

SHERIFF PETER PITCHESS EXPLAINS SIRHAN TRIAL RULES IN FORTIFIED COURTROOM AT HALL OF JUSTICE —Associated Press Photo
Between a window and the judge's bench is steel plate which would foil any shooting or bomb-throwing attempt into special trial room

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The Sirhan Trial

Most of us have been disappointed one time or another in the past few years because in our opinion, the courts have been leaning over backward to make sure that all criminals secure their rights as promised by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. In cases where circumstantial evidence is the only evidence available, they, no doubt, have been right.

Now it is our opinion that the legal profession has the opportunity to resell the American public on the fairness and efficiency of our judicial system.

We, the American people, are not willing to spend millions of dollars in making the trial of Sirhan Sirhan a theatrical production. We feel that about three witnesses for the prosecution should be sufficient to prove him either guilty or not guilty. It would appear to the average citizen that it is a question as to sanity or insanity. If sane, then the penalty should be imposed.

What we should not tolerate is trials and retrials as a result of some technicality in our court system. We are of the opinion that where there were eye witnesses to this atrocious crime that the trial should be completed and over with in two days.

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COST OF ASSASSINATION TRIAL DISCUSSED**Police to Quiz 4,000 on Sirhan,
Yorty Says****BY ERWIN BAKER**

Times Staff Writer

Police expect to conduct about 4,000 interviews in an effort to "run down every possible lead" in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Mayor Sam Yorty disclosed Wednesday.

Yorty made the disclosure at his weekly news conference in commenting on the cost involved in the upcoming trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

The 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant is scheduled to enter his plea to a murder indictment Friday.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced last week that County Auditor Mark Bloodgood had budgeted \$210,629 through July 7 in connection with the case.

Some officials, however, consider the figure deceptively high because of costs which would normally be attributed to any prisoner. Yorty noted that the county figure did not include police investigation.

The city outlay has not yet been tabulated, but "it will be a very large figure," the mayor said, adding that the money will come from the taxpayers.

In answer to a question, Yorty said he was "satisfied" that Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess would maintain "adequate" security during Sirhan's court appearances.

On other subjects, the mayor chided Councilman Ernani Bernardi for his opposition to an annual city birthday fiesta.

And he said he hasn't made up his mind on the renewal of a controversial contract for golf professional Richard Boggs, the driving range concessionaire at Sepulveda Basin Golf Course in the San Fernando Valley.

Bernardi blasted the birthday celebrations Monday as "a lot of malarkey and a waste of money."

He suggested that they be held periodically or every decade.

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Yorty said he believes that when Bernardi "studies the situation he will realize that a great city like Los Angeles should commemorate its birthday annually."

He admitted, however, that the city "tried too much" last year when the weeklong fete cost \$159,426.

This year, Yorty said, the fiesta has been "scaled down considerably," but he was unable to pinpoint the cost.

He said he thought Bernardi would support it "when he understands it better."

Benardi and Councilman James B. Potter Jr. have asked City administrator C. Erwin Piper for a breakdown on its cost, including sums not specifically listed for the purpose in departmental budgets. The council has appropriated \$35,000 out of its general city purposes fund.

Yorty described this year's program, scheduled for Sept. 3-7, as

"modest, appropriate but meaningful."

He emphasized that a downtown parade would not be held this year as it was in 1967.

"Frankly, I thought it was a failure," the mayor said. "It was too long and there wasn't enough attention."

The big parade this year is scheduled for Los Angeles Harbor, with the theme, "Happiness Is a Parade."

In announcing that he has not reached a decision on Boggs' contract, Yorty defended him as a businessman.

Boggs' contract, which expired in June, 1967, is scheduled to be considered by the Recreation and Park Commission today as part of a general review of city golf contracts.

The department has recommended that it be renewed.

Boggs reportedly earned close to \$100,000 last year from the concession.

Some commissioners have questioned the amount of his income in view of the scheduled hike in golf fees from \$3.50 to \$4 on municipal 18-hole golf courses Aug. 1.

Profits Studied

Asked why the city shouldn't operate the course and earn the profit, Yorty said he wasn't sure the city operation could be done as efficiently as by private individuals.

There is no assurance that profits would accrue to the city, he said.

When a reporter noted the extent of Boggs' earnings, Yorty said he was "the exception."

"I don't want to penalize people for being successful," he remarked.

Yorty reminded reporters that he has referred the contract to the CAO for a recommendation and that he would "take a good look at it" before it was approved.

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InterviewsIn SirhanCase: 4000

Investigations in the case of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused of the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, will require 4000 police interviews, according to Mayor Sam Yorty.

Some of the interviews already have been conducted, the Mayor said, but the job is far from being done.

Investigation will continue right up until Sirhan's forthcoming trial "so that we know all there is to know," the mayor said.

Total costs of the Sirhan case to the city are not yet known. The \$215,000 for Sirhan's guarding and maintenance announced by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn includes only county costs and does not take in city costs, the mayor said.

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Sirhan Bishara Sirhan will not enter a plea at a hearing in a closely guarded Hall of Justice court today, said his attorney, Russell E. Parsons. He will seek a postponement for reasons he will not disclose until the hearing, the attorney added. It would be the second time Parsons has asked for a continuance before Sirhan pleads to charges that he murdered Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. The first postponement was requested because Parsons was new to the case and hadn't had time to familiarize himself with details.

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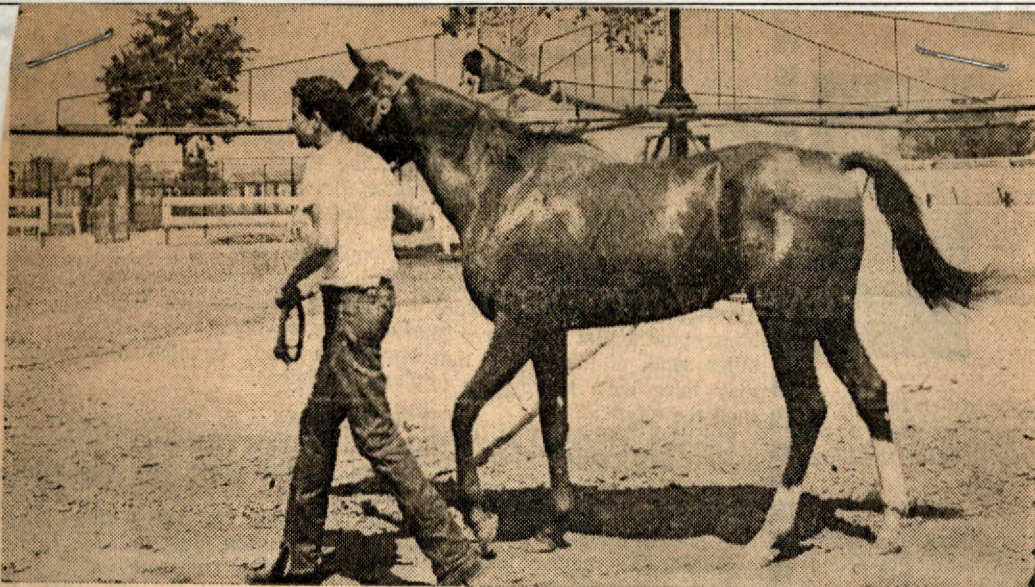
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—Staff Photo by Richard Drew

SIRHAN'S JOB—A groom at the Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch in Corona demonstrates to newsmen the work Sirhan Sirhan used to do when exercising race horses. Sirhan, according to records, was thrown from a horse while riding on the track in the background.

Mishap to Sirhan May Shape Plea

Awarded \$1,705 Claim for Fall Off Horse; Medical Data Cited

By J. ROBERT SMITH

Staff Writer
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Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Richard A. Schauer continued the hearing for plea of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, of Pasadena, until 9 a.m., Aug. 2, in order to have physicians examine him.

Sirhan is charged with the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy of New York, following Kennedy's primary victory speech at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles last June 5.

At the request of Russell E. Parsons, the Jordanian's attorney, Judge Schauer last Friday appointed Dr. Edward Davis, a neurosurgeon, to take an encephalogram of Sirhan, usually made to determine if there is any existing brain damage.

Parsons noted that Dr. Davis would require a technician to go to the jail with him when the brain test is made. The attorney earlier indicated he may at-

tempt to prove Sirhan had suffered brain damage in a fall from a horse at Corona about Sept. 25, 1966.

Based on Fall

The lawyer is expected to enter a plea of innocent and innocent by reason of insanity for Sirhan, and the insanity plea would be based upon the fall.

Parsons also indicated that he needed a report from the brain and other medical experts in order to guide him as to what plea to enter.

Did the fall from a horse mentally affect Sirhan?

A neurosurgeon who examined Sirhan for brain injury following the incident reported that he found no evidence of a neurological problem.

This was revealed through a check by this newspaper into the records of the State Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board which awarded Sirhan a \$2,000 minimal claim.

Examined Sirhan

Other doctors who examined Sirhan found that "there is nothing whatsoever in the patient's examination to substantiate a claim for an organic injury," and "I can only state that this

young man has a most excellent pair of eyes."

Dr. E. Gordon Klein, 48, N. El Molino Ave., Pasadena, who examined Sirhan on April 4, 1967, wrote, "X-rays ordered by me have indicated no evidence of a foreign body, no evidence of any fractures in and about the orbit, and said X-rays are essentially negative."

