

Trial Moved to Jan. 7

Sirhan Wins

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, charged with murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was postponed today until Jan. 7.

Prosecution and defense attorneys approved closed circuit televising of the proceed-

ings to an auxiliary press room.

The trial had been scheduled for next Monday. The delay was to permit a new member of the defense team, veteran criminal attorney Grant B. Cooper, to familiar-

ize himself with the case. He just wound up participation in another trial.

SUPERIOR JUDGE Herbert V. Walker, who will preside in the case, announced that he probably will let hus-

bands and wives visit jurors on weekends. He earlier had said he would sequester—that is, lock up the jury after each session. The trial is expected to last at least two months after a jury is selected.

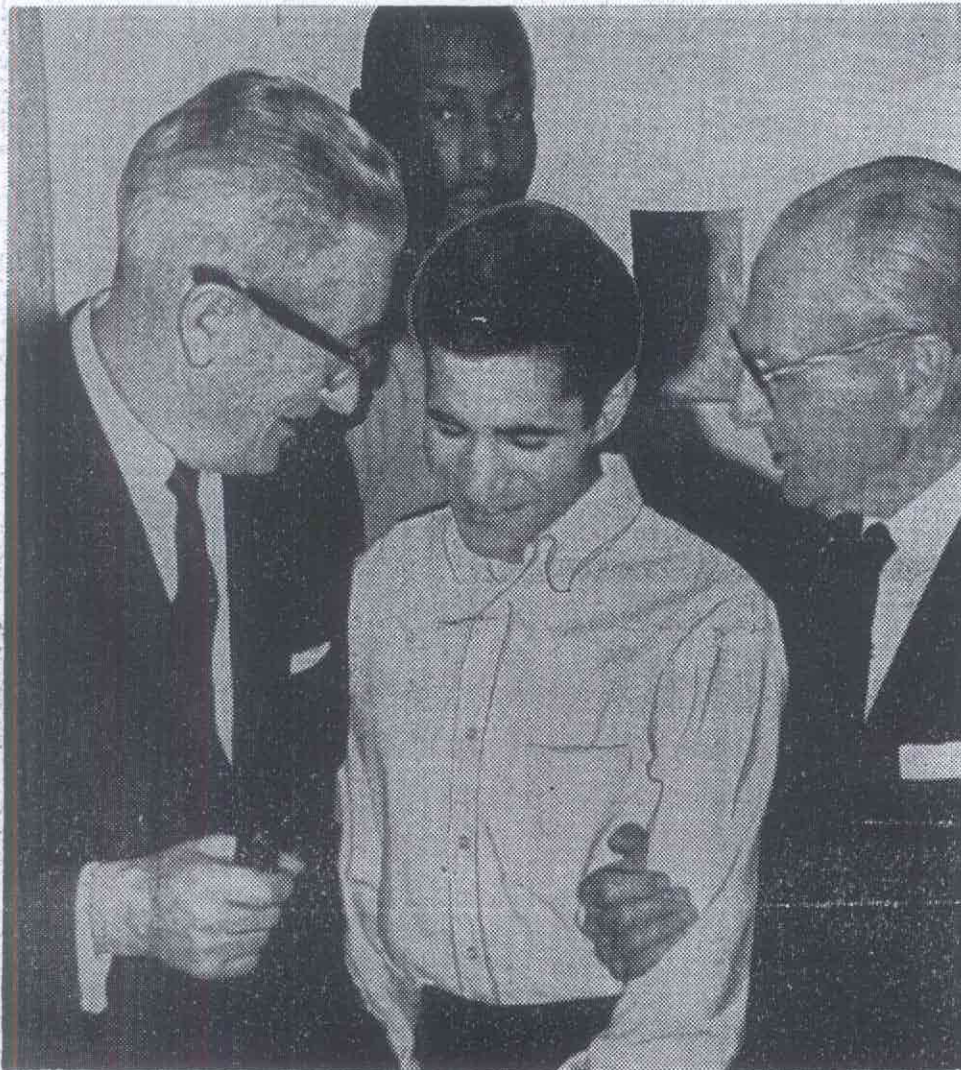
The television setup — a concealed camera in court, with receivers in an auxiliary courtroom on another floor—was occasioned by the shortage of seating in the main court room. There will be no public television.

Sirhan, 24-year-old Jordanian, sat quietly through the proceedings. He is accused of shooting Kennedy and wounding five others last June 5 just after Kennedy claimed victory in California's presidential primary election.

ASKED IF HE approved appointment of Cooper as one of three defense attorneys, he replied: "Very much so, sir." He also said he had no objection to a trial delay or to the televising.

The prosecution objected to a delay.

"The case has previously



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SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN smiles faintly as he speaks to a new member of his defense team, GRANT B. COOPER, in Los Angeles today after his trial on charges of murdering Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was postponed until Jan. 7. At right is RUSSELL PARSONS, who has represented Sirhan since shortly after his arrest.

Delay

been continued to allow full time for preparation," said a co-prosecutor, Deputy Dist. Atty. John E. Howard. He said the prosecution was "prepared to go to trial at this time."

BUT THE JUDGE said he felt Cooper should "have ample time to prepare the case."

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He also said Sirhan has the right to an attorney of his own choosing. Cooper had said earlier that Sirhan asked for his services shortly after his arrest.

Present with Cooper was Russell E. Parsons, who represented Sirhan in previous court appearances. Scheduled to join them for the trial is Emile Zola Berman of New York. Cooper said no continuance will be needed in connection with Berman's participation.

Cooper noted that he had been engaged for five and one-half months in the Friars Club card-cheating conspiracy trial, which ended in convictions for five defendants this week. He said he received a letter from Sirhan before that trial and also was asked to help in the case by the American Civil Liberties Union.