), Mervyn Dymally (D-Los Angeles), James Mills (D-San Diego), George Moscone (D-San Francisco), Nicholas Petris (D-Oakland) and Milton Marks (R-San Francisco).

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State of Mourning Proclaimed by Reagan

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Reagan proclaimed a state of mourning throughout California Thursday in tribute to Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and called his assassination "tragic."

"My sympathies go out to Mrs. Kennedy and the senator's children as well as his parents and other members of his family," the Republican governor said in an early morning statement issued by a press aide.

"The tragic, senseless death of Sen. Kennedy affects all Californians and all Americans," Reagan said.

The period of mourning extends until after Kennedy's funeral Saturday. Reagan canceled his public appointments for Thursday, including a helicopter tour of the new California State Exposition and Fair.

At a news conference Wednesday, before Kennedy died, Reagan blamed the shooting in part on "demagogic and irresponsible words of so-called leaders in and out of public office."

He would not elaborate on his comment and his press secretary told reporters, "I would rather leave it to you to interpret."

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West Germany Recalls Visits of Two Brothers

BY OSGOOD CARUTHERS

Times Staff Writer

BONN—West Germany felt the stunning shock of the news of the death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy Thursday from the highest officials, many of whom knew him personally, to the ordinary people who had never seen him before.

Although there was no official state of mourning, flags on many West German office and government buildings were lowered to half-staff. Radio broadcasts were repeatedly interrupted by the latest news bulletins. Most stations throughout the nation changed their programs after the first news of Kennedy's death was announced and played solemn music.

Messages of condolence were sent by President Heinrich Luebke, Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger, Foreign Minister Willy Brandt, President of the Bundestag Eugen Gerstenmaier and the leaders of political parties, trade unions and other organizations.

Onetime Hosts

There was almost universal mourning throughout isolated West Berlin, whose populace had been the warmly enthusiastic hosts of the late President John F. Kennedy and his younger brother Robert. The West Berlin Senate observed a moment of silence at its regular meeting Thursday morning. Deputy Mayor Kurt Neubauer, acting in the absence of Mayor Klaus Schuetz, who is visiting Jerusalem, sent a message recalling Robert Kennedy's visits in 1962 and

family said. "These three men embody the best traditions of the United States and they pointed out to us as to their own people the way to future justice. Berliners in sorrow feel close to Robert Kennedy's widow and children. Berlin thanks Robert Kennedy. He was like his brother 'ein Berliner'."

He also recalled how John Kennedy had won the hearts of that city's population by declaring from the city hall steps, "Ich bin ein Berliner."

He recalled that the city fathers had honored Robert Kennedy with the Ernst Reuter Silver Medal for outstanding service to society and the philosophical faculty at the Free University had presented him with an honorary doctorate.

"Robert Kennedy is as irreplaceable as his brother, John F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King," Neubauer's message to the

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In the Aftermath

f Tragedy

Despite the horror of Sen. Kennedy's assassination and the confusion that followed, local law enforcement conducted themselves admirably in the aftermath of tragedy.

Police Chief Thomas Reddin, District Attorney Evelle J. Younger and the many involved were determined that the handling of Lee Harvey Oswald would not be repeated here.

The tragedy of Sen. Kennedy's death would have been compounded had he been unable to question his suspect or to bring him to justice.

From the time of his arrest at the time of the slaying, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was handled with meticulous concern for his bodily safety and his constitutional rights. Even someone accused of so monstrous a crime is entitled to the protection of the processes of our system of justice.

The investigation that led to the identification of Sirhan and to knowledge of his background was accomplished quickly and efficiently. All the information was given to the

as soon as possible by Chief Reddin—except those facts and evidence which he and Younger believed would prejudice Sirhan's right to a fair trial.

It seems all the more unfortunate, therefore, that Mayor Yorty chose to reveal the contents of a long memo in which the suspect purportedly set a deadline for the assassination. Yorty, moreover, had been warned by Atty. Gen. Thomas Lynch as to the possible prejudicial effect upon a trial of such disclosure. And as a lawyer himself, Yorty should have known better.

Without the memo, sufficient information was given to the public to identify Sirhan as a Jordanian immigrant whose attitudes were still dominated by intense anti-Israeli feelings.

The suspicions of a shocked community, therefore, could be calmed without divulging information necessary in the prosecution of the suspected assassin.

Chief Reddin, Dist. Atty. Younger and their staffs as well as court and Grand Jury personnel deserve high praise for their conduct during a time of national tragedy.

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Mass Lawlessness

From a Washington Post editorial

Solicitor General Erwin N. Griswold has lent perspective to recent events by reminding us that lawlessness is not confined to ghettos and campuses. His search for the roots of the recent disturbing experiences led him to the conclusion that we all share responsibility "for the disregard for law which is deep-seated in American thought and mores." Distressing though they may be, the 1968 outbreaks have not been a sudden departure from the past.

During the prohibition episode, the Solicitor General noted, the so-called "best people" made a mockery of the law because they did not like it. Today there is wholesale violation of speed limits and parking regulations. More than 25,000 persons are killed on our highways every year by drivers who have been drinking, thereby grossly violating the law. Only a few years ago the country witnessed mass lawlessness on the part of some state legislatures and governors in resisting the Supreme Court's antisegregation decisions.

Mr. Griswold did not dwell upon these examples of lawlessness in our society by way of excusing revolts on university campuses or rioting in the ghettos. He was especially severe in his condemnation of students who have abandoned all respect for the learning process and "the simple decencies between man and man."

But he did make the valid point that the law alone is not enough where masses of people are involved. He was right in saying that our society will continue in danger unless we can "develop a new atmosphere, new mores, a genuine and general concern."

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Commencement at USC Pays Honor to Senator in Prayer

Expressions of grief and condolence for the family of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy highlighted the 85th annual commencement at USC Thursday.

"Let us honor the memory of Robert Kennedy and remember his family in this hour of grief," said the USC chaplain, the Rev. John E. Cantelon, during the invocation. "And let us pray for our world, our country and ourselves that we may seriously lay to heart the peril we are in by virtue of the violence we encourage or condone."

Dr. Norman Topping, USC president, told 2,450 graduates and their families: "It is said that our age increasingly becomes one in which emotion is enthroned and governs by violence. Reason must overcome violence."

Role for Universities

The main speaker was the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, who said universities should take the lead in devising "ways and means of involving the young in fruitful rather than destructive uses of their energy."

"We might begin by devising new structures in the university for the active and meaningful participation of the students in their university life and education . . . by creating on campus a real community in which students have a real and not a phony role," he said.

Father Hesburgh traced the disaffection of youth back to the fact that an affluent society gave them the schooling and the leisure to examine the "American dream."

Nation Not Indivisible

"The American nation they discovered is not indivisible, but clearly divisible into two nations—black and white, poor and affluent, hopeful and hopeless," Father Hesburgh said. "Liberty means one thing to the whites, the affluent, and the hopeful, another to the black, the

poor and the hopeless."

With exalted patients like presidents and prime ministers, the traditional sacred confidential relationship between physician and patient should be modified, Dr. Russell V. Lee, founder of the Palo Alto Medical Clinic, said at USC's school of medicine commencement.

Dr. Lee said Lord Moran, Churchill's personal physician, was widely criticized for writing about his eminent patient's health after his death.

"I'd criticize Lord Moran for not telling about it while he was alive," Dr. Lee said.

He said national leaders are often older men who have mental problems associated with senility and hardening of the arteries.

He said Woodrow Wilson had had small strokes when he took part in the Versailles settlement, and that Lloyd George, who also took part, was probably a manic depressive, judging from the biography written by his son.

Mussolini probably had paresis, according to Dr. Lee, and Hitler, the perfect example of a maniac in power, was "a textbook case of paranoia with his delusions of persecution and grandeur."

Dr. Lee had very few names on his list of "conspicuous examples of sanity" among our national leaders. The list included Presidents Hoover and Truman and Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes.

He said doctors should be obligated to reveal what they know about such patients if their knowledge is pertinent to government.

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Suspect Appears Cool, Arrogant as He Faces Court

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, suspect in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, appears to have the same traits as certain little guys.

He gives the impression of cockiness, arrogance and confidence.

At least that was the case in his only public appearance since he was hustled out of the Ambassador after the shooting of Sen. Kennedy and five others.

He appeared to show no remorse.

In fact, he displayed both arrogance and confidence when he looked a municipal judge right in the eye after being asked at his arraignment Wednesday morning, "Do you have a name?" and said: "John Doe."

Try to Learn Facts

That was the name he had given throughout the night to a group of hard-working detectives who were trying to learn more about the tragic events of early Wednesday.

But now, he was in court. Judge Joan Dempsey Klein, attired in her black robe, was not an opponent, as were the officers who had been talking to him earlier.

At that moment, if anything, she was on his side. She was explaining to him his constitutional rights. She wanted to make sure that he knew, and understood, every right given him under the law.

It was not known to either police or the court, at that time, that the frail-looking but wiry little man—he's only 5 feet 6 and 140 pounds—

lived just up the freeway in Pasadena.

Surely, he knew that he soon would be identified.

Nevertheless, he stood his ground in his first of what will be many court appearances.

It worked against him, too, not because Judge Klein held any animosity toward the 24-year-old Jordanian, but because Dep. Dist. Atty. John E. Howard made the point of lack of identification in arguing against the setting of bail.

"The fact that the defendant has refused to identify himself makes it impossible for us to conduct an investigation into his background to determine how high a recommendation for bail should be," said Howard, who is coordinating the investigation.

Bail, by law, must be set only in an amount high enough (if any is necessary at all) to insure that a defendant will voluntarily return for future court appearances.

Judge Klein must have taken Howard's representation into account when she set bail at an unusually high \$250,000. After Sen. Kennedy's death she revoked bail.

Speaks to Lawyer

The only time there appeared to be any change in Sirhan's attitude in court—where he was surrounded by some 40 police officers and sheriff's deputies—was when he briefly spoke to County Public Defender Richard Buckley, the first lawyer to talk to the suspect.

As Buckley huddled with Sirhan, it appeared that the defendant listened intently and showed some concern for what was happening to him.

Buckley has refused to comment in any way on

his conversation in court with Sirhan, as have officers who interrogated the suspect.

It was reported Sirhan not only refused to discuss the case but even seemed to be detached from it—as if another person did the shooting—rather than that he was proclaiming innocence.