He added, however, "Inas-

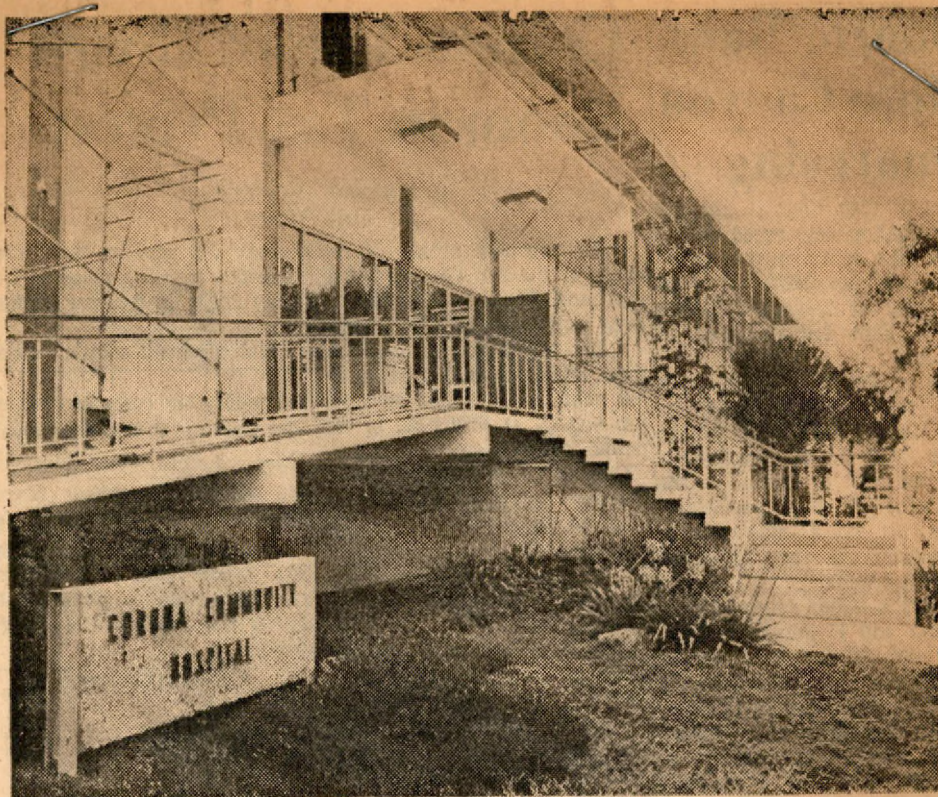
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TREATMENT RECORDED—After Sirhan Sirhan was reportedly thrown from a horse at the exercise grounds of the Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch, he was taken for treatment to Corona Community Hospital. Defense counsel questions whether alleged injury affected him.

Sirhan . . .

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much as he was unconscious and had not been seen by a neurologist or a neurosurgeon. I believe it would be advisable to have him seen by a neurosurgeon to rule out any damage to the brain that might have occurred at the time of this injury."

On Sept. 5, 1967, Dr. Forrest L. Johnson, 1052 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles, a neurosurgeon, examined Sirhan, and according to the board records reported, "I found no evidence of a neurological problem at this time. I believe this patient is capable of returning to work as a stable boy at this time."

In his application for adjudication of the claim, dated last Feb. 7, Sirhan, through his Pasadena attorneys Ernest A. Palmer Jr. and Anne P. Tomner, stated that he was born March 9, 1944, and was employed as exercise boy, Sept. 25, 1966, at Corona, and sustained injury to the left eye and lower back.

The board records state "Injury received as follows: thrown off filly while exercising her; breezing her at full speed. Actual earnings at time of injury \$375 per month. Medical treatment received April 6, 1967. All treatment was furnished by the employer or insurance company."

The employer recorded was Bert C. Altfillisch of the Altfillisch Construction Co., 13200 Citrus Ave., Corona, owner of the Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch.

Negative for Fractures

According to the records Dr. Richard A. Nelson, 760 S. Washburn St., Corona, examined Sirhan the day of the fall and reported, "X-rays taken at Corona Community Hospital. Negative for fractures. No permanent disability or disfigurement was expected."

Dr. Nelson's report also mentioned that Sirhan suffered laceration of the left upper eyelid, and there were bilateral foreign bodies (sand) in his eyes.

However, on Nov. 22, 1966, Dr. Paul Nilsson, 824 S. Main St., Corona, examined Sirhan and according to his findings, "the vision in each eye is 20-20. No permanent disability anticipated."

He was also examined by Dr. Maurice W. Nugent, 1127 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles on Oct. 10, 1967, and Dr. Nugent said, "I can only state that this young man has a most excellent pair of eyes."

Evidence that Sirhan had returned to his regular work was brought out in an examination report made by Dr. Martin Albori, 739 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles.

Dated Dec. 18, 1967, his findings were, "Based upon the submitted records there was temporary disability for about two weeks by which time the patient resumed lighter work and about two weeks later, he resumed his previous regular work."

Other physicians who examined Sirhan were Dr. Robert E. Lewis of the Good Samaritan Radiological Medical Group. He said he found Sirhan's skull normal and also his lumbar spine.

Dr. Albert Tashima, an ophthalmologist, 6753 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, wrote, "there is nothing whatsoever in the patient's examination to substantiate a claim of an organic injury."

Awarded Claim

Sirhan was awarded a claim for \$1,705 last March 27. According to the board records the law firm of Palmer and Toomer was paid \$200; Dr. Nugent, \$50, and Dr. Leonard J. Yamshon, of Los Angeles, \$45. It was learned that Sirhan cashed his check received last Mar. 27 at the Crocker Citizens National Bank, 709 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena.

From the board records, Sirhan was not at first satisfied with the \$2,000 award.

The record stated, "While not shocked when they learned that at first completely satisfied he was the accused assassin."

with the amount of the compromise and release, after the situation was explained to him and the wide variance in the medical reports, he indicated that under the circumstances the settlement would be satisfactory."

His attorney, Mrs. Toomer, would not divulge how much Sirhan's original claim was without her client's consent.

An interview by this newspaper with his co-workers at the ranch, his former neighbors, patrons at bars he frequented, service station employees, hospital attendants at Norco and Corona revealed that they all thought Sirhan to have been a very polite and quiet person who bothered no one and minded his own business.

They all said they were

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Sirhan Fails in Bid for Sleeping Pills, Wins Delay on Plea

BY DIAL TORGERTSON
Times Staff Writer

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan sought unsuccessfully to make a deal with Superior Court Friday to get sleeping pills.

At a court convened deep within the Hall of Justice jail, the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was asked if he would agree to a waiver granting psychiatrists his jail medical records.

For the first time in four court appearances Sirhan gave more than brief yes and no replies.

"I have constantly been asking for sleeping pills," he said. "If they give me sleeping pills, I'll waive it."

His attorney, Russell E. Parsons, held a quick, whispered conference with Sirhan. Then he spoke for his client:

"Mr. Sirhan has agreed to waive," he said.

Jail Physician's Duty

After Sirhan agreed to the waiver nothing further was said in court about sleeping pills. But, though the judge didn't agree to Sirhan's condition, Parsons said later he felt it was the jail physician's duty to see that the pill request was satisfied.

Sirhan was brought to court Friday for plea. A two-week continuance was granted at his lawyer's request.

The waiver of the traditional doctor-patient relationship — between Sirhan and County Jail physician Marcus Crnan — was needed to facilitate psychiatric and neurological examinations requested by Parsons.

His request that the plea hearing be continued until Aug. 2, to allow time for completion of doctors' reports, was granted by Superior Judge Richard Schauer.

Parsons would not say what plea he expected Sirhan to enter. But he hinted at a possible defense when he told newsmen after the hearing that he had once saved a convicted murderer from the gas chamber by contending that a head blow had rendered him legally insane.

In September, 1966, Sirhan, employed as an exercise boy at a race track, suffered a head injury in a fall from a horse. He later demanded and received state disability for the injury.

Parsons received the court's permission to have Sirhan examined by Dr. Roderick Richardson, a psychologist, and Dr. Edward Davis, a neurosurgeon authorized to make an encephalogram of Sirhan's brainwaves. Reports of two court-appointed psychiatrists are also pending.

At the same hearing, Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger filed notice his office was asking the court to vacate or modify Superior Judge Arthur L. Alarcon's June 7 order prohibiting persons with knowledge of the case from talking to news media.

Will Be Argued

That motion will be argued Aug. 2, in the same court where the Friday session was convened—a sheriff's briefing room on the 13th floor of the three-story jail facility atop the Hall of Justice.

A dozen sheriff's deputies stood around the room, intently watching an audience of 81, as the 18-minute hearing was conducted. They were under orders to eject immediately anyone who moved or stood up.

Windows of the room were blocked by sheets of quarter-inch armorplate. Extra guards stood at every entrance and exit of the 15-story structure. A sheriff's helicopter circled watchfully overhead.

Everyone admitted to the court was searched by sheriff's deputies before the session began. Deputies began searching spectators—who included Sirhan's brother, Adel, 29—two hours before the court session began at 9 a.m.

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Asked on Arrangements

Judge Schauer called "the matter of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan" before the prisoner was admitted, asking if either Parsons, for the defense, or Younger and Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton, for the prosecution, wished to comment on the makeshift circumstances of the court.

Neither side did.

"The bailiff will now please bring in the defendant," said Judge Schauer.

Sirhan, 24, stepped quickly in from a side door, having been brought 50 feet from his cell nearby. He was wearing a blue dress shirt, open at the collar over a white T-shirt; tight, dark trousers, and loafer-type shoes. He slightly needed a haircut. A shadow of heavy beard was visible despite what looked like a fairly recent shave.

He shook hands warmly with Parsons, a thin, elderly man in a black suit. Sirhan waved at his brother, neatly dressed in a conservative blue suit and sitting in a roped-off section of seats among high-ranking sheriff's officers at the front of the room.

'Are You Sirhan?'

"Are you Sirhan?" asked the judge.

"Yes sir," he said, briskly.

