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# No Sirhan trial expected till fall

By Bob Rose  
Our West Coast Bureau Chief

LOS ANGELES — Sirhan Bishara Sirhan probably won't go on trial for the killing of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy until October, or even later.

Two of California's top criminal lawyers, one in San Francisco and the other in Los Angeles, predicted the delays in interviews with The Daily News. Kennedy was shot June 5.

"In view of the stature of the man who was killed and the current uproar over gun possession, Sirhan's lawyer will have to try for continuances to get away from the howling of the mob," one attorney said. "I think he can get two or three months' delay, although maybe not all in one request." The second lawyer said he "wouldn't be surprised" if the postponements were stretched to six months.

SIRHAN'S lawyer, Russell E. Parsons, one of Southern California's best-known criminal lawyers, has not revealed his strategy.

However, on Friday he readily got his first delay, for three weeks, when he asked for additional time to study the case before entering a plea for Sirhan.

Superior Court Judge Richard Schauer set July 19 as the date.

Parsons also won court approval of the appointment of

an eminent California psychiatrist, Dr. George Abe, 52, superintendent and medical director of the huge Metropolitan State Hospital in suburban Norwalk, to examine Sirhan.

The prosecution, anticipating the possible plea of not guilty by reason of insanity, already has retained its own psychiatrist, Dr. Seymour Pollock, who has testified in numerous criminal cases, to serve as its adviser.

**BUT THE** two criminal lawyers interviewed by The Daily News said Parsons may not enter that kind of plea even if he is going to rely heavily on the question of sanity.

"The trouble with pleading not guilty by reason of insanity," said one, "is that you're admitting your client committed the crime, but you're saying 'if he's nuts, let him go.' That never happens. Juries just convict him."

Without entering such a plea Parsons nonetheless might hope to prove that at the moment of the shooting this client was not mentally capable, legally, of recognizing

right from wrong, and therefore is innocent, the lawyer explained.

"It might seem like a fine line, but it isn't," he said.

SIRHAN, looking clean-shaven and alert, but without the cocky demeanor that characterized his first appearance in court, was brought before

Judge Schauer under heavy guard Friday.

The chapel of the County Jail, not far from Sirhan's cell, was used as a temporary courtroom, as it was at his arraignment earlier.

A plan to move the 24-year-old suspect to the Hall of Justice for the hearing was canceled because security measures there have not yet been completed.

Passageways are being sealed off, new steel doors are being put in and steel window covers are being installed on the 13th floor of

the building, where the trial eventually will take place.

COUNTY supervisors this week unanimously approved a resolution permitting this construction without competitive bidding because "a great emergency exists."

Estimates of the cost range to \$20,000.

Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess also plans to use armor plate, armor glass, steel plate and wire netting in the courtroom to protect Sirhan and others in the case.

Parsons has said another prominent lawyer, whose name he has declined to disclose, will help him in the case.

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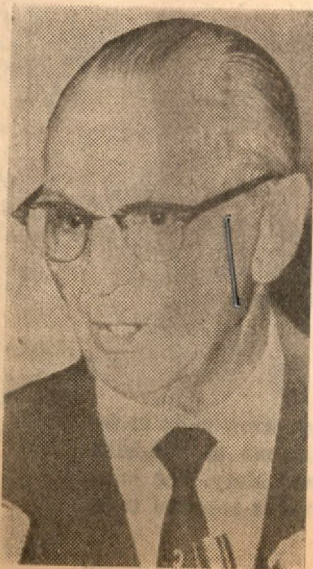
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Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, shown as he left courtroom hearing in Los Angeles. His case was continued to July 19. (UPI)



Russell E. Parsons, attorney for Sirhan B. Sirhan, says his client is a devoted brother and son. Parsons disclosed that he spent a half a day with Sirhan's family and said they appeared devoted to him.

# Tells Of Threats After Seeing Sirhan

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A Southern California evangelist says he almost sold a horse to the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and now is hitting out in fear of his life.

The Los Angeles police, who he says have his story, decline to comment.

The Orange County Baptist minister, who does not want his name used and who will be called Jones, was interviewed at a hideout less than 100 miles from San Francisco.

## 2 Friends There

Present were two, of his longtime friends, Oakland private detective Ben Hardister and San Francisco criminal lawyer George T. Davis. Both say they advised Jones to stay out of sight and are seeking protection for him and his family. He says he has had two threatening telephone calls.

Here is the gist of his story:

He picked up two hitchhikers in Los Angeles on Monday, June 3, the day before the California Democratic primary, which Kennedy won.

Jones says one of the youths was Sirhan Bishara, Sirhan, the Jordanian accused of killing Kennedy. The other was taller, but seemed to Jones to be of the same nationality.

## Talked About Horses

Because Jones is a horseman by avocation and buys and sells horses and Shetland ponies, they talked of horses.

Sirhan wanted to buy a pony to exercise race horses so he could get a job at a race track. Jones had one that suited, but Sirhan said he would not have the price, \$300, until late that night.

Sirhan asked to be let off near the Ambassador Hotel "to see a friend in the kitchen." That night, Sirhan pro-

duced a \$100 bill, but said he wouldn't have the remainder until 8 a.m. Tuesday.

At that time, Sirhan did not show up. Instead there was an older man who appeared to be of the same nationality. Jones quoted him as saying, "Joe couldn't make it." He said Sirhan really wanted the horse and could pay for it Tuesday night at 11 p.m. if Jones would deliver it at the spot near the Ambassador where Jones had let him out.

The Ambassador is where Kennedy was shot.

## Preaching Out of Town

Jones said he was preaching out of town and couldn't make it. He gave the older man, whom he described as about 35 and expensively dressed, his business card with his unlisted telephone number.

On Wednesday, Jones did not hear that Kennedy had been shot until he was having lunch with friends. A picture of the still-unidentified suspect was flashed on a television show, and Jones said he recognized it as the youth who had wanted to buy the horse.

The next day, Thursday, he got the first threatening telephone call, he said. An unaccented voice he could not recall having heard before told him: "Keep your mouth shut about this horse deal if you

know what's good for you."

Three days later the voice in another call reminded him he had been warned once before and repeated the profane threat to keep his mouth shut. He told police about the calls, and picked Sirhan's picture out of 30 they showed him.

