Second gun ruled out in the murder of RFK

LOS ANGELES (Special- | UPI-AP) - No second gun.

That was the conclusion yesterday in a report of seven ballistics experts appointed to examine evidence in the assassination of senator Robert Kennedy.

It was not immediately known whether the unanimous conclusion would put an end to the second-gun

theory because the panel could not positively say that any of the seven bullets from the assassination were fired by convicted assassin Sirhan Sirhan's .22 calibre Iver Johnson revolver.

But one of the experts, Al fred Biasotti, said evidence from four of the bullets "very strongly pointed" to-

just short of positive proof."

The experts had refired the gun wrested from Sirhan at this city's Ambassador Hotel and had compared the bullets taken from Kennedy's body with those removed from wounded bystanders.

Sirhan, a Palestinian, was convicted of murder in the ward Sirhan's gun. "It was | 1968 assassination and is serving a life sentence at San Quentin Prison. His original death sentence was voided by the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling against capital punishment.

Sirhan's attorney, Godfrey Isaac, said the finding was a "tremendous blow" to his client but a "tremendous triumph" for justice. He said the ballistics experts had effectively put the second-gun theory to rest.

WAITED BREATHLESSLY

As spectators in the packed courtroom waited breathlessly yesterday, Superior Court Judge Robert Wenke dispelled the suspense by saying the experts had found no reason to believe that anyone other than Sirhan was involved in the murder.

The next step in the lawsuit will be cross-examination of the panel next week.

Paul Schrade, who with the Columbia Broadcasting System brought the lawsuit that forced the investigation, said: "It is disturbing that they couldn't tie all of the bullets to Sirhan's gun."

Schrade, one of the seven bystanders wounded in the assassination, told a reporter: "The experts say they can't clearly tie certain bullets to the Sirhan gun. For that reason, I want to review the individual reports of each of the experts."

Hanging postponed killer just shrugs

NASSAU (AP-UPI) — A young American who was to have been hanged early today for killing a U.S. tourist here "just shrugged his shoulders" when he was told the execution had been postponed.

Stephen Vitale, U.S. consul in Nassau, said he told 22-year-old Michiah Shobek late yesterday that Bahamian officials had accepted a request for a review of the death sentence.

"He looked stunned and a little groggy," Vitale said. "I had to repeat what I said, that the appeal had been accepted and he wouldn't be executed Tuesday."

The ministry of home af- | demned Shobek, a Milwau- | The court that will hear



MICHIAH SHOBEK Faced noose today

"God, My Father, told me who to destroy in Nassau," Shobek told the jury during his trial in May, 1974. He testified he killed the three tourists because "they were angels of Lucifer."

Murder in the Bahamas carries an automatic death sentence unless mercy is recommended by an advisory committee.

"Nobody likes to hang people, but we find it necessary to do it on certain occasions where vicious crimes are involved," government spokesman Cyril Stevenson said. "If we did not hang people occasionally, the society would fall apart."