

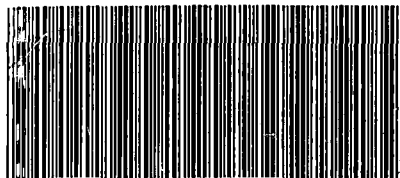
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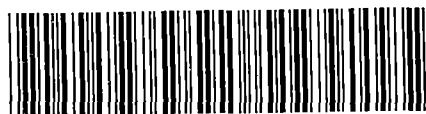
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# Sirhan and His Mother May Take the Stand

By THEO WILSON  
Staff Correspondents of THE NEWS

Los Angeles, Jan. 29—Sirhan Sirhan, killer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and his mother, Mary, 55, may be called to the witness stand to tell about their poverty and their financial struggles here.

Their testimony would be given to Judge Herbert V. Walker in the absence of the jury, to be used as part of the defense's fight to quash the first degree murder indictment returned against Sirhan by a grand jury last year.

## Challenge by Cooper

Chief defense attorney Grant B. Cooper said today, out of court, that it is "possible" he will call the mother and son next week. Cooper wants to get their economic status on the record.

Cooper is challenging the entire grand jury system here. Grand jurors are nominated by Superior Court judges. According to the defense today, these jurors do not represent those who are poor, uneducated or who belong to minority groups.

Sirhan is 24, and Cooper also argued today that people of his age do not serve as grand jurors here.

The eight men and four women who have been selected as jurors, but not yet sworn, were not in court today during the fight over the indictment, which might take as long as a week.

To bolster his claim that Los Angeles County grand jurors do not represent a true cross-section of the population here, Cooper called as a witness Robert E. Schultz of the University of Southern California Graduate School of Business.

Schultz, who has a Ph.D., is a demographic-sociologist, one who studies population groups to determine social, financial ethnic and occupational statistics.

According to his testimony today:

• The grand jurors of Los Angeles County, the men and women who decide whether or not those accused of crimes should be indicted, are whites, educated, professional or technical workers,

who live in houses worth \$25,000 or more.

• They "in no way" represent the "profile" of Los Angeles as it is reflected by the statistics of the U.S. Census Bureau.

Using maps to illustrate his points, Schultz told Cooper that grand jurors here differ greatly from the population in age, education, geographical distribution, home values and family income.

## The Age Breakdown

As an example, Schultz testified, no grand jurors here in 1968 were between 25 and 34 years old. But 26% of the normal population here in 1960 was in that age bracket. (Schultz said the 1960 census figures he was using would not show much change to 1968.)

Also, while 40% of the grand jurors here are 66 and older, only 5% of the normal population is in that age bracket here.

He said that "a vast majority—70%" of the grand jurors have incomes of \$10,000 and up, and that 75% of them live in homes valued at \$25,000 and more.

Over 40% of the grand jurors nominated live in Beverly Hills and other white, upper class suburban areas, Schultz testified. None came from areas predominantly populated by Negroes.

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**Mrs. Mary Sirhan**  
*Awaits lawyer's call*



**Sirhan Sirhan**  
*He may testify*

# Sirhan Lawyers Attack Grand Jury Composition

By DOUGLAS E. KNEELAND  
Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's attorneys contended today that his indictment on a charge of first-degree murder should be set aside because the grand jury that returned it was improperly constituted.

In presenting the motion, Grant B. Cooper, chief counsel for the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant who is accused of killing Senator Robert F. Kennedy last June, attacked the constitutionality of the California grand jury system.

In this state, Superior Court judges nominate people to serve on panels from which grand juries are drawn. Each Superior Court judge in Los Angeles County, for instance, may nominate two persons for the prospective grand jury panel. The final panel of 23 jurors is then chosen by lot.

## Judges Are Subpoened

To support their charges that such a system did not produce a jury composed of a broad cross-section of the community, the defense attorneys subpoenaed all the county's Superior Court judges to testify as to their methods of selecting grand jury nominees. The judges were ordered to report Monday to the heavily guarded eighth-floor courtroom where Sirhan is being tried.

However, if they chose not to appear, the judges were given the alternative of filling out a 10-page questionnaire that seeks to determine whether there was any discrimination by age, race, economic status or geography in their approaches to the nominations.

Twenty-six of the 133 judges upon whom the defense had intended to serve subpoenas were found to be ill, retired, deceased or moved out of the county.

By this afternoon, two judges had indicated that they would prefer to testify in person. They will appear in court tomorrow, as will Jury Commissioner William Goodwin.

## Grand Jury Defended

In an interview after court was recessed until tomorrow, Lynn D. Compton, chief deputy district attorney, indicated that he felt the Sirhan grand jury had represented a cross-section of the community. On the 23-member jury, he said, were two Negroes, one Mexican-American and ~~one Arab~~.

## Contend Indictment Should Be Set Aside Because Panel Was Improperly Drawn

As court opened today, Mr. Compton opposed the motion to quash the indictment. He argued that "even stipulating the validity" of the evidence the defense was prepared to offer, "it really is irrelevant to this case."

Contending that there must be some allegation that a jury otherwise constituted would not have returned the same indictment, Mr. Compton said:

~~"I will submit that, no mat-~~

ter how a grand jury was constituted in this case, coupled with the admission that this man fired the shot, that nothing but an indictment could have resulted."

In turn, Mr. Cooper declared: "Our contention is that the system itself has the effect of being discriminating."

In the view of the defense, he added, "this is a question of constitutional dimensions."

Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker, who is presiding at the trial, denied the prosecution move to shut off the argument, permitting the defense to go ahead with its testimony.

Robert E. Schultz, a professor in the Department of Finance at the University of California, was then called to the witness stand as an expert on sociological demography. Mr. Schultz made a study of the persons nominated for possible grand jury duty last year.

Under questioning by Mr. Cooper, he testified, with the aid of four maps, that his study had shown that those on the

jury panel did not proportionately represent young adults, Negroes, the working class, lower economic groups or those with less than a college education.

For instance, using 1960 Census Bureau figures for comparison, Mr. Schultz said that 30 per cent of the members of the jury panel could be classified as professional or technical workers, while only 14 per cent of the county's population fell into that category.

Most observers at the Hall of Justice here do not expect Judge Walker to uphold the defense motion to quash the indictment. In fact, the defense attorneys are known to be mainly interested in getting the challenge

on the record, providing them with another possible point of appeal should Sirhan be convicted of first-degree murder.

The motion was first presented before jury selection began, but both sides agreed at that time to postpone argument on it until the defense had time to gather more evidence.

Now, with the main body of 12 jurors seated, no action is expected on the choice of six alternate jurors until the evidence is on the motion to quash the indictment, and Judge Walker rules upon it.

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### Case Most Unusual

# Sirhan Trial Delay Is Typical

By RICHARD STARNES

Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 — The slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was not a typical crime in the epidemic of wrongdoing that is lacerating the nation, and defendant Sirhan B. Sirhan is no common hoodlum.

But the glacial pace of the trial of Mr. Sirhan is wholly characteristic of the plodding deliberation with which criminal justice is dispensed in the United States.

Grant B. Cooper, the soft-spoken and courtly chief defense counsel for the accused assassin, has conceded in open court that his moody, whey-faced client fired the shot that took the life of Sen. Kennedy last June 5. But the trial of Mr. Sirhan promises to last at least another three months.

Mr. Sirhan was arraigned and pled not guilty last Aug. 2. Trial was set for Nov. 1 and was postponed twice. It started in the heavily guarded superior court of Judge Herbert V. Walker Jan. 7. Three weeks later the jury has not been finally selected.

### MORE PRELIMINARIES

Today, as the lead-footed proceedings resume after a four-day recess, there were still two time-consuming preliminaries impeding the actual trial. Altho eight men and four women have tentatively been seated as jurors, six alternates remain to be selected. Since neither prosecution nor defense has exhausted peremptory challenges, choosing the six alternates could drag on for the rest of the week.

Mr. Cooper said he would subpoena more than 100 Los Angeles County judges to support his plea to quash the indictment — a plea observers felt was a doomed ploy intended only to lay the groundwork for an appeal if Mr. Sirhan is convicted.

There is also one more motion to be argued. Mr. Cooper and his two assistants today will seek dismissal of Mr. Sirhan's indictment on the ground that the grand jury that returned it did not represent a fair cross section of the community. Substantially the same argument was used in an earlier motion to dismiss the petit jury panel,

and was rejected by Judge Walker. (It was renewed the next day, and was again rejected, but not until the 69-year-old trial judge had patiently listened to additional arguments from Mr. Cooper.)

While California's far-out murder trial procedure is undoubtedly contributing to the delay in Mr. Sirhan's trial, delay for delay's sake is a time-honored weapon in the U.S. trial attorney's armory. In California trials that result in a verdict of first-degree murder, the trial jury must then listen to additional evidence in mitigation or in aggravation of sentence and then must decide between life imprisonment or death in the gas chamber.

The "penalty" verdict must be unanimous, just as the guilty-not-guilty verdict must be. This doubles the possibility of a hung jury and of a mistrial, and it led to this exchange between Mr. Cooper and a reporter during a courthouse corridor interview:

What happens, Mr. Cooper was asked, if the jury agrees on a first-degree guilty verdict but can't agree when it later must decide on penalty?

"It means," Mr. Cooper replied cheerfully, "that a whole new jury must be selected to fix the penalty. And since the new jury has not heard any of the evidence, practically everything can be reintroduced — not just evidence in mitigation or aggravation."

### NATIONAL TREND

California, however, has no monopoly on endless criminal trials. At the beginning of the current fiscal year there were 14,763 criminal cases pending in Federal District courts, of which nearly 2,000 had been hanging fire for more than two years, 2,055 had been in litigation more than a year and 2,408 had been pending more than six months.