"Are you ready to plea?"

"Not yet," interjected Parsons, explaining that he had received only preliminary reports from one court-appointed psychiatrist and none from the second, and wanted the psychologist and the neurosurgeon to examine the prisoner.

The judge asked if all parties were agreeable to waiving the traditional privilege given matters between a doctor and a patient—in this case the jail doctor and Sirhan—so Dr. Crahan could tell examining doctors about Sirhan's behavior in jail.

Surprise to Parsons

It was then that Sirhan made his request for sleeping pills. It was, apparently, a surprise to Parsons. He explained to newsmen later:

"He said he wanted some sleeping pills," Parsons said. "He asked if the judge would kindly order doctors to give him some sleeping pills. He has not

been resting too well. I don't rest too well myself. You wake up at 2 or 3 a.m. and think about things.

"The judge in effect made an order that reports of the jail doctor should be made available as asked." Would Sirhan get the pills?

"It's the doctor's duty to see that this man is properly cared for," Parsons said.

Jurist Explains

"The court did not entertain the defendant's request for medication," Judge Schauer said later. "The court did not order any medication for the defendant nor could it do so, since that would be a function of the medical profession."

Has Sirhan been refused sleeping pills—and would he get any now? Officials of the jail medical facility declined comment, referring questions to the Sheriff's Information Bureau, which said it couldn't reply because of the court order made by Judge Alarcon.

Younger said he hopes that the order would be vacated.

"It's too restrictive," said Younger to a newsmen later. "We're not anxious to have a precedent established where we could be muzzled like that, far beyond what we consider logical and proper."

"Ninety-nine per cent of the area covered we don't make any comment about, anyway. We don't normally comment about the guilt or innocence of a party, or about evidence. But, beyond that, we think the public interest demands more—the answers to certain questions."

Cites Examples

"Questions such as, 'Is there any evidence of a conspiracy? Is there a foreign government involved? Is there a plot on behalf of an extremist group?'"

"Suppose it was widely rumored that the killing of Sen. Kennedy was done as an assassination hired by Nasser (president of the Republic of Egypt)? I think it would be best to answer this question. Under the court order I am unable to reply."

Security measures more intense than any seen before in the Hall of Justice were ordered for the protection of the Jordanian-born defendant, subject since the June 5 shooting of Sen. Kennedy of countless anonymous threats against his life.

"The family is quite satisfied with the security arrangements," said Adel Sirhan, looking around the heavily guarded room after the hearing. He was brought from the Sirhans' Pasadena home by Pasadena detective Ben Hetherington and Michael McGowan, Parsons' investigator.

"The sheriff's department has been very cooperative in letting us come to see him," Adel said. Had Sirhan discussed with Adel his problems about sleeping? "It could be," said Adel.

Constant Guard

Sirhan is under round-the-clock guard, an officer with him at all times in the 6-by-8-foot cell. Guards are changed every 30 or 40 minutes, Sheriff Peter Pitchess said earlier this week.

Parsons said that Sirhan's mother, Mary, often visits him—and that they pray together.

The attorney said that,

in his cell, "Sirhan reads constantly. He's a constant student, a deep reader." He prefers books by and about great men, including Mohandas K. Gandhi, the Indian apostle of nonviolence, who was himself assassinated in 1948.

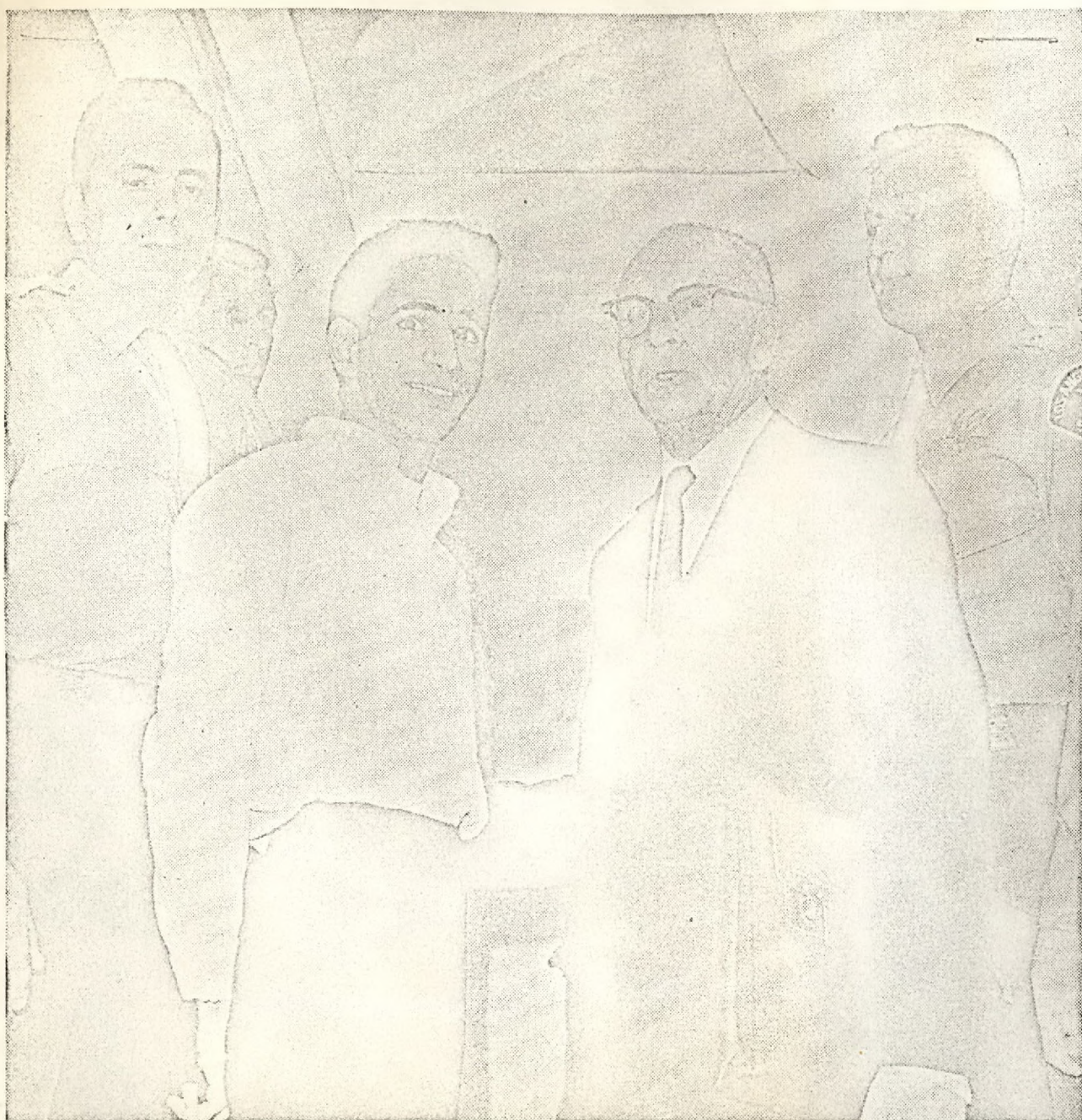
In reviewing the importance of a full study of Sirhan's mental compe-

tence, Parsons cited the case of Darryl Thomas Kemp, convicted and sentenced to die in 1959 for the 1957 rape-murder of a nurse, Marjorie Hipper-son, in a Los Feliz-area apartment.

Parsons, an attorney with a long string of appeals victories to his credit, took the case after the conviction and won

Kemp a stay of execution, a sanity hearing, and, finally, his life.

"Kemp was to be executed," Parsons said, "but what his mother said was found to be true—he had been injured playing football. As a result we had a jury trial in Marin County and they found him presently insane. He's now in a state insane asylum."



AFTER THE HEARING—Sirhan B. Sirhan stands with his attorney, Russell B. Parsons, before depu-

ties return him to his cell after a hearing in a heavily guarded courtroom in the Hall of Justice.
Times photo by John Malmin

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Curb on Photos of Kennedy's Body Asked

SACRAMENTO (UPI)

The State Senate was asked Saturday to forbid widespread exploitation of more than 300 pictures taken of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's body after his assassination.

The fact that the pictures were taken during the post-mortem and autopsy of the late New York Senator was disclosed during debate over a rider on a bill already approved by the State Assembly.

The bill was co-sponsored by Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh (D-Inglewood), chairman of the state's 174-member delegation to the Democratic National Convention.

The bill by Unruh and Assemblyman Frederick J. Bear (D-San Diego), originally contained provision only to forbid evidence obtained by electronic eavesdropping from being used in court trials in California.

But it was amended Friday afternoon — without a public announcement — to require a judge's order before anyone could obtain copies of the Kennedy pictures.

Sen. Donald L. Grunsky (R-Watsonville), GOP leader of the upper house, pressed for passage of the amended bill with the provision in it — and ran into opposition that prevented action Saturday.

On a roll call, the vote was 25 to 4 — two votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority, as a result, Grunsky asked the Senate to reconsider the bill again, possibly Monday.

He disclosed that more than 300 photographs were taken of the senator's body by Los Angeles County officials and said Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger may use some of them in the trial of Kennedy's accused assassin, Sirhan B. Sirhan.

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SIRHAN GIVEN TWO WEEKS TO COMPLETE MENTAL TESTS

Pre-trial proceedings for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan have been delayed for two weeks to allow time for completion of additional psychiatric and

brain damage tests of the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant, accused as the assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Sirhan made an 18-minute appearance in an armor-plated, heavily guarded special courtroom on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice.

He listened with bird-like alertness and at one point asked Superior Court Judge Richard Schauer if he could have sleeping pills "because I haven't been resting too well."

