

SIRHAN BLAVATSKY CAPOTE

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Robert Kennedy was dead. Truman Capote was sure of it. His instincts never lied to him before.

Sirhan Sirhan, accused assassin, sweet, innocent face, young. A killer. He was sure of that too.

Was he acting alone? Were ANY of them acting alone—Oswald, Ruby, Ray, Guiteau—Booth; or did some sinister brain program and control them through hypnotic forces from outer Manchuria?

Who or what controlled Sirhan? When, why, how? For days after the assassination the reporter in him thought about all the Sirhans everywhere. And there were bound to be more.

The noted criminologist and Guest Judge Capote studied the question with his quick mind on NBC's "Tonight" show. He told the vast audience that "This young man named Sirhan Sirhan says that he shot Robert Kennedy."

However, THAT was news. Nobody ever heard Sirhan say that. Perhaps Capote was wrong. It didn't matter, Sirhan's brain was washed anyway, and he, Capote, knew the name of the brain that washed it—a woman. Some called her Helena Petrovna Blavatsky; others (Did Capote know what others?) called her illuminated—God.

Madame Blavatsky died in 1891, proving, if the latter were correct, that God is not only dead, but She is Russian as well.

Author Capote chose the political rather than the metaphysical approach to the riddle of why Madame Blavatsky had invaded the boyish oblivion of Sirhan's skull.

Sketching an impromptu scenario with his famous reportorial skills and "total recall" abilities, the playwright alleged, "that among the theories that Madame Blavatsky evolved was the theory of how you could undermine the morale of a country and create a vacuum for revolution by systematically assassinating a series of prominent people—almost without rhyme or reason about it, just creating a general terror."

Was the audience stunned by Capote's startling revelation? Had they heard it before?

The Theosophist Society was stunned. Also, they had heard the charge before—or more precisely, had seen it. The John Birch Society said the same thing almost verbatim, in a full page newspaper ad. The Theosophists, whose society was founded by Madame Blavatsky, were terribly impressed by Capote's total recall. In fact, they could hardly believe their ears, or "Tonight" or NBC. Mahatma Gandhi, speaking of this wonderful woman, H.P.B., confessed himself unfit to touch the hem of her garments.

The editors of Time Magazine were also impressed—with Capote; never heard of Blavatsky, Theosophists, Gandhi? On June 21st they leaped into print with an exciting re-run for all those who might have missed the show. Not to anyone's surprise, author Capote distinguished himself as much in print as he had done on TV.

About this woman who fomented revolution, Manly P. Hall writes: "That Madame Blavatsky had in some unaccountable way contracted the occult soul of Asia cannot be doubted. She was in every sense an Oriental occultist, a faithful disciple of Eastern Masters. Her peculiar personal qualifications were recognized by those illumined Adepts

whose task it is to perpetuate the esoteric philosophy and at the same time guard its sacred truths from the profane. No other non-Hindu woman has ever penetrated so far into the adytum to Brahmanism. Concerning Madame Blavatsky's achievements in

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the Devachanic (godlike) state. He and his 'partner' will meet in avitchi (hell), if not a still more disreputable place" (collected writings, 1883, p 287).

Or he could study her history, her unique search for sec-

ing at the border—all the "givens." In fact Welch's early evangelical anticommunism thrived on irrationality—on the secret truth that while everybody thought the Bircher was crazy, down deep in his heart he knew that (1) "documentation was on the way," and (2) even if the documentation could be disproved, THAT was evidence of a communist plot. The word communism is synonymous with evil, and Welch's periodic anti-communist manifestos were gospel.

Birchers that attack Madame Blavatsky, though smaller in number, and as crazy as ever, find a new home in an atmosphere of suspicion and violence. Truman Capote takes them seriously, NBC, Time Magazine find nothing strange in speaking their new language.

The John Birch Society has ceased to be merely a social and political group. Welch discovered where his crusade to save America, the last tottering bastion against Bolshevism, was leading: To a new theology concentrated in a single word; to grips with the one and only essential "evil" in the world. He's been tricked into thinking it was merely Communism. Welch discovered THE ILLUMINATI.

Does Mr. Capote know that the Illuminati (according to sacred Birch Doctrine) began in the Garden of Eden when Eve made it with the snake and gave birth to Cain? That all the descendants of snake-man Cain belong to a super-secret group known as the Illuminati, dedicated to absolutely nothing but the meanest low down evil imagined in the Satanic mind of man?

Anti-Illuminati John Steinbacher, writes in his unpublished book *Novus Ordo Seclorum* (The New Order of the Ages): "Today, in America, many otherwise talented people are flirting with disaster by association with those same evil forces, not knowing that they are expendable. Communism is but one head of that beast that goes by many names, though it is doubtful if many Party members realize that they too are but pawns in the game."

The Illuminati have roots all over the world. Their evil goal is to transcend materiality, and to bring about one world, denying the sovereignty of nations and the sanctity of private property.

If the author of "In Cold Blood" seeks material for a new book—on Sirhan and the woman who induces him to murder, he will discover the origin of his own suspicions:

"Madame Blavatsky's doctrine was startlingly similar to that of Weishaupt (another arch villain of Illuminati), in that she stated that her ideas were transmitted throughout the world, and in constant touch with one another."

Was H.P.B. a revolutionary? The Anti-Illuminati thinks so. "She also claimed that the bodies of the 'enlightened' would become 'ductile instruments of intelligence', and this would enable the enlightened to gain control over natural forces and perform actual miracles, just as the anti-Christ of scripture, in the latter day, is said to be able to heal mortal wounds and raise the dead."

Is H.P.B. the kind of subversive that brings down empires? Only a genius of Capote's calibre could do the Sirhan-Oswald-Ray-book—if for no other reason than to get inside their heads and find Helena Petrovna Blavatsky.



HELENA PETROVNA BLAVATSKY
1831-1891

Oriental learning, Rai B.K. Laheri wrote: "Is it not sufficient for the Westerners to know that a proud Brahman, who knows not how to bend his body before any mortal being in this world, except his superiors in relation or religion, joins his hands like a submissive child before the white Yogim of the West?"

The Theosophists read Time, watched the memory of H.P.B. shot down in cold blood.

"The killers," said Time, "...might all be cogs in a single stupendous murder machine... might all have been intensively trained, brainwashed trigger men... Their purpose would be to drive the US to its knees by assassinating public persons—a theory, Capote claims, that was once exalted by 19th century Theosophist Helena Blavatsky."

Kennedy dead, Sirhan's enigma grows, the longer in jail, the wider his brown eyes. Perhaps Capote the artist was turned on by a simple news clipping surreal, Sirhan requested books by Madame Blavatsky to read in jail: "The Secret Doctrine," Talks at the Feet of the Master, by C.W. Ledbetter. Strange.

How could Capote turn these events into a book?

Perhaps he might start by reading H.P.B. (to get to the core of the evil which controls men's minds). On Assassinations she wrote (1883): "It is to be feared that Guiteau (assassin of President Garfield) will have little chance of getting acquainted with

ret knowledge, the oriental mystics known to have guided her life, her prophetic powers, her soul's overflow in gifts of books.

Or he might go to the source of the "theory" of the stupendous murder machine: The John Birch Society. He could fill his days patiently reading the tracts of lies that finally form the true inner core of fear.

This dwindling little "Society" condemns Madame Blavatsky, Theosophists, Communists, Peace Groups, transcendentalists, —they condemn even Christ—Truman should ask himself why?

Whatever happened to the John Birch Society? Why do even hardcore rightwingers cringe at Founder Welch's charge that H.P.B. wrote "The Manual for Revolution" when it was written by an anarchist and assassin named Nechayev, and the "godfather of the Nihilists"—Aleksandrovich Bakunin? Why do only the most rabid and fanatical abide by the new satanic doctrine Welch and his followers have created?

The old, funny Birchers used to spend their time convincing their neighbors that Dwight Eisenhower was a traitor, or that Chinese Communists were mass-



SIRHAN SIRHAN

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VETERAN OF CRIMINAL COURT**Judge Walker to Preside
Over Sirhan Trial****BY RON EINSTOSS**

Times Staff Writer

Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker, known as the dean of the county's criminal court bench, has been assigned to conduct the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, it was announced Thursday.

The appointment of the longtime public servant, lay church leader and veteran jurist was made by Superior Judge Richard Schauer, who presides over the criminal departments of the Superior Court.

Judge Walker has the reputation of being firm, but fair.

He is the senior member of the criminal panel here and ranks seventh in seniority among Los Angeles County's 134 Superior Court judges.

Now 69, he is scheduled to retire next July 31.

Judge Walker was appointed to the Superior Court in 1953 by then-Gov. Earl Warren after a lengthy career devoted to public service.

The assignment of Judge Walker



Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker

to the Sirhan trial, now scheduled for Nov. 1, was not altogether unexpected.

Both Judge Schauer and Superior

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Judge Donald R. Wright, who presides over all departments of the court, said earlier that the jurist selected to hear the Sirhan case would be one with wide experience in the criminal courts.

No judge here has tried more criminal cases than the stocky, bushy-browed Judge Walker.

He once was considered to be a tough judge and received more than his share of challenges from criminal defense attorneys.

But in 1964 the Criminal Courts Bar Assn. paid special tribute to him. That organization, composed primarily of those same defense lawyers, presented an award to him which read:

"As the dean of the criminal bench and an outstanding lay leader of the Episcopal Church he has served this community with distinction and honor . . .

"His standards of fairness and justice have been in the highest traditions of judicial responsibility."

Judge Walker is married and the father of three children. His son, Herbert W. Walker, practices law in Santa Ana.

Born in San Francisco, he was graduated in 1928 from the University of Southern California law school.

For the next 15 years he served as a deputy state corporation commissioner and in 1943 he was appointed by then-Dist. Atty. Fred N. Howser to serve as assistant and later as chief deputy district attorney.

From 1948 to 1953 (when he was appointed to the bench) Judge Walker was chairman of the hearing board of the Los Angeles County Air Pollution Control District.

Since 1955 he has been assigned to the criminal panel. In 1956, he presided over all those departments of the court which hear criminal cases.

He has conducted many well-publicized cases, including the Confidential magazine trial. He sen-

tenced Caryl Chessman to death.

In 1967, Judge Walker granted a controversial special hearing to the American Civil Liberties Union which contended that the death penalty constitutes cruel and unusual punishment and violates a person's fundamental right to life.

After a 12-day hearing, during which many experts in the field of crime and its punishment testified both pro and con on the matter, Judge Walker held that the death penalty is not unconstitutional.

Lauded by ACLU

Even though the judge ruled against him, one of the ACLU attorneys, Gerald Gottlieb, said of Judge Walker:

"(His) labors (in hearing the case) will constitute a lasting contribution to American law."

During World War I, he served in the Navy and in World War II he was a Selective Service Board member.

Judge Walker lives in Glendale at 3072 Menlo Drive, with his wife, Alice.

Judge Walker said he expects that his clerk, Alice Nishikawa, and bailiff, Wilbur Polhemus, will be assigned to the case with him.

At the same time that he announced the assignment of Judge Walker to the case, Judge Schauer said the jury trial of Sirhan will be held in Department 107 on the eighth floor of the Hall of Justice.

Sirhan's next appearance in court is scheduled for Oct. 4. As was the case the last two times Sirhan appeared in court, the proceeding will be held on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice in a special courtroom.

The appearance had been scheduled for the purpose of appointing a

judge in announcing a courtroom for the case. It is not now known what will occur on Oct. 4, but that might be a time when either the defense or prosecution could seek a continuance in the case.

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Judge Walker Set For Sirhan Trial

Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker, who handled the famous "Confidential Magazine" trial of a decade ago, has been

appointed to try Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Selection of Walker to preside at the trial of the Jordanian immigrant, scheduled to start Nov. 1, was announced by Presiding Judge Richard Schauer of the Master Calendar Criminal Department of the Superior Court.

Schauer also announced that the trial would take place in the courtroom now designated as Department 107, Room 832, located on the 8th floor of the Hall of Justice.