## Told To Hide Out

On Wednesday, he came north, looked up Hardister and told him his story. Hardister advised him to go into hiding and to consult Davis.

"What worries me is that the only man—besides the police—to whom I gave my unlisted

phone number is that older man who told me 'Joe couldn't make it,'" Jones said.

Jones says he went to police because he felt he should and friends advised him to. He describes not only Sirhan and his youthful companion and the older man, but another man, apparently a Jordanian, and a girl. He says he saw Sirhan talk to the girl at one of their stops and later saw her with the older man who came to tell him Tuesday night "Joe couldn't make it."

He describes the girl as "a dirty blond . . . an American."

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# Bulletproof Panels For Trial Of Sirhan

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A bulletproof enclosure to protect Sirhan B. Sirhan and possibly even the judge and jury at his trial on charges that he murdered Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was ordered constructed Tuesday by county supervisors.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said the county mechanical department plans to start building the enclosure, which could cost up to \$20,000, Friday unless Sirhan's attorney obtains a change of venue on that day.

Hahn said the presiding Superior Court judge, Donald R. Wright, requested the protective device and asked that a detailed description of the enclosure not be made public.

## Plating And Glass

However, Hahn said the enclosure would be built of armor plating and armored glass. Indications were that it might protect the defendant, judge, jury and attorneys.

Hahn said the enclosure would be built under the direction of Judge Wright and Sheriff Peter Patches. County workmen already were busy installing elaborate security devices in the Hall of Justice,

where it is believed Sirhan will be tried.

Activity centered on the ninth floor, one story below the old county jail and one story above Department 100 of the Superior Court where suspects usually are arraigned. Also on the same floor of Department 100 is Department 107, scene of many previous trials.

## Partitions, Doors

Workmen are installing partitions in two corridors on the ninth floor, hanging steel doors and preparing two large picture windows so they can be shuttered with steel panels.

One county employe said work on the ninth floor in the somber old building began last June 7, the day Sirhan, 24, was indicted.

The county grand jury indicted Sirhan on one count of killing Kennedy and five counts of assault with intent to kill five other persons. Sirhan is due in court Friday to enter a plea to the charges.

Kennedy and the other victims were shot at the Ambassador Hotel last June 5.

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## Trial protection

# Sirhan gun shield slated

LOS ANGELES (AP) —Sirhan Bishara Sirhan will sit behind a shield of bulletproof armor plate and glass if he is tried as expected in Los Angeles on a charge of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

He will be led to the courtroom from a cell through a sealed passageway whose windows will be covered by heavy steel plates.

The County Board of Supervisors decided Tuesday to authorize unlimited expenditures to assure the safety of the 24-year-old Jordanian, accused of shooting Kennedy June 5.

The cost of the protective equipment was estimated at

\$20,000. Of that, \$1,500 would be for work on the passageway and the rest for "armor plate, armor glass, steel plate and wire netting in the courtroom."

SEVERAL threats have been made on the life of Sirhan as well as his lawyer and others connected with the case.

The accused had been expected to enter his plea Friday on the ninth floor of the Hall of Justice, a floor above the courtroom where he probably will be tried. But the plan was canceled because the security measures were not ready.

A precise description of the security devices was not made public, at the request of Superior Court Judge Donald R. Wright. But Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said the shield could be large enough to protect not only Sirhan but also the trial judge, attorneys and jury.

A spokesman for the Board of Supervisors describe the glass as bulletproof with metal reinforcements. There was no further elaboration.

SIRHAN may enter his plea Friday in the chapel of the new county jail, where he has been

kept in a maximum-security cell since the shooting.

However, his attorney, Russell E. Parsons, who took over the case from the public defender last week, may request more time to study the lengthy grand jury transcript, or there may be other reasons for delay.

Hahn said the county mechanical department will begin work on the bulletproof shield Friday. A room on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice is being equipped for use in noncourtroom proceedings with new walls and steel doors.

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# ARMORED CAGE PLANNED FOR SIRHAN TRIAL

BY SEMOUR KORMAN

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Los Angeles, June 25—Construction of a bulletproof inclosure to protect Sirhan Bishara Sirhan at his trial for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was authorized today by the county board of supervisors.

The armor plated and armored glass enclave in the courtroom will be expanded also to safeguard the judge, jury and attorneys, it was indicated. Many threats against Sirhan's life have been received by telephone and mail.

## Will Enter Plea Friday

Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian immigrant seized after Kennedy was fatally wounded early on June 5 in the kitchen of the Ambassador hotel, is scheduled to enter a plea Friday to the murder indictment and to five counts of assault to commit murder in the shooting of five other persons.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said the county mechanical department will begin building the inclosure Friday unless Sirhan's attorney gets a change of venue. The protective device, which may cost up to \$20,000, was requested by Judge Donald R. Wright, presiding judge of Superior court. Judge Wright and Sheriff Peter Pitchess will direct the construction.

## Safeguard Sirhan's Route

If there is no change of venue, it is expected Sirhan will be tried in the old Hall of Justice in the downtown civic center. Workmen are already installing partitions, steel doors, and steel panel shutters for windows along the route

from the courtroom and the old county jail on the 10th floor of the hall.

Sirhan is now held under maximum security in the new county jail, seven blocks away.

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## MOTHER VISITS SIRHAN IN JAIL FOR FIRST TIME

Los Angeles, July 1 (P) — The mother of the man charged with murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy visited her son in jail for the first time today and said she believed authorities were taking good care of him.

Mary Sirhan, 55, was quoted after the 90-minute visit by Russell E. Parsons, attorney for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24. Sirhan previously had received a visit from his older brother, Adel, at the county central jail where he is under maximum security guard.

Parsons would not let Mrs. Sirhan talk to newsmen but said she was pleased with the massive precautions taken to protect her son's life and that she "felt sorry for her son, as any mother would."

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Sirhan has been in custody since June 5, when Kennedy was fatally shot after claiming victory in the California Presidential primary.

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## Urges Delay in Sirhan Security Plan

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### Board OK's Construction

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### Tells of Threats

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said he asked for the protective enclosure after talking with Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess and Wright.

