

## Man Struck by Sirhan Bullet Deplores Verdict

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Says Death Penalty Ruling Is Similar to  
Slayer's Own Act; Unruh Also Regretful

Paul Schrade, most seriously wounded of five persons cut down in the gunfire that killed Sen. Robert F. Kennedy last June, was sharply critical of the death verdict returned Wednesday against convicted assassin Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

Schrade, United Auto Workers' western director and one of Kennedy's campaign workers, suffered a skull fracture in the shooting and spent months recovering.

Informed of the jury's death verdict, Schrade issued this statement: "The death penalty for Sirhan Sirhan is deplorable, and will not bring back Bob Kennedy. The jury's decision, deliberately and consciously made, rivals Sir-

han's own terrible decision.

"There's enough killing and violence in America today, and to execute Sirhan in the name of the people of California is inhuman and unnecessary when a life sentence in prison is available."

Schrade's reaction was echoed by Assembly Democratic leader Jess Unruh, another Kennedy supporter, who witnessed the slaying but was not injured.

"The great memory of Robert F. Kennedy—his concern for the poor, the afflicted, his identification with the less fortunate, and his deep love for all people—will not be served by yet another violent death," Unruh said. *soy*