Sirhan, 24, is being held in a specially protected cell in the Hall of Justice. The building also serves as headquarters for the sheriff's office in the Civic Center.

Selection of the courtroom close to Sirhan's cell will permit

authorities to maintain maximum security for his protection. He will not be required to leave the building in going to and from the courtroom during the trial, which could continue for months.

Sirhan was accused of fatally shooting Kennedy Jan. 5 in the Ambassador Hotel shortly after Kennedy won a victory in California's presidential primary. Sirhan is also charged with wounding five other persons.

Walker, 69, is senior judge of the Criminal Department. He was appointed to the Superior Court in 1953 by former California Gov. Earl Warren, now Chief Justice of the United States.

Prior to his elevation to the bench, Walker served as chief deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County from 1943-46 and practiced law privately from 1946 to 1953. For 15 years he was deputy commissioner of corporations for the state.

With this varied background, as he puts it, "I've sat on all three corners of the triangle and I think I know pretty well what the attorneys down in front are thinking."

The spice and sensationalism of the "Confidential" trial did not alter the rigid dignity of Judge Walker's court. He held spectators, newsmen and all others in the courtroom under stern discipline which permitted no snickering at the racy testimony.

His respect for the awesome judicial power he commands was born years ago, according to the judge, who says he aspired to the bench "since I was in the last year of law school."

Walker attended Los Angeles High School and received his bachelor of law degree from the University of Southern California, in 1928. The following year he was admitted to the bar.

Prior to entering USC in 1922, Walker held a number of jobs to help finance his college and law school education. He worked in the oil fields in Casimalia, Calif., and also at the Brea Oil Fields in Los Angeles. He was employed by the Los Angeles City surveyor, holding the position of chain man on the surveying crew.

In 1917, the future Judge Walker enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS Kentucky in the Atlantic. He was honorably discharged in October, 1919.

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Lifting of Sirhan News Ban Refused by Appeals Court

The State Court of Appeal Wednesday denied Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger's petition to block enforcement of a news blackout on the pending trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

On June 7—the day Sirhan was charged with the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy — Superior Judge Arthur L. Alarcon issued an order prohibiting authorities and possible witnesses from releasing any information about the case.

Dist. Atty. Younger petitioned the Court of Appeal Sept. 10 for a writ prohibiting Judge Alarcon from enforcing his June 7 order.

Attorney Joseph A. Ball, acting as legal counsel for Superior Court, responded Wednesday by opposing any relief from Alarcon's order. The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the Sam Sheppard case applies in the Sirhan Case, he said.

Referred to Sheppard Case

He referred to the case of Dr. Sam Sheppard, Cleveland osteopath who was convicted of the 1954 bludgeon slaying of his first wife, Marilyn, and spent nine years in prison before the high court ordered a new trial which ended in his 1966 acquittal.

The Supreme Court held that Sheppard's original trial had been prejudiced by publicity based on evidence which was not later brought before the jury.

Without comment, the District Court of Appeal denied Younger's request. The appellate court held no hearing on the matter. After its action, Russell E. Parsons, Sirhan's attorney, also filed a reply to the Younger petition. It, too, opposed modification of the June 7 order.

Younger's office indicated the district attorney might ask for a hearing on the matter before the State Supreme Court.

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The Board of Supervisors authorized Thomas T. Noguchi, the county's coroner and chief medical examiner, to go to Washington next week to discuss his findings in the autopsy of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy with the staff of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. The supervisors also authorized a sheriff's deputy to accompany Dr. Noguchi to protect records dealing with the June 5 shooting of Kennedy at the Ambassador. Sirhan B. Sirhan, 24, is to face trial Nov. 1 on charges of murdering Kennedy.

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Sirhan News Gag Review Asked

A review of the judicial news gag clamped on the case of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, has been asked of the state supreme court.

Attorney Joseph A. Ball, representing the Los Angeles County Superior Court, forwarded the review to the high tribunal in San Francisco yesterday in a move to bypass such a hearing in the State Court of Appeal because of the proximity of Sirhan's trial, set for Nov. 1.

Ball represents the superior court because two superior judges are responsible for issuing and sustaining the order which prohibits extrajudicial comments by principals in the cases and by public officials for public dissemination.

The order was issued by Superior Judge Arthur L. Alarcon last June 7—two days after Kennedy was shot to death in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles—and subsequently was sustained by Superior Judge Richard Schauer.

Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger last Sept. 10 petitioned the State Court of Appeal to modify or lift the order on ground it violates freedom of speech and press.

Ball Tuesday filed an answer to Younger's petition to the appellate court. Yesterday, the appellate court received a copy of Ball's request to have the matter transferred directly to the State Supreme Court.

Ball claimed modification or revocation of the lower court's order on publicity in the case could result in Sirhan's inability to receive a fair trial because of prejudicial publicity. He also said the order did not restrict freedom of the press, but only prevented the news media from obtaining information from official sources.

The appellate court yesterday denied without comment Younger's petition for a writ or mandate or prohibition. He said he would seek a hearing before the State Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, Sirhan's attorney, Russell Parsons, filed with Superior Court, motions for discovery of evidence and a motion to suppress evidence.

Parsons claimed, in seeking suppression, that certain unspecified evidence was seized at Sirhan's home in Pasadena by authorities who lacked a search or arrest warrant and who did not obtain Sirhan's permission.

In his discovery motion, Parsons sought almost everything in the line of evidence the prosecution might possess, including statements from witnesses, reports from doctors, observations from officers who have or had custody of Sirhan, photographs, movies and transcriptions.

Parsons also asked the court to direct witnesses in the case to make statements to his investigators. He claimed witnesses had told him investigators authorities had told them not to talk to anyone.

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Trial of Sirhan Expected to Be Put Off Till 1969

**Defense May Ask New
Date in Jordanian's 6th
Court Appearance Friday**

BY RON EINSTOSS

Times Staff Writer

Sirhan B. Sirhan's trial on murder charges in the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, now scheduled to begin Nov. 1, is expected to be continued until a later date, probably after the first of the year.

A new trial date may be sought by the defense Friday when the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant makes his sixth appearance in court.

The reasons such a postponement seems likely are twofold:

1—The attorney who is expected to assist Russell E. Parsons in defending Sirhan still is unavailable because of other commitments.

2—There is a possibility that the jury will be sequestered throughout the entire trial which would cause jurors to be locked up during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays if the case begins as now scheduled.

May Last Two Months

Present estimates are that the trial will last about two months.

When Sirhan appears in court Friday, it again will be before Superior Judge Richard Schauer.

The date originally had been set for the naming of a judge to try the case and a courtroom.

Those selections already have been announced, reportedly so work could begin on trial arrangements and problems of security.

Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker was assigned to the case and the trial was set in Department 107 on the eighth floor of the Hall of Justice.

That courtroom reportedly will not be used in the case until the actual trial begins.

Hearings on pretrial motions will continue to be heard on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice in a special room near Sirhan's heavily guarded cell.

Last week Parsons made motions to suppress certain evidence and be given all statements and reports now in the hands of the police and prosecutors.

Expected to Set Date

Judge Schauer on Friday is expected to set a hearing date on these matters before Judge Walker.

The evidence Parsons is seeking to suppress basically consists of items belonging to Sirhan which were taken by police from his mother's home in Pasadena.

These reportedly include several diary-type notebooks containing personal writings of Sirhan.

One of the notations is said to be that "Kennedy must be assassinated before June 5, 1968." The three bullets which felled the Democratic presidential aspirant were fired 16 minutes after midnight on June 5. Sen. Kennedy died 25 hours later.

Sirhan also is accused of feloniously assaulting, with intent to commit murder, five other persons who were attending the election night victory celebration at the Ambassador.

The book and movie rights to Sirhan's memoirs have been sold to Robert Blair Kaiser, a California author and former news magazine correspondent in Europe.

A sizable part of the royalties reportedly will be paid to Sirhan's lawyers.

Kaiser, it is understood, has been granted exclusive rights to interview Sirhan in his jail cell.

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ISOLATION BOOTH USED BEFORE**Security Efforts Taken for Sirhan Trial Aren't Unique****BY ROBERT RAWITCH**

Times Staff Writer

The windows are armor-plated, every person entering the courtroom is searched, and eventually a bullet-proof glass barrier may separate the defendant, judge and jury from the spectators.

Such is the now familiar description of the security precautions surrounding the pretrial proceedings of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. It remains unparalleled in Los Angeles County judicial history.

However, long-time observers in the Hall of Justice, where Sirhan is being held in a cell on the 13th floor, can recall several other cases where security measures received almost as much attention as the defendants themselves.

The case which immediately comes to the minds of most officials is that of James Merkouris, 53, who was convicted in 1956 of murdering his ex-wife and her second husband. He was sentenced to death.

New Trial Ordered

The State Supreme Court overthrew the decision and ordered a new trial after a sanity hearing.

Although quiet and reserved during his first trial, during the sanity hearing Merkouris spewed forth invective at J. Miller Leavy, now director of central operations for the district attorney's office, but then the prosecuting deputy district attorney.

"He was unruly and constantly yelling obscenities so Superior Judge Clement B. Nye finally ordered that he be gagged," Leavy recalls.

Because of his struggling, Merkouris' mouth started to bleed from the leather binding, and when he once lunged and struck Leavy, Judge Nye felt other security precautions were necessary.

"We had an 'isolation booth' built—similar to ones used for quiz shows—where he (Merkouris) could

we didn't have to hear him yell unless we turned the sound on," Leavy said.

The booth was constructed with a shatterproof glass front for \$1,000 and had a telephone so Merkouris could talk with his attorney.

But even the "isolation booth" couldn't make Merkouris, who the prosecution said was feigning insanity, settle down.

When first placed in the booth, he broke up its wooden chair and ripped the telephone out of the wall in an apparent fit of rage.

His hands and feet were strapped to a specially made iron chair which was bolted in the booth and he finally calmed down.

While found by the jury to be insane, he remained at Atascadero State Hospital for only 15 months before being released to stand trial a second time.

Merkouris was again convicted and given the death penalty in his second trial, but his sentence was commuted in 1960 to life imprisonment without possibility of parole by Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

The isolation booth, built by county employees, was later dismantled. However, the welded iron chair has been saved, Miller said, in case it should be needed again.

Other Cases Recalled

Although precautions taken in the Merkouris case probably were the most bizarre, several other cases also have brought about unusual security measures.

In May, 1966, the fatal shooting of Leonard Deadwyler, 25, by a police officer incensed the Negro community to the point that 1,000 persons jammed the coroner's inquest to witness the proceedings.

The hearing examiner was forced to adjourn the inquest after only 30 minutes because the room could not be cleared.

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by the officer when his car turned forward after being stopped for a traffic violation while speeding was pistol whipped and to a hospital with his pregnant wife, mistakenly thought to be in labor.

To accommodate the expected crowd on the second day the inquest was moved from the Old Hall of Records to a larger room in the New County Courthouse, but facilities still were inadequate.

On the second day of the televised inquest, the crowd was considerably smaller but every person entering the courtroom was searched after police received reports that many of the spectators might have been armed during the first day's proceedings.

Many Couldn't get In

Still, nearly half of the 300 persons present were not able to get into the small courtroom and 100 helmeted sheriff's deputies were required to control the crowd, which ultimately listened to the testimony by loudspeakers installed on the mall outside.

However, prior to the Sirhan proceedings, probably the case most famous for its security precautions was the 1953 trial of Mrs. Barbara Graham, John A. Santo and Emmett Perkins, for the murder of Mrs. Mabel Monahan, an affluent Burbank widow.

Mrs. Monahan, who was thought to have considerable money in her home, was pistol whipped and strangled by the three.

A former member of the group that murdered the woman, John True, was granted immunity when he agreed to testify against the three defendants.

True and another key prosecution witness, William Upshaw, were kept in protective custody prior to and throughout the trial because of the kidnaping and presumed murder of Baxter Shorter, another party to the killing.

Shorter allegedly confessed to the killing but was kidnaped from his home and was never seen again.

