

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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Palestinian Arabs Mortified That One of Own Is Suspect

BY JOE ALEX MORRIS JR.

Times Staff Writer

CAIRO—Palestinian Arabs are deeply mortified that one of their brethren is the suspect in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Their great embarrassment is evident as they try to explain, justify or absolve themselves from the alleged act of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, a Christian Palestinian Arab. In a morning devoted to talking to Palestinians this correspondent found everywhere a sense of embarrassment and regret, but also some wild groping at straws as they themselves sought for an explanation.

Broadly speaking, the Palestinians agree that the act was a stupid one. Mohamed Sobeih Zeidan, president of the General Union of Palestine Students, said "I don't agree with killing for political reasons."

Widely Expressed Conviction

This puzzlement was combined with the widely expressed conviction that Kennedy—if elected President — would somehow improve Arab-American relations.

"We thought if he succeeded, there was a chance of better understanding," as it was with his brother John," Zeidan said.

This idea was taken a step further by Mejdī Abu Ramadhan, head of the Cairo branch of the Palestine liberation organization.

"We know Sen. Kennedy made promises to the Jews, but we felt that when he assumed responsibility, he would surely understand our just case," he said.

"This was either a plot against the Arabs so they would be hated by the incoming President and help Israel more, or a case of an individual reaction."

'Easy to Deceive Him'

"Maybe the Zionists hated Kennedy. It would be easy for them to deceive a chap like this from an emotional point of view.

"This doesn't solve any problems and it will harm the Palestine cause," Zeidan agreed. "It is really horrible and we are shocked."

Marwan Kanafani, a Palestinian who works at Arab League head-

quarters here, agreed. After all, he pointed out, it was the Jews who had killed John F. Kennedy. The Jews? he was asked. "Well, Oswald and Ruby were all part of the same plot, weren't they?" he asked.

"The Zionists were behind it," said Abdel Kader Yasser, a Palestinian student. "Assassination is not in our traditions."

What about the assassination of Jordanian King Abdullah by a Palestinian in Jerusalem shortly after the first Arab-Israeli war? "That's different. He was a traitor," Yasser said.

"He must have been affected by the atmosphere of killing in the United States," student-federation leader Zeidan concluded. "He couldn't have been normal."

The story was prominently played in the Cairo press Thursday. But pride of banner headlines went, of course, to President Gamal Abdel Nasser's 15-minute speech on the occasion of the first anniversary of the six-day war. There's been no editorial comment here so far.

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TOGETHER AGAIN IN DEATH

ARLINGTON, Va. (UPI) — And so the stones over the remains of John F. Kennedy will be torn from the sod and Robert F. Kennedy, victim of an assassin, will be buried near his brother, victim of an assassin.

Toward dusk tomorrow he will be buried here, surrounded by acre upon acre of white tombstones of fallen soldiers of wars old and current.

The tombstones bear names with the ring of Civil War history—Stewart, Harmon, McNaughton, Stanton, Ironfield—and names of the melting pot, the Americans who arrived in the great waves of immigration of the turn of the century: Bachschmid, O'Donoghue, Mougakos, Berman, Mudd, Cardano, Lasky.

Slain while campaigning on a vow of "no more Vietnams," Robert Kennedy will be buried

amid some of the American victims of Vietnam.

He is entitled to burial here by virtue of his service to the government and his service in wartime.

Using the influence of his father and motivated by the death in war of his brother, he left Harvard and convinced the secretary of defense, James Forrestal, to permit him to transfer from college Naval ROTC training to serve as an enlisted seaman aboard the destroyer Joseph P. Kennedy Jr.

Arlington Cemetery is now filled to capacity and the quality which gives the simple Kennedy gravesite its majesty is its loneliness.

Away from the graves to the east and south and west, it stands encircled by a grassy hillside. That large plot of green

strikes the eye amid the straight rows of white.

Yesterday, Americans, holidaying in their capital, arrived here, most bearing cameras, at about the usual rate—10 to 15 a minute.

They looked upon the Kennedy Inauguration quotations, carved in stone. Then they walked the circular path around the gravesite, which is an 18-by-30 foot rectangle of stones standing a few inches above the surface with tufts of grass growing between them.

They saw the eternal flame, lighted Nov. 25, 1963, and its rim of black soot.

They saw the flat stone marker of the grave of John F. Kennedy and the slate grey markers of two of his children, Patrick Bouvier Kennedy, dead in infancy, and a baby girl who was still-born.

Aside the grave stoop wind-bent dogwood trees, above it stands the Robert E. Lee mansion, far below it, in a direct line, is the Potomac river and the Lincoln Memorial in the city of Washington, and next to it the plywood shacks of Resurrection City. First is the public Washington of marble and flags and further, hidden, is the community of Washington slums where Kennedy had campaigned in a primary in May, promising a better day.

The last time of public record that Robert Kennedy visited here was in the dark drizzle before the dawn of Nov. 22, 1967. He drove up in an old red convertible, vaulted the four-foot stone wall and walked toward the grave.

He saw a photographer, stopped, shook his head, turned and walked away and drove off, alone.

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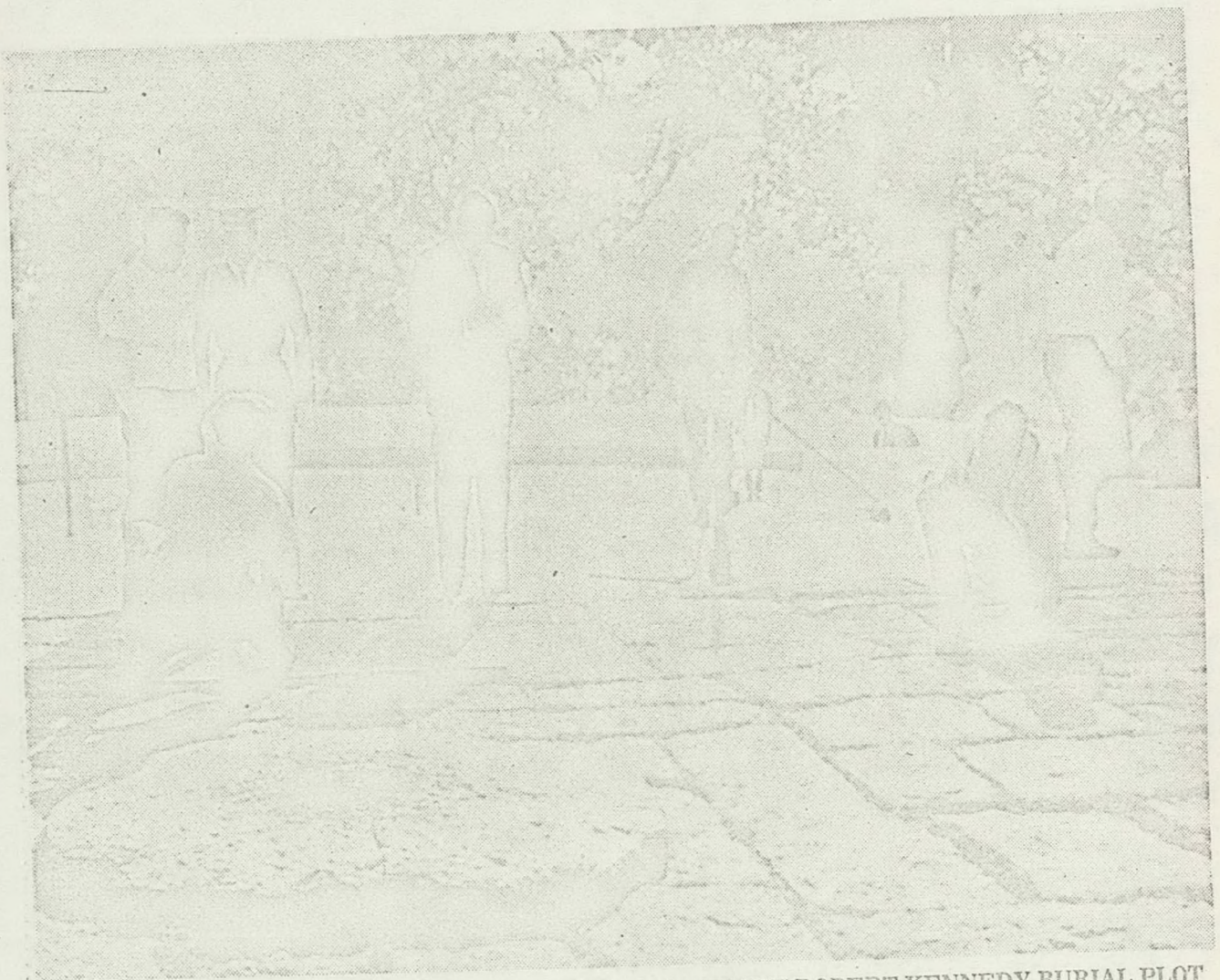
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ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY PERSONNEL PREPARE ROBERT KENNEDY BURIAL PLOT
He will be buried tomorrow next to his brother, former President John F. Kennedy

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In the Aftermath of Tragedy

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

Police Chief Thomas Reddin, Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger and the many others involved were determined that the mishandling of Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas would not be repeated here.

The tragedy of Sen. Kennedy's murder would have been compounded had police been unable to question his suspected killer or to bring him to justice.

From the time of his arrest at the scene 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 and 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 available information was given to the public 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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Sad Farewell Bid Kennedy by City

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was bid a final farewell yesterday by a still and saddened Los Angeles.

His cortege began its long journey from Good Samaritan Hospital to New York, then to Washington, D.C., in the gray skies of a June day.

From the airport, his body was flown in a blue and silver Presidential jet to New York where it lies in state today at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The mahogany casket, piled high with flowers, was followed by 12 black limousines in a slow procession from the hospital to West Imperial Terminal at International Airport. Sad throngs lining the way were silent except for voices crying, "Good bye, Bobby."

In the first limousine rode Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, the senator's widow. With her was Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, widow of President John F. Kennedy.

Scores of policemen were on hand to control the quiet, dignified crowd. Some 4500 persons, gathered outside the hospital, watched the hearse depart. Many threw carnations. They circled the four blocks surrounding the hospital, often seven-deep and overflowing into the street.

