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LOS ANGELES AP - Sen. Robert F. Kennedy lay gravely wounded Wednesday, his condition extremely critical after surgeons removed all but a fragment of a bullet fired into his brain by a swarthy young gunman seeking to veto the political verdict of California Democrats.

The man accused of the shooting was captured on the spot and later identified as Sirhan Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian born in Jerusalem.

A team of brain surgeons operated for 3 hours and 40 minutes, striving to save the life of the New York senator-brother of the assassinated President John F. Kennedy-shot down at the moment of his greatest victory as he campaigned for the White House.

One of the operating team was quoted as saying there was but a slim chance of Kennedy's recovery. Dr. Henry Cuneo was said to have told an associate "the outcome may be extremely tragic."

The accused gunman, anonymous for hours, was identified at mid-morning as Sirhan.

Los Angeles Mayor Samuel Yorty said the identification finally was made by Sirhan's brother, Munier "Joe" Sirhan, with whom he lived in Pasadena, Calif. Yorty said Los Angeles police traced the Sirhans and another brother, Adel Sirhan, through the gun the assailant used.

Frank Mankiewicz, press secretary to Kennedy, said the senator faces a period of crisis during the next 24 to 36 hours.

Kennedy bodyguards, led by two burly Negro athletes, grabbed the gunman, wrestled a .22 caliber pistol from him in a kitchen corridor of the Ambassador Hotel.

More than nine hours after the shooting, Yorty announced the identification of the alleged gunman. He would not speculate on the man's nationality.

Yorty said four \$100 bills were found on Sirhan, "with which he was planning on leaving if he could get away." He said Sirhan also carried a Pasadena newspaper clipping unfavorable toward Kennedy.

Slender and dark-haired, the young man accused of shooting Kennedy would tell police nothing about himself or his deed.

Prior to his identification, he was secretly arraigned as John Doe, on six counts of assault with intent to commit murder, and was held in \$250,000 bail.

Five others also had been wounded.

His act, at shortly after midnight, PDT, turned from triumph to terror the scene at the ornate hotel on Wilshire Boulevard, where Kennedy had just thanked his cheering supporters for their part in the biggest victory of his White House campaign: his capture of the California presidential primary.

And in that speech, Kennedy called upon those who favor his nomination to help him overcome "divisions, violence, disenchantment" in America.

Then he turned, taking a short cut through a kitchen passageway, to go to a news conference-and met the violence he had condemned.

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