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Jury Sworn In for Sirhan Trial

An eight-man, four-woman jury was sworn in to try Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, admitted slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and attorneys for the defense and the prosecution then began selecting six alternate jurors. Although three were tentatively seated in the first day, each side has 12 peremptory challenges by which they may excuse jurors, and it was estimated that this last pretrial phase could last a week or more. The original 12 jurors were accepted Jan. 24, but swearing-in was delayed by argument on a defense motion to quash the indictment. Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker denied that motion Tuesday, thus clearing the way to the last legal roadblock before the prosecution begins presenting its case, probably late next week.