With headlights on, the procession travelled the Harbor Freeway to Imperial Boulevard, then west to the airport where it was met by an honor guard of police and sheriff's officers on motorcycles.

At the airport, a crowd estimated at 2500 assembled to pay silent homage and farewell.

A long, red carpet was laid from the loading step to a spot where the hearse came to a stop. The carpet was edged with bouquets of red carnations and green fern. At the loading platform pallbearers and family gathered around the coffin on the lift and rode with it into the waiting plane.

Airport aides took the carnations and threw them to people in the crowd, many of whom kissed them and pressed them to their hearts.

Aboard the plane were 70 members of the slain senator's family, friends, and certain staff members. The friends included people from the fields of government, politics, the arts, show business and sports.

Among the relatives were the senator's sister, Mrs. Stephen E. Smith and her husband, who was the senator's national campaign manager in his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination; and another sister, Mrs. Patricia Lawford.

Also included were Prince Stanislas Radziwill, brother-in-law of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy; and Mrs. Coretta King, widow of another assassin's victim—Martin Luther King Jr.

Others included Edwin Guthman, Sen. Kennedy's press aide when he was U.S. Attorney General; John Siegenthaler, another former aide; Rafer Johnson, former Olympic decathlon star, and Roosevelt Grier, a defensive tackle for the Los Angeles Rams. Johnson and Grier helped capture the suspected assassin immediately after the shooting.

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—Herald-Examiner Photo
MRS. JACQUELINE KENNEDY, WITH BROTHER-IN-LAW PRINCE RADZIWILL
At far left is long-time Kennedy family friend, Willy Schaeffler



—Herald-Examiner Photos
MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING BOARDS PLANE
Widow of civil right leader joins Kennedy family

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L.A. Delegation To Attend Funeral

Mayor Sam Yorty will head an official Los Angeles delegation to the funeral of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in New York tomorrow.

A Solemn Requiem Mass will be said for Sen. Kennedy in New York's St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral.

Others in the Los Angeles delegation include Councilmen Edmund D. Edelman; Billy G. Mills; Gilbert W. Lindsey; Paul H. Lamport; Arthur K. Snyder and deputy mayor Joseph Quinn.

James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, archbishop, will attend the mass in New York and return to Southern California to preside at a Solemn Requiem Mass at 9 a.m. Sunday at St. Vibiana Cathedral in Los Angeles.

"In every parish at any hour convenient for the parishioners a Requiem Mass may be offered on Sunday," the Cardinal said.

In Los Angeles an ecumenical public memorial service will be held at noon tomorrow at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 615 S. Figueroa St. Presiding will be the Very Rev. Lloyd R. Gilmelt, dean. Former Gov. Edmund G. Brown will give the eulogy. Msgr. Patrick Roche will represent the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Blessed Sacrament Church, Hollywood, will hold a Mass of Requiem for Sen. Kennedy tomorrow at 6 p.m. This will be a low mass with music.

The Rt. Rev. Francis Eric Brody, Episcopal Bishop of Los Angeles, has issued a statement in which he said, "I call upon all the people of this diocese in their private intercessions and at the regular services in our churches to pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Francis Kennedy, for the restoration of sanity, calmness and unity throughout the land and for the peace of the world."

The Board of Rabbis of Southern California has called upon all of its members to conduct special memorial services tonight and tomorrow for Sen. Kennedy, in conjunction with regular Sabbath services. The Rabbis further called upon their members to conduct memorial services Sunday morning for children in the religious schools.

Rabbi Abraham N. Winokur, president of the board, said, "We join in the anguish of the Kennedy family and send our sincerest condolences."

"Temple Israel of Hollywood,

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7300 Hollywood Blvd., will hold memorial services at noon tomorrow and Sunday for Sen. Kennedy.

Temple Menorah, 1101 Camino Real, Redondo Beach, will hold a joint memorial service for Sen. Kennedy together with Temple Beth El of San Pedro tonight at 8:15 p.m.

Temple Sinai, 10400 Wilshire Blvd., has scheduled a community memorial service for 8:15 tonight with Christians, Jews, Negroes and whites invited.

The Los Angeles Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will hold a memorial service for Sen. Kennedy at Wrigley Field at 3 p.m. Sunday. It will be led by several clergymen.

At 2 p.m. today, a joint prayer meeting was scheduled of the Commission on Church and Race of the Southern California Council of Churches and the Social Service Agency of the Los Angeles Council of Churches at council headquarters, 3300 W. Adams Blvd.

Los Angeles city councilmen adjourned in memory of Sen. Kennedy yesterday and authorized a delegation to represent the council at his New York funeral tomorrow. The Board of Education also adjourned its meeting yesterday in memoriam.

Special memorial programs were held yesterday at schools throughout the city, and other observances are planned today. Flags at all city schools will be flown at half-staff through today.

The school district sent a telegram to the senator's widow, Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, expressing "our deepest sympathy to you and your family during this most trying time."

A memorial concert for Sen. Kennedy was held this morning at Locke Senior High School, 325 E. 111th St., at 9:30. Actor Sam Jaffe narrated excerpts of Sen. Kennedy's speeches. A performance of the California Chamber Symphony was given under the baton of Henri Temianka.

In an official expression of grief, Cardinal McIntyre commented, "We lament with our fellow Americans that such a tragedy has befallen us. It is not representative of our American principles and ideals which uphold the observance of law and order."

Rev. Ernest R. Drews, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Reseda, said, "While we feel that perhaps it is not fair to generalize about all people because of the manner in which a few carry on, it is apparent our great problem is that Americans have forgotten God, and for this reason share in the tragedy of our times."

Dr. William Hornaday, minister, Founder's Church of Religious Science, said of Sen. Kennedy that, "He was one who recognized the problems of the poor, the uneducated, but never could he understand the reasoning of those who defy law and order."

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Sirhan Under Heaviest Guard In L.A. History

"Sirhan Bishara" Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert Kennedy, is under the tightest security measure ever accorded any prisoner in the history of Los Angeles County, according to Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess.

Already in receipt of a dozen threats against the life of the 24-year-old Jordanian, Pitchess said yesterday that, after Sirhan's arraignment Wednesday morning, he directed that an unarmed guard be stationed in the cell with the prisoner constantly, and that he then intensified other patrols.

Another 24-hour guard, maintaining a constant log to record every activity, observes the prisoner through a small window in the door to the cell—the only window in the 12-ft.-square cubicle which is located in the medical ward on the second floor.

The 40-foot-long isolated corridor outside the cell is restricted to only those people involved with Sirhan's custody. Four deputies, also unarmed, are on duty in that area.

Constant surveillance of the outside perimeter of the entire building is maintained by deputies in squad cars. The second floor of the infirmary is closed off to all elevators but one.

Ten or 12 other inmates under medical care are confined to individual cells in the medical ward, but are not located in the same corridor with Sirhan.

The mammoth security job extends to Sirhan's mother and two of his brothers at their Pasadena home, where deputies patrol the area.

Explaining the extent of security measures, the sheriff said:

"We are aware of rumors of a conspiracy and we are providing the stringent security we feel is necessary."

"We have received threats against his life, and some against our own for protecting him, as well as a couple against me, personally."

"We must maintain custody and security and see that his Constitutional rights are not violated." He emphasized that the extraordinary security is a protection of the prisoner from outside forces.

In contrast to the excitement the assassination has spurred around the world, the prisoner spends most of his time quietly reclining on his bed.

He sustained a sprained left ankle and a fractured left index finger, and was bruised about the head in a scuffle following the Kennedy shooting. He takes exercise in the corridor outside his cell accompanied by two deputies.

Two daily newspapers are available to him, and he has asked for two books—"The Secret Doctrine" by Mrs. H. P. Blavatsky, and "Talks On At the Feet of the Master" by C. W. Leadbeater.

Both books involve the Theosophical Church and the philosophy of Theosophy which deals with a religion of reincarnation and miracles in which death is the ultimate before life can be reborn. The religion was founded by Mrs. Blavatsky in New York in the 1880s. There is at least one such church here in Hollywood.

"He has not spent an unusual amount of time reading," Sheriff Pitchess said. "He complained about aches and pains when he was admitted, but said he was satisfied with medical treatment he has received."

"He's reserved and totally non-committal to our personnel. He has not presented any kind of a problem."

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Grand Jury Hears Case Of Sirhan

Los Angeles County Grand Jury convened today to hear evidence compiled so far against the accused slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and receive a request for a murder indictment against Sirhan Sirhan.

Police and District Attorney Evelle Younger are seeking the indictment and a trial possibly within 60 days.

An indictment would air agencies guarding the life of Sirhan held in County jail by eliminating a court appearance. If the grand jury for some reason would not indict Sirhan, police would have to file a murder complaint against him, then take him into an open court for arraignment. This is the step an indictment would sidestep. No arraignment is needed following indictment.

Police want him shielded from the public as much as possible to avoid a repeat of Dallas where Lee Harvey Oswald was slain by Jack Ruby en route from Dallas Police Headquarters to County Jail.

Six counts of assault with intent to commit murder already have been filed against the Jordanian—one for each of the six persons wounded during the assault on Kennedy.

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Congress Passes Protection Law

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Acting within hours of the death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy from an assassin's bullets, both houses of Congress have rushed through legislation to put Secret Service guards around major contenders for the presidency.

Sent to the White House for President Johnson's certain approval, the measure would cover major contenders for their parties' nominations for the presidency and the ultimate tickets selected by the parties at their conventions.

The Senate Appropriations Committee made it clear that Alabama Gov. George Wallace, seeking the presidency as a third party candidate, would be covered.

President Johnson, who sought the legislation hours after Kennedy was shot Wednesday morning in Los Angeles has already extended protection to all of the contenders for the Democratic and Republican nominations, including Harold Stassen, who seeks the Republican presidential nomination. All have accepted.

Under the legislation, the treasury secretary, after consultation with a bipartisan congressional advisory committee established by the measure, would decide who qualifies for protection. A candidate could decline protection if he chose to.

