

Younger Pays Surprise Visit to Sirhan Trial

Confers With Attorneys for Both Sides,
Stirs Speculation of New Development

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Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger paid his first visit to the murder trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan Monday, causing speculation that a new development may be forthcoming in the case against the admitted killer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Younger met with prosecution and defense counsel in the chambers of Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker.

Both sides said later they had discussed scale models of parts of the Ambassador, where Sen. Kennedy was shot last June 5. They declined to comment further.

Also on Monday, the defense and prosecution

ground through examination of 22 prospective alternate jurors, winding up at the same place they have occupied for a week: five alternates tentatively seated, one seat to be filled, with nine peremptory challenges still available to each side.

Two men were excused on legal grounds when they said they were opposed to the death penalty and could not vote a death verdict under any circumstances. They were the first men among more than 100 prospective jurors to voice this position. Five women also have expressed opposition to capital punishment and also have been excused on legal grounds. *int*