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LOS ANGELES, June 16gun loaded.

Manager of an Export-Import store on Hollywood Boulevard, he doesn't want to fol-old Jordanian immigrant. low the Jordanian merchant shot in Chicago last week in apparent reprisal for the assassination of Sen. Robert F.

The Arabic community here has been unnerved from the mainsmoment it was disclosed that Adnan Deen is keeping his the slight, swarthy suspect arrested for the killing was Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, a 24-year-

> There have been only a few minor incidents. At Deen's shop, one crank started a fire in the awning and another set a lizard loose in the store.

But the apprehension re-

Anonymity is being sought by Los Angeles area's 25,000 Arab-Americans these days.
"The community's gone into
hiding," says Henry Awad,
president of the Lebanese-Syrian-American Society and editor of a monthly English-language newspaper here for Arab-Americans.

Sirhan's family-his mother and four brothers-have been

taken into hiding, under pouce protection. Moved from their small frame house shortly after the shooting, they are living in a tightly guarded private home.

The family has also felt the sting of Sirhan's arrest in other ways.

Sirhan's 29-year-old brother, Adel, had been playing an Arab musical instrument on weekends at a belly dance club, Shaker's Oasis, before the shooting. The management doesn't want to see him again. "He might get shot," reasons Club Manager Harry Shaker.

Another brother, Saidallah, 36, was to have been sworn in as a U.S. citizen the day after Kennedy's death. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service canceled the appointment. District Director George Rosenberg claimed that reports of "motor vehicle viola-tions" conflicted with the requirement of "good moral character" for naturalized citi-

Arab-American com-The munity here is closely knit. Yet few will admit to knowing Sirhan. Those who do usually claim to have met him only once or twice, just in passing.
Yet at the same time there

is widespread rationalization, even sympathy, for the murder for which Sirhan stands indicted. His "anti-Zionism" is widely shared. Time and again, it is argued that the real villain is "international Zionism" and, secondarily, Kennedy's support of jet fight

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ers for Israel.

Sirhan does not appear to have been a member of any of the Arabic organizations in the city. In any event, not a few of the Arab-American organizations show the same sort of persecution complex so widely attributed to Sirhan. It also makes them candidates for the overtures of the far American right and white racists.

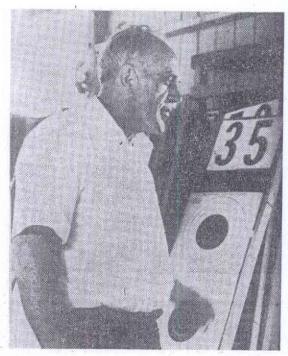
groups include the The United American Arab Congress, the American-Arab Citizens Council, the Americans (of Lebanses Syrian Ancestry) for American, and the Arabic Society of Americanists.

Formed after the lightning

Israeli victory last year in the June war, the United American Arab Congress has its \$50a-month headquarters in what the community calls "the White House" on Hollywood Boulevard.

Its general counsel, George E. Shibley, said it was formed to help raise funds for Arab refugees and to combat "support of Zionism by the American press.

Israel, in turn, is likened by the UAAC to "Nazi Germany" and "Fascist Japan." "All three claimed to be superman or God's chosen people," one UAAC broadside has proclaimed. "All three terrorized civilian populations and



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Lloyd Hager, manager, shows targets at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, where suspect Sirhan is said in sworn testimony to have been see practicing with gun hours before the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

ran 'by right of conquest.' "

According to one report, Sirian and several of his broth- event, are deserted these days. which was alledgedly a youth which manages the building, auxiliary of the UAAC.

claimed the lands they over- "American Arabs." Neither have other community leaders.

UAAC headquarters, in any rs attended meetings of the An official of the Lebanses o-called "American Arabs" Syrian-American Society, said it was six months behind

understanding of Middle Eastern problems." It had a news-letter called "The Prophet" that devoted one issue to pictures of burned Arab children over a caption, "Auschwitz— 1967 style." Council Chairman Phil Zogaib, however, says the organization is now defunct.

ZOgaib hasalso served as chairman of the Americans (of Lebanese-Syrian Ancestry) for America, an organization headed by Dr. T. J. Toma, den tist who is also president of the Arabic Society of Americanists.

How successful the various groups have been in resisting racist and right-wing over-tures is open to question. One UAAC newsletter last summer warned against "white racist groups ...coming out in sup-port of the Arabs" and cau-tioned its members against themselves aligning with "hate mongers."

Dr. Toma, has also been a prominent spokesman for JoJJhn Brich Society causes. once got into a hassle with postal officials over stamping his mail with the slogan "Save America—impeach J.F.K.— General Walker, truth and freedom, yes—one world, Godless UN govt. & Tyranny No."

How much, if any, of this elimate filtered down to Sirports, he may have been active in the organization of Arab students whil attending Pasadena City College, but college officials maintain there is no OAS chapter there.

Officials of the other organizations say they never noticed plain, a joiner. "I never heard ings. He was not, it seems of him until this incident," Officials of the Congress, htwever, say they had no youth organization and never heard of any group called the last year to promote "better a loner, really."