The legislation legalized Johnson's action in sending Secret Service agents to current contenders and provided \$400,000 to finance protection of candidates through June 30. Next week, a bill was expected to be passed providing \$2 million for the next fiscal year.

Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney, D-

the Secret Service might not have been able to prevent Kennedy's death, "there was a great chance that his security would have been enormously increased."

Presently, there are 575 trained Secret Service Agents on the payroll of the Treasury Department. In addition to protecting the president and vice president, they are assigned to enforce laws against counterfeiting and forgery of government check and bonds.

The present law provided Secret Service protection for the president, the vice president, the president-elect and vice-president-elect after elections, their families, past presidents on occasion and Mrs. John F. Kennedy.

The White House said Wednesday that if there are not enough Secret Service agents to protect this year's candidates, agents will be drawn from the FBI, the Internal Revenue Service, the Narcotics Bureau, the Customs Bureau, the military on occasion and from local and state law enforcement agencies.

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Police are investigating possible 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 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 he could get 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 were quick to emphasize that the polka dot dress theory and an overheard Arabic conversation at Kennedy for President Headquarters are only two of many leads they are following in an effort to prove or disprove a conspiracy to kill the Senator.

But 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 conference, 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 comprised 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.

directly 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" Sen. Kennedy, Yorty said.

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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THOUSANDS FILE PAST BIER

Thousands In Tribute To Senator

NEW YORK (UPI)—Thousands of mourners filled St. Patrick's Cathedral at sunrise today in a last farewell to Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. They wept, crossed themselves and some kissed his coffin in bereavement.

The princely rich whose background he shared and the struggling poor whose cause he championed came in sadness to the mighty gothic cathedral on Fifth Avenue to pass by the closed coffin. His adopted city and the nation were saying goodbye to the assassinated senator they knew as Bobby.

Many reached out hesitantly and gently touched the coffin. Some leaned and kissed it, brushing back tears. Scores wept openly. Soulful music filled the vast church.

Grieving multitudes came in work clothes and finery. Young college students bore knapsacks. Many of those filing past were Negroes whose cause Kennedy had championed.

They passed in two single files at the rate of 70 per minute.

Within four hours more than 4,000 had viewed the casket. A small, grayhaired woman in her 70s was among the thousands who filled the Cathedral. As she approached the coffin, she walked in front of a huge young man, over 6 feet tall and weighing 300 pounds. He stepped back politely.

Seconds later a young man in a blue jacket and white slacks, sporting a bushy mustache and a shaggy head of hair, buried his contorted face in his palms and wept.

In Vatican City, Pope Paul VI offered Mass for the repose of the soul of the 42-year-old Senator slain Wednesday in Los Angeles. The pontiff celebrated the Mass in his private chapel, with only his two secretaries looking on.

But it was in St. Patrick's that the sorrow of the nation was most dramatically demonstrated.

The Mass for the dead in

Kennedy's memory began at 6 a.m., at an altar some distance from the casket. As the mourners passed the bier, the voice of a priest could be heard.

"Let us pray that God will bless Bobby Kennedy, that God will bless this nation. . .

"Let us pray that God will give the Kennedy family courage to endure this trying time . . ."

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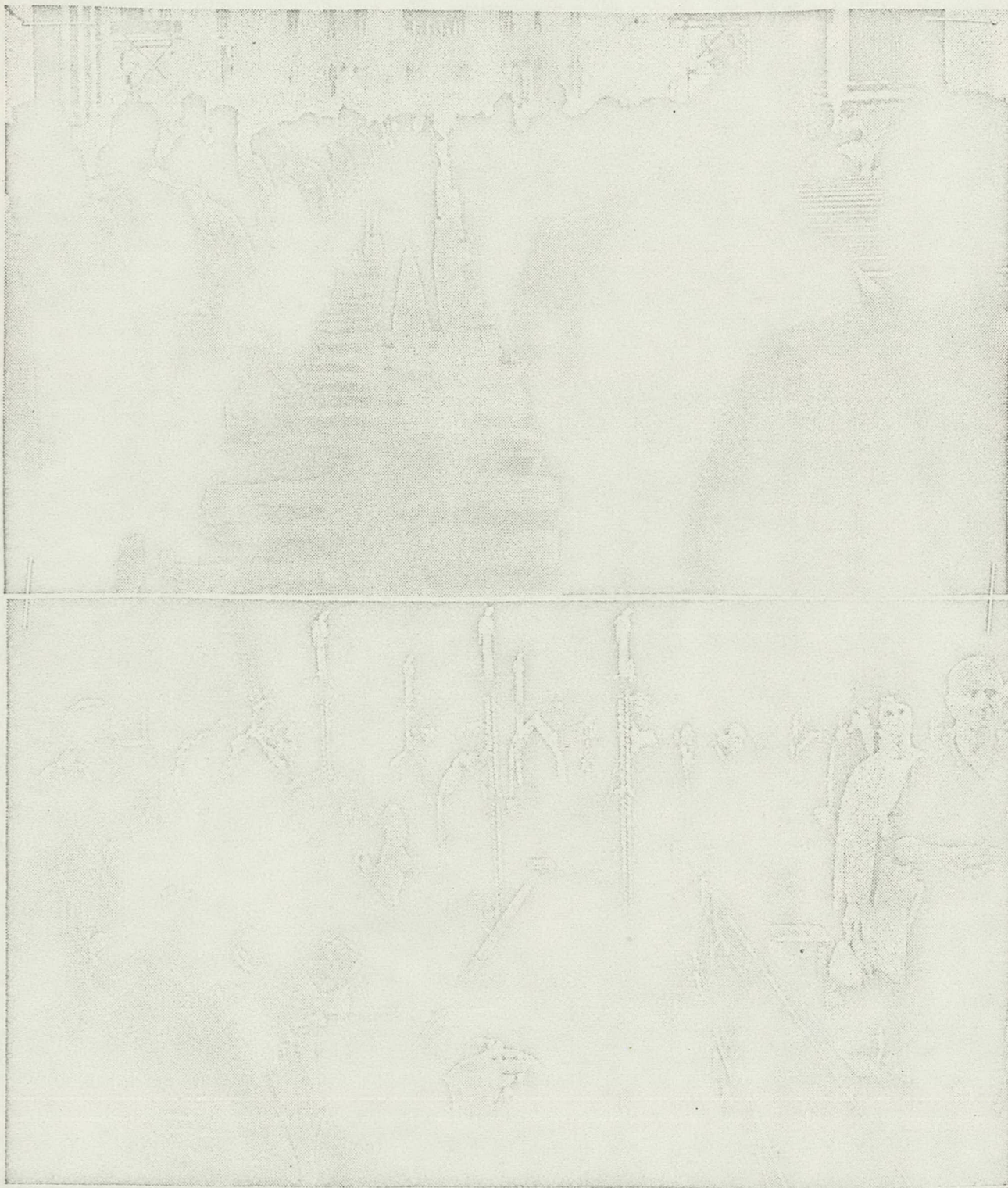
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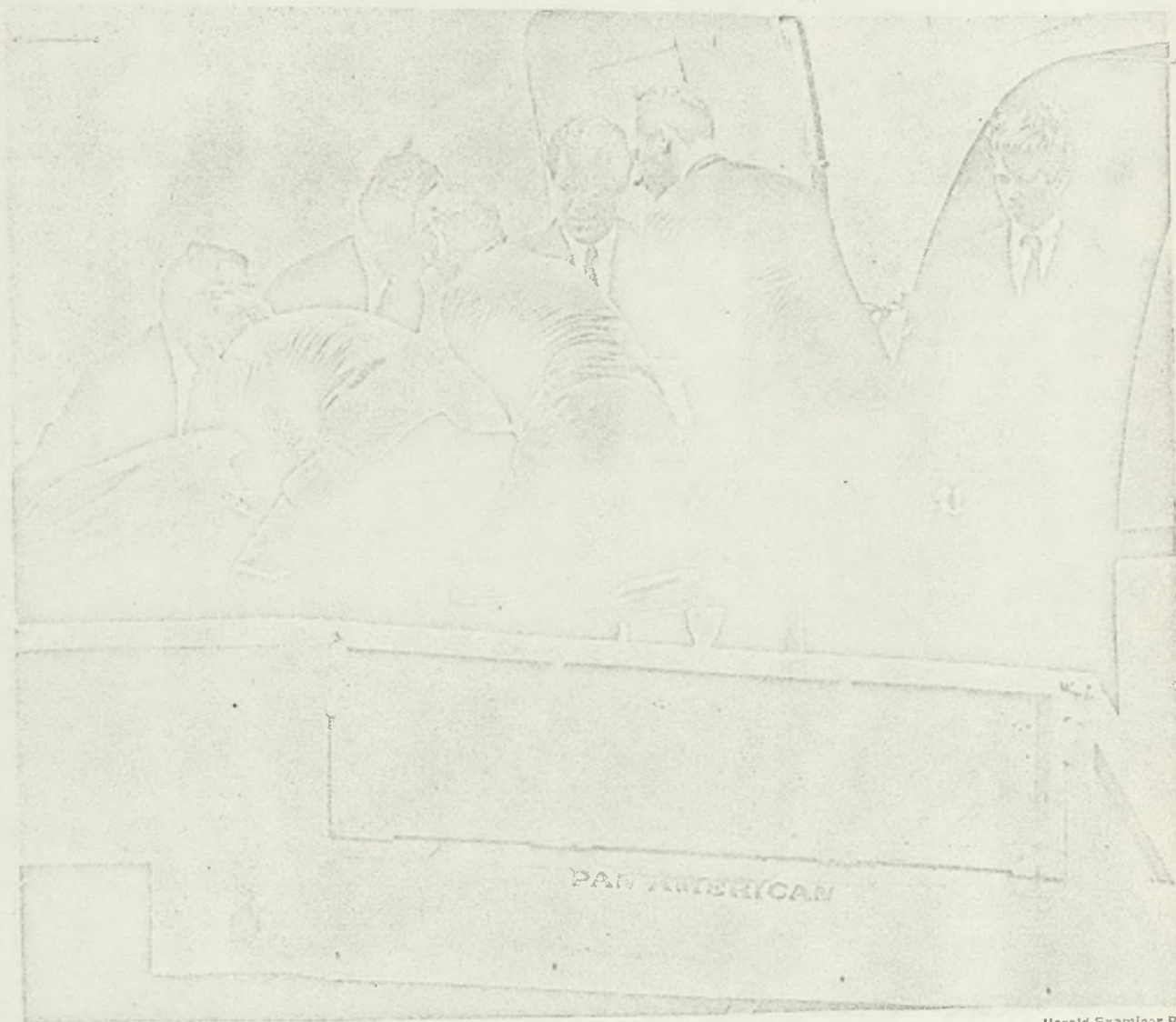


WIFE ETHEL, BROTHER EDWARD, SON ROBERT JR. LEAVE CATHEDRAL
Slain Sen. Robert F. Kennedy lies in state this afternoon in New York



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BOBBY KENNEDY HAS GONE HOME TO NEW YORK AFTER HIS PRIMARY VICTORY IN CALIFORNIA
AND HIS CONSTITUENTS TO DAY ARE SAYING GOODBYE AND OFFERING THEIR PRAYERS



—Herald-Examiner Photo

WITH AID FROM FAMILY FRIENDS, SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY LIFTS BROTHER'S BODY ONTO JET
The body of assassinated presidential aspirant Sen. Robert F. Kennedy lies in state in New York today

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GRIEF OVER KENNEDY TRAGEDY

NOT CONFINED TO UNITED STATES

A stunned world expressed sadness and disbelief at the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Flags were lowered to half-staff around the globe.