There have been numerous threats to Sirhan's life, Pitchess said.

Sirhan's next court appearance will be July 19, when he is expected to enter a plea to a charge of murdering Kennedy.

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## Court shield for Sirhan trial delayed

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# BILL GLEASON

Guns Drown Out  
Voice Of People



It has not been quite a month since the death of Robert Kennedy, but there has been time enough for those who wish to forget him to do so. Some who prefer to pretend that he had not passed this way at all evidently were Bobby Kennedy's colleagues in the Senate of the United States.

Seven who had been his fellow senators voted against his memory; against the pleas of his brother, and against the heartbreak of his family. Those seven are members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and their votes last Thursday were sufficient to delay consideration of stronger gun control legislation until July 9.

During the two weeks after an assassin's bullet had made Bobby Kennedy the second martyr of his family, there seemed little doubt that his wasteful death would serve one purpose. The nation would get the gun controls that the people had wanted and needed since the first Kennedy martyr died in Dallas.

The demand of the people was clearly heard, and we were confident that those senators and congressmen who had not had the courage in the past to vote as their conscience told them to vote would be emboldened by the mail from home. For the first



ROBERT KENNEDY  
Against his memory . . .

time those of us who want stronger gun controls made more noise than did the National Rifle Assn. and its allies.

But I suppose that what happened last Thursday was predictable. On June 20 I wrote in this column: "We have been favored to win stronger gun controls in other contests in other years, but the gun lobby and the NRA prevailed because, in the jargon of football coaches, 'they wanted it a little more.'"

## It's Up To Us

THE GUN LOBBY still wants it a little more, but it is up to us to decide whether they desire victory more than we do. Members of the NRA know, from long experience, how the pressure game should be played. They understand the tactics and they know best that their friends in the Senate and House of Representatives will be on their side if the NRA practices patience.

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So the gun lobby and its cohorts waited while the mail poured into the Senate and House office buildings from those of us who insist that ~~the time~~ is now for better gun control laws.

They waited because they believed we would grow tired of the game. They waited and then they opened up with their own mail barrage.

So effective were they that most congressmen and senators in Illinois, my home state, reported last week that their mail was beginning to turn against stronger gun laws.

This is a game of wills that should be no contest. The National Rifle Assn. has fewer than 1,000,000 members. There are so many more of us than there are of them, but we must compete. All that is required is a few moments of your time during this holiday week. Write to your senator and to your congressman. If you have expressed yourself to your legislators before, write to them again. Let them know that both teams can play the pressure game.

My sports-columnist accomplice on The Sun-Times, Jack Griffin, and I decided to get into this on the Monday after the burial of Sen. Kennedy. We met in the press box at Wrigley Field and agreed that "we've got to do something."

## Arguments Not Valid

SINCE THEN well-meaning friends have said, "Why should a couple of sportswriters stick their necks out?"

Well, one answer is that the arguments of those who are fighting stricter gun controls usually are made in the name of sport. They accuse us of wanting to take their hunting weapons of their hands.

There is no validity to their arguments, and I've heard them all. No qualified person will be denied the right to hunt. What better gun laws might do, though, is reduce the number of women and children who are widowed and orphaned each autumn by "hunters" who shoot men instead of animals.

Another answer is that Bobby Kennedy and his brother, Jack, stuck out their necks for us.

Write to members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and express yourself on gun control.



# Calif.—Fire At Sirhan Brother

By Eric Malnic  
L.A. Times Special

PASADENA, Calif. — Two shots were fired Wednesday into an auto driven by Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, a brother of the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, police reported.

Sirhan, 35, told officers the shots came from one of two cars that followed him from Los Angeles to Pasadena on the Pasadena Freeway shortly before dawn.

The first shot struck a coat on the back seat of Sirhan's car, police said. Sirhan said he ducked, and a second shot zipped past his head and buried itself in the door beside him.

"Had he been sitting upright, the projectile probably would have passed through his neck," a Pasadena policeman said.

A mile beyond where the shots were fired, the two cars — each containing several men — turned off on side streets, Sirhan said, and he proceeded to Pasadena Police Headquarters.

Sirhan's 24-year-old brother, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, is in County Jail awaiting trial on charges he shot Sen. Kennedy June 5 at the Ambassador Hotel.

Saidallah Sirhan is the second eldest of five Sirhan brothers. He is single and unemployed, and has been living in a Pasadena apartment away from the rest of the Sirhan family. Pasadena police urged him to move into the family home, which is under heavy police guard.

## Woman Reporter

Saidallah Sirhan told officers he had been in south Los Angeles early Wednesday in an unsuccessful attempt to con-

tact a woman reporter from an underground newspaper.

He said he was returning home on the Pasadena Freeway in the downtown Los Angeles area at about 4:30 a.m. when he first noticed two autos following him.

One car, a white Volkswagen bus, contained four men, he said. The other, a green 1959 Chevrolet, contained three men.

After following him for about six miles, he said, the two autos pulled beside him, the Volkswagen on the right, the Chevrolet on the left. Without warning, a man in the bus — possibly the driver — pointed a pistol at him and fired one shot, Sirhan said.

## Two Shots

The shot shattered the right wind wing of his car and buried itself in a coat on the back seat, he said.

Sirhan said he threw himself to the right, seconds before another shot crashed through the wind wing and struck the door beside him.

Police said they recovered two bullets from the car, both .38-caliber.

Saidallah Sirhan entered the United States from his native Jordan in June, 1960, nearly a year after his mother and three of his brothers—including Sirhan Sirhan—immigrated here.

He filed a petition for naturalization on Nov. 27, 1967—the only member of his family to apply—but his naturalization was postponed on June 7 of this year when a U.S. District Court decided to investigate reports of alleged traffic violations.

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Getting into police car at Pasadena, Calif., is Said-I-Iah B. Sirhan, brother of man accused of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Sirhan told police he was fired on while driving on the Pasadena Freeway.

# 2d man tied to Kennedy murder

By Bob Rose  
Our West Coast Bureau Chief

LOS ANGELES—The wife of a Santa Ana minister said he told her a swarthy, well-dressed man was involved with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the accused slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The minister, the Rev. Oliver Owen, is hiding in San Francisco, where he fled after receiving several threats on his life, according to his attorney, George T. Davis.