However, there was an indication Thursday that his attitude might be changing. A. L. Wirin, chief counsel of the Southern California American Civil Liberties Union, reported after a visit Thursday that Sirhan is "beginning to show concern for the nature and seriousness of the charges." Wirin also visited the suspect Wednesday.

Seems Proud Man

One thing is sure. Sirhan, even in the face of his current troubles, does leave the impression that he is a proud man.

He stood straight in court. He appeared to look the judge right in the eye and he did not seem to be afraid, although that could be part of his apparent detached attitude from the crime.

It also could explain the remark he reportedly made to the detectives who questioned him.

"Don't treat me like a mendicant," he is said to have admonished them.

He gave no impression—in his only public appearance since his arrest—that he intends to beg for his life.

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Anticrime Bill With Handgun Sale Curbs Passed by Congress

BY JOHN H. AVERILL

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — The House passed and sent to President Johnson Thursday an omnibus crime control bill that would outlaw interstate mail order sales of handguns and prohibit over-the-counter sales to minors and nonresidents of the dealer's state. The vote was 368 to 17.

At the same time the House was completing action, Mr. Johnson was demanding over national television that Congress put even tighter restrictions on the traffic in firearms.

Violence Brought Heartbreak

"Criminal violence from the muzzle of a gun has once again brought heartbreak to America," the President said in reference to the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

"In this new hour of tragedy, let us now spell out our grief in constructive action," he said in a letter to congressional leaders which he later read over television.

Mr. Johnson called the legislation as passed Thursday "a watered down version of the gun control law I recommended."

"This half-way measure is not enough," the President said, in appealing to Congress to extend the bill's restrictions on handgun sales to include rifles and shotguns.

"I call upon the Congress in the name of sanity, in the name of safety

—and in the name of an aroused citizenship — to give America and American citizens the gun control law it needs" the President said.

It was Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy (D-Mass.), brother of the slain senator, who offered an amendment on May 16 to include rifles and shotguns under the handgun controls. It as defeated 53 to 29. Robert Kennedy, who was out of town at the time campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination, did not vote, but he announced himself in favor of his brother's amendment.

There were repeated suggestions in the House that the crime control bill should be promptly passed as a memorial to Robert Kennedy.

However, Kennedy had announced himself in opposition to all major provisions of the bill on grounds they either went too far or not far enough.

Provision Opposed

He was on record against provisions in the bill that would:

—Undercut recent Supreme Court decisions restricting the admissibility of confessions and eyewitness testimony in criminal cases.

—Authorize for the first time court-supervised wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping by federal, state and local police in a vast array of crimes.

Kennedy contended this provision went too far.

Kennedy also opposed the decision by the Senate and House to channel

directly to the states for distribution the \$400 million in federal aid authorized for the first time under the bill to help upgrade local police agencies. Kennedy had favored giving the attorney general the authority to allocate the federal aid.

And he criticized the handgun restriction because it was not strong enough.

No Changes Made

Despite arguments by liberals that the bill was "a cruel hoax" as an anticrime measure and was studded with unconstitutional features, the House Thursday accepted the Senate version without changing a word.

Among the dissenters were four California Democrats — Reps. Phillip Burton of San Francisco, Robert L. Leggett of Vallejo, John E. Moss of Sacramento and Jerome R. Waldie of Antioch.

The 13 others who voted against the anticrime bill were:

Reps. Richard Bolling (D-Mo.), Frank M. Clark (D-Pa.), John Conyers (D-Mich.), Thomas B. Curtis (R-Mo.), Charles C. Diggs Jr. (D-Mich.), John D. Dingell (D-Mich.), Thomas S. Foley (D-Wash.), Donald M. Fraser (D-Minn.), Henry B. Gonzalez (D-Tex.), Robert W. Kastenmeier (D-Wis.), Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii), Henry S. Reuss (D-Wis.) and William Fitts Ryan (D-N.Y.).

Despite the President's reservations about much of the bill, a White House aide said he is expected "to go along with it as the best he can get at the moment."

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Girl in May 1

a Dot Dress Sought; Accompanied Assassin

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Times Staff Writer

An all-points bulletin issued by police as speculation that the man who shot Robert F. Kennedy may be the assassin of the brother of the late President John F. Kennedy.

But reports that an arrest had been made by police said Thursday.

"Prior to the shooting," reads, "suspect was a female, 23-27 years, 5 feet tall, wearing a white three-quarter sleeve black polka dots."

The woman was wearing dark type hair."

Rampart division issued the bulletin after statements from more than 10 persons in the hours after the fatal shooting.

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the assassination of the brother of the late President John F. Kennedy.

The first reference to a "girl in a white polka dot dress" came from a 20-year-old Youth for Kennedy worker at the Ambassador about an hour after the shooting.

She told of going outside for some air about midnight and of being "out on the terrace" during the senator's victory remarks to the crowd inside.

Her story of seeing the woman run down the steps and saying, "We shot him!" electrified viewers of a televised interview about an hour after the shooting.

Police said Thursday they talked to Sandy Serrano, 20, the Altadena Youth for Kennedy worker, again Wednesday night.

Some other persons at the hotel the night the senator and five others were shot by the assassin told of seeing the suspect with a girl in a white dress earlier in the evening. Some said there was a third person, a dark young man, with them.

One witness, Booker Griffin, head of the Los Angeles chapter of the Negro Industrial and Economic Union, said he saw a girl, "pale and wearing a white dress," at the assassination scene. He said he had seen the same girl earlier in the evening with a man he believed to be the assassin.

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HAD KENNEDY SURVIVED

He Might Have Been Kept in Respirator

BY HARRY NELSON
Times Medical Editor

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy probably would have been confined to a respirator for life and possibly would have been impaired intellectually had he lived.

This appraisal, drawn Thursday from a medical source who asked not to be identified, clarified a report of the six-hour autopsy performed early Thursday morning by Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, county medical examiner, and a team of pathologists.

In presenting the preliminary results of the autopsy, the medical examiner told a press conference that Kennedy's death was due to a "gunshot wound of the right mastoid penetrating the brain."

Refuses to Answer

But he declined to answer questions which would have allowed an understanding of the extent of the injuries in terms of body and brain function.

He indicated but did not actually say that pressure on the brain stem due to swelling of the brain and bleeding was a major factor in causing the 42-year-old senator's death.

Dr. Noguchi said that the secondary pressure effect, rather than the penetration of the .22-caliber bullet, caused the brain stem damage.

The brain stem is at the base of the brain and is

the center of control for the vital functions of breathing and heart beat.

A medical source said that the damage to the brain stem and cerebellum would have caused "terrible impairment to Kennedy's motor control and perhaps kept him inside a respirator subject to cardiac arrest."

He said the senator very likely would have had to receive nourishment by tubes and possibly would have been impaired intellectually due to damage to the cerebrum, the thinking part of the brain.

Dr. Noguchi admitted in the press conference that there was X-ray evidence of fragments of the bullet in the right cerebrum.

He added, however, that the X rays require further examination before cerebral damage can be stated for certain.

Kennedy aides said several times on Wednesday that the senator's thinking processes had not been affected.

Dr. Noguchi said the complete findings of the autopsy team will be compiled in an official document available "in due time."

Basically Upward

Some of these findings may possibly be ready in a few days, he said. He explained that it takes time to complete some of the analyses, including microscopic tests of brain tissue and other vital or-

gans and a study of the X rays taken before and after death.

The medical examiner said that scattered fragments of a single bullet and pieces of bone damaged the right side of the brain.

He declined to state the exact trajectory of the bullet, which entered the head behind the right ear through the mastoid bone, except to say that the trajectory was "from right to left and basically upward."

In response to questions, he said that the artery that serves the cerebellum was severed and he indicated that other blood vessels had been severed but declined to be specific.

Dr. Noguchi was assisted in the autopsy by Dr. John E. Holloway, deputy medical examiner, and Dr. Abraham I. Abraham, deputy medical examiner in charge of neuropathology.

Dr. Noguchi said the team received aid from three members of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C. It was learned that these members were Col. Pierre Figue, Comdr. Charles Stahl and Kenneth Earle, chief of neuropathology.

A second bullet was found in the lower portion of the back of the neck, just beneath the skin. The physician said entry of this bullet was by way of the back of the right armpit.

The autopsy was performed at Good Samaritan Hospital.

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One of Five Wounded in Hotel Gunfire Released by Hospital

One of the five persons shot with Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was discharged from the hospital Thursday and the others were reported recovering satisfactorily.

Going back to his home at 4077 Hayvenhurst Ave. in Encino from Encino Hospital was Ira Goldstein, 19. He suffered a bullet wound in the left hip.

Recovering at Kaiser Foundation Hospital were Paul Schrade, 43, United Auto Workers regional director, of 4150 S. Hillcrest Drive, and ABC television newsman William Weisel, 30, of Washington.

Both were reported in satisfactory condition although Schrade was still in the hospital's intensive care unit. Schrade suffered a scalp wound. Weisel was wounded in the abdomen.

Irwin Stroll, 17, of 6089 Horner St., was reported in good condition at Midway Hospital, where he is recovering from a bullet wound in the lower left calf.

The fifth victim, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, 43, of Saugus, was reported in excellent condition at Huntington Memorial Hospital, where she was treated for a scalp wound.

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Yorty to Head L.A. Funeral Delegation

City councilmen adjourned in memory of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy Thursday and authorized a 5-member delegation to represent the council at his funeral in New York Saturday.

Mayor Sam Yorty will head the official Los Angeles party, which will include Councilmen Billy G. Mills, Paul H. Lamport, Edmund D. Edelman, Gilbert W. Lindsay, Arthur Snyder and Deputy Mayor Joseph M. Quinn.

The delegation will fly East this morning.

The council adjourned until Monday, when items scheduled for the Thursday and Friday calendars will be considered, including the proposed 1968-69 budget.

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President Sets Sunday as Day of Mourning

Requests Public to 'Walk
Together Through This
Dark Night of Anguish'

BY TOM LAMBERT
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—President Johnson, seeking to compose a grieving public as he did after John F. Kennedy was slain in 1963, Thursday proclaimed Sunday as a day of national mourning for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The President was awakened shortly before sunrise Thursday and told of Sen. Kennedy's death in Los Angeles. He then issued a statement, saying "this is a time of tragedy and loss." He urged the public "to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

The day-of-mourning proclamation also directs that the U.S. Flag be flown at half-staff on all federal facilities and vessels throughout the world until Sen. Kennedy is buried Saturday in Arlington National Cemetery, probably alongside his brother, John F. Kennedy.

