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RECESS GRANTED IN SIRHAN TRIAL

Doctor Calls Defendant 'Self-Computerized'

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The state was granted a day's recess Tuesday in Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's murder trial before launching its cross examination of the star defense psychiatric witness.

Dr. Bernard Diamond, a professor of law, psychiatry and criminology at the University of California at Berkeley, testified Monday that the 25-year-old Sirhan was mentally ill and subconsciously self-computerized for assassination when he shot Sen. Robert F. Kennedy on June 5, 1968.

With an occult manual, experiments with lights and candles, Dr. Diamond said that, unknowingly, Sirhan was "gradually programming himself, exactly like a computer is programmed by its magnetic tape, programming himself for the coming assassination."

This theory of the assassination was scheduled for many attacks by cross examiners for

the state. The prosecution was expected to contend that Kennedy did nothing to provoke Sirhan to kill.

Dr. Diamond wound up his testimony for the defense by

listing professional honors he has won in his field.

Deputy District Atty. David Fitts then asked for a recess saying the prosecution team had no opportunity to study the tran-

script of Dr. Diamond's testimony. Defense attorney Grant Cooper joined in the request, saying he is suffering from a throat ailment.	V. Walker adjourned the trial until Wednesday. It began Jan. 7 and it is now in its 12th week. The jury of eight men and four women has been locked up since Feb. 12 when not in court.
Superior Court Judge Hesbert	