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Sirhan and Lead

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LOS ANGELES AP - A psychiatrist testified today he believes Sirhan Bishara Sirhan is lying about being unable to remember writing threats against Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in a notebook. The statement brought a violent outburst from the defendant.

Sirhan refused to quiet down, and the 25-year-old Arab-born Jordanian's trial for murder in Kennedy's assassination was recessed while deputies hustled him out of the courtroom.

"I am not going to let him call me a liar," Sirhan said to the men restraining him.

Dr. Seymour Pollack, a prosecution psychiatrist, had just said, "I am unable to accept Sirhan's denial of recall of his notes as a genuine amnesia."

Sirhan jumped up: "your honor, sir."

Court attendants tried to get him to sit down, and Judge Herbert V. Walker said:

"You settle down or I'll do what I told you I'd do."

Earlier in the trial the judge had threatened to have Sirhan gagged and strapped to his chair for making commotions. Since then Sirhan had been relatively calm in court.

Pollack said that in his opinion Sirhan "wanted very much to kill Robert Kennedy." At no time, he said, did Sirhan expect to be a martyr and "at no time did Sirhan expect to be caught."

Earlier, Pollack told the court that Sirhan was not clinically psychotic—and is not now. He said Sirhan falls under a classification known as "psychosis-nonpsychotic."

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LOS ANGELES AP - At the time he shot Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was not—and is not now—clinically psychotic, a psychiatrist said today.

Dr. Seymour Pollack, testifying for the state at Sirhan's murder trial, said the Arab-born defendant falls under a classification known as "psychosis-nonpsychotic."

"It's my very strong clinical opinion that Sirhan is not clinically psychotic," Pollack said, and "there hasn't been any indication that at any time Sirhan was clinically psychotic."

A large number of people suffer minimal signs of abnormality and are not clinically psychotic, Pollack said—only "psychosis-nonpsychotic."

Psychiatrists and psychologists who testified for the defense have said Sirhan was so mentally ill—psychotic—that he could not have meaningfully premeditated Kennedy's slaying.

Pollack said he did not believe Sirhan suffered from delusions, which he defined as false beliefs of an illogical nature.

"The question is whether Sirhan's belief was a delusion—his belief that Sen. Kennedy was the bad person . . . that Sen. Kennedy was anti-Arab, that the American people were supporting the Palestine Jews, that the American government was a hypocritical setup,"

Pollack continued. "I don't share these beliefs, but there are large numbers of people in the United States who do . . ."

"It is my belief that Sirhan's ideas and attitudes about all these were not psychotic delusions.

"If he believed that Sen. Kennedy was not just a bad man, but really a devil, a man who came from outer space, I would consider more seriously that Sirhan had delusions."

Defense psychiatric testimony has pictured Sirhan as a schizophrenic with paranoid traits. To meet such a designation, Pollack said, an individual "must be quite sick—he must have obvious delusions."

Pollack, professor of psychiatry at the University of Southern California, had just begun his testimony Friday when Judge Herbert V. Walker adjourned court until today out of respect to Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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