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# Burial Under Moonlight

By CLAUDIA BASKIN

Star Staff Writer

Sen. Kennedy offered to assist the widow but she declined. Leaving immediately, she stopped several times to acknowledge condolences offered her, among them President and Mrs. Johnson.

It is a strange time—almost 11 p.m. with a full moon high in the sky—to consign mortal remains to their final resting place.

Everyone else remained facing the casket, now alone on the knoll, as Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy Francis Kennedy, a man who in life did not enjoy visiting her own husband's grave, some 40 feet away waiting.

The Memorial Bridge was a black ribbon between rows of lights when the first car of the motorcade started across at 10:15 p.m.

Minutes later the hearse glistening in artificial light arrived at the foot of the knoll to discharge its burden. Accompanied by her children Caroline and John Jr., she circled the gravesite and entered it from the side opposite to that of Robert Kennedy. She was escorted by her brother-in-law, Prince Stanislas Radzivil.

## Visits Gravesite

### First to Emerge

Sen. Edward Kennedy was the first to emerge so that he might assist Mrs. Ethel Kennedy from the car.

Simultaneously a small but powerful spotlight was turned on the knoll, and a sigh went up from those at the opulence of its greenness.

Mrs. Kennedy walked up the hill with the same composure she had shown throughout the day—Sen. Kennedy on her left and her son Joseph on her right as they stood before the casket.

Her head was bowed slightly throughout the brief committal service which began with the words, "I am the resurrection and the light."

Her children and other members of the family were ranged behind her. There were no visible tears, there was no visible loss of composure, from youngest to the matriarch of the family, Mrs. Rose Kennedy.

### Each Held a Candle

Each held a lighted candle, as did other members of the funeral party, including members of the diplomatic corps.

At the conclusion of the service all knelt, then one by one Mrs. Kennedy, the children, the sisters, and other members of the family approached the coffin, knelt, and kissed it.

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Before approaching the grave, she bent to whisper to the children. The three of them then knelt at the foot and added flowers to a bouquet already there.

Jacqueline Kennedy then removed two flowers, placing them first on the grave of her son, Patrick Bouvier Kennedy, and then on the grave of her baby, identified as "Little Girl" Kennedy.

All three made the sign of the cross and left the terrace through the guests who had been accommodated around it.

Many of them had been standing there since 4 p.m. The diplomats, also in that area, had arrived at 7:30.

#### Group Scattered

A group from Resurrection City had assembled there earlier in the day, scattered during the long wait, and finally re-gathered just before the ceremony began.

As the crowd dispersed a small group of Roman Catholic sisters who had been there since before 4 p.m., came and knelt before the casket. They were the last to pay formal tribute.

It was after 11:30, the lights were out, three people remained standing at the grave of John Kennedy, and all was quiet when Robert F. Kennedy was finally laid to rest.



- Star Photographer Francis Roullet

John F. Kennedy Jr. places flowers on his father's grave after attending the graveside burial rites for his uncle, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, in Arlington Cemetery.





—Star Photographer Bernie Boston

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's grieving mother, Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, bows her head as she follows her sons casket from the train at Union Station. On her right is one of her

daughters, Mrs. Patricia Kennedy Lawford. Barely visible behind her mother is another daughter, Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

# Psychiatrists Try to Find What Makes Sirhan Tick

By WILLIAM FEDERICI  
Staff Correspondent of THE NEWS

Los Angeles, June 8—Diminutive Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused killer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, began a series of psychiatric tests today in Los Angeles County jail to determine what his mental state was at the time of the shooting, and his present condition.

Two court-appointed psychiatrists, Dr. Edward Staimbrook and Dr. Eric Markus, acting as agents for the defense, saw the Jordanian refugee for a little over an hour in his isolated, heavily guarded cell in the infirmary ward on the second floor of the jail.

## Report to Defender

Their observations will be reported solely to Sirhan's court-appointed attorney, Deputy Public Defender Wilbur Littlefield. Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Alarcon has set pleading for June 8, at which time it is expected a trial date will be set.

Meanwhile, police continued an intensive hunt for two swarthy, Arabic-speaking men sought for questioning as possible conspirators in the assassination. They were seen and heard with Sirhan yesterday a Kennedy campaign worker two days before the shooting.

## Release Belly Dancer

Police questioned and released yesterday Kathy Fulmer, 19, Los Angeles belly dancer, who came to them thinking she might be the "girl in the white polka dot dress" also sought for questioning. A witness in the Ambassador Hotel ballroom after Kennedy was shot had said a girl ran out yelling: "We have killed him." The witness, Sandra Serano, 22, told THE NEWS today that Miss Fulmer was "definitely not" the woman she had seen.

