

# Mary Sirhan Sets Jordan Trip to Talk to Guerrillas

al Son's Freedom Sought,  
Weeping Mother Says

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The mother of convicted assassin Sirhan Sirhan plans to fly to Amman, Jordan, to meet with Palestinian guerrilla plane hijackers to discuss reports they demanded her son's freedom, her spokesman said Monday.

Mary Sirhan will leave Tuesday unless the status of the reports of the demand is made absolutely clear before then, said the spokesman, Luke McKissack.

An Arab guerrilla leader in Beirut, Lebanon, named the release of Sirhan—a Palestinian on Death Row in California since 1969 after being convicted for the murder of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy—as a condition of the safe return of passengers aboard captured airliners.

But leaders of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said later in Amman that the organization had not made such a demand.

## FAVORS RELEASE

McKissack, a lawyer involved in Sirhan's case, told newsmen Mrs. Sirhan favored the release of Sirhan to ensure the well being of both Sirhan and the passengers.

Earlier, at a news conference, Mrs. Sirhan broke down while describing her reaction to the demand for Sirhan's freedom. She was escorted from the room in tears before she could be informed that the guerrilla organization had reversed itself. She couldn't be reached later.

Mrs. Sirhan started the news conference, saying: "Since I got the news by telephone, I have been shocked. I am concerned about the life of every human being, whether it is my son or these people—they are the same to me."

## CHOKING VOICE

She added, in choking voice: "People have to find a way to make peace in the world. If this country is able to send a man to



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the moon they should be capable of making peace."

McKissack said an associate of his on the Sirhan case—George Shibley—had flown to Beirut when reports of the demand for Sirhan's freedom began circulating.

A call from Shibley, clarifying the matter to both Mrs. Sirhan's and McKissack's satisfaction, he said, could make the trip unnecessary.

Sirhan, convicted after a

lengthy trial, has expressed belief that he'll be freed through some sort of prisoner exchange. Sirhan said at his trial that he had acted on behalf of displaced Palestinian refugees.