Napalm Plot Reported

When True appeared in court, he was flanked by 11 plainclothes detectives, and armed guards took up vantage points in the spectators section.

The day prior to his testimony, it was revealed that two friends of the three defendants plotted to throw napalm on True before he could get on the witness stand and turn him into a "human torch."

Police said the three

defendants were to have attempted an escape in the ensuing excitement.

The two men involved in the plot were arrested prior to the day True was to appear, so the planned escape never materialized.

However, sheriff's deputies took no chances even after the plot was foiled, since there was a rumor that \$1,500 had been offered to have Upshaw killed before he could testify.

Some persons were searched for firearms prior to entering the courtroom, and armed guards watched the spectators for any irregular action. Other deputies patrolled the outside corridors.

Mrs. Graham, Santo and Perkins all died in the gas chamber June 3, 1955, but not before Mrs. Graham received two last-minute postponements of execution—one literally a minute and a half before she was scheduled to die.

Gun Smuggling Feared

Currently being retried for the alleged murder of a police officer in 1963, Gregory Powell, 34, and Jimmy Lee Smith, 37, were also the center of extra security precautions during their first trial when police received a tip that a friend was planning to smuggle a gun in to help the two men escape.

They were found guilty of first-degree murder and

sentenced to death. The decision was overturned by the State Supreme Court because police had not properly advised the two men of their rights before questioning them.

The men, who had served prison terms on several felony convictions, allegedly kidnaped and shot to death Ian James Campbell in an onion field in Bakersfield.

Superior Judge Mark Brandler, the first trial judge, recalls that every person entering the courtroom was searched, armed guards were brought in to watch over the prisoners and additional sheriff's deputies patrolled the outside halls.

The suspected escape attempt never materialized.

Additional Deputies

A spokesman for the sheriff's patrol division, a body of 1,400 emergency personnel, said it is not uncommon for additional deputies to be on hand for controversial cases where the safety of persons involved may be threatened or where there is a chance of the prisoner attempting to escape.

The decision on additional security measures is usually left up to each judge. Should a prisoner somehow escape, each courtroom in the Hall of Justice is equipped with an alarm system.

A loud-speaker system also exists throughout the building to alert guards to any attempted break.

A member of the district attorney's staff said additional guards generally are used to prevent escapes from the courtroom, but seldom are necessary to protect the defendant, as in Sirhan's case.

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May Delay Trial of Sirhan

Trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, may be delayed from Nov. 1 until early next year.

This possibility was raised yesterday by discussions under way between judges and attorneys.

Sirhan, a 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant, will make his sixth court appearance tomorrow when a hearing date will be set for motion by defense attorney Russell E. Parsons to suppress certain evidence and be given all statements and reports now held by prosecutors and police.

Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker has been assigned the trial in the eighth floor of the Hall of Justice.

A reason given for the trial delay was an estimate that it may take two months. If it began Nov. 1, jurors probably would be locked up during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years holidays.

Sirhan also has been charged with feloniously assaulting, with intent to commit murder, five other persons attending the victory celebration when Sen. Kennedy was shot in the Ambassador Hotel June 5.

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The State Supreme Court meeting in San Francisco refused to modify restrictions on pretrial publicity in the case of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Los Angeles Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger asked for a relaxation of restrictions laid down by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Alarcon. Judge Alarcon's order forbids anyone involved with the Kennedy case from disclosing any documents, exhibits or evidence or the identity of any witnesses who might be called. Sirhan is scheduled to go on trial Nov. 1 in Los Angeles Superior Court.

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Court Will Study 3 Sirhan Issues

Major preliminary decisions in the murder trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused of slaying Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, will be taken Oct. 14.

Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker will be asked to decide three things:

① May the Sirhan trial be delayed from its scheduled starting date of Nov. 1?

② May Sirhan's defense counsel, Russell Parsons, have access to much of the evidence against the accused Kennedy slayer amassed by Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger and his men?

③ Will some of this evidence be suppressed—that is, will some of this evidence be forbade from the trial?

These three issues, as expected, were raised by Parsons yesterday in a six-minute hearing before Superior Judge Richard Schauer.

After the brief court session Parsons and Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn Compton expanded on the issues to be joined at the Oct. 14 hearing.

It appeared that prosecution and defense will reach their

first major clash over the issue of postponing the trial.

Parsons' reason for postponement is not for delay, but in a belief that the jurors who try Sirhan should be sequestered—that is locked up during the course of the trial.

There is ample precedent for sequestering a jury. But any jury sequestered in November would be locked away from its families during the Christmas holidays.

Parsons suggests a delay in the trial which would allow preliminary moves to be made early in December, but would put off until after Jan. 1 formal selection of a jury and, consequently, the bulk of the trial itself.

Compton told newsmen that the district attorney's office does not believe it is necessary to sequester the jury.

He foresaw that such a course of action would needlessly complicate jury selection and held that the district attorney's office would prefer to trust the integrity of jurors rather than to lock them away from any trial publicity.

The other two motions Judge Walker will hear Oct. 14 deal with evidence Parsons wants suppressed, and things known to the district attorney which the defense counsel wishes to find out.

Parsons will ask Judge Walker to forbid Younger's office to use in evidence notebooks assertedly kept by Sirhan and seized by police at the defendant's mother's Pasadena home.

These notebooks, and "library books" taken from the Pasadena residence were seized illegally, Parsons maintains.

Among the evidence in Dist. Atty. Younger's possession sought by the defense is an "inch-thick" FBI summary of evidence in the Sirhan case.

Parsons also wants to know the names of a number of witnesses interviewed by police and district attorney's investigators.

These include a number of employees of the Ambassador Hotel on duty the night of June 4 when Kennedy was shot.

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Parsons is particularly interested in what they may know of Sirhan's "state of mind" that fateful night.

Parsons was resentful of some of the treatment the defense has had as it has prepared to bring this case to trial.

He complained that some medical records regarding Sirhan had been denied him.

"This is typical of the treatment we have received," the defense attorney said.

Turning to the subject of the defendant himself, Parsons said Sirhan is becoming increasingly nervous as the trial date approaches.

Parsons said he continued to receive threats and remained under police guard.

He also said that his family had sought to get him to give up the Sirhan case.

"They think I'm a damn fool," the elderly lawyer said, "but I'm in this to the end."

"I've never given up on a criminal case yet and I certainly won't now because I want the word to go forth from Los Angeles that a fair trial for any accused is a fact—not a theory—in this nation."



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SIRHAN SIRHAN'S FAMILY HEARS PLEA FOR TRIAL CONTINUANCE
At pre-trial session were brother Munir, left, accused assassin's mother, Mary

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said he wants back everything taken "without a search warrant" from Sirhan's room in his mother's house in Pasadena, including notebooks, books, and papers.

Compton said his office will oppose the motion on the grounds that the material was not improperly seized.

Both Parsons and Compton agreed that by law the defense is entitled to all statements taken from witnesses and all investigative reports, including those of the FBI, prepared in the case.

Parsons said he still expects to have another lawyer in the case with him.

He said that lawyer still is engaged in another legal matter, but added, "I report to him what I'm doing and seek his advice."

He explained that only \$105 has been donated for Sirhan's defense — "I haven't touched any of it" — and that no money has come from Sirhan's father "or anyone else" in the Middle East as has been rumored.

Parsons refused to comment on reports that book and movie rights have

been sold and that a sizable part of the royalties will be paid to him.

"That's a matter between my client and his family," he said. "But I don't think any book should be published until after the trial."

Parsons said Sirhan still is "nervous, but doing pretty well, under the circumstances," and he disclosed that his client recently was examined by four or five doctors, "one as late as yesterday."



RETURNS TO CELL—Surrounded by sheriff's deputies, Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, with his attorney, Russell E. Sirhan, returns to cell after his court appearance. Times photo by John Mafmin

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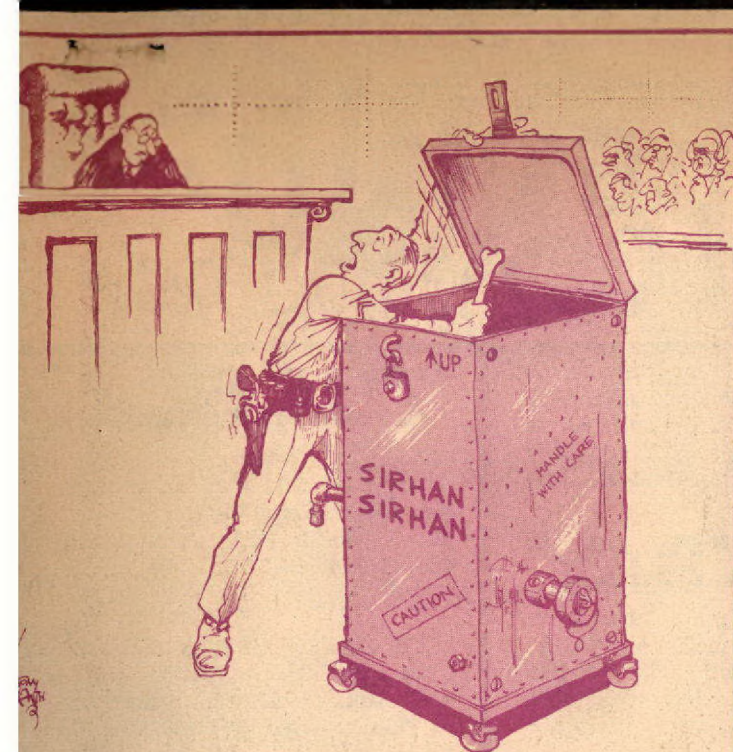
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"Uh....Your Honor, I think I have bad news...."

by JACK HIRSCHMAN

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

true story is written in the travesty and betrayal of moving pictures mama was always going to on boring days and nights until finally they chopped up the bars and installed television in the homes for such a land what higher goal for a young man then either to be president or the assassinator of a candidate what more exciting audience to witness one's execration Etranger imagine the whole world tuning in to your martyrdom your judgement your punishment Oh cruel land which shoots the veins full of the lies that Care lies here But yes it does But yes it does but dead

Yet his is the face the poor inner cheekbones of our psyche know for the gypsy look of the defeated the isolated potential and more than know for the act of one declared in this criminally ridden land to be a criminal act is the act deserving our deepest inner emotion who are taught early by the flickers to find solace for our in fact physical passivity in machines in war in murder except that with this act of a couple of months ago there was a difference

It was essential that the journey be made with McCarthy and Kennedy projecting an image of Two men giving the illusion of being somehow after all brothers in the Greek that is New Testamental sense of the word essential because they could spell one another coming together at this point fending each other at that giving I say the illusion of a fraternity necessary to accomodate the inner schizophrenia of both men and women in a land making split and infinite wars all over the planet back of which lay the racist nightmare for white America where a seemingly singleminded power not actually anything more than another image projection across the boards of our brainwashed theaterscreens offered up what is to most the frightening horrors of the Night we have never learned to live in

Sirhan Sirhan had become meanwhile Conged with conspiracy not very different from thousands even millions all over with fists raised either outwardly at demonstrations or inwardly in spacedout rooms all over the suburban complex of the halfassed affluence of the American technocratic war Conged I say with a moral righteousness gone berserk along the kanals of his inner dribblings Conged with regress and the feeling of feeling faint of vanishing into the thin and chokingly tightened air of the fascism of smog Conged left and right Conged into the fiction of the middle which grew fast and furious with vengeance salted by the electric news attacks on television the tall black headlines of the Los Angeles Times which for example the day after John F. Kennedy's death ran a headline saying ASSASSINATE KENNEDY more that is a command for the future than a report of the past so Conged also by an individual boredom that reaches out everywhere for the machine's inspiration to get plugged in to take one's place in this network of criminal voltage electrify the whole earth or itself be electro shocked

