

Not Identified Assassin 'Just Sits' And Says Nothing'

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — The man who shot Sen. Robert Kennedy refuses to identify himself and has said but one word "Yes" since his arrest, Police Chief Thomas Reddin said today.

"He just sits there and says nothing," Reddin told a news conference.

The man is the only known suspect, he said.

The chief said the gunman fired all eight shots in an 11-sec burst from a .22 caliber pistol.

The New York Democrat was hit twice in the head and one bullet lodged in the brain.

DETAILS

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

Dirty Tactics

-- Hanoi Says

SINGAPORE — (AP) — Radio Hanoi reported the shooting of Robert Kennedy to North Vietnamese today and commented:

"This is to show the dirty face and tactics of U.S. politicians who will not hesitate to spill blood in order to even the score."

The remainder of the newscast, monitored here, gave an account of the shooting in Los Angeles and the arrest of an unidentified man.

Reddin says was not done after the Dallas assassination of President Kennedy.

• "We describe him as a male, Caucasian, around 25, 5 feet 5, and about 120 pounds, swarthy complexion. His hair is described as wavy or bushy."

• The gun is the only evidence.

Reddin, asked if the gunman appeared to be of Latin-American extraction,

replied: "I don't know. I can't tell."

THE SHOOTING

He said the man might possibly be Eurasian.

Did the gunman speak English?

"He didn't speak any English, but he obviously understood English, as at one time he responded with a 'yes.' But I don't know what the question was."

The chief said during the campaign Kennedy twice was offered a police bodyguard and each time refused. Reddin gave this account of the shooting:

"Sen. Kennedy walked from the ballroom with members of his party to another room and that was when the shots were fired. Rosie Greer, giant tackle for the Los Angeles Rams, seized the suspect and handed the weapon to Rafer Johnson former Olympic decathlon star, lately a Kennedy aide.

"When the shots were fired pandemonium broke out. There were early reports of three suspects. We are now reasonably sure there's only one."



Paul Schrade, one of the assailant's victims, lies in a pool of blood on the

hotel floor while a bystander waves a magazine to give him air.

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