

Silent on Shooting

Gunman 'Cool, Calm, Lucid'

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — The young man arrested in the shooting of Sen. Robert Kennedy was "very cool, very calm, very stable and quite lucid" under a drum-fire of questioning after the shooting, Police chief Thomas Reddin said today.

During "a number of lengthy conversations," he talked freely and with interest — until he was asked who he was and anything about Kennedy, Reddin said at a news conference.

Any time the questioning got around to the assassina-

tion attempt, the man would say "I prefer to remain incommunicado."

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Finally, through the gun he carried, the man was identified as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian from Jerusalem who recently has been living in Pasadena.

Reddin said identification was made through the suspect's two brothers, Munier and Adel, who were traced through the .22 calibre pistol used in the shooting. It had passed through many hands. Reddin said identification

was confirmed by fingerprints on an application Sirhan Sirhan had filed for a job as an exercise boy at Hollywood Park Race Track.

The application, on file in Sacramento, was made sometime ago while Sirhan was a student at John Muir High School in Pasadena. It showed Sirhan was born in Jerusalem March 18, 1944.

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At that time Jerusalem was under a British mandate. With Israeli independence, it was divided between Israel and Jordan. Israel took it

over entirely last June in the brief Israeli-Arab War.

Sirhan Sirhan carried with him a schedule of Kennedy's June speaking engagements.

MAYOR YORTY said Sirhan Sirhan also had four \$100 bills when arrested and a clipping of an article critical of Kennedy.

Reddin said the man had no narcotics in his possession when seized and did not appear under the influence either of drugs or alcohol.

Reddin gave these details:

- The gunman carried a

few scraps of paper, not identified, but had no identification. "We made a skin search of him, checking that he had nothing on him to take his life." He is under 24-hour guard.

- "We have advised him of his rights. He doesn't want a lawyer now."

- Questioning continues at Central Jail, with a representative of the district attorney's office. Any statements will be tape recorded, which was not done after the Dallas assassination in 1963 of President Kennedy.



MAN ACCUSED OF THE SHOOTING

Sirhan Sirhan in photo made right after his arrest

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