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Sirhan Trial Room Turning Into 'Armored Fortress'

A portion of the Hall of Justice at Temple Street and Broadway is being turned into a virtual armored fortress in preparation for the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan, the suspected killer of Robert F. Kennedy.

The Board of Supervisors, labeling the trial "a great emergency," yesterday voted to authorize expenditure of an estimated \$20,000 to protect Sirhan as well as the judge and the jury.

Plans call for armor-plated courtroom partitions, bullet-proof glass, steel plate, and wire netting as security precautions.

Sirhan is scheduled to leave the County Central Men's Jail Friday for the first time since he was arrested in a corridor of the Ambassador Hotel June 5, moments after Kennedy was fatally wounded and five others injured in a burst of gunfire.

The Friday date was set last month when Sirhan was ar-

raigned in a make-shift courtroom in the jail and ordered to report to court June 28 to enter his plea.

His attorney, Russell E. Parsons, however, may ask for a delay of the plea hearing to allow more time to prepare his case. He became defense attorney a week ago today.

Current activity in the Hall of Justice, where it is believed Sirhan will be tried, is concentrated on the ninth floor — a "buffer zone" between the old County Jail above and courtroom facilities below.

Workmen are installing partitions in two corridors on the ninth floor, hanging steel doors and preparing two large picture windows so they can be shuttered with steel panels.

The board voted the emergency funds yesterday after Supervisor Kenneth Hahn introduced a resolution declaring "a great emergency exists which re-

quires the construction of protective facilities in order to conduct County operations and avoid danger to life and property."

The resolution called for construction of the protective facilities "by the mechanical department of the County in cooperation with the Sheriff..."

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For Assassination Trial**Sirhan To Get Bulletproof Cage**

Construction of a bulletproof cage to protect Sirhan B. Sirhan during his trial for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was approved today.

The Los Angeles County supervisors adopted a special resolution declaring that "it is necessary that certain facilities be constructed in county buildings in order to protect life and property" during Sirhan's trial.

Supervisors said the protective facilities, estimated to cost \$20,000, must be built on an "emergency" basis without formal bidding.

Asst. County Counsel David Mix said that Sheriff Peter Pitchess plans to "install metal plates on the bars of one jail cell, a 'chute' or separate passageway in the courthouse corridor and courtroom partitions consisting of armor plate, armor glass, steel plate and wire netting."

Under this setup, Sirhan apparently could be transported from his jail cell to his bullet-

proof courtroom cage without ever being exposed to the public.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who authored the resolution permitting the emergency work, said the precautions will provide "all the protection necessary for everyone involved."

The money will not be spent, Hahn added, if Sirhan's attorneys obtain a change of venue.

County officials are taking extraordinary precautions to avert the possibility that Sirhan will suffer the fate of Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy in 1963. Oswald was shot to death in a Dallas police station by night club owner Jack Ruby before he could be brought to trial.

Under terms of the emergency resolution, county crews, rather than employees of outside contractors, will do the work.

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Yorty Hits Judicial Ban on Discussion of Kennedy Slaying

BY ERIC MALNIC
Times Staff Writer

Mayor Sam Yorty said Wednesday that Superior Judge Arthur L. Alarcon "probably exceeded his authority" in prohibiting the mayor and others from discussing the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

"A judge can't sit up there in court telling everyone on the outside what they can do and cannot do," Yorty told his weekly City Hall press conference.

"The public, particularly in a case like the assassination of Sen. Kennedy, where you have political implications, is entitled to as much information as it can reasonably be given."

Judge Alarcon issued his order for silence on June 7 in an effort to make sure that the accused assassin, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, receives a fair trial.

Legal Experts Voiced Concern

Some members of the legal profession expressed concern over possible inadmissibility of evidence as a result of Yorty's remarks about the case before the order was handed down.

Criticism of Yorty's remarks—some of it from Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch and Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger—centered on discussion of two stenographic notebooks allegedly found in Sirhan's Pasadena home.

Yorty, although agreeing to abide by the ban, defended his remarks.

"I revealed whatever was necessary to prevent rumors and possible violence, and no more," he told a June 11 press conference.

The mayor said Wednesday he felt that on the whole, "criminal justice in the United States is very sick."

"It's a game of technicalities, not a search for truth," he said.

Noting that a Los Angeles policeman, Ian James Campbell, 31, was murdered near Bakersfield more than five years ago, Yorty said the

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case "is still being subjected to delays.

"The game goes on."

(Gregory U. Powell, 34, and Jimmy Lee Smith, 37, found guilty of the murder and sentenced to death in 1963, are now awaiting new trials granted on the basis that they were not properly informed of their rights.)

Turning to other matters, Yorty professed little interest in the Committee for the City, a group formed last week to do something about the "lack of leadership" from City Hall.

Asked if the group is engaged in a "stop Yorty" movement, the mayor said: "It wouldn't make any difference to me."

Asked about the charge of inadequate leadership, he said:

"That sounds exactly like the L.A. Times . . . Leadership is how you view it."

He said his administration is "doing everything we can" to find jobs for the unemployed, adding that Los Angeles is "apparently first in the nation in low-cost housing plans."

When Dr. Werner Hirsch of UCLA, chairman of the committee, was

asked if his was a "stop Yorty" drive, he replied that "we are a positive group . . . (more) interested in identifying the major problems of the city."

But Norbert Schlei, another committee leader, said one of those problems is "lack of leadership" from City Hall.

Next to the President, Schlei said, the job of mayor of Los Angeles is probably the most important elective post to the people of this city because of the leadership role a mayor can play in meeting

increasing urban problems.

When asked about current agitation for local gun registration laws, Yorty repeated his earlier comment that the city attorney's office feels such laws are the responsibility of state officials, not local authorities.

"The bill of (Assemblyman Winifred A.) Shoemaker (D-Lompoc) now pending before the Legislature sounds like a very good legislative enactment," the mayor said.

"If the state does not

enact (gun control) laws, we will have to enact them locally, realizing they

would not be too effective. "National laws are what would be really effective."

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Sirhan Plea Delay Seen

Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, makes his second court appearance tomorrow, but a three-week continuance for him to enter a plea is scheduled.

Sirhan's newly appointed attorney, Russell E. Parsons, said he would ask the court for a continuance in the hearing, which his client will enter a plea, to enable Parsons to study all phases of the case.

Parsons said that the County Grand Jury transcript of the hearing that led to Sirhan's indictment consists of hundreds of pages, requiring time to study.

It is believed that Parsons will seek appointment of a second psychiatrist to examine Sirhan. The Superior Court earlier appointed two psychiatrists to interview Sirhan in County Jail, but one of them, Dr. Edward Reinbrook, declined.

The other psychiatrist, Dr. Eric Marcus, has examined the accused and the results of such examination, available only to the defense, would be used by Parsons to help determine what plea Sirhan should enter to the charge against him.

If Parsons decides his client should plead insanity, which the prosecution anticipates, the judge then would appoint still another psychiatrist whose findings would be available to the court and the prosecution as well as the defense.

An additional delay in Sirhan's trial date is expected to be sought by Parsons.

This delay is anticipated when the second defense counsel, still unidentified because he is in court with another case, enters the Sirhan proceedings. Arguments for the delay will center on the point that the new attorney must be given time to familiarize himself with the case.

When the proceedings open before Judge Richard Schauer in the chapel of the new County Jail at 9 a.m. tomorrow, it is expected that the first order of business will be for the judge to ask Sirhan if he accepts Parsons as his counsel instead of a court-appointed public defender.

This move is necessary because Sirhan last week requested Parsons to defend him in place of a court-appointed public defender.

Sirhan has made no public statement since the June 5 shooting at the Ambassador Hotel. He has been seen by newsmen only twice since then—in the Hall of Justice the day of the shooting and when arraigned in the County Jail chapel June 7.

While Sirhan will be given a public trial, a view of him at tomorrow's hearing again will be limited to newsmen and officials.

Presiding Judge Richard Schauer and Sheriff Peter J. Pritchess said yesterday in a joint statement that photographs or interviews or both will not be permitted. In addition,

the court also ordered cameras, tape recorders and other electronic equipment excluded from the courtroom-auditorium during proceedings.

The courtroom-auditorium is in the Los Angeles County Men's Central Jail at 441 Bauchel St. The same security measures, enacted at the arraignment of Sirhan, will prevail at tomorrow's proceedings.

Held without bail, Sirhan's detention has been marked by the tightest security measures ever seen here. His public trial will be similarly protected because of threat against him.

Workmen already are turning parts of the Hall of Justice, at Temple Street and Broadway, where the trial will be held, into a virtual armored fortress and County supervisors have authorized expenditure of up to \$20,000 for a protective courtroom enclosure.

The armor-plated, bulletproof glass enclosure will seal off the defendant, judge, jury and attorneys from the press and public during the trial.

The Hall of Justice has jail facilities on the 10th floor and courts on the ninth floor, and it is on the courtroom floor where workmen are installing partitions in two corridors, hanging steel doors and preparing two large picture windows so they can be shuttered with steel panels.

Meanwhile, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said the trial of Sirhan will be the most famous in California and the protective measures are to insure his right to a fair trial.

Hahn asked the Board of Supervisors to approve funding for the courtroom protection after security discussions with the sheriff and Superior Judge Donald R. Wright.

Hahn said that if Sirhan's attorney asks for and gets a change of venue for the trial, the courtroom enclosure will not be built—but "the word we have now is that they will not ask for a change of venue."

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Sirhan Granted Additional Time for Making Plea

Tightly Guarded Court Session Indicates Trial Is Still a Long Way Off

BY RON EINSTOSS

Times Staff Writer

Sirhan B. Sirhan made his third and briefest appearance in court Friday and, though the seven-minute proceedings were routine, it became evident that the trial of the slight Jordanian-immigrant is a long way off.

Amid even greater security precautions than were in effect at his arraignment in the same chapel of the new county jail three weeks ago, the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy waived his right to be tried within 60 days of his June 7 indictment.

Superior Judge Richard Schauer required Sirhan to give up his right to a trial within the statutory period after Russell E. Parsons, his attorney, sought additional time to enter a plea—or pleas.

Continued to July 19

At the request of Parsons, Judge Schauer continued the matter until 9 a.m. July 19. The site of the next court appearance was not determined.

Parsons, who only recently entered the case as Sirhan's attorney, said he needed more time to study the lengthy grand jury transcript.

The first order of business, however, came when Judge Schauer asked Sirhan if he wanted Parsons to defend him.

"Yes sir, we do," was the defendant's reply.

Before Parsons entered the case, Sirhan was represented by the public defender's office.

Psychiatrist Declines Assignment

Dr. George Y. Abe was appointed to conduct a general psychiatric examination of Sirhan because one of two psychiatrists previously named to do so declined the appointment.

Parsons asked that Dr. Abe's findings remain confidential and be reported to him "as expeditiously as possible."

From statements made by Parsons it became apparent during and after Sirhan's appearance in the makeshift courtroom that the trial will become a test of the defendant's capacity to understand the nature and consequences of his acts.

Such an understanding by him is necessary if Sirhan is to be convicted of first-degree murder.

Parsons told newsmen that he had "grave doubts" as to whether Sirhan knew what he was doing on election night when, according to eyewitnesses, he fatally shot Sen. Kennedy and wounded five other persons.

For the first time, the prosecution, represented in court by Dep. Dist. Attys. John E. Howard and David N. Pitts, came armed with its own psychiatrist.

Observing every movement of Sirhan from his front row seat was Dr. Seymour Pollack, veteran psychiatrist recently retained by the district attorney's office as an adviser.

About 150 spectators, most of them members of the press, were in court. Everyone except Judge Schauer and Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess was searched.

One of the observers was Adel Sirhan, 29, one of the 24-year-old defendant's four brothers. He also sat in a front row seat, and was flanked by officers as a protective measure.