America's friends were shocked, and rushed to send condolences. Its critics blamed an atmosphere of hate in the United States, claiming it proved the violent nature of its society.

In West Berlin, some 2000 German youths marched silently through downtown streets last night to honor the slain American senator. The youths marched from Wittenberg Square to the plaza in front of the Schoeneberg City Hall named for John F. Kennedy after he was assassinated.

In Moscow, a Russian wept openly in his office. Children fell to their knees in prayer in Irish classrooms. Danes placed flowers outside the American Embassy.

The news came to Vietnam on American troops' pocket-sized transistors.

Two deaths were directly attributed to the news of the murder. In Athens, a printer exclaimed, "Oh no," and collapsed of a heart attack. He was 70. In Naples, a 60-year-old man leaped from a four-story building after telling friends he was tired of living in a world full of atrocities such as the Kennedy shooting.

U.S. embassies around the world opened black books of condolence for the admirers of Sen. Kennedy to sign as a token of grief. Kings and presidents cabled sympathy to the senator's widow and President Johnson.

Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin, deploring the "villainous assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy," sent a telegram to the senator's widow last night expressing his sincere condolences.

The Soviet parliament also sent a telegram to Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey who is also president of the Senate, saying that "the atrocious crime to which Robert Kennedy fell victim, arouses indignation of the Soviet people."

Kosygin said in his telegram to Mrs. Kennedy: "Allow me to express my sincere condolences over the grave loss befallen to you and your family."

"The villainous assassination of your husband, Robert F. Kennedy arouses the feeling of profound indignation of the Soviet people."

The official Kremlin newspaper, Izvestia, charged that by playing up the Jordanian origin of the alleged assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, some forces in America were attempting to absolve the American way of life.

East Germany, Poland and Cuba echoed the theme, but other Communist nations were more sympathetic. Czechoslovakian foreign ministry issued a statement which said, "The Kennedy assassination was a shocking human tragedy not only for the United States. We also are deeply shocked."

Pope Paul VI offered prayers for Kennedy and sent messages to President Johnson and Mrs. Ethel Kennedy.

Queen Elizabeth II of Britain sent a personal message to Mrs. Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold Wilson also sent condolences. President Charles De Gaulle cabled both Mrs. Kennedy and President Johnson to express his sorrow.

From India, Kenya, Japan, Jordan, Pakistan, Finland, Sweden, Ireland, Denmark, Belgium and West Germany outflowings of grief and sympathy were cabled by national leaders. At the United Nations, Secretary

General Thant led a procession of diplomats to the U.S. mission to sign a condolence book.

The Middle East had expressions of regret, but many said Kennedy paid for what Arabs regard as America's pro-Israel policy.

Many Japanese wept on the streets.

Athens newspapers, once instructed by the military government to limit coverage on the campaign of the senator, a critic of the current regime, were allowed to print extra editions. Premier George Papadopolous said: "It is imperative that cruelty be wiped from public life forever."

Canada's Prime Minister, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, said the senator's death is "a blow to all of us."

While Hungarian newspapers were unanimous in condemning the "sick society" of the U.S., pupils of two Hungarian high schools sent telegrams to the American Embassy voicing sympathy over Kennedy's death.

Communist China's official press made no mention of the assassination.

Former British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan, eulogizing the late senator on national television last night, wept openly. He made no effort to brush aside the tears in the BBC television interview.

Dr. Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury and head of the Anglican Church, said in a statement: "I am grieved beyond words at this further tragedy for the Kennedy family

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and for the whole American people."

Emmanuel Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi, said in a message to Mrs. Kennedy that the Jewish Community of Britain and the commonwealth mourned with her and with a shocked world.

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Murder, the Most Obscene of All Human Actions

BY ART SEIDENBAUM

And again. An obscure hand writes an obscenity on history.

Charles Evers, the brother of murdered civil rights leader Medgar Evers, said Robert Kennedy was the only white man he trusted.

Eugene McCarthy, the opponent, mourned that the shooting of Robert Kennedy indicated Americans are still living by a frontier fierceness inappropriate to our time. Instead, claimed McCarthy, ours is a complicated, sophisticated civilization.

Complicated, surely. Sophisticated? In ability to comprehend horror perhaps. Civilization?

I wonder how civilized is a country that must now order armed protection for every man aspiring to lead it. I keep thinking about Konrad Lorenz's statement that he discovered the missing link between ravenous beasts and civilized creatures: us. Violent, dirty us.

A friend and newspaperman on the day after the most recent shooting said this is not like the grotesque assassination of President John Kennedy. And he is right.

It is not like Dallas because what happened to J.F.K. nearly five years ago was a single smear on the national character the likes of which hadn't happened in the 20th century.

Since then, again. And again. The obscenity at the Ambassador is different because it is not a total astonishment. The interval between murders seems to grow shorter.

Several politicians have announced their shock. Is shock still the word? Or is it a forgivable hypocrisy now that we suffer the shooting of another Kennedy even as we still grieve the death of Martin Luther King?

The geographical excuse has also changed. When President Kennedy was killed, you could sense a certain Yankee smugness amidst the anguish. That was Dallas, screamed some of us, where a combination of ultra-right and cowboy-pride produced a hair-trigger society.

Memphis' turn to take the blame. Many of us watched the funeral, shook our heads and moaned about the hatred that boils behind red-necks.

But now it is Los Angeles' turn. Robert Kennedy was killed right here, in the city that promises freedom and supposedly redefines tomorrow. Not gun-toting Dallas or shrill tempered Memphis but here, home. The horror is now in our lap and we have to stop smuggling blame over Southern borders.

And each of us has changed. I could write and cry in the immediate memory of John Kennedy. I remember thinking that journalists have a singular sort of solace available to them. At a time of horror, they can exercise their craft, thereby type or talk grief out of their own bellies. They can function because translating horror is part of the profession.

I could not cry for King. I was no longer simple enough, nor honest enough, although the minister's death diminished America no less than Kennedy's.

The day after Robert Kennedy was shot, I could neither cry nor write. Sick, I threw my finger down my throat and tried to vomit.

Because, like Charles Evers, I trusted Robert Kennedy. And I could not find the words and the tears any more.

Because, I guess, the words were used before and they appear to have been worthless. What has changed for the worse in these 4½ years is the capacity for obscene action. While we, outraged and impotent, keep looking behind real fears to find a basis for affirmation.

I do believe in this country. It continues to produce some magnificent men. But if they are not to become targets, then it is the obscure or obsessed creatures who must be treated and changed if we are to survive.

This is not a practical matter of police protection, but civilization. The process begins by disarming each other.

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Cries Against Violence

Across the land there is a renewed outcry against violence because of the shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The recent assassination gave impetus to demands for stiffer controls over the sale of guns. There should be better safeguards against the sale of weapons, but the imperative thing is an improvement in the quality of our citizens.

No matter how strictly we control guns, we will not end killing and violence until we have people who can control themselves. Cain did not use a gun and neither did the men who killed Caesar.

There was a relation between the growth of violence in our country and the assassination of Sen. Kennedy. The increase in disrespect for law also had an effect.

To a normal citizen, the shooting was an insane act. Who can tell whether such an act of insanity was encouraged by the mood of violence and anarchy which seems to obsess so many of our citizens?

The safety of all of us, from the most humble citizen walking a city street at night to those in high places, depends on respect for law. We must insist that every law be obeyed by everyone, regardless of whether an individual finds a particular law personally offensive.

Civil disobedience as a means of forcing certain viewpoints ought to be abandoned, for it leads to violence. Every effort to accomplish changes by some form of physical force ought to be stopped.

This applies to burners of draft cards and to students who try to change schools by massing in buildings or by walking out of classes, as well as to those who seek to obtain changes in laws through massive and disruptive demonstrations.

All of these lead toward some degree of anarchy and toward death and injury for many. All of them encourage physical strife. The farther we move in the direction of disrespect for law and order the more we encourage the insanity of murder.

We want no more assassinations. We want no more men of the caliber of the Kennedys and Dr. Martin Luther King shot. We need to teach and to enforce absolute respect for law, for those who enforce the law and for those who make the laws.

Those who take part in mass protests are building up the sort of insane resistance that leads to murder. Our first move toward a better America is to make certain that changes are brought about through peaceful discussion and not through any type of force.

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Communist Bitterness Said Cause of Slaying

Mayor Seeks Probe of Reds Over Violence

By DICK REID

Mayor Sam Yorty has laid the blame for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy at the door of the Communists. Yorty, declared at a news conference in the auditorium of the Police Administration Building that the suspect, Sirhan B. Sirhan, was

"This bitterness was inflamed by the W. E. B. DuBois Club, which is either communistically dominated or infiltrated," Yorty charged.