For dying is our excitement and justice our fixed idea and even as the body of the brother Kennedy was being given its lincolnesque journey home to lie near his brother as endless metaphor of the almost Greek destiny of America the archbishopric ceremonies finished the small towns of the face come through the technocratic skin to pay passing homage to the reverberation a centennial old story even then they eyes were beginning to be turned in the direction of the real meat of the land the law and its justice as Kennedy had passed into the systems of the bloods compassion had crossed the boards or the screen of our popular devilishness so now there would be the merciless other side of this cold blooded frontier psyche the trial of a man who also loved himself being snapped who also was reared with a helplessly barraged consciousness Video man with a crucial mistrust of dialogue at the same paradoxical moment he expresses himself articulately cool hip arabian paranoia containing the mass of electric uptightness dished out by the Federal Box driving one to commit the revolution of revolutions the transcendence of his family to die into stardom at the point of a gun to mount the father and mother and surmount them in that apocalyptically vivid region called the light of show business which creates that awful benignity in death that rises above ALL minorities for murder had become the only way to crash into heaven in a land gone to pot with the belief that reality was in the moving pictures

And there is this other side of the buffalo nickel which has to do with the perpetuation of The Boys you see the story of America is charted in relation to the street-comer in the dirtypictured and blasphemous bottom of all our lives where on the other hand the true and genuine excitement of camaraderie first was generated in the provincial Bronx and Brooklyn smalltown drugstore or poolroom with its hustles and kidnifty vengeance vendettas we grew up and away from only to be hammered back to in the stud stunning Thirties [Twenties for most of the young ones now] where we either stay put fighting wars of words and lovely lunatics crossing our thresholds or take the escalator to the Powerhouse and its dull thuds and thugs anyway will get you dead because everybody's just wild about Hitler and wants it from both sides like that madman asked for The Ladies Russia and America to finish his sick christ off because he had lost his senses

Who was it McLuhan who said via mixed mass media any yokel could become the center of the universe tune into the polemaic hardcore of death become naturally methadrenal fill the blood with erections and the erections with bullets instead of sperm which has less and less natural outlet this that and those are the ingredients of the socalled conspiracy the running blood-vengeance behind the mummymasks of all assassins

Yet the second Kennedy assassination the Other Kennedy the failure of the possibility of maintaining a high level mythology with so to speak the brother resurrecting the dead brother in the flesh marks the end of a cycle of muscular and even aristocratic virulence including John F. Kennedy Martin Luther King and lesser known but even more poetic lights like Malcolm X leaving the horizon strangely empty and returned to the dull greys the crushing middle which is that provincial fascist in us all yearning for that old gang of slipping into and out the professional suit playing the sort of chessgame of death knowing one is helping an evil cause and a mind turned against itself which is on both counts America but she is the only land today which makes one mad and in that madness lies the seeds of a battle against its idolatrous moving pictured anonymity which threatens to publicize everything and so render privacy empty at which point The Machinery of the State has won

Now chillin I shall tell a little story upon returning to America in the summer of 1967 I found myself at the home of a dear friend Yehuda Tarmu in the midst of that same Israeli-Egyptian war which seems to have torn Sirhan Sirhan's natural paranoid gall to shreds and at one point in the reports and for a thousand other reasons as well but when I heard that six Indians were killed in the war I took a swing at my friend later wrote of it in a posterpoem published in London in which I wrote that "I am the guilty arab with Christian leanings born in The Bronx who struck Yehuda this morning the body politic is all screwed up whose east west and middle have erupted on my chin" which is to say many things but most of all to indicate that my friendship with this man continues and I ask you listen closely to this dig in and listen continues not because of Jew or Arab American or Russian Chinese or Cuban German or French but because of a force that stands between them uniting through all distances and rather than be occult and mysterious let me take you downtown New York City on the Cuba to Capetown express as we used to call the subway full of the dark peoples of the new world on a day shortly after the end of World War II when coming up out of the subway I must have been puberty years old I saw the headlines announcing the assassination of Ghandi which I insist was the start of my own involvement with the world an event returned to ever and over for after that death all men were definitely twained like the split skull of Berlin and must needs see the murderer and the murdered as one man through whom the transmigration of the breath of the shantih shantih shantih of ashes blown from the Ganges must spark with forgiveness all the way west here

[Part 2 of "Sirhan Sirhan" will run in "Open City" next week.]

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ARMED MAN AT RITES FOR KENNEDY GUILTY

NEW YORK (AP)—Gary R. De Dell, a Syracuse, N.Y., printing executive, has been found guilty of illegal possession of a pistol at the funeral of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

A three-judge panel in Criminal Court returned the verdict Tuesday. He was continued free in \$2,000 bail pending sentencing Nov. 13. De Dell, 30, faces a prison sentence of one year and a \$1,000 fine.

De Dell as surrendered an unloaded pistol to a detective at St. Patrick's Cathedral under "suspicious circumstances."

De Dell testified he was trying to turn the weapon over to a policeman when arrested.

The weapon was legally registered in De Dell's name in Syracuse, but police said the permit was not valid here.

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The Sirhan Trial... The Men Who Represent the State

By John Douglas

Herald-Examiner Staff Writer

"SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN is accused by the ... State of California, by this indictment, of the crime of MURDER, in violation of section 187, Penal Code of California, a felony committed prior to the finding of this indictment, and as follows;

That on or about the 5th day of June, 1968, at and in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, the said defendant, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously and with malice aforethought murder Robert Francis Kennedy, a human being."

A TRUE BILL

The time was 4 p.m., June 7. The place was the austere Protestant chapel of Los Angeles County's Central Jail.

But it wasn't a chapel that day; it was a court. At the bar stood Sirhan to be formally indicted with the murder of Robert Francis Kennedy—described in the dry, precise language of the law only as a "human being."

Although there certainly can have been little question in the diminutive Jordanian's mind since his rough arrest a few minutes after Kennedy's shooting—now it was official. The sides were drawn:

On one side stood Sirhan, and the elderly attorney he would later choose to plead his cause.

On the other stood the State of California—all its men, resources and majesty.

The issue?

The life and death of Senator Kennedy; and now, the life, and perhaps the death of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

A census of the State's men arrayed against Sirhan discloses there are nearly as many committed to keeping him alive, as there are seeking his conviction. And this has been so since Kennedy's shooting.

The first official of the State to get to Sirhan was not a policeman, but a politician—Jesse M. Unruh, Speaker of the California Assembly.

And eyewitness' account of the Ambassador kitchen melee indicate the accused assassin may owe his life to Unruh.

Says a reporter who was there:

"The crowd was ugly. There could have been a lynching.

"After they got Sirhan down, Unruh kept shouting:

"Don't kill him!

"I want him alive!

"We can't have another Dallas."

Unruh followed the Los Angeles Police who took Sirhan into custody to their car and rode with them to the Ramparts Station.

On the way to the station, one of the officers asked him who he was:

"Speaker Unruh."—"Oh."

But the safety of the defendant in the Kennedy murder case is only an ancillary issue to the State.

The chief issue is the prosecution.

Nominally, that prosecution is in the hands of Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger.

But Younger, former FBI agent, former Superior Court Judge, and head of the huge prosecutive arm of Los Angeles County, has taken little active part in the case.

He has made but one court appearance—that was an attempt to get restrictions on publicity in the case eased.

He failed.

Burden of the State against Sirhan rests in the hands of Younger's Chief Deputy, Lynn D. Compton.

Compton, ex-policeman turned prosecutor, is a veteran of 17 years with the district attorney's office. He has never practiced law any where else.

His record as a prosecutor—particularly as a homicide prosecutor—is good—too good for Sirhan's comfort.

While an LAPD detective, he attended Loyola University Law School at night. He passed the bar 19 years ago, and remained with the police burglary squad for two years after that, until switching over to the district attorney's office.

Married, he is the father of two children.

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Compton who will face Sirhan and his lawyer across the armor-plated Hall of Justice courtroom tomorrow when preliminary motions in the case are argued.

Seated with Compton will be his two associates in the case—John Howard, another Loyola Law graduate with 16 years in the department, and David N. Fitts, who joined the district attorney's staff 14 years ago from Stanford University Law School.

Sirhan, and Compton, will face a new judge tomorrow.

Superior Judge Herbert B. Walker takes over the case, on assignment from the court's presiding Judge Richard Schauer, who handled the preliminaries.

Judge Walker, a forbidding man, has tried more murder cases than any judge in the county—probably more than any jurist in California.

It was he who sentenced Caryl Chessman to death.

There will be three issues argued tomorrow—all at Parsons' instigation.

The defense seeks:

• Discovery—the right to examine the case assembled against Sirhan.

• Suppression—a move to strike from the case the diaries Sirhan kept in his room at his mother's Pasadena home. Parsons says these were taken by police unreasonably and without a search warrant.

• Postponement—delay in the trial until after the Christmas holiday. It is now scheduled to begin Nov. 1.

Compton has indicated he will not oppose Parsons' discovery motion. Both California and U.S. law clearly give a defendant the right to learn of the case prepared against him before trial.

When, and if, Judge Walker grants discovery, the defense will get some idea of the magnitude of the army of investigators both the state and federal government have enlisted against Sirhan.

Compton has available to him in the district attorney's office 160 investigators. Any or all of them can be mobilized against the accused assassin at any time.

But few have been.

Bulk of the investigation in the case has been done by the FBI and a special task force of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Deputy Chief of Police Robert Houghton has general oversight of this task force as the city's Chief of Detectives.

But its real boss is Capt. Hugh I. Brown—overlord of LAPD's homicide squad.

Capt. Brown has been a policeman for 23 years, and a detective for 21.

He joined the homicide squad in 1957 and has been its commander since 1962.

Shortly after Sirhan's arrest, Chief Thomas Reddin created the squad in order that full coordination and the best men available could be marshalled against Sirhan.

When originally created, the "Sirhan Task Force," as it is called, numbered 23 men. It grew to 40 detectives and policemen at the height of the investigation, and now, with most of the work done, has dwindled to 15.

During the probe more than 4,000 contacts were made, and scores of interviews and statements completed.

Some of these were useless—for example the search for the non-existent "Polka-dot girl"—the young woman allegedly seen with Sirhan at the scene of the crime.

Many more, however, bore fruit, and make up the basis of the case of the State vs. Sirhan.

Members of the task force were drawn from all divisions and bureaus of the LAPD and included skills ranging from interrogation, through foreign languages to ballistics and criminology.

Nor is the LAPD alone in the case.

Although it has said little about it, the FBI—both through its Los Angeles office and from Washington, D.C.—assembled a body of evidence in the case.

J. Edgar Hoover, legendary

FBI chief, oversaw the work from Bureau headquarters, and the organization's agent in charge here, Wesley Grapp, quarterbacked the Los Angeles effort.

A summary of the FBI's case is contained in an "inch-thick" book which has been turned over to Compton.

Parsons seeks an order from Judge Walker giving him access to this book.

The FBI has little to say of its investigation, but it has been learned that at its zenith more than 50 agents were involved throughout the country.

Sirhan waits tomorrow's outcome in a cell-within-a-cell on an upper floor of the baroque Hall of Justice.

With him at all times is at least one deputy sheriff, sometimes more.

His food is prepared separately from other prisoners by a supervising cook in the jail.

Early tomorrow morning—hours before the hearing begins—two helmeted deputies will take up station outside the Hall of Justice.

More will hover above the building in a helicopter.

Nearly a score will process, search and scrutinize the newsmen who cover the session.

Another three will bring Sirhan from his cell to the armor plated courtroom on the 13th floor where the proceedings will be held.

These men, according to Capt. Lyle Fields, of the Sheriff's Information Bureau, are drawn from the "normal" jail and bureau staffs of the Sheriff's department.

Inside the courtroom four more deputies will stand guard. They will be tired—for at each session of court the "inside guards" are men held on duty from the night shift.

Responsibility for guarding and protecting Sirhan during the trial rests with Sheriff Peter Pitchess, with Under-sheriff William McCloud assigned the special task.