In his statement of eulogy, the President said:

"Robert Kennedy affirmed this country—affirmed the essential decency of its people, their longing for peace, their desire to improve conditions of life for all.

More Than Share of Tragedy

"During his life, he knew far more than his share of personal tragedy.

"Yet he never abandoned his faith in America. He never lost his confidence in the spiritual strength of ordinary men and women.

"He believed in the capacity of the young for excellence and in the right of the old and poor to a life of dignity.

"Our public life is diminished by his loss.

"Mrs. Johnson and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and his family.

"I have issued a proclamation calling upon our nation to observe a day of mourning for Robert Kennedy."

In addition to issuing his statement, Mr. Johnson and his wife, Lady Bird, sent personal telegrams of condolence to the senator's parents and to Mrs. Ethel Kennedy. He also talked by telephone to Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy (D-Mass.) in Los Angeles.

Mr. Johnson then dispatched one of his four Air Force One jets to Los Angeles to carry Sen. Kennedy's body to New York. It was the same plane on which several Cabinet members were flying to Japan when they received word of John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Sen. Kennedy's death elicited a series of statements from government officials.

Vice President's Comment

Vice President Humphrey said the United States had lost "a great American, a man of deep concern, compassion and personal commitment."

Secretary of State Dean Rusk called the death "a grievous national loss and one which I myself feel very deeply."

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Wilbur J. Cohen said the "nation has lost a great dedicated leader, a man whose life and career inspired Americans young and old, rich and poor.

"An assassin's bullet has struck him down, but not these things he believed in and worked for. Let us who shared his beliefs pick up the burdens and challenges he has laid down, and let us all pray for an end to the violence and the hate which clouds this nation's promise and future."

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CONTEMPT FOR LIFE ASSAILED**Senate Breaks 'No Meeting'
Tradition to Give Eulogies**

WASHINGTON (UPI)—"What in the name of God has happened to us?"

"What does it take to awaken us from our deep sleep?"

"Are we so blind that we cannot see?"

"Are we so deaf that we cannot hear?"

"Are we so dumb that we cannot understand?"

With these questions, and with only a handful of senators present, Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) opened Thursday's meeting of the Senate. The galleries were half-filled with tourists. Vice President Humphrey presided.

The session broke the tradition under with the Senate usually adjourned immediately when one of its members dies.

But Mansfield told reporters he had been in touch with the Kennedy family and said, "They said this is what Bob would like to have done."

He introduced a resolution expressing the Senate's "profound sorrow and deep regret" at the death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Mansfield had delivered a eulogy to President John F. Kennedy in the Capitol rotunda following his assassination in 1963.

Now he delivered one to Robert Kennedy.

"The assassination of our late colleague . . . marked the passing of a man of courage, dedication, integrity and patriotism," he said.

"I grieve for my country and for the Kennedys—all of them."

He said, "We can learn from what

has taken place and attempt to find out the causes, seek the cures and do what we can to bring an end to the disrespect, irresponsibility and outright contempt for life and law which is so prevalent today."

One by one, other senators entered and delivered tributes.

Sen. John Pastore (D-R.I.) usually a fiery orator, spoke in hushed tones. He said Kennedy was a lawyer whose "clients were the penniless and the friendless."

The Senate's major work was its 75-0 approval of legislation granting Secret Service protection to all major presidential and vice presidential contenders.

Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D-Tex.), who was riding with Mr. Johnson behind the presidential limousine in Dallas when President Kennedy was shot, said:

"It is a terrible tragedy for the nation that two members of the most gifted family in public service in America should be struck down by criminal acts in the midst of one brilliant service and on the threshold of another . . . the nation is much poorer today."

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'BLACKEST DAY OF MY LIFE'**Sirhan's Father Says Son
'Deserves His Fate' if Guilty**

BY ELIAV SIMON

UPI Staff Writer

TEIBEH, Israeli-Occupied Jordan —The small gray-haired man kept shrugging his shoulders as he stood Thursday before his modest stone house in this sun-baked sleepy Christian village.

"I'm stupefied. I'm shocked. This is the blackest day of my life," said Bishara Sirhan. "I pray to the Almighty that this nightmare may pass."

Sirhan, for 52 years an unknown man, and his small village as ancient as the Bible suddenly became linked with a world-stunning deed in faraway Los Angeles. An elder from the village, Faiz Ba'ajis Muaddi, hurried to Sirhan's two-story house to tell him his fourth son, Sirhan, 24, had been charged with the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

"If my son did it, he deserves his fate," said the elder Sirhan, his lips quivering. "I always have had such deep admiration for the Kennedy family."

For a moment the father was silent in the summer sunshine. Then he looked up at his interviewer. His gray-green eyes blazed.

"How do you expect me to know why he shot Robert Kennedy?" He demanded.

Staring at the horizon as if talking to himself, he said, "My son was a talented boy, more than his four brothers. How he came to this is beyond me."

The accused assassin came from a religious Christian family. He was born in Jerusalem where the family of seven lived in the Armenian quarter. Young Sirhan went to a Lutheran school and the father said the family belongs to the Greek Orthodox Church.

"I am a religious man and have been all my life," said Bishara Sirhan. "I still am a steady churchgoer and read the Bible every day. My son as a child used to go to the Orthodox Church with me in Jerusalem every Sunday. We studied the Bible together."

The father worked for the British army during World War II at the city water supply and speaks nearly unaccented English. The family emigrated to the United States in 1957 but the quarreling parents separated and the father returned alone to his native land. He said he lives on a "very small" retirement pension, works part time on his small farm land and "I need no help."

The father said he last saw his son three years ago on a visit to the United States.

Teibeh village is built on several hills about 30 miles north of Jerusalem. Three handsome stone Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches on three hills testify to the times when the congregations were prosperous.

The father slipped an old tweed jacket over his white nylon shirt and bright blue tie and said, "I am very tired." He turned and walked slowly, heavily to a cafe in the village to escape a crowd of newsmen that descended on Teibeh.

In other cities, former Pasadena classmates of the accused assassin described the boy from a broken home as a quiet, brilliant youth who kept to himself.

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In Saigon, Lt. William A. Spangler, 24, of Pasadena, recalled Sirhan was "a taciturn individual who did not say very much. Friendly, really pleasant, but hard to get to know."

'He Was Brilliant'

"He was brilliant. He was studying Russian when everyone else was barely getting by in Spanish and English," the officer said.

Christian Blom, 23, a Swede who also was a classmate of Sirhan, said in Stockholm the young Arab "dreamed of being something big in Jordan after his studies in the United States. He was a calm, well-mannered boy, nothing evil about him."

Another classmate, now living in Mexico City, remembered Sirhan as "always so shy you hardly knew he was there. He sat in the back of the class, never saying much of anything."

Arabs in East Jerusalem where the family had lived were bitter to suggestions that Sirhan hated Kennedy for supporting Israel against Jordan.

"He's been living in America for 11 years. Why does he want to involve us?" a hotel owner asked.

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Indictment of Sirhan Sought

Indictment of Sirhan Will Be Sought Today

BY JERRY COHEN

Times Staff Writer

The district attorney's office will ask the grand jury today to indict Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24-year-old Jordanian refugee, for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger said Thursday that evidence against the onetime racetrack exercise boy would include testimony of 17 witnesses—none of them members of the slain senator's family.

Presentation of the evidence, he added, should be completed in one day. But, he noted, "it may be a long day."

The grand jury will convene at 9 a.m.

Younger's office could have skipped the grand jury proceeding merely by filing a formal murder complaint against the Jerusalem-born Pasadena resident.

But he decided to take the evidence to the grand jury, it is understood, in keeping with the maximum protection being afforded the slight, curly-haired suspect.

Hearing Required

Filing a complaint would have necessitated a preliminary hearing, a courtroom proceeding requiring the defendant's presence.

That would have meant transferring Sirhan from the tight security of his County Jail cell.

The secret grand jury machinery, hearing will not require Sirhan's presence.

Following Sen. Kennedy's death early Thursday in Good Samaritan Hospital, Municipal Judge Joan Dempsey Klein revoked the \$250,000 bail she previously had set for Sirhan.

The senator's death automatically made the case a capital one, and such a defendant is rarely granted bail.

Request Made by Deputy

Request for the revocation was made by Dep. Dist. Atty. John E. Howard, chief of Younger's special investigation division.

It was not opposed by Public Defender Richard Buckley, though Buckley commented: "I don't advocate it but I think it's the law."

Besides a murder indictment, the district attorney's office also will seek indictments against Sirhan for the wounding of five other persons early Wednesday in the Ambassador, Younger said.

The charge in those five cases, said the district attorney, will be either "assault with a deadly weapon to commit murder" or "assault with a deadly weapon" or both.

The suspect's family sent a telegram to that of the slain senator, saying, "We pray that God will make peace, really peace, in the hearts of people."

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The wire was signed by Mrs. Mary Sirhan, mother of the accused man and an employe of a Pasadena church nursery school.

The suspect and two brothers lived with Mrs. Sirhan in a neat, white frame house in Pasadena.

The residence appeared to be vacant Thursday but it was not known where family members had gone, only that they were in seclusion.

Nevertheless, Pasadena police kept a frequent patrol moving past the home which overnight became a magnet for sightseers.

Mrs. Sirhan's telegram said in full:

"It hurt us very bad what has happened and

we express our feelings with them and especially with the children and with Mrs. Kennedy and the mother and father. I want them to know that I am really crying for them all. And we pray that God will make peace, really peace, in the hearts of the people."

In the Israeli-occupied sector of Jordan, the suspect's father, 53-year-old Bishara Sirhan, commented: "I am very sorry. I brought my children up as best I could and to fear God. I am sorry for what happened."

"He deserves his fate if he did what they are saying."

The father lives alone in a stone cottage in the mountain village of Teibeh, overlooking Jericho.

Immigration records show he came to the United States with his family in 1957. He returned to the Near East in 1960.

His son, Sirhan, was born in 1944 in what then was the British mandate of Palestine.

The area in which he lived near Jerusalem was the scene of some of the bitterest fighting during Israel's war of independence and prolonged conflict with its Arab neighbors, among them Jordan. It apparently was during his childhood that young Sirhan developed his fierce resentment against Israel, a hatred—acquaintances believed—that he turned on Sen. Kennedy shortly after midnight Wednesday.

The Democratic presidential aspirant apparently became the target of his fury because of Kennedy's

outspoken support of Israel.

