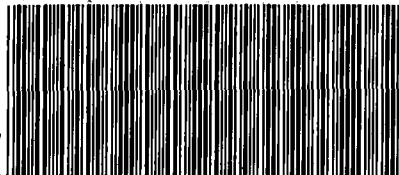


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Channels for Destructive Force

Latins Suspect Link to Cuban Plotters

By VIRGINIA PREWETT

In their shock and consternation over Sen. Robert Kennedy's assassination, many Latin Americans here insist on a conspiratorial theory about the murders of President Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King and now the late President's brother.

Sen. Kennedy was widely admired in Latin America, where his brother's mantle had descended on him. The late President, particularly because of his tragic death, left on that region the most profound impression of any American since Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The revelation that Sen. Kennedy's assassin is a Jordan-born Arab has only strengthened the conviction of many well-informed Latin Americans that poison brewed outside the U.S. is attacking U.S. stability.

CASTRO BLAMED

Many hemisphere liberals and far-leftists see U.S. reactionaries as activating the assassins, it is true. But many other liberals join centrists and conservatives in believing the wave of assassinations was incubated under Castro Cuba's banner.

For these, Lee Harvey Oswald's Fair Play for Cuba Committee activities provided strong circumstantial evidence. They also fastened on the U.S. Negro Columnist Carl Rowan's suggestion that Havana inspired Dr. Martin Luther King's murder.

Today they lean to the conviction that Sirhan Sirhan was encouraged, if not directly activated, by the incitements of the Castro-backed Solidarity Organization for Africa, Asia and Latin America, often called ALAPSO in English.

The ALAPSO, organized in Havana in 1966, equates U.S. backing of Israel with Washington's boycott of Castro. It violently attacked the U.S. during Israel's June 1967 war. It provides Castro with a shadow-organization thru which to cast a wing over U.S. Negro extremists who threaten violence, notably the Stokely Carmichael fragment and the Armed Revolutionary Movement (RAM).

A CHANNEL

The ALAPSO has been seriously studied in the Organization of American States. Observers there do not credit it with originating violence in the U.S. society, but warn it is a well-conceived instrument thru which to channel our tendency toward violence in directions most destructive to our institutions.

ALAPSO does not have a formal international conspiracy with disciplined cells, as we are accustomed to think of such organizations. A group in Havana uses well-established propaganda channels to depict the U.S. as a sinister, world-threatening power. ALAPSO reaches out to every loner, loser, alienated outcast or dispossessed person to get them to identify with their movement that claims to unite similar people into a vast majority thruout the world.

The U.S. loser or loner is spurred to gain identity with this purported force by picking his act of violence against the U.S., his time and his instrument. ALAPSO purveys instant, do-it-yourself "revolutionary" violence as "redemptive" to its perpetrator.

In our terms of reference, ALAPSO's call is, "Psychotics of the world, arise!"

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Indictment of Sirhan Will Be Sought Today

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—The law takes its first major steps today to bring to trial the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Dist. Atty. Evelle C. Younger said he would ask the Los Angeles County Grand Jury to return a first-degree murder indictment against Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian.

Younger said Sirhan, if indicted, would then be arraigned in person within 48 hours in Superior Court, make a plea at that time or shortly after, with trial expected to begin within 60 days from that time. Should the defense seek a change of venue, Younger said he would not oppose it.

The public defender's office is providing Sirhan legal advice.

The prisoner originally was held under \$250,000 bond, but that was revoked by Superior

Court Judge Joan Dempsey Klein after Kennedy's death yesterday. California law permits no bond in a murder case.

Younger said he planned an all-day session in the grand jury room of the Hall of Justice to present testimony of 17 witnesses and the results of the autopsy on Kennedy's body.

In addition to the murder indictment, Younger said he would ask five additional indictments in the wounding of five others who were in Kennedy's vicinity at 12:17 a.m. Wednesday morning at the Ambassador Hotel.

At that minute, with Kennedy joyous with the victory he had freshly scored in the California Democratic presidential prismashed into the brain of the mummy, a tiny pellet of lead 42-year-old New York senator.

First details of Sirhan's imprisonment were disclosed yesterday by Sheriff Peter Pitchess.

Sirhan's grey-colored three square yard cell is on the second floor of the jail in an isolated wing with limited access. An unarmed deputy is constantly in the cell with him.

Outside the steel door with a built-in lock, another guard peers at all times through an unbreakable glass porthole in the door.

"We can get to him fast if we have to," Pitchess said.

Flanking the corridor outside the cell, four other deputies remain alert. All the guards are picked men, Pitchess said.

Sirhan is in the medical section of the jail because he is under treatment for a broken index finger and a sprained ankle—injuries he suffered in his capture at the hotel. Sirhan has facial bruises as well from the arrest, Pitchess said.

Under Doctor's Care

Pitchess said Sirhan got a thorough medical examination when he was brought to county jail Wednesday morning after his Municipal Court arraignment on the original charges, attempted murder.

Sirhan is under the care of Dr. Marcus Crahan, jail medical director and also a psychiatrist.

Asked whether Sirhan underwent psychiatric examination, Pitchess said yes.

The accused man, he said, has behaved well and has not asked for any visits from his family. Pitchess repeated what other officers have repeatedly said, that Sirhan refuses to talk about the shooting.

Sirhan is "totally noncommittal to our personnel," the sheriff said.

"He says he is Christian, not a Moslem," said Pitchess.

Sirhan learned of Kennedy's death Pitchess said, when he asked for and received Wednesday and Thursday copies of the morning Los Angeles Times and the afternoon Herald Examiner.

Sirhan also received at his request two philosophical books—"The Secret Doctrine" by H. P. Blavatsky, and "Talks at the Feet of the Master" by C. W. Leadbetter.

But he has read very little of either book, the sheriff said.

(Sirhan has made a "couple of requests" for special food, including orange juice and tuna fish, Pitchess said. These were recommended by doctors to quiet an upset stomach, "perhaps suffered from shock."

The prisoner, wearing regulation jail dress of blue denim trousers and shirt, spends most of his day "reclining on the cell bed," but is allowed to exercise in the company of two deputies by walking up and down the corridor, the sheriff said.)

All security has been strengthened at the concrete jail, mostly because of Sirhan's presence, some of it due to mailed and telephoned bomb threats—"at least a dozen"—against the life of Pitchess and other department personnel.

"We are ignoring these," Pitchess said.

Within a mile or so of the jail, official activity was at fever

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pitch Four news conferences were held at different times by the sheriff, district attorney, county coroner and Mayor Samuel W. Yorty.

Yorty has aroused the ire of state and local legal authorities over his release of portions of Sirhan's notebook taken from his Pasadena apartment.

The officials expressed concern that the material might prejudice a fair trial. Yorty said Wednesday that Sirhan's notebook contained one entry about "the necessity to assassinate Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

That is the date of the first anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war decisively won by Israel.

Younger told reporters the assassination was a great tragedy and would be a "greater tragedy

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... if successful prosecution of the person responsible for the terrible crime were jeopardized by statements prior to the trial commenting on evidentiary matters."

California Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch, saying he was concerned "over giving our information that might prejudice a fair trial," said that U.S. Supreme Court and California Supreme Court decisions severely limit what public officials can say.

Yorty told reporters he had "exercised my judgment" in the matter, pointed out that he was a lawyer, and said the trial would not be affected because the public had seen so much more on television.

All-Points Bulletin

Police said yesterday afternoon they had issued an all-points bulletin for a white woman between 23 and 27 years old

who reportedly was seen with Sirhan prior to the shooting. She was wearing a white dress with black polka dots. She was not named.

Inspector Peter Hagan added later, however, that the bulletin was only an informational one following a report from a young Kennedy campaign worker and was not for the purpose of arrest.

"We are not going out and trying to pick up anyone or arrest anyone," Hagan said. "We are merely asking for anyone to come to us with information regarding the girl in the polka dot dress."

The woman was referred to by a 20-year-old Youth for Kennedy worker, Sandy Seranno, who said she saw her running from the assassination scene shouting "we shot" Kennedy.

Other witnesses, Hagan said, have told police they saw a woman in a polka dot dress in the area, but he added "there could have been 20 women in polka dot dresses."

Although the gears have been meshed in an attempt to bring the accused man to a death sentence, his fate — in the event of a guilty verdict and death sentence — would be as undecided as that of 75 other death row inmates at San Quentin Prison.

A virtual moratorium on executions has been in effect since the death sentence was challenged as unconstitutional. The California Supreme Court is expected to rule soon on two appeals on this basis, which promoted a stay of all executions.

California's last gas chamber execution was April 12, 1967, when Aaron Mitchell was put to death — the first man to die there in four years.



—United Press International

~~Bishara Sirhan~~—father of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, charged with the shooting of Sen.

Robert F. Kennedy—talks with reporters at Teibeh, in Israeli-occupied Jordan, yesterday.

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IN OPENING THE PROCEEDINGS, ALACORN INTONED:

"DEPARTMENT 100 OF SUPERIOR COURT IS NOW IN SESSION. THE RECORD WILL SHOW THAT DEPARTMENT 100 OF SUPERIOR COURT IS SITTING AT THIS TIME IN TEMPORARY COURTROOM PROVIDED BY THE SHERIFF BECAUSE THE DEFENDANT'S PRESENT PHYSICAL CONDITION AND TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY THAT ANY INCIDENT MIGHT OCCUR THAT WOULD DENY THE DEFENDANT THE RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL.

WHEN SIRHAN WAS ASKED BY THE JURIST IF THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE AGREEABLE TO HIM, HE REPLIED IN A FIRM VOICE, "YES, SIR."

THE PSYCHIATRISTS NAMED BY ALACORN WERE DRs. ERIC MARCUS AND EDWARD STEINBOOK. THE JURIST EMPHASIZED THE APPOINTMENT COULD NOT BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN THE COURT HAD ANY CONTENTION AS TO SIRHAN'S SANITY AND WAS ACTING ONLY AT THE REQUEST OF THE DEFENSE.

AS SIRHAN LEFT THE CHAPEL TO RETURN TO THE HOSPITAL SECTION OF THE JAIL IN ANOTHER WING ON THE SECOND FLOOR, THE JUDGE ORDERED EVERYONE TO REMAIN IN THE PEWS.

"MEN WERE NOT AS THOROUGHLY SEARCHED AS WOMEN," REPORTED UPI STAFFER JOAN SWEENEY.

"A MATRON LOOKED THROUGH MY HAIR, MOUTH AND AT THE SOLES OF MY FEET. SHE ALLOWED ME ONLY A NOTEBOOK AND PEN--WHICH SHE LOOKED AT VERY CAREFULLY--AND TOOK MY PURSE AWAY.

"THE ROUTE TO THE COURTROOM WAS LINED WITH DEPUTIES AND AT LEAST 18 WERE STATIONED AROUND THE CHAPEL WALLS."

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IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN ANOTHER HECTIC DAY FOR LOS ANGELES
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--POLICE DISCLOSED SIRHAN'S SHABBY, OLD-MODEL CAR WAS LOCATED NEAR
 THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL, SCENE OF THE ASSASSINATION. THE VEHICLE
 WAS CHECKED FOR FINGERPRINTS AND IMPOUNDED.

--HUNDREDS OF "TIPS" THAT OTHERS WERE INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTING WERE
 RECEIVED AND CHECKED. POLICE DISCOUNTED ALL THEORIES ON A POSSIBLE
 CONSPIRACY.