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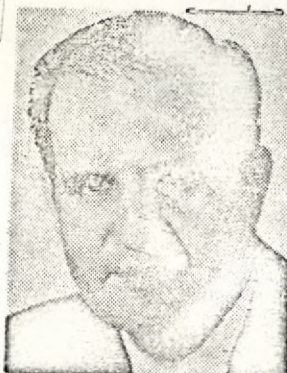
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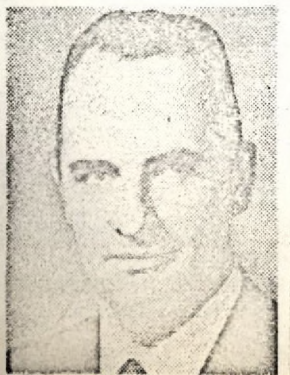
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William McCloud



Robert Houghton



Wesley Grapp

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Battle Due On Sirhan Notebook Evidence

A head-on clash between defense and prosecution in the case of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused as the assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy is forecast for next Tuesday when the two sides will argue suppression of part of the state's evidence.

At issue is the admissibility of several notebooks allegedly kept by Sirhan and seized from his room at the family home—696 E. Howard St., Pasadena.

According to Deputy Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton, in charge of prosecuting Sirhan, he and defense counsel Russell D. Parsons are in disagreement not only on the law as to the evidential value of the diaries, but also as to the facts surrounding their seizure by police June 5.

At Parsons' request, Judge Herbert V. Walker, who is hearing pre-trial motions in the Sirhan case, delayed arguments on suppression yesterday at a court session which produced these developments:

○ Postponement of the trial's opening until Dec. 9. The case will start then and recess around Dec. 23 until after the Christmas-New Year holiday.

○ Granting of 120 items of prosecution evidence to the defense through a discovery proceeding—a legal maneuver which allows defense counsel to examine the prosecution's case in advance of the trial.

The same court session heard Compton announce that the district attorney's office was satisfied that Sirhan had no accomplices, and that there was no conspiracy in the Kennedy shooting.

As to the Sirhan diaries, or notebooks—Parsons insists that they were taken illegally because the police who searched the Sirhan home were not armed with a search warrant.

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Sirhan Notebooks Are Point of Issue

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There is also disagreement over the manner in which the seizure was accomplished.

Compton will produce three police witnesses next week. Parsons also will call witnesses.

One of the reasons for yesterday's delay was that a defense witness is out of the state and will not be available until next week.

At a June 6 news conference, Mayor Sam Yorty announced the seizure of the Sirhan diaries. The Mayor said one of them contained the sentence:

"Kennedy has to be assassinated before June 5, 1968"—the first anniversary of the six-day Israeli blitz in the Mideast.

At yesterday's session Deputy Dist. Atty. David N. Fitts, an associate of Compton, turned over to Parsons the names and statements of 120 witnesses questioned by police and the FBI in the Kennedy assassination investigation.

These included 67 persons who allegedly saw Sirhan at the Ambassador Hotel the night of June 4, and witnessed his arrest following the shooting early June 5. The list included Speaker Jesse Unruh, Rafer Johnson, George Plimpton, Hugh McDonald, assistant press secretary to the slain senator, and several employees of the hotel.

Also turned over to Parsons were transcripts of recordings of six police interrogations of Sirhan made between his arrest and his arraignment about 8 a.m. June 5 in the court of Municipal Judge Joan Dempsey Kline.

At a news conference following yesterday's hearing, Parsons took pains to point out that no attorney was present with Sirhan during these investigations.

He also said that there was "serious doubt" that his client

had been informed of his constitutional rights before these interrogations took place.

The discovery proceeding also raised the question of whether there had been violence during Sirhan's questioning. Parsons sought and got the statement of Officers Fred Willoughby and Eugene H. Austen, in response to a question about police who may have seen Sirhan kick a coffee cup out of Willoughby's hand.

Also sought and given the defense were the names and statements of 15 witnesses who allege to have seen Sirhan target shooting at the San Gabriel Valley Country club the day prior to Kennedy's shooting.

Given the defense, too, were the names and statements of four men of Arabic surname who allegedly spent time with Sirhan prior to the Kennedy shooting.

In deciding on postponement of the trial, Judge Walker made it clear that he intends to sequester the jury—that is, order them locked up during the trial.

He said jury selection would begin Dec. 9 and continue through Dec. 23, at which time he will recess the trial for the holidays.

The jurors will not be sworn until following the recess, Judge Walker said, but after they are sworn they will be locked up.

Purpose of the sequestering is to make certain jurors see no publicity on the case which might prejudice their verdict.

Judge Walker said the press had been very cooperative in the case so far, but, he concluded:

"There is a responsible press and an irresponsible press, and I can't control either one of them, and I wouldn't want to try."

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Legal Skirmishes May Mark Sirhan Return to Court Today

BY RON EINSTOSS

Times Staff Writer

Sirhan B. Sirhan returns to court today and for the first time his appearance is expected to be marked by legal skirmishes between opposing attorneys.

The previous six times he appeared before the bench could be classified as being of a routine nature, such as arraignment, plea and postponements.

But this time Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker will be asked to rule on three defense motions, all of which could require some argument.

Russell E. Parsons, who is defending the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant charged with the election-night slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and the wounding of five others, is seeking:

1—A postponement of the trial now set for Nov. 1.

2—A court order directing prosecutors to turn over to him copies of all statements taken from witnesses, photographs and reports of investigating agencies, including the police and FBI.

Suppression of Evidence

3 — The suppression of certain evidence Parsons claims was taken without a search warrant from Sirhan's room in his mother's Pasadena home several hours after the shooting.

Parsons, because legal precedent is on his side, is conceded a good chance of getting most of what he wants.

It is certain that the case will not go to trial on Nov. 1, partly because the monumental preparations for security and the handling of news media have not yet been completed and also because the lawyer who is expected to assist Parsons in defending Sirhan still is engaged in another matter.

Because Judge Walker has made known his plans to sequester the jury, Parsons, who favors such a move, wants a trial date after Jan. 1.

That would insure that the jury is not locked up over the holidays.

It does not appear he will be successful.

The court's present intention reportedly is to begin the jury selection in early December, with a recess between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The sequestering of the jurors, it is understood, would not come until after the complete jury, including alternates, has been impaneled.

The combination of a possible death penalty, the great amount of

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publicity in the case and the prominence of the victim would seem to militate against the selection of the jury in less than two weeks.

Prosecutors have indicated that their position on any request for a continuance is that they will be ready to go to trial on Nov. 1 or at any other time, and that if there is any delay in the proceedings, it will be defense-motivated.

Opposition Possible

Parsons' other two motions probably will be opposed to some extent by Dep. Dist. Attys. Lynn D. Compton, John E. Howard and David N. Fitts.

Under court decisions, Parsons is at least entitled to see any evidence the prosecution intends to present in court.

How much more than this Parsons is able to get—those statements and other evidence prosecutors do not expect to use—will have to be decided by Judge Walker.

In any event, some opposition by the prosecution can be expected on this point.

Question Arises

Because there appears to be a question over the admissibility of the evidence Parsons wants to have suppressed—it is believed that no search war-

rant was used when it was seized—the extent to which that motion may be opposed by Compton, Howard and Fitts is not known.

They could state for the record that they do not intend to use such evidence—including notebooks, books and personal papers belonging to Sirhan—and the question as to whether it should be suppressed then would become moot.

There is always the possibility that because of the importance of the case the prosecution may feel it should take a so-called hardline and oppose every motion made by Parsons.

The danger in this is that if there is some merit to Parson's request—and there appears to be—a ruling adverse to the prosecution could be interpreted as a victory for the defense when, realistically, there was none.

Sirhan will probably be making his longest appearance in court yet. His previous stays have ranged from five minutes to 28 minutes.

The length of today's hearing, which could last most of the day or longer, will be determined by how strenuously the prosecution opposes Parsons' motions.

The proceedings again will be held in a makeshift courtroom on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice, near Sirhan's heavily guarded cell.

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Both Sides Agree Sirhan Was Alone

Inquiry Indicates No Conspiracy; Judge Postpones Trial Until Dec. 9

BY RON EINSTOSS
Times Staff Writer

Both the prosecution and Sirhan B. Sirhan's own attorney Monday ruled out any conspiracy in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Spokesmen for the prosecution and the defense voiced their parallel views—based on a massive police investigation—just before Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker postponed the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant's trial from Nov. 1 to Dec. 9.

During the session before Judge Walker, Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton turned over to the defense 111 statements of prospective witnesses, transcripts of six interviews with Sirhan by investigators and a seven-page report on police handling of Sirhan from the time of his arrest until he was remanded to custody of the sheriff.

Other Information 'Negative'

Then, a short time later, Compton advised Judge Walker that:

All the information dealing with the investigation of other possible suspects "is negative and of little value to anyone."

Later, at a press conference, attorney Russell E. Parsons, who is defending Sirhan, supported Compton's statement concerning the absence of a conspiracy when he said:

"We have seen no evidence of a conspiracy."

It marked the first time that the prosecution has given clear indication that it was convinced Sirhan was acting on his own when he allegedly shot Sen. Kennedy and wounded five others at the Ambassador in the early morning of June 5.

Sirhan seemed to enjoy his 55-minute session in court. Sitting in a padded swivel chair, he swung back and forth and from side to side, leaning over from time to time to confer with Parsons.

At Parsons' press conference which followed the adjournment of the court proceedings, however, the attorney said Sirhan is getting increasingly nervous as his trial approaches.

Parsons revealed for the first time Monday that he will be joined by two other lawyers in defending Sirhan. In addition to a previously indicated local attorney, who is now engaged in a federal trial, Parsons said a "prominent" New York lawyer will be coming into the case.

He refused to divulge the name of either attorney, explaining, "it wouldn't be right to do so at this time."

It was learned, however, that the New York lawyer is Emile Zola Berman. He is considered to be one of the best civil trial attorneys in that city.

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Parris Island Case

Berman attained a national reputation in 1956 when he defended Marine Staff Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon against charges of manslaughter, oppression and drinking on duty in a court-martial at the Parris Island, S.C., Marine Base.

Sgt. McKeon, accused of marching 74 young marines into a tidal marsh, was convicted of negligent homicide (six of the servicemen drowned) and of drinking on duty. He was reduced to private and imprisoned for three months.

Press accounts of the trial described Berman, a former Air Force colonel, as being a "colorful" and "aggressive advocate."

Monday's court session was scheduled at the request of Parsons for three purposes:

1—To postpone the trial date from Nov. 1.

2—For arguments on a defense motion to obtain evidence the prosecution intends to use during the trial.

3—To suppress any evidence taken without a search warrant from Sirhan's room in his mother's home several hours after the shootings.

Will Sequester Jury

After Judge Walker informed Parsons, who sought it, and the prosecutors, who opposed it, that he intended to sequester the jury because "I think it must be done," the jurist set the Dec. 9 trial date.

Sirhan waived an earlier trial.

Judge Walker said the selection of a jury and "four to six alternates" could begin at that time.

If the jury is selected before Dec. 23, he said he would not swear in the panel until after New Year's Day. This would allow the jurors to spend the holidays at home.

If the jury is not selected by Dec. 23, Judge Walker said he would recess the trial until about Jan. 2 when the picking of a jury could resume.

There would seem to be little likelihood a jury could be selected between the time the trial starts and Christmas. Parsons, in fact, said "it would be a miracle" if one was.

The prosecution, represented in court by Compton and Dep. Dist. Attys. John E. Howard and David N. Pitts, did not oppose any of Parsons' requests for statements of witnesses or reports of police officers.

Judge Walker ordered them to turn over only that evidence now in their

possession and said he did not expect them to act "as messengers" for the defense in obtaining any information which they did not have.

Such information, the jurist suggested, should be obtained in other ways—such as by subpoenaing it—by the defense.

Of the 111 statements given to Parsons in court, 67 of them came from persons who were present in the Ambassador the night Kennedy was shot.

Other Statements

Another 15 statements were those taken by police and FBI investigators from persons who had seen Sirhan at any target or pistol range within six months of the alleged crimes.

Compton made his statement that there was no conspiracy after Parsons told the court that he was satisfied that the prosecution has turned over all the evidence he is seeking.

