

Sirhan 'Can't Remember' Shooting

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Sirhan B. Sirhan contends he cannot remember shooting Robert F. Kennedy.

Yet under hypnosis the 24-year-old Arab immigrant has re-enacted the scene down to the most minute detail and pulled the trigger of an imaginary gun.

The will be a basic facet of the defense case when the trial resumes tomorrow following today's recess. The prosecution ended its presentation yesterday after calling 56 witnesses to back up its charge that Sirhan carefully plotted and executed the murder of the New York Senator.

Sirhan's mother and two brothers are expected to take the witness stand tomorrow to tell of seeing Arab-Israeli atrocities in Palestine as a child which caused him to go into trances for hours and which persisted up to the time of Kennedy shooting.

Sirhan probably will testify early next week and then there will be a number of psychiatrists and psychologists to back up the defense contention that he had "diminished capacity" and was not capable of calculated premeditation.

Some months ago a hypnotist put Sirhan into a trance

and had him re-enact the scene in the Ambassador Hotel and the defendant went through his movements leading up to the fatal shot. However, under his present awareness he contends he cannot remember what happened during those moments.

The hypnosis was among several tests administered Sirhan, including the Rorschach ink blot series and other psychiatric examinations, during the investigation leading up to his trial. All of the findings were expected to be introduced in the defense case.

The state did not formally rest its case. Deputy Dist.

Atty. Lynn Compton said there was some "housekeeping" to do in entering certain exhibits for the record and one handwriting expert is to be recalled to finish his testimony about notebooks that Sirhan wrote.

Defense Counsel Grant B. Cooper, however, will call the first of an expected 30 witnesses beginning tomorrow. Cooper estimated the defense case would take about three more weeks.