Davis, a noted criminal lawyer, said Mr. Owen came to him "for protection and advice" because he was shaken by the threats. Davis said there was one "overt attempt" to harm the minister, but he declined to elaborate.

He conjectured that Sirhan apparently hoped to dupe the minister into becoming his "getaway driver," but that scheme fell through because the minister had a previous appointment.

THE LAWYER refused to identify his client, referring to him only as "the Rev. Mr. Jones." However, Los Angeles television station KNXT tracked down the minister's wife in Santa Ana, an Orange County city south of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Owen, in an interview, said her husband, whom she called Jerry, met Sirhan and another man when the two hitched a ride in his pickup

truck when he was in Los Angeles on business the night before the June 5 fatal shooting.

"They jumped in the back of his open pickup truck and asked for a ride, and he said, 'Well, sure,' she said. "When they jumped out again at an intersection, the little one asked if he could go along a little farther and ride up front in the cab."

MRS. OWEN said her husband agreed. The "little one," later identified by the minister as Sirhan after he saw him on television, saw a small silver picture of a horse in the cab, and asked him if he owned horses.

"Jerry said he had some. He said in fact he had a palomino he'd like to sell, and Sirhan said, 'Well, I'd sure like to buy it.' This was Monday evening."

Mrs. Owen said the men agreed to meet at her husband's Los Angeles hotel the next morning at 8 to complete the deal.

"But at 8 it wasn't Sirhan Sirhan. It was a different man who came. He wore a medalion and a turtleneck shirt. Very nicely dressed. Sort of a swarthy person, I believe. I don't know. This is Jerry's account to me," she said.

THE MAN explained that "the other fellow" couldn't make it, but that he would have the cash that night if the

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# Police Clewless in Gun Attack on Sirhan's Brother

PASADENA, Cal. (AP)—Police say lack of evidence is hindering their investigation of a report that Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, brother of the man charged with murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was fired at on a highway.

Police said they were without clues to locating a white Volkswagen bus from which Sirhan said two shots were fired at him early Wednesday.

Two .38-caliber slugs were recovered from Sirhan's car, but police Lt. Gerald Wright said a ballistics test would be useless until the gun which fired the shots can be found.

Sirhan, 35, told police two shots were fired at him from one of two cars which followed him as he drove home on the Pasadena freeway.

After nearly 9 hours of police investigation, Sirhan was taken to his mother's home in Pasadena, which is under heavy police guard.

Sirhan, who is unemployed, has been living in an apartment elsewhere. He is the second eldest of the five Sirhan brothers. His 24-year-old brother, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, awaits trial in Los Angeles in the Kennedy killing.

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# Brother of Sirhan Fired on from Car

BY SEYMOUR KORMAN

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Pasadena, Cal., July 3 — Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, 35, an older brother of the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, narrowly escaped death or serious injury today when two shots were fired at him as he drove along the Pasadena freeway near Los Angeles.

Police recovered two .38 caliber slugs from his car. Saidallah said the shots came from one of two cars which pursued him and drew up beside him on the freeway. He told police he leaned down below window level after the first shot.

"Had the driver been sitting upright," a policeman noted, "the projectile probably would have passed thru his neck."

## Auto on Each Side

Saidallah said a white Volkswagen bus came up on his right, and a Chevrolet sedan on his left, and the shots came from the Volkswagen. One bullet passed in front of his chest and lodged in the left front door. The other bullet ricocheted and landed on his jacket which was on the floor by the back seat. There were four men in the bus and three in the other car, Saidallah said.

Saidallah said he had been in Los Angeles, trying unsuccessfully to contact a woman writer for an underground newspaper, and started back to Pasadena at 4:30 a. m.

## Heard Horns Blowing

He first observed the two cars and heard their horns blowing as he drove thru the Chinatown section of downtown Los Angeles. He entered the

middle lane of the freeway, Saidallah said, to allow the cars to pass him, but instead they flanked him, a handgun was pointed at him from the Volkswagen and the shots were fired. The pursuing cars then turned off the freeway and Saidallah drove to the Pasadena police station.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, has been held under maximum security in the county jail since he was seized early June 5 after Kennedy was fatally wounded and five other persons suffered lesser injuries in a wild shooting in a kitchen of the Ambassador hotel. Sirhan will enter pleas July 19 to indictments charging him with the murder of Kennedy and the attempts to kill the other five.

Sirhan's mother, Mary, and his three other brothers, Sharif, 39; Munir, 20; and Adel, 29, live in a Pasadena house which is under police guard. Saidallah, an unemployed screw machine operator who had been living alone elsewhere, was advised by police to move in with the rest of the family for protection.

## Seeks U. S. Citizenship

The Sirhan family came here from Jordan in 1957, and Saidallah is seeking American citizenship. He had been notified to appear at the immigration department in Los Angeles June 7 on his application, but the hearing was canceled after Kennedy was shot. It has not been rescheduled pending disposition of the murder case.

"I want my citizenship because I feel I am loyal to the United States," Saidallah said.

in an interview with the Pasadena Independent Star-News.

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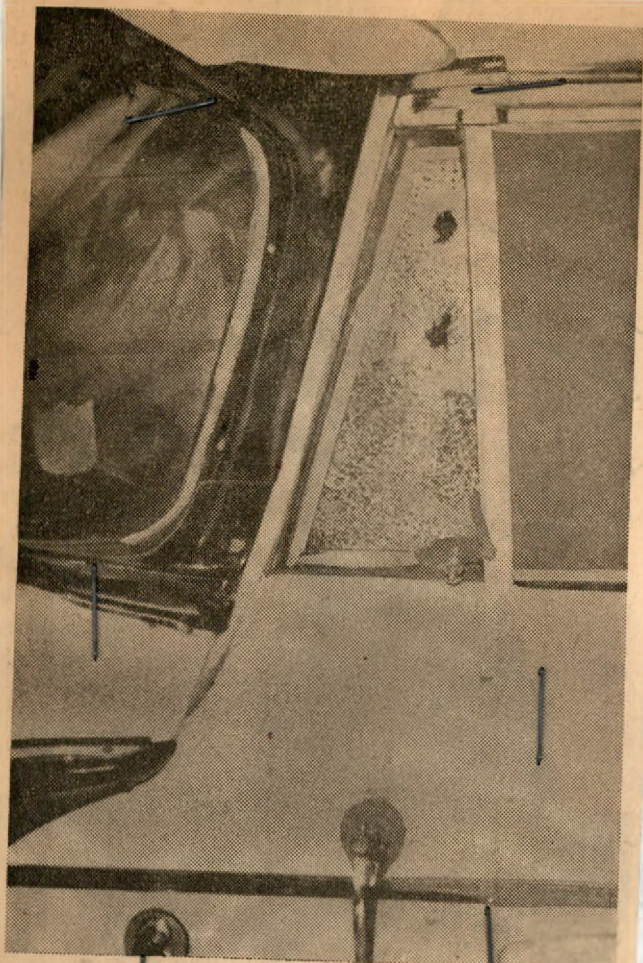
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## Fire at Brother