Mayor Yorty observed during a press conference Thursday:

"What's happened in Los Angeles is some of the bitterness of the conflict in the Middle East has been transferred to our city by an alien who came here embittered."

"(A man) who is still an alien, whose bitterness did not subside, even though living here in this free country where we don't have the type of bitterness that is historic in the area from which he came . . ."

One of the suspect's brothers, Saidallah, 36, was to have been sworn in as a U.S. citizen today, according to a U.S. District Court official.

However, immigration officials canceled his swearing in late Wednesday.

George Rosenberg, district director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, denied the shooting caused the cancellation.

He claimed it was canceled because the service had received reports of "motor vehicle violations" by Saidallah Sirhan, 1659 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena, and he added:

"It has to be established that each petitioner (for citizenship) has demonstrated good moral character for the last five years."

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Pitchess, Deputies Receive Threats on Life of Defendant

BY RICHARD WEST

Times Staff Writer

Nearly a dozen threats to kill the accused slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy "at the first opportunity" have been received by Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess and his deputies, Pitchess said Thursday.

Several of the threats indicated an attempt on the life of the suspect, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, would be made when he is being taken from the central jail to court, Pitchess told a news conference at the jail.

And one anonymous person "threatened to blow up the building."

The threats, received both by mail and telephone, also were directed against sheriff's personnel because they are protecting the suspect, the sheriff said.

Informed in General Sense

"We are conducting a complete examination of those threats," Pitchess said.

Asked if he had informed Sirhan of the threats, Pitchess said:

"Only in a general sense when I told him what our responsibility was . . . and requested his cooperation in protecting his life."

The sheriff said the suspect "hasn't complained of our over-protectiveness."

(Threats to shoot Gov. Reagan and State Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch have been made by telephone to their Los Angeles offices, according to Thomas MacDonald, executive assistant to Lynch.

(The callers, however, made no mention of the assassination of Sen. Kennedy in connection with their threats.

(A state officer was ordered to guard the office of Lynch, who is in Los Angeles. Gov. Reagan is in Sacramento.)

Probably no prisoner in the history of the county has ever been held under such tight security measures as Sirhan, Pitchess indicated.

The sheriff said Sirhan is confined in a single cell on the second floor of the jail's infirmary section. The cell has no outside window.

One deputy remains in the cell with the prisoner at all times, Pitchess said, while another stands outside in the corridor and watches the cell through a small window in the door.

Four more deputies are nearby and can be summoned in seconds if needed.

All personnel who come up to the area — doctors and all — are searched before they are allowed to go in, Pitchess said.

No other prisoners are being held in the area of Sirhan's cell, the sheriff said, although there are about 10 or 12 inmates in distant wings . . . in locked cells.

The elevator, too, has been closed off at this floor, he said.

"We also are maintaining constant surveillance of the entire building by squad car and uniformed personnel," Pitchess said.

At one time Wednesday, he added, there were 10 deputies in five squad cars patrolling the grounds around the jail.

The sheriff said Sirhan spends most of his time on his bunk because of a sprained left ankle and a fractured left index finger suffered when he was seized after he allegedly shot Kennedy at the Ambassador.

Sirhan is allowed, however, to exercise by walking up and down the 40-foot-long corridor outside his cell.

Pitchess said Sirhan asked for and was given copies of the Los Angeles Times and the Herald-Examiner on both Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

All prisoners are allowed to buy daily newspapers, Pitchess added.

Sirhan also requested and received two books on theosophy — "The Secret Doctrine," by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, and

"Talks On 'At the Feet of the Master,'" by C. W. Leadbeater.

(Mme. Blavatsky was the Russian-born founder of the theosophical movement. She died in 1891 at the age of 60. "The Secret Doctrine" is an elaborate exposition of the basic ideas of theosophy.

(Her doctrines hold that persons can obtain a wisdom superior to that of historical religion, empirical philosophy or science by direct intuitions of supersensible reality.

(Leadbeater's 522-page book, published in 1923, is a critique of "At the Feet of the Master," a theosophical work by Jiddu Krishnamurti published in 1895.)

Pitchess said there are no plans to transfer Sirhan from his infirmary cell

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even when he recovers from his minor injuries.

The sheriff was asked if a judge might be taken to Sirhan's cell for any legal proceedings instead of the prisoner being taken to court.

Pitchess replied that would be decided after the case goes before the grand jury today.

The sheriff's department also is responsible for the security of Sirhan's mother and two brothers, Pitchess said.

"My information is that they have moved from one address to another," Pitchess said. "We are observing that home with increased patrols."

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Robert Francis Kennedy

He called, eloquently and repeatedly and with heart-felt fervor, for an end to violence and division within the land. Yet within minutes after his last summons to a course of decency and tolerance he had become the victim of blind hatred.

He succeeded in rallying, as have few others in our time, the energies and allegiances and creative instincts of many, particularly the young, the disaffected, the outcast. Then, with an irony which he would have understood, for personal tragedy had burned in him a deep awareness of the capriciousness of life, his crusade was brought to an end by one of life's losers.

Robert Francis Kennedy was many things to many people. But his special identification with the young of this nation, with the racial minorities, with the inarticulate poor longing for a voice and a role in their country's fate, made him beyond all else a symbol of hope for those who might otherwise have succumbed to despair or cynicism or a wandering after false prophets.

Politics is all too seldom a noble business. But it can energize in individual men talents for summoning in others a fresh or even unknown dedication to justice and humanity. There is nothing nobler than this. Robert Kennedy, in this season of discontent, possessed and used such talent to its fullest.

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Those who answered his call bear witness not simply to the efficacy of his personal appeal but to a far more important fact: their commitment to the cause he represented serves as a ratification of the possibilities of progress through constructive action.

That commitment cannot be allowed to dissipate.

The final test of a successful leader is whether he can impart to those he leaves behind the will and the vision to carry on. Robert Kennedy knew this. Now it is up to those who marched behind his banner, particularly the young and the racial minorities, to show that they know it too.

Nothing would do his memory greater honor than if they choose this course. Perhaps nothing would do the nation greater harm than if they abandoned it. For assuredly we are a nation in deep need of continuing self-criticism and examination of our national values.

In saying this we by no means accept the glib assertion that ours is a "sick society," one in which acts of individual violence, like the murder of Sen. Kennedy, can somehow be twisted into accusations of mass guilt and rationalizations for the destruction of the whole fabric.

It is not a sick society, after all, which can share unanimously in the collective horror caused by the assassination of its leaders, that can cry out as with one voice in an expression of tortured conscience and shame at acts of individual lunacy.

A sick society, no.

But at the same time we cannot shun the signs that we are very much a threatened society, in which values are allowed to erode through rationalized indifference, wherein moral complacency and institutionalized permissiveness work to create an environment in which mass social sickness may indeed become the rule.

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We see ourselves as a threatened society when the vicarious violence and aggressiveness of the "entertainment" media inevitably work to encourage a gradual tolerance of actual violence.

We see ourselves as a threatened society when we behold a culture subtly immunizing itself to all but the greatest pain and suffering. We celebrate arts and fashions that too often are the subconscious reflectors as well as the overt expressions of cruelty and chaos. Our senses are dulled by constant assault and our judgments are warped by fear of exercising self-discipline and self-restraint.

We consider ourselves a threatened society when we view the emergence of an appalling double-standard of toleration in the conduct of human affairs, wherein adults of supposed maturity and reason accept the destructive nihilism of a minority of the young, while professing

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horror at the actions of constituted
authority. We see personal selfishness
practiced in a thousand ways while true
compassion is forgotten.

These are but a few of the early warning
signs that indeed threaten to make us a
sick society. They will not be answered by
apathy or despair or unreasoned anger,
but only by the kind of true self re-
examination for which Robert Kennedy
spoke and gave his life.

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Despite Rebuke, Yorty Again Discusses Sirhan

Latest Comments on Data in Notebooks Follow Lynch Criticism, Younger Remarks

BY GENE BLAKE

Times Staff Writer

Phoned Yorty

Mayor Sam Yorty Thursday again publicly discussed the possible Communist sympathies of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's accused assassin, despite Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch's criticism of such comments.

Yorty told a televised news conference in the auditorium of the Police Administration Building that he does not believe release of such information would prevent Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, from getting a fair trial.

The mayor dwelt at length on writings in two stenographer's notebooks allegedly found in Sirhan's home in Pasadena. They purportedly betrayed Communist sympathies and a timetable to kill Sen. Kennedy by June 5.

Concern Told

Even as Yorty spoke, Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger was holding another news conference in the Hall of Justice and expressing concern over release of that very type of information.

Younger said he was not criticizing anyone, but he cited the notebooks as an example of material which might not be received in evidence at the trial.

Police Chief Tom Reddin, it was noted by Younger, has been "very careful with his remarks." Reddin accompanied the mayor to Thursday's news conference and chatted with him briefly, but left the room before it began.

Lynch said he telephoned Yorty on Wednesday afternoon shortly after the mayor first released information about the material in the notebooks in a televised news conference.

"I told him I was concerned about that kind of statement because it referred to evidence that would have to be ruled upon by the court," Lynch said. "He said he wasn't going to make any more statements like that."

Yorty conceded that he had "in a sense" been "criticized by Lynch" but added:

"I told him that I'm also a lawyer. He said, 'Yes, you're a very good one.' and I said, 'I'm in a position here where I have to try to exercise my judgment as to what the public is entitled to know about this case and still protect the accused and his right to a fair trial.'"

Yorty said he is just as concerned as Lynch that Sirhan receives a fair trial.

'So Much Evidence'

"I don't see how you could prejudice the trial unless you made highly inflammatory accusations that might inflame a whole area and people," he said.

"There is so much evidence already that I don't see how revealing some of the background could be prejudicial..."

"I certainly would not do anything to make a fair

trial impossible. None of us want to do that."

Lynch, however, said the material may or may not be admitted as evidence in the trial and if there is a conviction it will be his duty to handle the appeal.

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Attorney Grant B. Cooper, a past president of the Los Angeles County Bar Assn., sent Yorty this blistering telegram:

"As a member of the State Bar of this state I am shocked, chagrined and horrified at your lack of understanding of the fundamentals of American justice."

"The district attorney, your chief of police and all the news media have comported themselves with becoming dignity during this trying time."

"You would be doing a great service to the cause of justice by leaving the Sirhan case to be tried in the courts and not in the press, radio, or television."