Judge Schauer granted a

two-week continuance in the case until Aug. 2, at the request of defense counsel Russell Parsons.

Extensive mental tests being given Sirhan support reports he may eventually enter a dual plea of not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity.

The court also granted permission for a psychologist, Roderick Richardson, and a neurologist, Dr. Edward Davis, to examine Sirhan in his isolated cell on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice.

Parsons told the judge he has received only two preliminary reports from court-appointed psychiatrist Dr. Eric Marcus. He said no report has been submitted by Dr. George Abo of Norwalk State Hospital who was appointed three weeks ago.

Yesterday marked the second time Sirhan has appeared in court under heavy guard and failed to enter a plea in connection with the assassination which occurred on the night of the California presidential primary.

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SIRHAN AS VIEWED

BY WINCHELL

By WALTER WINCHELL

Row A, Hall of Justice, Superior Court Judge Richard Schauer presiding.

Moments before His Honor took the bench, we asked District Attorney E. J. Younger to request that the court edict banning free publication of the case in California (unless permitted by the D. A. or police) be vacated or amended.

"Newspapers from New York City and nationally circulated magazines," we reminded, "containing news about the accused man are available daily at Los Angeles hotels and other newsstands."

Mr. Younger said he planned discussing the subject with the court and he did so briefly. Judge Schauer said he would consider it.

Sirhan Sirhan kept biting his lower lip throughout the 18-minute session. He kept looking at his brother Adel, among up-front spectators. When he caught his eye, Sirhan smiled and once waved his fingers at Adel.

Deputy Assistant DA D. Compton, the prosecutor, is a former all-American. . . "He played at the Rose Bowl," said Mr. Younger. . . Adel Sirhan was surrounded by two deputy sheriffs. (Protection from the press). . . Nearby in a first-row seat was attractive Mary Virginia Pittman of Houston, Tex. Her millinery was a beret (tany o' shanter) and when newsmen wondered "who's she?" a wag said, "Bonnie of Bonnie and Clyde" . . . She told us she was a free lance reporter, radio broadcaster and deputy sheriff in Texas.

Newcomers among the press included reporters from Australia, Spain, and Sweden. . . News people from many other foreign places (assigned to cover Hollywood) attended. . . Sheriff Peter Pitchess planned accommodating "about 80 members of the press but that would mean adding another row of chairs which the judge vetoed" . . . There were press seats for 67.

The spectator section seated 21 persons. These included county officials and some citizens. . . Many of the foreign press who applied for admission failed to show. . . probably because of the announcement (the day before) that Sirhan Sirhan's counsel, Russell Parsons, would request another continuance and not permit his client to plead. . .

Plainclothes sleuths seated alongside of this reporter kept watching the artist (sketching the principals) and his colleague who put the drawings in an attache case. . . Every time we reached for our pencil (in a breast pocket) the detectives followed every inch of the movement so tight was the security.

When the defendant and His Honor left the mini-courtroom the press bombarded defense counsel with queries . . . "Mr.

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Parsons." We asked the co-operative-with-the-press lawyer, "did you know that the court edict restricting the press out here doesn't stop Eastern newspapers and newsmags containing stories that may prejudice prospective jurors from newsstands in L. A.?"

"I've heard about that and I am sending for them," said Mr. Parsons.

"Three weeks ago," we added, "you told us all that you found about 40 books in Sirhan's room at his home and that you brought them to him. What books does he read?"

"Books about great men."

"For instance."

"Great men like Gandhi."

"Kennedy?" we asked, not sure of the name.

There was a loud thud of silence.

"Gandhi!" exclamation-pointed Parsons.

Later, in the corridor, we asked a jurist if he didn't think the court edict was a violation of the First Amendment.

"Yes," he replied, "why don't you make a test case of it? You'd win!"

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Cost of Holding Sirhan

According to the newspaper the cost of holding Sirhan has amounted to over \$219,000 and inasmuch that the taxpayers have to foot the bill maybe The Times could obtain and publish an itemized statement as to how this money was spent.

I am sure that the rooms at the local jail are quite reasonable, meals included.

Sirhan could stay at one of the finest hotels for a year for a lot less than the amount spent to-date.

IVOR STEWART
Los Angeles

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has said he obtained an accounting from the county auditor that disclosed that \$210,629 had been spent through July 7. The total cost, however, is deceptive. Some of the costs would occur for any prisoner under normal conditions. Others, including \$46,946 listed as "extraordinary expenditure" by the mechanical department, are misleading. Of the latter amount, \$20,000 for protective devices may never be spent in the event of a change of venue and \$11,000 for a kitchen and air-conditioning unit had been budgeted previously and would probably be spent even if there was no Sirhan case.—Ed.

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Sirhan Expected to Enter Plea of Not Guilty in Assassination

BY RON EINSTOSS

Times Staff Writer

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan is expected to plead not guilty Friday to the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Sources indicated Wednesday that Sirhan's veteran attorney, Russell Parsons, has decided that there is no legal basis for a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

Such an insanity plea would require a psychiatric finding that Sirhan did not know the difference between right and wrong or that he could not appreciate the nature and quality of his acts shortly after midnight on June 5 when he allegedly fired three shots into Sen. Kennedy and wounded five other persons.

If Parsons has reached such a decision it would indicate that the two court-appointed psychiatrists—Drs. Eric Marcus and George Abe—have probably found that the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant does not meet the test for legal insanity.

One source said that Parsons has not yet received the report of Dr. Roderick Richardson, court-appointed psychologist, and for that reason could still reevaluate his decision as to how Sirhan should plead or even ask for another continuance pending receipt of that report.

A continuance on such a ground probably would be granted by Superior Judge Richard Schauer.

It is unlikely, however, that Parsons would base an insanity plea solely on a psychological analysis if the findings contained in such a study are contrary to those of two psychiatrists.

Another alternative (to pleading or seeking a continuance) open to the defense Friday would be a motion to dismiss the charges,

possibly on the basis that the grand jury which indicted Sirhan did not properly represent a cross-section of the county's population.

Such a motion, which would require arguments at a later date, must be made prior to the time of entering a plea.

If Parsons decides to plead Sirhan not guilty by reason of insanity, Judge Schauer would be required to appoint two additional psychiatrists. Their findings would be available to the prosecution and the court, as well as the defense.

Used to Determine Plea

The reports of Drs. Marcus and Abe are confidential and were given only to Parsons so he could use them to assist him in determining which plea the defendant should enter.

Court observers believe that if only a plea of not guilty is entered, Parsons and whoever assists him in trying the case, will, in the face of the evidence—some of it from eyewitnesses—against Sirhan, center their efforts in two directions:

1—Save him from the death penalty.

2—Invoke the so-called defense of diminished capacity to lessen the degree of the offense.

The prosecution already has anticipated the latter strategy by employing a psychiatric adviser, Dr. Seymour Pollack.

Dr. Pollack has been observing Sirhan in his last two court appearances.

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—and is expected to continue to do so—and probably would be called as a witness to counter defense psychiatric testimony.

The controversial diminished capacity or partial insanity defense, as it sometimes is called, has been evolving in California since 1949.

In using it, the defense attempts to show through psychiatric evidence that because of some mental disease or defect the defendant could not form the specific intent, malice and premeditation required for the conviction of first-degree murder.

Prior to 1949, the courts of this state had ruled against partial insanity as a defense, holding that insanity is either a complete defense (requiring a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity) or no defense at all.

In several decisions since that time the defense has been broadened.

The defense of diminished capacity does not result in an exoneration, only in a reduction from first to second-degree murder or even manslaughter, depending on the extent to which mental disease can be shown.

(First-degree murder carries a penalty of death or life in prison. Second degree is punishable by five years to life and manslaughter by one to 15 years.)

Diminished capacity

generally is considered to be a surprise defense. However, since the existing state evidence code became effective last year, the prosecution at the time the trial begins can request that such a defense be declared.

Judge Schauer, who presides over the criminal departments of the Superior Court, again will hear the Sirhan matter in a 50 x 46-foot minicourtroom on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice.

Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess has announced that tight security precautions to protect the defendant again will be in effect.

Judge Schauer is not expected to assign the case to a trial court at this time (if a plea is entered), although he probably will set a trial date, which later could be subject to change for a variety of reasons.

Trial courts, and the naming of a judge, normally are assigned at the time of pleading, but it is not unusual for such assignments to be withheld in special cases—generally those which are expected to result in prolonged trials.

The Sirhan matter could be classified as a special case by its very nature.

The assignment of a judge to hear the trial—if it is set during his calendar year tenure as presid-

ing criminal judge—reportedly will be made by Judge Schauer.

The jurist also is expected Friday to hear arguments by Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger's office to vacate or further modify a court order prohibit-

ing certain publicity in the case.

Younger indicated two weeks ago that he feels the order is too restrictive, that parts of it are not in the public interest and that it might establish a dangerous precedent.

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Bill on Death Pictures of Kennedy OK'd

Exclusive to The Times from
a Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO — The Assembly gave final passage Thursday to a bill designed to forbid exploitation of more than 300 pictures taken of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's body after his assassination.

The measure was coauthored by Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh (D-Inglewood), chairman of the state's 174-member delegation to the Democratic National Convention originally pledged to Sen. Kennedy.

Unruh was near Sen. Kennedy when he was shot down in the Ambassador moments after he had claimed victory in the California Democratic presidential primary.

As originally introduced the bill merely would have prohibited the use in court trials of evidence obtained by electronic eavesdropping.

A rider, limiting the use of the Kennedy pictures taken during post mortem and autopsy of the senator's body, was tacked to the bill in the Senate at the request of Unruh and Assemblyman Frederick J. Bear (D-San Diego).

It would require a judge's order before anyone could obtain copies of the Kennedy pictures.