Parsons revealed that Mrs. Mary Sirhan, the defendant's mother, plans to see her son for the first time Monday. He said Adel previously visited his brother.

Although Parsons would

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not discuss the case, he did give newsmen some of his impressions of his client.

He described Sirhan as a man devoted to his family, quiet and pleasant appearing, but added:

"He looks like a lot of people from that part of the world who have encountered pain and suffering."

Dressed in navy blue pants, a light blue shirt, and black shoes, Sirhan strode briskly into court Friday and stood when addressed by Judge Schauer. At his last court appearance, he was brought in by wheelchair and sat throughout the proceedings.

Although he walked into and out of the courtroom on his own Friday, Sirhan was brought from his cell to a point just outside the room in a wheelchair.

The jail's medical staff requested use of the wheelchair, saying he has not recovered from a sprained ankle suffered during his capture at the Ambassador June 5.

Sirhan appeared to become angry at one point when one of the sheriff's deputies, who ushered him into court, bumped him slightly.

Five uniformed officers again stood behind Sirhan as he faced the judge. One of them appeared to be also offering protection to Parsons, who reportedly has been the recipient of some threats on his life.



SUSPECT AFTER HEARING—Sirhan B. Sirhan goes back to his cell in a wheelchair following his seven-minute hearing in County Jail chapel.

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Sirhan Plea Of Insanity Is Expected

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan is in County Jail, waiting out a three-week delay in entering his plea to a charge of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, a delay that will shape the course of his coming trial.

Appointment of a defense psychiatrist yesterday gave support to recurring reports that an insanity plea will be part of his defense.

Sirhan once claimed in an accident compensation case that he suffered a head injury in a fall from a horse.

The Jordanian immigrant appeared yesterday before Superior Judge Richard Schauer and had his scheduled plea postponed until July 19.

It was only the second time Sirhan appeared in public since he was arrested in the Ambassador Hotel corridor where Kennedy was mortally wounded and five others injured in a burst of gunfire after Kennedy's jubilant state primary victory statement to supporters.

The tightest security regulations in the history of the coun-

ty, maintained since Sirhan was taken into custody, again were in evidence as he was shielded from the courtroom spectators by five sheriff's deputies. Additional uniformed, unarmed deputies were stationed throughout the makeshift courtroom, and plainclothesmen sat among the spectators—mostly newsmen and photographers—their eyes constantly moving over the crowd.

Sirhan, although he showed some signs of nervousness, walked from his wheelchair at the door of the jail chapel to his place before the judge with firm steps, his head up and shoulders back.

He spoke only 14 words during the proceedings—in two-to-four-word phrases ("Yes Sir," or "Yes Sir, we do")—confirming his own identity, that he had accepted Parsons as his attorney and that he waived his right to a trial within 60 days of his arrest, as provided by law.

After the hearing, Parsons and Sheriff Peter Pitchess gave permission for the first time for the defendant to be photographed.

Parsons said he had not seen much change in Sirhan's attitude. "He talks with me ... about his family, himself and his case."

The attorney said the Jordanian's family appears "to be devoted to him," noting that Sirhan's heavily guarded brother was in the courtroom yesterday and that his mother would visit him Monday.

He said his client is "quite pleasant-appearing. He has the look of a man who comes from a world that has suffered many pains, much anguish," Parsons added.

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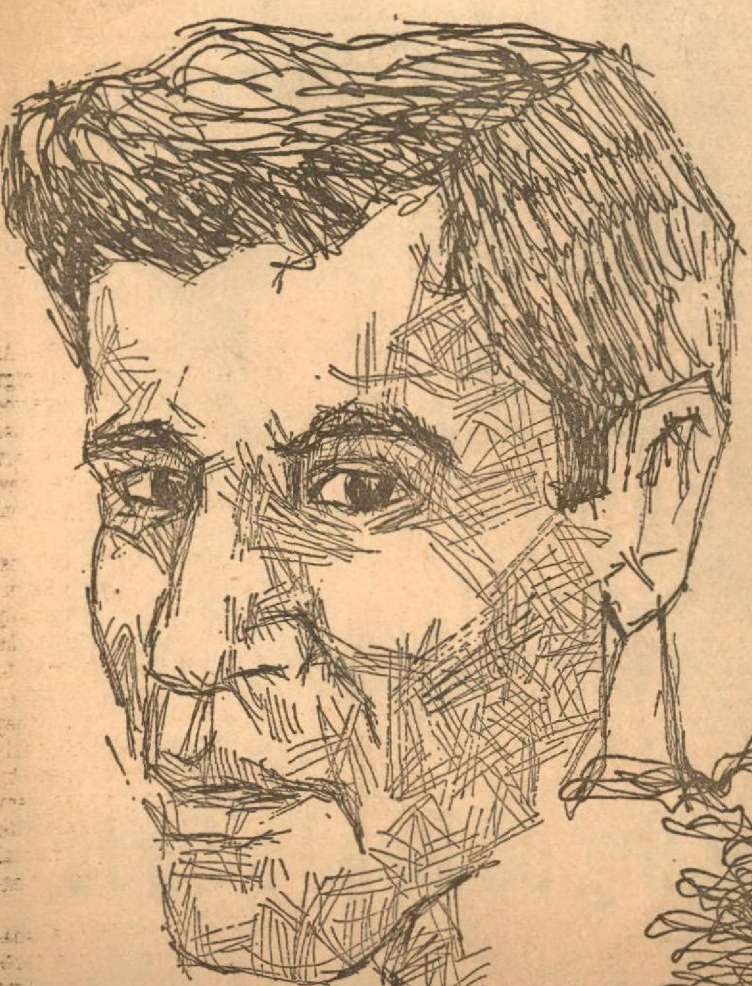
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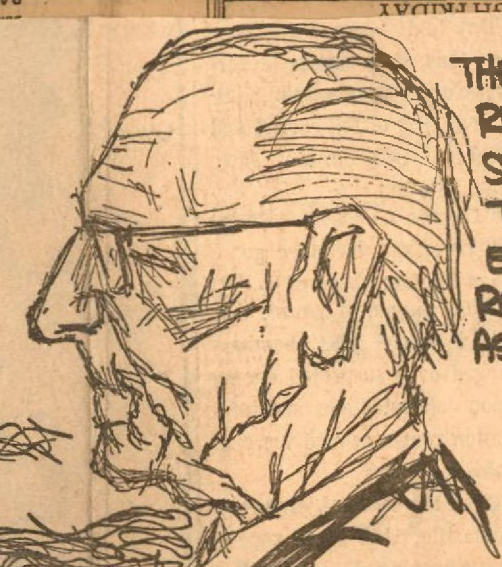
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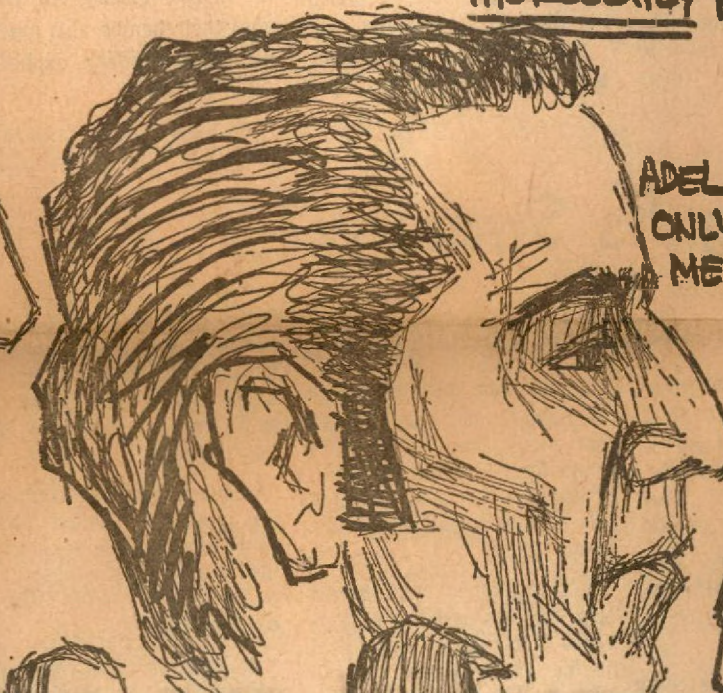
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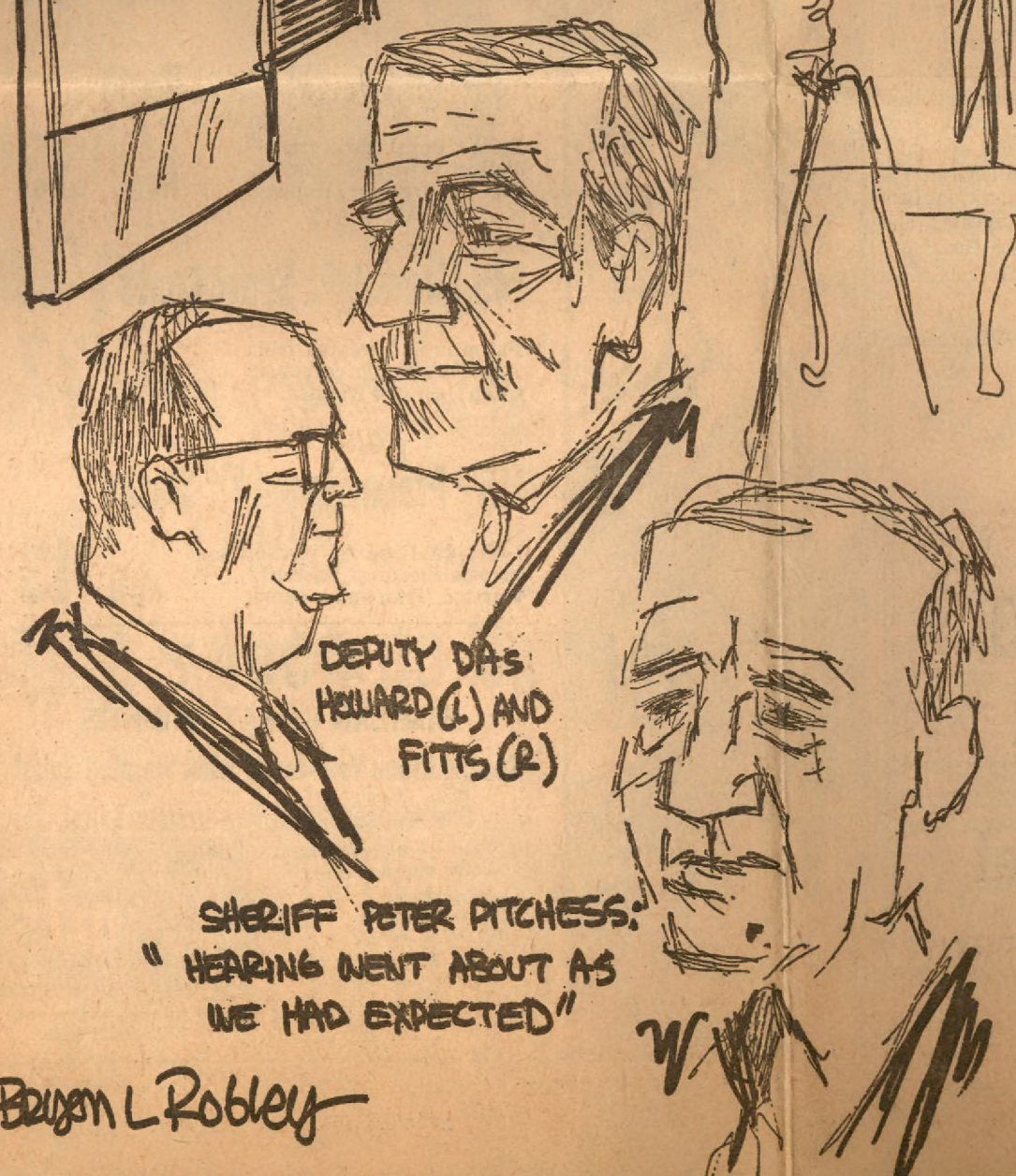
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Four Men Jailed for Explosives

Four young South Bay area men today face complaints of bringing explosives onto jail grounds following their arrest outside County Men's Jail where Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused of slaying Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, is held awaiting trial.