Judge Walker, who is presiding over the Sirhan trial, is due to retire in June. He has sat on more than 100 murder cases, of which 18 resulted in death penalties. One of these was the celebrated trial of sex offender Caryl Chessman, who went to California's gas chamber in 1960 — more than 12 years after his arrest and indictment.

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## Around the Nation

# Dozen Sirhan Jurors Seated, But Any Can Be Challenged

LOS ANGELES—Two new jurors were tentatively seated yesterday in the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

This brought to 12—three women and nine men—the number who were seated tentatively in the jury box.

However, any of the 12 could be excused on a preemptory challenge from the prosecution or the defense. It appears likely that the defense, at least, will use all its 20 preemptory challenges and hence the selection of 12 jurors and six alternates could take another two weeks.

Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker has told jury candidates the trial may last "three or more months."

## 6 Jurors Accepted

NEW ORLEANS—The fifth and sixth jurors acceptable to the defense and the prosecution were selected in the Clay Shaw conspiracy trial.

The slow pace indicated that the case District Attorney Jim Garrison is bringing against Shaw and the Warren Commission will not begin until next week at the earliest.

Garrison has charged that Shaw, a 55-year-old retired businessman, plotted the assassination of President Kennedy with two men now dead—pilot David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald, who the Warren report says committed the murder alone and unaided.

The prosecution subpoenaed three more persons yesterday. Among them was Dr. Robert R. Shaw of Dallas, who attended Gov. John Connally of Texas, who was riding with President Kennedy and was wounded.

## Addenda

### Church to Rescue

RALEIGH, N.C. — The United Church of Christ will come to the defense of Marie Hill, a 17-year-old Negro girl sentenced to die in the North Carolina gas chamber for murder and robbery.

The church also announced that it would intervene to block the execution of an Indian youth in South Dakota as part of a new "Crusade for Justice."

### • David Stein, a British

artist who made more than \$165,000 painting art forgeries—some of which he sold with the paint "barely dry"—was sentenced to serve 2½ to 5 years in New York state prison.

• Dr. Carl Coppolino, acquitted in a 1966 murder trial in New Jersey but later convicted of another killing in Florida, lost his license to practice in New Jersey. He now is serving a sentence in a Florida prison.

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 BY KATHLEEN NEUMEYER

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, WHO HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY UNMOVED DURING THE LONG PERIODS OF HAGGLING OVER A JURY WHICH WILL TRY HIM FOR THE MURDER OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, CHUCKLED THURSDAY WHEN KENNEDY'S SLAYING WAS DESCRIBED AS "A POLITICAL ASSASSINATION."

THE ONE-TIME RACETRACK EXERCISE BOY CHARGED WITH GUNNING DOWN THE PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT, LEANED OVER TO WHISPER ANIMATEDLY WITH HIS LAWYERS, APPARENTLY AMUSED BY THE REMARK BY DEP. DIST. ATTY. DAVID FITTS, WHO SAID "MOST PEOPLE HAVE HEARD OF THIS CASE AND KNOW OR BELIEVE IT WAS A POLITICAL ASSASSINATION."

FITTS JOUSTED WITH CHIEF DEFENSE ATTORNEY GRANT B. COOPER OVER COOPER'S ASKING A PROSPECTIVE PANELIST IF SHE WOULD "LEAN" TOWARD THE DEATH PENALTY IF CONVINCED SIRHAN KILLED KENNEDY "DELIBERATELY, WILLFULLY AND PREMEDITATEDLY."

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER SUSTAINED FITTS' CONTENTION THAT COOPER COULD INQUIRE ABOUT THE JUROR'S VIEWS ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN GENERAL, BUT COULD NOT ASK WHAT PENALTY SHE FAVORED IN THE SIRHAN CASE BEFORE SHE HAD HEARD ANY EVIDENCE.

COOPER SAID, "I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLUMB THE DEPTHS OF A JUROR'S MIND WITHOUT ASKING THESE QUESTIONS." BUT REPHRASED IT TO ASK MRS. IRMA O. MARTINEZ IF SHE WOULD BE PREDISPOSED TO THE DEATH PENALTY IF "JOHN DOE" WERE CHARGED WITH MURDER.

SHE WAS TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED AFTER SHE REPLIED, "I CAN'T MAKE A DECISION WITHOUT KNOWING THE FACTS IN THE SPECIFIC CASE."

THE DEFENSE USED ITS FIFTH PEREMPTORY TO EXCLUDE MISS CAROLYN FREEMAN, A BLONDE TELEPHONE COMPANY WORKER, WHO SAID SHE FAVORED THE DEATH PENALTY IN FIRST DEGREE MURDER CASES, AND THE PROSECUTION EXERCISED ITS 6TH PEREMPTORY AGAINST JAMES B. AVERY, A MAIL CARRIER.

MRS. PATRICIA ANDERSON WAS EXCUSED AFTER SHE SAID THE LONG JURY SERVICE WOULD INCONVENIENCE THE BANK WHERE SHE WAS EMPLOYED.

HER EXCLUSION FOR CAUSE, A DAY AFTER SHE WAS TENTATIVELY SEATED, ENDED A DEFENSE HEADACHE ON HOW TO GET RID OF MRS. ANDERSON, WHO HAD EXPRESSED A PREDILECTION TOWARD THE DEATH PENALTY DURING SECRET QUESTIONING IN CHAMBERS.

THE DEFENSE HAD SOUGHT TO DISMISS HER ON LEGAL GROUNDS BUT WALKER DENIED THE MOTION. AFTER A CONFERENCE IN CHAMBERS THURSDAY, MRS. ANDERSON TOLD THE COURT HER EMPLOYER SAID "MY JOB IS NOT IN JEOPARDY BUT MY ABSENCE WOULD BE A HARDSHIP TO THEM."

MRS. MARY LOU BUSBY, A SANDY-HAIRED SCHOOLTEACHER REPLACED MISS FREEMAN AND ALBERT N. FREDERICO, WHO WAS BEING QUESTIONED WHEN COURT ADJOURNED FOR THE DAY, FILLED AVERY'S SEAT.

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SIRHAN 1/23 NX  
 BY KATHLEEN NEUMEYER

LOS ANGELES (UPI)--NINE MEN AND THREE WOMEN WERE SEATED IN THE JURY BOX TODAY IN THE TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, BUT IT WAS POSSIBLE NONE WOULD TRY THE 24-YEAR-OLD ARAB IMMIGRANT FOR THE MURDER OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

IT APPEARED LIKELY THE DEFENSE WOULD USE ALL ITS 20 PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES AND SELECTION OF 12 JURORS AND SIX ALTERNATES COULD TAKE ANOTHER TWO WEEKS.

THE DEFENSE WAS ALMOST CERTAIN TO USE A PEREMPTORY AGAINST MRS. PATRICIA ANDERSON, A BRUNETTE EMPLOYEE OF SECURITY PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HBERT V. WALKER DENIED A DEFENSE MOTION WEDNESDAY TO EXCLUDE MRS. ANDERSON ON LEGAL GROUNDS BECAUSE OF TESTIMONY SHE GAVE IN CHAMBERS, WHICH WAS NOT DISCLOSED IN OPEN COURT.

IT WAS BELIEVED THE CHALLENGE HAD TO DO WITH MRS. ANDERSON'S VIEWS ON THE DEATH PENALTY, EXPRESSED PRIVATELY TO THE JUDGE AND ATTORNEYS. STILL BEING QUESTIONED WHEN COURT ADJOURNED WEDNESDAY WAS RONALD G. EVANS, A TELEPHONE COMPANY EMPLOYEE WHO HAD NOT YET BEEN PASSED BY THE DEFENSE OR THE PROSECUTION.

THE STRAIN OF THE TEDIOUS, REPETITIVE QUESTIONING OF JURORS WAS TAKING ITS TOLL ON THE DEFENDANT, WHO APPEARED PALLID AND BROODING IN SHARP CONTRAST TO HIS HIGH SPIRITS DURING PREVIOUS PROCEEDINGS.

SIRHAN LISTENED CLOSELY AS HIS ATTORNEYS INTERROGATED PROSPECTIVE PANELISTS, DARTING FREQUENT, UNSMILINGLY GLANCES AT HIS MOTHER, MARY, AND YOUNGER BROTHER, MUNIR, SEATED IN THE REAR OF THE COURTROOM. HE FIDGETED AND CHEWED HIS NAILS.

MRS. SIRHAN BROUGHT A BOOK FOR HER SON, "THE DECADENCY OF JUDAISM IN OUR TIME," BY MOSHE MENUHIN, BUT A COURT OFFICIAL RETURNED IT AFTER THE NOON RECESS, TELLING HER, "HE ALREADY HAS THIS ONE."

EVEN CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL GRANT B. COOPER SUFFERED FROM THE MONOTONY. JUDGE WALKER HAD TO TELL THE ATTORNEY TWICE TO BEGIN QUESTIONING A PROSPECTIVE JUROR.

COOPER APOLOGIZED, "I MUST HAVE BEEN WOOLGATHERING, YOUR HONOR." BY WEDNESDAY, THE PROSECUTION AND THE DEFENSE HAD USED NINE OF THEIR COMBINED 40 PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES TO ELIMINATE JURORS. THREE OTHERS HAD BEEN DISMISSED FOR CAUSE AND 27 BECAUSE SERVICE ON THE PROLONGED CASE WOULD BE A PERSONAL HARDSHIP.

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# 3 Women Dropped From Sirhan Panel

By THEO WILSON

Staff Correspondents of THE NEWS

Los Angeles, Jan. 22—Defense Attorney Emile Zola Berman walked down the corridor today where reporters and spectators line up to be frisked for the Sirhan Sirhan trial and saw two college kids sitting on the floor, drinking coffee.