He called for a sweeping investigation into the recent activities of the Communist Party in the United States to learn if they were in fact contributing to the outbreaks of violence which have gripped the nation.

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The only link between Sirhan and the W. E. B. DuBois Club is an intelligence report stating that a car to which he had access was parked in front of a location where meetings of the club were being held.

Thus far in the investigation, police have failed to announce whether Sirhan was in fact a member of the organization, which is listed on the Attorney General's subversive list, or whether he ever attended a meeting at all. The Mayor also defended his statements of Wednesday in which he released a portion of the contents of several notebooks found in Sirhan's Pasadena home.

Yorty's action has been criticized by Atty. Gen. Thomas Lynch, District Atty. Evelle Younger, Sheriff Peter Pitchess and attorney A. L. Wirin, who is attempting to find a lawyer at Sirhan's request.

The Mayor said he did not believe his remarks about the contents of the notebooks would prejudice the case against Sirhan in any way since the remaining evidence was so overwhelming.

Yorty admitted that he had talked to Lynch concerning his statement and that the State Attorney General had been critical. But, he said, the public's right to know some of the man's background prompted him to disregard Lynch's advice and make his statement.

In conjecturing on the possibility of Sirhan being involved in a Communist front group, Yorty said, "its not fair to accuse the American people in general for what happened here."

Although admitting that there was no way really and completely to protect a public official from a determined assassin, Yorty called for more stringent gun controls.

He reminded newsmen that Sirhan is an alien, but failed to mention that his possession of any type of firearms was therefore illegal.

Following the news conference, Yorty went by helicopter to International Airport to be on hand when the body of the slain senator was placed on the plane for the trip back to New York City.

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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~~

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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.

In Saigon, Lt. William A. Spaniard, 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 Ek, 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.



FATHER OF ACCUSED ASSASSIN—Bishara Sirhan as he read news account in Israel-occupied Jordan of his son's arrest in slaying of Sen. Kennedy.

(AP Wirephoto)

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Red Arab Hate Reaps RFK Murder

Communists over the world and subversives in America are beaming over the "good news" that they have scored again.

The news, tragic to true Americans, spread swiftly — another foe of communism, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, had been cut down by an assassin's bullets.

The assassin suspect, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, native of the Arab state of Jordan, is a product of communism and violence, fired since infancy by the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Yet, the United American

foreign policy dictated by pressure politics caused the destruction and rape of his homeland and made him a refugee."

The Arab group made one big mistake by stating the suspect was nurtured by violence "FROM the time he was a boy of 12." It should have read "UNTIL he was 12." The fact is, Jordanian as well as other Arab state children are weaned on rifles and from infancy are fed the hate pap dished up by a police state and under a dictatorship that fawns over com-

Arab Congress of Southern California had the gall and effrontery to send a telegram to the Kennedy family blaming American policy, which Sen. Kennedy espoused, for his death.

The telegram said: "A Palestinian by birth, (he) is a product of American society. From the time he was a boy of 12, he has been nurtured in a society of violence, a witness to a foreign policy that progressively despoiled him and his kinsmen of their homes, their lives and their dignity."

The Congress said, "American

munism. He had been well-schooled in hate and violence as outlined by Communist creed before he ever set foot on American shores.

The trouble is that young Sirhan did not have teachers in Jordan to direct him along the paths of love and right — until his hate and Red leanings were too full-grown to change.

Gen. Gamal Abdul Nasser, head of the United Arab

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Republic, and collaborator with the Communists, gave Sirhan the only leadership he knew as a child — gain your end by violence, if you must. Sirhan was a good pupil of the Communist propaganda.

The Los Angeles Police Department has released the text of some portions of a diary found in Sirhan's home, with notations such as "Long live Nasser," along with the dreaded phrase "Kennedy must be assassinated before June 5, 1968." That date was the first anniversary of the six-day war

in which Israel humiliated the three Arab states of Jordan, Syria and Egypt, even over-running the Communist buildup in those countries. The diary also is said to have borne many notations sympathetic to communism, whether Russian or Chinese.

The late Sen. Kennedy probably became the personification of Sirhan's hatred because of his pro-Israel campaign statements directed to the great masses of Jews in the Los Angeles area.

For this he had to die. And the Communists and their sub-

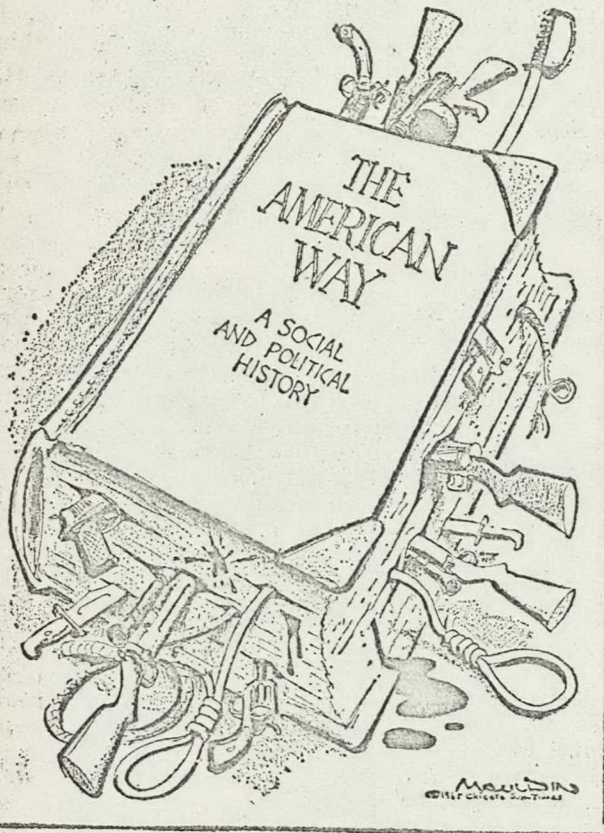
versive friends in America gained another round in their indefatigable aim to break down American declaration of government by orderly succession, replacing it with their own credo of succession by assassination.

Thus, Communists and American fellow-travelers beamed over this latest "good news."

Paradoxically, the Kennedy assassin suspect's name Sirhan is Moslem. His middle name, Bishara, is Christian. In English, it means "good news."

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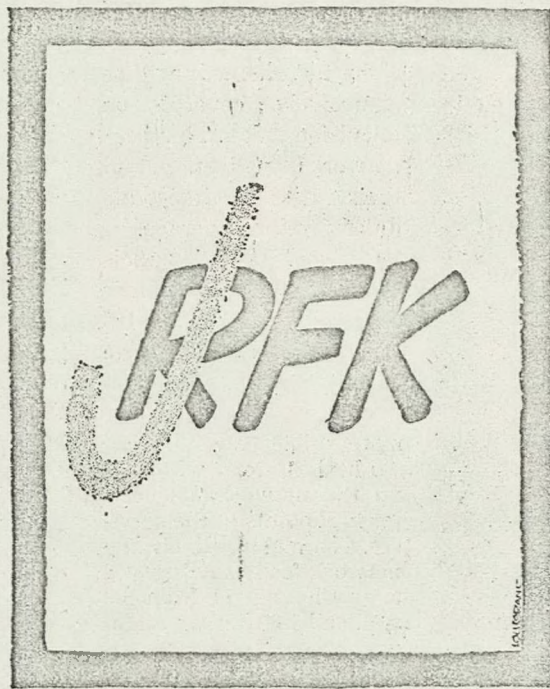
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"Tell me again about keeping the world safe for democracy!"

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Police Get Hundreds of Tips That Slaying Was Conspiracy

BY JERRY COHEN

Times Staff Writer

Los Angeles police have received "literally hundreds of tips" that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy, not a lone assassin, it was learned Friday.

"We're running down every scrap of this information," said a top police spokesman. "We'd be silly if we didn't."

But, he added, police have not retreated an iota from their earlier conviction that Sirhan Sirhan, the man in custody, acted alone.

"All evidence, despite the host of tips we're receiving, points to a lone assassin," he said.

However, investigators are discarding no leads, no matter how frivolous they appear on the surface.

Some they are pursuing with a vigor that embellishes them with a credibility they may not deserve.

One of these, for instance, concerns a story told by a water geologist just returned to the United States after working 5½ years for

the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Agriculture.

W. J. Wood, 43, said he overheard three men speaking in Arabic in Kennedy headquarters on Wilshire Blvd. last Sunday night, and he told police the conversation struck him as suspicious—especially since one of the three, he believes, was Sirhan.

At first the trio spoke in English, said Wood, who identified himself as a volunteer campaign worker for the senator.

When they switched to Arabic, using a Jordanian dialect, said Wood, he overheard one say:

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

Wood said he speaks and understands five Arabic dialects, including the one in which the trio talked.

He said the three reappeared at the headquarters Monday night, but that he dismissed the conversation until he saw a photograph of Sirhan on Wednesday after the fatal shooting.

Irrelevancy Possible

Police Inspector Peter Hagen confirmed that Wood had been questioned about the conversation.

He said officers had no reason to doubt Wood's sincerity, but "put no credence" in the story as far as its being an indicator of a conspiracy.

"The statements could have been made, but interpreted out of context and totally irrelevant to the murder," Hagen said.

Meanwhile, said the inspector, an all-points bulletin for "the girl in the white polka-dot dress" still stands as an active alert, even though she may be mythical—or if real, her remarks misinterpreted.

The bulletin was issued, primarily, as the result of information supplied by Sandy Serrano, 20-year-old Youth for Kennedy worker.

She said that just after the gunfire she had seen a woman, between 23 and 27, run jubilantly from the hotel and exclaim: "We shot him."

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"We shot him." "Who did you shoot?" Miss Serrano said she asked the woman.

"We shot Kennedy," she said the woman replied.

Miss Serrano claimed the woman, a Caucasian, wore a blue voile dress with white polka dots.

Files Available

Reports from the volunteers at the Kennedy campaign headquarters on Wilshire Blvd. that Sirhan appeared there Monday and perhaps Tuesday also were being screened.

