

## Panel Finds No Proof of 2d

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A panel of experts assigned to examine ballistics evidence in the 1968 slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy has reported there is no proof that more than one gun was used in the assassination.

But the seven-man panel said yesterday there was no way to determine positively whether any of the seven bullets collected at the shooting scene came from con-

victed assassin Sirhan Sirhan's .22-caliber Iver Johnson revolver.

All of the bullets were of the same general category and possibly came from the same gun, but only three were in good enough shape to be compared with test bullets fired last week from the Sirhan gun, the panel said in a report to Superior Court Judge Robert A. Wenke.

One of the experts, Alfred A. Biasotti, said examination of the three bullets "very strongly pointed" toward Sirhan's gun but "was just short of positive proof."

Sirhan was convicted of murdering Kennedy and is serving a life sentence in San Quentin Prison, but some people have questioned whether Sirhan acted alone. Conspiracy theorists have said photographs of the

### RFK Gun

bullets showed dissimilarities and that more than one gun must have been used in the assassination.

The question simmered for several years until Paul Schrade, who was wounded in the assassination, and Columbia Broadcasting System Inc. brought a lawsuit last July, and Judge Wenke ordered a re-examination of the ballistics evidence.

The next step will be

cross-examination of the panel next week.

Biasotti said all seven bullets and bullet fragments taken from the assassination scene "had the same class characteristics, but only three bullets were detailed enough to show individual characteristics that are unique to" a single gun.

Those three bullets could not be positively compared with test bullets because of a number of technical factors, including "possible loss of fine detail over the intervening years," the panel said.

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