

# Sirhan Requests 'Big Name' Lawyer

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LOS ANGELES — Sirhan Bishara Sirhan has asked the American Civil Liberties Union to help find a "big name" lawyer to defend him against the charge of assassinating Robert Kennedy.

A. L. Wirin, chief counsel of the southern California ALCU, has been visiting Sirhan daily in his cell.

This week Wirin will ask Presiding Superior Judge Richard Schauer to call on the Los Angeles Bar Association and other legal groups to obtain a defense attorney.

## MOTION REJECTED

Superior Judge Arthur Alarcon rejected Wirin's motion at the arraignment for "one or more outstanding

lawyers" to be appointed to defend Sirhan but indicated he would reconsider the request at a later time.

Wirin emphasizes that the ALCU has not undertaken the defense of Sirhan and has commended the courts and prosecution for vigorously protecting the defendant's rights.

## PRIVATE LAWYER

Sirhan presently is represented by Wilbur Littlefield, chief deputy trial lawyer in the public defender's office. At his request, the entering of a plea of guilt or innocence was continued until June 28.

Sirhan has indicated he would prefer to be defended by a private lawyer.

Meanwhile, Sirhan re-

mained under heavy guard in the second floor hospital ward of central jail.

Although Sirhan was arrested at the scene of the fatal shooting early Wednesday, and identified by several witnesses as the New York senator's assailant, the case presents unanswered questions.

One is whether there was a conspiracy.

Police haven't been able to produce the dark-haired "girl in the polka-dot dress." Sandy Serrano, 20, a Youth for Kennedy worker, reported seeing the girl run from

the Ambassador Hotel after the shooting and say, "We shot him."

## 'WRONG GIRL'

Three young women, the latest a 19 year old belly dancer, have claimed to be the girl in the polka-dot dress, all saying Miss Serrano misunderstood their words as they ran from the hotel. But Miss Serrano says none is the girl she saw.

Meanwhile, Pasadena police are keeping a 24-hour guard at the home of Sirhan's family, although the family reportedly has not been staying there.