Cooper was a member of the American Bar Assn.'s Reardon committee on fair trial and free press and continues as a member of the successor committee seeking to implement its recommendations.

Also critical of Yorty was the American Civil Liberties Union, which released this statement:

"The ACLU of Southern California regrets that Mayor Yorty seems compelled to discuss the character and background of the accused assassin of Sen. Kennedy."

"Regardless of the evidence available to the prosecution, the defendant has a right to a jury unprejudiced by inflammatory comments. The mayor's comments are at best ill-advised."

Linked to Car

In his news conference, Yorty again linked Sirhan to a car reportedly observed near a meeting of the W.E.B. DuBois Club, named by the FBI and the Justice Department as a Communist front.

When pressed for details, however, Yorty admitted he had no evidence which would place Sirhan at a meeting of the club.

Dorothy Healey, chairman of the Communist Party in Southern California, said the DuBois clubs have had no headquarters here for two and a half years and no chapter for more than a year.

She called Yorty's reference to the group an attempt "to use this monstrous killing of Kennedy to his own political advantage in a most despicable way."

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Sirhan hurt in horse fall in Norco

The fall from a horse which is said to have marked a change in his life was suffered by the suspect in the slaying of Sen. Robert Kennedy on a ranch in the Norco area on Sept. 24, 1966.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan struck his head on a fence rail early in the morning after falling from a horse.

The 24-year-old suspect's mother, Mary Sirhan, said in Pasadena yesterday that since the fall "I can't talk to him."

Dr. Paul Nilsson, of Corona, was one of three Corona doctors who treated Sirhan after his 7:30 a.m. fall.

The young man was admitted to Corona Community Hospital on Sept. 24 and discharged the next day, according to Dr. Nilsson. He had complained that his eyesight had been affected by the fall, the doctor said, but the three doctors could find no evidence of that kind of injury.

Sirhan had told the doctors that he was working for a party who owned horses in the Norco area. On medical insurance forms he had stated that he was employed by Altillisch Construction Company in Corona.

A secretary for that firm said today that Sirhan had "worked here sometime ago" but that the management of the company had left instructions that the latter was not to be discussed with anyone except the FBI.

It had also been reported that Sirhan had been working at the time for the Ellsworth Ranch near Chino. But spokesmen there said there was no record of Sirhan Sirhan having been employed there in the last five years.

Bill Lane, business manager of the ranch, located just east of Chino and halfway between Pomona and Corona, said that it was possible that the suspect had worked there under a different name.

Corona Community Hospital indicated that Sirhan during his stay in the hospital had said that he was an exercise boy at the Ellsworth Ranch.

The FBI yesterday interviewed all persons connected with Sirhan's stay in the area.

The other Corona doctors who treated Sirhan were Dr. Richard Nelson and Dr. Milton Miller.

Police say Sirhan is a cool, close-mouthed Jordanian. Mayor Samuel W. Yorty of Los Angeles says Sirhan apparently wrote in a 9-by-12 inch notebook about "the necessity to assassinate Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

Many — neighbors, former employers and authorities — say he hates Jews.

"All I know is he is a nice kid," says one of his four brothers.

In Israeli-occupied Jordan, Sirhan's father, 53-year-old Bishara Sirhan, commented, "I am very, very sorry. I brought up my children as best I could and to fear God. I am sorry for what happened."

The jobless father lives alone in a stone cottage in the sleepy mountain village of Taiyeba, overlooking Jericho.

Los Angeles County sheriff's officers refused to say if Sirhan had been told of Kennedy's death. They also declined to comment whether security around the prisoner had been increased.

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Yorty Hits Criticism Of Diaries Disclosure

By TOM BUCKLEY

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Mayor Samuel W. Yorty has dismissed as "political nonsense," criticism of his disclosure of the alleged contents of two dairies kept by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

"If they haven't got enough evidence to convict this man, then we need to get someone else to prosecute," Yorty said.

One notebook, according to the mayor, contains entries saying that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy had to be killed "by June 5."

Evelle J. Younger, the district attorney of Los Angeles County,

said the public disclosure of documents that might not be admitted as evidence could provide grounds for an appeal in the event of a conviction.

While he declined to go further, it was learned from other sources that Younger feared that the notebooks might be inadmissible because they were taken from Sirhan's home without a search warrant.

"We had the permission of his brother Munir," the source said, "but we didn't have the warrant. It's a narrow point but it might not satisfy the judge, and any lawyer worth his salt would have to raise the objection."

The brothers lived in the same house.

Even if the notebooks were rejected as evidence, the source added, a defense lawyer might contend, in the event of conviction that the disclosure of their contents had created a climate of opinion in which a fair trial became impossible.

Thomas C. Lynch, the state attorney general, acknowledged that he had cautioned the mayor to be guarded in his statements on the case.

Meanwhile, Yorty, at his second news conference in two days, said his disclosure was in the public interest.

"Because this happened in our city I think our people have a right to know," he declared.

Later in the day, it was learned that Yorty had assured President Johnson by telephone yesterday that he would do all in his power to see that the handling of the case did not stir up a controversy such as the one that followed the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas.

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Police are investigating indications that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's assassination was a well-planned conspiracy and not the deed of a lone nationalistic terrorist.

Revelation of this twist came after it was learned a Kennedy campaign worker heard three swarthy men speaking in Arabic last Sunday at Kennedy headquarters. One of the trio is believed to have been Sirhan Sirhan, jailed in connection with Kennedy's assassination.

W. J. Wood, 43, who has returned to the U.S. after 5½ years in Saudi Arabia and speaks five Arabic dialects including Jordanese, said he first saw the three at Kennedy headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard Sunday while doing volunteer telephone work there.

"I just noticed them casually because I thought they were workers, but they weren't doing much real work. They were speaking quietly in English and I didn't pay any attention to what they were saying.

"But then they began speaking in Arabic in a distinct Jordanese dialect which I understand.

"One of them, and I don't remember which one, said:

"He won't be in the hotel tomorrow (Monday) night, but we can get him there the next night (Tuesday)."

Wood said he paid no attention to the three men, although they appeared at headquarters again Monday. He thought nothing of their conversation until Wednesday when he recognized a picture of Sirhan as one of the three he had seen at Kennedy headquarters.

Wood was picked up at his motel by Los Angeles police twice yesterday and questioned at length on his observations, according to Wood's brother.

Wood's account, coupled with

The Herald-Examiner learned more than 75 law enforcement officers are working full-time on the assassination case with headquarters set up at Los Angeles police's Rampart Division not far from the Ambassador Hotel and Good Samaritan Hos-

Of the total number, between 15 and 20 per cent are either FBI or Secret Service agents assigned to the case by the federal government.

A source close to the investigation said he did not know the exact number of federal agents supplied but said:

"We were told we could have as many of them as we needed." a police search for a Caucasian woman seen running from the shooting scene, and testimony of another man who saw a woman and man flee the pantry hall where the shooting occurred, appears to draw a picture of conspiracy.

Police are guarded in their comments of such a possibility.

However, a high police official said the new evidence is the most substantial so far concerning a conspiracy.

The woman in a polka dot dress reportedly was seen moments after the shooting, running from the Ambassador Hotel saying:

"We shot him, we shot him."

When Kennedy campaign worker Sandy Serrano asked who was shot, the woman replied, "Kennedy," to Miss Serrano.

Booker Griffin, another witness, said he saw a woman who matched the description given by Miss Serrano, talking to a man who strongly resembled Sirhan in the Ambassador Hotel ballroom before the shooting.

"They just didn't seem to fit. Everyone was happy and they didn't fit in. Then as Sen. Kennedy was leaving the platform I followed behind and saw the whole thing. I saw the shots and I saw this same woman and another man run through a door in the hallway.

"I yelled 'Stop them, they're getting away.'"

Griffin said his cries went unheeded because of the confusion. He said before the con-

front anyone to listen, he was pushed backward by Kennedy aides who were clearing the immediate area of the shooting.

Wood, a water geologist, said he worked for the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Agriculture and is back in this country seeking work.

Police did broadcast an all-points bulletin to pick up the young woman for questioning almost 24 hours before revealing the move. They have been extremely secretive regarding their questioning of Wood.

"At yesterday's press confer-

ence, Mayor Yorty mentioned several times that a car Sirhan was known to drive was seen parked outside meeting places for the W. E. B. DuBois Club, a leftist-oriented activist group with a membership composed mostly of students.

Secrecy involved in the investigation has been excused by some civic officials as an effort to compile a dossier of evidence uncompromised by public exposure because of recent Supreme Court decisions on pre-trial revelation of evidence.

District Attorney Everelle Younger indirectly criticized Mayor Yorty for revealing contents of a loose leaf journal kept by

Sirhan. It espoused Jordanian causes, Communist sympathy and anti-capitalist tracts. It also expressed a need to "get rid of"

But the mayor, an attorney himself, said the journal in no way would affect the trial outcome since Sirhan will be tried on a murder charge and not political philosophy. He said all the prosecutor must prove is that a given suspect did, in fact, fire a weapon which fatally wounded Kennedy.

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West Germany Recalls Visits of Two Brothers

BY OSGOOD CARUTHERS

Times Staff Writer

BONN—West Germany felt the stunning shock of the news of the death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy Thursday from the highest officials, many of whom knew him personally, to the ordinary people who had never seen him before.

Although there was no official state of mourning, flags on many West German office and government buildings were lowered to half-staff. Radio broadcasts were repeatedly interrupted by the latest news bulletins. Most stations throughout the nation changed their programs after the first news of Kennedy's death was announced and played solemn music.

Messages of condolence were sent by President Heinrich Luebke, Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger, Foreign Minister Willy Brandt, President of the Bundestag Eugen Gerstenmaier and the leaders of political parties, trade unions and other organizations.

Onetime Hosts

There was almost universal mourning throughout isolated West Berlin, whose populace had been the warmly enthusiastic hosts of the late President John F. Kennedy and his younger brother Robert. The West Berlin Senate observed a moment of silence at its regular meeting Thursday morning. Deputy Mayor Kurt Neubauer, acting in the absence of Mayor Klaus Schuetz, who is visiting Jerusalem, sent a message recalling Robert Kennedy's visits in 1962 and

1964. He also recalled how John Kennedy had won the hearts of that city's population by declaring from the city hall steps, "Ich bin ein Berliner."

He recalled that the city fathers had honored Robert Kennedy with the Ernst Reuter Silver Medal for outstanding service to society and the philosophical faculty at the Free University had presented him with an honorary doctorate.

