

Some Arabs Claim Sirhan Is a Patriot

ROME — The Jerusalem Arab who fired on Sen. Kennedy may be a paranoid lunatic in California, but in parts of the Middle East he is a patriot who shot in the name of 1,600,000 other Arab refugees.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan's shots, fired on the anniversary of Israel's third war against the Arabs were timed for four purposes, as Arab areas see these "warnings:"

- To remove one of the several presidential candidates who have been induced to declare for Israel.
- To bring to the American public notice the ignored plight of the dispossessed Arab refugees.
- To counteract the heavy financial support given by Zionist sympathizers in the United States, backing candidates on all levels who support Israel.
- To demonstrate that backing Israel, while profitable, can be dangerous.

Assassination is a successful instrument of policy for both sides in the Middle East. Israel's Stern Gang assassinated Count Folke Bernadotte, the UN envoy, because he was trying to apply the voted UN doctrine of internationalization of Jerusalem.

Palestinian nationalists assassinated Jordan's King Abdullah, grandfather of King Hussein, for seeking an independent peace with Israel.

The attitude of Arabs like Sirhan is that they don't need U.S. dollars, which they can get from Arab oil. They want an American President ready to unite with the Soviets in boxing Israel back in her borders and giving the refugees back their farms. For Israel's need for security, they demonstrate no interest.