Bullets are fired thru window of car driven by Saidallah B. Sirhan, brother of accused assassin of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

# Clues Missing In Shooting Of Sirhan Brother

L.A. Times Special

PASADENA, Calif.—Police Thursday said they are hampered by lack of tangible evidence as they investigated the attempt on the life of Saidallah Bishara Sirhan, brother of the man accused of killing Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Saidallah Sirhan, 35, told police he was shot at twice from one of two autos that followed him as he drove north on the Pasadena Freeway early Wednesday.

Police said Thursday that finding the white Volkswagen bus, from which, Sirhan said, the two shots were fired, was the first priority in their investigation. But they said they have no concrete clues.

Lt. Gerald Wright said the only tangible evidence — two 38-caliber slugs recovered from Sirhan's car — is of no value now. A ballistics test would be useless unless the gun that discharged them could be found, he said.

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## Shots Fired at Sirhan's Brother

PASADENA, Cal. (P) — Shots were fired today into a car driven by Saidallah B. Sirhan, a brother of the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, police reported.

Officers said two .38-caliber bullets were recovered from the vehicle.

Sirhan, 36, whose brother, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, is in jail awaiting trial on a charge he murdered Kennedy, told police the shots came from one of two cars which chased him on the Pasadena freeway as he was returning home from Los Angeles.

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# Shots fired at brother of Sirhan

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Police said two shots were fired at Sirhan, 36, from one of two cars that pursued him on the Pasadena Freeway as he was returning to his home about 4:30 a.m.

Both bullets struck Sirhan's car. He said he leaned over after the first shot was fired, and the second bullet was found on his jacket, lying on the floor of the backseat.

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## RFK murder

# Mystery man, Sirhan linked

By Bob Rose

Our West Coast Bureau Chief

LOS ANGELES—The wife of a Santa Ana minister said he told her a swarthy, well-dressed man was involved with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the accused slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The minister, the Rev. Oliver Owen, is hiding in San Francisco, where he fled after receiving several threats on his life, according to his attorney, George T. Davis.

Davis, a noted criminal lawyer, said Mr. Owen came to him "for protection and ad-

vice" because he was shaken by the threats. Davis said there was one "overt attempt" to harm the minister, but he declined to elaborate.

He conjectured that Sirhan apparently hoped to dupe the minister into becoming his "getaway driver," but that scheme fell through because the minister had a previous appointment.

THE LAWYER refused to identify his client, referring to him only as "the Rev. Mr. Jones." However, Los Angeles

television station KNXT tracked down the minister's wife in Santa Ana, an Orange County city south of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Owen, in an interview, said her husband, whom she called Jerry, met Sirhan and another man when the two hitched a ride in his pickup truck when he was in Los

Angeles on business the night before the June 5 fatal shooting.

"They jumped in the back of his open pickup truck and asked for a ride, and he said, 'Well, sure,' she said. "When they jumped out again at an intersection, the little one asked if he could go along a little farther and ride up front in the cab."

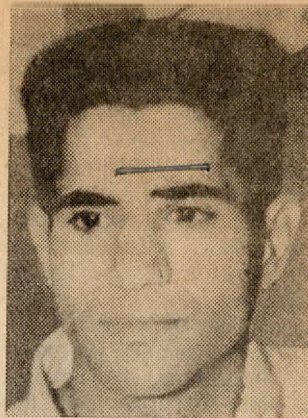
MRS. OWEN said her husband agreed. The "little one," later identified by the minister as Sirhan after he saw him on television, saw a small silver picture of a horse in the cab, and asked him if he owned horses.

"Jerry said he had some. He said in fact he had a palomino he'd like to sell, and Sirhan said, 'Well, I'd sure like to buy it.' This was Monday evening."

Mrs. Owen said the men agreed to meet at her husband's Los Angeles hotel the next morning at 8 to complete the deal.

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# Court Warns on Hasty Work in Sirhan Trial

BY SEYMOUR KORMAN  
[Chicago Tribune Press Service]

Los Angeles, July 7—Donald R. Wright, presiding judge of Los Angeles Superior court, has warned against premature construction of safety devices for the trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, accused assassin of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

The county board of supervisors has authorized expenditure up to \$20,000 for building of a floor to ceiling enclosure of bullet proof glass and armored netting to protect the Jordanian immigrant defendant, the jury, the judge, attorneys, and witnesses in the courtroom.

## Long Delay Possible

Judge Wright noted that the defense may make a motion for a change of venue from Los Angeles county on a contention that Sirhan cannot get a fair trial here. If such a motion is denied, the ruling could be appealed to the California Supreme court and possibly the United States Supreme court, and there could be a long delay before a final decision as to where the trial would be held.

Judge Wright also said if the case is tried here it will be up to the judge whom he assigns to specify what, if any, protective devices are needed in court.

There is a feeling among some judges and lawyers that too protective conditions in court may be construed as impairing Sirhan's chances for a fair trial.

## Applies to Building

Judge Wright stressed that his caution against too quick a start on safety construction applies only to the courtroom not to the other areas of the Hall of Justice which are under jurisdiction of Sheriff Peter Pitchess.