Police said two other young women had come forth claiming to be the girl, but they, too, were released after questioning.

Investigators are checking all leads as they intensify their investigation to determine if the assassination was the work of one man or a conspiracy.

The wiry 24-year-old Sirhan was accused yesterday by a Los Angeles grand jury of assault with a deadly weapon and with intent to murder five other persons during the wild shooting spree early Wednesday morning in a kitchen pantry of the hotel.

Sirhan's arraignment took place less than an hour after the indictments were handed up, in a security-sealed temporary courtroom converted from a chapel in the county jail.

Heavy security measures were in effect in and around the jail. A Los Angeles woman was arrested yesterday as she attempted to smuggle three guns secreted in a typewriter to a prisoner confined there. Authorities said there seem to be no apparent connection with the Sirhan case.

Yesterday's extraordinary proceedings followed the posting of a tight security ring around the suspect in an effort to avoid a recurrence of what took place in a Dallas police garage 4½ years ago. It was in this garage that Jack Ruby shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy. Dallas police were transferring Oswald to a court for arraignment.

## Judge Imposes Censorship

Every effort was taken to assure the 5-foot-2, 115-pound Sirhan protection of every constitutional right.

To insure this, Judge Alarcon clamped a tight censorship on the case, promising "swift action against anyone connected with the case (including witnesses) who discussed the case publicly."

W. J. Wood, 43, a water geologist who told police of the two men he had seen talking to Sirhan outside the Kennedy headquarters, remained under police protection today.

## Overheard in the Street

Wood, who has recently returned from Saudi Arabia and speaks five dialects of Arabic, told police that one of the men, speaking in a Jordanese dialect, said: "Kennedy won't be in the hotel tomorrow (Monday) night, we can get him there the next night (Tuesday)."

Police refused to divulge any information on the conspiracy aspect of the assassination, citing Judge Alarcon's ban on any information that might be considered evidence.

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# Pleading, Next Step in Sirhan Case, Is Three Weeks Away

BY JERRY COHEN

Times Staff Writer

Barring the unforeseen, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. A233421 must wait three weeks for a new development.

The case bearing that number contains the murder charge against the young Jordanian immigrant accused of slaying "Robert Francis Kennedy, a human being."

After Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's indictment late Friday, Superior Court Judge Arthur Alarcon set June 28 for Sirhan's plea to the charge.

He did so during the 24-year-old suspect's arraignment, one of the most unusual and tightly secured court proceedings ever held in this country.

So strict were security precautions that the "court" actually was taken to Sirhan, rather than Sirhan to the court.

The arraignment was held in the County Jail chapel; an altar served as the judge's bench.

Sheriff's deputies and about 100 reporters—even the judge himself—were searched before being admitted.

Sirhan, under heavy guard, entered in a wheelchair. He suffered a

sprained ankle, plus a broken finger and bruises, when subdued in the Ambassador Hotel after Wednesday's fatal shooting.

The tight security was compatible with the massive effort of Los Angeles city and county law enforcement chiefs to prevent an incident that could mar the legal record in the wake of the second Kennedy assassination in five years.

Judge Alarcon added another element to this effort Friday in a three-and-a-half-page order, strictly limiting comment on the case by all persons connected with it and by public officials.

After the arraignment, A. L. Wirin, chief counsel here for the American Civil Liberties Union, complimented court and law enforcement officials for their care in protecting Sirhan's constitutional rights.

Wirin, who had been invited to observe court proceedings, was, in turn, praised by Judge Alarcon "for dedication in this case and concern for the defendant's constitutional rights."

However, the judge rejected Wir-

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in's request that "one or more outstanding lawyers" be appointed to defend Sirhan because the accused is not satisfied with the public defender.

But the judge noted that the rejection was only for "this time" and that the motion might be reconsidered later.

The site of future courtroom proceedings remained uncertain Saturday.

Asked if Sirhan's pleading also will be held in the jail chapel, Presiding Superior Judge Donald R. Wright said that, as of

now, "I've not the vaguest notion."

However, he said, he did not "anticipate" such an unusual site would be designated for future court proceedings.

He indicated they probably will be shifted to the Hall of Justice—but with no relaxation in security.

As Wirin passed Sirhan at the end of Friday's 38-minute arraignment, the suspect hissed to him: "Money, money."

Wirin explained Saturday that Sirhan was reminding him of his request about the disposition of four \$100 bills confiscated after his arrest.