Workers, in the process of closing up the headquarters, informed officers that files there were available for inspection, on the chance Sirhan might have signed up as a volunteer.

Both police and FBI agents revisited the Ambassador shooting scene Friday, reportedly conducting an informal "walk through" of what happened during those fateful moments after midnight Wednesday.

It also was understood that investigators viewed all television tapes and films taken Tuesday night and early Wednesday at the hotel.

Meanwhile, at least one mystery appeared clarified Friday: how the suspect, a Pasadena resident, got to the hotel.

Impounded at a police lot was a pink and white 1956 Desoto belonging to Sirhan.

The car was found earlier in the week on the east side of New Hampshire Ave. and 200 feet south of Wilshire—close by the Ambassador.

The windshield wiper held down an overtime parking ticket.

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KENNEDY MEMORIAL**Hundreds Gather
at Headquarters****BY CHARLES HILLINGER**

Times Staff Writer

Tears streamed down the faces of two 18-year-old girls as they stood in front of the Robert F. Kennedy campaign headquarters at 5615 Wilshire Blvd., Friday.

The scene was repeated throughout the day as scores of campaign workers and hundreds of pedestrians along the busy boulevard paused momentarily in front of the building.

Instead of victory banners, a memorial to the slain senator adorned the window of the Southern California campaign headquarters.

It was a portrait of Sen. Kennedy surrounded by bouquets of flowers in a large vase and on black fabric covering a table, a folded American Flag and a small card inscribed "In memory of a great man."

In store windows throughout the city were similar somber memorials.

Telephones were being dismantled.

Mrs. Veronica Piume and Mrs. Homerzella Grays manned the switchboard receiving hundreds of calls from Kennedy supporters who asked:

"What are we going to do? Who do we go for now? Why, why did it happen?"

"They ask us for advice," said Mrs. Piume. "What can we tell them?"

Trash Bins Filled

Behind the campaign headquarters were two huge trash bins filled with campaign literature, with "Bobby Power" and other Kennedy campaign signs.

The office was closed to the public Friday, but Smith said it will continue to function with a small staff "until the delegation determines what the future course should be."

Throughout the day, however, most of the volunteers who manned the office or worked out of it since it was set up March 18, dropped by to pick up personal things, to say goodbye and to cry.

"We were volunteer workers here at campaign headquarters for several weeks," said Linda Dunn, one of the 18-year-old girls, as she brushed aside tears.

"We couldn't give him our vote, but we could give him our time. We just came back here today to pay our respects."

Linda's companion, Melanie Silver, a Santa Monica College freshman as is the Dunn girl, never saw Sen. Kennedy in person.

"We were to meet him after he made his speech at the Ambassador," explained Melanie. "There was a whole group of us who went over to the hotel from campaign headquarters."

"We were going to get a chance to shake his hand, congratulate him on his victory . . ."

Records Gathered

Inside the campaign office Steve Smith, who managed the Kennedy campaign in the eight Southern California counties, and five others were gathering together records.

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LAST RESPECTS—Pausing at campaign headquarters of Sen. Kennedy where they were volunteers,

Melanie Silver, left, and Linda Dunn look through window at a portrait of senator and a floral display
Times photo by Ray Grahm

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REQUIEM: L.A. Churchmen Ponder Tragedy That 'Couldn't Happen Here'

Expressions of Grief, Some Questions, Answers

By EVE LOHMANN

Herald-Examiner Religion Writer

The Rev. Thomas Peacha, assistant pastor of St. Basil's Church in Los Angeles, was driving near Central Receiving Hospital where Robert Kennedy was first taken, when he heard the news of the shooting on his car radio.

Father Peacha reasoned that a call might have gone to his parish for a priest, so he quickly detoured to the hospital and made his way to the emergency room. There, he administered the Last Rites to the Senator, who was lying on a table, covered by a sheet, with an oxygen mask over his mouth.

In an exclusive statement to the Herald-Examiner, Father Peacha said of the implications of the tragedy:

"Our human hearts cannot carry all at once the burden of such a sorrow as this. We can only hope that time, which is now dealing so harshly with us, will soon become, as it always has been, the healer of wounds to our minds and hearts.

"Our thoughts grow even deeper as we think of the man and his family. Here was a man desirous and capable of serving his country in ways of service even greater than he had hitherto achieved. But here was more than a public figure. We beheld and admired an exemplary Christian father whose strongest affections and loyalties were centered on his devoted wife and lovely children. Theirs is a family that has known much suffering and loss.

"Our world is governed by a merciful and provident God Whose vision is so much broader than ours, 'whose ways are not our ways.' From time to time He allows evil to befall us, but only that good will follow. By faith, through our tears we must see this. May this fallen American rest in the peace of heaven. May our Eternal Father accept another sacrifice from this noble family as part of the price which must be paid for a better world."

The Rev. Laurence Joy, a priest of the Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, and Chaplain of the Good Samaritan Hospital, administered the Last Rites a second time to Robert Kennedy as he lay dying at that hospital.

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In a statement to the Herald-Examiner, Father Joy said: "What can we learn from the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy? One forceful lesson is how hatred corrodes the human heart. We see its external tragic expression in the gun, but it simmers even when the gun is out of reach. The only real cure is that we respect the person of our fellow man, that we love our neighbor, a message Christ put beautifully in the parable of the good Samaritan.

Msgr. Joseph J. Truxaw, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Los Angeles, who said mass for the Kennedy family during their vigil at the Good Samaritan Hospital, said in a statement to the Herald-Examiner:

"I am terribly ashamed of the neglect that has been shown in our country toward adequate prevention of a situation which allows weapons to fall into the hands of mentally disturbed persons.

"We have allowed an 'open season' on our most prominent leaders.

"Mentally ill persons can buy firearms easily, unknown to anyone. Sniperscopes and advanced weapons make it impossible for an assassin to miss his target nowadays.

"Something must be done to prevent this free-for-all sale of weapons in our country."

Msgr. Truxaw also mentioned how delighted he was to serve Mass for Ethel Kennedy and the others present at the hospital, and how their "high character" was revealed in how "very devoutly" they accepted Mass and Communion at the time of their awful grief.

Dr. William S. Meyer, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles called for a return to law:

"The hearts of all of us have been saddened by the death of Senator Kennedy. Certainly the Kennedy family has had much more than their share of grief and sorrow.

"Events such as this on a broad scale are the certain road to anarchy. We simply cannot continue to live as human beings in a society helpless to deal with such disorders. The rioting in our streets and in our colleges are proof that too much freedom and permissiveness have been given today.

"Recent decisions delivered by our courts, both state and national have contributed to the rise of anarchy. Thank God the pendulum is beginning to swing away from permissiveness, and the public is beginning to clamour for law and order. Let us hope and pray that it will soon come."

Dean Lloyd R. Gilmett, Dean of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Los Angeles had this to say:

"Some say our nation is sick. I don't agree entirely. Individuals are sick, not the nation!—Sick because of the desires, envies, hatred and prejudices in them. 'As a man thinks in his heart, so he is' and so he acts!

"Because of what is in us, we have lost our respect for law, the rights of others, and our reverence for life. We are harvesting what we have planted. 'Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.'

Dr. Randal C. Phillips, pastor of the Wilshire United Methodist Church in Los Angeles said in a statement to the Herald-Examiner, "Hate has again murdered a man whose purpose was to serve others. Let us in this hour of national tragedy see things clearly as we honor the life of Senator Robert F. Kennedy: he dared to live in the midst of the crowd,

reaching a hand out to youngsters and oldsters alike;—he represented the American way of working energetically and speaking forthrightly for what he believed. Fearlessness was in his face! He died showing us the life-style of dynamic love that risks death by the forces of hate.

"Senator Kennedy's death, as awful as it was, can serve an esteemed purpose if new commitments now are made among us: commitments to patience, understanding, compassion and brother love. This can become a time of turning for us as a people. We can begin to speak and think and act with a new sensitivity and maturity, shedding our selfishness and assuming personal responsibility for a better world. Surely, we ought to explore alternatives such as these. Additionally, we ought to examine our own consciences and eliminate any commitments we might have to the solution of our problems by violent means. By so responding, Los Angeles, and our nation can begin to be redeemed from the anguish of these days."

Rev. Peter Noel Knost, Minister of the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles made this statement recently:

"Never before in our history have so many people been so indifferent to the importance of law and order. Never before in our history have so many people stood silently by while civil turmoil and civil disobedience destroy entire sections of our large cities—rioting, looting, burning—our college campuses in a turmoil—crime on the increase—events that all astound credibility! And one wonders how long a nation can survive that permits the Communist influence—and who will deny it is there—to fan the flames of sedition and treason? One wonders how long a nation can survive that fails to distinguish between anarchy and freedom?

"We hear many today advocating that it is acceptable to break a law if you don't like it or if you don't feel it is just. But a distinguished American, the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, has had the following to say about civil disobedience: 'Civil Disobedience, a seditious slogan of gross irresponsibility, has captured the imagination of citizens who are morally, mentally, and emotionally immature. It has been spread at street corner rallies by those who would use it as an avenue of personal power and prestige. And it has been spread in the false guise of academic freedom in the halls of public and private institutions that have permitted emotional and often obscene harangues against morality and reason. What they really seek is license—not freedom...'

"It is time to check the rising number of 'Cains' in our midst. It is time to cease coddling them. It is time to have sympathy for the people who live and act according to right. For only by obedience to laws favoring order and stability—only by support of local, state, and federal police agencies—can we once again live in a genuinely open, safe, and free America."

In a statement to the Herald-Examiner, the Rev Dr. Horace N. Mays, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Council of Churches underlines the challenge to the church:

An assassin's bullet has cut short the brilliant career of Senator Robert Kennedy, and Los Angeles is plunged into mourning. We are not unaware of how the citizens of Dallas must have felt when the late president John F. Kennedy was assassinated, for people over the nation pointed in disgust at Dallas as if all the citizens there had committed the crime!

However, we are confronted with the harsh reality that tragedy can strike anywhere and that in a peculiar sense, we all share in the guilt.