Bear explained that the rider was requested by Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger, who said he may use some of the pictures in the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan, Kennedy's accused assassin.

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Police Rebut Statements By Sirhan

Pasadena police officials, who gave Saidallah B. Sirhan round-the-clock protection after he said shots were fired at him, today rebutted Sirhan's remarks that he was subjected to a "third degree" and an illegal search.

Saidallah, brother of Sirhan B. Sirhan, the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, said the police gave him a lie detector test "similar to a third degree about 9:30" the morning of the shots.

"The polygraph test came in the afternoon after routine questioning," replied Lt. Gerald E. Wright, of the investigative section. "We do not use the 'third degree.'"

The "third degree" refers to quizzing accompanied by physical maltreatment of the subject.

Saidallah complained that after the July 3 incident, his home was searched by an "FBI man ... without a search warrant" and that Saidallah was subjected to insult.

"We do not know of any FBI man being involved," said Lt. Wright. "Saidallah gave me his personal permission for our Sgt. Ben Hetherington and a Los Angeles detective to go with him to his house to look for evidence."

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Police Call Saidallah's Story No Hoax**Sirhan's Brother Tells
of Shooting Night****By J. ROBERT SMITH**

Staff Writer

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The circumstances preceding the July 3 early morning shooting at Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, 36, of Pasadena, have been revealed for the first time in an exclusive interview with Saidallah by this newspaper.

Saidallah is the brother of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, also of Pasadena, who is charged

with the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy last June 5.

Saidallah had reported to Pasadena police who have since agreed, that he was shot at while driving the Pasadena Freeway early July 3.

Pasadena Chief of Police Samuel H. Addis told this newspaper that "based upon the facts that we have now, there is nothing to indicate that the incident is a hoax. I believe it did happen."

In the interview, Saidallah said that the Pasadena police had given him a very rigid lie detector test. Lt. Gerald E. Wright, head of the detective bureau, verified the giving of the test, but refused to tell its result.

Saidallah also said that he was given a similar test by Enrique Hernandez of the Los Angeles Police Department. The result also is undisclosed because Hernandez took refuge

under a court order which he said prevented him from talking about the test.

Discrepancies in released reports prompted this newspaper to seek Saidallah in an effort to determine what actually happened that early morning.

This is his story, in the words in which he replied to questions asked:

"I wanted to meet Liza Williams, a columnist on the Free Press. She writes a column called 'Grey Power.' I read it every

week. I met her at David Saldals Shop, 68 N. Fair Oaks Ave., about three months ago.

"I wanted to consult with her about the laws of publishing regarding reporters using my name for exploitation in any document.

"I phoned the Pasadena Free Press office and asked for her address the night before the shooting, and they gave me an address such as 92 Fairfax, Los Angeles.

("The address listed in the paper's masthead is 938 N. Fairfax, Los Angeles.)

"The Pasadena office also told me if I wanted more information to call the Hollywood Free Press. I was told that it was located at 65 something

street. The name sounded like a Spanish term.

"Early the next morning, about four o'clock I went to find her to avoid the traffic and exposing myself to the public during the day in an area that I am not familiar with.

"After being in that area for a while and not finding what I was looking for, I decided to come back home.

"I took Beverly Boulevard to Hill Street and on into the Pasadena Freeway where I encountered the Chevrolet and the Volkswagen bus. There were three people in the Chevrolet, and four in the Volkswagen.

"I still want to talk to Miss Williams."

Shooting Episode

Saidallah then told of the shooting episode which substantially corresponded with the report of the incident released by police. He said the Chevrolet and Volkswagen bus were the vehicles that pursued him on the freeway when the two shots coming from the bus were fired at him.

He said the entire trip from Pasadena and back took about one-and-a-half hours.

Asked whether he was given a lie detector test by police, Saidallah replied, "The Pasadena police gave me a lie detector test similar to a third degree about 9:30 that morning, and I was also given another in Los Angeles by Mr. Hernandez about three to five days later."

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POLICE RILE SIRHAN BROTHER—Saidallah Bishara Sirhan accuses Pasadena policeman Ben Hetherington (left) of trying to force him to admit that he did the shooting at his own car which he reported July 3 as being done by men in a car which followed his auto early that morning on the Pasadena Freeway.

This newspaper asked Lt. Wright whether Saidallah was given the test, and he admitted it. Asked what was the result, Wright replied, "We do not discuss that." He also refused to tell who gave the test. Saidallah said it was a sergeant whose name he did not remember.

When asked this question, "Since you have said Saidallah did not do the shooting, after he was given a polygraph test, is it not evident then that the test cleared him?" to which Wright replied, "No comment."

In an interview Chief Addis said, "Based upon the facts that we have now, there is nothing to indicate that it is a hoax. I believe the shooting did happen."

The following is the question and answer interview with Addis and Lt. Wright:

What is the status of the alleged shooting incident?

Wright: We have made a full investigation of it. Nothing has turned up for us to hang our hats on or get a suspect. We cannot come up with anything to disprove this man's story.

Do you think that the alleged incident might be connected with the assassination?

Wright: No, not at all.

Regarding the shots being fired and Sirhan slumping aside, do you believe that?

Wright: I have to believe that.

Why do you have to believe that?

Wright: If I said I didn't believe it, I could not answer the next question you would ask, namely: Why?

(Lt. Wright then explained his personal investigation into the trajectory of the projectile coming from the location described by Saidallah. He said that his story made sense.)

Wright: We recreated the incident. It is very possible he was shot at from the Volkswagen.

Los Angeles detectives are reported to be also working on the case. Have they come up with anything?

Wright: No.

Have you learned what Saidallah was really doing in Los Angeles so early that morning?

Wright: Just what he said about looking for a woman reporter on the Free Press down on 92nd or 93rd Street.

Are you convinced and satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the incident did happen?

Addis: I cannot say that. In cases of this kind we are never convinced or satisfied until the

facts wholly support our conviction or satisfaction, that it either happened or did not happen, but based upon the facts we have now, I think it happened.

Then you believe his story?

Addis: I have to.

If it were not for Judge Alarcon's court order, could you tell more:

Addis: No.

Is this case considered closed?

Addis: No. It is open until either we arrest the people who did it, or prove it never happened. Until then, we will have someone assigned to it.

Saidallah complained that an FBI agent and Pasadena policeman Ben Hetherington tried to treat him like a "mendicant." "They wanted me to say that I did the shooting myself, and that FBI man searched my home looking for guns without a search warrant. He was very nasty," Saidallah related.

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SIRHAN PLEA—Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused of murder in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, finally entered a plea of not guilty in a closely guarded Los Angeles courtroom. The 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant spoke but 10 words during the 22-minute hearing Friday, denying his guilt and approving a trial date later than guaranteed by his constitutional right to a "speedy trial." This was to allow time for a second attorney to join in preparing his defense, and Superior Judge Richard A. Schauer set trial date for Nov. 1.

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THREE MONTHS TO SEE WHY?

Parsons Leaves Sirhan Plea Open To Change

Russell Parsons, the man defending Sirhan B. Sirhan against charges he shot and killed Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, has three months to determine "why—if this is the man—did he do it."

Although his client, smiling and poised, pleaded "not guilty" in an armored courtroom in County Jail yesterday, Parsons kept the door open to a possible change of plea to not guilty by reason of insanity or partial insanity.

The veteran attorney talked to the press after a 22-minute hearing at which Judge Richard Schauer set the trial date for Nov. 1 and then denied a prosecution request to revoke or modify a court order restricting publicity on the case.

Judge Schauer, however, did not name the trial judge or identify the courtroom in which the historic trial will take place. He reserved this information for an Oct. 4 public hearing in Superior Court.

Sirhan, who spoke only 10 words during yesterday's hearing, also pleaded innocent to charges he assaulted with intent to murder five other persons who were wounded by gunfire in the Ambassador Hotel corridor in which Kennedy was fatally shot.

The motion to ease up on publicity restrictions was submitted by District Attorney Evelle J. Younger, who said "we should let the people know as much as possible about the way the government is performing, including judges, the district attorney" and others.

He said it was "wrong" to assume that all publicity is bad and that attention given any matter in a criminal case necessarily means prejudice.

Parsons told newsmen he has been researching the Arab-Israeli war and the boyhood of Sirhan in what is now Israeli-occupied Jordan.

"Why—if this is the man—did he do it?" Parsons asked. "Was he able to formulate opinions? What are the factors? What is his condition. He's an Arab, you know. They're so different from us."

Parsons said Sirhan's boyhood "might have colored his whole life. What were the conditions under which he lived? Was a bomb ever dropped near him?"

Parsons continued to indicate Sirhan's mental condition would be a vital factor in his defense plans. He said brain wave tests have not been made yet and that he is continuing his study of reports by psychiatrists who examined Sirhan.