Compton said his office has separated all its evidence into three categories:

1—"The witnesses we intend to use during the trial."

2—"The witnesses who have some peripheral information, but who we do not intend to use."

3—"That miscellaneous information dealing with the investigation of other possible suspects."

He refused to comment on the latter remark except to say that all that information "is negative" and "would be of little value to anyone."

However, it is known that a large police task force as well as FBI agents ran down every report

which even remotely suggested that a conspiracy existed.

Possibilities indicating a conspiracy which were rejected after full investigation included:

1—That a woman wearing a polka dot dress and another man accompanied Sirhan to the Ambassador the night of the shooting and when leaving after the shots were fired, were reported to have cried, "We shot him."

(The woman who told police she had seen and heard this later admitted that her statement was a fabrication.)

2—A witness to the shooting claimed to have seen a girl in a polka dot dress standing beside Sirhan just prior to the shooting.

(This witness admitted that his statement was false and had been made up by him after a conversation with the witness who first told police of the woman in the polka dot dress.)

3—A range master at a San Gabriel Valley gun club who saw Sirhan on June 4 said he overheard a woman tell Sirhan, "get the hell away from me. Someone might recognize us."

(This witness later admitted fabricating the conversation he claimed to have overheard.)

4—A man told investigators that he was with Sirhan prior to the shooting and indicated that he

and Sirhan were part of a conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

(The man later admitted making up the story.)

5—A self-styled minister said he gave Sirhan and a male companion a ride on June 3 and that after dropping Sirhan off at the Ambassador for a few minutes made an arrangement to sell the defendant a horse for \$300. He said that after the shooting he received two telephone calls telling him to forget

about his "deal" with Sirhan.

(A polygraph examination given to the man indicating that he was not telling the truth and additional investigation disclosed that during the time Sirhan allegedly was with him he was home with his family.)

At the press conference, Parsons, without indicating what it would be, also said Sirhan does have a "valid" defense against the charges facing him.

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by JACK HIRSCHMAN

Animals and castratos with a desperate need for space or desert space in the night of the cool of our uselessness is the song of this town that is no town this power that is no power which is Los Angeles and its interchangeable environs which may well be the future man you are stuck with whether in New York San Francisco Paris Rome or London a southland place that stinks like Ezra Pound put it in his sestina of peace the lie and war the words of the night horizontal and spacious the way New York is vertical and historical the way even Frisco with its baublelike pretension of necklace of hills is vertical with memory of long wars the earthquake even more recently now historical with a generation of lunatic beatific calligraphies imprinted on the longscroll of memory stretching from Kyoto to Columbus Avenue but the radiation comes from here from the literal wasteland made flesh the travesty of shantih shantih shantih the end of the middleclass the vivid end bottom asshole the middle-west dumping ground the western capital for poor white trash and black men fanged on their own purism and the middleeastern finish if one reads the pages of our leadly history from right to left from the Dead to the Pacific seas one long desert song

This is electric city and chick city and both breed a form of transmutation whose affluence ruins the irony of civilization leaves in its place the angry bitterness of a couple of disembodied eyes looking tenderly up from the bed while the mouth careens down and around a vortex of resentment shelled and fendered transistorized and erased of all wrinkles by a sun that blinds the mouth from conversation and makes dumb the eyes for the seeing of the nightmare of history in the face a sister hood of mothers a brotherhood of busted christis the rosy cross of the inner life of the fallen stars of the western world taking care taking care as they drive

But the space most of all that suburban patchwork isolation that fragmented collage of the mind the literal texture of Eliot's poem and Eisenstein's technique the lapped and overlapped dog walking the man or the woman out into the stutterless night air not a sign of a crutch or a beggar not a sound but of a cricket somehow out of place even when its in its place and all the scenery pointing beyond itself to the fiction of the morning light to that celluloidal sense that one has continually here that one is being taken being snapped being actioned from without the heart of our conspiratorial sense

Rooted in the fear and shudder of the notknowing who we are what is or should be intended where to move next along the freeways of the making of goals that are goalless when attained aims that are aimless when even the targets been hit uses that fall useless like Claes Oldenburgs soft typewriter surreal drippings of our slowly diminishing candles in the chancy night reaching out desperately for some occult system to hold to some old and yet new weltanschauung to talk back to fill with life somehow

We devoured the space and now it is devouring us with all the instruments of our own construction with headlines that in the isolation of our driving fears attack us from the depths of all the wars of our childhood and our grandfather's childhood revisited with televisionic uptights sending the mind on trips into the dream of a continual electric chair stationed in the asylum of a moviehouse where one might tune into ones own death with that laugh of the head that arrives full blossom in the mouth bursts passes into the fissures of the air and disappears without anything more than an ethereal trace but wakes up the gut the morning after with a sense of a brooding dark conspiracy of a gunmuzzle of an eyeball staring at one from the inside out everywhere in the world meaning nowhere upon whichwhere one is fixed like an idea that came with a bag and a guitar and decided to stay

This is the territory of Sirhan Sirhan of yourself and myself the heart of It the snapped gutstring the photo play for keeps this space this woman for the space is the woman devouring known long before one picked up the I Ching to read that the ancient chinese knew the fact as well known for example in the mouth of Hitler to which the total lebensraum of the kidneys of Czechoslovakia the liver of Poland the heart of France the soul of Russia the cock of America had risen masculinefeminine in one hysterical screech of a doom ludicrous if it weren't the awfulest sort of demonia satirical of it did not ground the diamond eyes of satire itself into the ground piled with old lungs and bosoms that power that power gone to the head and out the mouth of the past that chthonic twist of germanic madness schism between the fjordic north and eroded stone of Greece schism of provincial fascism which is all that fascism is a yearning for some tribe or Klan outside the tribe of words paint or staves to justify some gang at the bottom in lieu of assuming

Which is all the rationale behind the assassination the rising masses the souped-up television sets the conspiracy of electrodes everywhere a fallen national pride and boredom sheer and clear boredom come from that space boredom of the deadened organs within boredom of the middleclass boredom turned over and reverted to the steps of Sarejevo the hills around Barcelona the wall at Jerusalem and the key villain and possible savior in it all nothing more or less than a twentieth century art form reeled off by a machine which can wipe away the rich pride that true memory when felt in the word can be and left a mottled picture and propagandistic history which makes solitude sullen and the disemboweled mind see a gun for a girl and shoot her at other men for television when it projects men of mind in America projects mistrust in the hearts of men bent under the yoke of Action as Work and the endocrinology of television speaking physiologically is to make a race of insects incapable of anything more than brother rat responses in the maze of their chicken wired hookup to a General Electric of dream

How in such a world where the batonwirling hypocrisies of political conventions south and north are carried out with the international knowledge in the heart of every still living soul that a woman's face in Viet Nam is being erased by the back of a bomb where the power nations have under the mass mediocratic eyes of their own communicative devices passed from absurdity to invidious and random gratuitousness punching bombs at the face of a land without regard for its true sex the true sex of the earth committing a massive rape and refusing to withdraw even though its juice is all gone and the cock of its imperialism has become a wooden dildo how then might the individual assassinator of Robert Kennedy or even if of some allegedly other political stream like the implied assassinator of Martin Luther King be declared guilty of more than what he already knows the prison made for him long before the bullets the bars behind which he probably has been more cared for than at any time the place half yearned for behind the loading of the gun just as it is now half yearned for by millions upon millions at the tote of the joint the physical prison that all the signs of individuality seem pointed toward submission after submission year after year to the machine of the free in quotes machine called America The World

Behind Sirhan Sirhan lay the spatial story of America stretching across the two historical bodies of water to the bloody crescent that was his and his fathers and his fathers fathers home and the difference is the difference between the fullblown hysterical cry of the curved swords of victory a joke of a sequence in a flickering newsreel to the contemporary American and juiced-down mind and that understated rapidtaptap of a serial machine of a music of diminished ego hanging on daily survival growing smaller with each confrontation with each pair

of eyes physically looked out over the shoulder of the car or on the dead empty boulevards growing immensely minute part of this amorphous plague tenderly called man en route to his messianic moment

So there was Kennedy coming at him closer and less imaginatively than if he had been reported on the radio that still permits dreaming Kennedy who stood for the power of the push further forward into the machine disintegration called uptight and unfeeling equality or democracy with the help of the movies and the power of Kennedy was of course only another lie another enlargement out of proportion in this negative darkroom for Kennedy stood in fact for the maintenance of the very fanaticity which killed him the liberation from people of all the names they attach to themselves but which in truth they love by an act of ascension via the almost feminine excitation of the masses which you will note immediately after the assassination became politically stilled because of course what the masses really wanted was his death by worship first by kissing his hand by a public adoration that of course really masks a peculiarly murderous instinct at the heart for when the provincial is excited he goes for the vengeance gun for all the bad wars and all the bad lays for all the fathers who copped out and all the boys betrayed and anarchy kisses the cheek of the superpatriot the excitement rising to the crescendo of a sequence at the end of a film like a sort of elmer gantyrism of the blood calling calling at the same time for something someone to sedate the damn thing to bring down the heights threatening to sear away with themselves to return the earth level Sirhan Sirhans alleged act brought to vivid conclusion the public occultism which in desperation for some excitement or mystery to fill their heads when in the heart of the drag of grass the god really said that it was a dull thud of a middleclass story all the way up and down practiced by so many inside and out of the popular shimsham music of another cycle of insipid popularity but rather than blow the top off it all it went and goes on Death I mean making the same demands on the psyche on the individual grooves of its record which never gets played to the crowd

And if a magical stand be taken if it be felt in the heart and mind of other yokels of Nothing that all their coins thrown over Chings and all their wild tarots were part of the conspiracy and Leo astral energy by astral energy to Sirhan Sirhans pulling of the trigger imagine THAT sort of terrifying consequence why well just have to vote Dixie in the fall if you can follow these vibrations for in time of war and this one is endless men lose their minds and fanatics come out of the cracks high and low and the university goes to sleep the stockmarket goes on a binge the street is all a bad French movie and the individual dog burrows deep in his hole with his words hoping nobody understands his permutations with pleasure rather than all the misunderstandings that have been misunderstood at the point of lethal pain

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Battle Due On Sirhan Notebook Evidence

A head-on clash between defense and prosecution in the case of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused as the assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy is forecast for next Tuesday when the two sides will argue suppression of part of the state's evidence.

At issue is the admissibility of several notebooks allegedly kept by Sirhan and seized from his room at the family home—696 E. Howard St., Pasadena.

According to Deputy Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton, in charge of prosecuting Sirhan, he and defense counsel Russell D. Parsons are in disagreement not only on the law as to the evidential value of the diaries, but also as to the facts surrounding their seizure by police June 5.

At Parsons' request, Judge Herbert V. Walker, who is hearing pre-trial motions in the Sirhan case, delayed arguments on suppression yesterday at a court session which produced these developments:

• Postponement of the trial's opening until Dec. 9. The case will start then and recess around Dec. 23 until after the Christmas-New Year holiday.

• Granting of 120 items of prosecution evidence to the defense through a discovery proceeding—a legal maneuver which allows defense counsel to examine the prosecution's case in advance of the trial.

The same court session heard Compton announce that the district attorney's office was satisfied that Sirhan had no accomplices, and that there was no conspiracy in the Kennedy shooting.

As to the Sirhan diaries, or notebooks—Parsons insists that they were taken illegally because the police who searched the Sirhan home were not armed with a search warrant.

There is also disagreement over the manner in which the seizure was accomplished.

Compton will produce three police witnesses next week. Parsons also will call witnesses. One of the reasons for yesterday's delay was that a defense witness is out of the state and will not be available until next week.

At a June 6 news conference, Mayor Sam Yorty announced the seizure of the Sirhan diaries. The Mayor said one of them contained the sentence:

"Kennedy has to be assassinated before June 5, 1968"—the first anniversary of the six-day Israeli blitz in the Mideast.

