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Death for Sirhan OK, Blonde Says

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Questioning of prospective jurors resumed at the Sirhan Bishara Sirhan murder trial today with an attractive young blonde saying she could send the defendant to the gas chamber.

State and defense emphasized the trial will focus on why the young Jordanian, Sirhan, shot Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Miss Carolyn R. Freeman, a telephone company clerk, was asked by the defense: "Assuming a defendant is found guilty of first degree murder and you believe the crime is willful, deliberate and premeditated, would you lean toward the death penalty."

She replied: "I think I would. If I were totally sure, I would."

She and other prospective jurors were questioned, too, about possible prejudice for or against psychiatrists and psychologists, which both defense and prosecution have retained.

Defense counsel has said in court that Sirhan will not deny that he shot Kennedy.

"At the outset," chief defense counsel Grant B. Cooper told the jurors yesterday, "you should know that there will be no denial that our client fired the shot that killed Sen. Robert F. Kennedy."

The jury's job, he said, will be to determine intent—"what was going on in his head at the time he pulled the trigger."

KENNEDY WAS shot June 5,

moments after claiming victory in the California presidential primary.

He died the next day.

Cooper reminded prospective jurors that a charge of first-degree murder requires a union of both act and intent.

The defense case hinges on "diminished responsibility," a legal technicality rarely used outside California.

IT HOLDS A person may be legally sane yet still not fully responsible for his actions.