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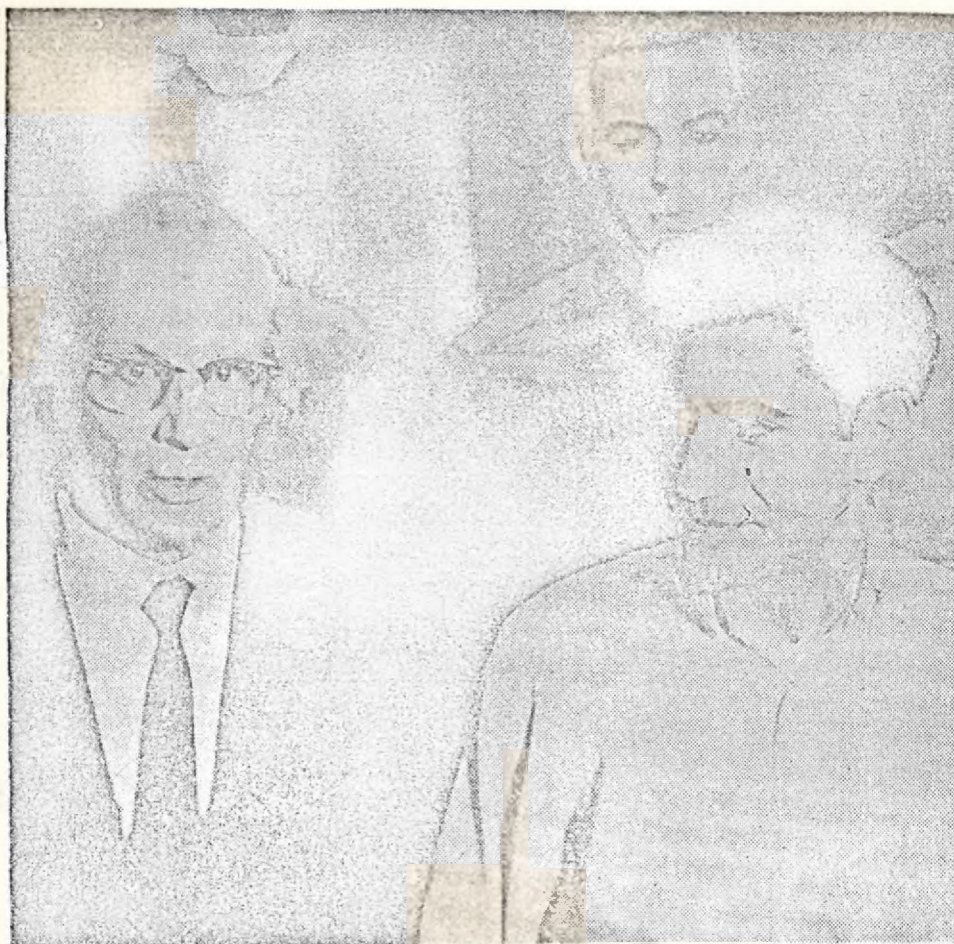
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Sirhan Sirhan, accused slayer of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and his attorney, Russell Parsons, are surrounded by guards as they leave the courtroom where a "not guilty" plea was submitted. Parsons kept the door open to a possible change of plea to "Insanity."

At yesterday's hearing, Sirhan said "Yes, sir" twice—once to a question about his name and again when he assured the judge he personally waived his right to trial within 60 days of his arraignment. Moments earlier, his answer to the judge's question about a speedy trial was answered with: "We waive that right." The only other words he spoke were "not guilty" to the charges of murder and assault with intent to commit murder.

The courtroom on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice was marked with the same tight security precautions county officials have imposed since Sirhan was subdued and arrested moments after the June 5 shooting.

The heavily guarded Sirhan smiled often and appeared pleased with the proceedings. But he did not appear to take

notice of his mother and three brothers who sat in the courtroom.

Parsons said he was concerned with Sirhan's mental capacity prior to the Kennedy shooting and his subsequent behavior.

"You know," he said, "people sometimes lose their minds very suddenly. If a man is insane at the time of the trial you can't try him."

He pictured Sirhan as a man with a "nervous mentality. He relies on me. He gets on his knees and looks up in my face and talks to me like a baby.

"I haven't seen any evidence yet of any malice or premeditation," Parsons said. "I don't believe he realizes what has happened."

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Sirhan Enters Not Guilty Plea; Trial to Be Nov. 1

Attorney Indicates Lack
of Malice May Be Issue
He Will Base Defense On

BY RON EINSTOSS

Times Staff Writer

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan pleaded not guilty to murder Friday in the June 5 slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

A trial date of Nov. 1 was set by Superior Judge Richard Schauer.

Although Sirhan entered a plea of innocence, it does not necessarily mean he is denying he committed the murder.

He is charged with murder, with malice aforethought.

A guilty plea would have been an admission of murder and could have resulted in the death penalty or life in prison if first degree.

The only way for a defendant to have a determination made of the degree of murder — unless one is specifically charged—is to be tried, either by a jury or a judge sitting without a jury.

Sirhan Chose a Trial

This apparently is what Sirhan did in the face of seemingly weighty eyewitness and circumstantial evidence against him.

At a press conference which followed the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant's appearance in court, Russell E. Parsons, Sirhan's attorney, seemed to confirm this when he said:

"I haven't seen any evidence yet that he had any malice . . ."

Parsons also said a not guilty plea "permits us to show the what and why—what are the real issues—if he is the man, why did he do it."

Sirhan, as had been anticipated, chose not to enter a so-called double plea of not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity. This could have required three trials.

The first, to determine whether he was guilty and the degree of guilt. A second, if convicted, to determine his sanity, and a final hearing, if convicted of first-degree murder, to fix the penalty.

Parsons still could, before the trial, legally add a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

The veteran criminal defense attorney explained out of court that by pleading not guilty, it does not mean that two court-appointed psychiatrists found that his client was legally sane.

However, he added that he has never entered only a single plea of not guilty when psychiatrists unanimously said a client of his was legally insane, that he did not know the difference between right and wrong or could not appreciate the nature and quality of his act.

Several Possibilities Open

With Sirhan pleading not guilty, if the prosecution is successful in showing that Sirhan fired the fatal shot, Parsons can seek to lower the degree of murder from first degree by:

1—Putting on evidence that the crime was not deliberate or premeditated which would make it second degree (punishable by five years to life in prison) or that there was no malice, which would make it manslaughter (a maximum of 15 years in prison).

2—Invoking the defense of diminished capacity, also known as partial insanity.

In using the latter defense Parsons would be attempting to show through psychiatric evidence that because of some mental disease or defect Sirhan could not form the specific intent, malice and premeditation required for the conviction of first-degree murder.

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This defense does not result in an exoneration, only in a reduction of the degree (to second or manslaughter), depending on the extent to which mental disease can be shown. Anticipating such a defense, Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger and his team of prosecutors has engaged Dr. Seymour Pollock as a psychiatric adviser.

Doctor Present

Dr. Pollock was present in court again Friday, observing Sirhan. He probably would be called as a witness to counter defense psychiatric testimony.

Sirhan, appearing in court for the fifth time, also pleaded not guilty to feloniously assaulting, with a deadly weapon and with intent to commit murder, five other persons wounded during the election night shooting spree at the Ambassador.

Judge Schauer withheld until Oct. 4 the naming of a judge to preside over the case.

That presumably will be Sirhan's next appearance in court unless Parsons makes legal motions, such, he said, as to suppress evidence he feels was improperly seized or makes attacks on the grand jury on the basis of some illegality.

He also could ask for a change of venue, but he indicated out of court that such would not be the case.

Parsons indicated that any such motions will be made at least 35 days prior to the trial.

Because a trial date of Nov. 1 is more than 60 days from the time Sirhan was indicted on June 7, Judge Schauer asked that he waive both his right to be tried within that period and his right to a speedy trial.

"We waive that right," Sirhan said in one of his longest responses since he has been appearing in court.

In pleading, Sirhan was emphatic.

Asked how he wished to plead, in a loud and clear voice, Sirhan said: "Not guilty."

Parsons indicated in court that he wanted a late trial setting—"on or about Nov. 1"—because the attorney who will be assisting him is now engaged in another trial (he has never disclosed the name of that lawyer) and because "it may be necessary to take depositions in the old country," referring to Sirhan's birth place in the Middle East.

Younger, assisted in court by Dep. Dist. Attys. John Howard and David Pitts, said he would prefer, under ordinary circumstances, an earlier trial date.

But Younger indicated that he may also need more time because the prosecution will be bringing in witnesses from all over the country.

In any event, Younger said his office preferred "a surer trial date" rather than "a maybe date."

Parsons said later he did not see any reason why the case could not go to trial as scheduled, although that seldom happens in this county.

Request on Publicity

At the start of the 22½-minute court session Friday, Younger again asked that Judge Schauer vacate or modify a court order restricting publicity in the case.

Opposing the motion were Parsons and A. L. Wirin, chief counsel of the Southern California chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. Wirin was allowed to appear as a "friend" of the court.

Judge Schauer denied Younger's request, stating that "nothing is more clear at this time than that this case demands an order restricting publicity."

As was the case two weeks ago, court again was convened in a special facility on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice, just 50 feet from the isolated cell in which Sirhan is being held pending his trial.

Parsons opposed using the small 46 by 50-foot room for the trial.

Judge Schauer said he would select a courtroom on Oct. 4. It probably will be one of two courts in which criminal trials are regularly held on the eighth floor of the Hall of Justice.

At times, while court was in session, Sirhan held Parsons' hand.

At the press conference, Parsons explained that his client did so because "he relies on me . . . looks on me as an adviser."

"He took my hand and help," the attorney added. "Sometimes he even gets on his knees and talks to me."

Seated in the courtroom were four members of Sirhan's family, his mother, Mary, and three of his four brothers, Adel, Sharif and Saidallah.

Parsons, asked how Sirhan would have reacted to an insanity plea, said:

"He listens to me and accepts my advice," indicating that the decision on how to plead was made by Parsons.