Wirin said Sirhan had asked that \$300 be turned over to his mother, Mrs. Mary Sirhan, with whom he lived in Pasadena.

He asked that most of the remainder be made available to him to buy personal necessities in jail.

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**SAYS HE HAD INVITATION****Man Arrested at Cathedral  
With Empty Gun in Briefcase**

NEW YORK (UPI)—A printing company salesman who said he had been invited to Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's funeral was seized by police at the entrance to St. Patrick's Cathedral Saturday when they found an unloaded revolver in his briefcase.

Police took the man, identified as Gary J. DeDell, 30, of Syracuse, N.Y., to a nearby station house for questioning by Secret Service agents. They attempted to locate a Kennedy aide who could verify whether DeDell had actually been invited to the services.

A tall, heavy-set man, DeDell was booked later on a charge of carrying an unloaded revolver without a permit, a misdemeanor which carries up to a year in prison.

Once again he said he had been invited to the funeral but when asked by newsmen if he was a friend of the Kennedy family, he said: "Maybe not anymore."

**Hearing Scheduled Monday**

DeDell was arraigned before Criminal Court Judge J. Howard Rossback Saturday night and bail was set at \$2,000 pending a hearing Monday. DeDell was not immediately able to make bail.

DeDell's court-appointed attorney told the court DeDell carried an official invitation to the services at the time of his arrest.

DeDell was picked up at the doors of the cathedral 15 minutes before President Johnson arrived. Police said everyone with a package of any sort was stopped. DeDell was taken into custody so quickly and quietly that newsmen and others nearby were unaware of the incident.

An unidentified youth of 16 or 17, also believed from Syracuse, was with DeDell.

In Syracuse, police Sgt. Anthony Cizionski said DeDell had permits for at least half a dozen pistols, one



**ARRESTED**—Gary DeDell, 30, of Syracuse, N.Y., following his arrest on a charge of carrying a gun into St. Patrick's before funeral services.

(AP Wirephoto)

of which he recently reported stolen. The permits are not valid in New York City, however, without the special approval of the city police commissioner.

Syracuse police, entering DeDell's home with a search warrant, said they found a quantity of ammunition. They said there were framed pictures of Kennedy and Czar Nicholas of Russia, and a Maltese cross hung on the door.

Police picked up a submachine gun with a blocked barrel, two shotguns, two rifles, two pistols, two pellet guns and the ammunition.

Friends of DeDell, a bachelor who lives alone, said he always carried an unloaded gun.

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# Sirhan Under 24-Hour Guard; Judge Bars Case Comment

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, remained under constant surveillance yesterday as Kennedy was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

The 24-year-old Jordan immigrant was kept in the bullet-proof second floor cell of the hospital section of the Los Angeles County jail where he was taken following Kennedy's shooting in the Ambassador Hotel.

An unarmed deputy was constantly in the room with him, and an armed guard watched through a plastic peephole in the door.

After a brief appearance at arraignment Friday when he was formally charged with Kennedy's murder, Sirhan was whisked off under maximum police protection and under a mandatory order from Superior Court Judge Arthur A. Alarcon that no witnesses, officers, attorneys or public officials comment publicly on the case.

Mrs. Mary Sirhan, the suspect's mother, had been invited by A. L. Wirin, the head of the Los Angeles branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, to attend the arraignment but she did not appear.

An inquiry at the Los Angeles sheriff's office as to whether any member of the family or friends had seen Sirhan in his cell brought a response that no family members had visited him.

The one-time racetrack exercise boy and aspiring jockey had previously been visited by Wirin and Sirhan waved to the attorney at the arraignment. He asked Wirin to bring him some money.

Sirhan was not scheduled to appear in public until June 28 when a plea is to be entered on his behalf by the public defender's office.

Judge Alarcon also appointed two psychiatrists to examine the defendant and advise the defense in determining whether to enter an insanity plea.

Los Angeles police questioned and quickly released three women who voluntarily appeared, each saying she believed she was the "girl in the polka dot dress" sought after the shooting early Wednesday morning.

## Three Women Released

A Kennedy volunteer worker had said such a woman ran from the hotel saying "we shot him" minutes after the senator was fatally wounded. The police investigation was continuing on every lead but officers said privately there was no reason to believe any conspiracy existed.

The order issued by Judge Alarcon was the most far reaching edict ever issued in assuring the rights of a defendant and attempting to avoid trial prejudice, according to Los Angeles lawyers.

