

Sirhan Satisfied, Wirin Reports

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, charged with murdering Sen. Robert Kennedy, seems satisfied with his treatment in custody, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney says.

A. I. Wirin has visited the Jordanian immigrant in his 12-by-12 foot jail cell several times since his arrest June 5.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty, who was criticized after he disclosed information about Sirhan's background, yesterday defended his actions as being in the public interest.

He said he acted only to "get the facts to the public to prevent rumors and violence" such as that which oc-

curred after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, April 4.

YORTY SERVED

Yorty said initial reports of the shooting described the gunman as possibly a Cuban or Mexican-American.

"I think it was a public service to identify the suspect as not coming from those groups," Yorty said.

The day before, Yorty was served with a copy of an order from Superior Judge Arthur L. Alarcon. The order prohibits law enforcement officers, public officials and others connected with the case from discussing it.

Yorty said he will abide by the order, but added that "if the judge intended the order

to be aimed at me, I was not accorded due process."

The California attorney General, the Los Angeles County district attorney and others said Yorty's action has jeopardized Sirhan's chances for a fair trial. He has been arraigned on one count of murder and five counts of assault with intent to commit murder.

NO RADIO, TV

Sirhan is denied radio and television and says he doesn't want to read newspapers, Wirin said.

Wirin declined to give the titles of the books on occultism Sirhan is reading and will not name a Protestant religious organization to which Sirhan asked Wirin to contribute \$20.

rights and to help find a lawyer to represent him.

Security for Sirhan remains strong, Wirin added. He said he is searched each time he visits the prisoner and the deputy accompanying him to Sirhan's cell in the jail's infirmary wing is given the same treatment.

Despite Sirhan's appeals for Wirin to defend him, the attorney said he will not take the case. His role, Wirin said, is to safeguard Sirhan's

Since his first court appearance June 5, hours after Kennedy was shot at a celebration in honor of his victory in the California presidential primary, Sirhan has been represented by a public defender, Wilbur Littlefield, who was named yesterday to take charge of the case.

Wirin said Sirhan had requested two private attorneys. The attorney added that several lawyers had volunteered to take the case without pay.