

Cuban Exile Tells of Fight With Sirhan

Miami, Fla., June 18 (AP)—An exiled Cuban army officer said today that Nathan Sirhan, the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, said that he felt Kennedy's death "was the need in the United States for another Fidel Castro."

The exile, Jose Duarte, said he argued with Sirhan and scuffled with him.

Duarte told a news conference the incident occurred about three weeks ago in a house at Hollywood, Calif. He said he recog-



Jose Duarte
Says Sirhan was pro-Castro

nized Sirhan as the man he scuffled with when Sirhan's picture appeared in newspapers after Kennedy's death.

He reported the incident to Hollywood authorities and identified a police photo of Sirhan. He added that the man he fought with told him he was an Arab.

"He said what we (Cuban exiles) are doing is just what the Israelites are doing and that we are getting the same help from the CIA that Israel is getting," Duarte stated.

The scuffling began, Duarte said, "when he accused me of being an agent of the CIA."

Duarte said: "He made some derogatory remarks about Cuba and about me and we went to grips. Somebody separated us. He left."

The exile, who said he has been living in Los Angeles, said pictures of Castro and of the slain Communist guerrilla leader Che Guevara and slogans critical of the Vietnam War and the Johnson Administration were posted on the walls of the house where he met Sirhan.

Duarte said he and about 15 Cuban companions attended the meeting after seeing leaflets advertising an exhibition of photographic slides taken in Cuba.

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Suspect Is Denied Bond In S. Side Grocer Slaying

Aaron L. Myers, 19, was held without bond Monday for a July 1 court appearance in the murder of Abder Rayyan, 55, in his grocery at 343 E. 51st.

Relatives of the victim said Saturday's fatal shooting of Rayyan, father of nine, was "a senseless crime."

There had been speculation that the killing of the grocer, a Jordanian, was an aftermath of the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D-N.Y.).

A Chicago brother-in-law of Rayyan, Gadel Joseph, said Rayyan never had expressed

any feeling against members of the Kennedy family.

Myers, of 4323 S. Forrestville, was arrested in a gas station at 4301 S. Forrestville where he was employed.

Witnesses said two men walked into the store and that one of them shot Rayyan in the head without warning. Police said they were looking for the second man and for other persons who may have been waiting in a getaway car.

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