"Robert Kennedy is as irreplaceable as his brother, John F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King," Neubauer's message to the family said. "These three men embody the best traditions of the United States and they pointed out to us as to their own people the way to future justice. Berliners in sorrow feel close to Robert Kennedy's widow and children. Berlin thanks Robert Kennedy. He was like his brother 'ein Berliner.'"

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Angry Africans Ask: Is U.S. Civilized?

BY STANLEY MEISLER
Times Staff Writer

NAIROBI—An African worker heard the news and asked in even, bitter tones, "Are the Americans supposed to be civilized?"

Higher-ranking Africans, like Tom Mboya, Kenya's minister for economic planning and development, were no less caustic when they were told that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy had died of an assassin's bullet in Los Angeles.

Mboya, who is often criticized here for being a favorite of the American government, said angrily, "America's image will never be the same again. It is tarnished . . ."

Comments generally were tinged with far more anger than they were when Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated two months ago, even though Africans could identify with him as a black man.

In remote areas of the African bush, where villagers hardly know the name of their own president, a visitor could often find a photo of President Kennedy clipped from a magazine and nailed to a mud wall.

Perhaps the attachment to the Kennedys came because they seemed to project youth, vitality, enthusiasm for change, and sympathy for Africa. Certainly, African leaders have often felt that of all leading American politicians, only the Kennedys were really interested in Africa. Sen. Kennedy showed this interest by visiting black Africa and South Africa two years ago.

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Young Affected Most in Latin America

BY FRANCIS B. KENT
Times Staff Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO—The assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy evoked a flood of official condolences Thursday from Latin America's chiefs of state.

None of them, however, reflected the depth of the loss felt by those who identified most closely with the young senator.

These are the young people, the students, for whom the name Kennedy was touched with magic, who felt that the man gunned down in Los Angeles was fated to reach out again with the helping hand extended to this part of the world by the late President John F. Kennedy.

"The death of your Sen. Kennedy was more than the death of a man," a 20-year-old Rio student observed. "It was, possibly, the end of an era, the end of the hopes of our generation."

His words could have been spoken — probably were echoed — in Mexico City, Lima, Santiago, Buenos Aires.

For Sen. Kennedy, after the assassination of his brother in Dallas five years ago, had become a symbol of youthful hopes and aspirations in Latin America.

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Unruh Urges Winning Slate to Remain United

But Some Members Say Delegation Will Split; Moves Toward McCarthy Debated

BY CARL GREENBERG

Times Political Editor

Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, head of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's California delegation, Thursday asked that its 172 members maintain unity until they can meet.

But some slate members privately predicted they will split.

Unruh and a delegation of legislators will fly to New York today to attend funeral services for the assassinated candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Canceling a slate meeting that had been scheduled for Saturday, Unruh issued a statement that said in part:

"In our grief, it is, of course, impossible for any of us at this time to give consideration to the political direction our delegation should take in the wake of the tragedy that has befallen us.

Common Cause

"We are, nonetheless, bound together in a common cause — serving the memory of Robert F. Kennedy, if not his actual being—and I know that all members of the delegation will remain united until such time as we can jointly assess our situation."

He said that "depending on circumstances" he hopes the delegation can meet within the next two weeks.

Some delegates who declined to be identified said they had been informed that approaches had been made to a number of others on the slate asking whether they would support the candidacies of Vice President Humphrey or Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy.

However, the mood of the delegates was that they would not commit themselves at this time and there was no direct evidence that such solicitations actually were being made by authorized persons.

A Humphrey source branded such activity as "ghoulish."

Paul Ziffren, former Democratic national committeeman and a Kennedy delegate, voiced hope all slate members will cast their ballot on the first roll call at the national convention for Sen. Kennedy.

"This is the very least we can do to honor the memory of the man to whom we were pledged," he said.

Another prominent member of the delegation who asked that he not be named said that among

other considerations, much may depend on what the slain Kennedy's brother, Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy (D-Mass.), may do.

He also said that "I don't see how the moral force of the Kennedy campaign could be transferred to Humphrey, because it was based on a need for change in our national policies."

"If the choice is limited to Humphrey or McCarthy, it would have to be McCarthy," he said.

"It may be that the McCarthy and Kennedy people would come around to Humphrey but insist on a platform that reflected their thinking on Vietnam and the problems of the cities."

Various sources said they believe Edward Kennedy might be pressured to accept the vice presidential nomination but doubted he would agree.

Legally, the delegates, who were formally pledged to Robert Kennedy, now are free agents. They can go their individual ways politically if they so desire when they get to the convention.

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Writers, photographers and their equipment
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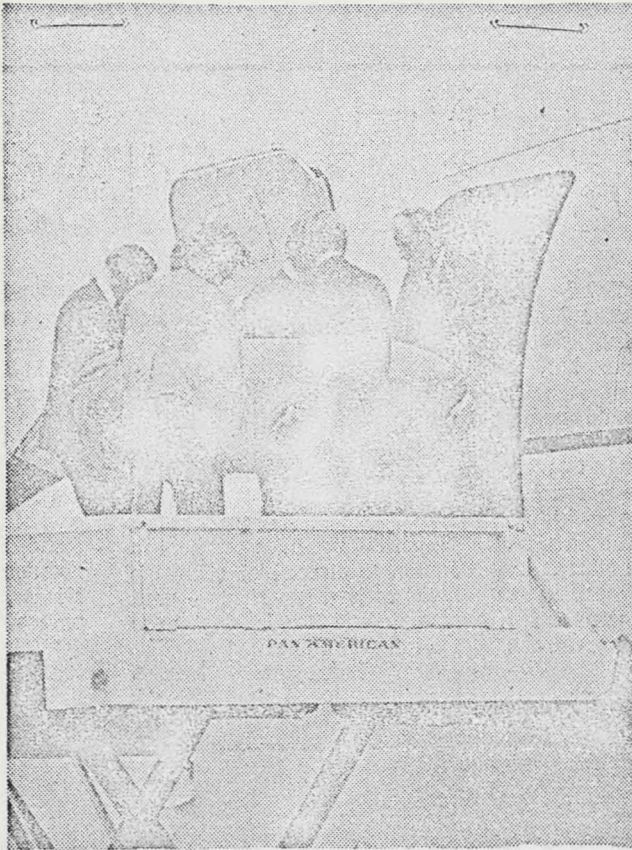
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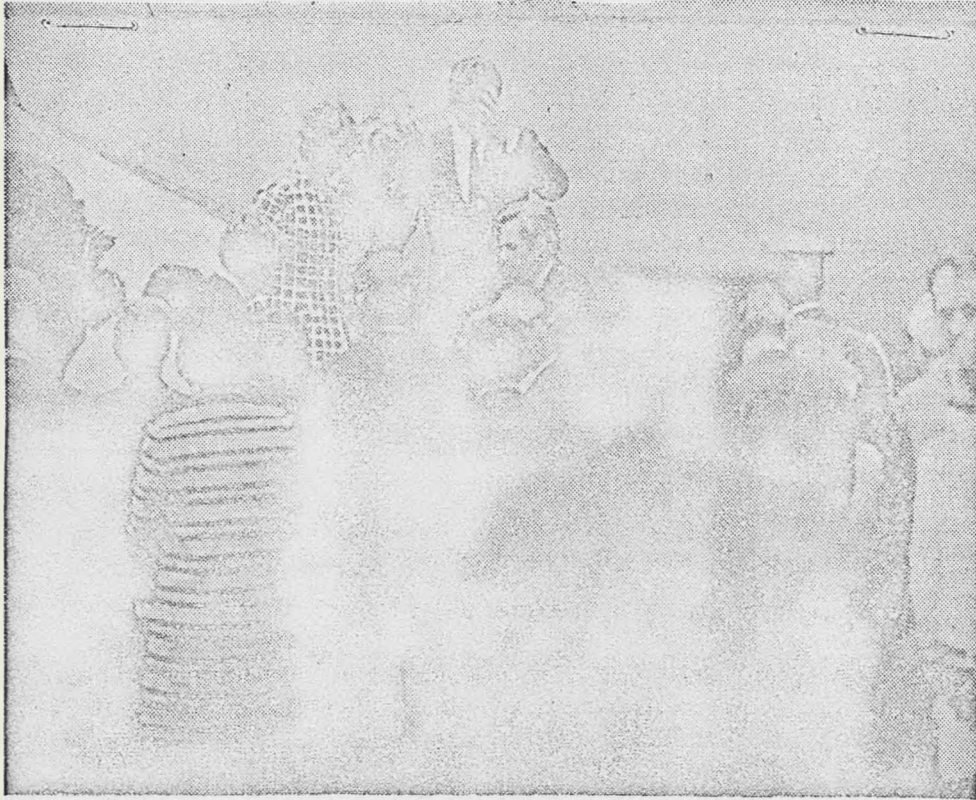
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Airport lift raises body of Sen. Kennedy to plane
"preparatory to removal to New York"



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— Sen. Edward Kennedy and widow of Sen. R. F. Kennedy
accompany casket on airport hydraulic lift. —

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Israel Sends Condolence Messages

The Israel consulate in Los Angeles today released the text of telegrams sent by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy and President Johnson expressing grief over the death of Sen. Kennedy.

The Jewish political leader said in a wire to the wife of the assassinated presidential candidate that he hoped the murder would shock mankind "into the realization that blind hatred, leading to crude violence must not remain the mental food of the young anywhere."

Eshkol also said in a telegram to President Johnson that his government and people offered their condolences to the American people.

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All Gunfire Victims Now Recovering

UAW western regional director Paul Schrade, wounded in the barrage of gunfire which claimed the life of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, continues to improve today in the intensive care unit of Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Los Angeles.

Schrade was shot in the head — as was Kennedy — but the bullet did not penetrate the brain.

The bullet fragmented and caused a depressed skull fracture, according to neurosurgeon Kaspar Fuchs. Fuchs indicated, however, that all fragments have been removed.

Remains Conscious

Schrade — a member of the Kennedy presidential delegation — remains conscious and is described as being in good condition.

Three other persons wounded during the incident at the Ambassador Hotel remain in various hospitals in the Los Angeles area.

One person, 19-year-old Ira Goldstein, of 4077 Hayvenhurst Ave., Encino, was released earlier. He was wounded in the left hip.