But deputies said they believe the arrest is in no way connected with Sirhan.

Arrests were made when deputies spotted a car parked on jail grounds with the four inside. During a routine search of the car when deputies became suspicious of their presence, two artillery ground burst simulators were discovered along with a quantity of marijuana. The simulators are used during military maneuvers to simulate bursting artillery shells. They produce a bright flash and fireball and are dangerous within 15 yards, military armaments experts said.

Deputies said they believe the four were there to visit a jailed friend and that the explosives—although illegal to possess anywhere—were being saved for use on July 4.

Jailed on the explosives count and another of marijuana possession were Robert Glass, 18, of 1403 S. Catalina Ave.; James N. DeAugustine, 18., of 877 Ave. B, and Mark Wilnot, 17, of 345 Ave. F, all of Redondo Beach, and Robert Young, 20 of 2615 W. 231st St., Torrance.

It was the third incident since Sirhan was jailed in which deputies at the tightly guarded jail have uncovered arms or armaments. Two women visitors were found to be carrying pistols.

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A QUESTION OF CASH

Minister Tells Sirhan Plan to Buy His Horse

By JAMES D. WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Southern California evangelist says he almost sold a horse to the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and now is hiding out in fear of his life.

The Los Angeles police, who he says have his story, decline comment.

The Orange County Baptist minister, who does not want his name used and who will be called Jones, was interviewed at a hideout less than 100 miles from San Francisco.

Present were two of his longtime friends, Oakland private detective Ben Hardister and San Francisco criminal attorney George T. Davis. Both say they advised Jones to stay out of sight and are seeking protection for him and his family. He says he has had two threatening telephone calls.

Here is the gist of his long story:

He picked up two hitchhikers in Los Angeles on Monday, June 11, the day before the California Democratic primary which Kennedy won.

Jones says one of the youths

was Sirhan Beshara Sirhan, the Jordanian accused of killing Kennedy. The other was taller, but seemed to Jones to be the same nationality.

Since Jones is a horseman by avocation and buys and sells horses and Shetland ponies, they talked of horses.

Sirhan wanted to buy a pony to exercise race horses so he could get a job at a race track. Jones had one that suited, but Sirhan said he would not have the price, \$300, until late that night.

Sirhan asked to be let off near the Ambassador Hotel "to see a friend in the kitchen." That night, Sirhan produced a \$100 bill, but said he wouldn't have the rest until 8 a.m. Tuesday.

At that time, Sirhan did not show up. Instead there was an older man who looked like the same nationality and said, "Joe couldn't make it." He said Sirhan really wanted the horse and could pay for it Tuesday night at 11 p.m. if Jones would deliver it at the same spot near the Ambassador Hotel where Jones had let him out.

The Ambassador is where Kennedy was shot.

Jones said he was preaching out of town and couldn't make it. He gave the older man, whom he described as about 35 and expensively dressed, his business card with his unlisted telephone number.

On Wednesday, Jones did not hear that Kennedy had been shot until he was having lunch with friends. A picture of the still-unidentified suspect was flashed on a television show, and Jones said he recognized the youth who had wanted to buy the horse.

The next day, Thursday, he got the first threatening telephone call, he said. An unaccented voice he could not recall having heard before told him:

"Keep your mouth shut about this horse deal if you know what's good for you."

Three days later the voice in another call reminded him he had been warned once before and repeated the profane threat to keep his mouth shut. He told police about the calls, and picked Sirhan's picture out of 30 they showed him.

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JURIST CAUTIONS SUPERVISORS ON DEVICES

Trial Judge Will Rule on Sirhan Safeguards

BY JERRY COHEN

Times Staff Writer

Whatever protective devices are needed to insure the safety of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan during his trial will be decided by the judge eventually assigned to hear the case, Presiding Superior Judge Donald R. Wright said Tuesday.

There had been indications that a floor-to-ceiling shield of bulletproof glass and wire netting might be erected to protect Sirhan, the jury, the judge, attorneys and court attaches.

But some judges and attorneys, it has been learned, have expressed fear that it might not be possible for Sirhan to get a fair trial if an overly protective atmosphere prevails in the courtroom.

In a letter to the Board of

Supervisors, Judge Wright said "... any substantial expenditure of county funds beyond those necessary for preliminary planning may be premature."

A week ago, supervisors exempted from competitive bidding any construction required to protect the 24-year-old alleged assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Just as in any trial, the jurist assigned to the case determines what special devices—"if any"—are necessary, Judge Wright pointed out.

He added that the judge probably would consult with both prosecution and defense attorneys before deciding on the matter.

Judge Wright also said that a defense motion to move the case from Los Angeles County, on the ground that Sirhan cannot receive a fair trial here, may be offered.

Such a motion would have to be ruled on and then would be subject to appellate review, all of which would leave in doubt for some time whether the case would be tried here.

Judge Wright said he is concerning himself only with the courtroom, not with other areas under the control of the sheriff. Deputy sheriffs presumably would be empowered to search persons entering the courtroom.

Work in several areas of the Hall of Justice, where the case is expected to be tried, already has begun. It includes sealing hallways and installing steel plates over certain windows on the ninth floor in the

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area through which Sirhan would move from jail to the courtroom.

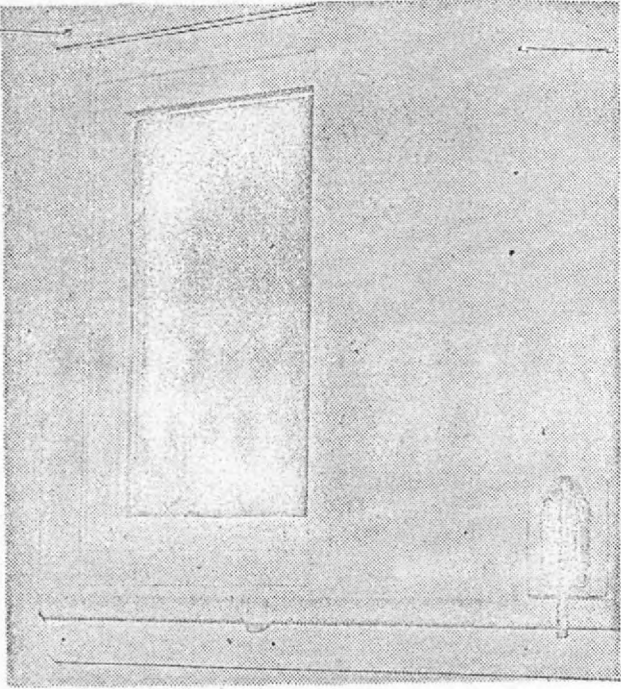
Sirhan's case still is in the pretrial stages before Superior Judge Richard Schauer, who presides over the criminal departments. A trial judge probably will not be selected for some time, Judge Schauer said.

Since the current proceedings are not before a jury, Judge Schauer said he sees no reason to interfere with the present massive security precautions being taken by the sheriff's office.

This includes the stationing of deputy sheriffs behind the defendant during his appearances in a makeshift courtroom in the chapel of the new County Jail.

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The Path of Fate Sirhan Will Walk Each Day



Steel Shielding Covers Every Corridor Opening

Workmen have completed installation of armor plating in the 9th floor corridors of the Hall of Justice in preparation for the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan, charged with killing Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Sliding metal panels over door windows and inch-thick metal plates over windows exposed to interior courtyard walls have been put in their places.

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Only the courtroom in which Sirhan will be tried remains to be chosen and shielded to complete the \$20,000 bullet-proofing project which began last week.

When the courtroom is selected, workmen will construct a transparent barrier completely across the facility, separating Sirhan, the judge, jury and court officials from spectators.

One police official who watched workmen complete the 9th floor project declared "this man (Sirhan) has greater security than even the president of the United States."

Sirhan has been confined in the county's Central Men's Jail since his arrest June 5, after Kennedy was mortally wounded and six other persons injured in a burst of gunfire, at the Ambassador Hotel.

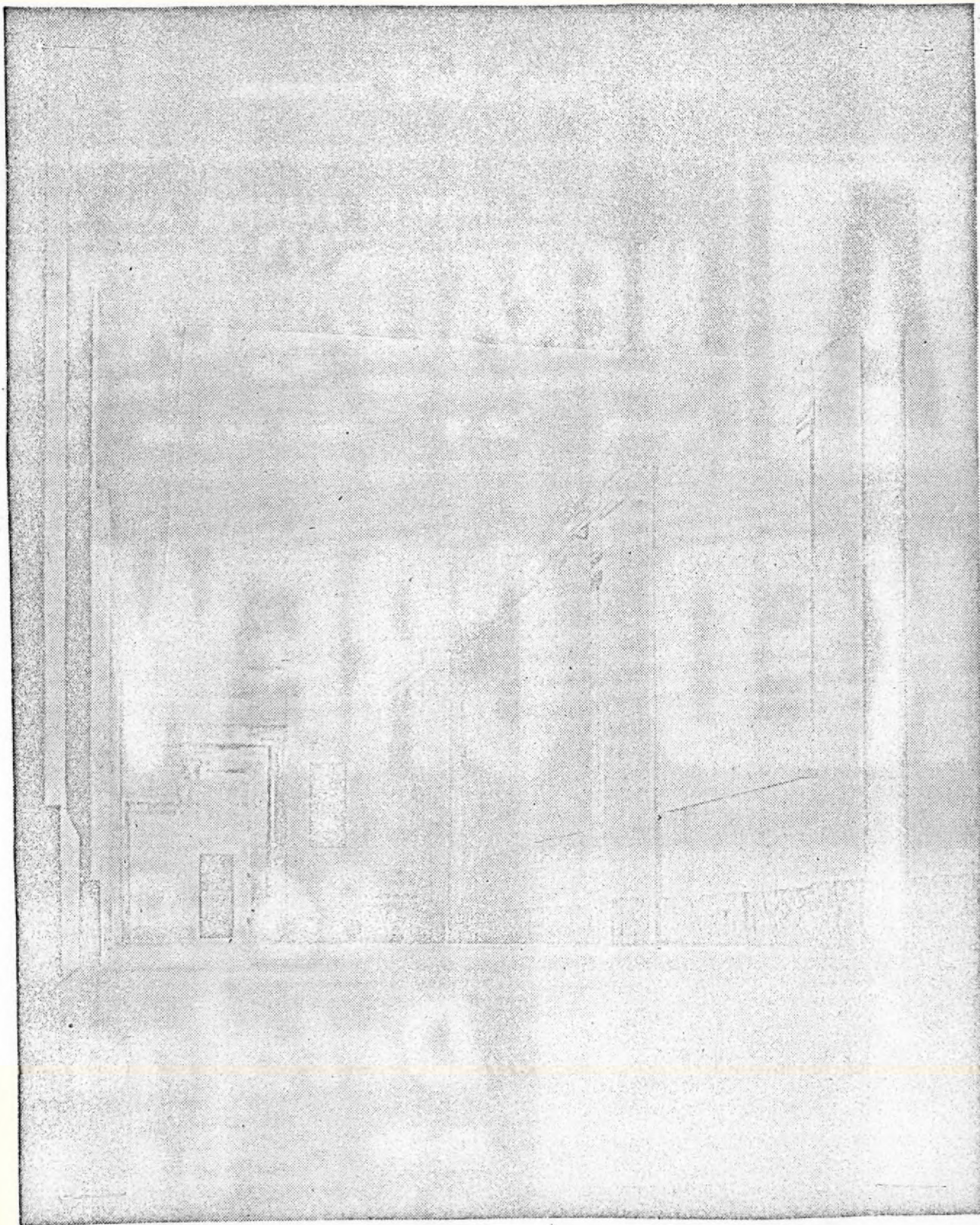
During the trial, it is expected he will be confined to the Hall of Justice jail, located on the floors above the building's 9th level.