--A KENNEDY CAMPAIGN WORKER SURRENDERED AS THE MYSTERY WOMAN IN THE
 POLKA DOT DRESS SEEN FLEEING FROM THE HOTEL SCREAMING, "WE SHOT HIM."
 SHE WAS RELEASED AFTER CONVINCING OFFICERS IT WAS ALL A MISUNDERSTANDING.

SHE WAS KATHY FULMER, 19, A LOS ANGELES BRUNETTE WHO SAID SHE
 WAS WEARING A GREEN SUIT WITH A POLKA DOT SCARF AT THE KENNEDY VICTORY
 CELEBRATION. AFTER WITNESSING THE SHOOTING, SHE SAID, SHE RAN FROM
 THE HOTEL YELLING, "HE'S BEEN SHOT."

ANOTHER CAMPAIGN WORKER TRIGGERED THE NATIONWIDE ALERT BY REPORTING
 SHE SAW A WOMAN IN A POLKA DOT DRESS RACE FROM THE HOTEL SCREAMING, "WE
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3RD ADD 2ND NIGHT LD SIRHAN LOS ANGELES 282A XXX EXPRESSION.

WHEN SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ARTHUR L. ALARCON READ HIS NAME,
 SIRHAN CORRECTED THE PRONOUNCIATION. ALARCON CALLED HIM "SIR-HAHN"
 AND THE DEFENDANT SAID HE WAS "SIR-HAN."

WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD MONEY FOR COUNSEL, SIRHAN REPLIED, "NO SIR."

THE LENGTHY INDICTMENT WAS READ COUNT BY COUNT BY DEPUTY DIST.
 ATTY. JOHN HOWARD AND THE JURIST APPOINTED TWO PSYCHIATRISTS TO
 EXAMINE SIRHAN AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

WHEN A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
 SAID SIRHAN WANTED TO BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL OTHER THAN THE PUBLIC
 DEFENDER THE JUDGE SAID THIS WAS NOT THE PROPER TIME TO CONSIDER THE
 REQUEST.

ALARCON PRESIDED FROM THE MARBLE-TOPPED ALTAR FLANKED BY A UNITED
 STATES FLAG ON THE LEFT AND A CALIFORNIA FLAG ON THE RIGHT. TWO
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 WITH KENNEDY

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, INDICTED BY A GRAND JURY FRIDAY FOR THE MURDER OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, RECEIVED A \$2,000 SETTLEMENT FOUR MONTHS AGO FOR HEAD INJURIES SUFFERED WHEN HE FELL OFF A HORSE.

ATTORNEY JOHN F. MCLAUGHLIN, WHO REPRESENTED ARGONAUT INSURANCE CO. IN THE CASE HEARD BY THE STATE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD, DESCRIBED SIRHAN AS "SURLY," AND SAID HE HAD ARGUED THAT THE SETTLEMENT WAS TOO SMALL.

"WHEN I FIRST SAW PICTURES OF THE ASSASSIN, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM," MCLAUGHLIN SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH UPI. "I THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY BAD PICTURE OF HIM, BUT LATER I DID RECOGNIZE HIM."

"AS I RECALL, MY IMPRESSION OF THE MAN WAS THAT HE WAS SOMEWHAT SURLY, BUT DEFINITELY SANE. HERE WAS A MAN COMPLAINING OF HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH HIS EYESIGHT AS A RESULT OF A FALL FROM A HORSE, BUT HIS MEDICAL REPORTS AND THOSE OF OUR OWN DOCTORS INDICATED HE HAD 20-15 VISION."

SIRHAN WAS WORKING AS AN EXERCISE BOY AT THE GRANJA VISTA DEL RIO RANCH NEAR CORONA, CALIF., OWNED BY BERT ALTFILLISCH WHEN THE FALL OCCURRED SEPT. 25, 1966, ACCORDING TO RECORDS OF THE STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS COMMISSION.

HE WAS TAKEN TO CORONA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WHERE DR. RICHARD NELSON REPORTED HE HAD A CUT ON THE CHIN, BRUISES AND ABRASIONS AND "WAS JUST GENERALLY BANGED UP." NELSON SAID SIRHAN COMPLAINED OF HURTING ALL OVER AND PARTICULARLY IN HIS STOMACH, BUT SAID NOTHING ABOUT A HEAD INJURY.

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SIRHAN WAS HOSPITALIZED OVERNIGHT FOR OBSERVATION AND RELEASED, BUT CONTINUED TO SEEK TREATMENT FOR AN ELLEGED EYE INJURY.

DR. MILTON MILLER, A CORONA OPHTHALMOLOGIST WHO EXAMINED SIRHAN IN HIS OFFICE ON NOV. 8 AND DEC. 20, 1966, SAID THE JORDANIAN IMMIGRANT COMPLAINED OF PAIN AND BLURRED VISION, BUT SAID HIS EXAMINATION SHOWED "VISUAL ACUITY WAS NORMAL IN BOTH EYES AND THE EYES LOOKED HEALTHY."

MILLER SAID WHEN HE REFUSED TO WRITE A LETTER VERIFYING AN EYE DISABILITY, SIRHAN TELEPHONED HIM AND THREATENED THE DOCTOR HAD "BETTER DO WHAT HE TOLD ME TO OR HE WAS 'GONNA GIT' ME, OR I 'WOULD BE SORRY' OR SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT."

SIRHAN SUBSEQUENTLY FILED A DISABILITY COMPLAINT FOR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ON JULY 10, 1967 AND HEARINGS WERE HELD OCT. 2, 1967, AND FEB. 7, 1968.

MCLAUGHLIN SAID SIRHAN'S PHYSICIAN, DR. MAURICE NUGENT, AND THE SPECIALIST RETAINED BY THE INSURANCE FIRM, DR. ALBERT TASHMA, "BOTH CONCLUDED IN THEIR REPORTS THAT SIRHAN HAD 20-15 VISION. HOWEVER THE NEUROSURGEON, DR. FORREST JOHNSON, INDICATED THERE WAS NO WAY TO TELL IF A MAN'S COMPLAINTS OF HEAD INJURIES WERE BONAFIDE. HE SAID A DOCTOR REALLY CAN'T DISCOUNT A MAN'S COMPLAINTS OF HEADACHE, SO WE SETTLED THE CLAIM FOR \$2,000."

"I GOT THE IMPRESSION SIRHAN WAS EXAGGERATING HIS COMPLAINTS," ADDED MCLAUGHLIN, A FORMER FBI AGENT. "AFTER HIS ATTORNEY AND MYSELF HAD AGREED ON A FIGURE, THE REFEREE ASKED SIRHAN IF HE WAS SATISFIED AND HE STARTED TO ARGUE. WHEN THE REFEREE TOLD HIM HE THOUGHT IT WAS A FAIR AMOUNT, SIRHAN SAID NOTHING FURTHER."

MRS. ANNE TOOMER, THE ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTED SIRHAN AT THE HEARINGS, SAID SIRHAN "WAS JUST LIKE ANYBODY ELSE. MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT HE WAS A NORMAL INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT CASE."

MRS. TOOMER SAID SIRHAN HAD BEEN REFERRED TO HER BY ANOTHER ATTORNEY AND THAT SHE HAD HAD NO DEALINGS WITH HIM BEYOND THE ACCIDENT CLAIM CASE. SHE SAID SHE HAD NOT BEEN CONTACTED IN CONNECTION WITH DEFENDING HIM ON THE MURDER CHARGE.

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Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

Loss of Kennedy Leaves Blacks Wondering Where to Go in Politics

LOS ANGELES — They left California in ones and twos, the skilled political men whom Senator Robert F. Kennedy brought together in his quest for the Presidency—silently, without visible tears.

The blacks remained, knots of them huddled together in front of the Good Samaritan Hospital. They waited patiently and hopefully and their presence was the symbol of a special relationship between Bobby Kennedy and the American Negro.

For no politician of either party had so much captured and earned the loyalty and affection of the Nation's blacks.

The Negroes waited for the few, spare life-and-death words about Kennedy's condition, patient in the cold aftermath of tragedy. It was black friends of Kennedy's who captured the gunman—Roosevelt Grier and Rafer Johnson, two among many who used Kennedy's Hickory Hill home in McLean, Va., as their Washington base and who campaigned for Kennedy in the District of Columbia and in California.

ALTHOUGH THE VOTE in the primary here has been all but forgotten, it is worth examining how important the blacks were as a major component in the margin of Kennedy's victory. The average voter turnout in Los Angeles County was 72 per cent on Tuesday, but the turnout in Negro precincts was far higher—83 per cent here, 85 per cent there, and one precinct 90 per cent of the total registered Democratic vote. They voted Kennedy in staggering proportions despite sensational newspaper stories, carried over local radio stations, that Kennedy had ordered the FBI to tap the late Dr. Martin Luther King's telephone in 1963.

In the Negro ghetto of Watts last week, at a rally for Senator Eugene McCarthy, a young Negro laughed off the charge: "If Kennedy did anything to Dr. King, Dr. King would have told us himself."

The point is not the relevance of the charge. The point is the depth of the commitment that the Negroes had to Kennedy, and what the future may hold, in a Nation grown accustomed to violence.

CHARLES EVERS, the Mississippi Negro leader and the brother of the assassinated Medgar Evers, came here last Saturday to put in three days of campaigning for Kennedy. At the tail end of his Saturday schedule Evers discovered he would be riding in the same car with a powerful California politician working for Kennedy. Evers pointedly refused. He had come here only for Kennedy, he said, and the politician was invited out.

For obvious reasons, Kennedy's opponents in the California primary tried hard to break the link between Kennedy and the blacks. They found in the Fillmore Street ghetto of San Francisco that their literature was simply unacceptable. They could not get it into black homes. They hit upon an ingenious scheme. They bought thousands of plastic phonograph records of Dr. King's speech to the California Democratic Council last March, praising Senator McCarthy for having challenged President Johnson. With that as bait, wrapped inside the usual political pamphlets, they reached into 2000 Negro homes in a single evening last weekend. As the vote turned out, it was a futile gesture.

IT WOULD BE EASY, but quite wrong, to judge this unique relationship between

Kennedy and the American Negro as nothing more than the quintessence of pragmatic politics. And it would be more wrong to underestimate the impact of Kennedy's tragedy on the American Negro.

Because even when full allowance is made for the obvious political advantage to Kennedy in harvesting millions of Negro votes, the union rested on something more substantial, a unique relationship that, as of this very day, is quite irreplaceable.

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RFK's Brain Damage Was Past Repair

By Thomas O'Toole
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, June 6—

An autopsy of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's body today revealed that his brain was damaged beyond repair by a single shot from his assassin's .22 caliber pistol.

"The injury was so severe," said Los Angeles County coroner Thomas T. Noguchi, "that survival was impossible."

Dr. Noguchi drew that conclusion after he, two deputy medical examiners and three pathologists from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington performed a six-hour autopsy on Senator Kennedy that did not end until 12:15 p.m. EDT.

The autopsy took place at Good Samaritan Hospital, where Senator Kennedy died at 4:44 (EDT) this morning without once coming out of a deep coma.

It was a miracle that Senator Kennedy lived as long as he did, doctors implied, and a tragic stroke of bad luck that he was shot the way he was.

Point-Blank Range

If the assassin's small caliber revolver had not been fired at point blank range and if the bullet had not struck Kennedy just behind the right ear where the mastoid bone lies, the New York Senator might still be alive, doctors said.

