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Psychologist's Credibility Probed

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was almost a forgotten man at his own murder trial as a subsidiary trial shaped up over the credibility of clinical psychologist Martin M. Schorr. After learning last Friday that many of Dr. Schorr's statements about the slayer of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy were almost verbatim quotes from another man's book, the prosecution began introducing relevant portions of the book—"Casebook of a Crime Psychiatrist" by Dr. James A. Brussel—into evidence. Dep. Dist. Atty. John E. Howard indicated that portions of the book not admitted into evidence will then be brought out in continued cross-examination of Dr. Schorr. The latter testified that Sirhan shot Kennedy last June as a "symbolic replica" of his own father. Schorr's analysis of Sirhan was found to be an almost identical match to Brussel's hypothetical analysis of a New York killer more than a decade ago.