Newsman Recovering

An ABC television network newsman, William Weisel, also is in Kaiser Hospital where he is said to be in good condition after being wounded in the left abdomen. Hospital spokesmen said he will be released in "several days."

A 43-year-old Saugus resident, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans — who received head wounds — is in good condition at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena. Officials at the hospital said the date for her release has not been set.

Another youth, 17-year-old Irwin Stroll, of 6089 Horner St., is in good condition in Midway Hospital suffering from a wound in the lower left leg. He is in good condition, but will remain in the hospital.

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Yorty Again Discusses Sirhan's Possible Ties Despite Rebuke

Latest Comments on Information in Notebooks Follow
Lynch's Criticism, Younger's Statement on Trial Effect

BY GENE BLAKE

Times Staff Writer

Mayor Sam Yorty Thursday again publicly discussed the possible Communist sympathies of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's accused assassin, despite Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch's criticism of such comments.

Yorty told a televised news conference in the auditorium of the Police Administration Building that he does not believe release of such information would prevent Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, from getting a fair trial.

The mayor dwelt at length on writings in two stenographer's notebooks allegedly found in Sirhan's home in Pasadena. They purportedly betrayed Communist sympathies and a timetable to kill Sen. Kennedy by June 5.

Even as Yorty spoke, Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger was holding another news conference in the Hall of Justice and expressing concern over release of that very type of information.

Notebooks Cited as Example

Younger said he was not criticizing anyone, but he cited the notebooks as an example of material which might not be received in evidence at the trial.

Police Chief Tom Reddin, it was noted by Younger, has been "very careful with his remarks." Reddin accompanied the mayor to Thursday's news conference and chatted with him briefly, but left the room before it began.

Lynch said he telephoned Yorty on

Wednesday afternoon shortly after the mayor first released information about the material in the notebooks in a televised news conference.

"I told him I was concerned about that kind of statement because it referred to evidence that would have to be ruled upon by the court," Lynch said. "He said he wasn't going to make any more statements like that."

Yorty Explains Position

Yorty conceded that he had "in a sense" been criticized by Lynch but added:

"I told him that I'm also a lawyer. He said, 'Yes, you're a very good one,' and I said, 'I'm in a position here where I have to try to exercise my judgment as to what the public is entitled to know about this case and still protect the accused and his right to a fair trial.'"

Yorty said he is just as concerned as Lynch that Sirhan receives a fair trial.

"I don't see how you could prejudice the trial unless you made highly inflammatory accusations that might inflame a whole area and people," he said.

"There is so much evidence already that I don't see how revealing some of the background could be prejudicial..."

"I certainly would not do anything to make a fair trial impossible. None of us want to do that."

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But, when asked if he was being critical of the mayor, Younger said:

"I'm critical of Mayor Yorty or anyone who talks about evidence which might later be excluded."

Attorney Grant B. Cooper, a past president of the Los Angeles County Bar Assn., sent Yorty this blistering telegram:

"As a member of the State Bar of this state I am shocked, chagrined and horrified at your lack of understanding of the fundamentals of American justice.

"The district attorney, your chief of police and all the news media have comported themselves with becoming dignity during this trying time.

"You would be doing a great service to the cause of justice by leaving the Sirhan case to be tried in the courts and not in the press, radio or television."

Cooper was a member of the American Bar Assn.'s Reardon committee on fair trial and free press and continues as a member of the successor committee seeking to implement its recommendations.

Also critical of Yorty was the American Civil Liberties Union, which released this statement:

"The ACLU of Southern California regrets that Mayor Yorty seems compelled to discuss the character and background of the accused assassin of Sen. Kennedy.

"Regardless of the evidence available to the prosecution, the defendant has a right to a jury unprejudiced by inflammatory comments. The mayor's comments are at best ill-advised."

Linked to Car

In his news conference, Yorty again linked Sirhan to a car reportedly observed near a meeting of the W.E.B. DuBois Club, named by the FBI and the Justice Department as a Communist front.

When pressed for details, however, Yorty admitted he had no evidence which would place Sirhan at a meeting of the club.

Dorothy Healey, chairman of the Communist Party in Southern California, said the DuBois club have had no headquarters here for two and a half years and no chapter for more than a year.

She called Yorty's reference to the group an attempt "to use this monstrous killing of Kennedy to his own political advantage in a most despicable way."

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FIRST COURT APPEARANCE**Suspect Gives Impression of Cockey, Arrogant Confidence****BY RON EINSTOSS**

Times Staff Writer

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, suspect in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, appears to have the same traits as certain little guys.

He gives the impression of cockiness, arrogance and confidence.

At least that was the case in his only public appearance since he was hustled out of the Ambassador after the shooting of Sen. Kennedy and five others.

He appeared to show no remorse.

In fact, he displayed both arrogance and confidence when he looked a municipal judge right in the eye after being asked at his arraignment Wednesday morning, "Do you have a name?" and said:

"John Doe."

That was the name he had given throughout the night to a group of hard-working detectives who were trying to learn more about the tragic events of early Wednesday.

But now he was in court. Judge Joan Dempsey Klein, attired in her black robe, was not an opponent, as were the officers who had been talking to him earlier.

At that moment, if anything, she was on his side. She was explaining to him his constitutional rights. She wanted to make sure that he knew, and understood, every right given him under the law.

It was not known to either police or the court, at that time, that the frail-looking but wiry little man—he's only 5 feet 6 and 140 pounds—lived just up the freeway in Pasadena.

Surely he knew that he soon would be identified.

Nevertheless, he stood his ground in his first of what will be many court appearances.

It worked against him, too, not because Judge Klein held any animosity toward the 24-year-old Jordanian, but because Dep. Dist. Atty. John E. Howard made the point of lack of identification in arguing against the setting of bail.

"The fact that the defendant has refused to identify himself makes it impossible for us to conduct an investigation into his background to determine how high a recommendation for bail should be," said Howard, who is coordinating the investigation.

Bail, by law, must be set only in an amount high enough (if any is necessary at all) to insure that a defendant will voluntarily return for future court appearances.

Judge Klein must have taken Howard's representation into account when she set bail at an unusually high \$250,000. After Sen. Kennedy's death, she revoked bail.

Speaks to Lawyer

The only time there appeared to be any change in Sirhan's attitude in court—where he was surrounded by some 40 police officers and sheriff's deputies—was when he briefly spoke to County Public Defender Richard Buckley, the first lawyer to talk to the suspect.

As Buckley huddled with Sirhan, it appeared that the defendant listened intently and showed some concern for what was happening to him.

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Buckley, has refused to comment in any way on his conversation in court with Sirhan, as have officers who interrogated the suspect.

It was reported Sirhan not only refused to discuss the case but even seemed to be detached from it—as if another person did the shooting — rather than that he was proclaiming innocence.

However, there was an indication Thursday that his attitude might be changing. A. L. Wirin, chief counsel of the Southern California American Civil Liberties Union, reported after a visit Thursday that Sirhan is "beginning to show concern for the nature and seriousness of the charges." Wirin also visited the suspect Wednesday.

Seems Proud Man

One thing is sure. Sirhan, even in the face of his current troubles, does leave the impression that he is a proud man.

He stood straight in court. He appeared to look the judge right in the eye and he did not seem to be afraid, although that could be part of his apparent detached attitude from the crime.

It also could explain the remark he reportedly made to the detectives who questioned him.

"Don't treat me like a mendicant," he is said to have admonished them.

He gave no impression—in his only public appearance since his arrest—that he intends to beg for his life.

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New Yorkers Weep as Family, Friends Return With Body

BY RICHARD DOUGHERTY
Times Staff Writer

NEW YORK—A stunned, stricken, tearful city mourned the death of Robert F. Kennedy Thursday as the body of the young New York senator was returned here.

An Air Force jet provided by President Johnson flew the slain senator, his widow, Ethel, other members of the family and friends to New York from Los Angeles, where Kennedy died early Thursday of wounds inflicted by an assassin.

Kennedy, 42, who made New York his adopted state and was elected to represent it in the Senate by a large margin in 1964, will lie in state before the towering main altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral all day today.

Funeral Mass at 10 a.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. EDT Saturday at the cathedral, the seat of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of New York. The body then will be taken by train to Washington for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, where his brother, President John F. Kennedy, also the victim of an assassin, is buried.

Former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has been selected to take charge of funeral arrangements. McNamara, who now is president of the World Bank, returned from a European tour Thursday night.

New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination as Kennedy was for the Democratic nomination, called the senator's death "an unspeakable tragedy."

Effort to Save Fellow Men

Rockefeller said, "Our hearts go out to the Kennedy family—a family that has carried a burden far beyond what any family in the nation or in this world can carry. It is a burden that has been the result of an effort and a desire to serve their fellow men."

He declared Sunday a day of mourning in New York state.

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, front runner for the GOP nomination, called Kennedy's death "a terrible tragedy both for the family and for a nation that has known too many tragedies in recent times." Nixon described the senator as "one of the great popular leaders in American history."

Mayor John V. Lindsay said the nation's biggest city "mourns the death of Sen. Robert Kennedy." Lindsay said, "Our hearts go out to the Kennedy family. To Sen. Kennedy's widow and mother particularly, we offer our compassion and

our prayers. Seldom has a family been asked to bear so much grief and rarely has a family borne itself with such dignity in times of tragedy."

Hours before the evening arrival of the Kennedy funeral cortege at the century-old St. Patrick's at 5th Ave. and 50th St., the ordinary people of New York were paying their own silent tribute to the martyred senator.

Flags stood at half-staff along the avenue — as throughout the nation — and great throngs of men, women and children moved in and out through the great bronze doors of the cathedral.

Tears Flow

Tears ran down the cheeks of old and young faces, white and black ones. Some women were dressed in black, some held babies in their arms. Older people knelt at the side altars, clutching rosary beads in their hands. Young women in miniskirts and young executives with briefcases lighted candles and knelt in prayer.

In Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant — which together make up the largest Negro community in the United States — sadness and bewilderment were complete. Special

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church services were held and prayers offered for the young leader who held a unique place in the affections of America's black people.

Late in the afternoon, diplomats from the United Nations, which canceled all business for the day, walked across 1st Ave. to the U.S. Mission to sign a condolence book.

Among the first to sign the books were Secretary General U Thant and Nicolae Manescu, of Communist Romania, who is president of the U.N. Security Council.

The Jordanian ambassador, Muhammad H. El-Farra, sent a message of sympathy to the widow and issued a statement expressing his country's "shock and horror" at the murder.

