Sirhan LOS ANGELES AP - The state Supreme Court has taken under consideration a motion to reduce Sirhan B. Sirhan's first-degree murder conviction in degree murder conviction in the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy to second-degree mur-der or manslaughter. der or manslaughter.
Attorney Luke McKissack argued the metion before the court here Friday, stressing the issue of pretrial publicity.
He said a newspaper account of plea bargaining between defense and prosecution attorneys was published before the jury was sequestered for the fourmenth trial and could have medicated income. menth trial and could have prejudiced jurors.

Attorneys for both sides agreed to a life sentence if Sirhan would plead guilty to first-degree murder but Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker.

er. now retired, rejected the deal, saying the question of penalty was in the hands of jurors. rors. The jury sentenced Sirhan to the gas chamber in April 1969 and he was held on San Quentin prison's death row until the state Supreme Court decided recently to abolish the death penalty.

Deputy Atty. Gen. Ronald
George argued that Sirhan's
death sentence was stayed
when the high court ruled capital punishment unconstitutional.

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This political assassin has already been spared his life, though his mark on history can never be erased, 'George said.

I ask this court to affirm the judgment and write the final chapter in Sirhan's in exhaustible quest for reversal.' Kennedy was shot in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Amgeles on June 5, 1968, shortly after wimning California's Democratic presidential primary. He died 25 hours later in a nearby hospital.

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4/12/72 The 4/7 (regional?) wire copy on the Sirhan appeal is slugged 007, if you did not notice. They meant 07. But the quote in in from Walker reminds me of a secret proceeding of which I have a copy and use parts in POST MORTEM, and don't want to use or pass around until it is (?) printed has him expressing lack of concern over error because by the time any appeal can be heard Nimmwill Through the entire complexion of the Supreme Court?!! And this was at the time of the interest. The interest of reference to it in a letter of which I may have sont four learning use the interesting over the main (and thus appropriately locked) doors of the Department of Justice with some bitterness in that writing. It says the Place of Justice Is a Hallowed Place." H

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