

KENNEDY INQUIRY IS VOTED ON COAST

Los Angeles City Council to
Assay Work of Police

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30 (UPI)—The city council will investigate police handling of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The Senator's son, however, says the family opposes reopening the investigation.

The council voted 10 to 1 yesterday to set up a special committee to investigate the police department's actions, particularly the destruction of ceiling panels that "second gun" theorists called valuable evidence and the department called unneeded.

The council thus joined the county government and a court action in taking new looks at the shooting of Mr. Kennedy in 1968.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., 23 years old, said in a television interview here yesterday that he opposes reopening the investigation.

"I think I can speak for my family. I just don't see any need to pursue it," he said. "All it takes is one crazy guy" for such an assassination, he said.

In a related action, a Superior Court judge ruled yesterday against a request by CBS Television news and Paul Schrade for a court order requiring the police department to make public its secret files on the assassination.

Mr. Schrade, a former union leader, was with Mr. Kennedy and was wounded in the shooting.

The television network and Mr. Schrade asked for an order requiring the police commission to make public a 10-volume summary of the investigation and 50,000 pages of investigators' reports and other material. The commission has turned down their request but agreed to provide written replies to written questions.

Sirhan B. Sirhan, seen by scores of witnesses shooting at Mr. Kennedy at close range in the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel in 1968 just after Mr. Kennedy won the California Democratic Presidential primary, is serving life in prison.

Proponents of the "second gun" theory argue that there is evidence to show that more than one gun may have been fired when Mr. Kennedy was killed. They have mounted increasing pressure to reopen the investigation.