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CHANGES MADE IN SIRHAN JURY

Selection Likely to Take
Several More Days

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The prosecution and defense in the Sirhan Bishara Sirhan murder trial removed three women jurors from the provisional panel Wednesday and tentatively seated two men and a woman.

Since the trial entered its third week Tuesday, half the members of a panel of 12 that both sides had indicated might be the final one have been dismissed.

Five were removed by peremptory challenges and one was excused for medical reasons.

Sirhan, 24-year-old Jordanian charged with the fatal shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, watched as his attorneys and the prosecution locked in maneuvers expected to prolong jury selection at least another week.

The peremptory challenge, a means of removing a juror without giving a cause, was used by the prosecution Wednesday to dismiss Mrs. Rosa A. Molina, a nurse and the first tentative juror seated.

The defense then dismissed Mrs. Barbara L. Collins, an employe of Pacific Telephone Co., and the prosecution removed Mrs. Geraldine Scherer, a retired antique dealer seated on the panel only the day before.

Mrs. Wilma Boone, an electronic assembler at Hughes Aircraft Corp. in nearby Fullerton, was tentatively seated. Also tentatively accepted were Harold H. Baldwin, a retired bank cashier from nearby Alhambra, and James B. Abery, a mail carrier from Burbank.

With 11 persons in the jury box, questioning continued. Two prospective jurors — a man and a woman — were excused by Judge Herbert V. Walker when they said it would be a hardship for them to be locked up in a hotel during the trial, expected to extend into spring.

"I don't think I could take it," said the woman. "I'm sorry."

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