Berman stared and said, tongue in cheek:

"What's it, are we being picketed?"

What the college kids, who were there to attend the trial, saw today probably was interesting but not very understandable to them.



Emile Zola  
Berman

The prosecutors used peremptory challenges to get grandmotherly types—a widowed nurse was the first prospective juror seated last week, and a retired antique shop owner who said she once served

on a murder jury which acquitted the defendant.

Sirhan is accused of killing Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in June.

## Another Is dropped

Sirhan's defense lawyers bumped out a telephone company service representative.

It was presumed the defense thought she was too "establishment" for their purposes. They are looking for jurors who can identify with Sirhan as an underdog. They also want jurors who are educated enough to grasp about Sirhan's state of mind when he allegedly killed Kennedy.

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# 5 Prospective Jurors Excused in Sirhan Case

By George Lardner Jr.  
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22— that it intends to press for the Prosecuting and defense attorneys narrowed their choices for the assassination of Sen. today for a jury to try Sirhan Robert F. Kennedy. The death penalty was clearly paramount in the maneuvering.

Five prospective jurors were eliminated as both sides stepped up their use of peremptory challenges—the slow but final phase of the selection process.

Among those unseated by the prosecution was a widowed nurse, with a son about Sirhan's age, who had wavered under questioning last week when she was asked about sending the young Arab immigrant to the gas chamber.

Deputy District Attorney John E. Howard and David N. Fitts also eliminated two other panelists, including a retired sales manager's wife who had voted down a first-degree murder charge in another case when she served as a juror.

The State has served notice

The 24-year-old Jordanian's lawyers spent only two of their peremptory challenges today, unseating one woman for undisclosed remarks made in Judge Herbert V. Walker's private chambers and another woman that defense investigators had said they were uneasy about.

Chief defense counsel Grant B. Cooper also tried to challenge "for cause" Patricia Anderson, a bank employee who had indicated in questioning before Judge Walker that she would lean toward the death penalty for Sirhan if he should be convicted of premeditated, first-degree murder.

Judge Walker denied the request. Mrs. Anderson reportedly said she might change her stance if the defense produced mitigating evidence at the second, "penalty" trial requisite in California for first-degree murder cases.

Her answers were elicited at the secret session held with each prospective juror in Judge Walker's chambers. Before this, questioning about the death penalty has been conducted only in open court, with the private session reserved for such issues as politics and exposure to "prejudicial publicity."

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# Sirhan Counsel Accepts

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16—A balding Jewish clothier was tapped today as a prospective juror for Sirhan B. Sirhan's murder trial, raising the religious issue in court for the first time.

His answers apparently satisfied defense attorneys for the young Palestinian Arab accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Benjamin Glick, the proprietor of a ready-to-wear clothing business who moved here from New York five years ago, was added to the still tentative jury panel after questioning both in the courtroom and at a closed session in Judge Herbert V. Walker's private chambers. He was said not to be active in any Jewish or Zionist organizations.

For the trial, Sirhan's defense attorneys intend to stress the theme that the 24-year-old immigrant was so obsessed by the Arab-Israeli conflict and so enraged by Kennedy's advocacy of U.S. aid to Israel that he was incapable of calculating, ~~first degree murder~~. They do not deny he shot Kennedy, however.

Glick told chief defense counsel Grant B. Cooper that he knew of nothing in his "religious background or training or belief" that would make it difficult for him to sit in judgment of Sirhan. He said firmly that he felt he could give the young Arab a fair trial.

Besides Glick, two others were added today to the prospective jury panel, making a total of 10 since questioning started Monday. They included the attractive young wife of a Glendale mortician, Mrs. Sharon A. Engle, and a long-time employe of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Gilbert V. Grace.

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# Death-Penalty Foe Snags Sirhan Trial

By George Lardner Jr.,  
 Washington Post Staff Writer

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For the moment, the judge took the arguments under advisement and proceeded with questioning of other prospective jurors. The eighth, Sharon A. Engle, the young wife of a Glendale mortician, was provisionally approved.

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BY JACK V. FOX

LOS ANGELES (UPI)-- JURY SELECTION WAS SPEEDING UP IN THE MURDER TRIAL OF SIRHAN B. SIRHAN TODAY DESPITE THE CONTROVERSY SPARKED BY A WOMAN WHO SAID SHE IS UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. FIVE WOMEN AND FIVE MEN HAVE BEEN SELECTED TENTATIVELY.

JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER WAS EXPECTED TO RULE ON WHETHER TO SEAT ANOTHER PROSPECTIVE JUROR, THE WOMAN HARDWARE CLERK WHO SAID SHE COULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SENTENCE SIRHAN TO DEATH DESPITE THE DEFENSE ADMISSION HE KILLED ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

ALTHOUGH BOTH SIDES HAVE 20 PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES WHICH THEY CAN USE TO ELIMINATE ANY JUROR THEY WISH, THE TRIAL WAS GOING FASTER THAN ANTICIPATED.

SIRHAN, SMILING AND CHATTING WITH HIS LAWYERS, SEEMED QUITE PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS.

THE 10 TENTATIVELY SELECTED WERE:

MRS. ROSA MOLINA, A WIDOW AND NURSE; MRS. ALICIA DUKE, A DIVORCEE WHO WORKS FOR THE STATE LAND BOARD; MRS. BARBARA COLLINS, A TELEPHONE COMPANY EMPLOYEE; MISS CAROLYN FREEMAN, ANOTHER EMPLOYEE OF THE PHONE COMPANY; LAWRENCE K. MORGAN, A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER FOR IBM.

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LESLIE LANEY, A POST OFFICE SUPERVISOR; ALFONSO GALINDO, A CIVILIAN MECHANIC FOR THE U.S. NAVY; MRS. SHARON ENGLE, ALSO AN IBM EMPLOYEE; BENJAMIN GLICK, OWNER OF A CLOTHING STORE, AND GILBERT F. GRACE, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LOS ANGELES WATER DEPARTMENT.

AWAITING A COURT RULING WAS MRS. ALVINA ALVIDREZ, A PLEASANT-LOOKING MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN WHO SAID SHE COULD BRING IN A FIRST DEGREE MURDER VERDICT BUT THAT SHE COULD NEVER SEND THE ARAB IMMIGRANT OR ANY OTHER PERSON TO THE GAS CHAMBER.

DEPUTY DIST. ATTORNEYS DAVID FITTS AND JOHN HOWARD ASKED THAT SHE BE DISMISSED BUT WALKER -- TEMPORARILY AT LEAST -- OVERRULED THEIR CHALLENGE.

THE JUDGE INDICATED HE MIGHT PERMIT PERSONS OF HER CONVICTION TO BE SEATED AS ONE OF THE 12 REGULAR JURORS UNTIL A VERDICT IS REACHED. IF IT IS FIRST DEGREE MURDER, WALKER MAY REPLACE SUCH PERSONS UNCHANGEABLY AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY WITH ONE OF THE SIX ALTERNATES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF SENTENCE.

HOWARD ARGUED THURSDAY THAT A U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING IN THE 1968 WITHERSPOON CASE, REVERSING A MURDER CONVICTION, HAD RULED THAT A PROSPECTIVE JURY COULD NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDED BECAUSE OF "CONSCIENTIOUS SCRUPLES OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS" AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY CONTENDED THE RULING DID NOT GO SO FAR AS TO COVER A PERSON WHO SAID HE COULD NOT BRING IN THE DEATH PENALTY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

IT WAS EXPECTED THE STATE MIGHT USE ITS FIRST PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE SOME TIME IN TODAY'S SESSION.

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# 3 More Women Tentatively OK'd for Sirhan Jury

Selection of Trio Helps  
Accelerate Process That  
May Require Three Weeks

BY DAVE SMITH  
Times Staff Writer

Three more women jurors were provisionally accepted Tuesday as jury selection accelerated in the trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused slayer of Robert F. Kennedy.

One woman was provisionally seated Monday.

Activity in the small courtroom of Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker centered on exhaustive and repetitious probing by prosecution and defense attorneys of prospective jurors.

Three of the most important areas of questioning involve the effect of the pretrial publicity on the jurors' opinions on the case, the jurors' views on the death penalty and their attitudes on psychiatry.

Carolyn L. Freeman was tentatively seated on the jury, but not until Grant B. Cooper, chief defense attorney, challenged her on the death penalty.

## States Her Views

That was when Miss Freeman, a clerk for Pacific Telephone Co., said that in a case where she was completely convinced that willful, deliberate, premeditated murder had been proved "I think I would lean toward the death penalty."

Under questioning by Dep. Dist. Atty. David N. Pitts, Miss Freeman modified her answer, saying that her verdict "would depend on the mental attitude" of the defendant and whether he had been aggravated or provoked into murder.

"Now after all that fol-de-rol," said Cooper, "let me ask you again. If you were totally sure that first-degree had been proved, would you lean toward the death penalty or toward life?"

"I don't lean either way," she answered.

Judge Walker denied Cooper's challenge.

## Questioned on Prejudice

Cooper also asked Miss Freeman if she felt any prejudice or disregard for the science of psychiatry and its various diagnostic tools, such as hypnosis, lie-detector tests, sodium pentathol and ink-blot tests.

"No," she replied each time.

She said she could fairly weigh testimony the defense will introduce to show that Sirhan's state of mind before the killing was such as to diminish his responsibility for the killing.

Cooper has said repeatedly that the defense will not deny that Sirhan killed Sen. Kennedy, but that it will show that obsessive thinking and an emotional frame of mind affected his capacity to formulate the specific intent to commit first-degree murder.

