

SIRHAN IS GRANTED PAROLE FOR 1986

Kennedy Assassin Would Be
in Jail Under 17 Years

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 20 (UPI)—Sirhan Sirhan, convicted of assassinating Senator Robert F. Kennedy, was granted a parole date of Feb. 23, 1986, by the California Adult Authority. Today, Mr. Sirhan, who was originally sentenced to death, would end up serving 16 years and 9 months under the parole date.

"He was extremely well behaved all the time he has been in prison—absolutely no problem," said Philip D. Guthrie, assistant director of the State Department of Corrections. "The Adult Authority considered that while he killed a very well known figure they had to treat him as if he killed an ordinary person."

Mr. Sirhan was sent to San Quentin Prison near San Francisco five years ago next Friday for the slaying of Senator Kennedy on June 5, 1968, in the Ambassador Hotel shortly after Mr. Kennedy claimed victory in the California Democratic Presidential primary election.

Mr. Sirhan was convicted of first-degree murder and five counts of assault of a deadly

weapon in a shooting that also wounded a Los Angeles labor official.

The parole announcement followed by five months the filing of a petition with the California Supreme Court by Godfrey Isaac, a lawyer of Los Angeles, to reopen the assassination investigation on the ground of a "second gun" theory.

Mr. Isaac, now Mr. Sirhan's lawyer, contended that a second gun had been fired by a

hotel security guard and one of the bullets may have struck Senator Kennedy.

New Jetliner in Thailand

BANGKOK (UPI)—The newest addition to the Thai International fleet is the DC10-30. The wide-bodied jumbo jetliner replaces the stretch DC8-63 plane on the Thai-European flights through to Sydney three times a week.