

Elder Sirhan 4-24-69 Lays Penalty to "Mad" U.S.

TAIYEBEH, Occupied Jordan (M)—Bishara Sirhan, father of the convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, said Wednesday that "mad America" had sentenced his son to death.

"I am very sad, I am very sorry—but I expected it," he told The Associated Press.

"My son will never ask for mercy . . . He will go to his death proudly."

He added: "If my son will be killed, he will not be the last. There are 100 million Arabs."

Sirhan's father, who left his family in the United States in 1961 and returned here, had sworn revenge on American politicians after his son's conviction.

"My son did well," he said at that time, adding that Kennedy was to blame for his own death.