For premeditated murder to be proven, the jury must be convinced that both the act of murder and the intent to murder were clearly demonstrated by evidence.

Since the defense has granted the former as an acknowledged fact, it is banking its defense of Sirhan on the hope that the jury will accept their evidence of Sirhan's limited capacity to plan first-degree murder and then find him guilty on a lesser charge.

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### Charge Could Be Reduced

The first-degree murder charge could be reduced to second-degree murder, which carries a sentence of five years to life. First-degree murder convictions carry a penalty of life imprisonment or death in the gas chamber.

Following acceptance of Miss Freeman, defense and prosecution attorneys were fairly quick in approving Mrs. Alicia Duke, an accountant for the State Lands Division, and Mrs. Barbara L. Collins, a service representative for Pacific Telephone.

Cooper and Fitts both seemed impressed with Mrs. Duke, who answered questions quickly, in a clear direct tone.

She also provoked some laughter in the courtroom when she told Cooper she had read very little about the Sirhan case because "I don't read either of the Los Angeles newspapers."

"Why?" asked Cooper.

"Because I don't think the two Los Angeles daily papers are very well-written," she explained.

### Has Own TV Set

She told Cooper that her reading included the sports section of The Times, "the New York Times when someone hands it to me," and two magazine subscriptions, to Time Magazine and Sports Illustrated.

She does own a television set, she said, but added, "my son is the only one who watches it."

In questioning Mrs. Collins, Fitts asked if she would be inclined to be lenient in her verdict on Sirhan because of his apparent youth.

"Would you give the kid a break just because he's a kid?" Fitts asked.

"No," said Mrs. Collins.

Mrs. Collins also said she believed that the murder of Kennedy made the case no bigger a murder simply because the victim was a prominent political figure.

### 'Most Difficult' Task

Fitts asked her, as he has each prospective juror, "Could you come down from the jury room and face Sirhan and tell him he must die in the gas chamber?"

"It would be the most difficult thing I've ever had to do," she said, "but I could do it."

Three jurors were excused Tuesday after telling the court they would suffer loss of pay or even their jobs if the trial were to take up the expected two or three months. A fourth was excused after he said the trial would be a personal hardship because of illness in his home.

At a news conference after adjournment, defense attorney Emile Zola Berman of New York said the selection of three jurors in one day made him feel "a lot more sanguine today than when we started," but he estimated that impaneling the jury will still take another 18 days.

After 12 jurors are provisionally seated, both defense and prosecution may exercise 20 peremptory challenges each to dispose of jurors about whom they have doubts.

### Political Issue

Asked if the Arab-Israeli political situation was expected to figure in Sirhan's trial, Berman said the defense would not introduce the topic, but that it would figure insofar as it goes to explain Sirhan's motivations.

"We will offer scientific evidence as well as the history, background, and problems of the defendant," Berman said, to support the defense contention that the "intellectual content necessary to a premeditated act is not present in this case. That's going to be our defense."

Berman confirmed that Sirhan has been placed under hypnosis and has been administered the Rorschach (ink-blot) test and the test for the XYY chromosome syndrome.

### Plan Uncertain

But he did not say whether these tests would be introduced into evidence.

The XYY syndrome is a recent scientific development by some geneticists who claim that certain males are born with an extra Y chromosome for maleness, and that the presence of this extra chromosome carries with it a tendency to resort to aggressive behavior.





**DAILY ROUTINE**—Members of Sirhan B. Sirhan's family make their daily trek to court and face bat-

tery of lights and cameras. From left: Adel Sirhan, a brother, Mrs. Sirhan and a second brother, ~~Adel~~ <sup>Abdul</sup> Sirhan.

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# Sirhan Defense Stressing Use of Hypnosis

By JOHN DOUGLAS  
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Hypnosis has been used on Sirhan Bishara Sirhan by psychiatrists seeking to determine his mental state at the time he shot Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Use of the hypnosis technique, which was hinted during selection of the jury for the man accused of Kennedy's assassination, was confirmed yesterday by Emile Zola Berman, one of his attorneys.

Berman told a news conference called by defense lawyers following adjournment of court that the psychologists and psychiatrists working with Sirhan had also administered the Roschach or ink-blot test. He declined to discuss the findings, saying he would leave this to the psychiatrists when they testify on Sirhan's behalf.

Each of the four jurors tentatively seated so far was passed by the defense only after he testified he regarded psychiatry as a "true" science and hypnosis and Roschach tests as "valid" tools of that science.

Sirhan was hypnotized in his isolated cell on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice where he has been held since his indictment for Kennedy's slaying, June 7, 1968.

Berman made it clear that the defense would continue to accept only jurors who accept psychiatry and hypnosis when selection of the jury resumes today.

The New York attorney, who joined Grant B. Cooper and Russell E. Parsons on Sirhan's defense team when the trial opened last week, said he was "sanguine" over success in obtaining tentative jurors reached yesterday.

But, he warned, jury selection still is expected to take "at least 18 more court days." This would mean the actual trial would not get underway until sometime in February.

As Sirhan alternately watched glumly or ignored the proceedings altogether, three jurors, all women, were tentatively accepted yesterday.

They are:

Caroline Freeman, clerk for the Pacific Telephone Company's "Yellow Pages."

Mrs. Alicia Duke, accountant for the State Division of Lands.

Mrs. Barbara Collins, a telephone company service representative.

They joined Mrs. Rose Molina, widowed nurse, bringing the total of jurors tentatively accepted so far to four.

This morning, questioning of Lawrence K. Morgan, International Business Machine computer programmer, will resume.

Morgan is the first male juror to reach the detailed questioning stage. With the exception of one man, George Doudle, who was excused when he testified he did not believe he could try Sirhan's case fairly, all men examined so far have been released either for reasons of health or economic hardship.

Although many business firms make provision for their employees to serve on juries, few are willing to guarantee the job of a man who may be tied up on jury duty from three to four months.

Defense lawyers have refused to comment on their reaction to an all-woman jury, but they are known to be concerned.

For most of yesterday's session Sirhan did not acknowledge the courtroom presence of his mother, Mrs. Mary Sirhan, and brothers Adel and Munir (Joe). In all previous days' sessions he

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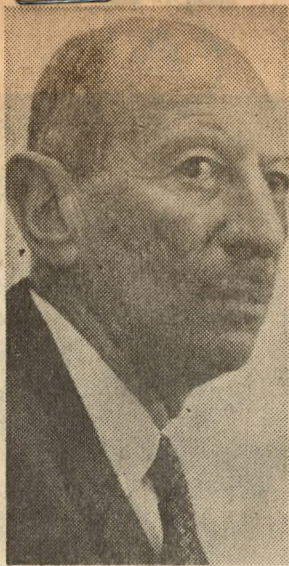
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# **EMILE ZOLA BERMAN** **Tells of hypnosis**

has greeted them with a cheery wave.

Yesterday he only glowered at them until near the end of the session when he sheepishly grinned and raised his arm in a half-salute.

Judge Herbert V. Walker, who presides over the trial, yesterday spelled out in detail the accommodations arranged for the jurors when they are "sequestered" (locked up) during the trial. The 12 jurors finally selected, and six alternates, will be kept under guard in a hotel, once they are sworn in.

Walker's explanation came when Delos Bezold, a prospective juror, said he believed being locked in a hotel room for a three-month trial would leave him "climbing the walls."

The judge explained that each juror would have a private room. There will be a special dining room and a "recreation room" for the jurors. They will be permitted to watch and listen to "monitored" television and radio.

He said the jury would be brought to and from court in a chartered bus.

"The Sheriff and I," Walker explained, "have selected the

accommodations with all regard for the personal comfort of the jury."

Walker declines to name the hotel where the jury will be kept. That will be announced only after the final jury is selected and sworn.

When questioning resumes this morning, the defense will continue to seek only those jurors who agree that, if it is proved, they will be willing to accept the defense of so-called diminished capacity.

Berman yesterday termed this the "primary defense" for Sirhan.

He explained that the defense will seek to show that on June 5, 1968, when Sirhan shot the New York Senator in a kitchen off the Ambassador Hotel's Embassy Room, he "did not have the intellectual content necessary for a premeditated act (of murder)."

David N. Fitts, deputy prosecutor, who is handling jury selection for the state, continues to raise the question of the youth of the defendant.

He asked Mrs. Collins if, in view of Sirhan's age—24—she would, "give the kid a break just because he's a kid."

Mrs. Collins, who appears no older than Sirhan, answered with a firm "no."

The jurors tentatively present thus far a study in contrast in age and style.

Mrs. Collins yesterday wore a modish yellow tweed suit and white accessories. Her hair is upswept and she wears "mod" hornrimmed glasses. She speaks in a low voice, and even with a microphone is sometimes difficult to hear.

Mrs. Duke, who clearly considers herself an intellectual, wears her hair in tight ringlets and speaks in a loud, clear voice.

Miss Freeman, who wore a shocking pink dressmaker dress, also wears glasses and speaks clearly.

Mrs. Molina, the oldest juror chosen so far, barely mumbles.



# 2d Sirhan Juror Tentatively Chosen After a Challenge

By George Lardner Jr.  
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14 — A young blonde clerk survived a defense challenge to her stand on the death penalty today to become a tentative juror at Sirhan B. Sirhan's assassination trial.

She was only the second of 12 candidates to get that far as defense and prosecuting attorneys slogged through another day of questioning prospective panelists.

Once 12 are singled out, both the prosecution and the defense will have their first opportunity to exercise the "peremptory challenges" that they can use to knock prospective panelists out of the jury box without giving any reasons.

Each side is entitled to 20 peremptory challenges and most, if not all, of the first 12 to get through the challenges "for cause" could be eliminated then.