From very early in the day, detachments of New

York policemen guarded all Arabian consulates and delegation offices in New York because of the fear of some reprisal prompted by the fact that, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the accused assailant, is a Jordanian.

Arriving at LaGuardia Airport on the jet that brought the senator's body from the West were, in addition to his widow, others who have had their lives shattered by the assassination.

There was Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, reliving the nightmarish drama that engulfed her less than five years ago in Dallas.

There was Mrs. Martin Luther King, whose husband was killed in Memphis only two months ago.

There was Charles Evers, brother of Medgar Evers, Mississippi official of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People who was assassinated the same year as John F. Kennedy?

The three eldest of the senator's children also were aboard the White House jet—Kathleen, 13, Joseph, 15, and Robert Jr., 14.

Also aboard the jet were Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy (D-Mass.), Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smith, the senator's sister and brother-in-law; Prince Stanislaus Radziwill, husband of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy's sister, Lee; Mrs. Patricia Kennedy Lawford, sister of the senator, and a large group of close friends and Kennedy staff members.

On hand to meet the plane was a phalanx of dignitaries, including Gov. and Mrs. Rockefeller, Mayor and Mrs. Lindsay, Sen. and Mrs. Jacob K. Javits, Ambassador Goldberg, and New York Catholic Archbishop Terence J. Cooke.

The U.S. ambassador to France, Sargent Shriver, and his wife, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, also were there—just in from Paris, as was Mrs. Edward Kennedy.

It was a hot, humid evening—almost a mid-summer evening for New York. A sprawling but not large crowd waited quietly as the big plane came in to the Marine Terminal section of La Guardia.

A self-elevating truck came up to the plane. The plane door opened. Slowly, William Barry, the senator's friend and bodyguard, and other members of the party brought the casket out of the plane.

With the casket as it was lowered and placed in a hearse were the members of the family. Archbishop Cooke said a short prayer.

Some friends, two men and a woman, came up to the hearse and exchanged a few words with Ethel Kennedy. The widow seemed very much in control of herself. Then the motorcade, the hearse leading, made its way through the night to the heart of the city and to St. Patrick's.

At St. Patrick's, thousands waited along the 5th Ave. side of the cathedral and northward up the avenue for several blocks. It was an extremely quiet and patient crowd. Some had been standing at their places for hours.

Barricades and scores of policemen kept the crowd back from the cathedral entrance.

The drive from the airport took half an hour. When Mrs. Kennedy and Edward Kennedy came out of the hearse a slight wind disheveled the widow's hair. Archbishop Cooke and other ranking prelates met the group at the main door.

The rest of the mourners, perhaps a hundred or more, followed as the casket was moved into the great church. Then the doors were closed so that a receiving ceremony might take place. The cathedral will not be open to the public until 5:30 this morning.

At about 10 o'clock Thursday night the sound of organ music came through the doors of the cathedral to the street. The crowd outside, if anything, grew larger as the receiving ceremony went on.

The service took little more than 10 minutes and then the mourners left.

Brother Lingers

Edward Kennedy remained behind for a time in the cathedral. Arrangements were being made to have some close friends or associates stay near the mahogany coffin day and night until the funeral service begins Saturday morning. The friends, from the worlds of sports, politics, journalism, entertainment and government,

will maintain their vigils in groups of four.

Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, mother of the senator, flew to New York from the Kennedy home in Hyannis Port, Mass., during the day. Left behind was the 79-year-old patriarch of the Kennedy clan, Joseph P. Kennedy Sr., who has been incapacitated from a series of strokes for several years.

The elder Kennedys were told of their son's death Thursday morning when they were awakened by a niece, Ann Gargan.

Altogether, the elder Kennedys have seen four of their children die over the last 20-odd years. Joseph Jr. was killed on a flight mission in Europe during World War II. A daughter, Kathleen, died in an airplane crash in 1948.

Nor is tragedy a stranger to Ethel Skakel Kennedy, the senator's widow. Her parents were killed in a

plane crash in the mid-1950s. A brother, George

Skakel, died in a plane crash in September, 1966.



AMONG THE KENNEDY FRIENDS—Mrs. Martin Luther King is escorted to plane where she joined Kennedy group of friends and relatives flying east.

Times photo by Larry Sharkey

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IF KENNEDY HAD SURVIVED**Life in Respirator Might Have Been
His Fate****BY HARRY NELSON**

Times Medical Editor

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy probably would have been confined to a respirator for life and possibly would have been impaired intellectually had he lived.

This appraisal, drawn Thursday from a medical source who asked not to be identified, clarified a report of the six-hour autopsy performed early Thursday morning by Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi, county medical examiner, and a team of pathologists.

In presenting the preliminary results of the autopsy, the medical examiner told a press conference that Kennedy's death was due to a "gunshot wound of the right mastoid penetrating the brain."

But he declined to answer questions which would have allowed an understanding of the extent of the injuries in terms of body and brain function.

He indicated but did not actually say that pressure on the brain stem due to swelling of the brain and bleeding was a major factor in causing the 42-year-old senator's death.

Dr. Noguchi said that the secondary pressure effect, rather than the penetration of the .22-caliber bullet, caused the brain stem damage.

The brain stem is at the base of the brain and is the center of control for the vital functions of breathing and heart beat.

A medical source said that the damage to the brain stem and cerebellum would have caused "terrible impairment to Kennedy's motor control and perhaps kept him inside a respirator subject to cardiac arrest."

He said the senator very likely would have had to receive nourishment by tubes and possibly would have been impaired intellectually due to damage to the cerebrum, the thinking part of the brain.

Dr. Noguchi admitted in the press conference that there was X-ray evidence of fragments of the bullet in the right cerebrum.

Further Tests

He added, however, that the X rays require further examination before cerebral damage can be stated for certain.

Kennedy aides said several times on Wednesday that the senator's thinking processes had not been affected.

Dr. Noguchi said the complete findings of the autopsy team will be compiled in an official document available "in due time."

Basically Upward

Some of these findings may possibly be ready in a few days, he said. He explained that it takes time to complete some of the analyses, including microscopic tests of brain tissue and other vital organs and a study of the X-rays taken before and after death.

The medical examiner

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said that scattered fragments of a single bullet and pieces of bone damaged the right side of the brain.

He declined to state the exact trajectory of the bullet, which entered the head behind the right ear through the mastoid bone, except to say that the trajectory was "from right to left and basically upward."

In response to questions, he said that the artery that serves the cerebellum was severed and he indicated that other blood vessels had been severed but declined to be specific.

Dr. Noguchi was assisted in the autopsy by Dr. John E. Holloway, deputy medical examiner, and Dr. Abraham Lu, deputy medical examiner in charge of neuropathology.

Receives Help

Dr. Noguchi said the team received aid from three members of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C. It was learned that these members were Col. Pierre Finque, Comd. Charles Stahl and Kenneth Earle, chief of neuropathology.

A second bullet was found in the lower portion of the back of the neck, just beneath the skin. The physician said entry of this bullet was by way of the back of the right armpit.

The autopsy was performed at Good Samaritan Hospital.

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Younger Will Ask Grand Jury to Indict Sirhan for Murder

BY JERRY COHEN

Times Staff Writer

The district attorney's office will ask the grand jury today to indict Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24-year-old Jordanian refugee, for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger said Thursday that evidence against the onetime racetrack exercise boy would include testimony of 17 witnesses—none of them members of the slain senator's family.

Presentation of the evidence, he added, should be completed in one day. But, he noted, "it may be a long day."

The grand jury will convene at 9 a.m.

Younger's office could have skipped the grand jury proceeding merely by filing a formal murder complaint against the Jerusalem-born Pasadena resident.

But he decided to take the evidence to the grand jury, it is understood, in keeping with the maximum protection being afforded the slight, curly-haired suspect.

Hearing Required

Filing a complaint would have necessitated a preliminary hearing, a courtroom proceeding requiring the defendant's presence.

That would have meant transferring Sirhan from the tight security of his County Jail cell.

The secret grand jury machinery hearing will not require Sirhan's presence.

Following Sen. Kennedy's death early Thursday in Good Samaritan Hospital, Municipal Judge Joan Dempsey Klein revoked the \$250,000 bail she previously had set for Sirhan.

The senator's death automatically made the case a capital one, and such a defendant is rarely granted bail.

Request for the revocation was

made by Dep. Dist. Atty. John E. Howard, chief of Younger's special investigation division.

It was not opposed by Public Defender Richard Buckley, though Buckley commented: "I don't advocate it but I think it's the law."

Besides a murder indictment, the district attorney's office also will seek indictments against Sirhan for the wounding of five other persons early Wednesday in the Ambassador, Younger said.

The charge in those five cases, said the district attorney, will be either "assault with a deadly weapon to commit murder" or "assault with a deadly weapon" or both.

The suspect's family sent a telegram to that of the slain senator, saying, "We pray that God will make peace, really peace, in the hearts of people."

The wire was signed by Mrs. Mary Sirhan, mother of the accused man and an employe of a Pasadena church nursery school.

The suspect and two brothers lived with Mrs. Sirhan in a neat, white frame house in Pasadena.

The residence appeared to be vacant Thursday but it was not known where family members had gone, only that they were in seclusion.

Nevertheless, Pasadena police kept a frequent patrol moving past the home which overnight became a magnet for sightseers.

Mrs. Sirhan's telegram said in full:

"It hurt us very bad what has happened and

we express our feelings with them and especially with the children and with Mrs. Kennedy and the mother and father. I want them to know that I am really crying for them all. And we pray that God will make peace, really peace, in the hearts of the people."

In the Israeli-occupied sector of Jordan, the suspect's father, 53-year-old Bishara Sirhan, commented: "I am very sorry. I brought my children up as best I could and to fear God. I am sorry for what happened."

"He deserves his fate if he did what they are saying."

The father lives alone in a stone cottage in the mountain village of Teibeh, overlooking Jericho.

Immigration records show he came to the United States with his family in 1957. He returned to the Near East in 1960.

His son, Sirhan, was born in 1944 in what then was the British mandate of Palestine.

The area in which he lived near Jerusalem was the scene of some of the bitterest fighting during Israel's war of independence and prolonged conflict with its Arab neighbors, among them Jordan.

It apparently was during his childhood that young Sirhan developed his fierce resentment against Israel, a hatred—acquaintances believed—that he turned on Sen. Kennedy shortly after midnight Wednesday.

The Democratic presidential aspirant apparently became the target of his fury because of Kennedy's

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