Jail prisoners must pass through the 9th floor en route to 8th floor courtrooms. Separate stairwells lead to each individual courtroom.

Sirhan will be brought to the 9th floor and then escorted to the courtroom level by passing through two solid metal doors, each of which has a small window. It was over these windows sliding metal plates, have been placed. They can be controlled only from within the corridor.

His brief journey also will proceed past two 9th floor windows, exposed only to a very few inner windows in the Hall of Justice. These were covered with inch-thick metal plates.

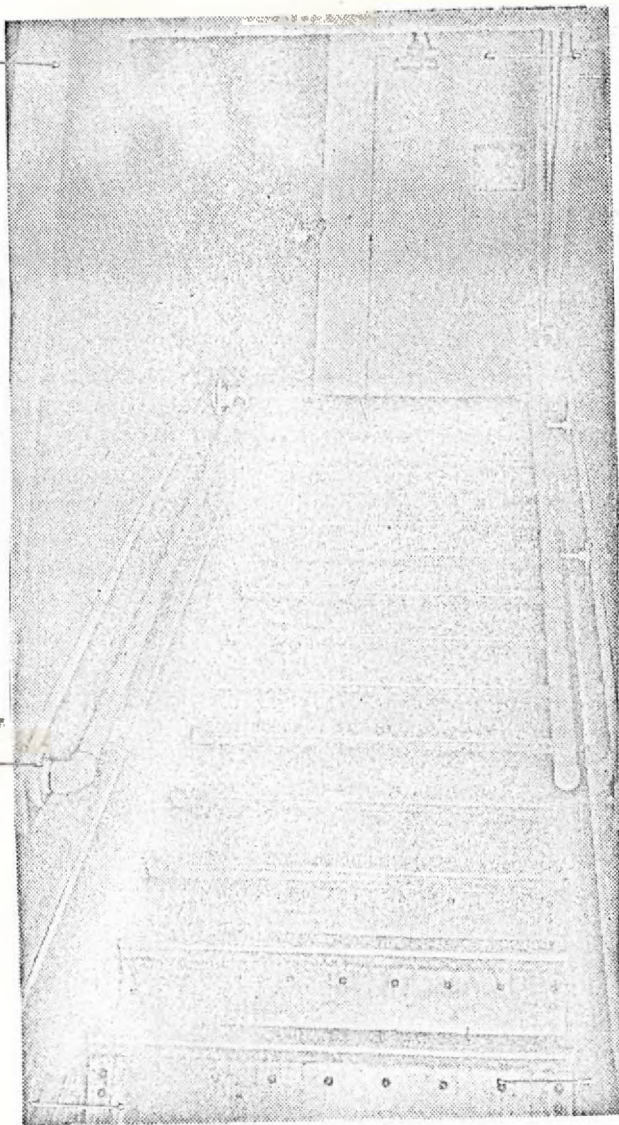
Since his confinement to Central jail, he has been kept under constant guard by deputies inside and outside his cell. Each visitor allowed to see Sirhan is thoroughly searched.



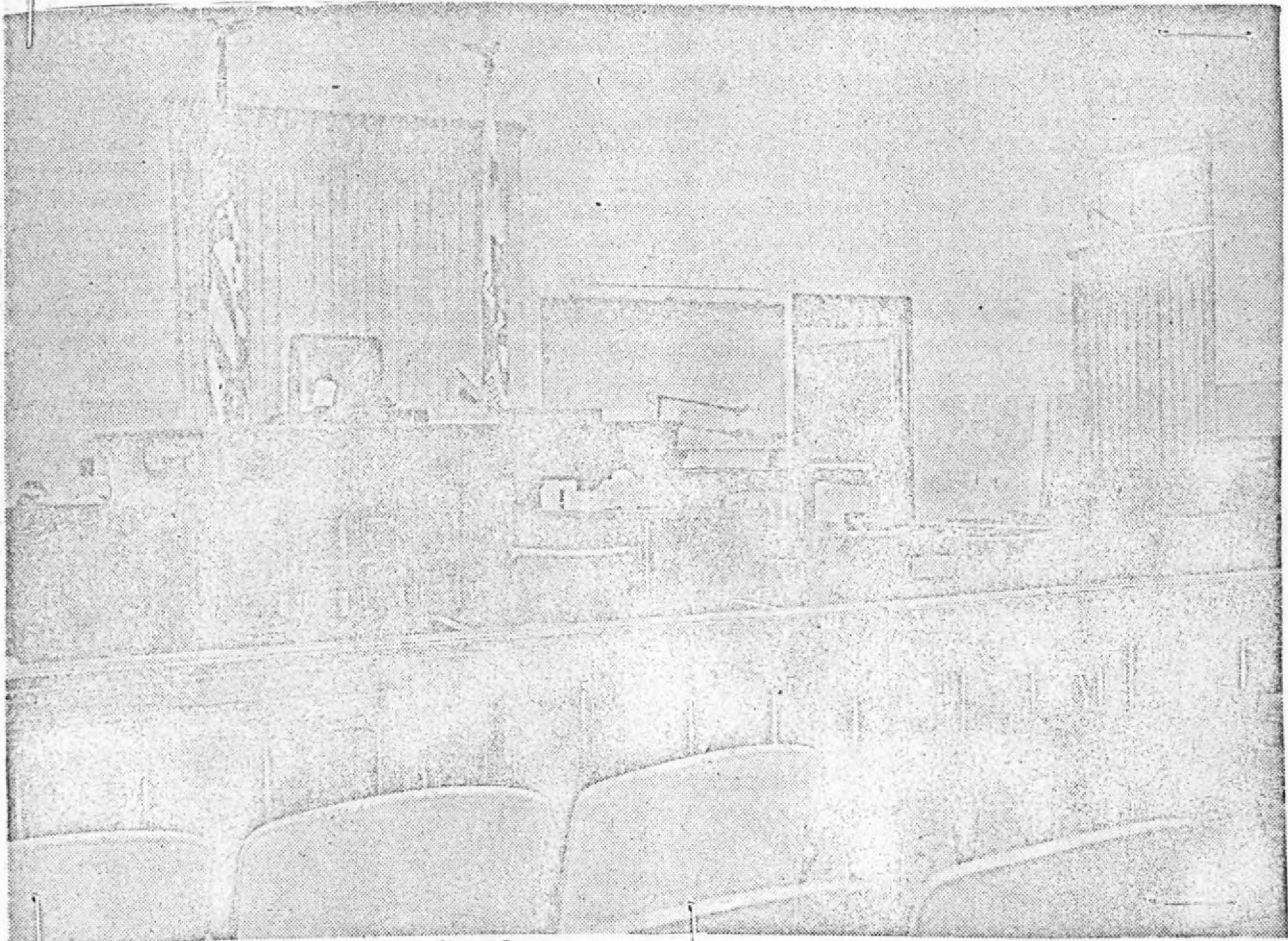
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WALK TO JUSTICE for Sirhan B. Sirhan will be armor-plated, with extensive security installations now being placed. At the County Hall of Justice, windows in steel doors along the path the accused killer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy must take have had sliding steel panels installed, which lock from the corridor side (photo at far left). Sirhan will enter the hallway (left) from the small door at the center, which leads to the cell blocks. Inch-thick steel shields have been placed over the ninth floor windows, with a scant 4-inch margin allowing light to enter. The accused will take a right turn at the end of the hall, descend to the courtroom level on steel-plated steps (below). The stairway leads to an anteroom of the courtroom (lower left), where the trial may take place. Security plans call for a transparent shield to be placed in the courtroom, separating onlookers from Sirhan, judge and court officials.

—Herald-Examiner Photos by Bob Schuster



Story May Unfold in This Courtroom



Mother In First Time Visit to Jailed Sirhan

Mrs. Mary Sirhan—mother of son, Adel, and Sirhan's defense Sen. Robert Kennedy's suspect attorney, Russell E. Parsons, ed slayer—spent nearly two A spokesman said Mrs. Sirhan hours in her son's jail cell and seemed happy with everything seemed "happy to see him." that was being done to aid Mrs. Sirhan visited her 24-year-old son in the new County Jail yesterday, the first time she had seen Sirhan B. Sirhan. The 55-year-old mother re- since he was jailed June 5. She reportedly did not bring anything was accompanied by another into his cell.

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Lack of Evidence in Shooting Sirhan Kin Cited by Police

Pasadena police said Thursday they are hampered by lack of tangible evidence as they investigate the alleged attempt on the life of Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, brother of the man accused of killing Sen Robert F. Kennedy.

Sirhan, 35, told police he was shot twice from one of two cars which followed him as he drove north on the Pasadena Freeway early Wednesday.

Police said Thursday that finding the white Volkswagen bus, from which, Sirhan said, the two shot

were fired, was the first priority in their investigation. But they said they had no concrete clues.

Lt. Gerald Wright said the only tangible evidence—two .38-caliber slugs recovered from Sirhan's car—was of no value now. A ballistics test would be useless unless the gun which fired them could be found, he said.

Wright also said that police still have no doubts at this time that the incident occurred as Sirhan told

The Times reported Thursday that Sirhan's answers to certain key questions during a lie detector test administered Wednesday were considered unsatisfactory. Wright declined to comment.

After nearly nine hours of police investigation Wednesday, Sirhan was taken to the Sirhan family residence in Pasadena. The home is under heavy police guard.

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Slugs Only Clue In Firing At Sirhan Kin

Pasadena police have only two fired bullets as clues to the mystery of the gunman who fired at the brother of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused as the assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Saidallah B. Sirhan, now under a round-the-clock police watch, told officers seven white men in two cars pursued his car on the Pasadena Freeway early yesterday morning and fired two shots which narrowly missed him.

Saidallah told police the attack occurred at 4:30 a.m. while he was en route home to Pasadena from a futile attempt to

contact a lady writer for an underground newspaper in Los Angeles.

Lt. Jerry Wright of the Pasadena police said:

"We have no reason to doubt his story at this time."

Although not held in protective custody, Saidallah has left his home in Pasadena and is under constant surveillance by police.

Police said two bullets from a .38 caliber pistol were recovered from Saidallah's car. The 36-year-old unemployed mechanic said he leaned "way over" in the car after the first shot rang out. The second bullet was found on his jacket on the floor between the front and

back seats. The shots drilled two holes in the car's right windshield.

Saidallah said he could feel the impact of the bullets in his door. He sped ahead while the other two cars—a light green 1959 Chevrolet and an off-white, late-model Volkswagen bus—fell behind.

Saidallah said the pursuit began as he was driving alone through Chinatown. He said the drivers of the pursuing cars sounded their horns and changed lanes as they got onto the freeway.

Sirhan said he drove in the middle lane to let the cars pass, but they began to flank him. One of four persons in the bus pointed a pistol at him, he said.

After the firing, Saidallah said the other cars turned off the freeway and he drove to the police station to report the attack.

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Two Shots Fired at Sirhan's Brother in Auto, Police Report

Accused Assassin's Kin Tells Pasadena Officers Bullets Came From Car That Had Followed Him From Los Angeles

BY ERIC MALNIC

Times Staff Writer

Two shots were fired Wednesday into a car driven by Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, a brother of the man accused of killing Sen Robert F. Kennedy, police reported.