Miss Carolyn R. Freeman, a clerk with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., underwent prolonged questioning by chief defense attorney Grant B. Cooper before being chosen.

In soft, soothing tones, Cooper asked her whether she would "lean toward the death penalty" for a defendant who, she was convinced, was guilty of first-degree murder.

"I think I would," she said. "Yes, I would if I was totally sure."

Cooper demanded that she be dismissed "for cause." But prosecutor David N. Fitts came to her rescue. He asked her whether she would let other factors influence her decision.

In California, a separate trial, though usually before the same jury, is held to choose between life imprisonment and death in first-degree murder cases and mitigating evidence is allowed here as well as at the trial on the murder charge itself.

At length, miss Freeman said her vote would depend on a defendant's mental attitude at the time of the offense. Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker rejected Cooper's challenge and she was added to the tentative panel along with a widowed nurse who passed muster yesterday.

Almost all the other prospective panelists called for questioning were excused after pleading hardship. The trial is expected to last two months once a jury is picked. The jurors will be locked up at night in a hotel where, Walker told them with a smile, "you will have your newspapers cut up in pieces" before being allowed to read them.

"I'll be climbing the wall after two weeks, believe me," one man told the judge.

Other said they were afraid their companies might drop them from their jobs while still others said their employers would pay them only for 20 to 30 days of jury duty. It is too early to tell what the jury's makeup will be but the newsmen, seem to favor women jurors.

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# ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

## JORDANIAN APPEARS MOODY AND DEPRESSED

# Sirhan Frets as Jury Pick Drags

By RICHARD STARNES

Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15 — Sirhan B. Sirhan, on trial for slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, seems moody and depressed at California's slow, elaborate ritual of meting out justice.

The young Jordanian wiggled and fretted thru another day of jury picking in Judge Herbert V. Walker's Superior Court yesterday, occasionally flashing a smile at his mother and two brothers, but occupying himself principally by slumping in a chair that seems too large for him and gnawing a knuckle. More and more often he darts stares of evident hostility at reporters who seem to be inspecting him too closely.

Opposing counsel again spent the day plodding thru endlessly repetitive questions addressed to prospective jurors. By the time the fifth session of the trial had, creaked arthritically into the record three more jurors had been tentatively seated. This brings the total to four, which means that if the trial's present pace continues it will be at least 21 more days before 12 jurors and six alternates can be found who are qualified to weigh Mr. Sirhan's fate.

### JUDGE EXPLAINS DELAY

Judge Walker, 69, a grandfatherly figure with eyebrows that give every appearance of having been teased, apparently has become sensitive to criticism of the pace of the trial. At one session's opening he chided reporters who ostentatiously consulted their watches to verify that the proceedings were not getting under way until well past 10 a. m. The judge explained—"for the benefit of members of the press who are consulting their watches"—that he had been meeting in

chambers with prosecution and defense attorneys since 9:15.

### AMENITIES FOR JURY

Judge Walker told the panel of prospective veniremen he had gone to some pains to make the jury as comfortable as possible. Each will have his own hotel room and there will be a common recreation room "where the jury can watch monitored TV, listen to monitored radio, and read cutup newspapers."

The judge also will permit conjugal visits by the spouses of married jurors on weekends during the trial.

Nevertheless, most of the dozen or so who have been excused from service so far pleaded jury service would be an undue hardship. A rich variety of excuses has been offered. But only one prospective juror told it like it really is:

"I spend four nights a week in hotels already," a go-getting young salesman named Delos Bezole told the court, "and if I were locked up every night for three months in a hotel I'd be climbing the walls."

Grant Cooper, courtly, gray chief defense counsel, told the court "the defense doesn't want a juror who feels like climbing the walls." Assistant Dist. Atty. David N. Fitts agreed and Mr. Bezole scampered happily out of the courtroom.

A lawyer told newsmen the "main posture" of the defense would be that his "diminished capacity" precluded the premeditation necessary for a conviction on first degree murder charges and the death sentence.

The lawyer revealed Sirhan had undergone hypnosis, ink blot tests and other psychological and psychiatric examination by experts which would be introduced as evidence of his lack of "intellectual content."

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Mother and two brothers (backs to camera) wait outside courtroom where Sirhan B. Sirhan is on trial for his life.



# Sirhan Defense Hopes to Settle for Manslaughter Charge

By George Lardner Jr.  
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12—

Each morning in the weeks ahead, a barrel-chested bailiff will fix his eyes on the Stars and Stripes, clasp a hand over his heart and recite aloud:

"Facing the flag of our country and recognizing the principles for which it stands, Department 107 of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles is now in session."

The judge, with his mammoth white eyebrows and Pickwickian face, settles himself behind a gold-plated microphone.

The defendant is brought in, smiling uneasily, plucking at his tie, rubbing his chin. He looks like a high school student waiting for his first date.

The State of California wants to put him to death.

The indictment against him seems almost unreal: That last June 5, he "did wilfully, unlawfully, feloniously and with malice aforethought murder Robert Francis Kennedy, a human being."

To that, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, has pleaded not guilty. Yet, his lawyers say, he has no intention of denying that he shot down the New York Senator and disenfranchised millions of voters who wanted to put another Kennedy in the White House. The trial will be a quarrel over adverbs.

It will be a long and painful process. Sirhan's chances can only be guessed at. America has never dealt gently with assassins, whatever their motives or state of mind.

The State of New York had a vat of sulfuric acid poured on the electrocuted corpse of President William McKinley's killer, Charles Guiteau, the self-styled "agent of God" who killed President Garfield, barely survived for his hanging; one guard tried to kill him in his cell.

Yet the law, if not society, has become more refined since then. Psychiatry has made its inroads. In California, it can be used both in seeking a verdict less than first-degree murder and, failing that, in pleading for a penalty less than death.

Sirhan's chief defense attorney, Grant B. Cooper, has said the defense is hoping for much more than simply saving Sirhan from the gas chamber at San Quentin. He has hinted that it may try to show Sirhan's mind was so clouded that he was incapable of malice, a move that could reduce the charge to manslaughter, with a maximum of 15 years in prison.

For the moment, the state is just as dedicated to keeping the short, slim Jordanian immigrant alive.

The antiquated, eighth-floor courtroom's windows have been plated with armor. At least 20 sheriff's deputies, most of them in mufti, have been stationed inside the crowded chamber.

Newsmen and spectators are searched and checked for concealed weapons with a metal detector twice a day. Women reporters are taken to a separate room where female deputies ruffle their hair and give them a thorough check. One said she was even required to disrobe.

The trial was to have begun Jan. 7, but the first juror has yet to be picked.

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So far, the sessions have been devoted to a last-minute flurry of defense motions, all of which are expected to be denied. The hearings have been an exercise in slow motion, conducted largely in Judge Herbert V. Walker's private office.

Complicating the proceedings in Defense Attorney Cooper's involvement in a Federal grand jury investigation at the Federal courthouse across the street. The urbane, 65-year-old lawyer reportedly considered withdrawing from Sirhan's defense team, but was urged to stay on to face perhaps the biggest challenge to his reputation for improbable victories.

(At one of the murder trials of Dr. Bernard Finch, Cooper is said to have persuaded the jury not to convict, thanks to his definition

of reasonable doubt. "Reasonable doubt is like love," he said. "You can't define it, but you know when you've got it.")

According to one estimate last fall, Los Angeles County had already spent more than \$285,000 investigating and preparing for the prosecution of Sirhan's case. Some 4300 people have been interviewed in connection with Kennedy's assassination in the Ambassador hotel here minutes after his victory in California's Democratic presidential primary.

Chief Prosecutor Lynn D. Compton, 46, an 18-year veteran of the District Attorney's office, says he expects to call about 80 witnesses, including presumably dozens of those supposed to have seen Sirhan at the Ambassador.

In its effort to prove pre-

meditation, the prosecution is expected to rely heavily on witnesses who saw Sirhan practicing rapid-fire shooting at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club just two hours before the assassination.

It also has a witness who claims to have seen the young, curly-haired defendant target-shooting "at another time and place" before Kennedy was cut down.

And, finally, it has Sirhan's notebooks containing the injunction: "Kennedy must be assassinated before June 5"—the first anniversary of 1967's Arab-Israeli war.

The defense can be expected to fight hard to keep the notes from being introduced at the trial although Judge Walker has already rejected a move to suppress them as evidence.

Sirhan's lawyers have started to outline their strategy in any detail, but the Arab community here, and across the country, fully expects it to include a sharp attack on Zionism and its role in American politics. There is a widespread assumption that this is what drove Sirhan to the Ambassador.

The close-mouthed Sirhan has yet to say a word beyond what he may have disclosed to his family and his attorneys. "The real story is what's inside his head," one courtroom observer said, and that has yet to be told.

"I think it's right to allow him a chance . . . to get to the bottom of why he did it," said Mae Jackson, a domestic worker from Pasadena who was the first spectator admitted to the courtroom last week. "There's a reason for everything we do, right or wrong."

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LOS ANGELES--A WOMAN WHO SAID SHE WOULD HAVE THE COURAGE TO FACE SIRHAN B. SIRHAN AND TELL HIM HE WOULD "DIE IN THE GAS CHAMBER" WAS TENTATIVELY SELECTED TODAY AS A JUROR IN THE TRIAL FOR THE SLAYING OF SEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

THE ADMISSION WAS MADE AS JURY SELECTION BEGAN AND THE DEFENSE SAID SIRHAN WOULD ADMIT FIRING THE SHOTS THAT KILLED THE PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT.

CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL GRANT B. COOPER HAD SAID IN HIS OPENING REMARKS TO PROSPECTIVE JURORS THAT THERE WOULD BE "NO DENIAL THAT SIRHAN SIRHAN FIRED THE SHOTS THAT KILLED SENATOR KENNEDY AND INJURED OTHERS."

