

## **Court on Trial, Too** *Post 1-9-68*

The plea of Defense Attorney Grant B. Cooper for a delay of 30 days in the trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan in order to dispose of the numerous motions he filed on the opening day was scarcely an auspicious beginning. It sounded like a confession that every dilatory device known to the law will be employed in the case.

The trial must, of course, be handled with great care. It is not the less important because the defense will not attempt to deny that the defendant shot and killed Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. We surmise also that, because of the lengthy investigation of the assassination and the intricate nature of the defense, the public must be prepared for a long trial.

But it ought to proceed without procrastination, shadow boxing, stage management or other nonsense. The judicial system of California is on trial no less than the accused assassin. Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker has indicated an intention to proceed with the trial in an orderly and expeditious manner, and we hope that he will hold fast to that intention.