But the .22 caliber bullet hit the mastoid with such close-up force that it scattered pieces of both bone and bullet deeply and widely into the brain.

The bullet also struck the top part of the petrous ("stone") bone that is just behind the mastoid and is known as the hardest bone in the body. Broken pieces of this bone then penetrated the brain as "secondary missiles," doctors said, and might have caused almost as much damage as the bullet itself.

Dr. Noguchi said that both X-ray and physical inspection of the brain revealed "quite a few fragments of bullet and bone" scattered throughout Sen. Kennedy's head.

The bullet and bone bits damaged the right halves of his cerebellum and cerebrum, the upper parts of the brain that control muscle movement, thinking, memory and judgment.

Arteries Severed

Bullet fragments also severed several arteries in the brain, including the superior cerebellar artery, a large and vital artery that supplies blood to some of the main parts of the brain.

The tearing of this artery cut off blood and oxygen to the cerebellum, which had already been damaged by pieces of bone and bullet.

It also served to damage Sen. Kennedy's brain stem, which is located in the center of the brain and which relies on the cerebellar artery for its nourishment.

The brain stem, which controls breathing and heart functions, was harmed in a second way when the largest fragment of the bullet lodged just centimeters away from it.

Two Bullets

This caused a swelling of the brain tissue against the stem, forcing it down on a tough membrane that divides the upper and lower halves of the skull.

Dr. Noguchi said the surgeons found that only two

bullets had struck the Senator. The second bullet was found just beneath the skin in the back of his neck. It had apparently entered, behind the right armbit, penetrated soft tissue and muscle but did no damage to any bones or vital life processes.

The bullet that did all the damage was described as entering from left to right through the right mastoid, whence it changed direction and moved upward and forward in the brain.

Damage to the brain was so severe, doctors said, that had Sen. Kennedy lived it would probably have been on his back, breathing with the aid of a respirator, being fed by tubes and without awareness of where he was or who he was.

He probably would not have been able to recognize anybody and most likely could not even speak.

Today's autopsy report ascribed the death to a "gun-shot wound of the right mastoid penetrating the brain."

Dr. Noguchi said a final report would not be issued for several weeks, during which time microscopic portions of Sen. Kennedy's brain and vital organs would be exhaustively examined by pathologists from several institutions.

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Yorty Claims Red Groups Inflamed Assassin

By William Chapman
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, June 6—Mayor Samuel W. Yorty, disregarding legal advice to cease talking publicly about the case, claimed today that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's assassin had been a Communist sympathizer and was inflamed by Communist and pro-Arab agitation.

"Evil Communist organizations played a part in inflaming the assassination of Kennedy," Yorty declared in a press conference.

His public statements today and yesterday provoked rising controversy and fears that his comments would damage the case against the 24-year-old suspect, Sirhan B. Sirhan.

California Attorney General Thomas Lynch cautioned Yorty to limit the information he divulges. He also praised the Los Angeles Police Department for its discretion in discussing the suspect.

Lynch warned that Yorty's comments could result in certain evidence being ruled inadmissible at Sirhan's trial.

Yorty acknowledged Lynch had criticized him during a telephone conversation, but added: "I told him that I'm in a situation where I have to make a judgment about the public's right to know."

Yorty stirred the controversy yesterday by disclosing some contents of two notebooks found by police in Sirhan's home. According to Yorty, one notation said that "Kennedy must be assassinated before June 5, 1968"—the first anniversary of the Arab-Israeli war.

Police and other law officials were visibly disturbed today at Yorty's comments,

fearing they would raise a difficult and unnecessary legal hurdle in what seemed to them an open-and-shut case. Sirhan, a native of Jordan, came to this country 11 years ago but never has applied for U.S. citizenship. He has been described by friends as bitterly opposed to the State of Israel, and was said to be critical of Mr. Kennedy's support of Israel's case against the Arab countries.

Yorty got Sirhan's notebooks from officers at the Rampart Police Station Wednesday before Police Chief Thomas Reddin had seen them. Reddin, who declined to appear with the Mayor at the press conference this morning, has said the release of such information could be prejudicial and could damage the case against Sirhan.

In another development, police put out a bulletin seeking information on a woman in a white polka dot dress who, according to a witness, left the scene of Wednesday's shooting shouting, "We shot him!"

One of Mr. Kennedy's campaign workers, Sandy Serrano, 20, said she heard the cry and asked who had been shot. "We shot Kennedy," she said the woman called back.

(Some other eyewitnesses at the hotel told of seeing the suspect with a girl in a white dress earlier in the evening, the Los Angeles Times reported. Some said there was a third person, a dark young man, with them.

(A spokesman at police headquarters stressed, however, that "we don't think it was a conspiracy at this time."

"I would calculate there must have been 20 women there with polka dot dresses," he said. But, he added "we are

not going to throw anything into the wastebasket.")

After Yorty continued divulging information on the suspect, a police official declined to comment, saying, "We've got to save something—at least something—for the jury."

The national legal profession has displayed mounting concern over the pre-trial release of information on a criminal suspect, and Los Angeles police have been careful to limit their comments to a few bare facts on Sirhan.

The American Bar Association's new rules now warn prosecutors to release only such essential information as a suspect's name, the charges against him, and limited amount of identification material. Reddin generally has followed that rule.

The most celebrated case involving pretrial publicity was when the Supreme Court ordered a retrial for Dr. Samuel Sheppard, the Cleveland physician convicted of murdering his wife. The publicity in Cleveland newspapers prejudiced the Sheppard jury, the Court held. Sheppard was acquitted in his retrial.

Attorney General Lynch cited a California case today in which the State Supreme Court warned that prosecutors "should avoid the danger of prejudicing jurors and prospective jurors by giving material to news-disseminating agencies which may be inflammatory or may improperly prejudice the defendant's rights."

Under questioning at his press conference, Yorty

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claimed the notebooks showed that Sirhan was a "Communist sympathizer." But the Mayor acknowledged he had no proof the suspect had been affiliated with any sort of subversive organization.

Al Wirin, chief counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, said today that Sirhan has denied affiliation with any Communist-oriented organizations. Wirin has interviewed him twice in the Los Angeles County jail while offering him legal aid.

Police said Sirhan has not been traced to any subversive organization.

Yorty also revived a prominent local rumor in saying that Sirhan's car once was spotted parked near a building where the local W.E.B. DuBois Club was holding a meeting. The DuBois clubs have been cited as subversive by the U.S. Attorney General's office.

Yesterday, Chief Reddin said that a car to which Sirhan once "had access" was spotted near the building on a night when the club was meeting.

Yorty, under questioning by reporters, agreed that it is not known whether the car was Sirhan's. The Mayor had no evidence that the suspect was using the car that night or whether he was in the building. "We have no evidence placing him at the meeting," Yorty said.

Yorty contended that the notebooks contained writings showing that Sirhan was sympathetic to communism, "whether Russian or Chinese."

Asked how he thought Sirhan could have been "influenced" by both Arab nation-

alism and communism, Yorty replied, "Both the Communists and Arabs are anti-Israel." He also cited reports of Union.

With the exception of Yorty's remarks, civil libertarians here have been generally complimentary of the police work in Sirhan's case. He was carefully advised of his legal rights and was permitted to be interviewed by the ACLU although he had said he did not want a lawyer, ACLU attorneys said today.

However, the ACLU has raised a question about the procedure used by police in searching the Pasadena home where Sirhan lived with his mother and two brothers. No search warrant was obtained, the ACLU maintained.

Police officials said no warrant is needed if someone in the family gave permission for the search and said permission had been received from the suspect's brother, Abel.

Reddin has said yesterday that a warrant would be obtained in this extraordinary case, regardless of whether permission was obtained in advance.

Sirhan remained in the Los Angeles County jail today. He has been scheduled to appear at a pre-trial hearing Monday morning.

However, the County grand jury has agreed to hear evidence in the case Friday morning. District Attorney Evelle J. Younger said he will seek a murder indictment. He will call 17 witnesses and present "every bit of evidence on the autopsy," he said.

The suspect is being held under \$250,000 bond and is being represented by a County public defender, Richard Buckley. The ACLU was making arrangements to retain a private attorney. The ACLU also arranged police protection for Sirhan's family.

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Others Shot In Los Angeles Improving A-6

LOS ANGELES (AP)—One of the five bystanders wounded when Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was cut down by an assassin's bullet was released from a hospital yesterday and the others were reported in improved condition.

Ira Goldstein of nearby Encino was released from Encino Hospital where he had been treated for a bullet wound in the hip suffered in the shooting Wednesday morning.

Paul Schrade, 30, of Los Angeles, Western director of the United Auto Workers Union, continued to show improvement at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital intensive care unit. Dr. Kaspar Fuchs, a neurosurgeon who removed bullet fragments from Schrade's skull, said he was "conscious and coherent" and in good condition.

Also being treated at Kaiser was William Weisel, 30, of Washington, D.C., an American Broadcasting Co. newsman wounded in the left side near the abdomen. He was reported resting in satisfactory condition.

The other two wounded, Irwin Stroll, 17, of Los Angeles and Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, 43, of nearby Saugus, were reported in good condition.

Stroll was treated at Midway Hospital for a leg wound and Mrs. Evans had a bullet removed from her scalp at Huntington Memorial Hospital.

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LOS ANGELES (UPI)--TWENTY-TWO WITNESSES, RANGING FROM A BUS BOY TO A FORMER DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN, RECONSTRUCTED THE SHOOTING OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY FOR A GRAND JURY FRIDAY.

THE WITNESSES, AND THEIR REPORTED CONNECTION WITH THE CASE, WERE:

1. PAUL ZIFFREN, FORMER DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN FROM CALIFORNIA. HE WAS CALLED TO IDENTIFY KENNEDY AS THE MAN WHO WAS KILLED.
2. DR. HENRY CUNEO, A NEURO SURGEON WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BRAIN OPERATION ATTEMPTING TO SAVE KENNEDY'S LIFE.
3. DR. THOMAS T. NOGUCHI, CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, COUNTY CORONER AND A PATHOLOGIST WHO DIRECTED THE AUTOPSY PERFORMED ON KENNEDY'S BODY.
4. SGT. ALBERT J. LAVALLE, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT CARTOGRAPHER WHO MADE DRAWINGS OF THE MURDER SCENE.
5. IRWIN STROLL, 17, WOUNDED IN THE GUNFIRE AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL WHERE KENNEDY WAS KILLED.
6. TRAVIS R. WHITE, ONE OF THE TWO POLICE OFFICERS WHO TOOK SIRHAN INTO CUSTODY.
7. JESUS PEREZ, HOTEL DISHWASHER WHO WAS SHAKING HANDS WITH KENNEDY WHEN HE WAS SHOT.
8. VINCENT DI PIERRO, HOTEL BANQUET EMPLOYEE WHO REPORTEDLY HELPED SUBDUE SIRHAN.
9. IRA GOLDSTEIN, A BROADCASTING COMPANY EMPLOYEE WHO WAS WOUNDED BY ONE OF THE BULLETS.

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10. ARTHUR PLACENCIA, THE SECOND POLICE OFFICER WHO TOOK SIRHAN INTO CUSTODY.

11. KARL UECKER, ASSISTANT BANQUET MANAGER AT THE HOTEL. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY HELPED DETAIN SIRHAN.

