

agencies to support reopening the investigation into the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy to determine whether Sirhan Sirhan acted alone or whether there was a "second gun."

The board voted unanimously to order the county counsel's office to appear in court Thursday to back a suit calling for a new examination of ballistics evidence in the trial at which Sirhan was found guilty of the fatal shooting of the senator in 1968.

It also requested the district attorney's office to intervene in the case and, in a reversal of position, Acting District Attorney John Howard agreed to do so.

Howard, who was one of the prosecutors at the Sirhan trial, told the board the district attorney's office had no doubt that the Palestinian immigrant was guilty and that the verdict was a

just one. Sirhan is serving a life sentence at San Quentin.

Addenda

- Reversing his earlier position, Vice President Rockefeller says he will allow television coverage when he testifies in New York later this month before the Moreland Commission nursing home probe.

- Dwight L. Chapin, once appointments secretary to President Nixon, has begun serving a 10-to 30-month sentence at federal prison in Lompoc, Calif., for lying to the Watergate grand jury, and prison officials say he will be working on the prison farm.

- Teams of firefighters were still trying in Sunland, Calif., to close a one-mile gap in a 3,500-acre brush and timber fire in high canyon country after flames jumped over part of the 1½-mile fire line already constructed.

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