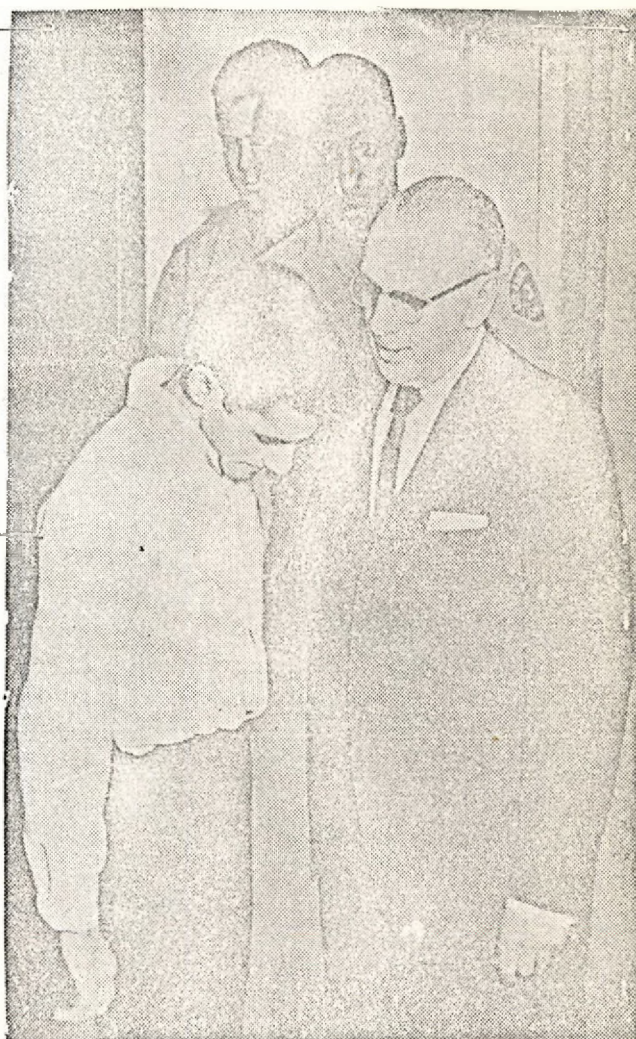
But, he said, he (Parsons) might change his mind — "sudden things might develop — people

sometimes lose their mind very suddenly."

The attorney said he has not yet determined whether Sirhan will testify at the trial, explaining, "Sometimes you have to wait until the last minute to decide that."

Parsons would not comment on whether Sirhan has shown any sorrow or remorse for the death of Sen. Kennedy.

He also refused to discuss his trial strategy "because we would have to go into the evidence and I never do that, even when there is no court order."



AFTER PLEA—Sirhan B. Sirhan and his attorney, Russell E. Parsons, confer as deputies lead the accused assassin of Robert F. Kennedy to his cell.

Times photo

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Younger Asks More Freedom Of Speech in Sirhan Case

District Attorney Evelle Younger's office today will request that more freedom of speech be given those involved in the Sirhan B. Sirhan investigation.

Sirhan, 24, is accused as the slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and the wounding of five others. He appeared in a heavily guarded courtroom this morning to plead his innocence or guilt.

The motion, to be filed by Younger's office at the hearing, seeks to void or modify a court order issued June 7, at Sirhan's first Superior Court appearance. That order, issued by Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Alarcon, specified that no one remotely connected with the case or having knowledge of the investiga-

tion could make public statements concerning the matter.

The newest motion, signed by Younger, states "The prosecution initiates this argument to advocate, as important and paramount, the right of fair disclosure."

A particularly pointed paragraph in the proposed change authorizes law enforcement agencies the right to discredit people who might attempt to contend they are integral parts of the case; when in fact they are merely seeking publicity or notoriety.

"The right of free speech is a means... and free press is a necessity... both vital, viable, and inseparable to the public interest," Younger said.

The district attorney said the order "is in violation of the

(U.S.) Constitutional guarantee of free speech and indirectly violates the constitutional right of freedom of the press."

The eleven-page brief claims Alarcon's "order assumes any comment must be prejudicial."

"A court must have real and substantial reasons to justify any abridgement of Constitutional guarantees," the brief adds.

Another challenge brought forth by Younger is that this order is violative of sound public policy because it keeps from the public theories the public has a right to know.

The motion quotes the State Constitution: "Every citizen may freely speak, write, and publish his sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for those rights."

In a four-page brief already filed with Superior Court Judge Richard Schauer, who will hear the motion, defense attorney Russell B. Parsons unequivocally opposes any modification or revocation of the June 7 order.

Parsons states: "The defendant is about to enter a plea."

"This is the third killing of a prominent person in recent

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times in the United States,
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"A President of the United States.

"His brother (Robert F. Kennedy), a U. S. Senator while seeking to be elected president of the U. S." Parsons underscored the words "his brother."

The third person mentioned is "Mr. Martin Luther King, a controversial man and receiver of the peace medal or prize."

Parsons points to unusual precautions to protect the defendant and quotes a member of Younger's staff as saying "that in this (Sirhan) case we will seek the death penalty," and he contends "this alone could prejudice the case."

In lieu of accepting Parsons' objections and in place of full revocation of the order, Younger has offered an alternative. In a three-page proposal Younger seeks to have the court order read:

"There is presently existing a broad, inclusive order of this court directed toward all parties remotely connected with this case and directing said parties to refrain from making any statements relevant to this case with minor enumerated exceptions.

"There is in this order no statement of foundational fact necessitating the order, other than the conclusion that any publicity may result in prejudice to the right of a fair trial."

"After the issuance of the order on June 7, a review of the publicity attending this case failed to demonstrate a necessity for such an order."

"In the alternative, the district attorney respectfully requests that the court consider a modification of the existing order by removing impartial, improperly designated persons and further limiting the categories of prohibited statements."

Younger's proposed order will be taken under consideration by Superior Court Judge Schauer.

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David was one of six Kennedy children who accompanied their parents to Los Angeles for the California primary. They were staying in a suite of rooms at the Ambassador Hotel, where Kennedy was killed.

The children were believed to be asleep when Kennedy was shot, Caplan said, but "friends went to make a check" and White found David.

The other children in the hotel were "watched until they awoke" by former astronaut John Glenn and Mrs. Dean Markham, a friend of Mrs. Kennedy, who told them the news. The older children, in Eastern prep schools, were wakened by staff members and told about their father's shooting.

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Guns, Leaders, Suspects

The Irony of Our Age

BY ART SEIDENBAUM

The dreadful irony of the present condition of the United States:

Our presidential candidates are clambering around the country exposing themselves and their ideas, trying to outrun their Secret Service escorts, touching strangers and being touched.

Our two most important prisoners are receiving a kind of protection that is unprecedented in this society. And this protection is not against their escape, but against their fellowmen.

Of course there is an 18th century case against strict gun control in a free society.

But because there is not much trust in modern society, what we do is build a veritable fortress around Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

The accused killer of Sen. Robert Kennedy waited while a court was built around him, the most impregnable place in Los Angeles.

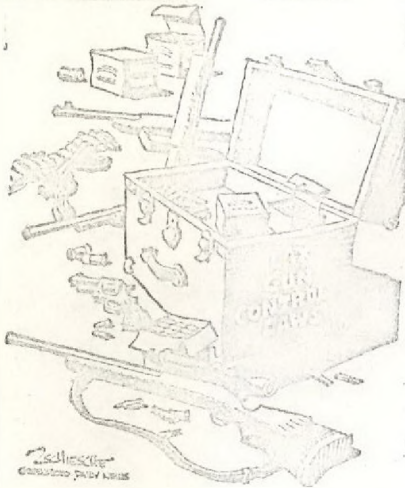
We are not going to permit any Dallas-like catastrophe here and so the most effective thing to do is lock justice in a safe, protecting the people's case from people.

And while the great legislatures of this country and this state were gradually giving up, refusing to vote

for the registration of firearms this season, James Earl Ray was in the process of coming back to Memphis for trial.

Think about the extraordinary precautions of the prosecution in his case, against the simultaneous impotence of the legislators.

The tactics in the protective custody of James Earl Ray add up to a minor military operation. The



American Roulette

Cartoon by Zschleske

prisoner rode in a 13,000-pound armored car, escorted by patrol cars which were, in turn, guarded by a cadre of motorcycle units.

To transfer Ray from his rolling tank to the Shelby County Jail, a platoon of police with machine guns and shotguns set up a defense line. Ray himself was outfitted in a bulletproof apron and armored trousers.

His cell has steel plates welded over the windows and a closed-circuit television system is installed so that Ray's security may be continuously monitored. The man who allegedly gunned down Dr. Martin Luther King from the communal bathroom of a rundown rooming house now lives in air-conditioned isolation.

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Yes, it's essential that Sigman and Ray receive maximum custodial care. And I have no fight with Sheriff Pete Pitchess becoming an architectural consultant or the FBI turning into interior designers to assure the prisoners' safety.

But it does seem a little ludicrous, doesn't it, when the man who will be the next President of this country is out and among the same public both supposed assassins are being protected from?

Since it is also essential that a leader of a free society be able to move freely through it, shouldn't we begin to offer increased protection by insisting that the legislators toss the lobbies off their backs and start disarming the populace?

You've done that you say? The people have petitioned and they've been polled and a healthy majority wants guns registered, gun users licensed.

But the pressure wasn't enough, was it? Not so oddly, the pressures from the other side already had the drop on the politicians.

We're going to have to apply some more, between now and November. Even if the gun control question is not on the ballot, the next Congress is. If you care about the grim irony, then make it your business to know whether your representatives fought or failed you. And vote accordingly.

Otherwise we'll have a continuation of the present phantasmagoria, in which the most protected men are those who gun down leaders. And the most vulnerable men are those who would lead.

Isn't that a symptom of a sick society?

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Postponement of Sirhan Trial Urged by Hahn

Emotional Feeling During Presidential Campaign Cited in Request for Delay

Postponement of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's murder trial from Nov. 1 until after the Nov. 5 presidential election was urged Wednesday by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hahn, chairman of the Board of Supervisors' Courts Committee, wrote to Superior Judge Richard Schauer, who presides over criminal departments of the Superior Court.