THREE PROSPECTIVE JURORS WERE EXAMINED AND EXCUSED BEFORE MRS. ROSA MOLINA, A NURSE AND WIDOW, WAS QUESTIONED FIRST BY THE DEFENSE AND THEN BY THE PROSECUTION.

THE MOST STARTLING INQUIRY WAS WHEN DEP. DIST. ATTY. DAVID FITTS QUESTIONED MRS. MOLINA ABOUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT THEN ASKED, WOULD YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO COME DOWN FROM THE JURY ROOM AND SAY, "FOR THE MURDER OF SENATOR KENNEDY YOU DIE IN THE GAS CHAMBER."

AFTER SOME HESITATION, MRS. MOLINA SAID SHE WOULD AND THE PROSECUTION ACCEPTED HER TENTATIVELY AS A JUROR.

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COOPER HAD QUESTIONED HER ON WHETHER SHE HAD DEEP CONVICTIONS ABOUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

"IN THE RECESSES OF YOUR HEART AND MIND, KNOWING WHAT YOU KNOW NOW, DO YOU HAVE A LEANING TOWARD LIFE OR DEATH AS A PROPER PUNISHMENT?" COOPER ASKED. THE WITNESS REPLIED THAT SHE DID NOT.

HE ASKED THEN IF SHE HAD ANY FEELINGS ABOUT THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND SHE RESPONDED THAT SHE DID NOT.

FITTS THEN TOOK UP THE QUESTIONING AND ASKED WHETHER THE FACT THE VICTIM WAS THE JUNIOR SENATOR FROM NEW YORK AND "A CANDIDATE FOR HIGH OFFICE" WOULD AFFECT HER VERDICT. THE PANELIST SAID IT WOULD NOT.

THE FIRST CLASH IN THE TRIAL CAME WHEN FITTS REFERRED TO THE DEFENSE "STRATEGY" OF CONCEDED THAT SIRHAN DID FIRE THE SHOTS WHICH KILLED KENNEDY.

COOPER REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT STRATEGY, THAT IT WAS A FACT AND SUPERIOR COURT HERBERT V. WALKER UPHELD HIS OBJECTIONS AND ORDERED THE WORDS STRICKEN.

THE FIRST WITNESS, AEROSPACE WORKER GEORGE E. DOUDLE, WAS EXCUSED FOR CAUSE WHEN HE SAID SIRHAN'S ADMISSION OF PULLING THE TRIGGER WOULD PREVENT HIS CONSIDERING THE CASE WITH AN OPEN MIND.

THE TRIAL WAS RECESSED FOR THE DAY SOON AFTER ACCEPTANCE OF MRS.

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(SIRHAN)

LOS ANGELES--SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER TODAY DENIED A MOTION TO QUASH THE MURDER INDICTMENT AGAINST SIRHAN B. SIRHAN ON GROUNDS THE TRIAL JURY PANEL WAS UNCONSTITUTIONALLY SELECTED AND ORDERED THE PICKING OF JURORS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

THE DEFENSE HAD ARGUED THAT LARGE SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION WERE EXCLUDED FROM JURY SERVICE BUT JUDGE WALKER RULED THAT THEY WERE NOT AUTOMATICALLY EXEMPT AND THAT PREVIOUS COURTS HAD UPHELD THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE SYSTEM.

THE OPENING COURT SESSION LASTED ONLY 10 MINUTES AND THEN A RECESS WAS CALLED TO BRING IN THE PROSPECTIVE JURORS FROM WHOSE RANKS 12 REGULAR MEMBERS AND SIX ALTERNATES WILL BE CHOSEN.

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# Radio, TV Men Subpoenaed Over Sirhan Trial Publicity

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LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 9 —

Process servers armed with blank subpoenas summoned a string of radio and TV newsmen to court today in another move to forestall Sirhan B. Sirhan's assassination trial.

The newsmen were called to testify at a closed hearing in Judge Herbert V. Walker's chambers about publicity devoted in the past week to Chief Defense Attorney Grant B. Cooper's involvement in a Federal grand jury investigation.

Sirhan's team of defense lawyers has been pressing all week for a month-long delay of the trial on this and other grounds, and has just as repeatedly been turned down.

Today's bid evidently fared no better. Judge Walker's ruling, along with all the testimony taken in his chambers, was kept secret, but after the session it was announced that the Court would reconvene on Monday.

Michael A. McCowan, the private detective in charge of investigations for the defense, said he tried to have a subpoena served on every radio and TV station in the Los Angeles area. His process servers marched around town with blank subpoenas, filled in the names of newsmen they could find at the stations, and sent them to court for the day-long session.

They were asked to bring with them records of newscasts in the past few days linking the Sirhan trial to Cooper's problems in Federal court.

Cooper admitted last week that he had lied in Federal court last year during the Friars Club card-cheating trial where he represented one of the defendants. He appeared before a Federal grand jury this week under orders to answer questions about the source of secret Government transcripts that he had in his possession during that trial.

Emile Zola Berman, another of Sirhan's defense lawyers, contends that the publicity about Cooper could only harm Sirhan if his murder trial for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy goes forward now.

Most of the radio stations apparently complied with the defense request for records of their newscasts although an attorney for CBS, William Hill, called it a "fishing expedition."

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# Sirhan Defense Rebuffed Again

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's battery of defense attorney's was rebuffed again today in a new effort to win a month's postponement of his assassination trial.

They indicated they would try still again in the morning, citing what they called prejudicial publicity involving chief defense attorney Grant B. Cooper.

Despite this, it appeared likely that the tedious chore of picking a jury, signalling the formal start of the trial, would begin Monday. Judge Herbert V. Walker made plain that he was in no mood to grant anymore lengthy delays.

Sirhan, 24, faces ~~first-degree murder~~ charge for gunning down Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in the Ambassador Hotel here last June 5. The prosecution had served notice that it intends to press for the death penalty.

The slim, saw-toothed Jordanian maintained the pose of steady gaiety during today's proceedings, waving at one point to his mother in the back of the courtroom.

She put her hand to her mouth, an anguished look on her face, then waved back hesitantly after Sirhan had turned away.

The accused assassin's three defense lawyers, apparently resigned to seeing the trial begin in a few days, appear intent on building a record for appeal if he should be convicted.

Cooper said he expected the jury selection to begin Monday although Judge Walker has yet to rule on a defense motion attacking California's system which automatically exempts doctors, nurses, teachers, druggists and others who ask to be excused as prospective jurors.

Defense attorney Emile Zola Berman said the defense would also present to the court in the morning a "documented" plea for postponement, based on Cooper's involvement in a Federal Grand Jury investigation.

Cooper, 65, appeared before the Grand Jury for more than an hour under a Federal judge's orders to answer questions about secret Government transcripts that came into his hands during the Friars Club

card-cheating trial here. The prominent defense attorney admitted last week that he had lied in court last year about the source of the transcripts.

"It's our feeling that the commencement of the Sirhan trial so soon after all this would be a mistake," Berman told a reporter. "If our sincerity is in doubt, our client really doesn't have a lawyer."

The issue is expected to be taken up Thursday in Judge Walker's chambers.

The Judge will also have to rule by Monday on the defense complaint about the trial jury system. Walker indicated, however, that he would put off till later any decision on a defense motion to quash the murder indictment against Sirhan.

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Sirhan B. Sirhan, flanked by defense lawyers (from left) Russell Parsons, Emile Zola Berman and Grant B. Cooper.



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# Move for Mistrial May Be Made by Sirhan's Attorneys

BY DAVE SMITH

Times Staff Writer

The possibility of motions for a mistrial or a change of venue were raised Wednesday by two defense attorneys for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

New York lawyer Emile Zola Berman told Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker that the defense would be prepared to present evidence in support of a motion this morning regarding "the saturation of publicity in this area."

During a 10-minute recess, co-counsel Russell B. Parsons said the defense is concerned about both the amount and character of publicity devoted by local news media to the Sirhan case.

## Refuses to Answer Directly

Asked if this indicated the defense would seek to move the Sirhan trial elsewhere, Parsons refused to answer directly, but referred to earlier defense statements indicating it was felt that there were few places in the world where the case had not been greatly publicized.

Asked if a motion for mistrial seemed the more likely prospect, Parsons answered, "I would say a motion for mistrial is more likely."

But the specific character of the planned defense motion was discussed in Judge Walker's chambers during a closed meeting that brought Wednesday's court session to a close.

It was expected that after motions are dealt with this morning, the trial will recess until Monday morning, when jury selection will begin.

Court observers felt the prospects were not bright for either possible motion. Judge Walker has declared his impatience to get the trial moving and in denying a continuance Wednesday, cited a long list of delays in the case since the assassination of the New York senator last June.

## Big Expense Cited

As to moving the trial to another county, observers cite the enormous expense already incurred and the massive security precautions undertaken to protect the defendant here. The money, manpower and time required to duplicate these precautions elsewhere could weigh heavily against Judge Walker's ruling favorably on a change of venue.

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Cooper cited a pending case before the U.S. Supreme Court on grounds that the single verdict procedure forces a defendant to decide whether to offer mitigating evidence which could reduce the penalty but would also bring the risk of self-incrimination.

Cooper contended that the single verdict procedure poses a dilemma which violates the 5th and 14th Amendments.

#### Another Rejection

Judge Walker again denied the motion, repeating the opinion he expressed Tuesday — that Cooper could reintroduce the same motion at a later phase of the trial if circumstances warrant.

The judge also pointed out that an earlier defense motion to set aside Sirhan's plea of innocence was no longer required under recent penal code changes. These allow for quashing of an indictment—still another defense motion—even after a plea has been entered.

