Analysis of Sirhan Is Disputed at Trial

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LOS ANGELES, March 12—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was subconsciously killing his own father in assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, a psychologist for the defense claimed today.

Sirhan "hated his father and feared him," but refrained from violence as long as he felt protected by his mother, the psychologist, Martin M. Schorr, asserted.

Finally, Schorr declared, Mrs. Sirhan, too, let her son down "somewhere along the line" and Sirhan found in Kennedy a symbolic replica of his father . . ."

Made Last December

This analysis, made by Schorr last December after interviewing Sirhan in his jail cell, was brought out by the prosecution.

Deputy District Attorney John E. Howard told newsmen he raised it because it struck me as pretty far out."

It evidently struck Mary Sirhan that way, too. The defendant's mother stood frowning outside the courtroom during a recess as Robert Kaiser, a member of the defense team, read out Schorr's analysis for newsmen who had missed some of the lines.

"I don't like this. I don't like this," she murmured disapprovingly.

A garrulous witness, Schorr acknowledged the analysis without regrets. He did not suggest, nor did anyone ask him, why Sirhan chose Kennedy as his substitute victim or how the 24-year-old defendant's mother had let him down.

In the analysis, Schorr also claimed that Sirhan was "insane" when he killed Kennedy, an allegation that appeared to contradict the psychologist's own testimony earlier in the week when he called Sirhan a dangerous psychotic but not a "maniac."

In December, however, Schorr wrote that "by killing Kennedy, Sirhan kills his father, takes his father's place as the heir to his mother. The process of acting out this problem can only be achieved in a psychotic, insane state of mind.

"Essentially," the psychologist went on, "the more he (Sirhan) railed and stormed, the more the mother protected Sirhan from his father and the more he withdrew into her protection.

"He hated his father and feared him. He would never consciously entertain the idea of doing away with him, but somewhere along the line, the protecting mother fails her son. The mother finally lets down the son.

"She, whom he loved, never kept her pledge and now his pain had to be repaid with pain. Since the unconscious (sic) always demands maximum penalties, the pain has to be death.

'Prime Problem'

"Sirhan's prime problem becomes a conflict between instinctual demand for his father's death and the realization through the conscious that killing his father is not socially acceptable.

"The only real solution is to look for a compromise. He does. He finds a symbolic replica of his father in the form of Kennedy, kills him and also removes the relationship that stands between him and his most precious possession—his mother's love."

Questioning Schorr at length on cross-examination, Howard also challenged the psychologist's reading of the ink-blot or Rorschach test he gave Sirhan in his jail cell last Nov. 26.

On the ink-blot test, Howard pointed out, Schorr took four images Sirhan said he saw—a dove, a "male-female rooster," seals and bears—and listed them under the heading of "violence."