

## Sirhan's Father Appeals to Pope About the Trial

Beirut, Lebanon

Bishara Sirhan, father of the alleged assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, appealed to Pope Paul and the world's conscience yesterday to secure a fair trial for his son, Sirhan Sirhan.

The "political and spiritual motives that lie behind the assassination," should be considered, the elder Sirhan said.

In an interview with the Amman correspondent of Beirut's independent newspaper Al-Nahar, Sirhan said he was "completely convinced" his son had not been pushed by any group to kill Kennedy.

His motives was "purely national," following statements by Kennedy which had "touched the Arab people to the core," Sirham said.

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