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The bulk of Wednesday's

day's court session was taken up with arguments on Cooper's motion to set aside the jury list, which the defense contends does not represent a broad cross-section of the population.

Cooper cited a long list of occupations which are excused from jury duty, including legislators, attorneys and their employees, clergymen, teachers, those in the medical profession and many others.

He then introduced Los Angeles County Jury Commissioner William A. Goodwin as a defense witness, said he had not had adequate time to question Goodwin in advance and asked to recall him later.

#### Begins Questions

But Judge Walker denied this request and Cooper launched a series of questions designed to support his contention that selection of jurors from voters' lists automatically involves exclusion of broad classes of citizens.

Goodwin testified that the list of jurors for the county's central district, in which the Sirhan case is contained, is drawn up by data processing machines which select every fifth name from every sixth precinct throughout the county.

Dep. Dist. Atty. John E. Howard, cross-examining Goodwin, asked if there was ever any exclusion of prospective jurors on the basis of political belief, race, religion, or occupation.

To each question, Goodwin replied, "No."

Cooper protested that the defense still was not prepared to present its evidence supporting the motions to set aside the

jury list and the indictment.

Judge Walker then ruled that both motions would be held open for later ruling, but that the trial would continue.

#### Waves to Mother

For the second day of his trial on charges of first-degree murder, Sirhan was quiet but seemed in generally good spirits. Upon entering the courtroom, flanked by two sheriff's deputies, the short, slim defendant waved at his mother and two brothers in the back row.

Once seated, he again turned to his family, smiled broadly and waved again. He held numerous whispered conferences with Parsons, at his immediate right, and followed the courtroom procedure with an alert air.

Sirhan's mother, Mary, 55, in a black and gold dress, sat with two of Sirhan's four brothers, Munir, 21, and Adel, 30, who live in the family home in Pasadena. Two other brothers, Sharif, 37, and Saidallah, 36, who also live in the area, have yet to attend their brother's trial.

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# A Miscast on History's Stage

By RICHARD STARNES

Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 9 — Whatever else may be said of him by the time his murder trial is concluded, it is already apparent that Sirhan B. Sirhan is woefully miscast as a maker of history whose hand may have changed the course of human events for all time.

Mr. Sirhan, the uneasy and diffident star of the drama that is being so slowly wrought in Superior Court here, is no more convincing in the role than was Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack Ruby. In a school play Mr. Sirhan will always be the kid who held John Wilkes Booth's horse — never Booth himself. In Hamlet, he might have been the luckless Rosencrantz, never the doleful prince.

But here in the courtroom of kindly, confusing Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker, the casting has been done by some mysterious means that no man understands. Mr. Sirhan is the perfect type cast for the kid who helps his pa run a vegetable stand and who talks funny broken English. Yet his hand allegedly held the cheap pistol that took the life of a powerful leader.

## RECIPROCAL BEINGS

Sirhan Sirhan and Bobby Kennedy were in a curious way reciprocal beings. Both were short in stature, but the likeness ends there. Bobby was tough, rugged, brash. Shy Sirhan looks as if he would disintegrate in the gust generated by one good sneeze.

Sen. Kennedy worked hard at understanding people like Mr. Sirhan — the put-upon, woe-begone minorities who found such difficulty in sharing America's abundance, the hard-luck cases whose chemistry somehow never found the right catalyst. Robert Kennedy would have had a lot of sympathy for Mr. Sirhan, because Mr. Sirhan is the archetype of the kid who never quite makes it, and Robert Kennedy was always conscious that he had made it partly by the accident of birth into a rich and powerful family.

But however unlikely, the birdlike, pallid Mr. Sirhan thrust himself into the center of history's stage and must now play out the role to its conclusion.

It promises to be an endless performance. Yes-

terday, in the brief afternoon session that marked the second day of the trial, it became clear that chief defense counsel Grant B. Cooper subscribes to the hoary legal bromide that delay is the essence of defense.

Mr. Cooper opened by renewing his plea for two separate juries to hear the case under California's peculiar law that reconvenes the trial jury to fix punishment after a guilty verdict. It was the same motion that Mr. Cooper argued — and lost — Tuesday, and many judges would have quickly and tartly made that observation. But Judge Walker heard Mr. Cooper out and then mildly remarked, "I definitely ruled against that motion yesterday."

Mr. Cooper then sought a 30-day continuance, arguing that he needed the additional time to prepare his plea to quash Mr. Sirhan's first-degree murder indictment. Again the judge showed restraint, merely reading from a long calendar of legal maneuvers and continuances that had been granted since Mr. Sirhan's arraignment last June 28. He denied the continuance but did tell Mr. Cooper he would try to give him enough time to prepare his case.

## OBJECTS TO JURY PANEL

Finally, while still insisting he had had insufficient time to prepare, Mr. Cooper called his first witness, Los Angeles jury commissioner William A. Goodwin. In support of his motion to throw out the current panel from which the Sirhan jury will be selected, Mr. Cooper led Mr. Goodwin thru a tedious exposition of Los Angeles' method of picking veniremen. But chief deputy district attorney Lynn D. Compton countered by producing testimony that no prospective jurors are excluded by reason of race, religion, political belief or economic status. Most courtroom observers thought Mr. Compton won the point handily.

Nevertheless, Mr. Cooper seemed determined to wring every possible hour of delay out of the two motions still remaining before the court. The motion to set aside the jury list will be debated, and possibly disposed of, today. Present plans then are to recess the trial until Monday, when the first step in the weeks-long process of selecting jurors will begin.

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ADD SIRHAN, LOS ANGELES (UPI-162)

HE CITED A CASE HEARD BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT ON THOSE GROUNDS. COOPER ALSO FOR THE SECOND TIME ENTERED A MOTION FOR TWO JURIES TO HEAR THE SIRHAN MURDER CASE, ONE FOR THE VERDICT AND ONE FOR THE SENTENCE, AND ONCE AGAIN SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HERBERT V. WALKER TURNED IT DOWN.

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EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC STOOD IN LINE FOR THE SESSION BUT ONLY FOUR OF THEM HAD BEEN ADMITTED WHEN IT BEGAN AFTER UNDERGOING A THOROUGH SEARCH AND INSPECTION WITH A METAL DETECTOR.

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SHORTLY BEFORE GOODWIN TOOK THE STAND, JUDGE WALKER DENIED A FORMAL MOTION BY THE DEFENSE FOR A 30-DAY CONTINUANCE IN THE CASE.

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## The Trial of Sirhan Sirhan

There is a lot more to any murder trial than merely determining who pulled the trigger and it appears that much of the argument in the case involving the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy will turn on those other factors. Of course the first thing to be established when Sirhan Sirhan goes on trial in Los Angeles, probably today, is whether he fired the gun that snuffed out Senator Kennedy's life. If he did, his mental condition both at the time of the assassination and preceding it becomes relevant to whether he is guilty of the crime of first degree murder, which carries the death penalty in California, or of some lesser crime or, indeed, of no crime at all.

For generations now, the law has said that punishment for a crime will not be imposed on any whose mind was so deranged that he was not mentally responsible for his actions. This, of course, is the insanity defense which has brought about major struggles in recent years as lawyers and judges have attempted to bring the legal definition of insanity into line with modern knowledge of mental illness.

All indications from Los Angeles are that Mr. Sirhan's attorneys do not intend to claim that he was legally insane at the time Mr. Kennedy was shot. But there is a widespread belief there that if the prosecutors can establish Mr. Sirhan fired the fatal shots, his attorneys will attempt to exercise what is called in that State a defense of diminished responsibility. This is simply that while he may not have been mentally ill enough to be considered legally insane he was sufficiently deranged to be unaccountable for all the elements required in a first degree murder case.

Under the law in most states, and California is no exception, a first degree murder conviction requires that the state prove the defendant killed with malice and premeditation. A killing without both may be second degree murder or manslaughter, which carry lesser penalties, but cannot be first degree. Establishing these elements of first degree murder is often difficult for prosecutors except in cold-blooded situations and it may well be difficult in this case.

In any event, it is misleading to think of this kind of defense as no more than a technicality, a matter of legalistic hair-splitting, for both the mental ability and the intent of a murderer to act with malice and premeditation lie at the very roots of Anglo-American law and justice. These are the elements that help the courts distinguish between deliberate and accidental killings, between those done in passion and those done coolly, between those committed by men who are well and by men who are sick.

It may turn out that the capacity of a jury and of the millions of Americans who will await the outcome to make distinctions of this kind will be as much in Los Angeles as Sirhan Sirhan.

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Defense counsel are Grant B. Cooper, widely known criminal lawyer; Russell E. Parsons, veteran criminal and appeals lawyer; and New York attorney Emile Zola Berman, known for

his 1956 defense of Marine Sgt. Matthew McKeon in the Camp Lejeune "death march" case.

Opposing this trio is a team from the office of Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger led by Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Lynn Compton. Backstopping Compton are Dep. Dist. Attys. David N. Fitts and John Howard.

First order of business ordered for today by Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker, who will preside, is submission of a number of defense motions.

Cooper and Parsons delivered these to Judge Walker at a pre-trial conference yesterday, but the decision of that conference was that no motion in the trial should be submitted or argued except in open court.

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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It is understood that in one of the motions the defense seeks copies of the statements taken by the prosecution from its listed preliminary witnesses. That list was furnished Parsons last Oct. 22.

In order for security to be maintained over Sirhan, the conference was held in the temporary 13th floor Hall of Justice courtroom in which nearly all preliminaries in the case have been handled. Today's case will open in Dept. 107—an eighth-floor courtroom in the Hall of Justice which has been armored and sealed within a security perimeter for the young Jordanian's trial.