No longer does Dr. King sound like a voice crying in the wilderness, but his non-violent philosophy based on the Christian ethic of love articulated in word and deed by the Mar-

from Nazareth is the only sure direction for modern man as for men in every age. The spiritual dimension of life must be recovered if man is to survive.

In a telegram to the Herald-Examiner, Rabbi F. Magnin of the Wilshire Blvd. Temple in Los Angeles said,

"The Rabbis, Officers, Board of Trustees and the entire membership of Wilshire Boulevard Temple mourn the tragic loss of Senator Robert Francis Kennedy."

"His dedication to the ideals of peace and justice for all citizens irrespective of race, color or creed as well as respect for law and order will long be remembered by his countrymen."

"We pray that these ideals may reach fruition in the not too distant future. He sacrificed his life for these principles. Let us live for them and by so doing assure the welfare of our country and his immortality."

The Rev. Myrus L. Knutson, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Los Angeles, sums up tragedy with the possibility of turning it into triumph.

"The assassination of Sen. Robert Kennedy has brought stunned sorrow to the heart of America already scarred by assassinations and violent feelings. Jesus said, as he staggered up the Via Delorosa toward crucifixion, 'Weep not for me but for yourselves and your children's children.'"

I am confident Robert Kennedy would give us the same counsel. My heart is burdened and weary from aching. What has happened to our beloved country? Why? Why?

"As members of society we are all guilty of complacency toward and condoning the conditions that spawn violence. But I am tired of breast-beating. There is nothing creative and healing in this kind of guilt. We must act!"

"Theologians break down the trust of people in the authority of the Scriptures, and erode respect for law and order by hilariously joining and recommending civil disobedience, not recognizing the ultimate results."

"The 'rebels' sneer at good and time-tested values. God has been burned in the bake-ovens of irreverence. Decency has been spit-on and patriotism branded as a cardinal sin."

"As was said nearly 3000 years ago about purveyors of destruction, 'Good has been turned to evil and evil turned to good.'"

Dr. J. Vernon McGee, pastor of the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles, asks "what has happened to the United States?"

"The events of the past few days in connection with the shooting and subsequent death of Senator Robert Kennedy have pointed up the sick society that now characterizes our once great nation. This tragic incident is but one of the symptoms of our sickness."

"The complex factors that are turning our sophisticated society into a jungle are not neatly outlined. However, if we cannot soon read the handwriting on the wall we will reach the point of no return."



DALLAS

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

President John F. Kennedy is slain by an assassin's bullet as he rides in a motorcade with Governor John Connally of Texas. In picture at left, from left to right Ted Kennedy, Caroline Kennedy, Peter Lawford, Jacqueline Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Patricia Kennedy Lawford, and John Kennedy Jr. stand beside the body of President Kennedy as it was placed on a caisson outside St. Matthews Cathedral following his funeral mass in Washington, D.C.



—Associated Press Wirephoto

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Dr. Martin Luther King is slain by an assassin's bullet as he stands on a motel balcony talking to some of his co-workers. In photo above, Mrs. Coretta King, right, is accompanied by her chil-

dren Yolanda, Bernice, Martin III, and Dexter in Sisters Chapel on the campus of Spellman College in Atlanta, where the body of Dr. King was on view.



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Senator Robert F. Kennedy is slain by an assassin's bullet as he leaves his campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel, just after he delivered a victory speech for his primary win in California. In picture at right,

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Sirhan Charged With Murder

By DAWSON OPPENHEIMER

Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan today stands indicted and arraigned on the charge of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy

The swarthy Jordanian also is charged with five counts of assault with intent to commit murder on five other victims of gunfire Tuesday night at the Ambassador Hotel.

Arraignment occurred yesterday in a security-sealed temporary courtroom converted from a jail chapel at County Central Jail. It was held there to prevent a recurrence of what took place in a Dallas police garage five years ago. An altar was utilized as a judge's bench.

The slender 24-year-old immigrant spoke only in monosyllables. Four deputies wheeled him into the chapel auditorium where about 20 newsmen and law officers got their first glimpse of Sirhan since his arrest at the shooting scene. He was in a wheelchair because of a sprained ankle suffered when captured.

His arraignment before Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Alarcon followed by less than two hours the Grand Jury indictment of Sirhan. The indictment charges he gunned down Kennedy and five others minutes after the New York senator claimed victory in the California Democratic presidential primary early Wednesday.

Alarcon assigned the public defender to take Sirhan's case after Sirhan said "Yes, sir" when the judge asked him if he had insufficient funds to pay for a private attorney.

Alarcon set June 28, at 9 a.m., as the plea date after Public Defender Richard Buckley said he was not prepared to enter a plea yesterday. The judge also assigned two psychiatrists, Drs. Eric Markus and Edward Stainbrook, as "agents for the de-

fense" to examine Sirhan and try to determine his mental state at the time of the shooting and his present condition.

A. L. Wirin, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney, told the court that Sirhan is completely satisfied to be represented by the public defender during pre-trial proceedings, but he prefers a private lawyer for the trial.

Wirin asked the judge to consider appointing an "outstanding lawyer from the bar association" to take the case when it comes to trial. Judge Alarcon took the request under advisement.

Sirhan drew a soft murmur from the courtroom audience when he corrected the judge in the pronouncement of his name. "It's 'Sir-han', sir...not Seer'-han," the defendant complained.

Judge Alarcon clamped a tight censorship lid on the case, promising "swift action" against officials who discuss the case publicly.

In an apparent contradiction to a recent State Supreme Court ruling, photographers were barred from taking pictures of Sirhan. The defendant was wheeled into the courtroom through a door to the viewers' left of the chapel altar. When proceedings were completed, he was wheeled through the same door that apparently led him back to his cell.

Although cameras generally are barred from inside courtrooms, photographers traditionally are allowed to photograph defendants outside courtrooms.

Grand Jury indictments and arraignment of Sirhan highlighted a day that otherwise was marked by the voluntary surrender of 19-year-old Kathy Fulmer, who identified herself as the "mysterious

polka-dot woman" but denied any role in the shooting.

The attractive brunette, wearing a blonde wig, said she saw a man resembling Sirhan watching Kennedy during his victory speech. "He (Sirhan) was 30 or 40 feet from him." She said she had been wearing a green dress, but that she had a yellow and white polka-dotted scarf around her neck. She said she believed radio, television and newspaper descriptions of the missing woman may have fit her.

After the shooting, she said "I went out because I was scared and hysterical. I ran. A man shouted at me, 'What happened?' I told him Kennedy. Meanwhile, police on two continents became involved in the investigation of the Kennedy assassination. In Israel, a request was received from the FBI for information about Sirhan's childhood in Israeli-occupied Jordan.

The sheriff of the village of Tzibeh, where Sirhan's father

still resides, said "this young man would not and could not have done what you say he did without evil influence or big money."

That thought crossed the minds of Los Angeles police, who are looking into possibilities that the senator's death was the result of a well-planned conspiracy and not the deed of a lone nationalistic terrorist.

The possibility arose as the result of a report by a Kennedy campaign worker that he had heard three men speaking in Arabic last Sunday at Kennedy headquarters.

One of the three is believed to have been Sirhan, according to W. J. Woods, who speaks five Arabic dialects including Jordanese.

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Wood quoted one of the men as saying, "He won't be in the hotel tomorrow (Monday) night, but we can get him there the next night." Wood said the trio appeared at headquarters again Monday, but that he gave them no more thought until Wednesday when he said he recognized Sirhan's picture as one of the men.

Sirhan, apprehended immediately after Kennedy and five other persons were wounded, has been kept under the strictest security blanket of any prisoner in the history of Los Angeles County.

Court authorities, working desperately to assure an atmosphere in which a fair trial can be conducted, have held Sirhan in an isolated cell of the jail's hospital ward, guarded by deputies inside and outside the cell.

Every person who entered the court yesterday was escorted by deputies through cell-like corridors, some of which were kept locked at one exit while opened at the other. A cordon of deputies lined halls down through which newsmen were led after each was searched. Ballpoint pens and lighters were tested by deputies and each was handed a card as he was cleared that read:

"NO CAMERAS, POTENTIAL WEAPONS OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES OF ANY DESCRIPTION WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE SPECTATORS' SECTION OF THE COURTROOM.—BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE."

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Mansfield Refuses to Change Position Against Gun Controls

President Reported Ready to Accept 'Objectionable' Parts of Anticrime Bill, Then Seek New Weapons Legislation

BY JOHN H. AVERILL

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana turned a deaf ear Friday to President Johnson's latest impassioned appeal for a stiff new gun control law.

Mansfield said he would continue to oppose efforts to outlaw interstate mail order sales of rifles and shotguns—the very step Mr. Johnson urged in a strongly worded message to congressional leaders Thursday.

Mansfield was among Westerners, hunting-state senators and others who opposed such a provision when the Senate considered the anticrime bill that cleared Congress Thursday and now lies on Mr. Johnson's desk awaiting his signature or veto.

The word from the White House was that Mr. Johnson planned to sign the bill despite its "objectionable" features and press for new gun control legislation.

Mansfield was not alone in standing firm against a new gun law. Interviews with members of Congress who have led the opposition to curbing sales of rifles and shotguns indicated few if any were swayed either by the President's appeal or by the pistol assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Nevertheless, the Administration and gun control advocates in both houses of Congress were drafting new legislation to further restrict traffic in firearms.

The Administration plans to submit a bill to Congress Monday that would apply the same control to rifles and shotguns that are imposed on handguns in the omnibus crime control bill sent to the White House Thursday.

That provision, in addition to banning interstate mail order sales of handguns, would bar over-the-counter sales of handguns to minors and nonresidents of the dealer's state.

An identical provision, sponsored by Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy (D-Mass.), brother of the slain senator, as an amendment to the crime control bill, was rejected by the Senate on May 16 by a vote of 53 to 29.

While Senate gun control supporters still favor that step, they said Friday it doesn't go far enough. They proposed that the Administration also call for a system of national registration of all firearms, as well as a ban on mail order sales of long guns.

Under such a plan, owners of all weapons, including both handguns and long guns, would be required to register them with federal authorities within a specified period, such as 90 days.

The plan would set fairly strict registration standards designed to take weapons out of the hands of criminals, misfits and mental incompetents.

