

KENNEDY

IS DEAD

Wife at Side

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—
Sen. Robert F. Kennedy,
felled like his President

brother by an assassin's
bullet, died early today.

His mourning family pre-
pared to take his body home
to New York, across the na-
tion Kennedy had hoped to
lead as President.

AND ON SATURDAY, the
senator is to be buried in Ar-
lington National Cemetery,
probably at the hilltop plot
which is the resting place of
his brother, the late John F.
Kennedy.

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Robert Kennedy, 42, never regained consciousness, never showed signs of recovery after a savage burst of revolver fire sent a bullet plunging into his brain—at the pinnacle of his campaign for the White House.

Kennedy, his pregnant wife Ethel at his bedside, died at 1:44 a. m., PDT, little more than 25 hours after the assault at the Ambassador Hotel.

KENNEDY'S BODY left Good Samaritan Hospital in a blue and gray hearse today on the first leg of a journey

across the country. The hearse headed for Los An-

SIRHANS WIRE RFK'S PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The family of the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy sent a telegram to the Kennedy family today, saying, "We pray that God will make peace, really peace, in the hearts of people."

The telegram was signed by Mrs. Mary Sirhan, mother of Sirhan Bishari Sirhan.

geles International Airport where the body was to be placed aboard a White House

jet for a flight to New York.

Pierre Salinger, former presidential press secretary, said the body would lie in state tomorrow at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

A requiem Mass will be held there Saturday morning. Salinger said Kennedy would be buried about 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Arlington, across the Potomac River from Washington, where an eternal flame flickers in memory of John

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Kennedy, slain four years and seven months ago.

PATHOLOGISTS MADE a six-hour examination of the body of Sen. Kennedy today seeking the exact cause of death and the extent of damage from an assassin's bullet.

Findings were to be released later.

The autopsy, performed by a team headed by Dr. Thomas Noguchi, the county

coroner's chief medical examiner, started about 3 a. m. and ended shortly after 9 a. m., a spokesman said.

President Johnson, the man who succeeded President Kennedy, issued a proclamation calling for a national day of mourning for the senator next Sunday.

Gov. Ronald Reagan declared a state of mourning in California, for the period through the senator's funeral.

AS KENNEDY DIED, the man accused of shooting him

was under heavy guard at a downtown prison hospital, held in \$250,000 bail for a court appearance which had been scheduled Monday.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was accused of wielding the .22-caliber revolver which cut down Kennedy and wounded five other people early Wednesday as the senator and his supporters celebrated victory in the California presidential primary.

A grand jury hearing into Kennedy's assassination was scheduled for tomorrow morning.

A SPOKESMAN for Los Angeles Dist. Atty. J. Evelle Younger said an indictment will be sought against Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, already jailed on a formal charge of assault with intent to commit murder.

The spokesman, Jerry Littman, did not specify what charge would be sought. He said plans are to conduct a trial soon if an indictment is returned.

Littman said the only witnesses called at the secret hearing would be those who saw the Ambassador Hotel

shooting early Wednesday, after Kennedy's primary election victory celebration.

LITTMAN QUOTED from California law which said "the grand jury is not required to hear evidence for the defendant, but it shall weigh all evidence submitted to it."

Charging by indictment rather than through an information—the type of charge Sirhan faces now—eliminates the legal step of a preliminary hearing, an open session.

Instead, the case would go directly to trial.

THE LOS ANGELES sheriff's office refused to say whether Sirhan had been advised that Kennedy was dead.

Sirhan, a Jordanian who had been living in Pasadena, was described by those who knew him as a man inflamed over the hostilities between his native state and Israel. A former employer said he might have been enraged by Kennedy's past words of support for Israel.

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HE SAID "the bullet that went into the head near the right ear" was the fatal shot. It entered Kennedy's brain. Surgeons operated for three hours and 40 minutes to remove all but a fragment in a vain attempt to save the senator's life.

But Kennedy never rallied.

"It was not a question of his sinking," Mankiewicz said, "but of not rising. He needed a rally and steady improvement in his condition, and that did not develop."

The body was to be taken from Los Angeles between 12 and 1 p. m. PDT. An earlier departure had been expected at first, but the time was moved back because the autopsy examination of the senator's body took longer than expected.

KENNEDY AIDES announced that at least 33 family members, friends and assistants would be aboard the Air Force jet on the flight to New York.

Among them were Kennedy's widow, three of his children, his brother, Edward; two of his sisters, and Mrs. John Kennedy.

Another passenger was to be Mrs. Martin Luther King, whose husband fell prey to an assassin on April 4.

SALINGER, ONCE press secretary to John Kennedy, announced the funeral arrangements for Robert.