12. EDDIE MINASISAN, ANOTHER HOTEL EMPLOYE WHO REPORTEDLY AIDED IN SUBDUING SIRHAN.

13. HAROLD BURBA, A LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR WHO TOOK A PHOTOGRAPH OF SIRHAN STRUGGLING WITH TWO MEN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOOTING.

14. HENRY CARREON, REPORTED TO HAVE SEEN SIRHAN AT A SAN GABRIEL TARGET SHOOTING RANGE HOURS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION, AND TO HAVE BRIEFLY TALKED TO HIM ABOUT HIS RAPID FIRING OF A .22 CALIBER, NINE-SHOT PISTOL.

15. DR. V. FAUSTIN BAZILASKAS, A DOCTOR WHO TREATED THE WOUNDED AT CENTRAL RECEIVING HOSPITAL.

16. ROBERT HULSMAN, AN AMBULANCE DRIVER FOR CENTRAL RECEIVING HOSPITAL.

17. MAX BEHRMAN, HULSMAN'S ASSISTANT.

18. JERROLD HEMMINGWAY, DRIVE FOR A PRIVATE AMBULANCE COMPANY.

19. DONALD RUS, A CENTRAL RECEIVING HOSPITAL AMBULANCE DRIVER.

20. LT. CHARLES HUGHES, COMMANDER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RAMPART DIVISION DETECTIVE SQUAD.

21. LT. AL HEGGE, A DETECTIVE FROM THE RAMPART DIVISION.

22. DE WAYNE WOLFER, POLICE BALLISTICS EXPERT.

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REPORTERS EAGERLY VIEWED THE PRISONER WHO STUDIED THEM IN RETURN.

THE COURT ANNOUNCED THAT A WIDE-SWEEPING ORDER WAS BEING ISSUED TO PREVENT ALL ATTORNEYS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, POLICE OFFICERS, GRAND JURORS AND WITNESSES FROM DISCUSSING EVIDENCE OR DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE CASE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wood's account, coupled with a police search for a Caucasian woman seen running from the shooting scene, and testimony of another man who saw a woman and man flee the pantry hall where the shooting occurred, appears to draw a picture of conspiracy.

Police are guarded in their comments of such a possibility.

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

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

"We shot him, we shot him."

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

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

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

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

Griffin said his cries went unheeded because of the confusion. He said before he could get anyone to listen, he was pushed backward by Kennedy aides who were clearing the immediate area of the shooting.

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

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

But police did broadcast an

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

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

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

directly criticized Mayor Yorty for revealing contents of a loose leaf journal kept by Sirhan. It espoused Jordanian causes, Communist sympathy and anti-capitalist tracts. It also expressed a need to "get rid of" Sen. Kennedy, Yorty said.

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

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BY ELIAV SIMON

TEIBEN, ISRAELI-OCCUPIED JORDAN (UPI)--THE FATHER OF ACCUSED ASSASSIN SIRHAN SIRHAN SAID FRIDAY SOMEONE "MUST HAVE PROMPTED" HIS SON IF HE DID KILL SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY. THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) ASKED ISRAEL FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SIRHAN'S CHILDHOOD, INFORMED SOURCES SAID.

BISHARA SIRHAN, 52, SAID HIS SON, WHO HAS BEEN INDICTED IN THE SLAYING OF KENNEDY IN LOS ANGELES, HAD "BEEN TENDER IN CHARACTER AND ALWAYS SHOWED AN INCLINATION TO BOOKS RATHER THAN TO GAMES" IN HIS YOUTH.

THE ARAB ELDERS OF THIS SMALL VILLAGE PAINTED ANOTHER PICTURE OF THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN AS A BOY WHO GREW UP IN A POOR FAMILY THAT LIVED ON CHURCH CHARITY AND WHO "WAS ALWAYS KEPT IN CLOSE LINE BY THE FATHER."

ONE ASSESSMENT MADE BY THE VILLAGE'S SHERIFF AND WITH WHICH THE ELDERS AGREED WAS: "THIS YOUNG MAN WOULD NOT AND COULD NOT HAVE DONE WHAT YOU SAY HE DID WITHOUT EVIL INFLUENCE OR BIG MONEY."

"SOMEBODY MUST HAVE BEEN BEHIND IT ALL--SOMEONE MUST HAVE PROMPTED HIM TO DO IT IF HE DID," THE FATHER SAID, IN AN INTERVIEW. "THIS IS SOMETHING I HAVE YET TO UNDERSTAND."

"I AM NO PSYCHOLOGIST NOR DO I ENGAGE IN POLITICS," THE FATHER SAID. "I AM HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY FROM THEM--WHAT CAN I TELL YOU?"

"NOT ALL MY CHILDREN ARE WHAT I WOULD HAVE PRAYED FOR BUT THIS ONE HAD BEEN TENDER IN CHARACTER AND ALWAYS SHOWED AN INCLINATION TO BOOKS RATHER THAN GAMES," THE FATHER SAID. "WE NEVER HAD NOR COULD WE AFFORD ANY OF THESE STRANGE TOYS (GUNS)."

"WITH THIS PARTICULAR SON IT WAS MORE BOOKS THAN REALLY WERE NECESSARY AND HE WAS A SENSITIVE CHRISTIAN," THE FATHER ADDED.

THE FATHER SAID HE HAS MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO SEE THE FAMILY HE LEFT IN THE UNITED STATES AND SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE HE MIGHT VISIT AMERICA AGAIN. HE NOW LIVES ON A SMALL RETIREMENT PENSION AND WORKS PART TIME AS A FARM LABORER.

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ADD 2 GIRL, LOS ANGELES

MISS FULMER TOLD NEWSMEN SHE WAS STANDING CLOSE TO SIRHAN SHORTLY BEFORE THE FATAL SHOTS WERE FIRED. SHE SAID SHE "WAS ONE ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE TO KNOW SEN. KENNEDY WAS SHOT."

SHE SAID SHE CONTACTED THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE "BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE POLICE STATION."

DEPUTIES SAID MISS FULMER CALLED CAPT. LISLE FIELDS OF THE SHERIFF'S INFORMATION BUREAU AND IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS "SUNDAY ROSSI, 19." THEY SAID THE GIRL TOLD CAPT. FIELDS SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS WANTED IN THE SHOOTING AND WAS IN NEARBY CHINATOWN.

TWO MEN PICKED THE GIRL UP AND TOOK HER TO THE HALL OF JUSTICE WHERE SHE WAS INTERVIEWED AND TAKEN TO PITCHESS' OFFICE.

AFTER SHE HAD TALKED WITH NEWSMEN FOR A FEW MOMENTS, THE SHERIFF ADVISED HER TO MAKE NO FURTHER STATEMENTS. SHE TOLD NEWSMEN SHE HAD RECENTLY MOVED TO LOS ANGELES AND COULD NOT REMEMBER HER EXACT ADDRESS.

PITCHESS SAID, "WE BELIEVE SHE FITS THE DESCRIPTION AND MAY VERY WELL BE THE WOMAN IN THE POLKA DOT DRESS," BUT ADDED THIS DID NOT MEAN THE SEARCH WAS OVER.

A POLICE OFFICER HAD ESTIMATED THERE WERE AS MANY AS 20 WOMEN WEARING POLKA DOT DRESSES PRESENT AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL RALLY.

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ADD 1 GIRL, LOS ANGELES (UPI-169)

MISS SERRANO SAID SHE ASKED THE WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN SHOT, AND THE GIRL REPLIED "WE SHOT SEN. KENNEDY."

POLICE ISSUED AN ALL-POINTS BULLETIN FOR THE MYSTERY WOMAN WEDNESDAY BUT DID NOT DISCLOSE THE INFORMATION UNTIL THURSDAY.

SHERIFF PETER PITCHESS SAID THE GIRL, WHO HE DESCRIBED AS AN ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE DENIED KNOWING THE SUSPECTED ASSASSIN, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. SHE SAID SHE WITNESSED THE FATAL SHOOTING AND RAN FROM THE HOTEL SHOUTING, "HE'S BEEN SHOT."

SHE DENIED THAT SHE SAID, "WE SHOT HIM."

PITCHESS SAID MISS FULMER TOLD DEPUTIES SHE RAN BECAUSE SHE WAS SCARED. SHE CLAIMED SHE WAS A KENNEDY CAMPAIGN WORKER AND WAS WEARING A GREEN SUIT AND A POLKA DOT SCARF AT THE VICTORY CELEBRATION TUESDAY NIGHT.

SHE TOLD DEPUTIES SHE DECIDED TO TURN HERSELF IN WHEN SHE SAW A TELEVISION PROGRAM ON WHICH A MAN REPORTED HE HAD SEEN A WOMAN AND A NEGRO MAN LEAVE THE HOTEL. SHE SAID SHE BELIEVED SHE WAS THE WOMAN DESCRIBED.

MISS FULMER SAID SHE LEFT THE HOTEL IN THE COMPANY OF A TALL YOUTH NAMED DENNIS.

MISS FULMER WAS WEARING A BRIGHT PINK SHIFT AND A BLONDE WIG WHEN SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE SHERIFF'S SECOND FLOOR OFFICE IN THE HALL OF JUSTICE.

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ADD 2 SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES

THE JURY FOREMAN ISSUED ONLY A BRIEF STATEMENT. IT SAID:

"THE GRAND JURY HAS REVIEWED THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED AND HAS VOTED TO RETURN AN INDICTMENT AGAINST SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, CHARGING HIM IN ONE COUNT WITH THE MURDER OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND IN FIVE COUNTS WITH THE CRIME OF ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER, IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 217 OF THE PENAL CODE.

"BECAUSE OF THE NATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS CASE AND IN LINE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, WE CANNOT MAKE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER."

IN RETURNING THE INDICTMENT BEFORE ALARCON, MCKEE WAS ASKED WHETHER AT LEAST 14 MEMBERS OF THE JURY VOTED AFFIRMATIVELY. "YES," MCKEE ANSWERED.

THE JURIST ADMONISHED THE JURY TO SECRECY AND SAID DETAILS OF THE INDICTMENT WOULD BE WITHHELD PENDING SIRHAN'S ARRAIGNMENT.

ALARCON ALSO NOTED THE MURDER COUNT WAS NOT BALABLE. BAIL HAD BEEN SET AT \$250,000 ON EARLIER ASSAULT CHARGES VACATED AGAINST SIRHAN THURSDAY WHEN HE WAS CHARGED WITH SUSPICION OF MURDER.

THE METHOD IN WHICH THE CASE WAS HANDLED WAS DESCRIBED AS "EXEMPLARY" BY A.L. WIRIN OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION. WIRIN TOLD THE JURIST HE HAD SENT A TELEGRAM TO SIRHAN'S FAMILY SO THEY COULD BE PRESENT AT THE ARRAIGNMENT BUT RECEIVED NO REPLY.

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1ST ADD 2ND NIGHT LD SIRHAN LOS ANGELES 282A XXX SHOULDER.

SIRHAN WAS BROUGHT INTO THE THIRD FLOOR CHAPEL IN A WHEELCHAIR. HE HAD A BANDAGE ON HIS LEFT ANKLE, WHICH WAS SPRAINED DURING HIS CAPTURE, AND WORE A WHITE SHIRT, BLUE JAIL TROUSERS AND BLACK COTTON SLIPPERS.