However, The Times learned that Sirhan underwent a persistent, lengthy police interrogation and his answers to certain key questions during a lie detector test were considered unsatisfactory.

Sirhan, 35, told officers the shots came from one of two cars that followed him from Los Angeles to Pasadena on the Pasadena Freeway shortly before dawn.

The first shot struck a coat on the back seat of Sirhan's car, Pasadena Police Lt. Gerald Wright said. Sirhan told investigators he ducked

and a second shot zipped past his head and buried itself in the door beside him.

"If he had been sitting upright, the projectile probably would have passed through his neck," a Pasadena policeman said.

Sirhan told officers the shooting took place about 100 yards from the end of the freeway. He said the cars turned in opposite directions on a cross street at that point, while he proceeded directly to the police station.

Lt. Wright said he had "no doubt at all" about the incident. "We're taking it for a fact right now," he said.

Brother Awaiting Trial

Sirhan's 24-year-old brother, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, is in County Jail awaiting trial on charges he shot Sen. Kennedy June 5 at the Ambassador.

Saidallah Sirhan is the second eldest of the five Sirhan brothers. He is single and unemployed and has been living in a Pasadena apartment away from the remainder of the Sirhan family.

Pasadena police urged Friday that he move into the family home in Pasadena, which is under heavy police guard.

Saidallah Sirhan told officers he had been in Chinatown early Wednesday in an unsuccessful attempt to contact a woman reporter from an underground newspaper.

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Noticed Cars Following Him

He said he was returning home on the Pasadena Freeway in the downtown Los Angeles area at about 4:30 a.m. when he first noticed two cars following him.

One car, a white Volkswagen bus, contained four men, he said. The other, a green 1959 Chevrolet, contained three men.

After following him for about six miles, he said, the two cars pulled beside him, the Volkswagen on the right, the Chevrolet on the left.

Without warning, a man in the bus—possibly the driver—pointed a



UNDER HEAVY GUARD — Saidallah Bishara Sirhan is squeezed between two detectives on leaving Pasadena police headquarters where he reported that shots were fired at him as he drove on the Freeway. Times photo by Larry Sharkey

pistol at him and fired one shot, Sirhan said.

The shot shattered the right wind wing of his car and buried itself in the coat on the back seat, he said.

Sirhan said he threw himself to the right, seconds before another shot crashed through the wind wing and struck the door beside him.

The 35-year-old Pasadena said the two cars left the freeway at Glenarm St., where the Pasadena Freeway becomes the Arroyo Parkway. The bus turned right on Glenarm, the Chevrolet left, he said.

Sirhan said he then drove on to the police headquarters, about a mile away.

Police said they recovered two bullets from the car, both .38-caliber. After checking the vehicle, they returned it to Sirhan's apartment home, where it was parked in a garage.

Officers then took Sirhan on a careful retracing of his route in an attempt

to gather further evidence.

Saidallah Sirhan entered the United States from his native Jordan in June, 1960, nearly three years after his mother and three of his brothers—including Sirhan Bishara Sirhan—had immigrated here.

He filed a petition for naturalization on Nov. 27, 1967—the only member of his family to apply—but his naturalization was postponed on June 7 of this year by a U.S. district court.

At one time he worked as a house painter, but in recent months he has been unemployed.

The five Sirhan brothers are Sharif, 39; Saidallah, who will be 36 Sunday; Adel, 29; Sirhan, 24, and Munir, 20.

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Sirhan's Father Seeks Family Back for Safety

TAYIBEH, Israeli-occupied Jordan (UPI)—The father of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, who is accused of killing Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, said he wants to bring his wife and their four sons back from the United States because "they are unsafe there."

The father, Bashara Sirhan, said yesterday he will appeal to the U.S. Ambassador in Israel "to urge the government in Washington to do its utmost for my family's protection."

"Why are they hunting us now," he said referring to the

attempting shooting of his second son, Saidallah, in Pasarena, Wednesday. "What have we got to do with the incident?"

"I also feel unsafe," Sirhan said. "Nobody knows what kind of person attempted to kill my other son."

He said he sought an interview after Wednesday's incident nor at nearby Ramallah but Sirhan also said he has was refused.

with the Israeli Military government changed his mind about his planned trip to the United States because of lack of funds.

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ACLU to Probe Sirhan Brother's Citizenship Snarl

By J. ROBERT SMITH
Staff Writer

The American Civil Liberties Union said Friday it would look into the withholding of United States citizenship from Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, 36, of Pasadena, and "will take such action as may be appropriate."

Commenting on an article in Wednesday's Independent and Star-News, A. L. Wirin, ACLU chief defense attorney for Southern California, said the ACLU was "concerned with the denial of rights to all persons and this includes, of course, Saidallah."

Saidallah is the brother of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, of Pasadena, who is charged with the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Saidallah has alleged that he was shot at by unknown persons in two cars on the Pasadena Freeway early Wednesday morning.

Saidallah was scheduled to report to a Los Angeles naturalization court for swearing in June 7, but following the assassination June 5 he was told not to appear. According to him he has heard from no one since.

Wirin also commented, "The denial of citizenship solely because a member of one's family is charged with an offense is patently the clearest violation of elemental right."

"It is the application of the doctrine of 'guilt by association' in its ugliest form."

Wirin said, however, that "the case is in the hands of his attorney, David Marcus."

The ACLU had made certain that Sirhan Sirhan's constitutional rights were protected when he was arrested by seeing

that he had obtained a qualified lawyer of his choice to defend him.

That having been accomplished, the ACLU announced that it was leaving the conduct of the case up to the selected attorney, who was Russell E. Parsons, and withdrawing from having anything to do with it.

Sirhan wanted the ACLU to defend him, but Wirin had stated that it was not the function of the organization to defend such cases, that it was only interested in the constitutional aspects of cases.

Efforts to determine whether the action of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service was constitutional, and whether there were any precedents in withholding citizenship from Saidallah, drew a "no comment" reply from the Department of Justice in Washington Friday.

This newspaper, through its Washington bureau, tried to find out his status and the legality of the service's action.

The Washington headquarters of the service referred all inquiries back to the Los Angeles office with the information that "an investigation is still pending."

Marcus, in an interview, said that "immigration authorities told me they had to investigate the whole situation surrounding the incident, meaning the assassination."

He commented, however, that all investigation had already been completed prior to June 5 and Sirhan had received his notice to appear to be sworn in, June 7.

Richard Williams, deputy director of the service in Los Angeles, when asked whether the real reason why Sirhan was not sworn in as a citizen is because of the assassination, replied, "I don't say a word."

Marcus said that he was going to do something about the matter Friday, but after a wait of half a day, at the close of business when questioned as to what action he had taken, he answered, "I can't do anything today."



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Sirhan Brother Citizenship Snarled

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Shortly after Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, of Pasadena, was identified as the suspect in the Robert F. Kennedy assassination, the process by which his brother Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, 36, also of Pasadena, hoped to become a United States citizen came to at least a temporary halt.

Saidallah Sirhan said he wanted his citizenship to advance himself in the United States in whose Constitution and principles he said he believes.

A hearing on his petition for naturalization which had been set for June 7, was called off on June 5, the day of the assassination. He was notified that it

would be rescheduled but had received no notice of a new hearing date, despite his own efforts and those of his attorney to gain him his citizenship.

"I feel that I should not be punished for the alleged acts of my brother by being deprived of my citizenship," Sirhan stated.

In an exclusive interview with this newspaper, Sirhan expressed admiration for the late Sen. Kennedy, whom he said he liked to listen to on television because it helped him improve his English.

"I was a great admirer of Sen. Kennedy for most of the time when he appeared on television. I would listen to his speeches. I was proud of his vocabulary, and would have a dic-

tionary with me to better understand what he was talking about," he stated.

Sirhan related, "I have had to pick up my English from television, from the American people, and from the dictionary, because I have had very little schooling in English."

He said that he extended his sympathy to the Kennedy family and the people of the United States for this tragedy.

"In expressing my sympathy, I am also voicing the feeling of my entire family, both here in the United States, and abroad," Sirhan said.

He said that since the incident, "I cannot think, I cannot meditate. My mind is distracted, all shuffled up."

Sirhan said that he filed for his citizenship on Nov. 27, 1967, in the United States District Court of Los Angeles. His filing number was 293289.

He related that on May 29, he received a notice from the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

It notified him to appear for a hearing on his petition for naturalization before a judge of the naturalization court on June 7 in the Post Office and Court House Building, 312 N. Spring St., Los Angeles.

"Please report promptly at 8:30 a.m. Your witnesses need NOT come with you. If the judge finds you qualified for naturalization, you will be sworn in as a citizen," the notice advised, adding:

"If you cannot come to this hearing, return this notice immediately and state why you cannot appear. In such case, you will be sent another notice of hearing at a later date."

Sirhan told this newspaper that about 6:30 p.m., June 5, the day of the tragedy, two men, who identified themselves as an FBI agent and as a Mr. Lindsay from Immigration and Naturalization came to his home and informed him not to appear on June 7 for the hearing. They told him he would be notified later when to appear.

Sirhan said he consulted his attorney, David Marcus, who was handling his naturalization case.

Conference Held

"Attorney Marcus and I went to the immigration office on June 24 and he conferred with someone in there. When he came out, I asked him whether

he still represents me in my immigration and naturalization case, and what is he going to do now?"

Then he said he asked Marcus, "Are you going to write the congressman?" and Marcus replied, "I will see what I can do."

Commenting on the situation, Sirhan said, "I want my citizenship because I feel that I am loyal to the United States. I came to this country to better my conditions in life."

"To obtain my citizenship also helps my getting employment both in private industry and government. Without citizenship, I am unable to advance myself in the United States."

He added:

"Philosophically, I believe in the Constitution of the United States and for all which it stands, otherwise I would never have applied for citizenship."

"I took a course in citizenship at Pasadena City College, and bought some books of my own on United States history."

"When the two men came to my home, I was reading books to prepare myself for the final hearing. I was then reading the 'Oath of Allegiance.' The entire night before the tragedy I was reviewing the history of the United States."

Produces Draft Card

Asked whether he had registered for military service, Sirhan produced a draft card No. 4 90-32-631, with a 5-A classification, issued July 15, 1965 by Local Board No. 90, at 553 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena.

In a telephone conversation with Richard Williams, an official of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Los Angeles, when asked about the status of Sirhan in regards to citizenship, he replied, "I have no comment whatsoever. The court has requested that we remain silent."

He did say, however, "All information has been given to the Los Angeles Police Department for their investigation, so I am

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not saying a word," Williams said that George Rosenberg, director of the service, "is away," and was not available for comment.

Asked whether he had seen his brother, Sirhan said that he had not been consulted by attorney Russell E. Parsons or any lawyer representing his brother.

Haven't Seen Him

"I have not seen Sirhan. The last time I saw him was about a

month before the incident. They are not objecting to me seeing him, but I don't know if the kid wants to see me or not," he stated.

He remarked that he is independent of the family, and does not live with them.

He said he had no police protection and needed none, "because I have faith in the American people being fair and just."

Sirhan praised the Pasadena Police Department.

"I am quite grateful to the Pasadena Police Department, especially Lt. Jerry Wright, for the protection they are giving the rest of my family.

"I have found the officers to be good and kind people, and I appreciate their concern. That also holds good for the FBI."

Sirhan said that he has been in the United States eight years, and has spent all of that time in Pasadena. "I am an apprentice operator of the Swiss automatic screw machine, and unemployed at present," he told this newspaper.

Security Weighted

The presiding judge of Los Angeles County Superior Court said Tuesday that any substantial spending on security for the trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan may be premature.

Judge Donald R. Wright said that the county plans to spend up to \$20,000 for an armored prisoners' dock for use when Sirhan is tried on a charge he murdered Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

In a letter to Chairman Frank G. Bonelli of the County Board of Supervisors, Wright wrote, "The judge who is assigned to hear this matter will determine what protective devices—if any—are necessary in the courtroom after hearing from both the people and the defendant."