It said:

"It is the order of this court

that no party to this action, nor any attorney connected with this case as defense counsel or as prosecutor, nor any other attorney, nor any judicial officer or employee, nor any public official, including but not limited to any chief of police nor any sheriff, nor any agent, deputy or employee of any such persons nor any grand juror, nor any witness having appeared before the grand jury in this matter, nor any person subpoenaed to testify at the trial of this matter shall release or authorize the release of any purported extra judicial statement of the defendant."

## Public Comment Barred

That presumably would apply to Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty who has come under criticism for talking at length on television about Sirhan's possible motives, his background and even the existence of a notebook in which Sirhan allegedly wrote a date on which Kennedy must be

assassinated.

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# Elder Sirhan: Arab Feelings Endure

By Elizur Yuval

Special to The Washington Post

TAIBEH, Occupied Jordan, June 8—The father of the accused assassin of Robert F. Kennedy said today the Senator "should have had more justice in his speeches. You cannot kill Arab feelings deep inside."

"Justice is above everything," Bishara Salameh Sirhan said repeatedly in an interview.

Two days ago, the father of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, who is under indictment in Los Angeles for Sen. Kennedy's murder, expressed his admiration for the Kennedy family, including the Senator as well as the late President John F. Kennedy. He said at that time that he could not understand how his son could be driven to such an act of violence.

Today, he explained that at first he could see no possible connection between his son and Robert Kennedy. But since he first received the news he has learned about the Senator's sympathies for Israel, he continued, and now he understands things more clearly.

The elder Sirhan repeatedly asked the following

question of his interviewers: "Tell me, do you think it possible to kill the good feelings you have for your country?"

A short, slight man who lives in this village 20 miles northeast of Jerusalem, Sirhan appeared more relaxed today than he has on some previous occasions since the shooting. Information here has revealed him to be given to fits of temper and sudden changes of mood. Neighbors remember that he used to beat his children. He has by turns been most cooperative with reporters and then refused to see them. On Friday, he bodily ejected from his house a reporter for the West German television network.

Today he was eager to talk about everything, especially his youngest son, Sirhan, whom he has not seen for more than eight years.

His English is fluent, although from time to time he stops in order to search for a word. He also does not hesitate to stop interviewers from time to time when he does not understand a word.

Sirhan was meticulously dressed in a dark gray woolen suit despite the 90-degree heat. He wore a white shirt with thin blue stripes and a gray and blue tie. He also wore an Arab headdress. His dark, thin face was clean-shaven.

There was much less traffic into Taibeh today. Everybody in the clean, mostly Christian village—which lies in the foothills of the mountains of Judea just before the desert and the Jordan Valley begin—is eager to help you find the celebrity among them.

One elderly gentleman in Arab headdress offered to direct us. Addressing us in fairly good Yiddish, he said: "Have you ever seen an Arab who speaks Yiddish? I also speak Turkish, French, English and Hebrew."

No Israeli soldiers or policemen were to be seen in the village. From the veranda of Sirhan's new white stone house one gets a beautiful view of the Dead Sea, 15 miles away and about 2000 feet below Taibeh.

As we came in, a delivery boy brought cold beer and soft drinks which Sirhan apparently had ordered from the nearby grocery.

On the doorbell it said "Bishara" in English and Arabic.

Talking about his son Sirhan's experiences with Israelis, Sirhan admitted that his son had actually never seen any Israeli soldiers. He was less than four years old when the family moved from their house in St. Paul's Street in the Musrara quarter to the walled Old City of Jerusalem.

They had moved out at the advice of the British mandate authorities who feared that they might be hurt in the battle that was raging near the Musrara quarter.

"For two days before that we did not go out of the house," Sirhan recalled. "The Jews were bombing us all the time. Cannon and mortar shells fell everywhere. All the time little Sirhan was leaning against the wall, afraid."

"Later he often said to me: 'Father, do you remember when there was shelling and we were in the house and could not go out?'" "The boy also kept remembering the toys he left behind in

their Musrara apartment, the father told us.

"Jewish families who had lived next to us ran away earlier when the Arabs were in control of Musrara," Sirhan added. The father said he kept up with his family in America through his second son, Saidallah, with whom he corresponds regularly.

He had not had any mail from young Sirhan for many years and did not write to him. He heard about him through the letters of Saidallah. Sirhan refused to answer questions about his family's reported association with the Jehovah Witnesses sect and said that this was only gossip of the people in the village. He refused to answer questions about his relationship with his wife and the divorce proceedings he had started against her. "These are confidential matters," he said with some irritation.

In reply to another question, he said that he might go to the United States. He had discussed this and other matters with U.S. consular officials who had visited him.

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