At yesterday's session Deputy Dist. Atty. David N. Fitts, an associate of Compton, turned over to Parsons the names and statements of 120 witnesses questioned by police and the FBI in the Kennedy assassination investigation.

These included 67 persons who allegedly saw Sirhan at the Ambassador Hotel the night of June 4, and witnessed his arrest following the shooting early June 5. The list included Speaker Jesse Unruh, Rafer Johnson, George Plimpton, Hugh McDonald, assistant press secretary to the slain senator, and several employees of the hotel.

Also turned over to Parsons were transcripts of recordings of six police interrogations of Sirhan made between his arrest and his arraignment about 8 a.m. June 5 in the court of Municipal Judge Joan Dempsey Kline.

At a news conference following yesterday's hearing, Par-

sons took pains to point out that no attorney was present with Sirhan during these investigations.

He also said that there was, "serious doubt" that his client had been informed of his constitutional rights before these interrogations took place.

The discovery proceeding also raised the question of whether there had been violence during Sirhan's questioning. Parsons sought and got the statement of Officers Fred Willoughby and Eugene H. Austen, in response to a question about police who may have seen Sirhan kick a coffee cup out of Willoughby's hand.

Also sought and given the defense were the names and statements of 15 witnesses who allege to have seen Sirhan target shooting at the San Gabriel Valley Country club the day prior to Kennedy's shooting.

Given the defense, too, were the names and statements of four men of Arabic surname who allegedly spent time with Sirhan prior to the Kennedy shooting.

In deciding on postponement of the trial, Judge Walker made it clear that he intends to sequester the jury—that is, order them locked up during the trial.

He said jury selection would begin Dec. 9 and continue through Dec. 23, at which time he will recess the trial for the holidays.

The jurors will not be sworn until following the recess, Judge Walker said, but after they are sworn they will be locked up.

Purpose of the sequestering is to make certain jurors see no publicity on the case which might prejudice their verdict.

Judge Walker said the press had been very cooperative in the case so far, but, he concluded:

"There is a responsible press and an irresponsible press, and I can't control either one of them, and I wouldn't want to try."

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Dec. 9 Hearing Set**Sirhan Conspiracy Ruled Out**

By United Press International

A comprehensive investigation of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy has turned up no evidence of a conspiracy or any suspect other than Sirhan B. Sirhan.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton made the disclosure Monday during a hearing which set a new date of Dec. 9 for the start of Sirhan's trial on charges he killed Kennedy

and wounded five other persons last June 5.

Compton said after examining 111 statements by prospective witnesses, the transcripts of six interviews with Sirhan, and a report of the handling of the suspect just after his arrest, that all information dealing with other possible suspects "is negative and of little value to anyone."

In producing the testimony, Compton said he "would like

the record to show that our investigation has produced no other possible suspects or evidence of conspiracy in the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy."

Defense attorney Russell E. Parsons appeared to agree with Compton's conclusion.

"We have seen no evidence of a conspiracy," he told newsmen after the hearing.

The session was the longest of Sirhan's seven court appearances. The jockey-sized Jordanian immigrant appeared pale and nervous, constantly

shivering in his chair and biting his fingernails. Parsons said his client was becoming increasingly "nervous" as the trial date drew near.

Parsons told the news conference later that "a nationally prominent New York attorney" will later join the defense in addition to another Los Angeles lawyer currently involved in another case. Parsons refused to identify either attorney, but said they will serve without fee.

Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker indicated the jury will be sequestered—locked up nightly—during the trial, although he will make a formal ruling on the matter later. Sequestering of the jury is favored by the defense, opposed by the prosecution.

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Sirhan Trial Date Set

Sirhan B. Sirhan, 24, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, is shown with his attorney, Russell Parsons, Monday shortly before his seventh court appearance in Los Angeles Superior Court. At the hearing, trial date was set for Dec. 9.

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Sirhan Alone

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan will be tried next Dec. 9 for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and he will face the charges alone.

Tuesday, both the prosecution and Sirhan's own attorney, Russell E. Parsons, ruled out conspiracy when Kennedy was shot and killed and five others were wounded at the Ambassador last June 5.

During the pretrial session, called by Parsons to delay a trial date that had been tentatively set for Nov. 1, Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton turned over to Parsons statements by 111 prospective witnesses and other material that included transcripts of six interviews with Sirhan following the arrest of the Jordanian immigrant on murder charges.

Data on Others

At the same time, Compton told Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker that he believed all information relating to other possible suspects is "negative and of little value." The move marked the first clear indication from the prosecution that it does not believe any conspiracy was involved.

Parsons agreed he has seen no evidence of a conspiracy and said he will be joined in Sirhan's defense by two other lawyers. He refused to name them, but it was learned that one will be Emile Zola Berman, a New York attorney who gained national fame in 1956 when he defended Marine Staff Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon against charges of manslaughter, oppression and drinking on duty in a court-martial case at the Parris Island, S.C., Marine Base.

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L.A. Weekend... Development In The Case of Sirhan

Another development in the case of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused as the assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, coupled with the arrest of a Montreal man charged with the murder of a Hollywood registered nurse, headline the news in Southern California this weekend.

There were also at least two deaths, one on the highway, and one resulting from a knife fight.

Sirhan will return to his armored courtroom Tuesday for pre-trial rulings on suppressing diaries taken from Sirhan's home.

Judge Herbert V. Walker will be asked to suppress from evidence diaries allegedly kept by Sirhan, including the notation that Kennedy must be killed before June 5, anniversary of the six-day Arab-Israeli war. Kennedy was shot early June 5.

Sirhan's attorney, Russell E. Parsons, has asked that the diaries be kept out of the trial on grounds they were improperly taken from Sirhan's home after his arrest.

Mayor Sam Yorty revealed the contents of the diaries in a press conference before Sirhan was indicted by the Grand Jury June 7.

Judge Walker last week set Dec. 9 as the opening date for selection of a jury to hear the Sirhan trial. He said he would recess the sessions Dec. 23 for the Christmas holidays and resume proceedings Jan. 2.

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Bar on Evidence Seized in Sirhan's Room to Be Asked

BY RON EINSTOSS

Times Staff Writer

The attorney for Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, is scheduled to seek a court order today to bar the prosecution from using any evidence seized during a search of his client's room several hours after the June 5 slaying.

Russell E. Parsons, in a brief filed with Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker, contends investigating officers failed to obtain a search warrant before rummaging through Sirhan's belongings in his mother's Pasadena home.

Although he was not specific in what he seeks to have suppressed, Parsons said the police took books, pamphlets, notebooks and assorted writings of Sirhan's, all of which, he charged, would be prejudicial.

Arrested at Hotel

Only searches made with a warrant are permitted, Parsons said, unless they are made incidental to an arrest. The lawyer pointed out that Sirhan was taken into custody at the Ambassador Hotel, scene of the shootings, not at home.

Exploratory searches, such as was the case of Sirhan's house, according to Parsons, are unlawful and he claims that any evidence obtained in that manner is inadmissible.

The law would appear to be on Parson's side, but Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton said he and Dep. Dist. Attys. John E. Howard and David N. Fitts still will call several officers as witnesses to tell of the events leading up to and the actual search of Sirhan's room.

The hearing again will be conducted in a special courtroom on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice.

Sirhan, 24, is scheduled to face trial Dec. 9.

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Sirhan News Curbs Go to High Court

Dist. Atty. Evelle J. ~~Younger~~ has asked the U. S. Supreme Court to rule on the legality of the restrictive publicity order issued in connection with the Sirhan B. Sirhan prosecution.

The order forbids police and public officials to issue statements concerning their investigations and findings except in the courtroom.

His earlier appeal to have the publicity order rescinded has been denied by the State Court of Appeal and the State Supreme Court. Neither court has given a reason for the denials.

Younger contends the court order should be overturned because of the length of time it will take for the trial and possible conviction of Sirhan to become final.

Younger pointed out yesterday that if Sirhan is sentenced to death, there is an automatic appeal and no one would be able to talk of the case until this is ruled on, which could be several years.

"The public has the right to know certain information concerning the possibility of conspiracy and other things which we have but are denied from releasing because of the court-imposed restriction," Younger said.

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SIRHAN'S DIARIES: BIG ROLE IN TRIAL

Defeated in his attempt to have Sirhan B. Sirhan's diaries suppressed as evidence, Defense Counsel Russell Parsons has indicated he intends to use the diaries to illustrate Sirhan's mental state at the time of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Yesterday, Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker turned down a defense plea that notebooks allegedly kept by Sirhan at his home, 696 E. Howard St., Pasadena, and seized by police without a search warrant, be suppressed as evidence in the case.

At a news conference immediately following Judge Walker's verdict, Parsons, commenting on the notebooks, said:

"I don't know what effect these writings might have on the opinions of the psychiatrist in the case."

He said that the diaries might have great effect in determining the psychiatrists' opinion of Sirhan's mental state at the time he is alleged to have shot Sen. Kennedy.

Parsons disclosed that two of three court-appointed defense psychiatrists had examined the diaries and reported on them to him.

Parsons also disclosed that psychiatrists—who he declined to identify—were present in the courtroom ostensibly observing the defendant at every stage of the proceedings.

Chief Prosecutor Lynn D. Compton called Judge Walker's search, the essential question at ruling a "significant" victory yesterday's hearing was whether for the prosecution.

Issue in yesterday's hearing was a defense request that three notebooks and other documents taken by police from Sirhan's bedroom the morning of Kennedy's murder be stricken from evidence.

Judge Walker declined to accede to the suppression, but, in rendering his decision, he made it clear that he was not ruling on their admissibility as evidence. This will be argued at the trial.

Documents involved are:

- Two buff-bound looseleaf notebooks.
- A small brown spiral-ring notebook.
- A U.S. Treasury Department envelope which allegedly bears Sirhan's scribbles.
- A film strip showing Sirhan in three poses.
- A torn piece of cardboard, allegedly found hidden beneath a cushion and bearing Sirhan's handwriting.
- Sirhan's honorable discharge from the "California State Cadet Corps."
- A live, damaged .22 caliber cartridge.

• Business cards of physicians Paul Nilssen and E. Gordon Kiehn.

• Boxes of gun cleaning pads and nitro powder solvent.

Los Angeles Police Sgt. William Brandt testified yesterday that all of the above items were found when Sirhan's bedroom was searched.

While prosecutors conceded police had no warrant for the search, the essential question at yesterday's hearing was whether, even without the warrants, the officers reasonable grounds for what they did.

In effect, Judge Walker decreed that the grounds were reasonable.

The jurist ruled after hearing testimony from both police and members of the Sirhan family.

Sgt. Brandt and Officer Dante Lodolo testified that they had obtained permission from both Adel Sirhan and Munir Sirhan, brothers of the defendant, for the search.

They admitted they had not asked permission of Mrs. Mary Sirhan, owner of the E. Howard Street home and mother of the defendant, but maintained that they had not because the brothers had asked them not to question their mother.

Munir Sirhan denied, on the witness stand, that he had acceded to the search.

Mrs. Sirhan swore that so far as she was concerned police had no authorization for their search, and that her son, Adel, did not have her permission to allow it.

Arguing for the prosecution, Compton insisted that the search was justified because following his arrest Sirhan refused to identify himself to talk to police.

(Moments after Kennedy's shooting, Sirhan, a smoking .22 caliber pistol allegedly clutched tightly in his right hand, was apprehended. He declined to identify himself and was finally identified when one of his brothers went to Pasadena police to say that he believed that the man in custody was his brother.)

At no point in yesterday's proceedings was the content of the diaries discussed.

All that is known about them was disclosed by Mayor Sam Yorty, at a news conference which subsequently brought him considerable criticism, said that in his opinion the diary showed that Sirhan was "inflamed" by Communist influences.

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The mayor also revealed that one sentence in the seized documents said, "Kennedy must be killed by June 5"—the first anniversary of the six-day Arab-Israeli war in 1967.

Kennedy was shot early the morning of June 5.

At his news conference, Parsons said now that Judge Walker had ruled, he and his staff again would examine the diaries to determine Sirhan's mental state at the time of the assassination.