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AFTER TELLING THE COURT HE COULDN'T AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WAS FORMALLY ASSIGNED TO HANDLE HIS CASE. SIRHAN'S NEXT COURT PROCEEDING WAS SET FOR JUNE 28 AT 9 A.M. WHEN HE WILL BE ASKED TO ENTER A PLEA TO THE INDICTMENT.

AS 200 NEWSMEN AND OFFICERS CROWDED INTO THE CHAPEL, SIRHAN'S WHEELCHAIR WAS PUSHED UP TO THE ALTAR. HE THEN GOT OUT OF THE CHAIR, WALKED UP TWO STEPS AND SAT IN A CHAIR FOR THE HALF-HOUR PROCEEDING.

SECURITY WAS SO TIGHT THAT MANY OFFICERS, INCLUDING A POLICE CAPTAIN, HAD TO SURRENDER THEIR PISTOLS. ALL NEWSMEN WERE FRISKED BEFORE ENTERING THE CHAPEL.

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SIRHAN 6/7 HC

2ND ADD 2ND NIGHT LD SIRHAN LOS ANGELES XXX CHAPEL.

SIRHAN'S CHAIR WAS PLACED SO THAT HIS BACK WAS TO THE CROWD. MASSED BEHIND HIM WERE FOUR BURLY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES TO MAKE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO SHOOT OR ATTACK HIM.

WHEN HE WAS WHEELED INTO THE ROOM, SIRHAN LOOKED CURIOUSLY AT THE NEWSMEN. HE TAPPED A FOOT DURING THE PROCEEDINGS BUT SHOWED LITTLE EMOTION OR CONCERN FOR HIS ANKLE AND LEFT INDEX FINGER ON WHICH HE WORE A SPLINT.

AS HE CAME DOWN THE STEPS AFTERWARDS, SIRHAN GRIMACED OR SMILED. NEWSMEN WERE UNABLE TO AGREE AS TO HIS EXACT EXPRESSION.

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ADD 1 SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES (UPI-167)

THE FIRST-DEGREE MURDER INDICTMENT AGAINST THE 24-YEAR-OLD NATIVE OF JORDAN WAS VOTED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GRAND JURY AFTER A DAYLONG HEARING. IF CONVICTED, SIRHAN COULD BE EXECUTED IN THE STATE GAS CHAMBER.

SIRHAN ALSO WAS INDICTED ON FIVE COUNTS OF ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER. FIVE PERSONS WERE WOUNDED IN THE BARRAGE OF BULLETS THAT FELLED KENNEDY AT A DOWNTOWN HOTEL IN A TRAGIC PARALLEL TO THE ASSASSINATION OF HIS BROTHER.

SWIFT ARRAIGNMENT WAS ORDERED AT TEMPORARY COURT FACILITIES SET UP IN THE CHAPEL OF THE COUNTY JAIL WHERE SIRHAN WAS HELD IN THE HOSPITAL SECTION. EXTREME SECURITY MEASURES WERE IN EFFECT BECAUSE OF TELEPHONED DEATH THREATS AGAINST THE YOUTH.

IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FAST-MOVING CASE, SIRHAN'S CAR WAS RECOVERED AND A CAMPAIGN WORKER WHO BELIEVED SHE WAS THE "WOMAN IN THE POLKA DOT DRESS" SEEN FLEEING FROM THE SHOOTING SCENE SURRENDERED TO SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES.

SHE WAS KATHY FULMER, 19, WHO SAID HER SHOUTS WERE MISUNDERSTOOD BY A FELLOW CAMPAIGN AIDE. THE WOMAN IN THE POLKA DOT DRESS WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SCREAMED "WE SHOT HIM," BUT MISS FULMER SAID SHE WAS HIGHLY DISTRAUGHT AND YELLED, "THEY SHOT HIM."

SIRHAN'S 11-YEAR-OLD PINK AND WHITE AUTOMOBILE WAS FOUND PARKED A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE HOTEL WITH AN OVERTIME TICKET ON THE WINDSHIELD.

THE COURT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN AGREED TO EARLIER IN A CONFERENCE BETWEEN SHERIFF PETER J. PITCHESS, DIST. ATTY. EVELLE YOUNGER, PUBLIC DEFENDER RICHARD BUCKLEY AND SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ARTHUR L. ALARCON.

NONE WANTED ANOTHER "JACK RUBY CASE" AS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

THEY WERE DETERMINED TO AVOID EVEN THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF A VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF SIRHAN, WHO CAME TO THIS COUNTRY AT THE AGE OF 13 FROM THE JORDANIAN PART OF JERUSALEM.

THOUSANDS WALKED BY KENNEDY'S CASKET IN NEW YORK CITY AS THE 22-MEMBER GRAND JURY--14 WOMEN AND 8 MEN--ACTED IN LOS ANGELES' HALL OF JUSTICE. JURORS HEARD TESTIMONY FROM 22 WITNESSES IN A 6 HOUR SESSION FOLLOWED BY 25 MINUTES OF DELIBERATION.

ALTHOUGH THE JURY PROCEEDINGS WERE CLOSED, IT WAS KNOWN THE TESTIMONY TOUCHED ON THE RAPIDITY OF THE SHOOTING, ENSUING BEDLAM, EFFORTS TO SAVE KENNEDY'S LIFE DURING A SPEEDING AMBULANCE RIDE, A COMPLEX BRAIN OPERATION, AND TARGET PRACTICE BY SIRHAN HOURS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION.

THE DRAMATIC REPORT OF SIRHAN'S TARGET PRACTICE WITH A .22 CALIBER, NINE-SHOT PISTOL CAME FROM HENRY CARREON WHO TALKED TO THE DEFENDANT TUESDAY AT A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAIN SHOOTING RANGE.

CARREON HAD TOLD POLICE HE NOTICED SIRHAN BECAUSE OF HIS RAPID FIRING, WHICH WAS NOT PERMITTED ON THE RANGE. 33 -8\$ 53
FIRING, WHICH WAS NOT PERMITTED ON THE RANGE. HE SAID THEY THEN TALKED BRIEFLY ABOUT THE PISTOL.

THREE HOTEL WORKERS WHO HELPED SUBDUE SIRHAN WERE AMONG THOSE CALLED BEFORE THE JURY AS WAS A DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR WHO TOOK A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE STRUGGLE MOMENTS AFTER THE SHOOTING.

FORMER OLYMPIC DECATHLON CHAMPION RAFER JOHNSON AND PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL GIANT ROOSEVELT GRIER--CREDITED WITH MAJOR ROLES IN SIRHAN'S CAPTURE--WERE EXCUSED FROM TESTIFYING BECAUSE THEY WERE IN NEW YORK FOR FINAL RITES FOR THE SENATOR.

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CHAPEL 6/7 HC
 WITH KENNEDY

BY JOAN SWEENEY

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN WAS ARRAIGNED FRIDAY IN A JAIL CHAPEL IN LOS ANGELES TO PREVENT WHAT HAPPENED IN A POLICE GARAGE IN DALLAS.

THE 24-YEAR-OLD JORDANIAN IMMIGRANT SAT AT THE FOOT OF A MARBLE-TOPPED ALTAR THAT SERVED AS THE JUDGE'S BENCH AND HEARD THE GRAND JURY INDICTMENT CHARGING HIM WITH THE MURDER "OF ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY, A HUMAN BEING."

ONLY NEWSMEN WHO HAD BEEN CAREFULLY IDENTIFIED AND SEARCHED WERE ALLOWED INTO THE CHAPEL BY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES DETERMINED TO PROTECT SIRHAN FROM THE FATE OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WHO WAS SHOT DOWN IN A DALLAS POLICE GARAGE TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

NO ONE OTHER THAN COURT OFFICIALS, LAW OFFICERS AND NEWSMEN WAS PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE ARRAIGNMENT.

SIRHAN, A TINY FIGURE WITH A THICK BUSH OF BLACK CURLY HAIR, WAS BROUGHT INTO THE MAKESHIFT COURTROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE MAXIMUM SECURITY MEN'S COUNTY JAIL IN A WHEELCHAIR THROUGH A DOOR FACING THE SPECTATORS.

AS HE WAS WHEELED THROUGH THE DOOR HIS DARK EYES STARED AT THE 200 NEWSMEN IN THE ROOM AS CURIOUSLY AS THEY WATCHED HIM. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME ANY OF THE SPECTATORS HAD SEEN HIM SINCE THE FATAL SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY EARLY WEDNESDAY.

THE ROOM WITH ITS ALTAR, THE JUDGE IN HIS BLACK ROBES, AND UNITED STATES AND CALIFORNIA FLAGS WAS A STRANGE MIXTURE OF THE JUDICIAL AND THE RELIGIOUS.

MOST OF THE RELIGIOUS TRAPPINGS HAD BEEN REMOVED. TWO LARGE HOOKS BEHIND THE ALTAR SHOWED WHERE A LARGE CROSS HAD HUNG. TWO STEPS LED UP TO THE ALTAR RAILING AND A FEW FEET BEYOND THAT ANOTHER THREE STEPS ROSE TO THE ALTAR ITSELF.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ARTHUR L. ALARCON PRESIDED FROM BEHIND THE ALTAR.

THREE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, TWO DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AND THE DEFENDANT SAT AT TWO SMALL TABLES AT THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR.

THE DEFENDANT, DRESSED IN SHORT SLEEVED WHITE SHIRT OPEN AT THE NECK AND BLUE JAIL JEANS, WAS WHEELED TO THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR STEPS WHERE HE STOOD UP AND CLIMBED THE TWO STEPS TO HIS CHAIR. HIS LEFT INDEX FINGER, WHICH WAS BROKEN DURING THE STRUGGLE AT HIS CAPTURE, WAS IN A SPLINT AND HIS LEFT ANKLE, WHICH WAS SPRAINED, WAS HEAVILY BANDAGED.

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ONCE HE WAS SEATED WITH HIS BACK TO THE SPECTATORS FOUR BURLY DEPUTIES MASSED THEMSELVES BEHIND HIM, DWARFING THE SLIGHT 5-FOOT-3 INCH DEFENDANT, HIDING HIM FROM THE SPECTATORS AND ANY POSSIBLE DANGER THEY MIGHT PRESENT.

SOME 18 DEPUTIES WERE IN THE CHAPEL INCLUDING ONE WHO PACED ALONG A BALCONY THAT RAN ALONG THE BACK OF THE CHAPEL.

OTHER THAN TO ANSWER "YES, SIR" AND "NO, SIR" THE ONLY TIME THE DEFENDANT SPOKE TO THE COURT WAS TO CORRECT THE JUDGE'S PRONUNCIATION OF HIS NAME. HE SAID IT WAS "SIR-HAN," NOT "SIR-HAHN." HIS VOICE WAS FIRM AND HE SHOWED NO EMOTION OTHER THAN A GRIMACE, APPARENTLY FROM THE PAIN OF STEPPING WITH HIS SPRAINED ANKLE.

NO CAMERAS, TAPE RECORDERS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WERE PERMITTED IN THE COURTROOM, WHICH WAS HUSHED EXCEPT FOR THE OCCASIONAL RUSTLE OF AN ARTIST'S PAD AS HE MADE QUICK SKETCHES OF THE SCENE.

EACH COUNT OF THE SIX COUNT INDICTMENT--STARTING WITH COUNT NO. 1, THE MURDER OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY--WAS READ.