Newsmen and spectators entering the courtroom will be carefully searched before entering, but prospective jurors will

not, a court attache said yesterday.

He said that no special provisions for selection of the Sirhan jurors had been made. They will be selected from the county's regular jury pool.

Panels of 25 prospective jurors each will be drawn and taken to a waiting room in the old Hall of Records, then transferred to the courtroom when they are needed.

Jury selection which may take as long as three weeks, will follow submission of the defense motions.

Once the jury is selected, it will be "sequestered"—locked up for the duration of the trial.

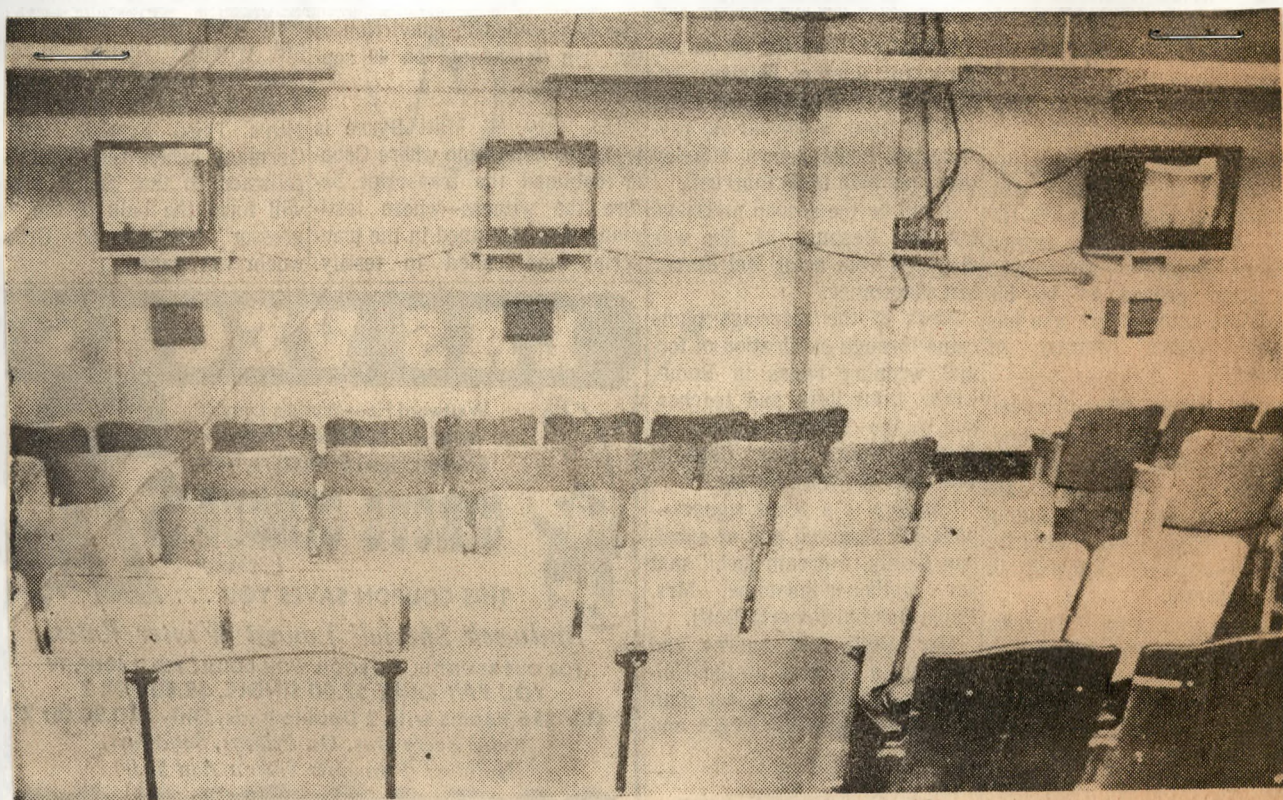




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**COURT CLERK ALICE NISHIKAWA EYES HIDDEN TV CAMERA**  
It will survey Sirhan trial from position in air conditioner (arrow).





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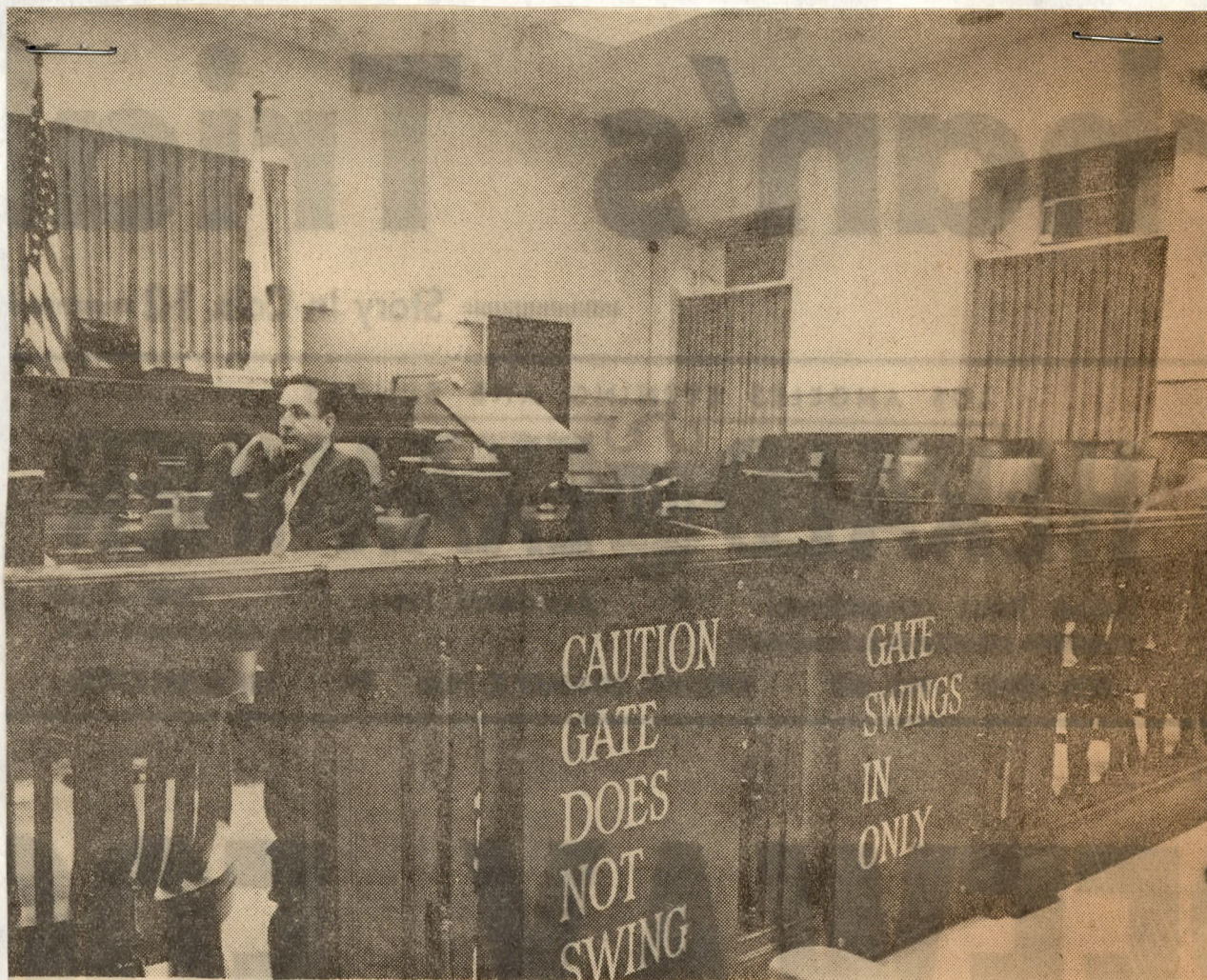
**TELEVISION MONITORS IN OVERFLOW PRESS ROOM WILL AID IN TRIAL COVERAGE**  
Closed-circuit network has been set up in the Hall of Justice Building.





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**SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE HERBERT WALKER**  
He presides at trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan





**SIRHAN WILL BE TRIED IN THIS HEAVILY SECURED COURTROOM**  
Elaborate precautions for his safety have been taken, including bullet-proofing of the area

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**ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR  
ROBERT F. KENNEDY  
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# Sirhan Is Denied Delay

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan appeared in court today for the start of his trial on charges of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, but the session was adjourned until tomorrow after a series of defense motions, one an unsuccessful request for a 30-day delay.

The 24-year-old Jordanian was in court about an hour and a half—part of the time in a closed meeting with attorneys for both sides and Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker.

Walker adjourned the trial to 2 p.m. tomorrow after denying the request for the month's delay and asking that one of the motions be made in writing.

Sirhan appeared calm as the proceedings began. He entered the heavily guarded courtroom wearing a gray suit and blue tie, sat down at the long counsel table and waved to his attorneys. He later was ordered taken back to his cell.

## Judge Denies Delay

The move for a 30-day delay came when Grant R. Cooper, one of three defense attorneys, asked that Sirhan's plea of not guilty be set aside "for the sole and only purpose of making a motion to quash the indictment."

Walker asked that the motion be made in writing and Cooper said he would need additional time. "I would suggest a period of 30 days," he said.

The judge denied this, saying "There is a great deal of expense and inconvenience involved. I feel we should move as expeditiously as possible."

Walker also denied a plea for two separate juries, one to determine whether Sirhan is guilty and a second to determine the penalty if he is convicted. Walker said Cooper could make the motion again at the end of the first part of the trial.

Cooper has been ordered to appear this afternoon in U.S. District Court to answer a federal grand jury's questions or show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court.

Cooper could withdraw from the Sirhan case. However, another defense attorney, Rus-

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