"They may be helpful in the end," the defense lawyer said.

Asked his client's reaction to the decision, Parsons replied:

"He realizes this was a serious motion . . ."

But, said Parsons, Sirhan also realizes that the decision is not a final settlement of the notebook question.

Sirhan appeared more nervous yesterday than he had been at any of the preceeding hearings in the case.

He squirmed a great deal in his seat and continually whispered in his attorney's ear.



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MRS. SIRHAN, HER SON ADEL LEAVE COURT AFTER HEARING
—Mother of accused man said she didn't give permission for search—

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Attempt to Bar Seized Sirhan Papers Defeated

Motion to Suppress Notes Taken Without Warrant Is Denied

BY RON EINSTROSS

Times Staff Writer

Sirhan B. Sirhan's lawyer failed Tuesday in his attempt to bar the prosecution from using material seized from the suspect's home on June 5, 10 hours after he allegedly shot Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker's ruling denying a motion by attorney Russell E. Parsons to suppress the material paves the way for prosecutors to use a notebook found in the defendant's Pasadena home which reportedly contains the written notation:

"Kennedy must be assassinated before June 5, 1968."

A press conference followed the nearly two-hour session in a makeshift courtroom on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice.

At it, Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn D. Compton said he and coprosecutors John E. Howard and David N. Fitts would use whichever of those documents (taken from Sirhan's home) they decide are helpful and relevant to the case.

Asked if he felt that the memo relating to the assassination of Sen. Kennedy fell into that category, Compton replied:

"That would be a significant piece of evidence."

No Warrant Existed

Compton used the same word—significant—to describe Judge Walker's decision and he said he was "happy" the jurist held that police had reasonable cause to search Sirhan's room, although they did not have a warrant.

In making his ruling, Judge Walker passed only on the issue of whether the material was lawfully obtained, not on whether it later will be admitted into evidence if the prosecution attempts to do so.

Some of the items, Compton conceded, might not be relevant or material to the case.

Parsons, though he battled to keep Sirhan's writings out of evidence, did not seem to be unhappy with Judge Walker's decision.

"A very competent judge did not agree with us (that there was an unlawful search and seizure)," he said. "But sometimes when a judge rules against you it becomes helpful."

Parsons explained that "our attention might now be directed to a more careful search and study of why these things were said and done," apparently referring to the writings and the shooting of Sen. Kennedy.

The notebooks and other material found in Sirhan's room, he added, "may indicate something" about his client to psychiatrists.

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Emotional Stability Factor

Parsons would not elaborate but it is understood that some of Sirhan's notations might be of the type which would tend to reflect on the 24-year-old defendant's emotional stability.

Parsons said he did not intend to appeal the judge's ruling "because that would delay the trial," which now is set for Dec. 9.

During the hearing on whether Sirhan's belongings were legally seized, Sirhan's older brother, Adel, 30, testified that he gave police permission to search the room of the accused assassin.

Called as a defense witness, Adel said that after telling investigating officers he had nothing to hide, he consented to their request to search his brother's room.

He said he pointed out to them, however, that it was his mother's home, but that he preferred that they not contact her because she didn't know at the time of her son's involvement.

Mrs. Mary Sirhan, following her smartly dressed and well-groomed son to the witness stand, adamantly declared that she never gave anyone permission to search the defendant's room.

"I never was asked," she explained.

Mrs. Sirhan also said she did not give Adel permission to allow the search of Sirhan's room in the family home at 696 E. Howard St.

At Work in School

The woman said she was at work at a church-sponsored nursery school in Pasadena at the time of the 10:30 a.m. search and did not learn of her son's involvement in the case until sometime between noon and 1 p.m. that day—or about 12 hours after the shooting.

The slender defendant

again appeared to enjoy his stay in the courtroom, although at times he showed some nervousness. He smiled frequently and seemed particularly pleased as Parsons cross-examined two prosecution witnesses, both police officers.

During Adel Sirhan's testimony it was revealed that he may have been the one who supplied the positive identification that his brother was the one who shot Sen. Kennedy.

He said a younger brother, Munir, 21, had gone to work the morning of June 5 and saw a picture of Sirhan in the newspaper.

Munir immediately went home and woke up Adel, the witness said, and told him of the picture he had seen. The two of them then went to a newsstand and purchased a paper.

"The picture of the assassin was on the front page . . . it was him (referring to the defendant)," Adel said.

Adel told of going immediately to the Pasadena Police Department and arriving about 9:15 a.m. He said he told officers there that the person in the picture was his brother, Sirhan.

Adel's arrival at the Police Department followed by only one hour Sirhan's arraignment in court where he declined to reveal his identity.

At that time, he said his name was "John Doe."

Adel said he was interviewed by two Los Angeles police officers and an FBI

agent, told them that the assassination suspect was his brother and gave them permission to search Sirhan's room.

Muir testified that he did not give officers permission to search his brother's room.

Sgt. William E. Brandt, testifying as a prosecution witness, said he conducted the search only after obtaining Adel's consent.

He identified all the items taken. He said they later were booked as evidence and then turned over to the FBI.

Sgt. Brandt said the reason the search was made was to uncover any evidence of a possible conspiracy in the shooting of Sen. Kennedy.

"We were interested in evidence of a possible conspiracy and of any other persons who might be involved," he explained.

His partner in the investigation, Dante A. Lodolo, also testified that Adel gave his permission to search Sirhan's room.

As the court session began Tuesday, Compton stipulated that police did not have a search warrant and that at the time of the search Sirhan had not yet identified himself.

Meanwhile, Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger disclosed that he has petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court for a review of the June 7 court order restricting publicity in the case.

At the press conference, Compton said he hopes the highest court will act as quickly as possible on Younger's request.

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Sirhan Trial: Another Delay?

A New Delay For Sirhan?

Possibility of new pre-trial motions and perhaps even further delay in the Sirhan Bishara Sirhan murder trial has been raised by Sirhan's attorney, Russell Parsons.

In an interview with The Herald-Examiner, Parsons said that evidence turned over to the defense by the District Attorney's office under an order from Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker could provide the basis for new preliminary maneuvers in the case of the man accused as the slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

As to the delay, Parsons said he was concerned that the attorney who will join him in the case might not be ready when the case is scheduled to go to trial Dec. 9.

But the defense counsel indicated that he probably would not seek delay for any other reason.

Parsons pointed out that if he wished to do so he could delay the trial by appealing Judge Walker's order of Tuesday in which the jurist refused to suppress the evidence against Sirhan in diaries and notebooks taken from the accused's home at 696 E. Howard St., Pasadena, after Kennedy was fatally shot in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel.

Parsons had maintained that the evidence should be suppressed because the police had no search warrant when they entered the Sirhan home and seized the evidence.

Judge Walker refused to suppress, but said he would rule on the admissibility of the evidence at the time of the trial.

Parsons has the option of appealing Tuesday's ruling, but he said he would not do that, but instead argue the issue again during the trial.

Parsons declined under the new publicity ruling in the case, to speculate on what additional pre-trial motions he might have in mind.

He said he and his staff were spending many hundreds of hours studying the prosecution's case and that this study could lead to some future motions.

One place where it is known that prosecution and defense are in basic disagreement as to the validity of evidence is in the matter of six police statements taken from Sirhan following his arrest in the Ambassador kitchen and prior to his arraignment for Kennedy's shooting the morning of June 5.

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Sirhan News Curb Goes to High Court

WASHINGTON (AP)—Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger Thursday asked the Supreme Court to review a court order limiting news accounts about the case of Sirhan B. Sirhan, accused of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Younger's petition said the order by Superior Judge Richard Schauer restricting dissemination of information is an unconstitutional suppression of First Amendment rights. He said it should be reversed to prevent irresponsible rumors in the future that Sirhan was not justly tried.

Sirhan, 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant, faces trial Dec. 9 on a charge he murdered Kennedy.

Judge Schauer prohibited attorneys connected with the case and all public officials having information about it from releasing to the public any statement by Sirhan that does not come up at trial. The attorneys and officials were forbidden also to express publicly outside of court any opinion on evidence or to comment on prospective witnesses or probable testimony.

Younger contended the local court has gone too far in abridging free speech and free press rights as it sought to protect Sirhan's right to a trial free of undue publicity.

The district attorney said the order increases the danger of irresponsible attacks similar to those directed at the Warren Commission's investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"The only feasible way to meet this danger of false charges and rumors is to allow responsible public officials to indicate, on occasion, why certain witnesses have not been used, or how certain leads have proven false or irrelevant," Younger said.

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The face displaced by the camera eye the journey known in the gut of every fanatic which is to say American victim of the vengeance screen of television and the duplicity of Pop the awful paranoid seasons of the blood turned into zodiacs of selflaceration great deserts of fear in which one walks alone clutching the straws of gigantic hieroglyphic books the literature of the land of Naught and where the plots of gardens outside the skull are equalled by the furious plots permitted out of long desolation and realms of the distances of contempt to be daily fashioned within the mixed bag of desparations black white and tan

And a poet come from New York when I asked her what she thought was behind the ass ass I Nation said promptly a rightwing conspiracy and a thunder of falling Chings buddhist texts kabbalas blavatskys and lastditch siddharthas piled up in the imagination before the outstretched match for it would take me all of these and a couple of centuries as well to explain that cruelty peculiar to our moment that whichwaywhat of the currents of darkness that rightleft and middle that black white and tan all are integers of selfdefeat all are causes of an inner mumbling to oneself a grumbling against the daily predicament made into the revolution of free men utterly impotent because they wanted the power of their picture in the papers Kennedy and Sirhan Sirhan both in a land which everyday makes one feel alien free and easy in death

One saw finally his picture in the papers in a white-shirt he was surrounded by the sullenoid and defeated faces of the cops his whole countenance turned to the camera which began his infinite regression a paranoidal glee a gaiety almost as of someone cleared of a heavy burden but most of all the smile the smile of yes say it Cheese for the land whose

true story is written in the travesty and betrayal of moving pictures mama was always going to on boring days and nights until finally they chopped up the bars and installed television in the homes for such a land what higher goal for a young man then either to be president or the assassinator of a candidate what more exciting audience to witness one's execration Estranger imagine the whole world tuning in to your martyrdom your judgement your punishment Oh cruel land which shoots the veins full of the lies that Care lies here But yes it does But yes it does but dead

Yet his is the face the poor inner cheekbones of our psyche know for the gypsy look of the defeated the isolated potential and more than know for the act of one declared in this criminally ridden land to be a criminal act is the act deserving our deepest inner emotion who are taught early by the flickers to find solace for our in fact physical passivity in machines in war in murder except that with this act of a couple of months ago there was a difference

It was essential that the journey be made with McCarthy and Kennedy projecting an image of Two men giving the illusion of being somehow after all brothers in the Greek that is New Testamental sense of the word essential because they could spell one another coming together at this point fending each other at that giving I say the illusion of a fraternity necessary to accommodate the inner schizophrenia of both men and women in a land making split and infinite wars all over the planet back of which lay the racist nightmare for white America where a seemingly singleminded power not actually anything more than another image projection across the boards of our brainwashed theaterscreens offered up what is to most the frightening horrors of the Night we have never learned to live in

Sirhan Sirhan had become meanwhile Conged with conspiracy not very different from thousands even millions all over with fists raised either outwardly at demonstrations or inwardly in spacedout rooms all over the suburban complex of the halfassed affluence of the American technocratic war Conged I say with a moral righteousness gone berserk along the kanals of his inner dribblings Conged with regress and the feeling of feeling faint of vanishing into the thin and chokingly tightened air of the fascism of smog Conged left and right Conged into the fiction of the middle which grew fast and furious with vengeance salted by the electric news attacks on television the tall black headlines of the Los Angeles Times which for example the day after John F. Kennedy's death ran a headline saying ASSASSINATE KENNEDY more that is a command for the future than a report of the past so Conged also by an individual boredom that reaches out everywhere for the machine's inspiration to get plugged in to take one's place in this network of criminal voltage destined to security the whole earth or itself be electro shocked