THROUGHOUT THE PROCEEDINGS THE JUDGE STRESSED THE RIGHTS OF THE DEFENDANT. HE NOTED THE UNUSUAL SITE OF THE ARRAIGNMENT AND THAT IT WAS NECESSITATED BY "THE DEFENDANT'S PRESENT PHYSICAL CONDITION AND TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY THAT ANY INCIDENT MIGHT OCCUR THAT WOULD DENY THE DEFENDANT THE RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIALJMJZ
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THE NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN THE CHAPEL HAD BEEN SCREENED CAREFULLY BEFORE BEING ALLOWED BEYOND THE LOBBY OF THE HUGE REENFORCED CONCRETE MEN'S CENTRAL COUNTY JAIL, WHICH HOUSES SOME 3,400 PRISONERS IN MAXIMUM SECURITY. ONCE BEYOND THE LOBBY THE PATH WAS LINED WITH DEPUTIES.

WE WERE TAKEN TO A THIRD FLOOR DINING HALL, WHERE WE WERE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED--THE WOMEN MORE CLOSELY THAN THE MEN. I WAS TAKEN INTO A SMALL PANTRY WHERE A MATRON WENT THROUGH MY HAIR, LOOKED IN MY MOUTH, SEARCHED MY CLOTHES, MY SHOES AND EVEN LOOKED AT THE SOLES OF MY FEET. MY PURSE AND MY COAT WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM ME AND I WAS ALLOWED ONLY A NOTEPAD AND A PEN AFTER A CAREFUL CHECK OF THE LATTER.

AFTER THE SEARCH WAS COMPLETED WE WERE GIVEN ANOTHER PASS WHICH ALLOWED US TO ENTER THE CHAPEL. NO ONE COULD LEAVE UNTIL

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CAR 6/7 HC
 WITH KENNEDY

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--A PINK AND WHITE AUTOMOBILE BELONGING TO ACCUSED ASSASSIN SIRHAN B. SIRHAN WAS FOUND PARKED NEAR THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL WITH AN OVERTIME PARKING TICKET ON THE WINDSHIELD.

RECOVERY OF THE AUTO, A 1956 DESOTO, WAS ANNOUNCED FRIDAY BY POLICE TO CLEAR UP A MYSTERY PLAGUING INVESTIGATORS SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY IN A KITCHEN CORRIDOR AT THE HOTEL.

THE AUTOMOBILE WAS PARKED ON THE EAST SIDE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., 200 FEET SOUTH OF WILSHIRE BLVD. A KEY FOUND IN SIRHAN'S POSSESSION FIT THE DOOR AND IGNITION SWITCH OF THE CAR WHICH BORE REGISTRATION PAPERS SHOWING HIS PASADENA ADDRESS.

OFFICERS HAD TRIED THE KEY ON SEVERAL AUTOMOBILES, INCLUDING ONE PARKED IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL. THE KEY FIT THE IGNITION SWITCH OF THAT CAR, A 1959 CHRYSLER, BUT THE OWNER TURNED OUT TO BE A HOTEL WORKER WHO HAD NO CONNECTION WITH SIRHAN.

SIRHAN'S CAR WAS TOWED TO AN IMPOUND LOT TO BE HELD AS EVIDENCE.
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SIRHAN 6/7 HC

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BY MYRAM BORDERS

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--SWARTHY SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN FRIDAY WAS INDICTED FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND LATER ARRAIGNED UNDER SUPER-SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN A JAIL CHAPEL. IF CONVICTED, THE 24-YEAR-OLD NATIVE OF JORDAN COULD BE EXECUTED IN THE STATE GAS CHAMBER.

THE FIRST DEGREE MURDER INDICTMENT WAS VOTED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GRAND JURY AFTER A DAYLONG HEARING. SIRHAN ALSO WAS INDICTED ON FIVE COUNTS OF ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER.

KENNEDY WAS FELLEED IN A BARRAGE OF BULLETS IN A TRAGIC PARALLEL TO THE ASSASSINATION OF HIS BROTHER. FIVE OTHER PERSONS WERE WOUNDED IN THE SHOOTING WEDNESDAY SECONDS AFTER THE 42-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE'S JUBILANT VICTORY PARTY FOR THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY.

FOR SIRHAN, THE ARRAIGNMENT WAS HIS FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE ENRAGED KENNEDY PARTY MEMBERS AND HOTEL WORKERS SEIZED HIM IN A WILD MELEE AS THE TONKLE-HAIRED SENATOR CLUMPED TO THE FLOOR WITH BULLETS IN HIS HEAD AND SHOULDER.

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SURGEON 6/7 NX
 WITH KENNEDY
 BY RICHARD GROSS

BOSTON (UPI)--SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY WAS LEGALLY AND MEDICALLY DEAD AT 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, SEVEN HOURS BEFORE HE WAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED TO HAVE DIED, A PROMINENT NEUROSURGEON SAID FRIDAY.

DR. JAMES L. POPPIN OF THE LAHEY CLINIC AND NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL, SAID HE SAW KENNEDY AT ABOUT 10 A.M. WEDNESDAY AND KNEW "IMMEDIATELY" HE WOULD NOT SURVIVE.

POPPIN ADDED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE AT LAHEY CLINIC THAT IF MEDICAL SCIENCE HAD BEEN ABLE TO SAVE THE SENATOR'S LIFE HE WOULD HAVE LED A "GRAVE AND DEVASTATING EXISTENCE."

KENNEDY DIED OFFICIALLY AT 1:44 A.M. THURSDAY IN LOS ANGELES.

POPPIN, OF BROOKLINE, SAID IF KENNEDY HAD LIVED "HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN THE SAME MAN -- NOT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HIS FAMILY KNEW." HE SAID THE SLAIN SENATOR WOULD HAVE BEEN PARALYZED ON HIS RIGHT SIDE, WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE ON THE LEFT, AND WOULD HAVE SUFFERED A "PARKINSON'S DISEASE-TYPE" OF FACIAL EXPRESSION.

THE 65-YEAR-OLD POPPIN SAID HE SAW THE SENATOR ABOUT 10 A.M. WEDNESDAY AND KNEW "IMMEDIATELY" THAT KENNEDY WOULD NOT LIVE.

"EVERYTHING WAS DONE THAT WAS POSSIBLE," THE HEAVY-SET NEUROSURGEON TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT LAHEY CLINIC. "NOTHING COULD HAVE BEEN DONE THAT WAS NOT."

POPPIN SAID KENNEDY'S "INTELLECTUAL FACULTIES WOULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED. THERE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANY RECOGNITION. I KNEW PERSONALLY THAT HE COULD NOT SURVIVE. HE WOULD HAVE LED A VERY GRAVE AND DEVASTATING EXISTENCE."

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THE NEUROSURGEON SAID KENNEDY'S ELECTRICAL BRAIN WAVES STOPPED AT 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, ABOUT 18 HOURS AFTER THE SHOOTING AND NEVER STARTED AGAIN ALTHOUGH HIS HEART STILL BEAT. HE SAID THE SENATOR WAS LEGALLY AND MEDICALLY DEAD WHEN THE BRAIN WAVES CEASED.

POPPEN SAID HE HAD KNOWN THE KENNEDYS SINCE THE 1940S. HE SAID HE WAS CONTACTED ABOUT WEDNESDAY BY PIERRE SALINGER, A KENNEDY AIDE, AND TOLD, "CAN YOU COME? CAN YOU GET READY IMMEDIATELY? THE KENNEDY FAMILY NEEDS YOU."

POPPEN ALSO SAID HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND FROM VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY WHO ARRANGED HIS TRANSPORTATION.

POPPEN ACTED AS A CONSULTANT TO THE OPERATING SURGEONS AND AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THEM AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

HE SAID ETHEL KENNEDY, THE SENATOR'S WIFE, TOLD HIM THAT WHILE HER HUSBAND WAS LYING ON THE FLOOR AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL HE REQUESTED A GLASS OF WATER AND ASKED, "HOW BAD IS IT?"

POPPEN ALSO SAID KENNEDY WAS A "DEAD MAN" FROM THE MOMENT HE WAS HIT. HE SOON LAPSED INTO A COMA AND NEVER RECOVERED. BUT, POPPEN SAID, "DESTRUCTION WAS NOT COMPLETE FROM THE MOMENT OF IMPACT."

THE DOCTOR SAID KENNEDY STILL HAD REFLEXES IN BOTH EYES, ARMS AND LEGS, BUT ADDED, "THE EYE PUPILS WERE WIDE AND DID NOT REACT TO LIGHT, WHICH IS PRETTY SERIOUS BUSINESS."

A NATIVE OF DENTON, MICH., POPPEN TREATED THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND ADMINISTERED TO SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY, D-MASS., THE LAST OF THE FOUR KENNEDY SONS, WHEN HE WAS NEAR DEATH FROM A 1964 PLANE CRASH IN WHICH HE SUFFERED A BROKEN BACK.

THE NEUROSURGEON JOINED THE STAFF OF LAHEY CLINIC IN 1933, THREE YEARS AFTER GRADUATING FROM RUSH MEDICAL SCHOOL IN CHICAGO. HE WAS NAMED CHIEF OF NEUROSURGERY IN 1957 AND RETIRED FROM THE POST IN 1964.

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 FLIGHT 6-7 NX
 WITH KENNEDY 020A

NEW YORK (UPI)--MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, DURING THE FLIGHT BRINGING HER HUSBAND'S BODY TO NEW YORK, JOKED WITH OTHER PASSENGERS AND LATER FELL ASLEEP BESIDE HER HUSBAND'S COFFIN, ACCORDING TO A NEWSMAN ABOARD THE PLANE.

SANDER VANOCUR, AN NBC TELEVISION NEWSMAN AND FRIEND OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY, SAID ON A NETWORK BROADCAST THURSDAY NIGHT THAT DURING THE FLIGHT MRS. KENNEDY SPENT ABOUT HALF AN HOUR TALKING WITH HER SISTER-IN-LAW, JACQUELINE KENNEDY.

"AND THEN AFTER THAT WAS OVER, MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY WALKED DOWN THE AISLE, STOPPING WITH VARIOUS PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY, IN THE AFT SECTION OF THE CABIN, JUST TALKING TO THEM, SITTING WITH THEM -- I USE TO WORD 'JOKING' WITH THEM, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT SHE DID," VANOCUR SAID.

"SHE WAS IN REMARKABLY GOOD SPIRITS. I SUSPECT SHE'S BEEN UNDER SEDATION FOR THE LAST...I GUESS 24 OR 25 HOURS."

"I SUPPOSE EVERYBODY WAS TRYING TO KEEP HER MIND OFF WHAT HAPPENED," VANOCUR SAID.

VANOCUR DESCRIBED SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS ANGRY OVER HIS BROTHER'S ASSASSINATION.

"I THINK HE WAS MOSTLY -- HE'S MAD. I MIGHT AS WELL SAY IT. HE'S MAD," VANOCUR SAID. "HE'S MAD AT WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS COUNTRY. HE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER IT IS THE ACT OF A SINGLE PERSON, OR WHETHER THIS IS THE ACT OF A CONSPIRACY."

VANOCUR'S DESCRIPTION OF THE FLIGHT WAS THE ONLY ONE TO COME FROM A NEWSMAN ABOARD THE PLANE. THE LATE SEN. ROBERT KENNEDY'S PRESS SECRETARY, FRANK MANKIEWICZ, LATER INDICATED THE KENNEDYS WERE DISTURBED BY HIS REPORTING OF EVENTS DURING THE FLIGHT.