Pointing out that Sirhan is accused of slaying Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, who was a presidential candidate, Hahn said:

"Every thoughtful person understands that there is tremendous emotional feeling during a presidential election. I believe it would be in the best interest of justice if the trial of Sirhan Sirhan

be continued after Nov. 5."

Judge Schauer, on vacation, was unavailable for comment.

He is expected to announce Oct. 4 which judge will preside at Sirhan's trial.

Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger, who received a copy of Hahn's letter, said the prosecution is ready to proceed on the trial date of Nov. 1, but would agree to any legitimate request by defense counsel Russell E. Parsons for a continuance.

Since the prosecution will ask for the death penalty, Younger said selection of a jury will probably not be completed until after Nov. 5 and the presidential election should have no impact on the jurors.

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Sirhan Reveals 'Tell All' Offer

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Sirhan Wants TV Coverage To 'Tell All'

NEW YORK (AP) — Ramparts magazine says relatives of Sirhan Sirhan say he told them he would explain why he shot Sen. Robert F. Kennedy only if television coverage of his trial is permitted.

The Ramparts article was written by Mahmoud Abdel-Hadi, an Egyptian correspondent for Akbbar Elyoum in Cairo, who interviewed Sirhan's family.

Abdel-Hadi says Sirhan "has confided to his family that he will never make any statement unless special provisions are made for the courtroom proceedings. What Sirhan wants is, quite simply, publicity.

"He wants the major television networks to be allowed to broadcast the entire trial. If they do this, he says, he will tell all.

"And if they refuse?" his brother Adel recently asked him. 'Then I shall go to the gas chamber—silent,' Sirhan replied."

Sirhan is awaiting trial in Los Angeles on charges of killing Kennedy.

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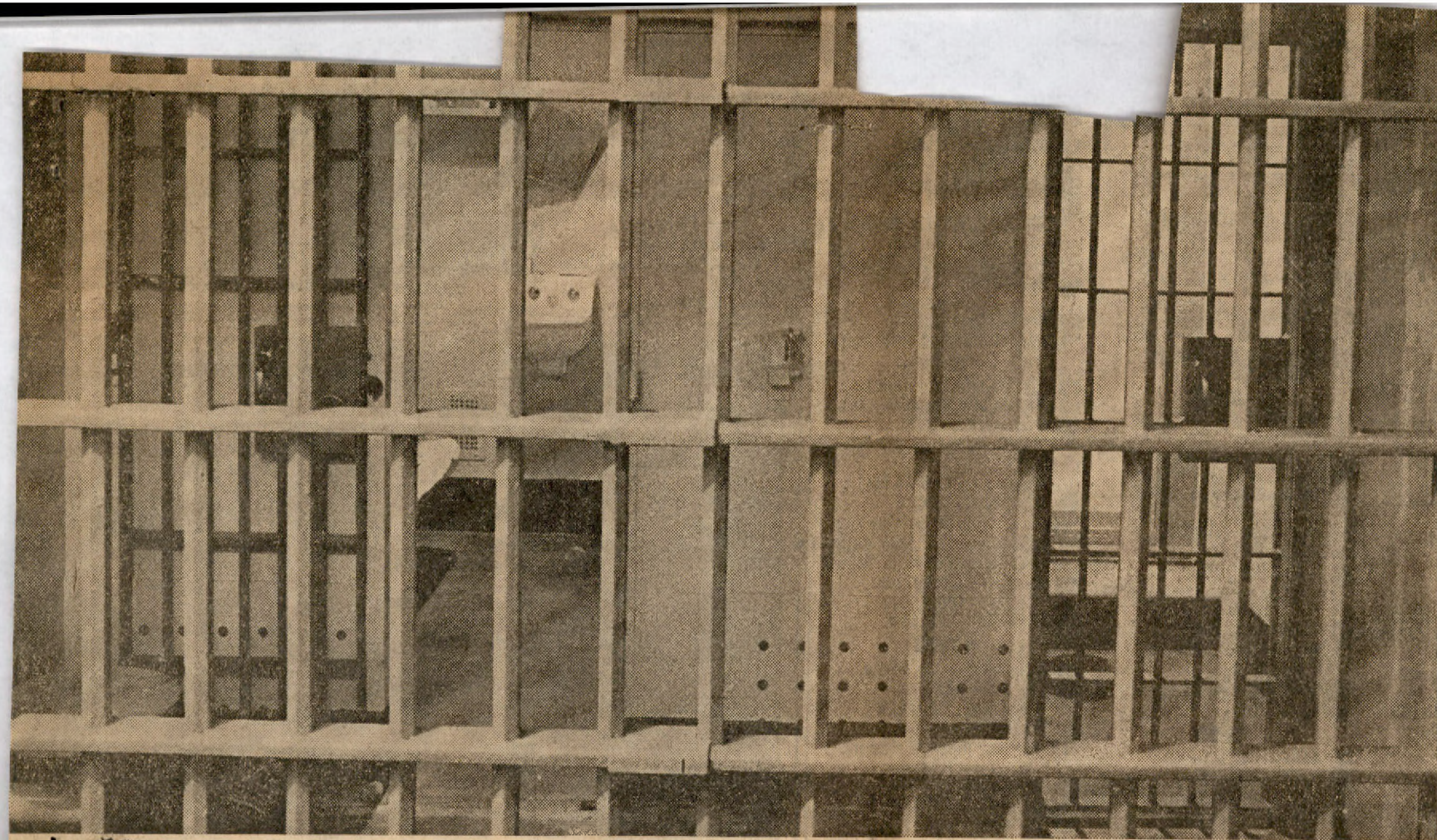
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SIRHAN'S JAIL CELL—The security facilities used to house Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, are shown in a photo released by Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess. Sirhan's living quarters,

left under numeral 2, include a cot, wash basin and mirror. At right, under numeral 1, are the cell's sanitary facilities. In the foreground is a closed corridor in which Sirhan is allowed to exercise daily.

Sirhan is scheduled to return to court Oct. 4 when Judge Schauer is expected to name the Superior Court Judge who will try the case. His trial is sched-

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Kennedy Photo Bill Revision Gets Approval

Exclusive to The Times from
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SACRAMENTO — The Assembly voted 72 to 0 Friday to pass a revised bill designed to prohibit commercial exploitation of autopsy pictures taken of the body of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The action was taken immediately after Gov. Reagan agreed to open the special legislative session to reconsideration of the subject.

Reagan had vetoed a bill passed in the general session designed to do the same thing on grounds that it would have re-

stricted educational and scientific use of all autopsy pictures.

The new measure was introduced by Assemblyman Frederick Bear (D-San Diego) and Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh (D-Inglewood).

The bill requires a court order to obtain copies of the pictures taken of bodies during autopsies except when they are to be used for educational and scientific purposes.

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Student Tells Theft Of RFK Death Film

About 800 feet of film covering the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy has been reported stolen from the college locker of a 24-year-old Venice graduate student at UCLA.

Alvin Tokunow, of 8 Horizon Ave., said the film was apparently stolen from his locker early in August. The thief apparently picked the simple padlock and then re-locked it.

No other items in the locker were disturbed.

Though Tokunow has two copies of the original negative which was stolen, their quality is fuzzy and generally inferior. It was originally to have been part of a 20,000-foot movie thesis covering the Democratic nominating process.

The motion picture major said a man resembling accused assassin Sirhan Bishara Sirhan appeared to be talking with another dark man and a woman nearby. The figure was seen in movies shot at the assassination June 5 and at a rally June 2.

Because of a court order prohibiting comment on all matters pertaining to the assassination, investigating police were silent about the incident.

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Relief From Press Ban in Sirhan Trial Sought by Younger

Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger sought relief Tuesday from a sweeping court order which he said bars him from disclosing to the public pertinent information in the Sirhan Bishara Sirhan case.

The information, according to Younger, would not interfere with Sirhan's right to a fair trial on charges of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and feloniously assaulting five other persons.

The district attorney sought reversal of the order in a petition for a writ of mandate and prohibition from the State Court of Appeal.

"Never before in the history of American judicial relations with the public has the voice of responsible law enforcement been more effectively muted than in this case," Younger said.

First Ordered June 7

He charged that the court "acted illegally and in excess of its jurisdiction" in making the order because, he said, the order "in its entirety violates the laws and constitutions of both California and the United States."

The restrictions on publicity first were ordered by Superior Judge Arthur Alarcon on June 7, the date of Sirhan's indictment.

Superior Judge Richard Schauer later, after some minor alterations, denied Younger's motion to substantially modify or vacate the order.

Younger said his information includes facts pertinent to what he called "unfounded rumors relating to the claimed existence of witnesses or evidence purportedly affecting the prosecution" of Sirhan, but which, he added, would not affect such prosecution.

Judge Alarcon's order, Younger said, also "has substantially ham-

pered (his office) in making any disclosure whatsoever relating to the investigation and prosecution."

The order prohibits any attorney connected with the case, court attache, public official, grand juror or law enforcement officer from publicly disseminating any information concerning the investigation and prosecution of Sirhan.

The same restriction also applies to all witnesses who testified before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury and to any persons subpoenaed to testify at the trial.

Sirhan, who has pleaded not guilty, is scheduled to face trial Nov. 1. His next appearance in court will be Oct. 4 when the jurist who will preside over the trial is to be named by Judge Schauer.

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Bill Restricting Autopsy Photos Goes to Reagan

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—The Legislature Tuesday sent Gov. Reagan a measure preventing exploitation of autopsy photographs taken of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The Senate voted 32-0 to approve the bill by Assemblyman F. James Bear (D-San Diego). The Assembly, which had approved the bill earlier, concurred minutes later in a minor Senate amendment.

The bill restricts use of autopsy photographs to legal and scientific research purposes.

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