Psychiatrist

Sirhan Driven by 'Political Reasons'

Los Angeles

A state psychiatrist tesetified yesterday that Sirhan Sirhan was mentally disturbed, but that his assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was "motivated by political reasons."

Dr. Symour Pollack, testifying at the 25-year-old defendant's murder trial, said: "I believe Sirhan Sirhan developed into a young man with what is called a paranoid personality, who therefore is to that extent mentally disurbed.

"I believe his assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was motivated by political reasons that were highly charged."

Dr. Pollack, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Southern California, conceded that Sirhan's early life in the war-torn Middle East may have helped shape his a dult personality and could be "considerably related to what he did."

Earlier. a handwriting expert for the state, Laurence Slaon, said Sirhan's self-exhortations to kill Kennedy were not written under hypnosis.

Stone told the murder trial jury he had compared the quality of the writing in the notebook with scribblings. Sirhan made while under hypnosis induced by a psychiatrist in his jail cell. He said the quality was markedly different.

Stone said that as a result of the comparisons, "It is my opinion the writings in the notebook were not done under a state of hypnosis."

Police Sergeant Frank Patchett said that the morning of the shooting he asked Sirhan why he wouldn't give his name.

"I asked him if he was ashamed of his name because of what he had pulled off that evening." Patchett said.

"He said 'Hell, no.' But he still wouldn't give his name."

One of the regular jurors, Lawrence Morgan, an IBM computer programmer, was replaced after he was taken to a hospital with a bleeding ulcer. He was replaced by alternate juror Ruth A. Stillman, giving the jury seven men and five women.

Sirhan learned yesterday that one of his brothers, Saidallah, had been hit by an automobile Thursday night and another, Sharif, had been jailed in Pasadena on assault charges for trying to hit a nurse at the hospital where Saidallah was taken.

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