"EVERYONE ON THE PLANE WAS THERE ON THE BASIS OF FRIENDSHIP," MANKIEWICZ SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT VANOCUR'S DESCRIPTION OF THE FLIGHT FROM LOS ANGELES.

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"THERE WERE ONLY FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND STAFF MEMBERS. NOBODY WAS THERE AS A REPORTER," HE SAID. "THE PLANE WAS PRIVATE AND THAT'S HOW WE VIEW IT. WE ARE NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON ANYTHING SAID ON THE AIRPLANE."

IN HIS TELEVISION BROADCAST VANOCUR SAID MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY "THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT IT WAS THE SAME PLANE" ON WHICH SHE FLEW TO WASHINGTON WITH HER OWN HUSBAND'S BODY AFTER HIS ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS IN 1963. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL JET, ONE OF SEVERAL, ACTUALLY WAS THE ONE WHICH SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK WAS FLYING TO TOKYO WHEN HE RECEIVED WORD THAT PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY HAD BEEN SHOT.

VANOCUR SAID SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY REMAINED BESIDE HIS DEAD BROTHER'S COFFIN IN THE PLANE'S FOREWARD CABIN THROUGHOUT THE FOUR-HOUR FLIGHT "AND OTHER PEOPLE TOOK THEIR TURNS IN JUST LYING NEXT TO THE COFFIN...."

HE SAID ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE THE PLANE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK EDWARD KENNEDY FELL ASLEEP "AND MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY CAME UP AND LAY AGAINST THE COFFIN." WHEN A KENNEDY FRIEND, MOUNTAINEER JIM WHITAKER, PUT A PILLOW UNDER HER HEAD, "SHE WOKE UP FOR A MOMENT, LOOKED AT HIM, THEN FELL ASLEEP AGAINST THE COFFIN," VANOCUR SAID.

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(SIRHAN)

LOS ANGELES--A 22-MEMBER GRAND JURY BEGAN RECEIVING TESTIMONY TODAY FOR A MURDER INDICTMENT AGAINST THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

IT WAS DOUBTFUL THE ACCUSED, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, WOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE THE PANEL FROM HIS JAIL CELL. EXTRA GUARDS WERE PLACED AROUND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL AFTER TELEPHONED DEATH THREATS AGAINST HIM.

SEVENTEEN WITNESSES WERE SUMMONED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE JURY IN A HIGH-PANELED CEILING ROOM IN THE HALL OF JUSTICE. THE WITNESSES WERE GATHERED IN A NEARBY SMALL WAITING ROOM.

ONE WITNESS, A PORTER EMPLOYED AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL WHERE THE SENATOR WAS FATALLY SHOT, TOLD NEWSMEN SIRHAN HAD LAID IN WAIT FOR A HALF-HOUR FOR KENNEDY.

ASKED IF THE SUSPECT SEEMED NERVOUS, HE SAID, "HE LOOKED WORRIED--NOT NERVOUS." HE SAID SIRHAN HAD SHUFFLED PAPERS IN HIS HANDS DURING KENNEDY'S 30-MINUTE ADDRESS CLAIMING VICTORY IN THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARY ELECTION.

ASKED IF SIRHAN HAD ANY COMPANIONS, THE PORTER REPLIED, "I DIDN'T SEE ANYONE WITH HIM."

AT THIS POINT, HE WAS HERDED INTO THE WAITING ROOM BY OFFICERS BEFORE HE COULD GIVE HIS NAME.

THE FIRST WITNESS BEFORE THE JURY WAS PAUL ZIFFREN, FORMER DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN FOR CALIFORNIA. HE WAS CALLED TO ADVISE THE JURY FORMALLY THAT THE VICTIM WAS THE NEW YORK SENATOR.

ZIFFREN WAS FOLLOWED BY DR. HENRY CUNEO, A NEUROSURGEON WHO PARTICIPATED IN EMERGENCY BRAIN SURGERY FOR KENNEDY AND LATER ASSISTED THE CORONER IN HIS POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION.

IRWIN STROLL, ONE OF THE FIVE OTHER PERSONS WOUNDED IN THE ASSASSINATION, WAS WHEELED INTO THE WITNESSES' WAITING ROOM ON A CHAISE LOUNGE-LIKE DEVICE. HE SUFFERED A LEG WOUND.

THE JURY COMPOSED OF 14 WOMEN AND 8 MEN, NORMALLY TOTALED 23, BUT ONE MEMBER WAS ON VACATION. A VOTE OF 14 IS NEEDED FOR AN INDICTMENT.

THE FOREMAN IS L.E. MCKEE, A RETIRED GARAGE CHAIN OWNER, WHO SAID "WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE ALL THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO US" BEFORE MAKING A DECISION.

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ANOTHER WITNESS WHO GAVE NEWSMEN A PREVIEW OF HIS TESTIMONY WAS AMBULANCE ATTENDANT RICHARD WALKER. HE TREATED TELEVISION NEWSMAN WILLIAM WEISEL WHO WAS AMONG THE WOUNDED IN THE SHOOTING.

WALKER QUOTED WEISEL AS SAYING HE "WAS STANDING THREE STEPS BEHIND THE SENATOR AND, ALL OF A SUDDEN, FELT THREE SHARP STINGS IN HIS SIDE, AND SAW THE SENATOR FALL AFTER HE HAD ALREADY BEEN SHOT. HE HAD A REAL FUNNY LOOK ON HIS FACE."

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

UPI Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The father worked for the British army during World War II at the city water supply and speaks nearly unaccented English. The family emigrated to the United States in 1957 but the quarreling parents separated and the father returned alone to his native land. He said he lives on a "very small" retirement pension, works part time, on his

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small farm land and "I need no help."

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

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

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

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

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

'He Was Brilliant'

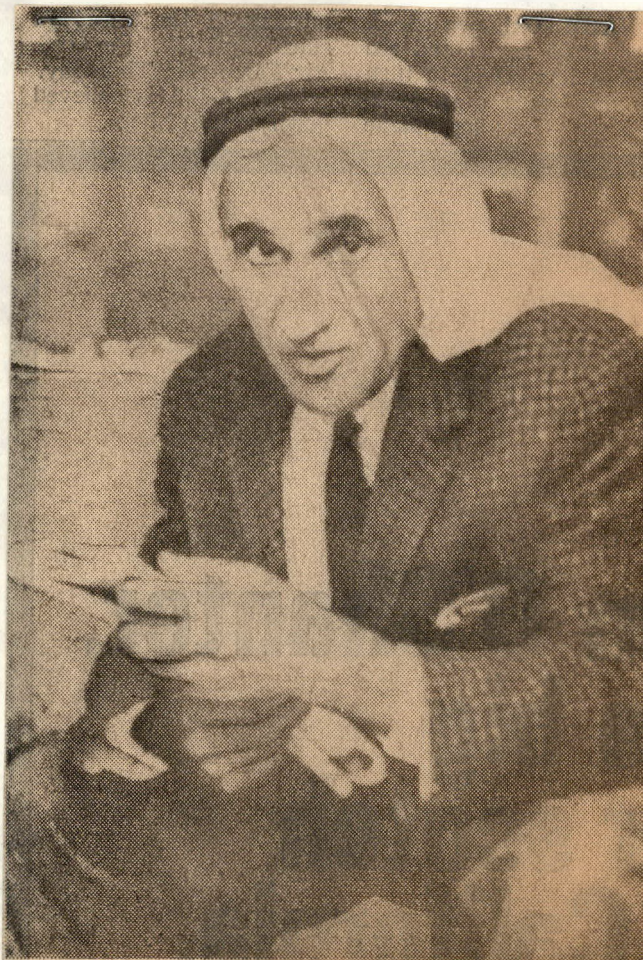
"He was brilliant. He was studying Russian when everyone else was barely getting by in Spanish and English," the officer said.

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

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

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

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



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

(AP Wirephoto)

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Communist Bitterness Said Cause of Slaying

Mayor Seeks Probe of Reds Over Violence

By DICK REID

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

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

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

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

Thus far in the investigation, police have failed to announce whether Sirhan was in fact a member of the organization, which is listed on the Attorney General's subversive list, or whether he ever attended a meeting at all.

The Mayor also defended his statements of Wednesday in which he released a portion of the contents of several notebooks found in Sirhan's Pasadena home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ethel Kennedy Was at His Side

By Judith Martin
Washington Post Staff Writer

Ethel Kennedy, who nearly always accompanied her husband on his frequent trips, was with him on his last flight to New York last night.

She stayed with the casket on the flight from Los Angeles to New York in the hearse from the airport into the city and inside St. Patrick's Cathedral, where he will lie in state today.

On this journey, as on less tragic ones, were the Kennedy's assortment of relatives and a crowd of friends from show business, the civil rights movement, the arts, his old Justice Department staff and the current political scene.

These were the people who always rallied to the Kennedys when they were called. It might be to dress up a Kennedy charity project or to enjoy themselves at a giddy Kennedy party; often, it was to work in a political campaign.

They filed silently onto the airplane which President Johnson had sent—the same aircraft which was carrying members of the late President Kennedy's cabinet to Japan when he was assassinated.

Ethel Kennedy stayed next to her slain husband. This meant that she got on and off the plane by means of a platform which could carry the casket, and which rose slowly to the entrance.

On it, too, were a few men who acted as the Senator's first pallbearers, lifting his African mahogany casket on and off the airplane and into St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Directing the carrying of the coffin was the sole surviving Kennedy brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. The descent from the airplane was difficult, and the casket had to be tipped carefully.

The two eldest sons of the dead Senator, Joseph, 15, and Robert, 14, helped carry

their father's body. So did the brothers-in-law, Stephen Smith and U.S. Ambassador to France Sargent Shriver Jr. The Smiths and Patricia Kennedy Lawford were on the flight from Los Angeles, and the Shriver and Mrs. Edward Kennedy had flown in from Paris to meet that flight in New York.

Mrs. John F. Kennedy was accompanied on and off of the airplane by her sister's husband, Prince Stanislas Radziwill.

At the New York airport, the family stood by the coffin while Terence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York, gave a prayer and sprinkled it with holy water.

Mrs. Robert Kennedy then climbed into the front seat of the hearse and accompanied the body to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the family gathered briefly. A silent crowd outside listened to Mozart's "Corpus Christi" music which could be heard through the massive doors.

Rose Kennedy had flown to New York that morning after attending the 7 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church in Hyannis. She goes there every day, but yesterday it was to hear a Mass said for her son who served there as an altar boy—occasionally even after he became an adult.

Only the patriarch remained behind.

Joseph P. Kennedy, father of the victim and of so many ill-starred children, has not enough strength left with which to move about. Not even to attend the funeral of the fourth of his children to die before him.

The Senator's father, a former Ambassador to Great Britain, suffered a stroke in 1961 and is unable to speak. He will remain in Hyannis Port, Mass., with his niece, Ann Gargan, throughout the weekend.

Ambassador Kennedy was joined at lunch by Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston and an old family friend. The Senator's father is "bearing up quite well," a family spokesman said.

IT WAS MISS GARGAN who awoke the Senator's mother yesterday morning to tell her that he had died during the night. The previous morning, Mrs. Kennedy awoke to the news that he had been shot.

There were 71 people on the flight from Los Angeles.

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Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. was there in the dark clothes she wears as the widow of her murdered husband. Charles Evers, a Kennedy campaign worker and the brother of Medgar Evers, assassinated by a fanatic's bullet, boarded the plane.

