

Sirhan Is Staging A Hunger Strike; Takes Only Liquids

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Dec. 8 (AP)—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, condemned assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, has been on an 11-day hunger strike protesting his confinement in San Quentin Prison's death row, James W. L. Park, associate warden, said today. Sirhan, 25 years old, "has subsisted on a diet of instant cocoa and coffee" since Nov. 28, Mr. Park added.

He said that Sirhan's health was "pretty good."

"A doctor goes up to death row every day and we'll keep an eye on the state of his health," he said. "If it becomes necessary, we can force feed him."

Mr. Park said that he received a letter from Sirhan Nov. 28 saying:

"... you and your prison. I am going on that hunger strike to protest this Nazi concentration camp-like treatment of yours. Hitler had more mercy than you do."

Mr. Park said that he talked to Sirhan last Friday.

"Actually, Sirhan's in pretty good spirits," he said, "but he's a little bit angry at me and the administration. He said to me, 'This just reflects the way society feels about me anyway.'"

Sirhan to End 13-Day Fast

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Dec. 10 (UPI)—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the condemned assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, promised his mother in a tearful reunion today to end his hunger strike here. But Sirhan, who has not taken solid food for 13 days, said that he would resume his fast in 30 days if prison officials did not relax the isolation of his imprisonment.