BELLI WILL AID SIRHAN ON APPEAL

SALT LAKE CITY (A)
—Melvin Belli, flamboyant San Francisco Bay
Area trial lawyer, said
Monday he is taking
over the appeal in the
case of convicted assassin Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

Sirhan currently is on Death Row in San Quentin Prison for the 1938 shooting death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Belli told a news conference he was taking over the appeal at the request of Sirhan's family. He was in Salt Lake City for a speech to University of Utah law students.

He said he would take over the Sirhan case next week. He did not say specifically who hired him