Sirhan has been held under maximum security in the new county jail building, a mile from the Hall of Justice, since early on June 5 when he was seized after Kennedy was mortally wounded and five other persons suffered lesser wounds in the shooting in the Ambassador hotel kitchen. He is scheduled to enter pleas on July 19 to indictments charging him with the murder of Kennedy and the attempted murder of the other five.

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## Held in RFK Death Quiz, Hangs Self

JUAREZ, Mexico (P)—A 17-year-old who was arrested because he had a letter containing statements about the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was found hanged in a psychiatric ward cell, police said today.

Police Chief Jesus Chacon Juárez said the body of Crispin Curiel Gonzalez was found Thursday hanging from a rope made of strips of cloth torn from the mattress in the cell.

Gonzalez had been taken to the hospital for psychiatric observation.

The youth was arrested June 17 after a letter fell from his pocket at a concession stand in Juárez. The paper included writings to the effect that the youth had prior knowledge of the slaying of Sen. Kennedy in Los Angeles.

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## Sirhan Kin Fights Over Citizenship

PASADENA, Cal. (AP) — The American Civil Liberties union says it is investigating a claim by Saidallah Sirhan, brother of the man charged with murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, that his United States citizenship is being withheld.

Sirhan, 36, said he was scheduled to report to the Los Angeles naturalization board to be sworn in June 7. However, after the June 5 assassination, he said he was told not to appear.

Immigration officials said an investigation is pending, but they declined to elaborate.

In jail awaiting trial is Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, charged with the fatal shooting of Kennedy in Los Angeles.

"The denial of citizenship solely because a member of one's family is charged with an offense, is patently the clearest violation of elemental rights," the A. C. L. U.'s chief defense attorney for southern California said yesterday.

A. L. Wirin, the lawyer, added: "It is the application of the doctrine of guilt by association in its ugliest form."

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# RFK SLAYING 'ACCOMPLICE' FOUND HANGED

JUAREZ, Mexico, July 5 (UPI) —Crispin Curiel Gonzalez, 17, a Mexican-American who said he was involved in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was found hanged in a hospital psychiatric cell, police said today.

Authorities had said they did not believe Gonzalez's story about the Kennedy murder. He had been put under observation in the psychiatric wing of Liberty hospital in Juarez, across the border from El Paso.

Gonzalez was arrested last month after a passerby picked up a letter he had dropped. It said he claimed to be an accomplice to the Kennedy shooting in Los Angeles. Guards looked into the cell late yesterday and saw Gonzalez hanging from the bars of a cell window by strips of mattress covering.

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# Sirhan moved into 'fortress' cell

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Sirhan B. Sirhan, the accused slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was secretly moved from the hospital ward at the county jail to the holding cell where he is expected to stay during his trial, it was disclosed Monday.

Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess said the move was made Sunday as "part of an over-all previously scheduled program of security for the inmate."

Plans to move the 24-year-

13th-floor cell to the 8th-floor courtroom.

ONLY JAIL elevators run above the eighth floor, and new walls and steel doors were erected in the cell.

The sheriff's office reportedly contemplates erecting a bullet-proof glass, metal and netting partition between Sirhan and the spectator section in the Hall of Justice courtroom.

old Jordanian immigrant into specially prepared quarters at the Hall of Justice prior to his court appearance June 26 were cancelled when security measures were not completed in time.

THE PROCEEDINGS, at which Sirhan's attorney, Russell J. Parsons was granted a continuance to July 19, were held in the same jail chapel where he was arraigned the day after Kennedy's death.

Sirhan's new quarters in the fortress-like Hall of Justice in the Los Angeles Civic Center are less than a mile from the new county jail where he was held in the hospital section.

County supervisors authorized up to \$20,000 to turn the holding cell and courtroom where Sirhan will be tried into a steel fortress.

Heavy steel shields were placed over windows along a sealed passageway where the defendant will walk from the

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# SIRHAN MOVED SECRETLY TO CELL OF COURT

BY SEYMOUR KORMAN  
(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Los Angeles, July 8—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, has been secretly removed from the county jail to a holding cell on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice, it was disclosed today.

If expected defense efforts for a change of venue from Los Angeles fail, Sirhan will be tried in a courtroom on the eighth floor of the hall. Sirhan's cell is isolated and a deputy is always with him. Others patrol the corridor. Heavy shields are being built over windows.

Corridors are being sealed off along the route Sirhan will walk from the cell to the court. Public elevators run only to the eighth floor; above that special jail elevators operate.

## Moved by Armed Convoy

Sheriff Peter Pitchess said that Sirhan was moved yesterday from the hospital ward at the county jail, in a heavily armed three-car convoy, the mile to the Hall of Justice.

"This was part of an over-all previously scheduled program of security for the inmate," Pitchess said. It had been planned to move the Jordanian immigrant defendant before his last court appearance June 26, but security measures had not been completed then.

Sirhan was granted a continuance to July 19 to plead to indictments charging him with the fatal gunshot wounding of Kennedy and the wounding of five other persons early on

June 5 in a kitchen of the Ambassador hotel.

## Arraigned in Chapel

Sirhan's arraignment and the June 26 hearing were in a chapel of the county jail. The July 19 session is expected to be in the Hall of Justice.

The county board of supervisors has authorized up to \$20,000 for construction of a bullet-proof glass and netting floor to ceiling shield in the courtroom to protect Sirhan, the judge, the jury, attorneys and witnesses at the trial.

Such a bullet-proof enclosure was erected when Adolf Eichman was tried in Israel in 1961 for crimes against Jews in Nazi Germany. He, too, was kept in an isolated cell on the top floor of a courthouse. Eichmann was convicted and hanged.

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# Sirhan whisked to new cell

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sirhan Bishara Sirhan has been secretly whisked to a cell in the Hall of Justice where he will face trial on charges of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

A convoy of patrol cars manned by seven deputies from the Central Jail completed the move Sunday, Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess announced Monday. The 14-minute move was so secret not even Russell E. Parsons, Sirhan's attorney, knew about it.

"We knew it was coming," said one of Parsons' aides, "but the time was a secret even from us."

"THE TRANSFER was accomplished in a routine manner and was part of an overall previously scheduled program of security for the inmate," Pitchess said.

The 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant's new 6-by-8 foot cell is on the 13th floor in the Hall of Justice.