He said there may be "many preliminary motions" requiring judicial rulings before there is a trial, and "the rulings . . . on such motions are generally subject to appellate review and may determine whether this matter will be tried in Los Angeles County or elsewhere."

He added: "It is my opinion that any substantial expenditure of county funds beyond those necessary for preliminary planning may be premature."

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Shots Miss Sirhan's Brother, Strike Car

Pasadenan Chased by Two Autos Early Morning Attack Made,

By CARTER BARBER
Staff Writer

An attempt was made early today to kill Saidallah B. Sirhan of Pasadena, 36-year-old brother of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Two bullets were fired at the older Sirhan from one of a pair of cars which pursued him on the Pasadena Freeway as he was returning home from Los Angeles at 4:30 a.m.

Both bullets hit Sirhan's car. He told police he leaned away after the first shot was fired. The second bullet came to rest on his jacket, lying on the floor of his back seat.

Near Miss

"Had the driver (Sirhan) been sitting upright, the projectile probably would have passed through his neck," Pasadena police reported.

Sirhan said the shots were fired as he and the two pursuing cars — which began to flank him at the Orange Grove overpass — were nearing Glenarm Street.

Immediately after the fusillade, the car on Sirhan's left turned west on Glenarm, and the car to his right turned east. Sirhan, a Pasadena resident, proceeded straight on Arroyo Parkway to police headquarters.

Both bullets were recovered. Police said they were .38 caliber. Sirhan said they came

from a handgun, fired at him from the car on his right, in the outside lane of the freeway.

Returning Home

Sirhan told police he had been in Los Angeles Tuesday night attempting to contact a writer, described as a lady writer for the "Free Press." Unable to locate her in the 92nd or 93rd Street area of Los Angeles, he was returning to Pasadena, he said.

While driving north on Hill Street, through Chinatown, Sirhan noticed two cars following him, blowing their horns at each other and changing lanes.

Sensing that he was being followed Sirhan got into the middle lane on the freeway to let the cars pass. But one, which he described as a white or off-white Volkswagen bus, began to tailgate him.

The other car, described as a 1959 Chevrolet, light green or turquoise, hung back.

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BROTHER TALKS TO POLICE — Sharif Sirhan, behind unmarked police vehicle, talks this morning to officers investigating reported attempt on life of Saidallah Sirhan. Saidallah Sirhan later went with police over the Pasadena Freeway where two bullets were fired at him from a pursuing car near Glenarm Street. Saidallah and Sharif are brothers of Sirhan Sirhan, accused of the assassination of Sen. Robert Kennedy in Los Angeles in June.

Flank Sirhan

It was not until the vehicles were nearing the Orange Grove overpass in Pasadena that Sirhan's pursuers began to flank him, he said.

Sirhan said he saw the handgun being pointed at him from

the window of the VW bug on his right, but could not tell if it was held by the driver or a passenger in the front seat.

He said the driver was wearing a small mustache. There were two more men in the rear seat, who were wearing hats, he said.

He reported there were three men in the Chevrolet, one driving and two in the rear, also wearing hats.

All seven men were white, Sirhan said.

Home Under Guard

Pasadena police advised Sirhan to go to his mother's home, which is under guard. Lt. Gerald E. Wright, of the investigative division, said that both Pasadena and Los Angeles officers would meet with Sirhan later today, and retrace the route with him in efforts to obtain more information.

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At Police Department**Saidallah Sets
Off Scribe Rush****By DIRK WERKMAN**
Staff Writer

For about a minute and a half Wednesday afternoon the Pasadena Police Department was turned into an area resembling a race track.

Almost 50 men, many of them carrying cameras and microphones, stampeded along the second floor corridor of the department, down a flight of stairs, past the front counter, and out the door to a waiting yellow automobile.

The reluctant center of attraction of the brief but hectic scene was Saidallah B. Sirhan.

By 1 p.m. Wednesday some 40 newsmen were camped in the second floor lobby of the detective bureau waiting for Sirhan to be led out.

When he was, he was whisked along in a fast-moving, shoving procession that was strikingly similar to the mob-like press coverage given to Sen. Robert Kennedy during his wild, 2½-month cross-country presidential campaign.

Dressed in a white shirt with the collar open and slacks, Sirhan, flanked by police officers, was almost jerked from his feet by the crush of newsmen. At one point a television sound cord became entangled around his leg.

Most of the newsmen who waited for Saidallah didn't know he was in the juvenile bureau down the hall, and expected him to come from another set of offices where, in fact, his brother, Sharif Sirhan, was talking with officers.

At one point, about 30 minutes before Saidallah was taken from the building, a newsman

apparently spotted his brother and yelled "there he is."

Newsmen, with television cameramen elbowing their way to the front, crowded along a rail in the detective bureau in anticipation of the moving of the 36-year-old Saidallah—but to no avail.

A few minutes later Lt. Gerald Wright, head of the detective bureau, announced that Saidallah would be taken from the juvenile department, down a flight of rear steps, and out the front door.

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CROWD—Reporters and photographers crowd around car holding Saidallah B. Sirhan and police detectives. They

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jumped in the car after a hectic race with newsmen down from the second floor of the Pasadena Police Department.

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A QUESTION OF CASH**Minister Tells Sirhan Plan to Buy His Horse**

By JAMES D. WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Southern California evangelist says he almost sold a horse to the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and now is hiding out in fear of his life.

The Los Angeles police, who he says have his story, decline comment.

The Orange County Baptist minister, who does not want his name used and who will be called Jones, was interviewed at a hideout less than 100 miles from San Francisco.

Present were two of his long-time friends, Oakland private detective Ben Hardister and San Francisco criminal attorney George T. Davis. Both say they advised Jones to stay out of sight and are seeking protection for him and his family. He says he has had two threatening telephone calls.

Here is the gist of his long story:

He picked up two hitchhikers in Los Angeles on Monday, June 3, the day before the California Democratic primary which Kennedy won.

Jones says one of the youths

was Sirhan Beshara Sirhan, the Jordanian accused of killing Kennedy. The other was taller, but seemed to Jones to be the same nationality.

Since Jones is a horseman by avocation and buys and sells horses and Shetland ponies, they talked of horses.

Sirhan wanted to buy a pony to exercise race horses so he could get a job at a race track. Jones had one that suited, but Sirhan said he would not have the price, \$300, until late that night.

Sirhan asked to be let off near the Ambassador Hotel "to see a friend in the kitchen." That night, Sirhan produced a \$100 bill, but said he wouldn't have the rest until 8 a.m. Tuesday.

At that time, Sirhan did not show up. Instead there was an older man who looked like the same nationality and said, "Joe couldn't make it." He said Sirhan really wanted the horse and could pay for it Tuesday night at 11 p.m. if Jones would deliver it at the same spot near the Ambassador Hotel where Jones had let him out.

The Ambassador is where Kennedy was shot.

Jones said he was preaching out of town and couldn't make it. He gave the older man, whom he described as about 35 and expensively dressed, his business card with his unlisted telephone number.

On Wednesday, Jones did not hear that Kennedy had been shot until he was having lunch with friends. A picture of the still-unidentified suspect was flashed on a television show, and Jones said he recognized the youth who had wanted to buy the horse.

The next day, Thursday, he got the first threatening telephone call, he said. An unaccented voice he could not recall having heard before told him:

"Keep your mouth shut about this horse deal if you know what's good for you."

Three days later the voice in another call reminded him he had been warned once before and repeated the profane threat to keep his mouth shut. He told police about the calls, and picked Sirhan's picture out of 30 they showed him.

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Sirhan Brother Under Heavy Guard



—Photos by AP Wirephoto, Herb Shoenbridge and Ed Norgard

BROTHER QUIZZED ABOUT SHOOTING—Saidallah B. Sirhan, whose brother, Sirhan B. Sirhan is accused of killing Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, told police he was fired upon in his car, two bullets piercing his right wind wing (left). Pasadena Police Detective Ben Heatherington (center photo, left) and a Los Angeles Police detective escort Sirhan out of the Pasadena Police Department after questioning and he grimaces (right) as he encounters glare of TV lights.

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Police Investigate Freeway Shooting

By CARTER BARBER
Staff Writer

Saidallah B. Sirhan today is under around-the-clock police protection after Wednesday's reported attempt on the life of the 36-year-old brother of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The older Sirhan complied with police advice to move to the already-guarded Pasadena home on Howard Street of his mother, Mary, and another brother, Abel.

The precautions followed Saidallah Sirhan's report early Wednesday morning that two shots were fired at him as he drove the Pasadena Freeway to the residence he maintained independently here.

Two cars trailed him along the freeway from its Hill Street entrance in Los Angeles, he said. As they neared the Orange Grove overpass in Pasadena, the two cars flanked him.

At Glenarm Street, Sirhan said, two bullets were fired from the car on his right — described as a white or offwhite Volkswagen bus.

Both hit Sirhan's car. He said he ducked away after the first shot. The second bullet came to rest on his jacket, in the back seat of his car.

Almost Hit

"Had the driver (Sirhan) been sitting upright, the projectile would probably have passed through his neck," Pasadena police reported.

The VW turned east on Glenarm immediately after the shooting, Sirhan said. The car flanking him to the left sped west on Glenarm. It was described as a 1959 Chevrolet, light green or turquoise.

Sirhan continued north on Arroyo Parkway to the Pasadena police station where he reported the attack at approximately 4:45 a.m.

After his statement and pictures of the bullet damage to

his car were taken, Sirhan was accompanied to his home by officers. His brother, Sharif, joined him there.

Later in the morning, after Los Angeles police investigators joined with Pasadena officers, Saidallah was taken along the Pasadena Freeway route he had travelled, to develop more details of his experience. Midday, he continued answering official question in Pasadena police headquarters.

Reported Cooperative

"He's perfectly cooperative," Lt. Gerald E. Wright of the investigative division commented, "just like the entire family."

With regard to Saidallah's previously stated desire to live independently of his mother and brother, Adel, Wright said Saidallah has "not particularly" changed his mind.

"But," the lieutenant added, "he has had the need for a guard driven home."

The 24-hour protection will not be augmented from the one officer now on duty at Mrs. Sirhan's home, Wright said. "We feel we can continue the security as we have," he remarked.

During Questioning

During the questioning of Sirhan, principally by Wright, Sgt. Ben C. Hetherington of the Pasadena homicide squad and two Los Angeles detectives, these elements of Sirhan's initial report were thoroughly discussed:

—The two cars first got on his

track in Chinatown shortly after 4 a.m. Wednesday. They honked horns at each other and changed lanes, as if following a pattern of pursuit.

—There were seven white men involved—four in the VW from which the shots were fired, and three in the Chevrolet.

—The shots, from a .38-caliber weapon, were fired either by the mustachioed driver of the VW or by his front seat passenger.

—The episode climaxed a trip which Sirhan said he had made earlier that evening and morning to the 92nd or 93rd Street area of Los Angeles to contact a writer, described as female, for the "Free Press."

Preliminary investigation disclosed Wednesday that the publication has no female reporters, but that it does have "lady writers" as freelancers.

Lt. Wright said that police were attempting to trace the two cars, described by Sirhan, and running ballistics tests on the recovered bullets. Efforts are to continue today.

Meanwhile, more than two score news and cameramen thronged the Pasadena police station. They failed to notice an impromptu visit which Sharif paid his brother, Saidallah.

Speculation was rife whether Saidallah was fired upon because he was Sirhan Sirhan's brother, or because he was driving erratically, or because it was an isolated incident.

At one point, Lt. Wright said, "I can't connect this with the Kennedy assassination at all. As far as we can tell it's completely isolated from Kennedy."