Legislation along these lines is to be introduced next week by Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.), who has long led the fight for gun control.

Those allied with Dodd are under no illusions as to the prospects of registration legislation. It undoubtedly would meet even more opposition than the ban on mail order sales of long guns. But by pushing strongly for registration, they feel they might have a fair chance

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of persuading Congress to accept a mail order ban as a compromise approach.

Mansfield and Sen. Roman L. Hruska (R-Neb.), who has led the Senate fight against long-gun controls, predicted the President's appeal to ban mail order sales of rifles and shotguns will be rejected.

"You can't make a case for it," Hruska said.

Hruska and Mansfield said even if mail order sales were banned it would not prevent people from buying long guns over the counter.

"In my opinion," Mansfield said, "no law having to do with guns is going to provide total security. If a law would do it, I would be for it. If a man is intent on committing an assassination, he will find some way of getting a gun, using it and accepting the consequences and there is nothing you can do about it."

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Sirhan Indicted

Arraignment Conducted in Jail Chapel

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, was indicted Friday on a charge of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and then was arraigned in a County Jail chapel amid probably the greatest security precautions ever taken for a court proceeding in this country.

The County Grand Jury also accused the slight, wiry Jordanian of assaulting, with a deadly weapon and with intent to commit murder, five other persons wounded during a shooting spree early Wednesday at the Ambassador.

Friday's extraordinary proceedings took nine hours.

They started at 9:30 a.m. with the summoning of the first of 22 witnesses before the County Grand Jury in the Hall of Justice.

Then, late in the afternoon, followed the formal indictment:

"The grand jury," said Foreman L. E. McKee, "has reviewed the

evidence presented and has voted to return an indictment against Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, charging him in one count with the murder of Robert F. Kennedy . . ."

Then came the arraignment—held, ironically, in a church, as the remains of Robert F. Kennedy lay in state in another house of worship in New York City. The jail chapel was used so sheriff's officers could maintain close security impossible in a regular courtroom.

At the end of the proceedings, at 6:30 p.m., a court order was made restricting comment by any public official or person connected with the case.

Throughout the long day, security appeared to be the primary consideration.

News men covering the grand jury hearing were required to identify themselves, and witnesses were provided escorts both to and from the investigative panel's chambers on the Hall of Justice's fifth floor.

But that was just the beginning. The same intense security conditions prevailed when the indictment was returned before Superior Judge Arthur L. Alarcon in his courtroom three floors above and later at the Central County Jail, where every person entering the third-floor chapel was searched for weapons—including Judge Alarcon.

22 Witnesses Are Called

Dep. Dist. Attys. John E. Howard and Morio Fukuto called 22 witnesses to testify before the grand jury.

They included eyewitnesses to the crime, police officers, ambulance drivers and attendants.

Because they were in New York to attend Sen. Kennedy's funeral, Rafter Johnson, former Olympic champion, and Roosevelt Grier, mammoth tackle for the Los Angeles Rams, were excused.

Both of them reportedly aided in the capture of Sirhan moments after he allegedly shot Sen. Kennedy and the others. Johnson is said to have been the person who turned the .22-caliber revolver over to police.

Eyewitnesses testifying about the

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tragic election night events, it is understood, were four employees of the Ambassador — Jesus Perez, Eddie Minasian, Vincent DiPierro and Karl Becker.

Perez is the man who was shaking hands with Sen. Kennedy at the time he was shot.

The other three reportedly observed the shooting and assisted in subduing Sirhan, but not before six persons were wounded.

Henry Carreon, a tall young man in his late teens or early 20s, and assertedly the nephew of Dr. Reynaldo Carreon, a city police commissioner, also is believed to have been a key witness.

He reportedly identified Sirhan as the man he saw several hours before the shooting, practicing at a San Gabriel Valley target range.

Wounded Testify

Two of the five surviving victims, Ira Goldstein and Irwin Stroll, were called to testify. Stroll appeared in a wheelchair.

Paul Schrade, William Weisel and Elizabeth Evans, also allegedly shot by Sirhan, were not summoned because they still are hospitalized, according to Howard and Fukuto.

Sirhan's 38-minute arraignment, despite the strange surroundings, began when Judge Alarcon, standing behind a wooden altar, almost routinely called for "Case No. A-233421—People vs. Sirhan Bishara Sirhan."

The defendant, in blue jail dungarees and a white shirt and wearing black patent leather slippers, was pushed into court in a wheelchair, his left ankle wrapped in an Ace bandage.

He reportedly sprained the ankle in the scuffle which followed the shoot-

ing. At his arraignment in Municipal Court Wednesday morning, only nine hours after his arrest, he did not appear to have any trouble walking or standing.

Judge Alarcon allowed Sirhan, shielded from courtroom spectators by four deputy sheriffs, to sit during the proceedings.

He spoke only a few words, most of them in answer to questions by the court.

However, when he was asked if his name was Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, he

quickly corrected the judge's pronunciation.

"It is sear-han, not sir-hawn," the defendant said.

After Howard read the counts alleged against Sirhan in the indictment, Judge Alarcon told the defendant his constitutional rights.

Public Defender Richard Buckley's office again—as at the arraignment in Municipal Court — was appointed to represent the defendant. Sirhan said he does not have the funds to hire an attorney.

Buckley informed the court that Dep. Public Defender Wilbur Littlefield will defend Sirhan.

At the request of Littlefield, Judge Alarcon continued the case until June 28 at 9 a.m. for plea or further proceedings and ordered Sirhan held without bail.

There was no indication as to whether future court matters will be heard in the same chapel, although Sirhan reportedly does not oppose such a setting.

The judge also granted Littlefield's motion for the appointment of two psychiatrists to examine Sirhan to determine his mental and physical condition, both now and at the time of the shooting.

Determine Pleas

The results of such examinations, by court order,

will be confidential communications between the doctor and the defense and are to be used to determine what pleas later should be entered.

Judge Alarcon, in appointing the psychiatrists, said he was not declaring any doubt as to the defendant's sanity.

Present in court was A. L. Wirin, chief counsel for the Southern California Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, who appeared at the request of Judge Alarcon to assure that Sirhan's constitutional rights are protected.

Wirin commended the court, the district attorney's office, Los Angeles police and sheriff's office for their handling of the case.

Sirhan had waved to Wirin, sitting in a first-row pew, as he was wheeled into the makeshift courtroom. And, as he left, he asked the

bearded Wirin to have money sent to him for his use in jail.

Wirin earlier informed the court that he had invited Sirhan's mother, Mary Sirhan, to the arraignment, but said she had not responded to his message, which was sent

in care of a Pasadena church.

Judge Alarcon denied Wirin's request that one or more outstanding lawyers be appointed to represent Sirhan. Wirin explained, however, that the defendant is not dissatisfied with the public defender.

Judge Alarcon ended the strange court session by reading a lengthy court order in which he directed all persons connected with the case and all public officials, in the interest of protecting Sirhan's constitutional rights, to refrain from making public statements on

matters which may become evidence in the case.

Los Angeles demonstrated that it had learned from Dallas the need for tight security for the suspected assassin.

The very fact that the arraignment was held in the austere chapel of the Central County Jail, and not in a regular courtroom pointed up the precautions taken.

Uniformed and plainclothes sheriff's deputies patrolled the parking lot and surrounding streets of the jail at 441 Bauchet St. and seemed to be everywhere in the corridors of the building.

Only accredited newsmen, peace officers and those involved in the judicial proceedings were allowed in the 400-seat chapel. The pews were more than half filled.

To gain access to the chapel, newsmen had to present credentials at three checkpoints.

They were politely but thoroughly frisked in the jail dining room near the chapel.

Also frisked were all peace officers and attorneys for the prosecution and the defense, in addition to the black-robed Judge Alarcon.

Cameras Checked

Newspaper and television photographers had to check their cameras, and radio reporters their tape recorders. It appeared as if every peace officer had to leave behind firearms and ammunition.

One deputy was asked to check a pocketknife. A news photographer, seeing this, volunteered to surrender his small knife after it had gotten through the frisk.

From the outside door of the jail facility it took 45 minutes to reach the chapel.

Throughout the arraignment, 19 uniformed deputies—including five women—kept their eyes on the audience.

No spectator was allowed to smoke, talk or stand.

Converting the chapel to a court facility for Friday's hearing took few changes. In addition to turning the altar into a judge's bench, California and U.S. flags were placed behind the judge. The cross had been taken down from the wall behind the altar. The hooks on which it had been hung were still visible.

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Kirschke's Lawyer Protests Police Comment on Sirhan

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The lawyer for convicted murderer Jack Kirschke asked a judge Friday to prohibit law enforcement officers from making any more statements about the interest of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's accused slayer in the Kirschke case.

Attorney George T. Davis of San Francisco told Judge Kathleen Parker that the statements might be prejudicial to Kirschke, who is seeking a new trial, by implying there was a "tie-in between Kirschke and Sirhan Sirhan.

Sirhan brought up the Kirschke case and discussed it with his interrogators after he was arrested for allegedly shooting Kennedy and

five other persons, police revealed.

Judge Parker declined to give such an order to police, but she said she would request Chief Tom Reddin to allow Davis and Dep. Atty. Gen. Albert Harris to hear a tape of statements Sirhan is said to have made about the Kirschke case.

The judge also rejected a motion by Davis that Chief Reddin be subpoenaed to relate from the witness stand any remarks Sirhan made about Kirschke.

She said she would decide whether to subpoena Reddin and other law enforcement officers after Davis and

Harris, who prosecuted Kirschke, heard the tape.

Harris said he would contact Reddin and other officers and ask them to refrain from making any more statements regarding Sirhan's interest in the Kirschke case.

The Sirhan matter came up when Kirschke appeared in court with Davis to seek a date for the arguing of motions for a new trial.

It was not discussed in open court, though, but privately in Judge Parker's chambers. The judge later revealed what happened during the half-hour session.

Aug. 7 Set

Judge Parker set Aug. 7 as the date to hear arguments for a new trial for Kirschke, a former deputy district attorney, who is under sentence of death for the fatal shooting last April 8 of his wife,

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