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Sirhan Offered New Defense Team

Reports that Sirhan B. Sirhan, on trial for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, might change his plea to guilty brought an offer from the Action Committee on Arab-American Relations to hire a new team of defense lawyers in Sirhan's behalf. Dr. M. T. Mehdie, chairman of the committee, said the present defense lawyers have "failed to understand that the Sirhan case is a historic-political event and not an ordinary legal problem." *end*