

Sirhan Anti-RFK Outburst Told

NEW YORK (AP)—Sirhan B. Sirhan shouted his dislike of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy shortly before Kennedy was slain, Life magazine says.

In its current issue, the magazine said two witnesses told of Sirhan's activities before the shooting. Sirhan is accused of the slaying.

The magazine named one of the witnesses as Enrique Rabago, 35, an unemployed mechanic. It said the other was a "still unnamed friend."

ON THE EVENING before Kennedy was shot, Life said, Sirhan "had just been thrown out of a victory party being held by backers of Max Rafferty who had won the GOP senatorial nomination."

Because he was coatless and without a tie, the story says, an Ambassador Hotel waitress refused to serve Sirhan a drink. "He put up a fuss," Life said, "and contemptuously tipped her \$20 for nothing." A security guard eased him out.

ON THE OTHER side of the lobby, the magazine said, Rabago nodded in the direction of the Embassy Room and said, "Robert Kennedy might help the poor."

At that, Sirhan was quoted

as shouting, "Kennedy—Kennedy—he should never be president. Kennedy helps himself. He's just using the poor. Can't you see that?"

In another development related to the assassination, police in San Gabriel refused to comment on a gunshop owner's disclosure that he sold ammunition to Sirhan and two companions five days before the killing.

RFK Speeches Caused Slaying--Elder Sirhan

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Bishara Sirhan, father of the man accused of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, told a news conference last night that he believes the prime cause of his son's action was Kennedy's political speeches.

"I was angry and sorry for my son's behavior in killing Kennedy, as we have no enmity toward Kennedy's family," said Sirhan, 55. "We regret now his death as Kennedy the human being—but Bob Kennedy had a double personality. . . ."

"I can say that I do not regret his death as Kennedy the American politician who attempted to gain the presidential

election by his aggressive propaganda.

"I believe the only prime cause of my son being pushed to assassinate him was the unbalanced nature . . . of Kennedy's speeches and statements in press, radio and television.

"Kennedy was promising certain sides to supply them with arms and aircraft . . . and thus provoked the sensitive feelings of Sirhan, who had suffered much from the Jews."

The elder Sirhan came to Amman from Israeli-occupied territory north of Jerusalem to get money from his bank account.

The father said he does not know whether he will go to

America "because the situation there is very critical," but he said he will do his best to send Arab lawyers to his son's aid. He said he and his son still hold Jordanian passports and are not American citizens.

Sirhan in Rage Before Slaying

NEW YORK — (UPI) — Sirhan B. Sirhan, the accused killer of Sen Robert Kennedy, shouted angrily a few hours before the assassination that Kennedy "should never be President," it was reported today.

A report published by Life magazine said Sirhan told a

Mexican and a Puerto Rican in the lobby of Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel that Kennedy was "just using the poor" to get elected.

Life said Enrique Rabago, a 35 year old unemployed mechanic, and a friend whose name has not been made public came forward

with their story June 7.

They said they encountered Sirhan, who had just been ejected from a victory party for GOP Senatorial candidate Max Rafferty.

In a conversation with the two, Sirhan assailed "the rich Rafferty people who step all over the poor," the maga-

zine said.

"Kennedy — Kennedy — he should never be President!" Sirhan was quoted as shouting.

Rabago and his friend tried without success to reason with Sirhan, then watched him wander off toward the Kennedy party, Life said.