Athletes Roosevelt Grier and Rafer Johnson, who grabbed Sirhan Sirhan in the Ambassador Hotel kitchen seconds after the shooting, got on the plane. They had both been in Washington in April for the Kennedy's telethon to raise money for summer play equipment to needy Washington children.

Singer Andy Williams, mountain climber James Whitaker and author George Plimpton were in that telethon, too. They also were on the airplane with their wives.

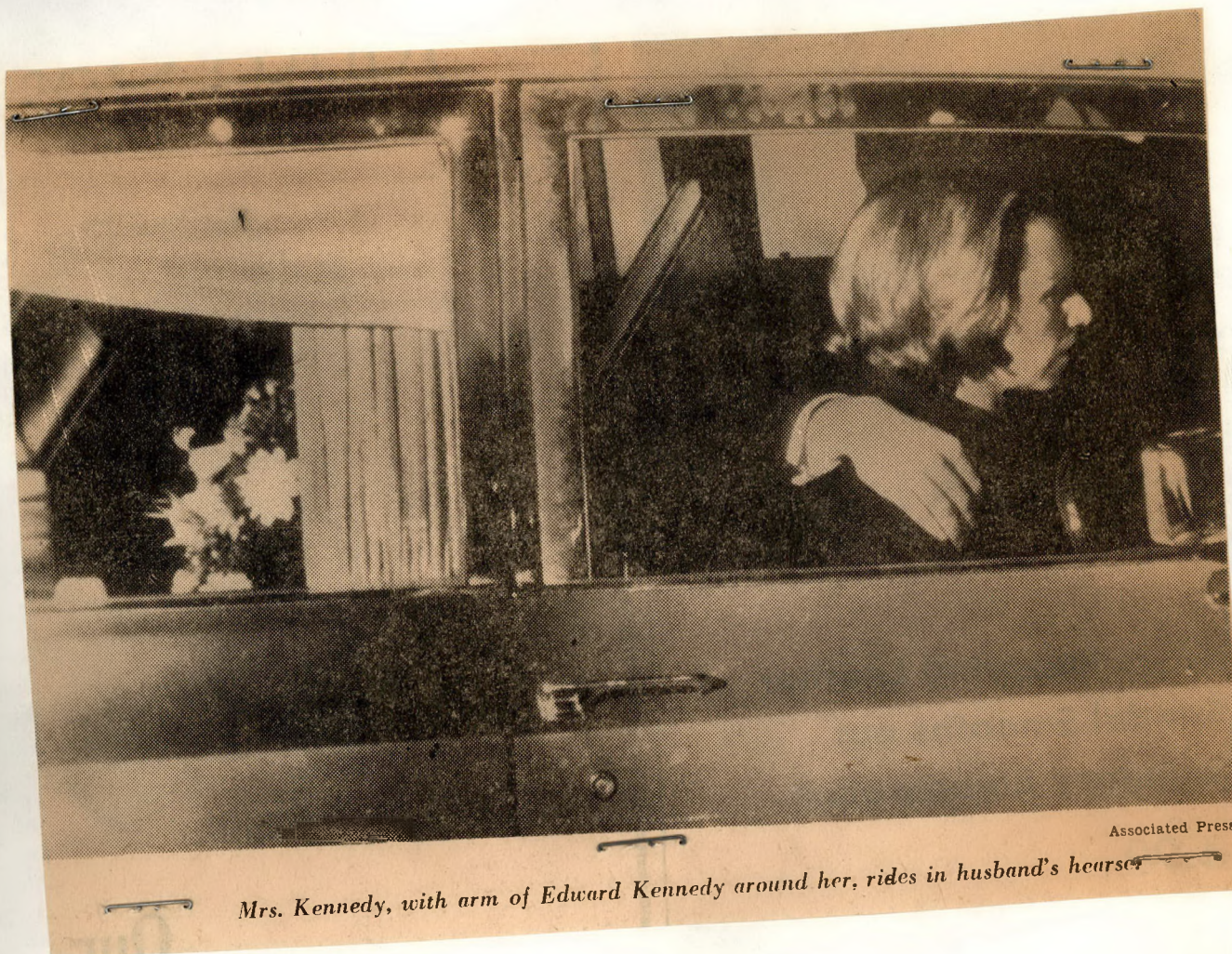
Former members of the Justice Department staff were Burke Marshall, Edwin Guthman, with his wife, and John Siegenthaler. Pierre Salinger and Richard Goodwin, who had served both Kennedy brothers, were there. K. Lemoyne Billings and Charles Spaulding are old family friends.

Jesse M. Unruh, chairman of the California campaign, and Mrs. Unruh; former Sen. Paul Douglas' son, John, and a Mexican architect, Fernando Para, made the trip.



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Mrs. John F. Kennedy, widow of President Kennedy, was aboard the funeral plane of her brother-in-law, the late Sen. Robert Kennedy, when it arrived last night at La Guardia Airport. Behind her is Mrs. Edward Kennedy, sister-in-law of Sen. Robert Kennedy, and Ambassador Sargent Shriver, whose wife, Eunice, is another sister of the slain New York Senator.



Associated Press

Mrs. Kennedy, with arm of Edward Kennedy around her, rides in husband's hearse



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*Mrs. King boards plane
for New York.*

Trying to Explain It to the Children

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By Ward Just

Washington Post Staff Writer

ONE TRIED to explain to the children, aged nine and seven, but it was anticlimactic because they had seen it on television. They knew the time of death, 1:44 a.m., and the cause. It is difficult to substitute words for images, especially in these times. When the President was killed four and a half years ago the children lived in England, and were too young to understand any of it. But they are quite old enough now.

The eldest had a plan, with a pal who lived down the block, to paint a sign, "We Hate The Guy That Shot Senator Kennedy." They were going to put the sign in a front window. I suppose that is the childish equivalent of the impassioned Congressional speech calling for law and order, or the appointment of a presidential commission. Or perhaps it is the other way around. Anyway, you explained that you didn't want signs that talked about hate.

We walked up Thirty-first Street to Montrose Park, and the questions came very hesitantly. Why did he want to kill Senator Kennedy? Why did Senator Kennedy want to be President? We were walking the dog, an amazing animal named Mr. Sam, and the seven-year-old wondered, "Why don't dogs have presidents or senators?" That was silly, the older one said. "Dogs don't need presidents."

IN HIS CAMPAIGN speeches, Robert Kennedy used to talk about the things that the Gross National Product of America do not measure—the beauty of the land, the strength of marriages, the quality of play of children. The kids stopped at a honeysuckle vine and plucked some buds and began to suck the honey. I had grown up in Illinois where there was no honeysuckle and watched fascinated as the kids pulled the pistil from the flower, which yielded a single drop of honey. The dog lay down in a patch of sunlight on the sidewalk as the kids wordlessly drank the honey, drop by drop.

We moved off again with the children chattering about one thing and another, school, the dog, a trip to Glen Echo. Curious about how much they know of what goes on today, I asked them about the shooting in Georgetown. Early Wednesday morning, about the time Kennedy was shot in Los Angeles,

three men had shot and killed two Marine officers in a hamburger stand on M Street; this is about three blocks from where these children live. They had not heard about it. They had been with Kennedy the past two days, on television and in the newspaper.

The younger one seemed to identify the killing in this country as coming from a single source. The same man that killed Dr. King—that was the way she called him, "Dr. King"—also killed Senator Kennedy. I explained that the man who killed the Senator appeared to be a Jordanian, an Arab. Yes, she said, but it was the same killing. Relentless with logic, I said yes, but not the same man. And added: Or so it would seem. "Huh uh," she said. "Come along, Mr. Sam."

WE WERE IN Montrose Park and it was sunny and warm, and the kids mounted the swings. The older one—she must have heard the remark elsewhere; she is only nine—asked why "they killed only the best men" in this country. I was encouraging their questions, but replied to this one that I didn't know. I said I thought it had something to do with the nature of tragedy, and maybe other people weren't worth killing. I said I meant that only the very best among us seemed to merit assassination. But then I thought of all the other people in this country who are killed, by gunshot and other wounds, and realized it wasn't quite right. I recalled a line from Hemingway, to the effect that life breaks the very good, the very brave and the very gentle impartially. But the children were no longer listening. They were skylarking on the swings.

We left the park and began to walk back to 31st Street. The nine-year-old said that for a while she was confused by television. Television had said that two of the Kennedy children had died when they heard about their father's death. But then she realized that television had been wrong; the children cried when they heard. She said, embarrassed at the admission, that she had cried. I said not to worry, that I had too and so had everyone else I knew.

The little one, the seven-year-old, had been bounding along with the dog and now came to a fast stop. "I wish there was some sort of love world," she said, "and we could get there by bike."

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LBJ: 'Time Of Tragedy And Loss'

Following is the text of the statement issued by President Johnson after the death of Sen. Robert Kennedy early yesterday:

This is a time of tragedy and loss. Senator Robert Kennedy is dead.

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

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

Yet he never abandoned his faith in America. He never lost his confidence in the spiritual strength of ordinary men and women. He believed in the capacity of the young for excellence — and in the right of the old and poor to a life of dignity.

Our public life is diminished by his loss.

Mrs. Johnson and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and his family. I have issued a proclamation calling upon our Nation to observe a day of mourning for Robert Kennedy.

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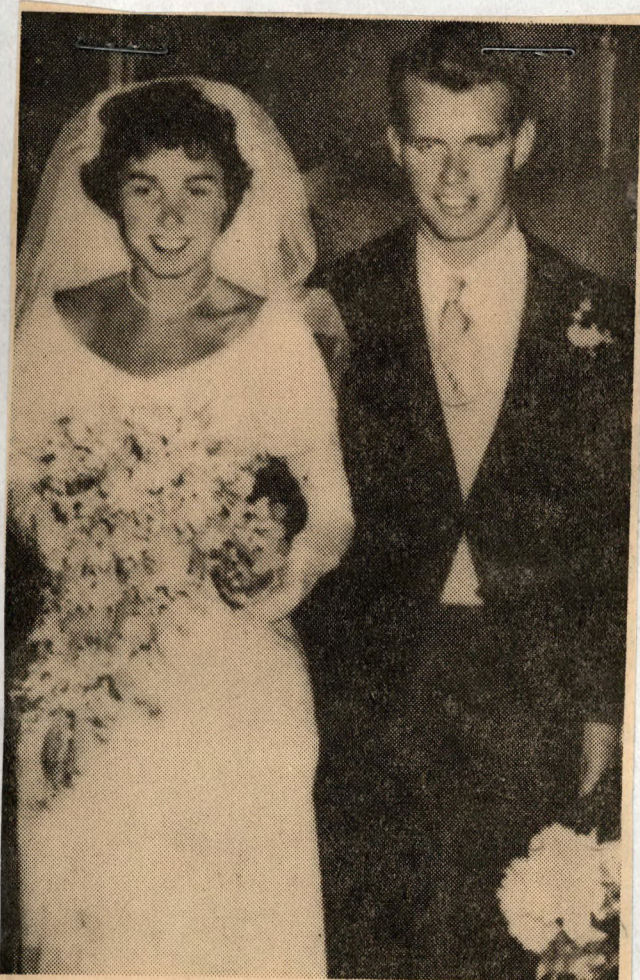
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1950—Senator Kennedy and the former Ethel Skakel as they leave altar in Greenwich, Conn., June 17.

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