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SIRHAN TRIAL IN 13TH WEEK

Case to Cost Taxpayers
Over \$1 Million

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's trial for the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy goes into its 13th week Tuesday, with the cost to Los Angeles taxpayers near the million-dollar mark.

The first-degree murder trial of the 25-year-old Jordanian of Arab was in a long weekend recess Monday, with an extra day added in respect to the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

COST ESTIMATE

Kenneth Hahn, a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, said the case already has cost the county \$658,585 and estimated the figure eventually will top \$1 million.

Dr. Seymour Pollack, nationally known professor of psychiatry at the University of Southern California, is due back as a state witness when the trial resumes. He began his testimony last Friday.

TRANCE CLAIMED

Through him, the state hopes to counter defense claims that Sirhan was in a trance when he shot Kennedy June 5, 1968, and mentally impaired, therefore not capable of meaningfully and of maturely premeditating murder.

The best the defense hopes for, attorneys have said privately, is a second-degree murder conviction, punishable by a prison term of five years to life, or a first-degree conviction with a life sentence rather than the gas chamber.

The prosecution indicated it may wind up its rebuttal testimony during the week, but it remained questionable whether the jury of seven men and five women could begin deliberations before the Easter weekend.

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