

Evidence Disclosure Slammed

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LOS ANGELES — A dispute developed today between police and Los Angeles Mayor Samuel Yorty over the disclosure of evidence in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Police complained about Yorty's disclosure of the contents of two handwritten notebooks found among the possessions of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24 year old Jordan sole suspect in the case.

Yorty said the notebooks include a statement on the "necessity" of assassinating Kennedy before June 5, 1968 — anniversary of the outbreak of the "six-day" war between Israel and Arab nations.

"There's much scribbling, repeated phrases, many references to Sen. Robert Kennedy, even some references to (retiring United Nations ambassador) Arthur Goldberg," Yorty said in a copyrighted interview with Radio News International.

"They're not very clear, but there's a direct reference to the necessity to assassinate Sen. Kennedy before June 5, 1968.

"I don't know why. He does a lot of writing, pro-Communist and anti-capitalist, anti-United States. Evidently he was quite pro-Arab in the Arab-Israeli matter. He has 'long live Nasser' written in there."

CHIEF UPSET

Los Angeles Police Chief Thomas Reddin refused to discuss the notebooks. He would not confirm whether the writing in them was in fact Sirhan's. But he was obviously upset when newsmen asked him about Yorty's statement of their contents.

Arab Terrorist Link Sought

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TEL AVIV—Israel's formidable intelligence service today probed for a possible connection between the slaying of Sen. Robert Kennedy and the Arab terrorist organization "El Fatah."

The organization, based in Syria but operating mostly through Jordan with official support from many Arab governments, has conducted more than 100 sabotage and other operations in Israel since the end of the 1967 Arab-Israeli War a year ago.

This small nation, aghast at the slaying of Kennedy recalls that Israel was the only country in the Middle East to declare an official three-day period of mourning after the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963.

VISITED JORDAN

Both the former President and his brother were considered strong friends of Israel. Many here recall the visit to Israel of the two brothers early in the 1950's, shortly after Israeli independence had been achieved.

What were described here as the "highest Israeli authorities" have worked without cessation on the Kennedy assassination since it became known that an Arab from East Jerusalem — occupied by Israel during last year's war — had been charged with the shooting in Los Angeles.

FROM ACRE

As a consequence, it was learned, Israeli police have traced each one of the 250-member family of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the arrested man, in a massive, night-long operation among vil-

lages in the hills immediately north of Jerusalem.

The Sirhan family, it was reported, lived originally in Acre — an ancient port north of Haifa — and moved to the Jerusalem area shortly after the 1948 Israeli war of independence. Sirhan was born in Jerusalem, near the Jaffa Gate of the "Old City."

The possibility of an "El Fatah" connection was an immediate source of suspicion among investigators here. "El Fatah" is a fanatic organization of the most virulent nature and is dedicated to violence, apparently at any cost.

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(Today, in fact, an "El Fatah" spokesman in Beirut, Lebanon, announced that "El Fatah" had operated during the past year with a 90 percent casualty rate. But he added that "El Fatah" could draw on "an unlimited supply of recruits willing to die for the Arab cause.")

INFLUENCE

One Israeli source pointed out that many young Arabs such as Sirhan who live overseas come under strong influence of those advocating a more militant stand against Israel. And that "Arab students in particular are more nationalistic than most other Arab residence in foreign countries."

The possibility is not discounted, therefore, that Sirhan may have come under some pressure from extremist groups in the Los Angeles area to shoot Senator Kennedy in view of the senator's recent expression of support for Israel.