He said the body will lie in state at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York tomorrow from 8 a. m. EDT until 10 p. m. EDT.

The Requiem Mass will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday.

The body will be placed on a train at 12:30 p. m. for the last journey to Washington. It is expected to arrive at about 4:40 p. m.

THE FUNERAL route will take the cortege past the U. S. Senate Office Building where Kennedy worked, and the Department of Justice

Sirhan Companion

By RICHARD E. MEYER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles police disclosed today they have issued an all points bulletin for a young woman seen with the accused slayer of Robert F. Kennedy before the senator was shot to death.

At the same time, Los Angeles Mayor Samuel W. Yorty blamed Communists for inflaming the accused, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, against Kennedy.

THE POLICE bulletin described the woman as 23 to 27 years of age and said she was wearing a white dress with black polka dots. Police said her identity wasn't known.

Sirhan is a 24-year-old Jordanian. His friends, and former employers say he hated Jews—and Israel because of the Arab Israeli conflict.

He was held under maximum security, guarded by a deputy in his jail cell, while authorities moved to press murder charges against him.

YORTY TOLD a news conference Sirhan not only was angered by the war, but "it appears also that he was inflamed also by contacts with the Communist Party and the contacts with Communist dominated or infiltrated organizations."

Yorty said that Sirhan's

car—"or one that we know he drove"—had been seen outside a building in which the W.E.B. DuBois Society was meeting. Yorty said the society had been identified by the U.S. Justice Department as a Communist front. He said "that evil organization has played its part in inflaming the assassin of Sen. Kennedy."

Yorty also revealed that

California Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch had told him "he was worried" about Yorty's decision to release details of Sirhan's diary. Yorty said Lynch feared the information might prejudice a fair trial. But Yorty said "I am a lawyer" and didn't believe it would prejudice the case against the accused.

Yorty said that Sirhan wrote in a 9-by-12 inch notebook



ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY

Hunted

about "the necessity to assassinate Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

Many — neighbors, former employers and the authorities—say he hates Jews.

He hurt his head in a fall last year, says his mother.

"All I know is he is a nice kid," says one of his four brothers.

Los Angeles County sheriff's officers refused to say

if Sirhan had been told of Kennedy's death. They also declined to comment on whether security around the prisoner had been increased.

Asst. Dist. Atty. William L. Ritzi said a grand jury would be asked to return an indictment charging Sirhan with Kennedy's murder.

In Pasadena police watch officer Russell Stone had a

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"red flag" file on Sirhan, indicating he had an arrest record.

But Stone said later, after rechecking, the file was that of a brother, Sharif Bishara Sirhan, 35. He was arrested in December, 1963, on an attempted murder charge and later was put on a year's probation, Stone said.

Stone said complaints of disturbing the peace had been lodged against Sirhan Sirhan, but he had "never been booked, jailed or arrested by Pasadena police."

The record says Sirhan is 24 years old, 5-feet-5, weighs about 120 pounds, has a swarthy complexion and wiry hair. He has been an exercise boy at a race track, wanted to be a jockey and worked in a health food store.

He was under maximum security guard in a hospital ward at the Los Angeles County central jail, charged with six counts of assault with intent to commit murder.

He is to appear at 8:30 a.m. Monday for a preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge Joan Klein.

SIRHAN'S INDEX finger was broken and his left ankle sprained in a tussle that ended in his capture, seconds after Kennedy was shot early yesterday.

Kennedy had just thanked his supporters for his victory over Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy in California's Democratic presidential primary election.

Sirhan has talked to police, but not about Kennedy or the shooting. Officers said he was advised of his rights, but didn't want an attorney. He refused to give officers his name.

"IT'S NICE to remain incommunicado," Inspector Pete Hagen quoted him as saying.

He "may have been inflamed" by Kennedy's call for U.S. jets for Israel during a televised campaign debate Saturday night, said a New York committee on American-Arab relations.

"He was violently pro-Jordan and anti-Israel," said John Shear, who worked with

Sirhan at Hollywood Park race track. "When there was trouble between Jordan and Israel, he would become inflamed."

"Sen. Kennedy said the other day he wanted to help Israel," said Sirhan's recent employer, John H. Weidner, 57, operator of a Pasadena health food store chain.

"So I was not surprised after he was shot that Sirhan's resentment had pushed him emotionally to do what he did."

WITH PERMISSION from Sirhan's family, police recovered two notebooks from his room. They contain 18 to 20 pages of handwriting. Some in Arabic, most in English.

In a notation entered either May 17 or 18, the mayor said, Sirhan apparently wrote "a direct reference to the necessity to assassinate Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968."

Kennedy was shot when June 5 was only a few minutes old. It was the first anniversary of the beginning of the six-day Arab-Israel war.

