

Arabs Ask Sirhan for 300 On Jets

BEIRUT — (AP) Palestinian guerrillas today demanded the release of Sirhan B. Sirhan, the convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, in exchange for the release of 300 passengers aboard two hijacked jetliners held on a desert airstrip near Amman.

A spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said:

"When Sirhan killed Kennedy, he said, 'I did it for my country.' Now the revolution of his country is required to do something for him."

Sirhan, a Palestinian, is under sentence of death in San Quentin Prison.

Meanwhile in Bern, Switzerland, the Swiss government decided today to release three imprisoned Arab commandos as part of an attempted exchange deal for the 300 passengers and crew of the Swissair and TWA airliners hijacked to Jordan.

Guerrillas Deny Sirhan Demand

Amman

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine officially denied last night it had asked for the release of Sirhan B. Sirhan, convicted assassin of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, in exchange for the release of passengers aboard two airliners hijacked to Jordan.

A top official said, "We categorically and officially deny that we have asked for the release of Sirhan Sirhan, but we do ask for the release of Palestine guerrillas imprisoned in Bonn as we de-

mand the liberation of all freedom fighters everywhere."

Earlier the top spokesman for the liberation front in Beirut issued a statement demanding Sirhan's release in exchange for the release of the hijacked passengers.

Informed of the Amman denial, the Beirut spokesman said,

"All final decisions are made by the leadership in Amman based on the circumstances as they arise," indicating the guerrillas had reversed their original stand.

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