Sirhan is to enter a plea on July 19. Since his arraignment June 5, the day of the shooting, he had been in an 8-by-10 foot cell at the Central Jail.

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## ***A smile in court***

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan smiles in Los Angeles court after he was granted a two-week continuance for entering a plea to a charge that he assassinated Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (AP)

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# SIRHAN CASE DELAYED FOR MORE TESTS

Brain X-Rays OK'd;

Aug. 2 Plea Set

BY SEYMOUR KORMAN

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Los Angeles, July 19—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, today was given a continuance to Aug. 2 so that he can undergo additional psychiatric tests and brain X-rays before he answers to the charge of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy [D., N. Y.].

The Jordanian immigrant also asked for sleeping pills to overcome his nervousness and insomnia.

Judge Richard Schauer of Superior court, presiding at the brief hearing in fortress-like surroundings on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice, indicated the county jail physician, Dr. Marcus Crahan, would have to decide if Sirhan needed pills.

## Hints Insanity Plea

Russell E. Parsons, defense attorney, hinted strongly again that he plans to have Sirhan plead innocent by reason of insanity as well as make a formal innocent plea.

After the court session, Parsons told newspaper men: "In another case I handled a man was about to be executed. His father told of how his son had become moody and strange after suffering a head injury in a football game. The man is now in an insane asylum."

The reference was to Darryl Kemp, who was convicted of the murder, and rape of a nurse, Marjorie Hipperson, in Los Angeles in 1957. Kemp was granted a stay June 20, 1961, the day before he was to die in the gas chamber. A jury later

found Kemp insane and committed him to a state hospital.

## Thrown from Horse

It was recalled that Sirhan was thrown from a horse Sept. 25, 1966. He later complained to the state department of industrial relations that his eyesight had been affected, and won a \$2,000 settlement.

Asked if he would introduce that injury as part of an insanity defense, Parsons replied, "I can't discuss my evidence now."

When Judge Schauer asked if Sirhan was ready to plead to the indictments charging him with fatally shooting Kennedy and wounding five other persons early on June 5 in the Ambassador hotel kitchen, Parsons spoke up, "Not yet, your honor."

Parsons said that Dr. Eric Marcus, one of the two psychiatrists appointed by the court for the defense, had made two preliminary reports, but not a final one, and that the other psychiatrist, Dr. George Abe, had not yet given any report.

## Requests Brain X-Ray

Parsons said Dr. Marcus wanted Dr. Edward Davis to make an encephalogram, a brain X-ray, on Sirhan and the assistance of a psychologist, Roderick Richardson. Judge Schauer approved.

The judge suggested details of examinations and treatment of Sirhan by Dr. Crahan, the jail physician, be made available to the defense. Sirhan agreed to waive his patient-doctor relationship privilege so those records could be seen.

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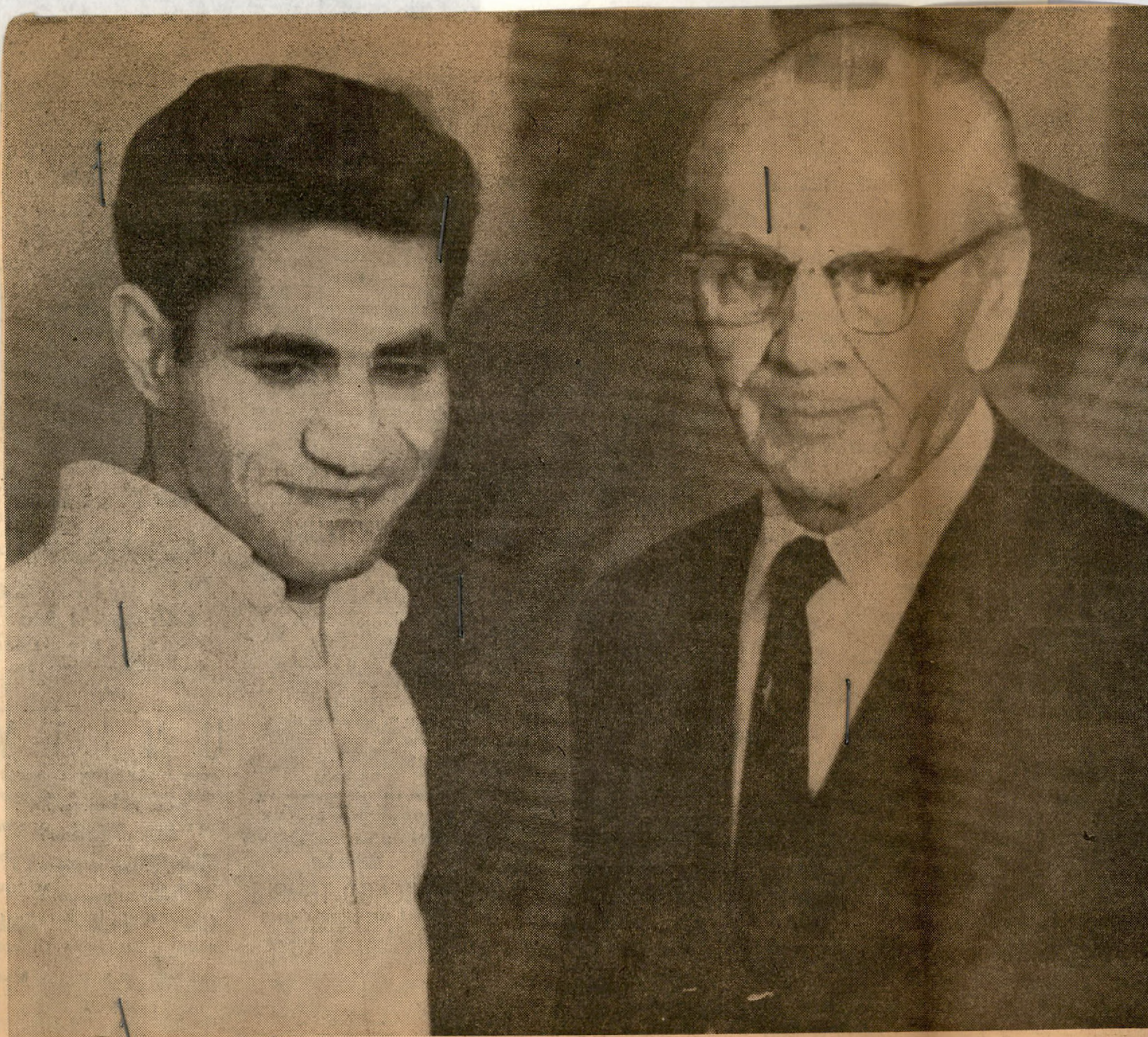
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## Trial Postponed

Sirhan B. Sirhan (left) and his attorney, Russell Parson, leave courtroom following postponement in his trial proceedings. Sirhan, accused of assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, will appear in court on Aug. 2, following brain X-rays and other psychiatric tests. The Jordanian immigrant faces 1st degree murder charge.