The police protection for Saidallah was provided nevertheless.

The Wednesday shooting was the second act of violence against him reported by Saidallah since the June 5 Kennedy slaying.

Sirhan said at that time that two men claiming to be magazine photographers visited his home, stole a picture and valuable papers—and beat him up before leaving.

One of the valuable papers was a document bearing on his efforts to become a United States citizen.

A copyrighted story in the Independent Star-News related how federal agents called upon Saidallah a few hours after the assassination and told him his immigration hearing, scheduled for June 7, was postponed indefinitely.

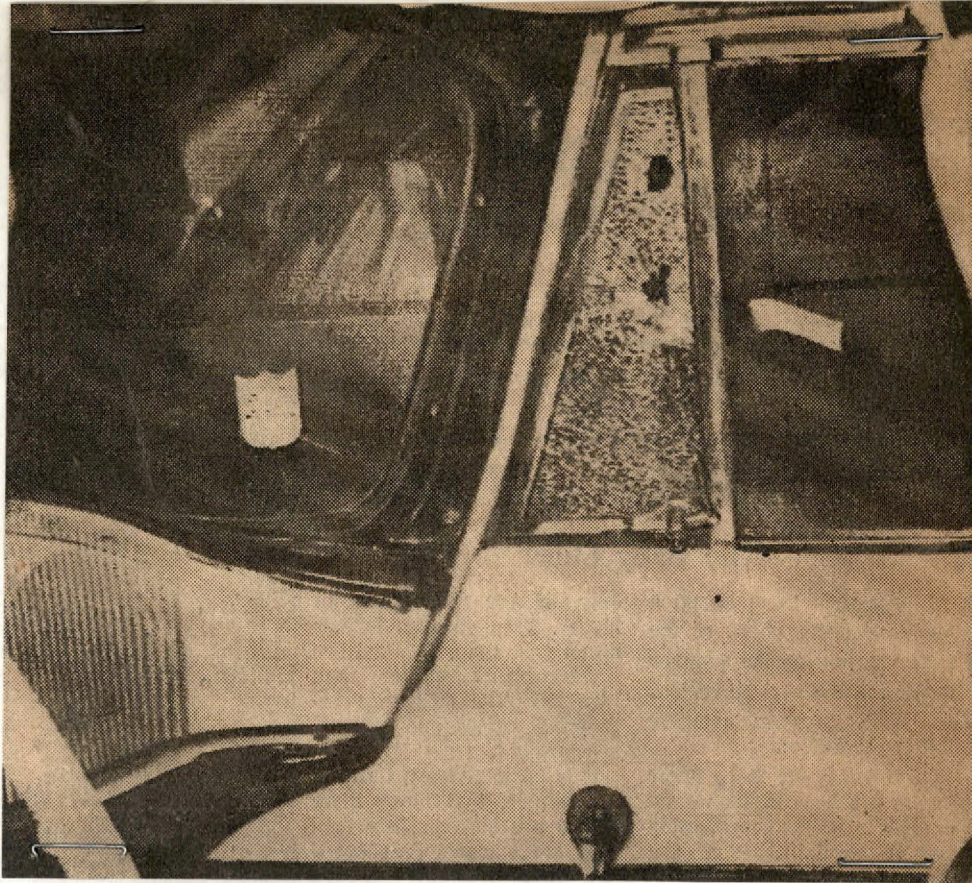
Saidallah, a Jordanian, said he asked the agents to put it in writing, which they did—on the stolen document.

David Marcus, lawyer who is handling Saidallah's citizenship effort, remarked Wednesday that the Immigration and Naturalization Service "refuses to take any action whatsoever until the entire matter (involving Sirhan Sirhan) is cleared up."

Marcus also disclosed that he has been representing Munir Sirhan, still another brother, in a federal deportation proceeding.



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The gun store owner who reported-
ly sold ammunition to the man
charged with assassinating Robert
F. Kennedy is circulating petitions
against proposed gun control legisla-
tion. Ben Herrick, who is displaying
the petitions at his store, 8972 Hunt-
ington Drive, San Gabriel, in coopera-
tion with the Committee for the
Preservation of Firearms Owner-
ship, said he collected 500 signatures
last week. "We have done what we
can to get the public aroused in
order to try to stop this hysterical
legislation against gun ownership,"
he said.

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PAUL COATES

'Clemency for Sirhan' or Wheels Within Wheels?

As could have been expected, the attempt to transform Sirhan Sirhan into a martyr and not just an accused, common criminal has already started.

The other day, I got some material from the Organizing Committee for Clemency for Sirhan. The headquarters are in New York's Greenwich Village. The letterhead had the names of John M. Lawrence, executive secretary, and Al Matthews, associate counsel, from Van Nuys.

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There was a picture of Sirhan on the first page and the questions: "Who seeks the blood of this boy? Is it you? Is it the state of California? Is it the Kennedy family? Or is it the vested political Establishment operating through the office of the District Attorney of Los Angeles County?"

The text goes on to say: "If death is to be the penalty of Sirhan's misguided political act, then what penalty shall world justice and Arab military might deal out for the genocidal massacres and exiling of Palestinian Arabs from their native land . . . The trail of murder and killing will end where a merciful understanding and humane forms of retribution are employed. Support the just fight for clemency for Sirhan Sirhan."

At first glance, it seems a piece of paper opposed to the death penalty, especially since Al Matthews has been identified with the fight for abolishment of capital punishment.

I telephoned Matthews to ask him

why he'd lent his name to this organization and who had requested his assistance?

"A guy named Lawrence from New York called me up about 25 times and I agreed because, hell, anything I could do to prevent Sirhan's death, I would do.

"I'm opposed to the death of Sirhan and I told Lawrence if these guys are too, that's my bag."

But apparently, these "guys" have another bag. In a letter to the Washington Post, Lawrence lambasted the editor and a feature writer for "a cowardly, one-sided way they seek, by innuendo, to impute mental disease to Sirhan . . . He (Sirhan) is a victim of a ruthlessness ardently expressed by Robert Kennedy who eulogized toughness and prowess in the arts of violence, and a build-up of more force to perfect violent death upon Arabs . . .

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"Sirhan Sirhan is now a victim of the Washington Post's endeavor to destroy that one thing which distinguishes as a human being and not a mere animal, which is his capacity for willfulness or rationality . . . If you, at the Post, would kill Mr. Sirhan, the human being, do it as the brave man with a sword, and not as a coward with a kiss." (Signed) John F. Lawrence."

Evidently, this particular Lawrence of Arabia—or rather of Greenwich Village—would have Sirhan be the man over whose deaths Arabs around the world would rally. And a plea of insanity would ruin these plans.

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\$210,629---And Rising

Taxpayers' Tab On Sirhan Soars

By REED MCCLURE
Evening Outlook Staff Writer

Sirhan B. Sirhan, the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, has cost Los Angeles County taxpayers \$210,629 to date, it was disclosed today.

The cost estimate was computed by Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller Mark H.

Bloodgood and made public by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

"And the trial has not even begun, nor has the jury been selected," Hahn commented.

The total includes "extraordinary costs," regular costs and general overhead assumed by the county since the fatal shooting during the senator's primary election victory celebration in the Ambassador Hotel last month.

The county has been taking unusual safety precautions to protect Sirhan and \$52,676 of the total was charged to the county's Mechanical Department. The department has been making building alterations to accommodate the suspect.

Air Conditioning

Hahn said some of the expenses charged to the department included installation of a five-ton air conditioning unit on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice and building a kitchen.

The supervisor reported that the Sirhan case prompted the installation, but county officials had felt for some time that the equipment was needed for future maximum security trials.

The Board of Supervisors has authorized special security precautions for Sirhan in por-

tions of the Hall of Justice under the jurisdiction of Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess, but no courtroom work has been performed. Courtroom alterations must be authorized by the presiding judge of the Superior Court.

This work has been held up because the trial judge has not been named—and there is a possibility that Sirhan might receive a change of venue and be tried outside Los Angeles County.

Trial Due Next Week

The Jordanian immigrant is scheduled to appear in court July 19 in the Hall of Justice in Department 100.

Bloodgood said "extraordinary costs" include "those additional costs which were incurred only because of the Sirhan case."

"Extraordinary costs" total \$104,433 and include \$47,718 for the Sheriff's Department and \$47,946 for the Mechanical Department.

Regular departmental costs for operations charged to the Sirhan case total \$79,740, including \$51,966 for the sheriff and \$23,387 for the district attorney.

General overhead, including such things as telephone bills and general paper work, total \$26,456, Bloodgood reported.

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Sirhan Will Enter Plea in Mini-Fortress 'Court'

Friday Appearance Slated in Room With Armor-Plated Walls

BY JERRY COHEN
Times Staff Writer

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan will make his fourth courtroom appearance next Friday in a setting probably without equal in this nation's judicial history.

He will enter his plea to an indictment charging him with the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in a converted "bullpen" which once housed women prisoners on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice.

By armor-plating the sides, workmen have turned the holding tank—which is about the size of a large room—into a mini-fortress.

The conventional cell in which Sirhan is imprisoned, guarded around the clock by two deputies, stands inside the tank.

Sirhan will have only to step outside the cell Friday to appear in "court."

Portable Seats for Newsmen

A portable judge's bench, constructed by the County Mechanical Department, has been set up in the armored bullpen.

Portable seats will be placed in the courtroom area to accommodate the limited number of newsmen who will be allowed to be present for the pleading.

The bullpen occupies part of an isolated corridor on the 13th floor.

The surroundings and atmosphere, thus, will be even more unusual Friday than those which characterized Sirhan's three previous courtroom appearances.

After his indictment, he was arraigned in an austere chapel of the County Central Jail, where he was held prior to his secret transfer last Sunday to the Hall of Justice.

Won Delay in Pleading

He also won a delay in his pleading in the same chapel three weeks ago.

The first legal proceeding, held only a few hours after his arrest early June 5, came in the Municipal Court of Judge Joan Dempsey Klein.

It was his arraignment, on the original booking charge—and was held in total secrecy and an hour and a half before the normal opening of the court day.

Because of limited seating in the armored bullpen, Superior Judge Richard Schauer and Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess announced, "cooperative pool coverage arranged by the

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media itself will be mandatory" next Friday.

The proceeding will begin at 9 a.m.

It is not known whether future pre-trial developments in the case will be staged in the same maximum security arena.

However, it still is presumed that the trial itself will be held in a conventional courtroom on the eighth floor of the Hall of Justice.

The Board of Supervisors has authorized expenditures to install protective devices in whatever courtroom might be selected.

Meanwhile, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn disclosed he had obtained an accounting from County Auditor Mark Bloodgood on what has been spent thus far in connection with the Sirhan case.

Public Entitled to Know

He said he had asked for the accounting in the belief that the public "is entitled to know the full costs."

Bloodgood's figures disclosed that through July 7 the total cost was \$210,629. The figures were broken down by department—medical examiner, district attorney, mechanical, public defender, sheriff and courts.

However, the total cost is deceptive.

One reason is that it is broken down in "extraordinary costs," "regular costs" and "general county overhead," and a sizable portion of the two latter categories would occur for any prisoner under normal conditions. These would range from salaries for deputies, to contribution to the county employees' retirement system and workmen's compensation.

How It Works Out

Even some of the "extraordinary costs" are misleading, if the auditor's figures are interpreted to mean expense for the Sirhan case alone.

For instance, the figures show an "extraordinary" expenditure of \$47,964 by the mechanical department.

Of that sum, \$20,000 may never be spent at all and about \$11,000 probably would have been spent on providing a 13th floor kitchen in the Hall of Justice and an air-conditioning unit on that floor.

Both the kitchen and the air-conditioning unit, which will cool the area where Sirhan is held, had been budgeted previously by the sheriff's office.