"There's much scribbling, repeated phrases, many references to Sen. Robert Kennedy, even some references to . . . Arthur Goldberg," Mayor Yorty said of the notebooks.

GOLDBERG IS the retiring U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. He has taken part in UN debate on the Arab-Israeli war.

"He does a lot of writing pro-Communist and anticapitalist, anti-United States," said Yorty. "Evidently he was quite pro-Arab in the Arab-Israeli matter."

In Sirhan's possession when he was captured was a clipping of a column by David Lawrence on what the mayor's press secretary called "Kennedy's dove position on Vietnam and his hawk position on the Middle East."

"My son—it can't be. No. Oh, no," cried Mary Sirhan, when she learned her boy was arrested. Mrs. Sirhan is a housekeeper at a Presbyterian nursery school in Pasadena.

"EVER SINCE he had a fall about a year ago, he hasn't been the same. I can't

talk to him."

Mrs. Sirhan said her son fell from a horse and "hurt his head here." She pointed to her right temple.

"All I know is he is a nice kid," commented Said Sirhan, brother of the accused man.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was born March 19, 1944, in Jor-

dan, territory seized by Israel during the lightning war last June.

The wife of one of his employers said Sirhan told her that as a child, Sirhan saw an Israeli soldier cut off the breast of an Arab woman with a bayonet.

The Sirhans came to the United States in 1957. They moved into a white frame house.

Sirhan was a sixth grade classmate of 23-year-old Frank Celis Jr., who said, "Kids picked on him, telling him dirty words. He'd repeat them without knowing what they meant."

Dad Views Picture: 'I Cannot Understand'

TAIYEBBA, Israeli-Occupied Jordan (AP) — The father of the man accused of shooting Sen. Robert F. Kennedy looked today at the first picture he had seen of his son in years and, visibly moved, said: "I cannot understand what could have pushed him to do such a thing."

"My son was always a quiet, humble and very gentle boy. I brought up my children to be good."

Bishara Sirhan, 53, locked himself behind the shutters of his 10-room villa in this sleepy mountain village 2,500 feet high overlooking Jericho, when he first heard his son, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, had been arrested in the shooting of the senator.

BUT, AS SCORES of newsmen, photographers and television crews converged on the village between Jericho and Ramallah, he allowed a newsmen to speak to him.

"I am terribly sorry for what has happened to Sen. Kennedy and my son. I will send a cable to the Kennedy family to express my feel-



—AP WIREPHOTO.

ADEL SIRHAN, foreground, and MUNIER "JOE" SIRHAN leave a Los Angeles police station yesterday after being questioned about the activities of their brother, Sirhan Sirhan, who is accused of shooting Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. The Sirhan brothers are Jordanians.

ings," he said in quiet, excellent English.

Bishara, well dressed in a checked jacket, gray pants, white shirt and blue tie, added: "My boy was a good Christian all his life. He visited church regularly since he was small.

"He was never interested in any kind of rough games. He hardly ever played. He always used to come right home from school to study his books.

"There was never a rifle or any kind of weapon in the house — only books.

"What could have pushed my son to doing what he did?"

Bishara, about five feet tall, lives alone in the two-floor villa. He has five sons—Sirhan, Sherif, Adel, Munir and Sa'adullah—all born in the former Jordanian sector of Jerusalem.

THE MAYOR of Taiyeba, Baziz Mu'addi, said Bishara's wife Mary went to the

United States in 1950. Her husband and the children joined her seven years later.

Bishara returned in 1961 after a quarrel with his wife, the mayor said, and built a home in the village where he was born.

Bishara would not speak of his wife or the rest of his family.

When he was shown an Associated Press picture of his son in his neat, well-furnished lounge, he almost broke down, and whispered:

"That is the first I have seen of him since I left the United States."

The mayor, a distant relative of the family, declared: "I must apologize on behalf of the whole village for what has happened.

"I know this boy lived a quiet life, he was gentle and polite, and could not have done it on his own.

"He was brought up very strictly with little money. Some bad man must have persuaded him to do this for a lot of money."

Bishara chain-smoked throughout the interview.

Over and over again he murmured: "I cannot understand. Who made him do such a thing . . . I cannot understand."

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Los Angeles said Sirhan is a Jordanian citizen.

The village, which has 2,000 residents, is populated by Greek and Roman Catholics and Greek Orthodox Arabs, who look down on Jehovah's Witnesses as "too pro-Jewish."

Neighbors said Bishara Sirhan first went to the United States in 1950, and brought his wife Mary and sons Sherif, Adel, Munir, Sa'adullah, and Sirhan to America in 1957.

Bishara quarrelled with his wife and returned to Jordan in 1961, neighbors said.