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# Sirhan Wins New Postponement

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Preliminary proceedings for Sirhan Bishara Sirhan were delayed Friday to allow time for additional psychiatric and brain-damage tests of the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant accused of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

The defendant made an 18-minute appearance in an armor-plated, heavily guarded special courtroom, and at one point asked the judge if he could have sleeping pills "because I haven't been resting

too well."

Superior Court Judge Richard Schauer granted a two-week continuance, until Aug. 2, at the request of defense counsel Russell Parsons.

The court also granted permission for a psychologist, Roderick Richardson, and a neurologist, Dr. Edward Davis, to examine Sirhan in his cell.

Davis, Parsons said, would use an ~~encephalograph~~ to take a reading of the brain waves of the defendant. Sir-

han fell off a horse last year and said he suffered a head injury.

District Atty. Evelle Younger offered a motion to rescind or modify an order issued by Superior Court Judge Arthur Alarcon June 7, clamping secrecy on all persons involved in the case. Schauer agreed to hear arguments on the motion at the Aug. 2 hearing.

Younger said the order was "unduly restrictive" and inhibited the right of the public to information about the case.

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# Jaunty Sirhan Gets Another Postponement

BY GENE HANDSAKER

LOS ANGELES [AP]—Smiling and jaunty, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan today received another postponement of his plea to a charge he assassinated Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Superior Judge Richard Schauer set a new date of Aug. 2 after Sirhan's attorney, Russell E. Parsons, said psychiatrists' reports on the 24-year-old Jordanian have not been completed.

The court also authorized one of the two court-appointed psychiatrists to employ another doctor to make an encephalogram—or brain wave examination—of Sirhan.

## Black, Blue Apparel

The 5-foot-3 defendant, as in his court appearance three weeks ago, wore tight black pants, a light blue shirt and black loafers.

Sirhan took about 30 steps from his cell on the 13th floor of the Hall of Justice to a makeshift courtroom with armor plating over its windows to help protect him.

At one point in the 15-minute proceedings Sirhan answered a question from the judge with a mumble not fully intelligible over the whirr of air conditioning.

## Spectators Mostly Newsmen

About 100 spectators, mostly newsmen, gathered in the courtroom.

Sirhan shook hands with his attorney, sat in a leather-padded swivel chair and shot a smile at his brother, Adel, 29, who sat about 25 feet away.

Judge Schauer asked if the two-week postponement was "agreeable to you, Mr. Sirhan!"

Sirhan replied:  
"Yes, sir."

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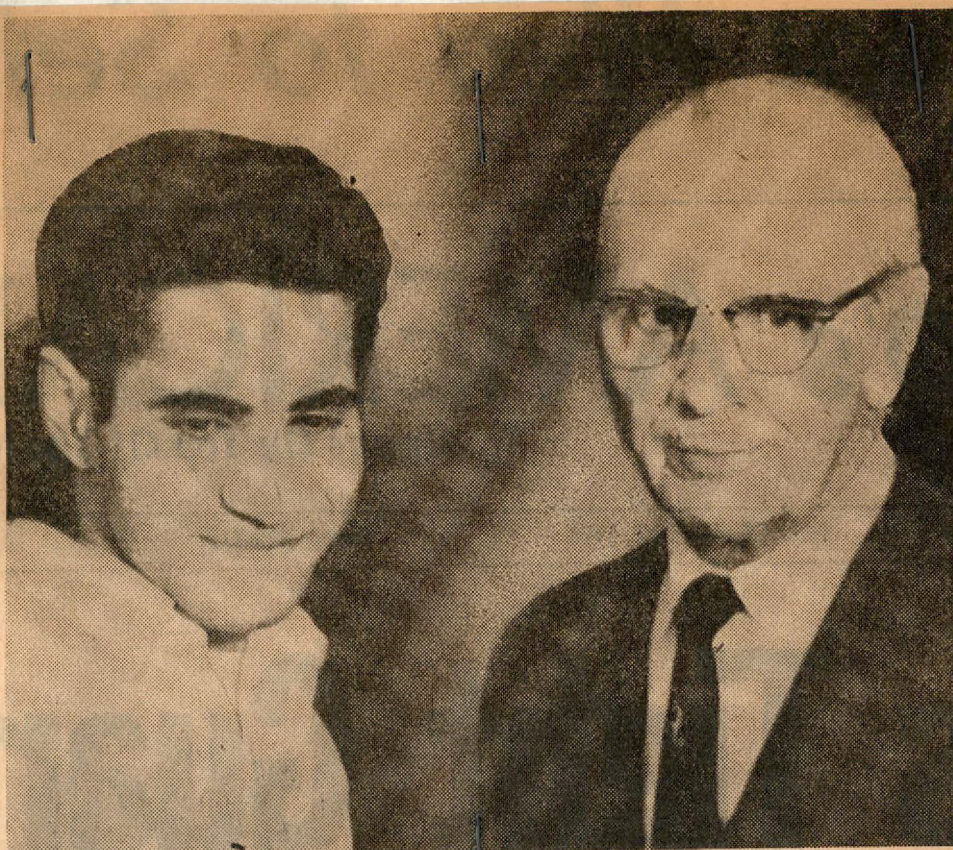
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LOS ANGELES—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan smiles as he and his attorney, Russell E. Parsons, leave courtroom, where they were granted a continuance to Aug. 2 for trial in Robert Kennedy slaying.

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