As for the \$20,000, that sum represents the estimated cost of protective devices for the courtroom in which the trial will be held.

But the possibility of a change of venue would rule such an expenditure out. In addition, Presiding Superior Judge Donald R. Wright has said it will be up to the trial judge to determine what protective measures will be necessary.

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Sirhan's Mother, Brother Visit Him in New Cell

Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused assassin of the slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, has been visited for the first time in his new jail cell by his mother and brother.

Mrs. Mary Sirhan and another son, Adel, yesterday were taken to the super-secure cell in the Hall of Justice by Sirhan's attorney, Russell E. Parsons. Mrs. Sirhan and Adel previously had visited Sirhan, 24, in his old cell at County Jail.

Sheriff's deputies, using a heavily-guarded convoy of three patrol cars, secretly transferred Sirhan to the Hall of Justice last Sunday night.

A preliminary hearing for the Jordanian native was scheduled to resume July 19. Parsons obtained a continuance of the hearing June 28 and a second psychiatrist was appointed to examine the defendant before he enters a plea.

Mrs. Sirhan and Adel were reported to be pleased at the new jail facility, which is a little roomier than Sirhan's old cell. A spokesman added that the family appreciated the security precautions taken to guard Sirhan.

Sirhan was described by the spokesman as looking quite concerned.

Authorities claim Sirhan fatally shot Kennedy last June 5 and wounded five other persons at the Ambassador Hotel.

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Impregnable Court Ready for Sirhan, Pitchess Asserts

BY DIAL TORGERSON

Times Staff Writer

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan will appear Friday in a court so well defended "someone would have to destroy the entire building to get him," Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess said Tuesday.

A sheriff's briefing room high in the 15-floor Hall of Justice in the Civic Center will be the scene of the Friday hearing, at which Sirhan is to enter a plea.

Panels of armor plate have been placed across windows of the 50-by-40-foot room on the 13th floor to assure the safety of the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Pitchess showed the facility to newsmen Tuesday in a preview of the Friday hearing and told of precautions taken for the session:

—Everyone present for the hearing, including more than 40 newsmen and about 30 spectators, will be searched before being allowed in the court.

No Loss of Security

—Sirhan, held in a 6-by-8-foot cell 50 feet away, will be taken down a corridor and into the court without having to leave the maximum security facilities of the 13th floor.

—The armor in front of the windows will protect the room in case "anyone tries to throw anything in the window," Pitchess said.

Pitchess said that the room was set up as a court—with a judge's bench and counsel tables—only for the plea hearing. He said it would be up to the judge appointed to hear the case where the trial itself will be held.

The sheriff said that security precautions and the redecorating of the room had been planned prior to the Sirhan case.

The room was once a visiting room for the women's quarters of the old County Jail. After women inmates were moved out in 1965 it was used as a storeroom and then refurbished as a squad room for briefing of sheriff's personnel assigned to the Hall of Justice.

Sirhan is in a five-cell block of units in which he is at present the only prisoner. A guard is with him in his cell at all times and another watches him from outside the bars. His food is provided from a separate kitchenette-type facility to protect him from being poisoned.

"He gets the same (menu) as the main line (the regular inmate population)," said Pitchess. "We don't want anyone attempting to poison the entire population to get him."

Most of the threats against Sirhan have been dismissed as the work of cranks, the sheriff said.

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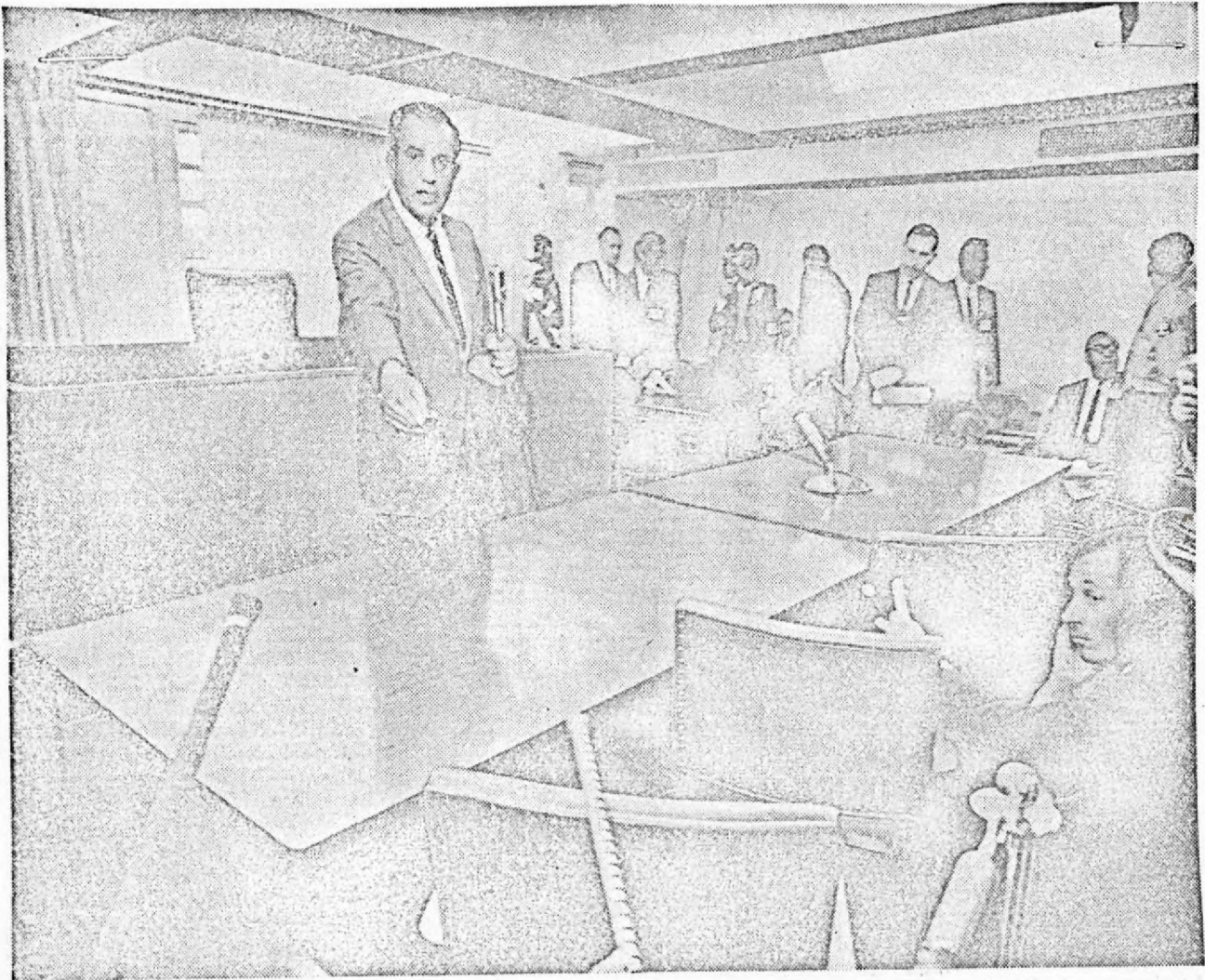
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HEARING ROOM FOR SIRHAN—Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess, showing newsmen the room in the Hall of Justice where Sirhan Bishara Sirhan will appear on

Friday, points to chairs at end of table that will be occupied by Sirhan and his lawyer. Behind Pitchess and judge's chair is armor plate covering window.
Times photo by John Malmin

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LETTERS TO THE TIMES

Mayor Yorty Contends The Times 'Reconsidered' on News of Sirhan

In an editorial (March 25, 1967) "Dangerous Judicial 'Gag,'" Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Alfred Gitelson's order stating that "all persons involved in the prosecution of crime will face contempt proceedings if they give out anything but the barest essentials concerning a crime" caused The Times to declare that "if such a gag is allowed to stand, then it is but a step to imposing a gag on newspapers in their coverage of crime . . . It has been rightly said that both public order and the protection of the accused are served by the bright light of truth . . . It must be reemphasized that inherent in censorship of news at the source is the danger of secret arrest and ultimately secret trial."

After the Second District Court of Appeal struck down Judge Gitelson's order The Times' editorial (August 22, 1967) noted:

"Both public order and the protection of the rights of the accused are served by the bright light of truth. It is axiomatic that if you black out news you risk blacking out justice as well."

"Under the stress of the time some

unfortunate and ill-timed statements were made about the (Sirhan) case," said The Times in its June 30 editorial. The Times, following its statements about me in its June 7 editorial, had obviously had the opportunity, in the more quiet, rational days following the emotionalism of the June 5 tragedy, to reconsider its editorial commitments and set its own record straight.

SAM YORTY
Mayor, Los Angeles

The "unfortunate" statements cited in the June 30 editorial were those made by Mayor Yorty which involved revelation of possible evidence in the case. We did not otherwise criticize his speaking out. The consistent editorial position of The Times on the issue of Free Press and Fair Trial needs no clarification.—Ed.

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ACLU Praises Coverage

The Sirhan Sirhan matter having ended, as far as the American Civil Liberties Union is concerned, we would like both to thank and praise the members of the working press for their cooperation.

We are especially grateful for the careful and repeated delineation of the ACLU's participation in the Sirhan case, first at the request of Sirhan himself and the chief public defender, and later at the request of Superior Court Judge Arthur Alarcon.

Your copy made it clear to most people the limited nature of our involvement, to act as an independent guardian of Sirhan's constitutional rights, and to assure a fair trial until such time as his private counsel could assume that burden.

Finally, I should mention what seems to me to be the extraordinary care reporters and editors took in reporting this case. Despite the court order barring comment by public officials, newsmen apparently found much to write about—if one may judge from the long backgrounders which appeared in print and on television. Withal, the coverage was restrained, the press judiciously balancing the public's very real need to know with Sirhan's right to an unprejudiced jury.

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A Look at Sirhan Courtroom

Sirhan B. Sirhan, 25, accused as the assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, will make another court appearance Friday in the smallest courtroom in Los Angeles County—but the most unusual.

The miniaturized courtroom was previewed yesterday to the press and others on the 13th floor of the County Jail in the Hall of Justice.

It was built especially for the Sirhan proceedings, with his safety the prime concern. The area is part of the old women's quarters in County Jail, now adapted to court purposes.

On entering, it has the general appearance of a courtroom, but is only 46 by 50 feet. The

ceiling is low, lit by fluorescent lighting. The floor is brown asphalt tile, and the walls and ceiling are freshly painted in off white.

The judge's bench is raised two steps off the floor. There is no witness box. Two mahogany tables for lawyers and the defendant are before the bench. Five padded chairs line the tables.

There are 80 collapsible chairs for spectators, and behind a rope divider, 23 more for court officials and guards. The room is air conditioned, and microphones are hooked to an amplifying system on the judge's bench and counsel table.

Behind the judge are floor to

ceiling drapes, in beige burlap. They stand out strangely from the wall. Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess, responsible for the safety and welfare of Sirhan, pulls the drapes and reveals three quarter-inch steel plates, each six feet wide and 7½ feet in height.

"This is an outside room with windows, looking down on the street," he explains. "The plates are for protection, so nothing can be thrown in, like explosives, or a bomb."

Sirhan technically is to appear Friday to enter a plea to a charge of murdering Senator Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel last June 5. Whether he asks a further delay for further psychiatric studies, or other legal

reasons, will not be known until then.

The slight, former racehorse exercise boy is held under intensive guard in a cell only about 50 feet from the courtroom. One deputy sits with him in his cell, others watch them from outside.

Sheriff Pitchess says Sirhan has been a quiet prisoner, reading considerably, and sometimes trying to engage his guards in conversation. They respond briefly, but do not converse.

He buys newspapers and paperback books from the jail cart, but has made no unusual demands, and talks at length only with his attorney, Russell E. Parsons.

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