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LOS ANGELES AP - A film of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's last speech acknowledging victory in the California Democratic presidential primary before a joyous crowd may be shown to the jury trying Sirhan Bishara Sirhan for murder.

Kennedy had just finished the speech in the Ambassador Hotel, shouted "On to Chicago," and was moving to another room to meet with newsmen when he was mortally wounded by Sirhan early last June 6.

The state said it will try to introduce the 15-minute film as rebuttal to defense claims that Sirhan became enraged by Kennedy's advocacy of more arms for Israel.

Dr. Bernard L. Diamond, a psychiatrist scheduled to undergo cross-examination today, testified Sirhan told him under hypnosis that he hated the New York senator because he made a campaign promise to send U.S. jets to Israel.

"It would be important for the jury to see that Kennedy did nothing that night to rekindle the flame," said Lynn D. Compton, deputy district attorney. "It was an innocuous speech."

Grant B. Cooper chief defense counsel, said he would object to having the film introduced.

"There is no suggestion by the defense that the speech decided him to shoot the senator," said Cooper. "There is nothing in the record to indicate Sirhan even heard the speech."

Diamond, a professor of medicine, law and criminology at the University of California, Monday described Sirhan as self-programmed to assassinate Kennedy.

He did not supply the prosecution with a typed report and the state was granted almost a full day's recess Tuesday to study his testimony.

Diamond contends it was chance and a series of unrelated events that brought Kennedy and Sirhan together.

Cooper said Diamond would be followed by only two more witnesses for the defense, both psychologists: Georgina Sewart of the University of Southern California and George DeVos of the University of California. Their testimony, Cooper said, would take less than an hour each and the defense expects to rest its case Thursday.

The trial is in its 12th week.

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